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School board may vote on May vote

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Should school-board elections be in November, or stay in May?

Clarkston Board of Education may be voting on it at Monday's meeting.

"Costs have gone up quite a bit – it's an issue because it's getting more and more expensive," said Trustee Susan Boatman.

Boatman, who advocated moving elections to November during her campaign last year for school board, collected county-wide information on costs and election schedules, including:

- This year's May 5 school board election, with two open seats, will cost about \$44,000, but if scheduled alongside a November regular election, cost to the school district would be zero;
- Voter participation is low for May elections, high for even-year November elections;
- November elections do not coincide with fiscal year, while May elections do;

- Political influence would be higher in November than May;
- Campaign costs for candidates would be higher in November;
- Public attention would be higher in November;
- Voter support for district ballot initiatives would probably be lower in November than in May; and
- Eleven districts in Oakland County have November elections, four only in even-numbered years, while seven have May elections.

Limiting school board elections to even-year Novembers, in which three, four-year terms would be up one cycle, the other four the next, would be risky, but he might still vote for it, said board Treasurer Joe Armstrong.

"Half the board could be brand new," Armstrong said. "But we're talking tonight about the money factor (at the Jan. 26 budget workshop). Elections in even years cost nothing."

"I also think money is a top issue," said Trustee
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Sewer deal in the works

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After four years of talk, Clarkston and Independence Township are ready to settle their sewer-rate differences.

"It's not good for the township, it's not good for us," said Clarkston Mayor Stephen Arkwright. "We just need to get this taken care of, so we can move forward."

For the past 28 years, Clarkston residents have been paying the same quarterly rate for maintenance on their sewer, while Independence Township residents' sewer rates increase almost yearly.

"There were no provisions in the old contract to increase the rate, and that's what we're doing is putting that provision in there," said Linda Richardson, Independence Township DPW director.

The city agreed make a retroactive payment to Independence Township of \$19.92 per quarter from July 1, 2007, to the present.

"They currently are still paying the \$4.52, but we will now go back to July 1, 2007 and send them a bill for the new rate and credit them for what they've paid," she said.

Richardson said the township pays Oakland County based on flow, so it is difficult to determine quarterly maintenance costs.

"It's hard to make a determination on what the city is going to pay because it changes quarterly," she said. "They'll just pay based upon what our customers are paying, and that's all based on a flow base."

However, Richardson said the township will not be doing anything differently.

"We're still going to monitor and take care of their trouble spots that kind of thing," she said.

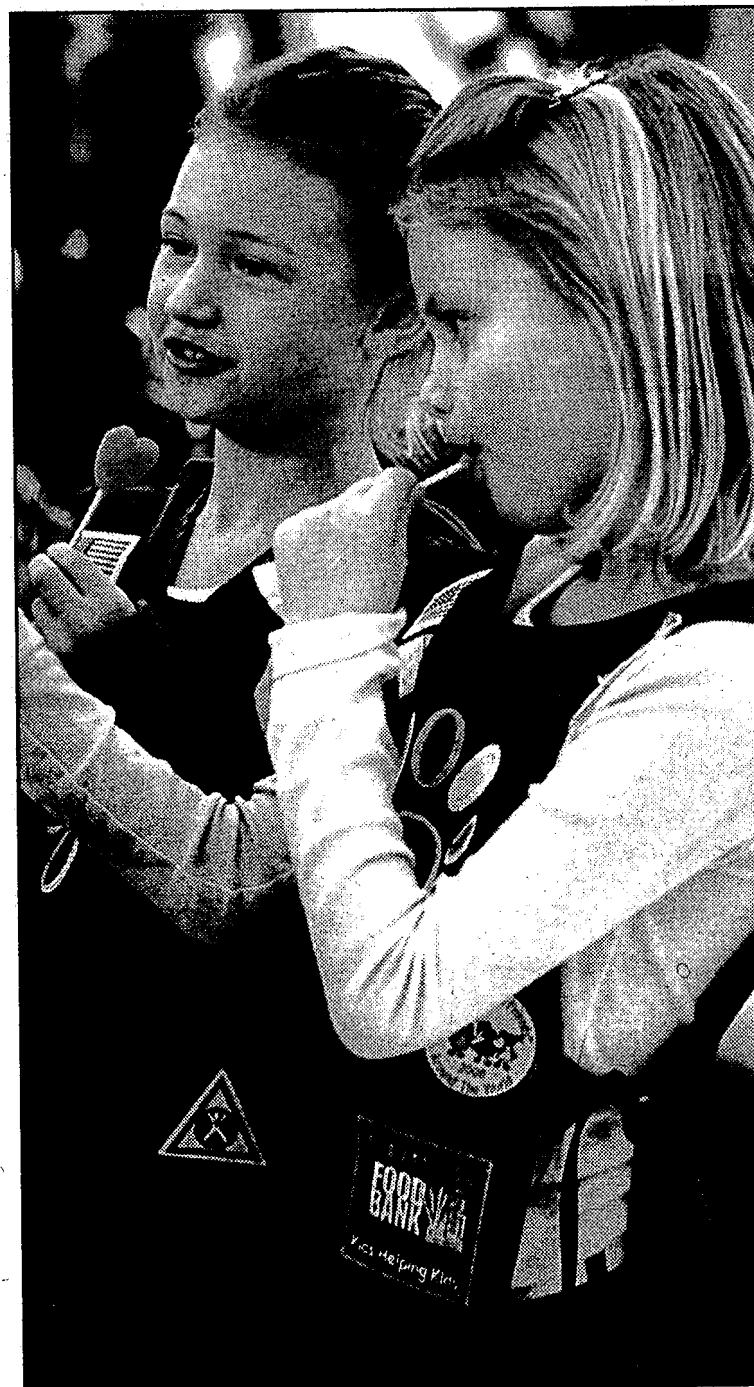
After tabling discussions at the Jan 20 city council meeting, Arkwright said he hopes to take action at the Feb. 9 meeting.

"I didn't have the background information," said Arkwright. "I didn't know what all that was going to mean to us."

After comparing the old contract with the new, he said it was a straight forward issue.

"The issue is how and when we're going to make this up," he said.

Arkwright said he wants to be able to audit the township's numbers to verify the city and township are charged the same.



Sweetheart scouts

Ella Zielke, right, and Haley VanBuskirk of Daisy Troop 13438 enjoy some heart-shaped sweets during a Girl Scout Investiture and Rededication ceremony at Bailey Lake Elementary School on Jan. 28. For more photos, please see page 8A and check out the Big Blue Button at www.ClarkstonNews.com.
Photo by Laura Colvin

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John Chrisekos, left, and Jake Roeser earned third and first place at the derby.

Scout racers

Cub Scout Pack 133, Andersonville El-
 ementary, raced their handmade cars at their
 annual Pinewood Derby, Jan. 25, at the 4-H
 fairgrounds, Springfield Township.

Jake Roeser came in first place overall in
 his pack and among Cub Scout Wolves. John
 Chrisekos came in second place for Wolves,
 third place overall. Nathan Locher came in
 third place, Wolves. Noah Castillo was
 awarded best design.



From left, Wolf Pack 133 Cub Scouts John Chrisekos, Nathan Locher, Rian Bannick, Noah Castillo, Jake Roeser and Mike Porter raced at the Pinewood Derby. Photos submitted

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Schools list ideas for stimulus funds

Clarkston school officials got a call last week from state Rep. Eileen Kowall, asking for a list of projects federal stimulus money could fund.

They didn't have much time to think about it — deadline was this past Saturday.

"We were asked for project descriptions," said Anita Banach, director of marketing. "There's no money yet."

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and department heads got together to assemble a list of ideas for early childhood, Title I, technology, math, science, infrastructure, and other programs.

Work on the stimulus bill continues, but could include up to \$1.4 billion for Michigan schools, according to news reports.

Cut-a-thon for Mom trip, Feb. 8

Glitz of Clarkston, 7198 Ortonville Road, hosts a cut-a-thon fundraiser, Feb. 8, for the Mom Squad of Clarkston.

Mom Squad members Shelley Schafer, Danette Meny and Melanie Traver are traveling to Nicaragua in May with the group Living Water International to help drill a well for a local village.

They will also work with mothers and children in the village, teaching them proper hygiene to prevent illness and dehydration.

All proceeds will help defray the cost of the trip. Cost for women's cut and style is \$42; men and children's cuts are \$25. E-mail info@ClarkstonMomSquad.com or visit www.ClarkstonMomSquad.com.

Pre-school info meeting, March 2

Clarkston Area Mothers and More sponsors the 2009 Clarkston Preschool Meet and Greet, 7-8:30 p.m. March 2, at Everest Academy, Girl's School, 5935 Clarkston Road.

The annual community service event showcases more than 20 area preschools as well as other organizations offering activities to preschool-age children. Admission is free and children are welcome.

For more information, contact Amie Moore at 248-241-6025 or ClarkstonClub@gmail.com

Special education immune to cuts

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While upgrades to technology and textbooks may hit the chopping block as school officials in Clarkston prepare to carve \$1.6 million from the budget, other issues are off the table.

Special education laws require public schools to provide services to eligible students, but when government funding falls short, the district is left with no choice but to pick up the tab.

"The vast majority of special education services are mandated by law," said School Board President Stephen Hyer, noting the district has some flexibility in the way it offers and funds services, but not much. "The federal government promised they would fund 40 percent; I think they're currently at 16 or 17 percent."

According to a report from the by the district's Student Support Services Department, educating students with disabilities was not mandated by law prior to 1970.

Since, legislation—most recently No Child Left Behind (2001) and the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEIA, 2004) requires all public schools to make specific provisions for students with disabilities.

"As needed as some of these laws are, the federal government has violated their own oath to pay for 40 percent of the cost of special education," said Superintendent Al Roberts during the Special Services presentation. "There are lots of hidden costs we're not being paid for through IDEIA or any of the (special education) laws. That's unfortunate; the laws are correct and what



Clarkston Community Schools' special education program is mandated by the federal government. Photo by Laura Colvin

we're trying to do is correct, but the funding level remains less than desirable."

Currently, districts must provide special education assessment within 30 days for any parent who requests it for his or her child.

Costs for testing, however, are not reimbursed for students who are brought up for evaluation but don't qualify for services.

Laws also require general education teachers to be present while Individual Education Plans (IEP) are created, often taking educators out of the classroom for extended periods.

"It's nice to talk about involving general education teachers as part of the IEP team," Roberts said.

"But if you were to sit at any session to discuss a youngster's needs and do the

best we can for that child, you might see 6 or 10 people sitting around a table and we've not been funded for that."

In addition, districts in Michigan are required to provide services for individuals from birth to age 26, and are also charged with providing support to nonpublic and home-schooled students.

In Clarkston, 1,162 children and young adults—14.11 percent of the district's student population—qualify for and receive special education services.

To fund services, the district, like others, receives revenue from multiple sources: State Aid currently accounts for 24 percent of the \$13 million-plus budget, PA18, an Oakland County millage, makes up 41 percent, and federal grants provide 13 percent.

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Negotiations over collapsed sewer break down

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Negotiations collapsed over a broken storm sewer on Washington Street, and the case may end up in court.

On Jan. 27, Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter hand delivered an easement agreement, along with a "Good Faith Offer" of \$892, to resident Norm Cristea.

Cristea had three business days to accept, or Ritter was authorized by city council "to engage the city attorney to immediately initiate and file an emergency Declaration of Taking."

Cristea responded with a letter to city officials, Jan 29, asking for a 28-day extension to allow for legal review.

At a special city council meeting, Feb. 2, City Attorney Tom Ryan said they can't grant an extension.

"We're forced now to either take action or not take action," Ryan said. "The problem at hand is getting his pipe fixed and getting it

relocated away from the house, which is frankly a benefit to him."

He will try to contact Cristea's lawyer and see if an easement can be granted. If not, Ryan said he'll try to get an "emergency motion" for a hearing sometime this week.

"A person has 21 days to respond and ask for an necessity hearing, whether it's a public project and/or whether it's necessary. I believe we well exceed the threshold for those two issues," he said. "This is a public drain, a public work, and functions as such, so I believe we won't have an issue with that."

"His response looks like he's trying to drag this thing out for unknown reasons," said Councilman Jim Brueck. "I'm all in favor for the proper legal and quickest action we can take to get that problem fixed."

Councilman Charles Inabnit agreed.

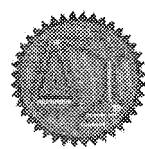
"If we don't get this storm problem taken care of, it's going to create more problems because it was 40 degrees yesterday. What are we going to do when we get rain and 40

degrees," Inabnit asked.

According to Cristea, all the contractors and engineers who inspected the area said going down the Clarkston Mills property, owned by Ed Adler, made more sense than going down his driveway.

"I don't think the city has really thought this out as far as what their total bill is going to end up costing them," Cristea said. "Now we're going to go through the condemnation process and that's going to cost them money, it's going to cost us money. I'm sure they could have worked something out with Ed a lot of easier, so they wouldn't have those costs."

If the emergency claim is denied by the court, a hearing would not be for another three weeks. To prevent further damage, the city could do "emergency storm water pumping," which would relieve the sewer and pump the water into the Mill Pond, said Gary Tressel of Hubble, Roth, and Clark engineering firm.



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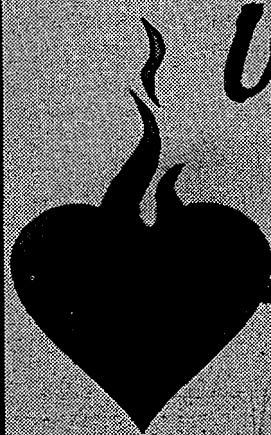
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Getting their names in print

Webkinz fans will enjoy this semester's *Dolphin Splash*, to be published next week in *The Clarkston News*.

"We'll have a couple of stories on them," said Ann Marie McMichael, parent volunteer at Springfield Plains Elementary School,

head of the school Journalism Club.

The furry, Internet-based creatures join interviews with teachers and students, stories on Clarkston Chiefs, field trips, and other school topics, cartoons, and photographs, all created by students in grades 3-5.

"They were fantastic," McMichael said. "The kids came up with all the story ideas. It was a lot of work."

The club coordinates with *Clarkston News* Assistant Publisher Don Rush for community-wide publication.

"Don is so creative - he helps with the titles and layout," McMichael said. "He's very good."

The *News* also donated hundreds of newspapers to the club, in its fifth year, she said.

"They give kids a chance to learn to read newspapers, and inspires them to join the club," she said.

Club members publish *Dolphin Splash* - the school mascot is a dolphin - twice a year, in the middle and at the end of the school year.

The students meet for about an hour a week to learn interviewing, writing, illustration, photography and other newspaper skills.



Journalism Club members Taylor McCallum and Hanna Jeung work on the computers as Julia Stebbins and Sierra Jones watch.

