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Connor Lawrence, a first-grader at North Sashabaw Elementary, gets ready to look at the cards and treats dropped in his homemade mailbox during Friday's Valentine's Day celebration. Please see page 20A for more pictures from Connor's classroom. *Photo by Laura Colvin*

Three candidates for Board of Education

Clarkston Board of Education will have at least one new face this summer.

Challengers Michelle Beck of Davisburg and Rosalie Lieblang of Independence Township join incumbent board President Stephen Hyer on the May 5 ballot, running for two open seats.

"It's time for a change," said Beck, running for elected office for the first time. "I work in classrooms as a classroom aide. I've seen the cuts and how they're affecting kids."

Her biggest issue is the budget, she said.

"Class sizes have increased," she said. "I'd like to get inside the system to better understand how the pieces to the puzzle fit together."

Trustee Ron Sullivan, who has served 12 years on the school board, is not seek-

ing reelection.

"I want to give a chance to others who have children in the district to be on the board," said Sullivan, whose two children graduated from Clarkston High School. "I felt this was the right time. There are other things for me to focus on in my life."

He wants to focus more on his job as a senior data base administrator, he said.

"I learned a lot from the time I served on the board," he said.

Hyer has been on the school board for the past eight years, and is running for his third term.

Lieblang did not return calls for comment.

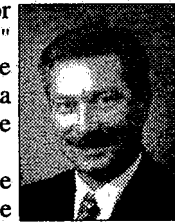
Look for candidate features in April.
 — Phil Custodio



Beck



Hyer



Sullivan

\$16,000 for Dixie Highway improvement study

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

What are the traffic safety concerns on Dixie Highway, and how should those issues be addressed?

Can—or should—the township consider putting in sewers?

What about safety paths to help keep walkers, joggers and bike-riders out of harm's way?

These are just a few questions on the minds of Springfield Township officials and business owners as they plan improvements to the Dixie Highway Corridor.

Although township officials say many of the issues—especially traffic safety—need to be addressed sooner rather than later, the possibility of federal stimulus funding has ignited a push for solid plans.

"We came up with some visioning goals," said Supervisor Mike Trout, who's met twice with a core group of Dixie Highway business owners assembled several years ago by now-retired Supervisor Collin Walls. "I've got a proposal from our engineering firm to do a more detailed analysis of the traffic safety issues, and I think that'll give us some idea of what kind

improvements we can make, whether it's a boulevard, signals, signage or other things that will enhance the corridor."

The proposal from Hubble, Roth and Clark was unanimously approved, Thursday, by the township board, who allocated up to \$16,000 to pay for the study covering the Dixie Highway corridor from Big Lake Road to Davisburg Road.

Concentrations of crashes, HRC representatives said, may be caused by the complex interchange with I-75, as well as the number and close proximity of freeway ramps, driveways and streets along the corridor. Study objectives include:

- Review traffic crash data from the previous three years;
- Develop subsequent list of safety issues by location;
- Develop solutions, including traffic islands, boulevard sections and service drives;
- Review impacts to MDOT facilities such as Park and Ride, Freeway Ramps;
- Perform traffic signal warrant study at Dixie Highway I-75 southbound off-ramp;
- Evaluate need for left turn signal phasing at the Dixie Highway Davisburg Road intersection; and

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Springfield and Independence townships will soon receive a recommendation for joint planning of the Dixie Highway/I-75 interchange area.

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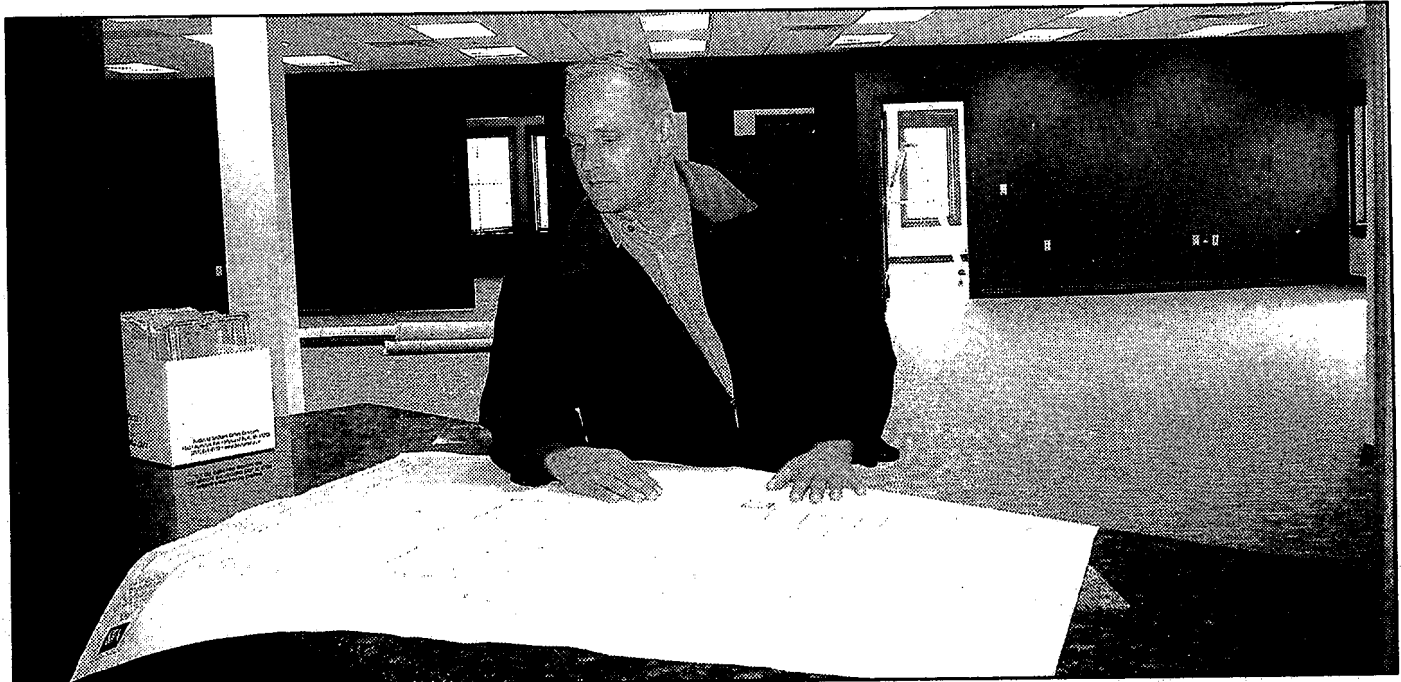
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Independence Township Trustee Mark Petterson looks over the project blueprints. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

New township hall almost set for move

The ceiling tiles are up, walls are painted, and the carpet is laid.

Township officials are looking to start moving items to the new hall on March 16.

Dave Belcher will be requesting the Township Board close current township hall on Main Street from March 20-23. During the move, the current hall will be partially

open for services. The new hall, off Waldon Road near Sashabaw Road, should be ready for business by Tuesday, March 24.

- Trevor Keiser

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Nominations due March 6

Nominations for Clarkston Community Awards will be accepted through March 6. Award categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Person of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer, Community Preservation, Community Beautification, Community Enhancement and Community Collaboration.

"These awards honor the effort and dedication that people and organizations make to ensure our community is a great place to live and work," said Kelly Hyer, co-chair. "We are looking for the unsung heroes who quietly make an impact on a daily basis."

Individuals, groups and businesses will be recognized for charitable and for-profit work enhancing the Clarkston area, May 21, at Fountains Golf and Banquet. Tickets are \$15.

Nomination forms are available at Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's office, 5856 S. Main Street, and website, www.clarkston.org.

Join up for Victory Games

Independence Township Parks and Recreation needs local athletes for a competitive Michigan Victory Games team.

To compete, athletes must have a primary physical disability, ages 7 and up.

Events include slalom, swimming, hand cycling, bocce, cycling, bowling, track and field events, table tennis, and power-lifting.

For more information, check www.michiganvictorygames.com or call 248-625-8223.

Auxiliary offers scholarships

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63 is looking for 11th-grade girls interested in government for scholarships to Girls State, Michigan State University, June 21-27.

More than 400 young women from across the state learn about local and state government with a variety of activities and simulations.

The Clarkston-area auxiliary interviews candidates on Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m. For more information or an application, contact Amy Laboissonniere at aditsb@yahoo.com or 248-892-1203.

Owners hope for Dixie improvements

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

High-end shops. Safety paths. New landscaping and better lighting.

Business owners have big ideas for improvements they'd like to see in Springfield Township's Dixie Highway Corridor.

Most, however, agree a carefully planned, pragmatic approach is best.

"The first thing is to get a better infrastructure, and that boils down to sewers," said Lowrie's Landscape owner Tom Lowrie. "Until we know what we can do, there's no sense in planning further, or putting in landscaping; it would just have to be torn up to put a sewer in."

Lowrie, who's been operating out of his current location on Dixie Highway for some 20 years, said he wasn't interested in seeing the corridor "turn into a city."

"A lot of people have been here for many years and they don't want things to change," he said. "That's why I think we should stay focused on the Dixie Highway Corridor and not go into the rural areas."

But, he noted, more newcomers have moved to the area in recent years, and many say shopping and restaurant amenities are lacking, and therefore go elsewhere to shop, eat and purchase services.

"As a business owner and investor, we want to enhance and protect the property values," he said. "Commercial, just like residential values, have gone backwards; my property isn't worth what it was three years ago. Sewers will help, sidewalks, maybe a bike jogging path will help. We also need to look at landscaping, and getting some better lighting."

Calvin Bordine, of Bordine's Nursery, listed traffic safety and sewers among his top concerns, noting he couldn't envision "serious developers" taking an interest in an area without sewers.

Bordine, who lives in Springfield Township with his family, said controlled growth

is key, and would have numerous benefits to the community.

"But so much depends on the economy," he said. "My ideal would be something similar to the Village of Rochester Hills, with high-end shops and many different restaurant choices. It's probably not realistic; there aren't enough customers out here to support it. But I'd like to see some kind of mixed development that could be supported by the local economy."

Bordine said he'd also like to see numerous traffic safety issues addressed, including issues with the Dixie Highway I-75 interchange, the misalignment of Big Lake Road and Deerhill Drive, and the fact that traffic turning off Lavon cannot legally get on I-75.

"The boulevard concept has been talked about for quite some time," he said. "I think what they did on Sashabaw Road is really nice. I'd really like to see something that helps with the safety in front of our store."

But, he noted, any future development must have a solid foundation to build on.

"It's very hard to do without good planning," Bordine said. "But I think our property and our business would benefit from multiple other businesses in the area; being a stand alone business isn't the way people want to operate these days, it's better to be part of a cluster. We're much in favor of being part of a future development."

Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout said the township is in the process of gathering information and talking to sur-

rounding communities about a number of issues brought to light by Dixie Highway business owners.

A decision on sewers, he said, will involve an engineering feasibility study to explore tie-in options.

But, Trout noted, he's not convinced sewers are the best option, one way or the other.

"We need to look carefully at the environmental element," he said. "We don't want to have a negative impact on the lakes, streams and other natural areas that line the Dixie Highway Corridor from one end to the other."

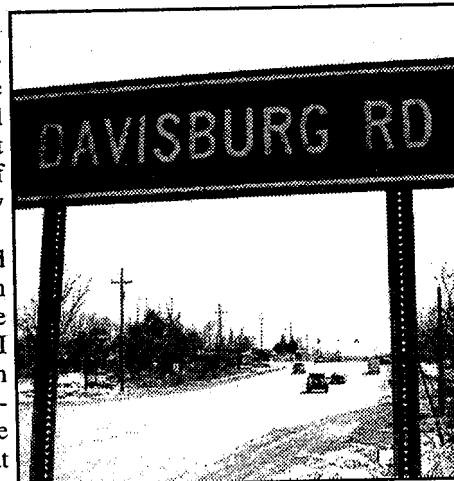
In Springfield Township, only the Softwater Woods subdivision uses sewers through a tie-in with Independence Township. Other residents use single or community septic systems.

Taking a careful, detailed look at both the potential positive and negative effects of sewers, he said, is necessary before a decision can be made.

Still, Trout said he wants to address ideas and concerns brought forth by those involved in the study.

"My belief is we should follow through to look at those issues," he said. "Business owners took the time to participate; we have an obligation to count their input as valuable. We'll be taking small steps, but based on the priorities they thought were important."

In addition to Lowrie and Bordine, other participants included Pastor Todd Vanaman, Dixie Baptist Church; Tim Wickersham, Wickersham Homes, Inc.; and Randy Hosler, Randy Hosler Pontiac Buick GMC.



A traffic safety analysis will look at the need for a left-turn signal at Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road.

Joint planning possible at Dixie/I-75 area

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•Evaluate benefits of aligning Big Lake Road, Dixie Highway intersection with Deerhill/Dixie Highway intersection.

According to plans submitted by the firm, HRC will work in conjunction with Carlisle-Wortman Associates, as well as township officials.

For planner Dick Carlisle, the project is a continuation of the work he's been doing with the Springfield Township Planning Commission to update the township's master plan and investigate opportunities for investment in Dixie Highway.

"We concentrated quite a bit on infrastructure needed to support private development activity: utilities, the roadway, ac-

cess problems along Dixie Highway, particularly at the interchange," Carlisle said, noting that several areas present significant safety problems.

"From Big Lake Road up past Lavon, there are some serious access issue there," he said. "That whole stretch is a high accident area. Where Big Lake intersects with Dixie Highway and Deerhill intersects with Dixie Highway, it's a very dysfunctional area from the standpoint of where those intersections are; same thing with the interchange ramps north of I-75. There's a great need for better organization that will allow for safer intersections."

Carlisle, who also serves as a planner for Independence Township, said while the two communities are at different stages in a quest

to improve Dixie Highway in their respective communities, a mutual interest exists.

"At a minimum, an information exchange is going to be important as both communities continue their own planning," he said. "Where I see prospect for joint planning will be Dixie Highway/I-75 interchange area, where the two communities have the most in common; they both have a lot to gain by coordinating efforts in that area."