- Phil Custodio

Internet scammers swipe local realtor's identity

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The letter begins something like this:

"Thank you for your email and interest in renting my house... I am Mrs. Gwendolyn Hopp, the owner of the house... (where) I reside with my husband and daughter. Presently we have moved out... due to my work in West Africa, Nigeria.... Please, I want you to note that I am a kind, honest, and trustworthy man."

Gwen Hopp does consider herself a "kind, honest and trustworthy" individual, but that's where the facts end and the fiction begins, she said.

Hopp, a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston, is not a "man" doesn't have a "husband," isn't the "owner of the house" and certainly doesn't work in "West Africa, Nigeria."

She is, however, angry; someone is using her name in an attempt to scam people from their money.

The house in question—2,600-square-foot of freshly decorated living space on a 2.5-acre lot in Brandon Township—was posted for rent on Craigslist, a website featuring free classified ads for jobs, housing, goods, services, romance, local activities, advice and forums in more than 550 cities in over 50 countries.

Just \$900 a month, the ad said, included utilities.

"The house is a legitimate listing," said Hopp, who's been in the real estate business some 24 years. "But I never advertised it on Craigslist."

Instead, someone pretending to be Hopp used information and photos from the real listing to put together the Craigslist ad.

The legitimate listing for the home, she explained, has an asking price of \$229,000, or \$1,900—not \$900—per month lease.

Hopp first learned her name was involved with the Internet scam when a Brandon Township woman called to let her know she'd inquired about the post on Craigslist and received a response much like one she received previously.

According to Hopp, the Brandon



Gwen Hopp, a licensed real estate agent at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston, is warning others about Internet scammers who use real names and home listings for fraudulent ads on Craigslist.

woman—who could not be reached for comment—said she responded to a similar ad about a home for rent in Waterford, and met with the alleged renters who were able to show her the home. She subsequently sent \$1,000.

When she arrived to move into the home, however, it was locked and deserted.

A police report was filed and a summary published Jan. 14 in *The Citizen*, sister paper to the *Clarkston News*: "On Jan. 6, a Brandon deputy responded to the 3800 block of Apple for fraud. The complainant said she responded to an ad on Craigslist for a house for rent in Waterford. She sent four money grams for a total of \$1,000 to a 'Jack Simmons' in Nigeria for a month's rent and security deposit. She then learned the home was for sale and contacted the real estate agency, who informed her the man she sent her money to doesn't own the home and others have been scammed also, always by a man from Nigeria claiming he's doing missionary work. The case is open."

Hopp filed a police report as well, flagged the Craigslist posting as illegal and fraudulent, filed a report to the Board of Realtors.

Since, a number of other people have expressed interest in the fraudulently listed home in Brandon, but called Hopp for more information when they became suspicious over the letter.

"I feel terrible that people are getting scammed out of their money, especially when times are so bad," she said. "I've been in the business a long time. My profession is built on my reputation and my ethics. I'm angry."

But, she noted, that's not the worst part. "What's really scary is these people are finding a way into these homes to show them," she said. "As a representative of the seller, I have an obligation to protect them. Anytime there's an appointment now, I double check to make sure it's a licensed agent."

Hopp also suggested others proceed with caution.

"If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is," she said.

Clarkston Cafe retooling for the future, Catallo says

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Another sign of Michigan's economic woes can be found in the front window of Clarkston Cafe, where a sign announces the Main Street restaurant "closed for retooling."

"It was a different Michigan two-and-a-half years ago when we restored it," said Curt Catallo, owner of Clarkston Café and Clarkston Union. "I think now it requires some retooling just to make it accommodating in the current and future Michigan economic climate."

Catallo said they're doing some renovating inside but "nothing wholesale," as well as merging two menu concepts into one general menu that's "more accommodating."

"I think the menu we opened with was ambitious and we're going to miss it, but we want people to realize it's an accessible restaurant," he said. "You'll still know it's not a chain, trust me."

Staff members had to find jobs elsewhere, but Catallo said he has kept them close, because the café is still serving receptions and showers already scheduled.

"Our goal is to open it in time to bring all the staff back because they're really special people who cared about the job and they all did a fantastic job," he said. "When they talk about Main Street America, it doesn't get more Main Street America than this. It's not just Main Street America in concept, when you talk about Clarkston it's the real deal."

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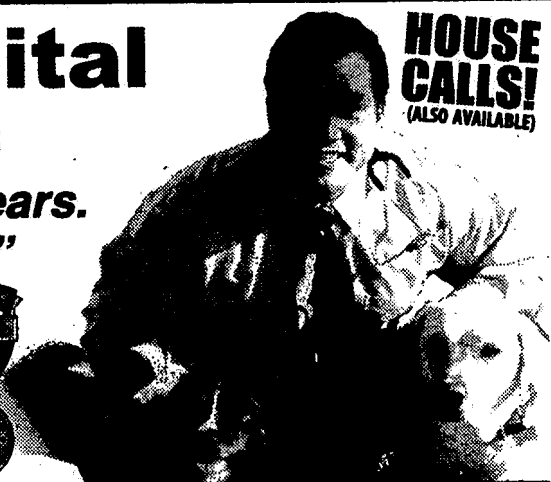
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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Coach's milestone getting closer

After the boys varsity basketball finished last winter's season a tiny bird landed in our email that 2008-2009 season will be a milestone - Head Coach Dan Fife would be hitting his 500th win.

So I waited. Through spring, summer and fall I waited. When winter season began practicing I received Fife's official record, 484-139.

After the boys win last Friday against West Bloomfield, it brings the wins to ten, leaving six more to go.

Now with the talent of the entire team guided by Fife, the boys could continue on this streak.

Six more consecutive wins will place Fife and the team at Southfield High School for the win on February 20.

I will keep you updated on the progress because I want to see big, giant, HUGE, colorful posters at the game. The gym of the Bluejays filled with fans wearing blue and gold roaring with cheers.

In Michigan only 17 coaches have passed the milestone of 500 wins and of those varsity coaches only six still coach.

Besides planning what you will put on the giant posters and getting your Clarkston gear out another heart-pumping, gym-shaking game, I want your thoughts.

Many of you have been effected by Fife in one way or another. What impact did Fife make on you?

Did you play basketball or baseball with him? Were you one of the many players to be part of the huddle during a time-out and listened as Fife drew out a plan of action?

Or maybe your children played basketball for Fife and not only learned lessons of the game, but lessons in life.

Or maybe just a fan watching the game and remembering one particular moment.

Whatever the case, I want to hear it.

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Then, we can get revved up and ready to go as the boys prepare to take Saginaw out of the running for the state finals in March.

In closing, nominations for Athlete of the Week are always being accepted. Just let me know who, why you want to nominate them and how to reach them.

See you in the bleachers!



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Make the switch for more votes

In almost exactly three months, Clarkston voters head to the polls.

If you don't know why, you're another reason why Clarkston Board of Education needs to change its election schedule.

As set up, school board trustees' four-year terms are staggered, with one or two up for a vote every year in the month of May.

It doesn't have to be.

Kudos to Trustee Susan Boatman for her research into alternatives. She learned the school district will have to reimburse about \$44,000 to local government clerks for this May's election.

But if scheduled alongside an even-year November election, such as the presidential one just past, the district could have piggybacked on neighboring municipalities and paid nothing.

This should be an easy decision - reschedule elections and save money, a stated priority for the entire school board. As a bonus, voter participation would

increase. About five percent of eligible voters cast ballots in last year's May election, while about 70 percent voted in November.

But it's not likely to be easy. Half the board is cool to the idea, in part because May better fits the budget cycle and school year - board members elected in May join the board July 1, between school years. November election would mean board members join in January, right in the middle of everything.

They also distrust the state, which has a history of saying one thing and doing another when it comes to school funding.

We don't buy it.

Districts have already made the switch, increasing voter participation and saving lots of money. Clarkston is behind the curve on this one. Get on board and make the switch.

Do it for the voters.

- PMC

Editorial

District doesn't fund field trips

Dear editor,

Regarding "Contemplating Cuts" article on Jan. 28th, 2009.

As a parent of a 1st grader and 5th grader at Pine Knob Elementary, I am surprised that the School Board is listing

field trips as a possible cut. How can they cut programs that they are not funding?

For the last six years that my children have been in the Clarkston School District, the PTA's/PTO's have been paying for the cost

of transportation and admission costs for our children's field trips. This year our PTA has allocated \$12,000 of our budget to cover these costs. Our PTA's and PTO's have worked tirelessly raising this money with the support of all our parents.

It is distressing to me to see that our School Board will even consider cutting a program that they are not funding!

Nancy Farrugia

Pine Knob Parent and PTA member

Letters to the editor

Field trips paid by parent groups

Dear editor,

In reading last week's front page article regarding the school budget cuts ("Contemplating cuts"), I was struck by one item on the list of proposed cuts: school field trips.

The Clarkston School District does not pay for school field trips, at least not at the elementary school level. My children have been attending school in Clarkston for eight years and the Clarkston School District has never paid for field trips during this time frame.

Field trips are paid for by the PTAs and

PTOs at the various Clarkston elementary schools. Money, in the amount of approximately \$10,000-12,000, is raised through parental fundraising efforts at each school to finance school field trips every year.

I don't think our Board of Education will save any money by cutting a budget line item that is currently at zero. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that such a budget cut makes no mathematical, practical or common sense.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Williamson
Independence Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Clarkston hires new cops"
Clarkston's police department added two part-time officers that will participate in road patrols, respond to calls, and file accident reports. Police Chief Robert DeVore hired Terri Forgacs, 22, and Kelly Sexton, 29, and their schedules will vary as they fill in for full-time officers.

"Not just food found at local diner"
For \$8, someone can get a 12-minute "minireading" from psychic Claudia Brownlie at the Clarkston Café. Brownlie reads and hears the "angels and guides" that surround her clients and communicates with her own "angels and guides."

"Not your average park design"
Children from six schools came up with ideas for a playscape at Bay Court Park on Andersonville Road. Don Burgerin, a designer from Leathers and Associates, visited Clarkston, and has been designing playscapes for over four years. The playscape will incorporate ideas from area children and adults.

25 years ago - 1984

"Faculty shares talent" A group of Clarkston High School teachers called the "Fearless Faculty Floodlighters" will put their acting talents on stage for their second production ever. The play is a farce by Phillip King entitled "See How They Run" and will be at the CHS Little Theatre.

"Mural adds color to CHS" A mural in the works at Clarkston High School shows the words "Clarkston Wolves" and features a stylized wolf, an original by Ken Temple. The backdrop is bright gold, and the letters and wolf are mostly blue. When finished he'll have spent about 60 hours of his own time on the project.

50 years ago - 1959

"Ash Wednesday at First Methodist"
The First Methodist Church will observe Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m. when the first of sound-movies on "The Life of St. Paul" will be shown. Rev. Richards will officiate at the service. The "Life of Paul Series" will continue on Tues. evenings throughout Lent.

"Art course planned for children" A special mid-winter program has been announced for young artists in the community. At the urging of friends Mrs. Jerome Wilford has offered her time and experience to teach a small group of children gain extra help with her talents.

"Local boy scouts to attend church"
First Methodist Church celebrated Boy Scout Sunday with more than 40 scouts in attendance.

Teachers deserve contract pay increases

Dear editor,

The editorial "drop steps to help school budget" highlights some of the misunderstandings there are about school funding, local teacher contract negotiations and reality on the ground in our schools.

First, the district had a budget surplus last year exceeding \$1,000,000. The cumulative budget surplus commonly called fund equity is over \$14 million.

In addition the district holds several properties. One that could be a future school site, Reese Road, and two others, on Maybee Road and M-15, that have limited potential for the district.

The values of those properties are part of the bottom line wealth of the district. So although the future funding for all schools is uncertain, we in Clarkston can rest assured our schools are not in serious financial peril any time soon.

Knowing the financial condition of the district, you would have to wonder why the school board directed the district to give pink slips to 40 teachers.

The answer would seem to be an abundance of caution. Of the 40 pink slips, only one position was actually cut caused by reduction offerings not budget related.

Clarkston schools gained students last year, increased class sizes, and reduced classroom support personal, all changes that strengthen the district's financial situation.

The step salary schedule is used to compensate teachers incrementally for the experience they bring to the job. In Clarkston, a teacher earns one step each year of service for 16 years when they reach top pay.

"Merit" is determined by ongoing evaluations. Clarkston has a formal process for evaluating teachers for continuing employment or removal.

The negotiated increase (this year 1.5%) is applied to the schedule to attempt to keep pace with inflation – essentially, a cost of living increase. The negotiated increase has traditionally been less than the inflation rate as teachers have negotiated to minimize cuts in health benefits.

Actual teacher salaries have not kept pace with inflation in the decade I have been involved in negotiations.

We go far beyond "just showing up" to provide our students with exceptional educational opportunities. The collaborative bargaining group made up of administrators and teachers know as ACCORD has led the district through difficult times with great success.

Clarkston Schools maintain high academic standards, beautiful facilities, and quality after school programs. Have no fear we are not on the bailout bandwagon just yet.

Scott Banks
CEA Vice President,
ACCORD team member

Don't complain, call your elected officials

Dear editor,

We discuss government. We complain, We shake our heads. What can we DO?

May I make a suggestion? Get a little involved. Ask a few questions. Stop talking to ourselves and communicate with those that can "DO". — Our elected officials.

Here is how we do it. It is called citizen scrutiny. You can attend board meetings without leaving your home. Comcast broadcasts every meeting on the first and third Tuesday, channel 10 and 20, 7:30pm every month right there in your own living room.

Yes sir, plop down in the old Easy Boy and participate in Independence Township government. But you say, I can't miss Seinfeld! No fear, CPAC rebroadcasts meetings everyday 1 p.m., on channel 10 and 20.

Do what I do, IDVR it and watch when I want. Now what to do with all this scrutiny.

E-Mail! Let your officials know how you feel. Each has an e-mail address: Supervisor David Wagner, Dwagner@twp.independence.mi.us; Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen, Svanderveen@independence.mi.us; Treasurer Curt Carson, Ccarson@twp.independence.mi.us; Trustee Larry Russo, Larryrosso@aol.com; Trustee David Lohmeier, David.Lohmeier@onstar.com; and Trustee Neil Wallace, Newall@aol.com.

Tell them how you feel. You can write one letter and CC (carbon copy) everyone on the board. This is a powerful stuff folks— use it well.

Here is a good place to start. How did I, i.e. a taxpayer, purchase a new Township Hall and not know about it—my fault, I obviously wasn't listening.

Not only did I buy a new Township Hall but I am also spending \$800,000 on renovations. \$800,000? Eight hundred thousand dollars here, eight hundred thousand there, before you know it we've spent a bundle of bucks.

Here are some of the questions that should generate opines. Mr. David Lohmeier at the January 6 meeting, asked why no bids were taken for the remodeling project.