Carlisle said his recommendations would include joint planning of the interchange area.

HRC was prepared to begin the study as soon as the proposal was approved by the township board. Trout said he anticipated a report in approximately three to six months.

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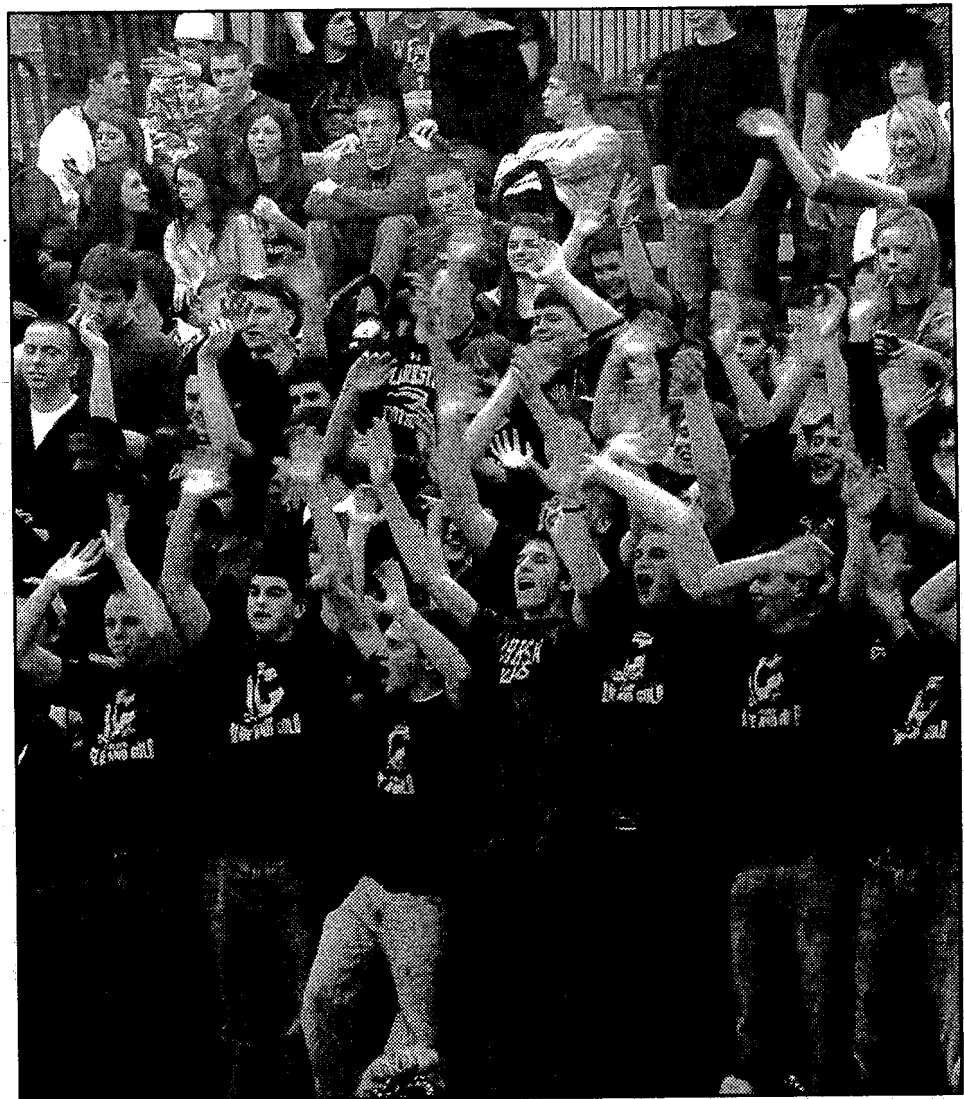
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When calculating state funding, each set of waving hands means \$7,546 for Clarkston schools. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Each student counts

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
Clarkston News Intern Writer

Student count day was just another day at Clarkston schools.

At Clarkston High School, Feb. 11 wasn't even announced as the day designated by the state to determine school funding, said Principal Vince Licata.

"No pizza parties or incentives," he said. "It's just another day of instruction."

Valerie Grimes, principal of Pine Knob Elementary School, said attendance was encouraged as usual but it was a regular day.

With Andersonville Elementary's February activities, such as a schoolwide carnival and Valentine's Day parties, they didn't need to pump students up, said Principal Bruce Martin.

In September, Andersonville had about five absent students. Last week, they had 23, mostly students with colds or flu, Martin said.

"They don't want kids to come in and infect others," he said.

Some districts offer incentives and prizes to boost attendance and maximize funding.

However, these tactics aren't needed in Clarkston, said Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing for Clarkston Schools.

"Student attendance isn't a problem," Banach said. "We average good attendance all year round."

The state requires student counts in fall and winter. Official count day was Feb. 11, but districts are allowed 30 days to account for absences. Schools must verify why students are not in school and when they come back. If a student is absent, the school must have a note or contact parents on count day.

"It's a busy day, just tracking everybody down," said Principal Debra Latozas, North Sashabaw Elementary School.

Curt Barnum, technology coordinator, said initial count is 8,173.8 full-time-equivalent students – the district has part-time students in programs such as OSMTEch. In 2008, Clarkston schools received \$7,546 per student in state funding.

Fall and winter counts are combined, the earlier number counting for 75 percent of the total, Barnum said.

RUSH to the moon

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

How easy is it to navigate on the surface of the moon? The 34 students and 15 mentors of Clarkston High Robotics Team RUSH will soon find out.

This year's FIRST Robotics challenge, called "Lunacy," is played on a 54-by-24-foot, low-friction field called "the crater," simulating moon's one-sixth gravity.

"It's going to be a lot more difficult this year to drive on the playing field because last year and the years before that, we were used to driving on carpeting and we had a lot more traction then," said Eric Barch. "Now it's a little more difficult because it's basically ice."

Players, human and robotic, score points by tossing balls into baskets attached to opposing robots.

"It's a cool game, low friction and crazy balls," said Senior Bobby Pizzey. "I'm just excited."

To build the robot, the team was broken into Chasis, Above Chasis, and Mechanics groups and subgroups.

"The 12 volt group that usually wires the robot, along with programmers and enhanced electronics group, were all put together to form to the control group," said Devon Rehm. "They are doing programming, all the sensors as well as working on the hardware."

"There are a lot of new changes this year, so I am kind of anxious of how all of that's going to turn out," said Josh Fox. "From the new control system, to the new competition structure and the low friction wheels we have to deal with."

Jan Helgeson, who is a part of the programming team, said there will be a camera placed on top of the robot, which will be able to read colors.