Mr. Wallace suggested the board should be reviewing

such costs. Thanks to Mr. Wallace and Mr. Lohmeier for asking important questions.

Mr. Gibbs in 1/14/09 *The Clarkston News* questioned "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."

I don't agree with Mr. Gibbs recall suggestion since two of the board are newly elected and did not participate in the Township Hall purchase.

Questions need not be attacks, but merely the pursuit of information that sometimes lead to effective solutions. Now it is your turn let the board know how you feel. Sit back, relax, flip to channel 10 and see how your vote is doing.

The Clarkston News has a email address too – Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.

Paul Bennett
Independence Township

Look for cuts that don't affect students

Dear editor,

These are all good ideas ("Contemplating cuts"), but are aimed to take away from the students. What about pay freezes for the teachers and superintendants staff? Also, what about the employees paying more of their benefits...these ideas will not take away from the students!

Gina Miller

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

Not every Liz trick accepted as funny

Some readers may recall seeing a similar column ten years ago. For three decades before that Elizabeth Baldwin frightened and enlivened acquaintances with "tricks."

She knew I hated green peppers, so they were a frequent gift from her to me. And, I gave her a pepper plant, potted and ribboned, in return.

I wrote originally that I thought millions of people, who, like Liz, enjoyed to play jokes on people, like those who steal concrete geese and send pictures of those geese to the owners from various locations in their travels.

I'm repeating those "Liz Tricks" for your amusement and use.

Jim's
Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

- Put live gold fish in host's toilet tank.
- Put them on Victoria Secret's mailing list.
- Misspell their names in cards and letters.
- Give husband of ailing wife a recipe for chicken soup and a live chicken.
- When you know someone hates something (see above) give them lots of it.
- Give toilet paper, write them notes on toilet paper, give a gas station size roll of toilet paper.
- Whenever you go to someone's

home hide a gift -- limburger cheese, a comic, golf ball, dead rose, rat poison, 3-tine fork with one tine missing.

- Put candy in a plastic bag inside an empty Epsom Salts box. Liz did that with M & Ms for Hazel.
- If they like premium beer give them the cheapest beer you can buy.
- Plan a black-tie evening and take your guest to a White Castle in a limo.
- When they turn 50, sign them up to AARP.
- Make sure their name is on all the junk mail lists.
- Put For Sale, For Rent or For Lease sign on their property before they come back from vacation
- If they like Fords, send Chevrolet stuff, John Deere, send Case; denim, gingham; glass, plastic; anything but what they like.
- When serving sandwiches, put fake hamburger in the buns.
- Plastic dog droppings are always good.
- Dye a t-shirt purple, but make sure it will bleed onto their skin when worn.
- Take gin bottle filled with water to their party.
- Send black flowers, black crepe paper, black clothes or black balloons on a 30th, 40th or 50th birthday.
- Mail birthday, anniversary, invitation and get-well messages on used cards for any occasion.
- Send someone else's name to Miss Manners or Dr. Fashion.

I asked Liz if anyone was ever offended by one of her "tricks."

She admitted they had, and said she had adopted this personal rule:

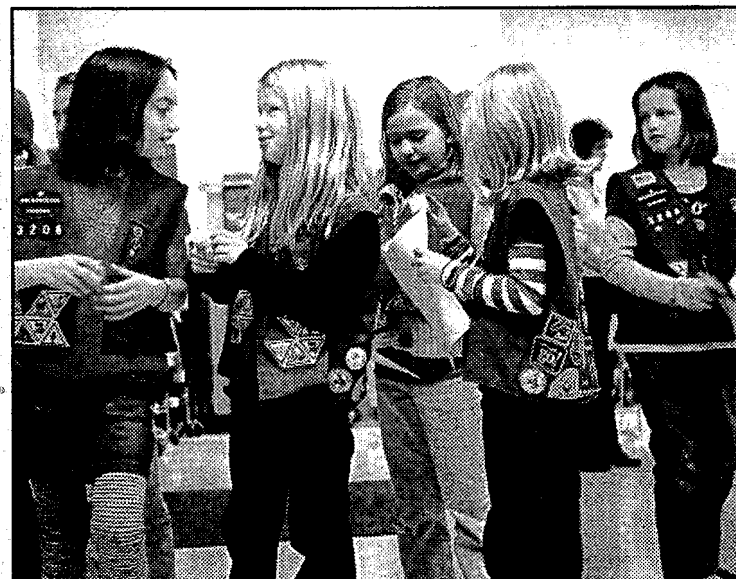
When in doubt, don't.

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Liz's husband was not forgotten when when it came to "tricks."

The note taped to the ceiling over their bed read:

Kiss Mrs. Baldwin good night.



Bailey Lake Brownies from Troop 3206 get ready for their stage appearance.



Constance Hennig, left, illuminates a bulb while Brownies from Troop 3326 look on.

Geared up for Girl Scouts

Dozens of Girl Scouts from Bailey Lake Elementary gathered at the school with their families Jan. 28 for an Investiture and Rededication ceremony.

Each of the five troops—from Daisies to Juniors—had a few moments in the spotlight as they sang, pledged and supported new members, who symbolically lit bulbs in a candelabra.

The ceremony was followed by a reception featuring an array of yummy-looking baked goods, and families also brought food for donation to Lighthouse North in Clarkston.

Photos by Laura Colvin



Fourth-graders Rachel Wright and Sarah Austin of Troop 13149 share some girl-talk.



One word: padlock

Deputies responded to calls from Deer Lake Racquet Club last week after health and fitness enthusiasts returned from a workout to discover unlocked valuables missing from the men's locker room. On Jan. 23, an 80-year-old member was out about \$180 after he found his pants and wallet—minus the cash—in a different locker than he'd left them. On Jan. 29, a 54-year-old man said his wallet—credit cards, cash and all—were missing from his coat pocket in the locker room. Detectives were looking at a potential suspect after quick legwork led to tips from employees and club members.

Where's the beef?

An 18-year-old Independence Township resident called the police after his mother took away his glasses, Jan. 24. According to police reports, Mom came home to discover her presumably hungry son cooking up the ground beef designated for Sunday supper. An argument ensued, and Mom went into the boy's room, gathered up his glasses, contacts and other belongings and marched off. Things simmered down, but the spat reignited later when the young man wanted to reclaim his glasses.

Perhaps misunderstanding the term "emergency," the boy called 911, but thought better of it and promptly hung up. Dispatchers, however, generally try to dis-

Public Safety

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

courage hang-up calls, and it wasn't long before a deputy was ringing the doorbell. Both mother and son confirmed the spat was only verbal. It wasn't immediately clear what became of the ground beef.

Don't talk to strangers

An Independence Township man called police after learning his 13-year-old stepson was approached by an unknown man near the school bus stop on Pelton between Frankwill and Dryden around 6:20 a.m., Jan. 26. The boy said the stranger asked his name, inquired about where he was headed and "started a casual conversation," but didn't say anything inappropriate. The boy also said the man did open the driver's door of his vehicle, put his feet on the ground, but didn't get out. When the boy didn't respond and turned around to go home, the man drove away with his lights off.

This is your brain on drugs

A Springfield Township deputy noted the odor of freshly-burned marijuana after stopping a vehicle for defective equipment just after midnight on Jan. 30, and asked the

occupants to step from the car. According to police reports, a pat-down and the arrival of an OCSO K-9 team led to the discovery of about 100 Vicodin, 10 Xanax and one-half ounce of marijuana. The Narcotics Enforcement Team was contacted, the drugs, cash and vehicle confiscated, and the subjects lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

Another one bites the dust

Springfield Township deputies responded to a call of a home invasion and assault and battery at a residence in the 10000 block of Andersonville Road just before midnight, Feb. 1. The responsible fled the scene, but were located by police and taken into custody a short time later. Five suspects were interviewed, resulting in accommodations at Oakland County Jail for one suspect.

12-pack abs

A Clarkston man with \$1.15 in the pocket of his jeans may have brought new meaning to the term "beer gut" when he allegedly tried to conceal a 12-pack of Bud

Light under his coat and walk out of Rudy's Market without paying for his brews on Jan. 27.

Brandon Bankston, 26, was charged with second-degree retail fraud and lodged at Oakland County Jail after an employee confronted him outside the downtown Clarkston store around 6:30 p.m.

A retired Oakland County Sheriff's deputy—who happened to be in Rudy's at the time of the incident—identified himself and stood by to detain the man until on-duty Clarkston Officer Jim Thompson arrived at the scene.

Police were already familiar with Bankston, who was living in an apartment on Washington St. and, as it turned out, was wanted on a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County

"It was the third time in a week we've dealt with him," said Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix, noting the other two issues were minor domestic and civil-type incidents, and neither resulted in charges against the man.

-Compiled by Laura Colvin

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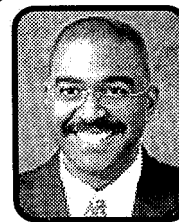
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Obituary

Judith K. Hardy

Judith K. Hardy of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 27, 2009, at the age of 64.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Duane E. Hardy. She was the mother of Christine Hardy of Rochester Hills and Corinne (John) Hale of South Lyon; grandma of Jack and Duane Bradley; life partner of John Powe; and sister of

Donald (Elaine) DePalma of Warren.

Private services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Detroit Zoo. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Lynda S. Carnahan

Lynda S. Carnahan of West Bloomfield passed away, Jan. 28, 2009, at the age of 49.

She was the loving daughter of Whitney and the late Shirley; dear sister of Karen (Daniel) Fettig of Battle Creek; adored aunt of Alison and Carli; niece of Joyce (William) Buis of Holland; preceded in death by her Uncle John (Carolynne) Etheridge of Grand Rapids and Aunt Patsy (Dr. Jack) Benkert of Grand Blanc; also survived by many cousins and their children.

Lynda loved animals, music and acting.



Memorial service was Feb. 21, First Congregational Church of Clarkston.

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

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or K Armanos Cancer Institute.

Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Virginia 'Ginny' Schafer

Virginia "Ginny" Schafer, longtime resident of St. Clair Shores, passed away, Jan. 28, 2009, at the age of 89.

She was the mother of Mary (Steve) Himburg and Lisabeth (Frank) Schoebel; cherished "Grandma Ginny" of Robert and Christopher, Roy "Rocky," and Philip; great grandmother of Brendan, Benjamin, and Taj; and sister of Phyllis Kovac, Patricia (Gus) Kause, and Rosemary Tinkler.

Ginny was school secretary at South Lake High from 1955-1980. She was pre-



ceded in death and survived by a multitude of great friends.

Memorial Mass will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements

entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Make arrangements with someone you can trust

Q. I watched a documentary about how people have been 'robbed' more or less after pre-paying for their funerals. Before I watched it I was considering advance funeral planning for myself, but, now I'm not so sure. Can you shed any light on this subject? I'm sure I'm not the only one who saw this or has doubts now about what seems like such a good idea. How can I be assured that my money is safe at Wint's? **J.B., Clarkston**

A. Excellent subject! I'll be happy to clear that up for you and others who may have seen the show. In Michigan it is against the law for a funeral director to hold money for a pre-arranged funeral in their general account. Any monies received for the purpose of advance planning must be placed with an approved third party investment institution.

Wint Funeral Home has been in this community since 1959, we are proud of our name, reputation and accountability we have demonstrated for years in the proper investment / management of our invested monies. When we pre-fund a funeral / cremation arrangement; the money is sent to the Michigan Funeral Directors Association (which is audited on an annual basis) or it is placed in an insurance policy. They in turn place that money in investment accounts where it is guaranteed to grow. The money is safe and at Wint, you are, too. Let's make that appointment today!

Q. My dad is probably going to go on Medicaid soon. There is about \$20,000 remaining in his account right now. Is there anything he can give to his kids? **C.C., Davisburg**

A. In addition to purchasing his own funeral arrangements, your dad can also purchase 'grave space items' for his spouse if he has one, his children and their spouses, siblings and their spouses. Grave space items include anything that goes to the gravesite, i.e., grave, grave opening &



Wint's Word on Advance Funeral Planning
By Connie Glynn

closing, monument, casket, vault, flowers and the cost of clergy. Gravespace items are considered non-countable assets for Medicaid purposes.

Q. Five years ago I made pre-arrangements and pre-paid them. My husband was being treated for cancer then and was not eligible for time payments and we couldn't write a check for the entire amount. I can't remember what the waiting period was for payment eligibility and perhaps it's been changed since then, too. What is the time period someone has to have as "clean health" (he is now) to be able to pay over time? **L.T., Waterford**

A. The health question on our insurance applications asks if you 'are being treated' or 'have you been treated' within the last two years for...and then lists several different conditions. If you can answer 'no', you are eligible to take advantage of one of three convenient, budget friendly payment plans. Congratulations to you and your husband, let's talk and get this done!

****Important notice-a new advance funding process will soon be available to Michigan consumers who are not eligible, via health, for conventional time pay funeral insurance but would still like to make structured monthly payments while benefiting from a guaranteed price agreement.** Please contact me for more information regarding this option.**

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Wolves improve record, 10-0

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A few moments after Brandon Pokley's fourth 3-point traveled past the rim and through the netting a yellow poster board shot up from the student section.

Pokley's classmate in Clarkston camouflage was keeping tally of how many 3-pointers the senior made during the game against West Bloomfield.

One more mark was added to the poster board after he made his fifth and final field goal of the night.

While the fans were keeping tally, the players were busy on the court improving their undefeated record to 10-0.

The Wolves beat the Lakers, 57-39.

"I think all of us came out strong," said Pokley. "We expected a good game because West Bloomfield always has a good team. So we just came out strong like we would any other game and it paid off for us."

The Wolves got a quick lead at the beginning of the game from baskets made by Matt Kamieniecki and Pokley.

As the second half of the game began

the boys were ahead, 32-18, giving Fife an opportunity to use different lineups.

"Our team did a great job when Pokley wasn't in the game because we rely on him so much for shooting and Luke (Prudhomme) came in and did a good job getting baskets. We were able to rest Kami a lot tonight and Tommy (Staton) had to carry the burden. He did quite well getting the ball to the offense."

Pokley led with 21 points. Staton added 13 and Kamieniecki had 13.

The win on Friday kept the boys ranked number one in Class A.

"It was a pretty good win. I don't think we played better than that team. We just got them and stayed with them and didn't give them a lot of easy hooks," said Fife.

The boys played Flint Northern on Jan. 28 and won, 68-55.

Pokley led the team with 31 points, Kamieniecki added 13 and Staton had 12 for the night.

The Wolves played rivals Pontiac Northern on Tuesday night.

"We are just going to treat it just like any other game," said Pokley, preparing for the game. "We can't get down but we can't get cocky or over confident."

"We have had so many great memories and games at the Northern gym and here," said Fife.

"I am looking forward to seeing Coach (Robert) Rogers again because he had a stroke. We have always had a great relationship between the two schools. It will be a great game. I don't know what their record is, but I could care less because it will be a competitive game. I am looking forward to it."

The boys will be back home on Friday night when they host North Farmington.

They will follow it up with another home game against Troy on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

More from the court

Lady Cagers lost all three of their games last week, Pontiac Northern (67-30), Southfield-Lathrup (41-33) and Lake Orion (55-33).

This week the girls will have home advantage beginning with their game on Tuesday against Rochester Adams.

They will see Southfield-Lathrup one more time on Thursday (last week's game was a makeup from a cancellation in December.)

Then, they will head to Rochester on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Connor Giroux looks for an open player to pass the ball to in last Friday's game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Athlete of the Week

Fresh faces ready with talent

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The boys freshman team walked onto the basketball court after their half-time break refreshed and ready to break the tied score with West Bloomfield.

Tanner Schulte and CJ Gozdor brought the Wolves into the lead adding a basket each.

The Lakers added a 3-pointer to close the score. Nicholas Dahl answered with his own 3-pointer to keep the boys in charge of the board.

The Wolves' defense blocked shots and turned the ball over to control most of the action. They ended the game with a win, 58-48.

It was the sixth consecutive win for the boys as they improved their record, 7-3, with one of their losses was because they had to forfeit the game when the bus didn't show.

Mike Schwartz was the high scorer for the game with 19 points, followed by Schulte with 18.

Earlier in the week, the boys beat Flint Northern, 70-44.

"We are really starting to come together as a team," said Coach Justin Pintar. "They

are a great group of kids to work with. They play hard all the time and their effort is phenomenal. I enjoy coaching them because they are such a hard working group."

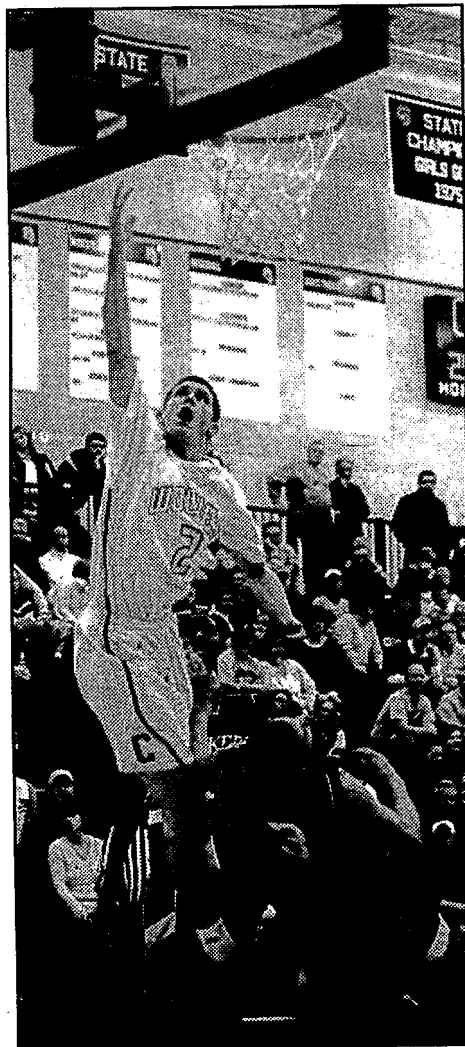
During the last year's summer camps, the freshman class proved to coaches they had the talent and would put in the hard work to make themselves a strong asset for the Clarkston program.

"There is no question there is a lot of talent in this class," said Pintar. "Six freshmen are playing JV and two are playing varsity. Most teams that lost eight kids are going to struggle, but we are still managing to put together a pretty good season."

Their next home game will be on Friday against North Farmington beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Clarkston Junior High.

They played Pontiac Northern on Tuesday and will finish the season March 5.

The freshman team is Alexander Barta, Nicholas Dahl, Jacob DePierre, Christopher Dickey, Connor Giroux, CJ Gozdor, Lucas Hershey, Andrew Heuerman, Jacob Forsten, Jaren Jones, Spenser Pawlik, Mackenzie Pearce, Tanner Schulte, Michael Schwartz, and Marquis Tynan.



Matt Kamieniecki jumps past Lakers' defense to score. Photo by Laura Colvin



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Ready for rival rematch

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers split their week in two non-league games in a loss to Port Huron Northern and a win over West Bloomfield.

Coach Bryan Krygier saw the only thing he wanted out of the team - to keep playing hard no matter what the score was.

"They showed a lot of heart," said Krygier after the boys lost to Northern, 3-2.

"We had guys in position to win it. Overall we showed great effort. We out shot our opponent which showed we were working hard and that is all I want from these guys. For the remainder of the year we need to work hard even when things don't go our way."

Clarkston pushed towards the Huskies' net when the puck was dropped. Port Huron captured control of the puck and took it into Wolves' territory to put it into the net two minutes into the first period.

Jeremy Messing took a shot on goal at the beginning of the second period and the puck slid into the back of the net to tie the score. Cole Schaffer and David Cannons assisted on the goal.

Northern added two more goals by the time the second period wrapped.

Jon Graham scored one more goal for the Wolves in the third period.

With a minute remaining and a chance to tie, the Wolves pulled Garrett Knappe out of the net and put a sixth man on the ice. They kept the puck in Northern's territory and took one final shot on goal as the game ended.

Clarkston out shot Northern, 31-29.

"Yes we will lose a couple games like this along the way, but as long as you are working hard nothing bad comes from working hard. Only good things come when you work

hard and that's what we have to do the remainder of the season."

The Wolves finished the week with a OAA crossover game against West Bloomfield.

While West Bloomfield was on the lower end of their league, the boys weren't taking any chances.

"You can't underestimate a team," said Krygier going into the game. "We determine what we do. We need to make sure we are working hard and playing to our potential."

Adam Frank led the boys with a hat trick and the team won, 8-1.

Austin Morse, Connor Lyons, Nick Posawatz, Schaffer and Cannons added one goal each.

The boys out shot West Bloomfield, 58-15.

"Things came together and we played as a team," said Krygier. "Hopefully it will carry over to the rest of the games."

Including this week's league games against Farmington and Lake Orion.

"We need to get that game against Farmington to hold onto our position in the league," said Krygier.

The Wolves are in fourth place in OAA I with a league record 4-5 while Farmington is a few places behind them.

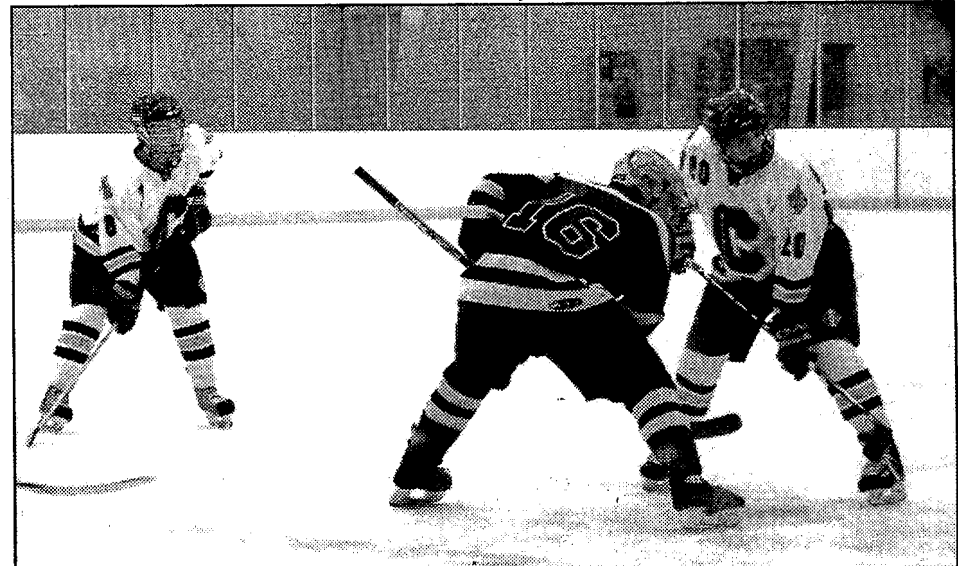
The game is at Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Wednesday and begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Wolves will take on rivals Lake Orion on Saturday night.

"It will be a very tough game," said Krygier.

Each team will play for bragging rights, especially when Lake Orion beat Clarkston in December, 2-0. The goal is to out shoot them just like last time.

The game begins at 6 p.m.



Austin Morse and Dillon Drayer get positioned to get control of the puck.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

For the Love of the Game

Clarkston and Lake Orion Varsity Hockey teams are joining together to sponsor the second annual "For the Love of the Game," a youth hockey night. It will be this Saturday at 6 p.m. when Lake Orion hosts the Wolves at Detroit Skating Club.

The event recognizing youth hockey players from elementary to junior high from the Clarkston and Lake Orion school districts.

All youth players will receive free admission when they wear their team jerseys and will be entered into a drawing for a between periods Score-O competition with prizes.

They will also take a tour of the varsity locker rooms between periods and have an opportunity to meet with coaches and players after the game.



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Important issues in this year's *Dolphin Splash?*



"Global warming and going green in the house."

- Julia Stebbins



"We try to recycle things, like bottles, in the classroom. We use recycled bags. People could bring water in bottles they wash and reuse."

- Taylor McCallum



"Save paper in the classroom to save trees."

- Sierra Jones



"Recycling awards. Lots of recycling instead of making a lot of trash."

- Hanna Jeung

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Life lessons

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Constantly amazed at her daughter Rachael's achievements, learning to walk, talk, play, go to school, one of Kristy Eisenberg favorite expressions was "you're exactly what I want to be when I grow up."

Rachael thought that was funny - her mother is obviously already a grown up - but she was 8 years old before she asked why she said it.

"I'm not done growing up," she told her daughter. "I'm growing on the inside. I'm still learning about who I am and the kind of person I want to be."

Kristy loves to write, so her answer inspired an entry in her journal, which in turn inspired a children's book, "When I Grow Up."

"I thought it would make a good story for children and adults," she said. "There are so many life lessons a child teaches you. She's taught me so much. She's amazing."

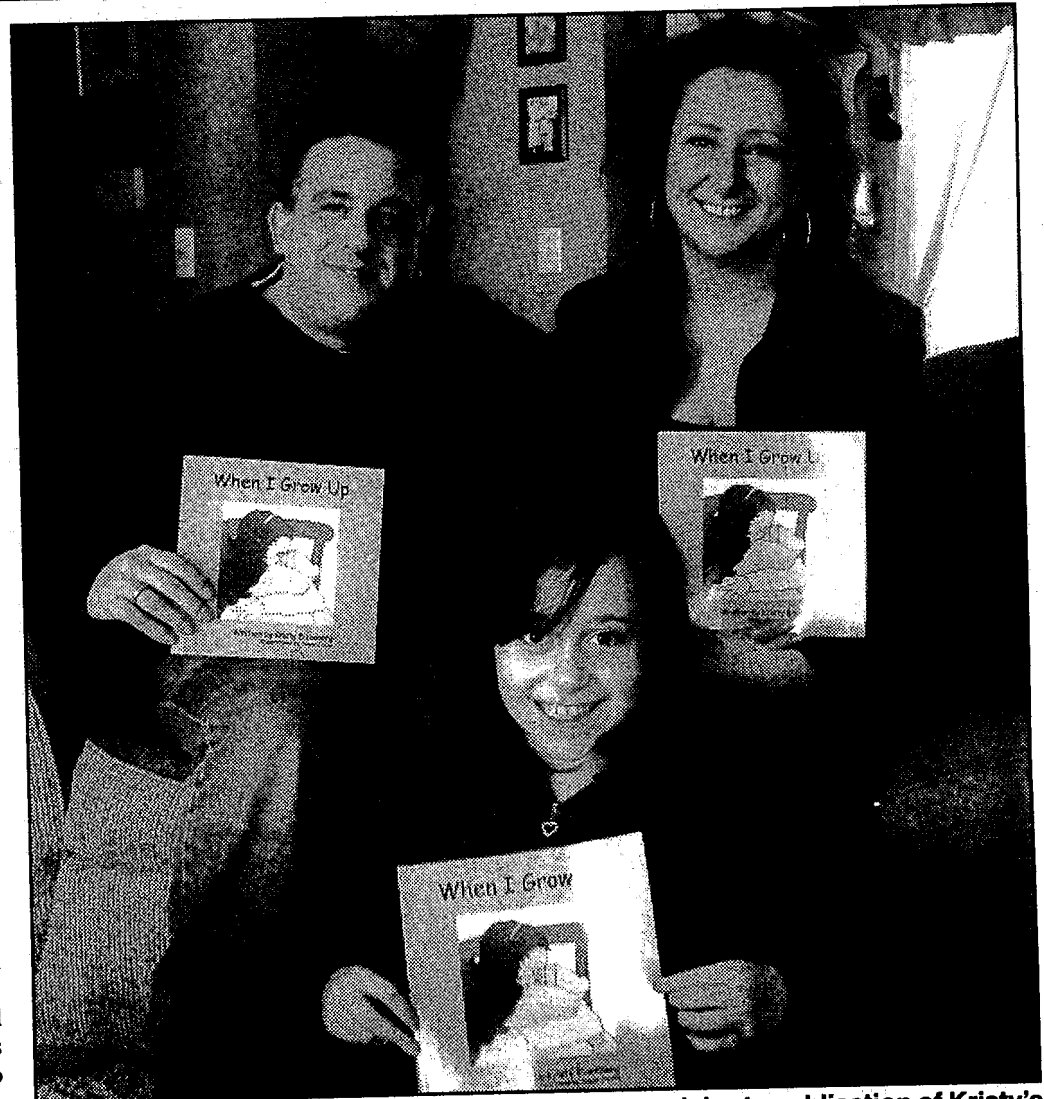
"I very much like it," Rachael said. "I'm very excited. A lot of people will get to know me. I'm proud of my mom for writing such a good book and for being my mom."

"It's so exciting to finally see it in print," said Jeff Eisenberg, Kristy's husband and Rachael's father. "Her whole life is a story. She has a gift to express stories. It's exciting."

"He's my biggest fan," Kristy said.

Making the story more inspiring is how Rachael came to be. Kristy knew since she was 14 years old she couldn't have children, but she could have a child with her husband in vitro, with the help of a surrogate.

"Rachael was born 18 years to the day I was told I couldn't have children," Kristy said. "She



Jeff, Kristy, and their daughter Rachael Eisenberg celebrate publication of Kristy's book, "When I Grow Up." Photo by Phil Custodio

was meant to be. Everything she does is a life lesson for me. Anything is possible. She's living proof of that."

The family is still in contact with the surrogate mother, who Rachael considers an aunt.

The book, published through Authorhouse,

is available worldwide through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Target, and other websites.

"I don't want to become the next J.K. Rowling, just complete a life goal," Kristy said.

She was invited to talk to college writing

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Cats and the Fiddler Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m., Feb. 7, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe St., Waterford. Free. Donations accepted. 248-894-2307.