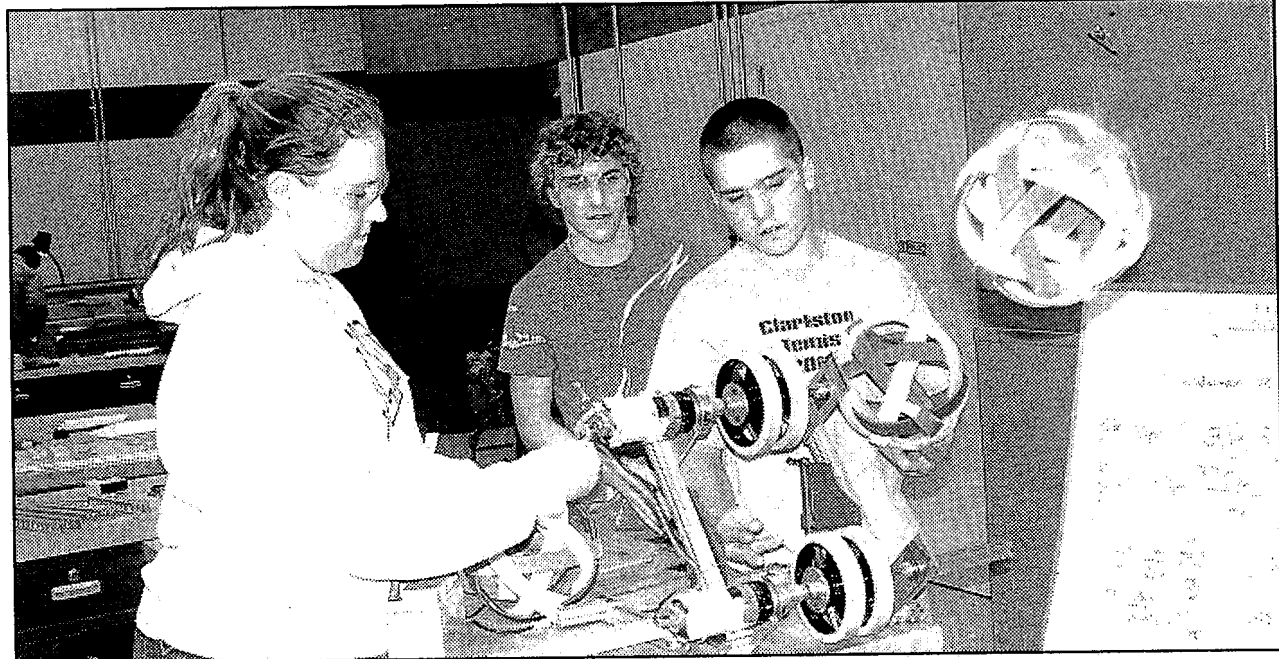
"That's how we're going to track the trailers, based on the color," he said. "What it (the camera) looks for is which color is on top. Based upon which color is on top, we know whether it's our alliance or the opponent's alliance."

They are using computer software called National Instruments LabVIEW.

"It's used by lots of major industries and businesses," said Helgeson. "It's used for data acquisition and to control robotics. It's also graphical programming software."

When it comes to building the robot, students use a lot of algebra, physics and trigonometry. Troy Hughes said it was a mix of learning and having fun.

"I don't want to say it's trial and error learning, but in a way it kind of is because you try thing that you find out



Devon Rehm, Bobby Pizzey and Troy Hughes test the "orbit ball shooter."

don't work and you learn how to do what you did better and make it so it will work every time," he said.

"Then when it comes to the real world and you want to become an engineer, you have those prior experiences knowing 'if I do this, this is going to happen and that's not good, that's not what I want.'"

Not only does the robotics program offer students hands-on experience, it also gives them a chance to talk with mentors who have jobs in computers and engineering.

"We have very high expectation in our kids. I think with their performance on the robot field and the performance of our kids on our awards presentation stuff. I think we're going to do pretty well this year," said Dennis Hughes, mentor. "I can't stress enough how blessed we are to have the group of kids that we have. They're really top of their game right now, I think, in all aspects."

Teacher and mentor Kyle Hughes said some students are also participating in other FIRST competitions, including website and 3D studio Max animation, and a student designs the team's newsletters each week.

Hughes said it's "very cool" to hear the kids excited to talk about math, science and technology.

"I want to see enough people from Clarkston coming to a competition to see the Clarkston High Robotics team, like they pack the stands for a basketball game," she said. "I'd love at Kettering or down in Ypsilanti if we make it to state, a bus load of kids coming down to cheer on these kids because they certainly have worked hard enough. They have



Jan Helgeson and Josh Fox work on the computer programming. Photos by Trevor Keiser

put in over 5,000 hours into this project."

The first competition will be at Kettering University in Flint on March 6-7. For more information, visit www.teamrush27.net or e-mail Kyle Hughes at hugheskh1@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

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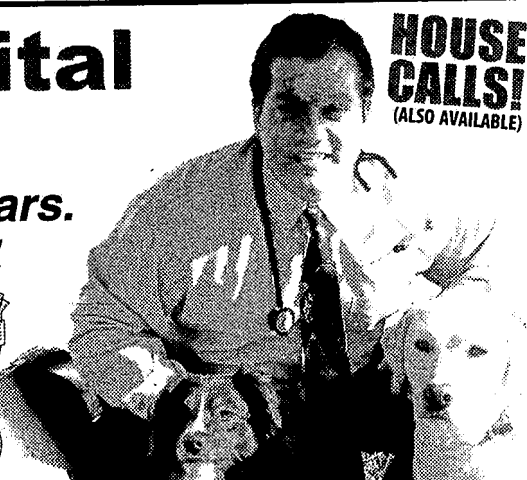


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Out loud

A column by Laura Colvin

Forty? No way!

I was shooting photos at a Clarkston High School basketball game recently when a cute high school couple did what kids often do when they see my camera.

With a please-take-our-photo look lighting up both their faces, they posed.

So I did what I always do: I took their picture.

"What's it for," the girl asked. "Are you on Yearbook?" Ha!

If there's a reasonable explanation, I don't want to hear it. If she thought, even for a second, that I looked like I could be on the high school yearbook staff, that's OK with me.

More than OK; four days after this paper hits the newsstand, I'll turn 30 years old.

Sigh.

OK, fine. Fine! Yes, I DO see my nose growing like Pinocchio's.

I'll be 40. And I'm not one bit happy about it. Not one bit.

Yeah, I know. Age is just a number. You're only as old as you feel. Right?

But it's not the number that bothers me so much. It's what the number represents. It's the passage of time. It's the years of my life, ticking off one by one by one, until another decade is upon me.

When I go into the local schools to shoot photos for *The Clarkston News*, I'm often struck by déjà vu.

Valentine's Day parties, school fairs, sporting events. I think, "I've already done this." My time with my little girl has come and gone.

I went to all the classroom parties and all the field trips. I was a nutty, cheering, jumping-up-and-down soccer mom. I took photos of my smiling, baby-faced daughter in a grown up homecoming dress on her friend's front lawn. It was just yesterday.

Where did those years go? My daughter Christy is 21. My grandson Ryan—yes, my GRANDSON—is 18 months old.

And I'm 40. It all happens too fast.

But as much as I dislike the idea of "40," my life is more "right" now than it's ever been. I know who I am, what I want, and what I don't want. It's a settled, self-secure feeling not easy to come by when you're 25. I love the work I do every day, and I appreciate the simple things in life—like discovering a way to make Ryan laugh really, really hard during a trip to Target for shampoo.