Dick Whittington And His Cat, puppet show for all ages, Clarkston Village Players, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Feb. 7. Upbeat songs, audience participation. \$6. Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Feb. 10, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Topic: "Getting through Valentine's Day." Led by Emily Trahan, Wint bereavement counselor. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Is Retirement in Your Future, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 11, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Zumba Gold Fitness Demo, 1 p.m., Feb. 12, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Optimistics Visually Impaired Support Group, 11 a.m., Feb. 12. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Valentine Special Lunch, 12 p.m., Feb. 13. \$5. Home-made healthy fare. Sign up by Feb.

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Peter Mulvey and Drew Nelson, Americana, folk, acoustic artists, Carrick House concert, 4 p.m., Feb. 15. \$15 donation. 248-394-0113.

Family Caregivers Support Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 19. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Preschool Meet and Greet, Clarkston Area Mothers and More, 7-8:30 p.m., March 2, Everest Academy, Girl's School, 5935 Clarkston Road. Showcases more than 20 area preschools and children's activities. Free. Call Amie at 248-241-6025.

Retirement Planning Workshops, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 11, March 11. Topics: social, financial, health, planning for retirement. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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

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

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to im-

proving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

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

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

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

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

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

Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., MIRO Mid-Oakland Medical Center, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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 and Thursdays, 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,

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

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

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

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

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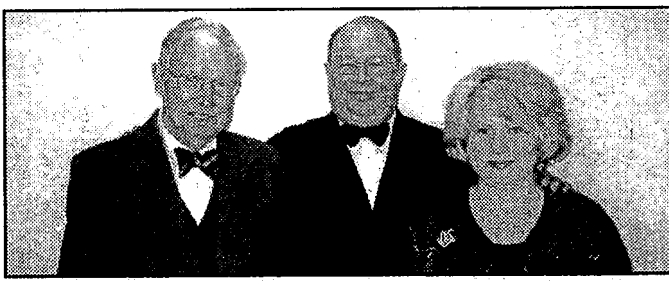
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Obituary

Roberta E. 'Bert' Stearley

Roberta E. "Bert" Stearley of Clarkston; passed away, Jan. 29, 2009, at the age of 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer "Larry." She was the loving mother of Susan Gallero, Darlene Stearley, Gary Stearley, Mike Stearley, and Tom (Terri) Stearley; grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 12, with four on the way; and sister of Virginia Garcia.



Celebration of Life Service, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Cherry Hill Lanes North. Arrangements entrusted the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Helen C. Ball

Helen C. Ball of Pontiac passed away Jan. 31, 2009, at the age of 85.

She was Paul's "Brown Eyed Girl" and wife for 65 years; mother of Judy (Ralph) Beals of Pontiac, Jerry Ball of Troy, and Nita Tibbals of Clarkston; preceded in death by her daughter Paulette Knight, granddaughter Lynn LeMarbe, and brother Joe Montana; grandma of Rhonda, Ryan, Deanna, Debbie, Michael, Dan, and Chris; and also survived by eight great grand-



children and two great grandchildren. Funeral service was Feb. 3 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Elsie Shrum

Elsie Elvira Shrum of Pontiac, formerly of Neon, Ky, passed away, Feb. 2, 2009, at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband Norman, her parents Tom and Callie Webb and 10 siblings. She was the mother of Rita (Arnold) Callender of Waterford, Wilma (Larry) Dobbins of Clarkston, and the late Leroy Beach (Georgiana) of N.C.; step-mother of Gary (Susan) Shrum of Waterford; grandmother of Rick (Vicky) Callender, Jeanine (Randy) Johnson, Darla (Scott) Duncan, Dale (Gina) Dobbins, David (Maria) Dobbins, Dennis (Wendy) Dobbins, Cindy (Bob) Gresham

and Anita (Chris) Cook; great grandmother of Katie Callender, Rick and Tiffany Johnson, Garron Sakalauskas, Alora Duncan, Cassandra, Nicholas, Kelly and Daniel Dobbins, Haley Gresham, and Amber and Cole Cook; great great grandmother of Logan Johnson; and sister of Jim (Goldie) Webb.

Funeral service, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment, Perry Mt. Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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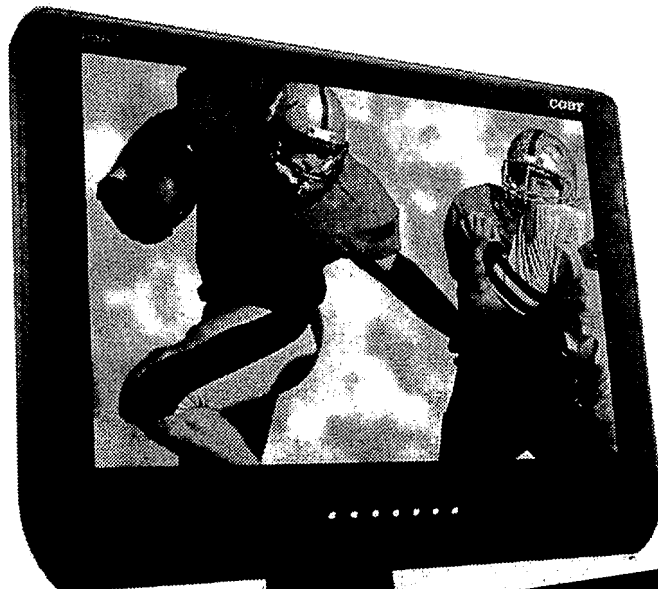
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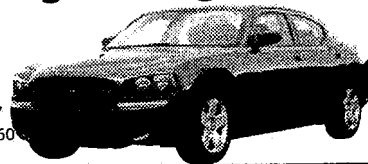


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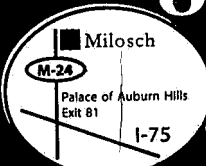
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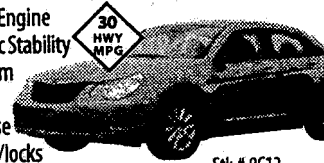


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 classes, as well as her daughter's class at Independence Elementary School, an honor for her, she said.

"I've never been asked for my autograph before," she said.

Kristy and Jeff met at work in Southfield and married in 1995. They moved to Connecticut for work, but came back in 2002 to be closer to family. They now live in Independence

Township.

"I've always wanted to move to Clarkston," Kristy said.

"I love the small-town feel. I love Main Street. We go to all the parades every year."

She is writing a series of books based on Irwin the Iceworm, an Alaskan-based cartoon character created by artist Allan Gregg. She wrote captions for Gregg's "Irwin the Iceworm's Alaska Fun Book."

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It's been 36 years since the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision. That's a lot of time for people to get used to our nation's policy of abortion on demand. Does that mean that concern over abortion will just fade away and that opposition to it will eventually become out-of-date? Not at all.

Consider a few basic statistics. Since 1973 over 50,000,000 tiny lives have been destroyed by either chemical burning or forcible tearing from their mother's womb. Unborn children are the victims of abortion at the rate of one every three minutes. Abortion is now our nation's leading cause of death, surpassing cancer and heart disease combined.

These statistics are just too staggering to ignore. This is brought into even greater focus as we ponder what these statistics mean.

First, it means our nation has actively supported the killing of the most innocent and vulnerable among us - and done so on a gigantic scale. The Bible has long revealed that those lives conceived in the womb are vital and distinct from their mothers (Jer. 1:5).

But now, even for those who live by sight rather

than faith, there is evidence provided by our latest technology that shows the personhood of the unborn to be undeniable. (Do a Google search for "4D ultrasound" to find a sample of the latest images.)

Second, the vast number of abortions among us also means we live in a culture that has drastically cheapened human life. People often look with bewilderment at the acts of callousness toward fellow human beings that have become commonplace in our society.

But the root of such acts is no mystery. When a society is willing to harden its heart against the unborn for the sake of convenience, that hardness of heart cannot be contained. It will harm the relationships and well-being of that society in ways we cannot even begin to comprehend. To think abortion can be embraced without consequence is to spread a net for our feet and ambush our own lives (Pr. 1:16-18).

Third, the amount of blood spilled by abortion also means that we are a nation under God's wrath. From the very beginning God has required that the shedding of innocent blood be dealt with justly (Gen. 9:6).

The role to administer this justice and protect life has been given to the civil authorities (Rom. 13). When a society fails to hold to this standard, God Himself will judge that society. He can do no other, because the

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

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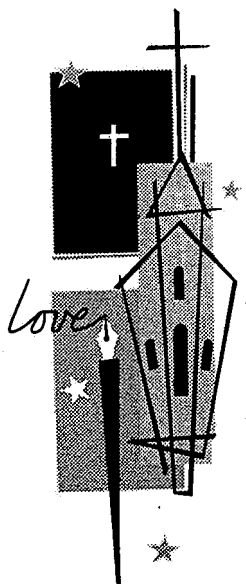
Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

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

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
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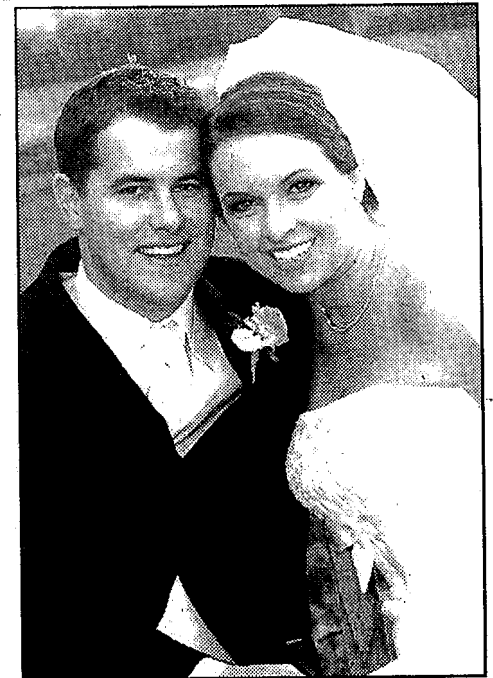
Clarkston couple joined in marriage

Carrie Linenger and Dan Holka were joined in matrimony, Oct. 11, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, the Rev. Rick Dake officiating.

The bride, daughter of Ken and Linda Linenger of Clarkston, is a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University and an elementary teacher with Waterford Schools.

The groom, son of Dan and Ruth Holka of Sterling Heights, is a 2005 graduate of Albion College, and works in transportation sales at C.H. Robinson, Southfield.

The couple resides in Clarkston.



Dan and Carrie

Hendren-Cook

Ronald and Terri Hendren of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Brandon Cook, son of Steve Cook and Janice Cook of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in 2005 with bachelor's degrees in advertising and promotion, and Spanish. She is employed as a copywriter at Biggs-Gilmore Chicago.

The groom-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Comstock High School. He graduated in 2005 from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in finance and commercial law, and in 2007 with an MBA from DePaul University in Chicago. He is employed as a Project Controller with Deloitte Consulting, LLP.

They will be wed in Auburn Hills in May, 2010.



Jessica and Brandon

Students achieve success

Minjoo Lee, daughter of Jong Cheon and Hyunsuk Lee of Clarkston and 2008 graduate of Clarkston High School, and **Gillian S. Nordquist**, daughter of Steven and Martha Nordquist of Clarkston and 2005 CHS graduate, were named to the Bucknell University Dean's List for 2008 fall semester.

Mallory Deacon, a 2008 CHS graduate, has

made the Michigan State University, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) Dean's Honor List for Fall Semester 2008.

Jordan and **Adam Stoyek** of Clarkston were named to the winter semester Dean's List at Western Michigan University.

Jordan, a freshman, and Adam, senior, are both in the College of Arts and Science.

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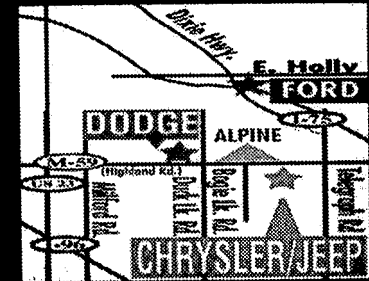
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Marlene Morlock hands a puppy, perhaps to be named Lady Elsa of Aspen, to new owner Vicki Hughes.



Molly Hughes and her daughter, Evalyn Hughes, 15 months, greet the puppies.



These puppies are almost ready for new homes.



The puppies like to run in the snow.



The puppies all want to say hi to Bella Hughes, 3.

Puppies in the snow

Angel the Golden Retriever has had all four feet full with her nine puppies at Marlene Morlock's Independence Township home.

The 7-week-old puppies, registered with the American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club, are almost ready for placement.

"I wanted the best," Morlock said. "Golden Retrievers are adapt-

able to apartment life, homes, they're quiet, and they make good family pets."

"I wanted a fulltime companion," said Vicki Hughes, who visited Morlock's TNT Kennel, Jan. 29, to visit her puppy. "She's my baby."

She hasn't yet decided, but she will probably name her new dog Lady Elsa of Aspen, in honor of her

Colorado birthplace.

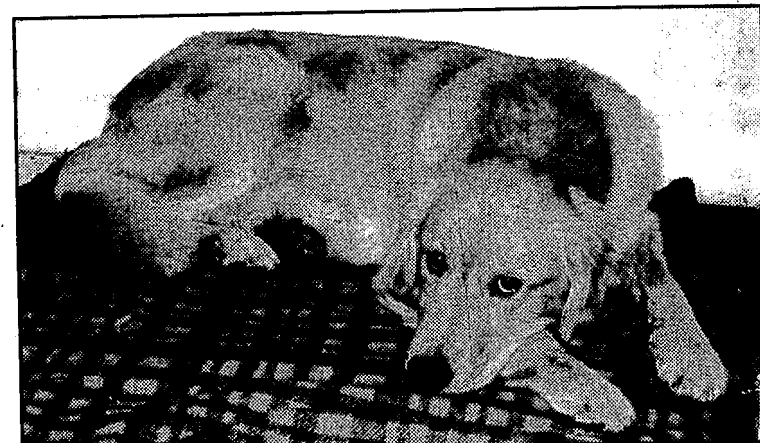
A retired school teacher, Morlock taught elementary school in the Walled Lake School District for 32 years. She raised Richmond and Tally, Angel's grandparents, in her classroom.

For more information, call 248-625-8667.

- Phil Custodio



This puppy wanted to see what snow smells like.



The puppies' mother, Angel, deserves a break.

Wolves set to take down Lake Orion this week

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grappler Evan King stepped onto the mat to take on Matt Bienick from Rochester Adams. Clarkston was only two points behind and King had wrestled Bienick twice already and lost.

Through the six minute match King held on and went for the win defeating Bienick, 7-4.

"Evan had a huge victory at 152," said Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain. "He was able to beat him tonight, which was the difference between winning and losing that dual meet for us."

King's win brought the team one point ahead of Adams, and with more victories from Derek Booker, Sloan Hadsall and Mike Richmond the boys finished the meet, 32-30.