It's the sweetest sound I know, and it's coming from the sweetest little boy I know. That laugh makes me happy, and it gives me pause.

Yeah. Life is good. Maybe 40 isn't so bad after all.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

No more delays on election vote

Four years after Michigan's election consolidation law took effect, Clarkston Board of Education tabled a proposal to take advantage of it because of lack of information.

We don't buy it.

Passed in 2004 and implemented the next year, the law allows school districts to "piggyback" their elections on regular November votes, saving most or all expenses. Most districts in Oakland

County made the switch. Five of them chose even-year November elections, which saves the most. Sixteen others switched to November odd-year or annual elections. Seven districts, including Clarkston, maintain annual May elections.

The board's sticking point, Feb. 9, was four- versus six-year terms in office. Four-year terms would mean half the board up for a vote at a time, four seats one cycle, three the next. Six-year terms would mean a third of the board, two or three seats, at a

time.

We see no problem with half the board up at a time — if voters pick four newcomers at once, something seriously is wrong and change would probably be a good thing. Six years on the school board also seems excessive.

We encourage Trustees Susan Boatman and Joe Armstrong to stick with this and call for a new vote.

This year's school board election will be here before we know it, with board President Stephen Hyer and two challengers up for two seats. This issue needs to be decided before then, so voters can consider Mr. Hyer's actual vote on the issue.

This is not a new issue, being in *The Clarkston News* and other media for the past four years. Save the more than \$30,000 a year and increase voter turnout by switching to even-year November elections.

—PMC

Editorial

Election consolidation makes sense

Dear editor,

The Clarkston School District must have plenty of surplus funds since a majority of the School Board members recently voted to "table" a motion to combine the special school elections in May with the already paid-for general elections in November.

According to the Oakland County Clerk's Office, the Clarkston School District could have saved approximately \$44,000 this year by making this move.

Clarkston School District is one of only seven of the 28 school

districts in Oakland County which have not made the switch to November elections in order to save taxpayer funds. Are there producing oil wells on school district property which eliminates the need to save \$44,000 per election?

Five board members felt further study was needed. Why? It has been four years since Michigan adopted a law permitting election consolidation.

With 21 Oakland County school districts already having made the switch to November elections, how much more investigation is

needed? Unless the real goal of the five Board members is not to table and study but to postpone the switch indefinitely.

Some of the tabling board members say that if combined with general elections, education issues will get lost on the ballot. Please give us voters a little more credit. Using this distorted thinking, is a majority of the School Board advocating a special election for judges and another for township

officials and still another for state offices? Why not? We could call it the Election

Workers Full Employment Stimulus Plan.

I hope the taxpayers in the Clarkston School District will express their opinions, pro or con on this switch, to our elected School Board members.

It is not just the amount, up to \$44,000 per election, that could be saved that is the issue. It is the fact that we are not taking the easy steps to save money when we know that much more serious cuts will be required as far less funds become available from Lansing.

Henry S. Woloson
Independence Township

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

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Officer honored by MADD" Mothers Against Drunk Driving honored Clarkston's Corporal Scott L. Dickey for his efforts against drunk driving. The officer made 18 alcohol related stops that year. He was recognized at MADD's Sixth Annual Lifesaver's Awards Banquet with 40 other Oakland County police officers who also received the Lifesaver's Award.

"Artists brightening walls, homes"

David Yarnell attended the Apostolic Christian School in Pontiac where his art adorned the walls and bulletin boards. Now, he professionally paints murals in homes. He took art classes in junior high and commercial art classes at the Northwest Vocational Center in Springfield Township after high school graduation.

25 years ago - 1984

"Heritage tracing made easier" A \$1,000 donation from the Clarkston Community Women's Club helped the Independence Township Library purchase a brand new microform reader/printer, which can be used to read census records. The new piece of equipment aids in information searches and, with a push of a button makes copies for 15 cents.

"Ray Eby lives for his newspaper" Eby, vice president in charge of operations at *The Detroit News*, started working with newspapers at a young age in Chicago. Rung by rung, he climbed the corporate ladder, and was named one of the two vice presidents the first of the year.

"Rifle-twirler captures trophy" A 17-year-old Clarkston High School senior came home with a first-place plaque for a solo performance in Chicago, for rifle twirling. Wendy Ripley was a rifle twirler for the high school marching band and a CHS club named Phoenix.

50 years ago - 1959

"Clarkston to participate in music festival" Clarkston High School will be among 27 southeastern Michigan high schools participating in a music festival Sat., Feb. 14 at Wayne State University. Nearly 400 young singers and pianists will perform both solo and in ensembles.

"Interesting movies at First Methodist" A movie at First Methodist Church was sponsored by the Margaret Richards Circle of the Women's Society of Christian Service. "The Private War of Major Benson" starred Sal Mineo, Charles Heston, Julie Adams and Tim Hovey.

"Primary vote is light" The Republican and Circuit Judge primary election only attracted about 730 voters.

Here, Shayna! No, come and find me, Master!

Sunday, February 9 was a gorgeous day, cloudless and sun-filled. The hint of spring after a series of bitterly cold, snow driven days.

Visiting daughter Susan about noon, I learned her dog, Amber, had taken advantage of the weather and wandered away. Susan found her walking a sidewalk a quarter mile away.

It was late afternoon when I decided to check on Shayna. She's been restricted by a charged collar that kept her within 90-feet from the house.

So long that for most of the winter I've removed the restriction and watched her charge after a deer, duck or cat, then slide to a halt 90 feet away.

I really didn't drive very far in my search, as I reasoned she would find her way home. After all, why would my dog, who gets table scraps (which she loves), a treat every time she comes through the door, leftovers like spaghetti (which she loves), ice cream every other evening, front seat setting every time the car leaves the yard and ear scratch-

ing with regularity?

Concern increased as time passed. Then I noticed my answering machine blinking. "My name is John and I have your dog."

Shayna has a tag on her collar put there by the rescue kennel where we met. A phone call to the kennel brought us together.

She was sitting in John's front yard with him scratching her ears, her smile wider than a canyon and her eyes brilliantly happy.

This was the sixth time Shayna has wandered. Only once did she come to my call.

By review, Shayna and I went to a training session early in our relationship. It was very beneficial, for her. She learned to turn her head away when my call was urgent.

She learned to always lay in the middle of a hall, in doorways and behind the car. She learned facial expressions showing sadness, boredom and want.

She was taught that shedding is appreciated most when a wearer has black clothes. That odor making is best when the recipient shows the most exasperation. That having blue eyes draws raves from girls.

That lying on the floor next to the master lying on the sofa and resting your chin next to his nose brings an, "Ah, Shayna, you're something else."

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Shayna, what do you want? Ice cream? Okay!

Back in my clutches, I checked her collar. The batteries were dead. They are dead no more. So help me, Shayna, you're going to learn to stay in the yard. You're going to learn to mind me. To come when I call. To obey me. You got that, Shayna?

Stop that yawning and pay attention!

Shayna, do you hear me?

Aw, nuts! Okay,

Shayna, what do you want? Ice cream? Okay!

The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy is asking the Michigan legislature to devise and fund a bounty system designed to ex-

terminate our growing population of wild hogs.

It isn't just a Michigan problem. Wild hogs have been seen in major packs the past several weeks in Washington, D.C.

You can see them on television just about any time of day lined up at the stimulus trough, their snouts buried in greenbacks, their ears covered and greed showing.

They'd be easy picking for bounty hunters and the bounty would stimulate the country's recovery.

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Since I'm on a roll, might as well keep attacking. President Obama vowed before his nation of followers to eliminate the practice of hiring lobbyist to work in his administration.

The most recent exception came this week in naming a lobbyist to be second in command at the Pentagon.

Germany has more carbon reduction fixtures than anyone, yet they have no less carbon dioxide in the air than others less fixed.

Bowman helps out veteran

Dear editor,

Our family has lived in Clarkston since the summer of 1987. We raised our children here, we voted here, our great friends are here.

About six years ago, our son Ian enlisted in the service right out of Clarkston High School. He lived through the horrors of 9/11 and it marked him, probably a little more than the rest of us and he felt compelled to serve his country.

In December, his service completed, he decided to move on with his life and now is preparing to go back to college later on this year. Over the holidays, Ian was driving his truck in the deep snow around Clarkston and our neighborhood and despite a nifty yellow S-10 four-wheel-drive Chevy pickup, he found himself in a ditch as a result of ice and snow and avoiding a stalled car in the road.

Friends and neighbors tried to help, but he was stuck. And as a product of trying too hard with his valued Chevy, he damaged the four-wheel-drive transmission. Iraq sand in a Humvee is a long way from winter in Michigan.

So to for Ian are memories of little league soccer in Clarkston where the local dealerships paid to sponsor little ones that kicked and missed at balls and populated Clintonwood Park like a Norman Rockwell painting etched in the memory. Iraq is a long way from people and businesses that are the fabric of what we call Clarkston. It is a way of life that one can take for granted but is worth serving and dying for.

Well, Ian had the Chevy truck towed to

Bowman's at the corner of Main and Dixie Highway knowing this could be an expensive fix.

He could smell hot transmission fluid and his truck could only run in reverse. At the dealership, they gave him a range of costs and it took his breath away. It was not that the estimates were not fair. But soldiers do not get paid much for risking their lives.

And they don't have much saved when they get out and start over. But the Bowman folks saw the paratrooper logo on the back of the yellow Chevy truck and asked him about his life. And before long, they knew a little bit about him and his service to the United States of America, to Michigan, and to them.

But the important part of this story is that they called him today and told him that because of his service to our country, they were not charging him for much of the cost of the repair.

You know, I don't take much credit for the man that Ian has become - credit his mother, credit the Army, and this place that we call Clarkston, Mich.

But I can tell you, one young Army veteran is thankful for a place called home and a Chevy dealership called Bowman that continues to serve this community and goes out of its way to be a vital part of the fabric of things, even in tough times. And so it's easy to see why I love soldiers, Clarkston, and Bowman Chevrolet.

Bruce W. Edwards
Independence Township

Former resident hit hard by Australian wildfires

Dear editor,

We're about 10 kilometers from the centre of Melbourne and an hour away from all fires.

It has been absolutely heartbreaking for all Victorians, especially those of us in Melbourne. It's a small city, three million, and everybody knows somebody who is directly affected.

The death toll has been sitting at 181, but will reach 300 in the next few days. There are collapsed community buildings, and the metal roofs have been too hot to lift off. The Country Fire Authority, police forensic investigative unit, and army reservists are going step by step up streets, clearing the dead from the streets and cars, sifting through homes on that stretch of street, and then moving on.

It's an absolute horror. Terrible and indescribable and heart-wrenching. They estimate one million domestic and native animals have died. Horses are found with burned feet and mouths and no eyelashes; dogs are found standing on the side of the road, shaking; koalas and wombats, who don't move quickly at the best of times are being euthanised by the dozens.

The RSPCA put out a call for vets and veterinary assistants, who are doing surgery and euthanising animals in makeshift 'field hospitals'. They are desperate for domestic and native animal supplies

and food. There is nothing for horses, cattle, goats, llamas and sheep to eat; no grass, no hay. Hans and I went out yesterday and bought huge bags of cat and dog food, and wildbird seed.

My daughters and I have piled up towels, sheets and blankets. Our friend Renny, who has the biggest SUV, is driving around picking it all up and taking it to the RSPCA for distribution.

They are talking about tertiary effects of the bushfires, people sitting at home crying in front of the television, who are trying to cope with the enormity of the situation; about the 000 operators who took countless emergency calls, and heard people dying; about the CFA and army reservists who are sifting through rubble, looking for bodies, and finding families of four, five and six huddled together. People in wheelchairs who couldn't get out; young children and babies whose mothers tried to protect them with their bodies.

So much twisted metal, and shells of cars, and melted everything. Thank you for thinking of me. We are shaken, but safe.

Nikkii Baker
Melbourne, former Independence
Township resident,

Ed. note: Donations can be made to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal, www.dhs.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal, or www.ourcommunity.com.au.



Gretchen O'Neill, Mark Ettinger, Dr. Tim O'Neill and Carolyn Hemphill enjoy a friendly conversation.



Kathleen and Dan Kelly, with event hosts Terri and Dr. Shivajee Nallamothu.



Rochelle Spindler and Jennifer Detkowiak share a toast.



Sue Welker, 52-2 District Court Judge Kelley Kostin, and Audrey Tanner share a smile.

Celebrating Lighthouse

Despite difficult economic times, Clarkston-area residents raised more money than anticipated at a fundraiser for Lighthouse last week.

"We had funds over \$33,000, which is amazing," said Kris Nord of Lighthouse.

Dr. Shivajee and Terri Nallamothu of Independence Township opened their home for the annual Open Your Heart fundraiser.

Next year's event will be held at the home of Audrey and James Tanner.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



Tom Lowrie, Kim Bauer Norm Pardo, Paul Van Klavereen and Jill Pardo enjoy a good laugh.

Deputy OK after scare at fair

On Oakland County reserve deputy was hospitalized after he took ill while attending the Springfield Plains Elementary annual Fun Fair Feb. 7. According to police reports, Springfield Township paramedics were called to the scene when another deputy noticed his comrade 'leaning against the wall with a blank look on his face,' and inquired whether he was OK. After getting no response, several deputies assisted the man to a back hallway, helped him lie down on the floor and loosened his clothing to assist with breathing. When paramedics arrived, the deputy was transported to Genesys Hospital, and, according to police in Independence Township, is currently doing "fine." Reserve deputies participate at the fair every year.

You found what?

An Independence Township man who purchased a 2003 Cadillac Escalade from a Flint-area dealership called police Feb. 7 after discovering a semi-automatic pistol magazine along with a 1-inch by 2-inch piece of "hard white material in plastic wrap" behind the vehicle's radio. The man, who said he was working on the radio because it wasn't functioning properly, told police he'd determined the white substance was probably crack cocaine from his experience watching "CSI" on television. The man also said the salesman informed him the dealership purchased the vehicle from a credit union after the previous

Public Safety

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

owner defaulted on the loan. The white substance tested positive for cocaine, and it, along with the magazine containing eight rounds of Winchester .45-caliber ammunition, were taken to the property room to be destroyed.