"Coming here tonight a lot of people and the press were counting us out," said DeGain.

Adams was undefeated in the league and had only lost twice earlier in the season to Dundee and Detroit Catholic Central.

"Adams was supposed to beat us," continued DeGain. "They should be thrilled about defeating Adams. We were beat up a little and they were beat up a little. That's when the real test of character comes out - keeping up with the opponent and getting the job done. They did a great job of that tonight."

Jeff Sloney (119) put the Wolves on the board by defeating Adams' Chris Lillie in overtime, 4-2. Ty Foltz (125) defeated his opponent, 4-2 and Matt Deitz (135) added points after pinning Dan McKay less than a minute into the match.

Alex Popp (145) win over Mac Fisher put the Wolves two points behind Adams.

The boys took on Rochester in the next meet and won, 35-28.

"Rochester is a really good team," said DeGain. "We had some really good things happen."

The Wolves led from the beginning of the meet when Kyle Kenyon (112) won his match, 15-12 and Sloney followed with a pin.

Clarkston continued with a strong lead with wins from Mike Henige (130), Deitz, Chris Burkhart (140), Popp and King and brought the score up to 31-3.

Rochester tried to catch up by winning three matches, each one ending with a pin against Clarkston.

"Sloan Hadsall stepped in and put a stop on their comeback," said DeGain. "Kyle Kenyon came in big for us against Rochester."

The team heads to Lake Orion (21-5) on Wednesday for their last meet of the regular season.

"If we can show up and bring our big boy pants I think we will be just fine," said DeGain.

On Monday, some of the Dragons were recovering from injuries and a few wrestlers had been hit by the flu bug.

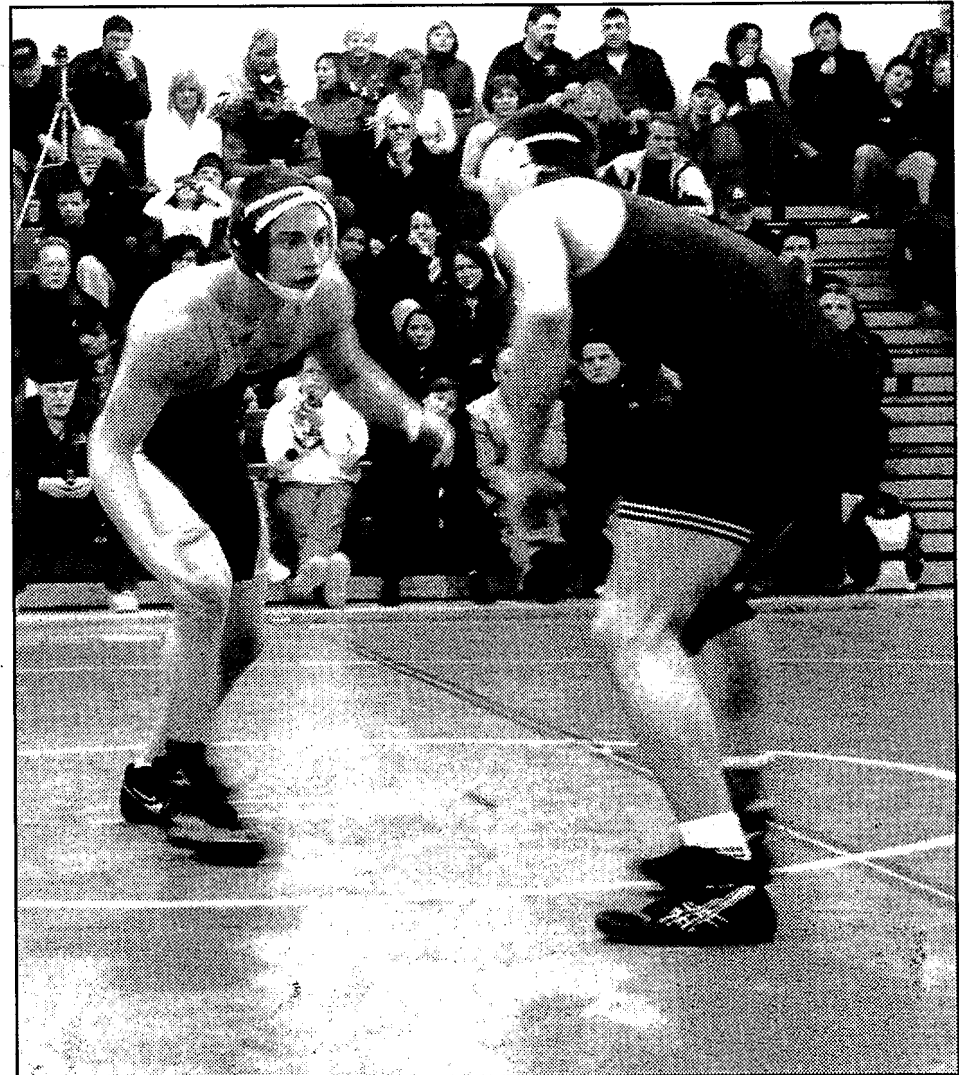
"We're not going in full strength," said Lake Orion Coach Doug Kline. "On the positive side, our team has a lot of depth if one is out we can replace with someone who can fill in the spot. We are going to put our 14 best out there and see what happens."

The Dragons are looking forward to seeing Clarkston

Clarkston leads the OAA Red with a 7-0 record, Lake Orion follows with a 5-1.

The Wolves will finish the week at the Macomb/Oakland Duals at Waterford Kettering High School on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

Clarkston's overall record is 13-8.



Derek Booker circles his opponent anticipating the moment of attack. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Snow man reaches for the sky

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
News Intern Writer

When Jay Smith was a boy, he built a 10-foot-tall snowman.

Now with two children of his own, he wanted to share the experience.

"A bunch of kids from his neighborhood came and helped with it. So, he thought it would be fun for us to do that," said Liana Smith, 8.

Named "Guy with a Good Heart," in honor of the upcoming Valentine's Day, the 14-foot-tall snowman took a week of afternoons after school and a weekend to build.

Liana and her brother, Joshua Smith, 11, used water from a hose to pack the snow and carved the snowman with small garden tools and their hands. Jay used a ladder to make the snowman so tall.

The snowman was originally going to be a Santa Claus, but it would have been out of season and Valentine's Day is coming up. Instead, the snowman is holding a heart, Joshua said.

The snowman was shown on CNN Headline News and received 4 1/2 out of 5 stars on ireport.com.

The snowman is six feet at its widest part. Joshua and Liana were surprised



Liana and Joshua Smith made this snowman, with the help of their father, Jay Smith. Photo by Kathleen Quandt

about its size.

"I can't believe we built it so high. I was surprised when we were done," Joshua said.

"When my dad told me about it I had a picture in my mind of what it would look like and I did not think it would look that big," Liana said.

Joshua and Liana were excited about their snowman being in the news.

"I thought it was really cool that a bunch of people got to see it," Liana said.

"People watch that are all over the world and they get to see us," Joshua said.



Luke Schroeder makes a cartoon. Photo provided

Young animator makes the cut

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

An aspiring animator, Luke Schroeder is off to a good start, getting one of his cartoons on a national cable network.

He hasn't even graduated from Sashabaw Middle School yet.

"I didn't realize this was that big a thing at first, but then we got a call from the Qubo people," said Schroeder, Independence Township resident. "I thought, 'whoa, this is actually happening.'"

"It's great. A lot of fun," said his mother, Andrea Schroeder. "It's very exciting. We're very proud of him."

Luke used Qubo's animation website to create the short film "Edgar to the Rescue," based on the Zimmer Twins cartoon on ION cable network's Qubo station.

"I had to think of a story," he said. "How about a superhero who gets himself stuck?"

He is one of 12 filmmakers out of about 44,000 nationwide whose cartoons have been selected by Qubo to be converted and remastered into high-resolution mini movies, complete with character voices, music, and sound effects. Qubo will air the 60-second

movie on the "Qubo on ION TV" programming block on ION Television, as well as on Qubo Channel.

"I'm surprised by how much went into it," Andrea said. "We'll see it on Thursday."

The cartoon is set to premiere on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 3:40 p.m. on "Qubo on ION TV" and 4 p.m. on Qubo Channel. It will air several times a day on Qubo Channel for a week, as well as "Qubo on NBC" on Feb. 7 and "Qubo on Telemundo," in Spanish on Feb. 8.

Luke has been interested in comics and animation for a long time, Andrea said.

"He would read our Ziggy books from the '70s, Calvin and Hobbes, all our compilation books," she said. "He'd read them all the time."

Now a fan of anime and Manga comics, Luke is looking forward to Clarkston Junior High School's science and computer labs.

"It looks really cool," he said. "Lots of stuff in science, cool ways to use computers."

The original version of Luke's cartoon is posted at www.zimmertwins.com/node/589347.

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May school elections would save money, trustee says

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Joan Patterson.

Patterson said campaigning was difficult this past May, when she was reelected.

"It was hard this term to get people to understand we have an election," Patterson said. "People didn't realize we had an election in May. It might be tougher to compete with other messages in November, but I think more people will be listening. I'm for the challenge of telling people about educational issues. I welcome more people involved in the process."

Aligning board members' terms with fiscal year is an important advantage for May elections, said board Secretary Ronald Sullivan.

"It's better to come in with the fiscal year, in my opinion," Sullivan said.

Trustee Barry Bomier agreed.

"I can't imagine new board members coming in, in November, looking at the budget, fresh out of gate. That seems irresponsible. I need to be convinced a little more."

School board candidates could also get overlooked, at the back of a busy November ballot, said board President Stephen Hyer.

"With offices at the back of the ballot, we don't know people are making educated votes," Hyer said. "I'd hate to see school board candidates elected who aren't in the best interest of the district, just because people didn't know the candidates."

Board Vice President Cheryl McGinnis said she is passionate about the issue, and could go either way.

"I'm also a strong advocate for people voting," McGinnis said. "I'm willing to look at and discuss potential ways to save money. But I'm pessimistic. There may be no savings down the road - a clerk could complain about it and get the law changed."

Political rhetoric in the media also complicates the issue, she said.

"I don't like how this has played out in the press," she said. "We have four election dates, but if we don't choose the one they want, we're not doing our job."

Complicating the issue is state law making the switch to November irreversible, Hyer said.

"It ties our hands," he said. "I'd like to see more data from other districts before I'd consider favoring change. If we make a mistake,

it's not something we could change back. That's a mistake in the legislation. I don't know why they don't have the option to try it."

The district would still be allowed to run school bond campaigns on any of the four available election dates, in February, May, August, or November, Boatman said.

"For me, it's important to embrace the democratic process and get more people to vote," she said.

"Members of the public perceive the school board manipulating election results with May election," Armstrong said. "We can't control how educated voters are. I think we need to give people a chance to vote. More voters, somehow I think that's a good thing."

The school election consolidation law was signed in 2004, taking effect in 2005.

Voter turnout in last May's election was 4.9 percent. About 70 percent voted in this past November's presidential election.

Clarkston Board of Education meets second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., at the school Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road. For more information, call 248-623-5400.



From left, Clarkston singers Jack Teuber, Bruce Brede, Greg Moss, and Bill Dabbs will sing for Valentines. Photo provided

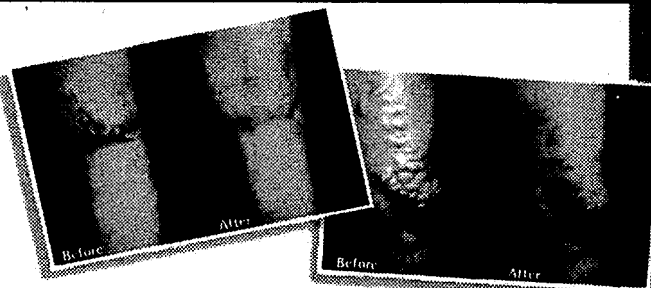
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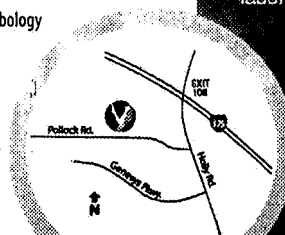
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SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Ottman, Johnston, Roth

Absent - None

Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Ryan
Motion by Johnston, supported by Roth to separate the consent agenda into two items-Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Review and Accept the Accounts Payable Run -December 11, 2008 thru January 14, 2009 for \$50,745.45. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Gawronski to approve the Agenda for January 12, 2009 with the additions - under Unfinished Business-add C-Website Discussion; under New Business add C -Kresge Foundation Grant- Motion carried.

Motion by Roth, supported by Inabnit to accept December 8, 2008 minutes with the correction-under Unfinished Business - change the spelling of "jester" to "gesture". Motion carried.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Ottman to accept December 11, 2008 minutes with the following correction under Planning Commission Appointment change Johnson to Johnston. Motion carried.

Motion by Gawronski, supported by Ottman to approve the January 5, 2009 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Brueck, supported by Gawronski to accept as presented the Accounts Payable Run from December 11 thru January 14, 2009 for \$50,745.45. Motion carried.

Motion by Brueck, supported by Roth that "The City Manager be requested to oversee the immediate enforcement of the City Ordinance #140 Section 2.01 with respect to requiring the clearing of sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation of snow and/or ice." Motion carried.

42 W Washington Sewer -The easement is proposed to go down Mr. Cristea's driveway. Mr. Cristea expressed concern about having two manhole covers in his driveway. City Manager Ritter, Gary Tressel, HRC, Inc. and Mayor Arkwright chose V.I.L. Construction, Inc. 6670 Sims, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, the lowest qualified bid, to relocate the existing sewer at a cost of \$50,980.00.

Two documents are needed from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, an easement document and the details of restoration of the property at 42 W Washington.

Council stated once again this situation must be resolved. **Website for the City of the Village of Clarkston** - James Owens, Website consultant, addressed the Council stating that the new website is up and running.

RESOLVED by Johnston, supported by Inabnit, "That the City of the Village of Clarkston resolves to adopt www.villageofclarkston.com and www.villageofclarkston.org as the official web site names for City purposes, distribution of City information and the general support and advancement of the City of the Village of Clarkston.

That the format, presentation, use and material presented on these web sites be under the approval of a person or committee selected by the City Council and subject to Council review.

That official email addresses be assigned to all elected official, administrative personnel, department heads and others as required to represent the City and that these email addresses will then be the default email communications addresses for City business and subject to the laws and regulations of such communications.

That the amount of \$499.00 be transferred from the General Fund Bldg maintenance account 50734 to a new Website Maintenance account 50736 for the fiscal year of 2008-2009 and subject to renewal on an annual basis or as determined by Council.

Roll- Yeas - Inabnit, Arkwright, Roth, Ottman, Brueck, Gawronski, Johnston

Nays - None

RESOLUTION PASSED

RESOLVED by Johnston, supported by Inabnit. "That the 2009 Federal Stimulus Package be adopted as stated:

1. Construct a Municipal Campus to consolidate all services, reduce energy and other operating costs.
\$1,250,000 with 150 jobs created.