Window shopping

One of the men cited for soliciting without a permit in the 5700 block of Mary Sue around 6 p.m., Feb. 7, was in possession of marijuana, while the other two had outstanding warrants, deputies said. The men told police they were soliciting in the neighborhood on behalf of Magic Window.

Slip-sliding away (to jail)

Deputies responding to reports of a one-car accident around 6 a.m., Feb. 8, arrested a 21-year-old White Lake woman on charges of operating while intoxicated and failure to use due care and caution. The woman told police she was driving on Clarkston Road near Sashabaw Road when another car backed out of a driveway into her lane, causing her to swerve to avoid an accident. A witness said he didn't see another vehicle. The woman's car slid sideways off Clarkston Road, through

a snow bank and into the yard of a residence, where it slid about 50 feet across the lawn before coming to a stop. The driver, who complained of pain in her chest and head, registered a PBT of .082. She was medically cleared and transported to Oakland County Jail.

Vodka villain

A white male grabbed three fifth-sized bottles of vodka from the shelf of a drugstore near M-15 and Dixie Highway, Feb. 11, proceeded to another aisle to stuff the booze inside his coat and walked out of the store, employees told police. According to reports, the man got into the driver's side of a maroon-colored car and left the scene—but not before someone jotted down his license plate number. When deputies arrived at the home of the car's registered owner, however, they discovered the owner did not match the description of the man in store surveillance videos.

Night flight

An 18-year-old Waterford man was cited for reckless driving, Feb. 11, after a deputy observed a blue pick up traveling at a high rate of speed near Mann and Clintonville roads

around 3 a.m. When the deputy cruised up behind the vehicle, the driver turned on his right blinker, turned left, switched off his headlights and continued at a high rate of speed. When the deputy activated his emergency lights, however, the driver slammed on his brakes and came to a stop near Newberry Road west of Sunburst Avenue. The young man then apologized for "trying to lose the deputy" and admitted his license was suspended. The truck was impounded and the driver cited for reckless driving, driving while suspended and no proof of insurance.

He's OK

Police in Clarkston responded to the corner of Main Street and Clarkston Road after a 15-year-old Independence Township youth was hit by a car while riding his bike. Paramedics from the township fire department treated the boy, who was released at the scene. The car's driver, a 45-year-old Groveland Township woman, was cited for failure to yield. No alcohol or drugs were involved, police said.

Check it out

Clarkston police arrested a 39-year-old woman at her Pontiac home on charges of passing checks from a closed account, a two-year felony. According to police, the woman wrote a check for services to an attorney in downtown Clarkston—who was defending her on a probation violation for passing bad checks.

-Compiled by Laura Colvin

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All citizens are advised that the North Oakland Transportation Authority, as the lead agency, and the other Transportation Plan Committee Members have revised a Coordinated Public Transit Human Service Plan for the non-urban area of Oakland County as required by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Grantees under any of the three sections covered by this act (Job Access Reverse Commute Federal Section 5316, New Freedom Initiative Federal Section 5317, and Elderly and Person with Disabilities Programs Federal Section 5310) are required to be a part of a locally developed transportation plan and meet all requirements in order to receive federal funding for fiscal year 2010 and beyond. The Oakland County Non Urban Coordinated Public Transit Human Service Plan has identified needs of transportation serving the disabled, seniors, transit dependent and low income residents and has applied strategies to meet those needs.

All citizens are advised that North Oakland Transportation Authority has applied for 2010 Job Access Reverse Commute Federal Section 5316 and matching state dollars for operating and capital assistance for job access transportation services. The total Capital Budget requested is \$65,400 for one expansion van with wheelchair lift, computers and phone system. The total operating budget requested is \$303,106 for maintaining existing weekday, weekend and nightly service for the disabled, seniors, low income and transit dependent residents.

The proposed transportation plan and Job Access Reverse Commute applications are on file at North Oakland Transportation Authority, 720 James W. Hunt Drive, Oxford, MI and may be reviewed during a 30-day period beginning February 18, 2009-March 20, 2009, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Written comments regarding the application and/or plan must be received by March 20, 2009. The plan and application is due to MDOT by March 1, 2009, but MDOT will be notified of any changes made after the due date. Submittals should be mailed to North Oakland Transportation Authority, 720 James W. Hunt, Oxford, MI 48374.

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Clarkston ski teams conquer the mountain

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Racers took first place after two days of Divisional meets.

They scored 38 points during Feb. 4 and 5.

Maddy Dunn raced into first in the Giant Slalom. Analia Honkanen followed in second and Kelly Peters in third. Elizabeth Wolf finished off the top ten in seventh.

During the Slalom, Honkanen led in first place, Peters followed in second and Wolf took ninth.

"The teams did a great job," said Coach Ryan Parrott.

The boys took ninth place and scored 257 points.

The top placers for both meets were Grant Huber and Brent Venitallie.

Last week's warm weather pushed the Regional meet to Tuesday and the SEMSL Championship at Alpine Valley to Thursday.

The girls varsity team took second place at the Traverse City Invite on Jan. 26.

"The girls did a great job and fought back after being fourth in the morning to claim runners up," said Parrott.

In the morning Analia Honkanen led the team and tied for second place in the Slalom. Maddy Dunn and Elizabeth Wolf finished the



The girls celebrate a second-place win at the Traverse City Invite.

Photo provided

top three racers for Clarkston.

In the Giant Slalom, Dunn led and took second place. Honkanen placed in seventh and Kelly Peter finished right behind her.

The boys placed in tenth for the invitational.

"The boys also came back after a rough time with Slalom in the morning," said Parrott.

"In general it was a great learning experience for a young team that has an amazing amount of potential."

For the Slalom, Evan Trout, Ian Marchbank, and Grant Huber were the top racers for the team.

Huber led the team during the Giant Slalom, with Brent Ventallie and Nick Kellogg following.

Both teams finished their regular season on Monday against Lake Orion.

The girls won their race, 11-28, and the boys lost, 12-26.

The girls defeated Waterford United (20- No Score) and Lahser (20-59).

The boys lost to both teams.

The JV teams had a strong finish at the Don Thomas Cup on Jan. 30.

The girls team finished in third place for their overall performance.

Two racers were awarded for placing in the top ten. Natalie Stevenson won the event, finishing with a time :53.57. Amy Wozniak placed in tenth, finishing :56.52.

The boys team took fifth place. The top racer was Nathan Rogers, who took seventh.

"It was a strong finish for a team that only had four racers and needed everybody to finish in order to score as a team," said Parrott.