2. Implement the university of Michigan Depot Park plan for stormwater mitigation, Stream bank stabilization, performance area, lighting, reduced maintenance costs and related infrastructure improvements for water quality, the environment and public use of the park.
\$575,000.00 with 60 jobs created

3. Implement and improve handicap accessibility, sidewalk improvements, street lighting and other pedestrian circulation improvements that were not funded in the previous street improvement work and that will allow Clarkston to coordinate with work already done or planned in the surrounding Township and through the County.
\$300,000.00 with 40 jobs created

4. Implement planned Low Impact Development/ Best Management Practices for storm water control, outfalls and existing piping to upgrade the deteriorating system and improve the water quality and pollution in our City as well as the surrounding area. \$400,000.00 with 40 jobs created.

5. DPW and Police Vehicles
Roll: Yeas - Brueck, Arkwright, Johnston, Inabnit, Roth, Gawronski

Nays - None

Absent - Ottman

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, "That the March 9, 2009 Council meeting be moved to Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Correction of notice published on 1-28-09

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan to hear the following appeals:

PUBLIC COMMENT:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 18, 2008
OLD BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Michael and Amber Angona, 9524 Dolores Lane, Clarkston, MI 48348 to construct a garage with a front yard setback of nineteen (19) feet rather than the fifty (50) feet required per Section 25 of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26. The property is located at 9524 Dolores Lane, in Springfield Township and is zoned R-2 One Family Residential (one acre minimum). P.I. #07-11-453-009.

2. Request by Harold Weine, 29260 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034, to allow an additional 5-year extension (to March 6, 2014) beyond the current extension of final site plan approval for Huron Creek residential development previously granted by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees per subsection 18.07.4.b(6) of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance 26.
The property is located north of Shaffer Rd., south of Haylock, east of Rusty Lane and west of Hillsboro. P.I. #s 07-28-378-001 through 07-28-378-022.

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

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published 2-4-09

Funding report clears up budget confusion

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The remaining 22 percent—nearly \$3 million, comes from the district's general fund.

The report, presented by Jodi Yeloushan, Executive Director of Student Support Services, compared Clarkston to neighboring districts, provided detailed data and gave the school board a large volume of information to consider as they approach next year's budget.

"I'm very impressed with the amount of work that went into this," said Hyer. "We can finally establish a baseline to know how we're doing, where we're going, and what the trends are. We haven't had that in the past, and I think it's a very large step forward."

Next week: The Clarkston News talks to Yeloushan and others about specific issues facing the district's special education program.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:
2009-321, 270 DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of JANET INGRAM, DECEASED, date of birth: 9-11-1944
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FILE NO:
2009-321, 266-DE

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Spiritual Matters

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blood of the innocent cries out to Him.

There are many who would like to see us just forget about the abortion issue. But it's an issue that can't go away, because it's unavoidably linked to matters of justice, quality of life, and the favor of God.

In the past week we have heard increasing calls for personal responsibility. But at the same time Washington is pushing an abortion agenda nationally, and internationally. This is saying one thing and doing another - in an area of grave significance. Do we really think God will bless us for this?

The Rev. David Bostrom is pastor of Seed for the Harvest ministries.

In our churches

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020 GREETINGS

SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS
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030 WANTED

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, ATVs and mopeds. Running or not. 810-338-6440. 11ZX264

WANTED: 2000-2005 GM Mini Van, low miles, good condition. 248-931-0270. 11C292

WANTED: CARS, Trucks needing repair or high miles. \$50-\$5000. 810-724-7647 or 810-338-7770. 11LZ64

WANTED: Guns: Winchesters, Colts, Savage. Top dollar paid. 248-628-7088. 11L92

040 PRODUCE

CORN
STRAW/ HAY
HELP THE CRITTERS
OXFORD AREA
248-628-1670

L82

050 FIREWOOD

SEASONED HARDWOOD, 7 face delivered \$250. Pickup available cheaper. 248-625-1303 11C283
SEASONED HARDWOOD \$80/ face cord. Oak \$70. Delivery available. 248-802-5393. 11C2
SPLIT SEASONED HARDWOOD, \$85/ face cord, 10% senior discount, delivery & stack. 248-830-1837. 11L94c

Little Lou's
FIREWOOD

Seasoned Firewood: \$55/cord
Stacking & Delivery Available
248-935-1671

L84

THE LUMBERJACK IS BACK in Michigan! Mixed, aged hardwood. \$55. per cord, Matamora. Delivery extra. 810-658-7281 or 810-358-1642. 11L83

SEASONED QUALITY hardwood, cut and split, delivery available. 248-627-6318. 11ZX254c

SEASONED FIREWOOD. C.L.S. Tree Service. 248-638-9369, 248-929-4044. 11C274

SMITHS FIREWOOD-Seasoned hardwood. 248-342-2906 or 810-459-1558 11C304

SEASONED HARDWOOD. Immediate Delivery. 248-640-4279. 11LZ84

WOODY'S
FIREWOOD
Seasoned
Hardwood Mix:
\$60 per cord
Oak/Cherry:
\$70 per cord
248-508-3933

L84

FIREWOOD, MIXED HARDWOOD. \$80. per facecord, delivered. 248-929-4950; 352-442-1690. 11L82

060 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

EXPERT
PIANO TUNING
Call Matt
248-766-3122

RX2452

070 TUTORING/ LESSONS

PIANO STUDIO IN Lake Orion specializing in Beginners, both children and adults. 248-814-4924. 11L82

IMPROVE GRADES. Tutoring K-12. General and Special Education. Certified Teacher. www.aakipdcounty.com 248-628-1388. 11LZ91

PIANO, KEYBOARD, Organ and music theory lessons. Lower prices \$10 per lesson. 248-391-1773. 11L91

K-8 TUTOR. LANGUAGE arts, reading, composition, note taking, study skills, homework assistance. Stay-at-home mom/ substitute teacher. Call Kris, 248-390-7172. 11L94

PIANO LESSONS with experienced teacher and piano player. Children & adults. Call Renee, 248-978-4922. 11L92

080 LAWN & GARDEN

CRAFTSMAN TRACTOR 5000 Series, 25hp, twin-v Kohler engine, 48in. snow blade, 42in. mower deck, wheel weights and chains. \$1,500. OBO. 248-628-5194. 11ZX262

RECONDITIONED LAWN and Garden Tractors and Snowblowers. Also equipment repairs. 810-397-2944. 11ZX262

JOHN DEERE 4310 tractor, 32hp, less than 100 hours. Bucket, forks, belly & rear hydraulics, finish mowing deck, turf tires, 4-wheel drive, hydrostatic drive. Kept indoors, 1 owner, dealer maintained. Best offer. Serious inquiries only. 248-860-7979. 11C302

090 AUCTIONS

Notice is hereby given that on 2/20/09 at 11:30am the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center-Waldon Road, 1745 Waldon Road, Lake Orion, MI. 48359. Units may or may not include the following: Household Items, Recreational Items and/or Misc. Goods. K13, Kathleen Lupin; RV129W/old #RV70, G&G Tree Vehicle, RV120N/ old #RV89, G&G Tree Vehicle RV126W/ old #RV89, G&G Tree Vehicle; A20-Tiffany S. Glchrist; G18-William G. Hampton; D02, Timothy R. Glantz.

L82

100 FREE

2 LOVING LONG haired cats, year old. Fixed/ shots. 248-762-7885. 11L91f

60" SONY TV. Needs circuit board. 248-393-0388. 11L91f

110 GARAGE SALE

Mom2Mom Sale

BUY OR SELL
Gently used children's clothes (0-18), toys, furniture, etc. 3/28/09, at CERC, 455 E. Scripps Rd., Lake Orion 9am-1pm.
Rent 10x10 space for \$20 Adm. \$1
Benefits DAYA & CERC
Call Kelli, DAYA, 248-693-6878
or email
kjohson1@lakeorion.k12.mi.us LZ91

ESTATE SALE STARTING Feb. 4-22. New Furniture, beige Leather sofa, Queen size bed, Mahogany computer desk, Clothes and accessories. Many Household items. Call for appointment: 313-212-8372. 11L303

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120 HOUSEHOLD

CHIPPENDALE DINING ROOM Set, glass tops on all furniture, includes face server and china cabinet. \$8,000. obo. 8-person Jacuzzi, like new, \$1,000. Oak dining table, 4 chairs, \$200. 248-241-8805. 11C302

140 COMPUTERS

NEW COMPUTER FOR
Christmas? Old computer with problems? Both Windows XP & Vista need updates. Remove unwanted software, spyware, viruses. Is your computer as fast & stable as mine? Refurbished computers for sale. Free follow-up tech support. Scotty 248-245-9411. 11LZ94

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?
Microsoft certified technician. Free diagnostic. John 248-892-5687 (Clarkston). 11LZ84

150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

YE OLDE STUFF & ANTIQUES
Historic Treasures
Downtown Lake Orion
ANTIQU RESTORABLES
Projects \$5 - \$125
Wed. - Fri. 11-4pm
Sat. 11-5pm
248-693-6724
COME and BROWSE
R94

160 APPLIANCES

WHIRLPOOL REFRIGERATOR, white, 21 cu.ft., 2 months old. Paid \$656, sell \$350. Dryden 248-318-5326. 11L82

2004 MAYTAG SIDE-BY-SIDE Refrigerator, ice and water, white. Runs. \$275. 248-236-8592. 11L82

170 GENERAL

SNOWPLOW FOR SALE. 7-1/2ft. Meyers. \$500. 248-431-5198. 11L82

My Son is looking for Lego's. 248-393-3408. 11L91f

ROLLED TICKETS

DOUBLE & SINGLE ROLLS Assorted Colors
Lake Orion Review
Oxford Leader
Clarkston News
LX28-1f

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248-693-5712
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248-625-0708
For additional cost add
THE CITIZEN
248-627-4408
LZ8tf

VENDORS WANTED FOR Open Air Market. Spring, Summer, Fall. Farmers, resale, etc. Burdick St., Oxford. Great rental rates. 248-627-6429. 11LZ84
AMWAY/GLOBAL ISO, Skin Care, Nutrition, Everything for Home. 588-336-4038. 11L84
SEMI TRUCK AND TRAILER parking, Clarkston area. 248-789-5287. 11ZX254c

CAN'T GET OUT?
NEED HAIR CARE?
Elderly, Wheelchair Bound or Simply Snowed In?
Experienced, Patient, Christian Professional
Will make house calls
Angela, 248-505-8422
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THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE are reading this want ad, just like you are... BUY and SELL in ads like this. We'll help you with wording. 248-628-4801. 11LZ81f

180 REC. EQUIPMENT

HUNDREDS OF GOLF Balls with experience. Pick a brand. Pick a price. \$1.00 to \$6.00 a dozen. Call 248-693-4105. 11LZ8dhf
GLOCK M38 45 CAL., \$525.
Glock M23 40 Cal., \$425. Permit or CPL Required. 248-620-3768. 11C292

GOLF CLUBS, MEN'S full set of Lynx Parallax irons, like new. \$150 firm. 248-672-5857, Oxford. 11L51dhtf

PRIVATE BUYER WANTING rifles, shotguns, presses, loaders, ammunition, etc. Phone 248-318-0698 or leave message. 11C

SCHWINN AIR DYNE Exercise Bike in Excellent Condition. Has working LCD meter. \$225. 248-978-2434. 11L92

SNOWBOARD, BINDINGS, boots, size 9 men's. Asking \$200. 248-623-9295 11C302

190 LOST & FOUND

LOST DOG. Chocolate Lab, Male. Lakeville Animal Clinic. 248-628-6840. 11L82

REWARD!! LOST Oxford/ Orion area: 2 Men's Gold Rings; 1 with diamond, 1 with blue beetle. Both have sentimental value. No questions asked! 248-628-6228. 11L92

200 PETS

8WK. OLD GERMAN Shepherds. Father AKC Registered. Shots up to date. 1 Male, 1 Female. \$300. each. 248-701-8160. 11L82

CALL METAMORA CANINE Kennel for all your furry family members' boarding and grooming needs. Call 810-724-1761. 11L8

GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies. 5 females, 3 males from champion bloodline. AKC registered with full health clearance. Dew claws removed. Ready to go 2/24. \$800. Contact Cheryl at 248-683-1282. 11C302

1 YEAR OLD neutered male golden Doodle. Loves people. \$500. 248-693-9359. 11R82

PUPPIES: BRUSSELS GRIFFON, male & females. Vet checked. 888-658-2761. 11L84

230 FARM EQUIPMENT

FORD 2N \$1450; 8N \$1750; loader/ tractor \$3150; others. 248-625-3429 11L72

240 AUTO PARTS

NERF BAR AND BEDLINER for '03-'08 Dodge Ram Quad Cab shortbed, 2 years old. Excellent shape. \$325. 248-373-5848. 11RZ82

250 CARS

2001 DODGE INTREPID. 109K. \$3,500 obo. 248-627-7478. 11ZX1512

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2002 CHRYSLER 300M, loaded, low miles, 4 disc CD changer, silver, cruise, well maintained, great condition, \$10,000 obo 248-628-3573 11L88

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE project- 1982 Volvo 122S. 4 cylinder, stick, 2 door, Runs good. \$1,200. Josh, 248-904-5058. 11LZ64

1988 MUSTANG- front driver's side damage. Rebuilt 302 and transmission. Have all parts to fix plus extras. Whole \$2,500 obo or parts. Call Bryan 248-431-9997 11RZ88

2002 FORD ESCORT, 4-DOOR, 127K, excellent condition, new tires, silver in color, \$2,999. OBO. 248-627-6929 11ZX1512
2005 PONTIAC VIBE. White, good condition, 130,000 miles. Power windows/ locks. Air conditioning, sun roof, CD player. 32mpg. \$5,000. 248-628-8818. 11LZ84

1985 FORD CROWN Victoria, 4 door. Florida car drove in Michigan 1 winter. 62K miles original. \$1,500. 248-620-1805. 11C2278

1989 BUICK CENTURY- power windows, keyless entry, a/c, cassette player, 70,500 miles, very good condition, runs great, single owner, asking \$4,500. 248-384-1318, 6-9pm. 11C22612

2001 OLDS ALERO, 2 door, 30mpg, loaded, V6, 189k highway miles, one owner, well maintained, \$3,000 obo. 248-834-0777 11C23012

2002 FORD TAURUS, light gray, 4 door, 180,000 highway miles. 1 owner- dealer trade. Excellent condition. \$4,250 obo. 313-330-8398. 11LZ88

1999 VOLKSWAGEN GULF. 4-door, automatic, air, sunroof. 87,000 miles. Sharp and Clean! New tires and front struts. \$3,800. 248-968-2939 or 810-217-2389. 11LZ512

250 CARS

1999 VW PASAT. Excellent condition inside and out. Auto, 1.8 turbo, moon roof, windows, locks. 145,000 miles. Dealer rebuilt motor \$4,000 cost. New brakes, tires, front end, battery. \$4,600. 248-693-2527. IIR64

1989 CADILLAC ALLANTE, 2 tops- soft top & hard top. \$3,000 obo. 248-628-3573, 248-931-5296. IILZ28

1978-25TH ANNIVERSARY Corvette, Rare 4 speed. All original, number matching. Great condition! Frame off restoration 6yrs. ago. Engine rebuilt. 2-tone Silver, Red leather interior. \$16,000. obo. 248-931-1965. IILZ812

FORD FOCUS 2005 4 door, auto, loaded, moon roof. 35,000 miles. Extended warranty. \$6,800. 248-626-9738. IILZ812

1996 GRAND AM V-6, 4 door. Runs & looks great. Too many new parts to list. 248-693-7089. \$2,250 obo. IILZ28

2001 OLDSMOBILE ALERO, 2-door, blue, 127K, new tires, brakes, and struts, drives perfect, \$2,999. 1991 Crown Vic, 112K, \$1,000. OBO. 248-627-6929. IIXZ2112

260 VANS

1997 FORD CONVERSION van 150, 5.4 engine, fully loaded. Low miles-81,000. Used for doctor appointments. Excellent condition. \$5,500. 248-634-8064. IIC2012

270 TRUCKS

2002 FORD SPORT TRAC, 4.0L V8, 4 wheel drive. 113K miles. Topper, Green. Good condition! \$8,995. 248-969-6056. IILZ912

1996 FORD F-150. 6 cyl, 5sp. Eddie Bauer, low miles, no rust. Great, great gas mileage. Call anytime. 248-343-0324. IIL82

2001 CHEVROLET BLAZER ZR2, 2 Door, 4x4, Automatic transmission, Power windows, Power locks, CD, Rebuilt Trans, 110,000 miles. Blue exterior, black interior. Non-smoker vehicle. \$5,250. 248-895-7786. IILZ112

1976 FORD 5 YARD dump, \$2,000. 248-628-1407 Oxford IIL82

1990 CHEVY PICKUP, V-8. New tires, rims, shocks, dual exhaust. \$1,250 obo. 810-874-5350. IICZ2012

1996 JEEP CHEROKEE, 110,000 miles, 2WD, 4 cylinder, rebuilt motor. \$1,000's in recent repairs. \$2,300. Chris, 248-396-5815. IILZ5012

1996 FORD XLT 4 WHEEL Drive Pickup, 5.8L 351. Great shape! No rust. Runs perfect. Loaded, trailer package. 199K miles. Air, P/W, P/L, AM/FM/Cassette. \$3,600. 810-793-1917. IILZ512

2003 CHEVY S10 ZR5 crew cab, dark metallic blue with gray cloth interior. New HD Blue Tooth radio. Excellent condition. 63,000 miles. Nonsmoker. \$13,895 obo. Call 248-866-7206. IIR112

280 REC. VEHICLES

MOTHER KNOWS BEST.. Eat your vegetables, brush your teeth, and read the Want Ads, 10 words, 2 weeks \$13.00. Over 44,000 homes. 248-628-4801, 248-693-8331, 248-625-3370. IIL8dhtf

'97 AND '94 POLARIS XLT600 Tripples- Studs, very fast, absolutely excellent condition, low miles, \$2,800. for both. 4 place all aluminum covered trailer, brakes, lights, very nice. \$2,950. 810-240-3400. IIXZ242

SKI NAUTIQUE MOTOR boat, 83 model, \$2500. 248-628-1407 IIL92

'96 YAMAHA GAS GOLFCART, great condition. \$1,600. 810-240-3400. IIXZ242

1999 ARCTIC CAT ZR600, new track, expansion chambers, very fast \$1750. 248-625-0724 IIC292

290 RENTALS

APARTMENTS FOR RENT with reduced premium, Oxford.. No pets. 248-628-3155. IIL92

RENT WITH OPTION. 3 bedroom 2 bath on 3 acres in Metamora. \$900/ month. 810-614-1943. IIL74

HOPE SENIOR APARTMENTS. Age 62 or better. 248-628-7676. IIL7tfc

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Village. of Oxford. \$410. monthly. 248-670-3334. IIL92

LAKE ORION 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car garage, updated, large lot. \$925/month. Lease/option available. Matt, 248-670-4059. IIL83

MANITOU LANE APARTMENTS

1 bedroom \$490/ month
2 bedroom \$600/ month
1 year lease. NO PETS!
Heat & Water Included
Quiet & Roomy - Sr. Discount
Oxford/Lake Orion Area
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PARK VILLA APARTMENTS OF OXFORD

NEW YEARS SPECIAL
1 & 2 Bedroom s
As low as \$505/ Month
Quiet location by Library
& Powell Lake Park
Pets allowed

248-561-2498

L64

KEARSLEY CREEK APARTMENTS First month free. 2 Bedrooms, 1,000 sq.ft. \$650. Free heat and water. \$390. move in. 248-660-7507. IICZ268

APARTMENT FOR RENT in downtown Berkley. Call for details. 248-683-8065. IIL82

BEAUTIFUL NEW Loft apartment, 5 acres, E-Z/I-75, Clarkston. \$675. 248-452-4048 IIC301

LAKE ORION LAKEFRONT 2 bedroom apartment. Clean, modern. 248-520-9263. IIR91

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT, Oxford. Appliances & all utilities included. \$525 per month. 810-796-3347. IIL92

STOREFRONT FOR LEASE, Former Hair Salon, in Village of Lake Orion. 248-894-6543. IIL92

VERY CLEAN & cozy Clarkston lakefront log cabin. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, gas fireplace, large deck & sunroom overlooking lake. Enjoy vacation year round. Rents for \$970. References, security. Well trained pet OK. Call Nancy at 248-515-0651. IIC294

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, Oxford. New carpets, vinyl & paint, workshop. \$750 per month. 810-796-3347. IIL92

INDUSTRIAL SPACE

2250 SQ.FT. With large overhead doors & office space. Available now in Oxford.Twp. 248-628-7714 or 248-521-0848

L64

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, Village of Leonard. Basement. Lawn maint./ appliances included, fireplace. \$750/ month. 248-628-3261 after 5pm IIL84

FOR LEASE- Downtown Lake Orion efficiency. No pets. \$400. monthly. 248-882-7403. IIL92

OXFORD VILLAGE, 2 Bedroom Duplex. New carpet and paint. Totally remodeled, full basement. Stove, refrigerator, Laundry hookups. 248-217-2912 or 248-318-1375. IIL92

FOR RENT- 3 bedroom house plus attic & basement. Located on well kept quiet grounds on Draher Road in Oxford. \$800 per month plus security deposit. Call Joanne, 248-628-2872 for appointment. IIL73

VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, 2 bedroom townhouse, \$750. monthly. Includes health club membership. 248-625-5121. IILZ58

RETAIL FOR RENT

1700 s/f. +600 s/f. Basement In the Heart of Auburn Hills Great Potential to begin your business to profit quickly. 248-975-6068

Landlord eager to support a new tenant in their endeavors

LZ82

3 BDRM HOUSE

1475 Beach Drive on lake frontage
2 story, 2 car garage
2 full baths, brand new inside and out. \$1195 monthly plus utilities. 248-693-2503

R74

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE:

3983 M-15, Clarkston, 48438 Suite A: 1,000 Sq. Ft. Suite B: 400 sq.ft. (Renovated Fall '08)

Signage, Utilities, Bath, Kitchenette
Rent per Day, Week, Month or Year
248-625-2808

CZ274

STUDIO APARTMENT, North Pontiac, close to Great Lakes Crossing. All utilities included, cable, internet. \$400/ month. No smoking, No pets. 248-830-0779. IIL92

PRIVATE, COZY 2 BEDROOM House, Lake privileges. \$675. monthly. 248-894-4033. IIL74

SHARE HOME IN Clarkston. Utilities included. \$450 plus security. 248-625-6168. IICZ284f

ORION 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath house, 1 acre. \$650. 248-989-1607. IIL91

ROOM FOR RENT- \$400/ month. Looking for nonsmoker. Located in Village of Lake Orion. No lease. Need first and last month's rent. Call Randy, 248-520-9267. IIL92

LAKE ORION VERY nice 3 bedroom house, 2 car, stove, refrigerator, includes washer/ dryer. \$925 per month. 586-915-7079. IIL74

ORTONVILLE MUST SEE! 2 bedroom apartment, appliances, new carpet, clean, move in today. \$550/ month. 248-668-8049. IICZ292

METAMORA 3/4 BEDROOM, 2-1/2 Bath, 3,100 sq.ft. raised ranch. Energy efficient geothermal heating. Heated garage, sauna. Full house generator. Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator, Range. Pole barn. Nicely landscaped 5 acres. Good credit score and references required. No pets. No smoking. Subject to credit check. \$1,200. monthly. 810-797-4921. IIL92

OXFORD SPACIOUS 2 Bedroom duplex, clean, quiet, near downtown, \$675. 248-761-6336. IIL84

3 BEDROOM RANCH, 2 baths, new carpeting, fireplace. View of horse farm fields. \$1200. 248-625-0740 IIC302

OXFORD 2 BEDROOM upper, stove, fridge, central air, clean, carpeted, just painted, move-in special pricing. 248-390-8484 IIL92

AVAILABLE NOW! Office Space for Lease in Clarkston. Four rooms, approx. 1,000 sq.ft. Freshly decorated. Heat and electric included. Second floor of Clarkston News Building, 5 S. Main. Security deposit required. \$1,600 a month. 248-625-3370. IILZ7tfdh

OXFORD 2 BEDROOM HOME. Shed, appliances. \$700. plus security. 248-628-7648. IIL82

APARTMENTS FOR rent, 2 bedrooms, Lake Orion. Nice, clean, remodeled. Great private location. \$595 or \$700, includes all utilities. 305-393-7494. IIL94

NEWLY RENOVATED Offices available for rent on M-15 in Ortonville, signage available, TV, internet, phone. 248-670-5266 IIXZ254

\$600 ORTONVILLE, 3,000sqft House semi-furnished with pool. 1500 sq.ft. private living area, 2 Bedroom, Living Room, Bathroom. All utilities included. Beautiful 3 acres of wooded surroundings with stream through yard. Please call: 734-788-1379. IIXZ251

OXFORD ENTRY LEVEL DUPLEX. Clean, quiet, 1 bedroom. Private, washer/ dryer included. Shared gas. 2 year lease: \$475 monthly; 1 year: \$525., plus utilities. Need credit report and employment letter. 248-770-1964. IIL64

2&3 BEDROOM BALD EAGLE Waterfront available now. \$825.-\$975. plus security. Pets ok. 248-681-5552. IILZ84

ORION- 1658 SQ.FT. Updated, clean colonial. Basement, appliances. \$995. 248-393-3347. IIL91

OXFORD, 2 TO 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, appliances, air. 248-628-0189. IIL94

2 BEDROOM CONDO, with garage, Lake Orion. New condition. Appliances included. \$750 plus utilities. 248-814-6599 IIL94

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ROOMMATE WANTED-lakefront home, \$450/ month, plus security deposit. Clean, references. 248-628-6294. IIL82

MUST SEE- VILLAGE of Lake Orion. 2 bedroom house, basement, large lot, lake access. Clean! \$850 monthly. 586-612-6542. IIR91

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX. All appliances. \$650/ month. Pet negotiable. 248-765-0425. IIL73

LAKE ORION-175/ Joslyn. 4 bedrooms, appliances, laundry, garage. \$750. 248-842-0357. IIL91

OXFORD- 1-2 bedroom apartments, dishwasher, C/A, laundry facility, fireplace, first month's rent plus security deposit. Starting at \$560/ month. 248-628-2620. IIL7tfc

HARBOR SPRINGS Vacation condo near slopes, sleeps 8. 313-823-1251. IIL64

FOR RENT- VILLAGE of Oxford. Clean & spacious 1 bedroom upper. Laundry facilities. Some utilities paid. \$550. monthly. 810-730-5549 or 586-453-9111. IIL82

KEATINGTON CONDO, Lake Orion. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, all amenities, newly decorated, lake privileges. \$795. monthly. 248-391-0121. IIL98

SHARE HOME, Oxford, nonsmoker, \$800 month. \$400 security. 248-628-1407 IILZ82

2 BEDROOM HOUSE on Pontiac Lake. \$695 monthly plus deposit. 248-224-7751. IIR82

OAK FOREST APARTMENTS, Lake Orion. O.F.A. \$199 move-in special plus free rent. Call 248-693-7120. IIL84

2 BEDROOM/ 2 BATH House in Waterford. Lake access, appliances. \$750 plus utilities and \$500 deposit. 248-393-3498 IIL91

CUTE, COZY sleeping room, downtown Orion, \$85 weekly plus security. 248-505-8314. IIR91

OXFORD 1 BEDROOM \$430/ month; 2 bedroom \$470/ month. Heat & water included. No pets. 248-628-1915. IIL92

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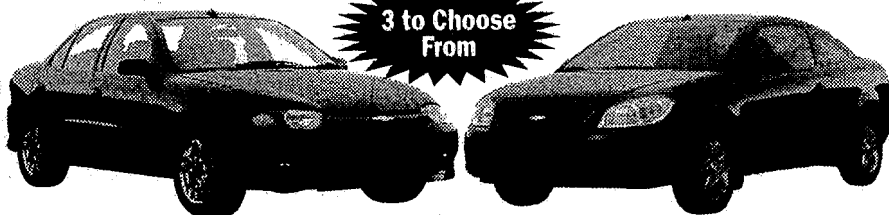
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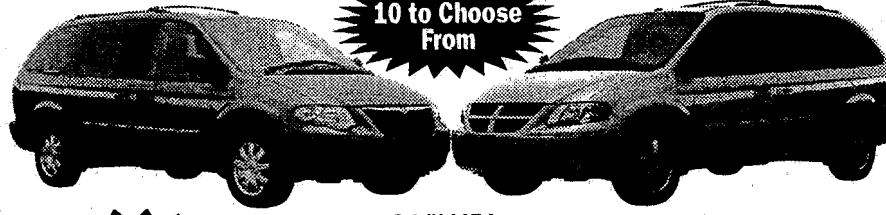
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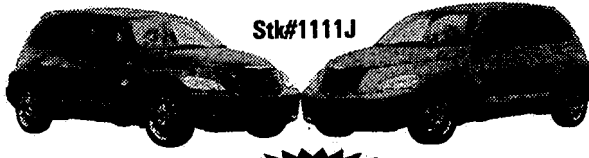


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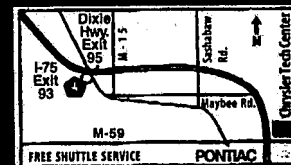
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