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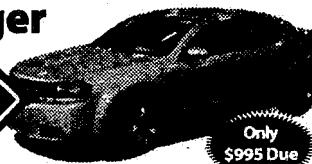
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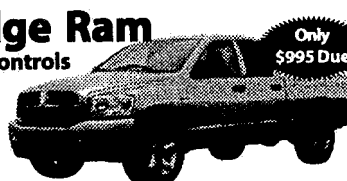
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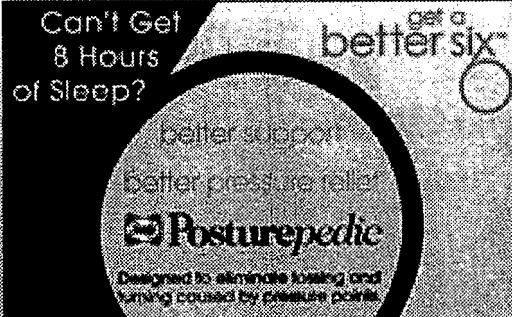
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Benefit for Brandon Feb. 20 at Deer Lake

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Michelle Phaup and Lend a Helping Hand hosts a "Benefit for Brandon Schlick," Friday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

On Sept. 28, 2008, Schlick got into a car accident just outside of Orlando, Fla., where he was living.

His best friend was driving and Brandon was thrown from the car and slid under a fence," said Phaup. "He did have some brain trauma, but initially the doctors said that he looked normal and expected him to wake up pretty soon and everything would be fine. Of course as time went on and he didn't wake up they realized that it was much more serious than they thought."

After being flown back to Michigan to be closer to his family, Schlick started receiving hyperbaric oxygen treatments, which is a chamber or capsule in which a person sits or lays in and breathes 100 percent oxygen.

"It's an amazing medical device used in hospitals all over It was initially used for people with carbon monoxide poisoning and severe burns," said Phaup. "It's also been very successful in helping people after they've had a stroke because it gives them oxygen to the cells, particularly the brain cells."

She said since receiving the treatments over the past two weeks there has been "noticeable progress" in Schlick, such as looking healthier, his skin coloring is improving, and he is responding more to people.

"He has his eyes open more often. If you ask him to lift his left hand, he'll lift his left hand or his right hand and so on," she said. "He's also starting to adjust his body to get more comfortable."

However, medically, he is still considered to be in a coma.

"From what I've been told, often people come back from a coma slowly. There is an actual scale called the Glasgow Coma Scale where they rate the percentage or chances of a person in this state coming out of coma," said Phaup. "Right now we are seeing the improvement on that scale."

She noted 90 percent of the patients

showing the same signs as Schlick do come out of the coma.

Schlick is currently receiving hyperbaric treatments five days a week, which is costing \$775 without insurance. \$600 of the \$775 is for ambulance transportation from the nursing home he is staying in to the hospital.

"Lend a Helping Hand is trying to do two things: raise money to help with the treatments, but we're also trying to see if we can get discounts from an ambulance provider. Bob Cesario from the Independence

Township Fire Department is helping me work on that," said Phaup. "If he gets to the point where he no longer needs the ambulance to transport him, the price will come down quickly."

Phaup said the reason insurance doesn't cover the hyperbaric treatments is because it's not considered "medical protocol, but more experimental."

"Another option we're looking at is trying to find a medical hospital since they do have these hyperbaric oxygen chambers everywhere. We're trying to find one (a hospital) where he can stay instead of the nursing home," she said. "We haven't yet found a hospital that can house him, but it would be nice to wheel him down the hall instead of transporting him by ambulance."

The use of the banquet hall was donated by Deer Lake Athletic Club. The evening will include snacks and a volunteer concert by Anne and Will Rowland.

Also, local artist Judy Hoddinott, volunteered to donate a 16 by 20 pastel drawing and Jennifer Lund who sells Silpada Jewelry said any proceeds she makes that evening will be donated to help Schlick.

Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, there will also be a cash bar.

"We're trying to keep the cost down really low and hope that we'll get a good turnout from the community and people will have a fun night out," said Phaup.

For more information visit www.lendahelpinghand.org or call Michelle Phaup at 248-394-1415 or 248-431-6727.



Brandon Schlick

Women's Commission back in business

The Oakland County Women's Commission hosts its first public meeting of the year, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 5 p.m., in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

Wanda Lohmeier of Independence Township was appointed to her second

term as chairperson. The 27-member commission focuses on women's issues in Oakland County, including health, economy, leadership, and safety.

For more information, call Lohmeier at 248-620-8888, or Oakland County representatives Marcia Gershenson at 248-808-1032 or Christine A. Long at 248-366-2666.

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Cole Schaffer controls the puck in a past game.

Athlete of the Week

Schaffer has heart to melt ice

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

During the last few weeks, Cole Schaffer has helped the Wolves hockey team with three goals and two assists.

Besides helping his teammates, he lends a hand in the community.

He has worked with his church group in building a house and lending a hand to Light-house Emergency Services and Clarkston's "Tree of Dreams" for Toys for Tots. He has provided his time to Spring Hill to work in the inner city and is currently helping with his church youth group.

"I was active with my church," said Schaffer on how he started his community work. He explained some of the projects were part of National Honor Society for school.

"It keeps me active," he said.

The senior is currently keeping busy finishing his last few weeks of the regular hockey season.

His goal for the season is to get to the semi-finals.

"If not farther," he added.

Schaffer is driven to hockey because he likes that it is a fast-paced sport.

"You have to act quick on your feet," he explained. "It brings you up when you are feeling down and it is fun to watch and funner to play."

Schaffer has played for the varsity team for three years. Before that he played on travel teams with Flint Ice Mountain and Lakeland.

Schaffer scored the lone goal against Rochester. He scored a goal and had an assist against Farmington, and scored a goal against West Bloomfield.

He has been attending OSM Tech for three years and is in AP classes in Calculus BC and Biology.

He balances his studies and playing hockey while maintaining a GPA of 3.85.

He is currently focused on colleges and looking at four, University of Michigan, Michigan State, Boston College, and the University of Pennsylvania.

He would like to continue playing hockey in college and has on his mind Michigan's varsity team. If not, he will play on a club team.

"I will continue playing as long as I can," he said.

'A good win'

Cagers on fire with streak-building wins

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Tom Staton grabbed the ball from Southfield-Lathrup's control and ran towards the other side of the court.

The Charger's defense quickly moved forward to stop Staton from making it past the center of the floor. Staton spun around defenders, keeping the ball in motion, and passed to teammate Brandon Verlinden.

Verlinden scored a basket, furthering Clarkston's lead by two more points and the Wolves' fans filled the air with applause and cheers.

It was only the first quarter, and Verlinden's basket put the boys, 14-5.

The boys continued to lead until the end, for a 57-36 finish, putting them at a 14-0 record.

"That was a very good win tonight and I think a lot of that was our home court advantage because that was a good team," said Wolves Head Coach Dan Fife.

The score may have showed a 21-point lead for the boys, but it didn't reflect the fight the boys put in to get past Lathrup and the work they put into blocking Lathrup from scoring baskets, Fife said.

"We had a tough time that was a very good team to beat tonight," he said.

"I think it was our defensive effort. Our boys played an outstanding defense. I am proud of the way we played. I really believe it was a home court advantage. If we would have played on their court with that team and that kind of talent, it could've been different. That was a hard fought win."

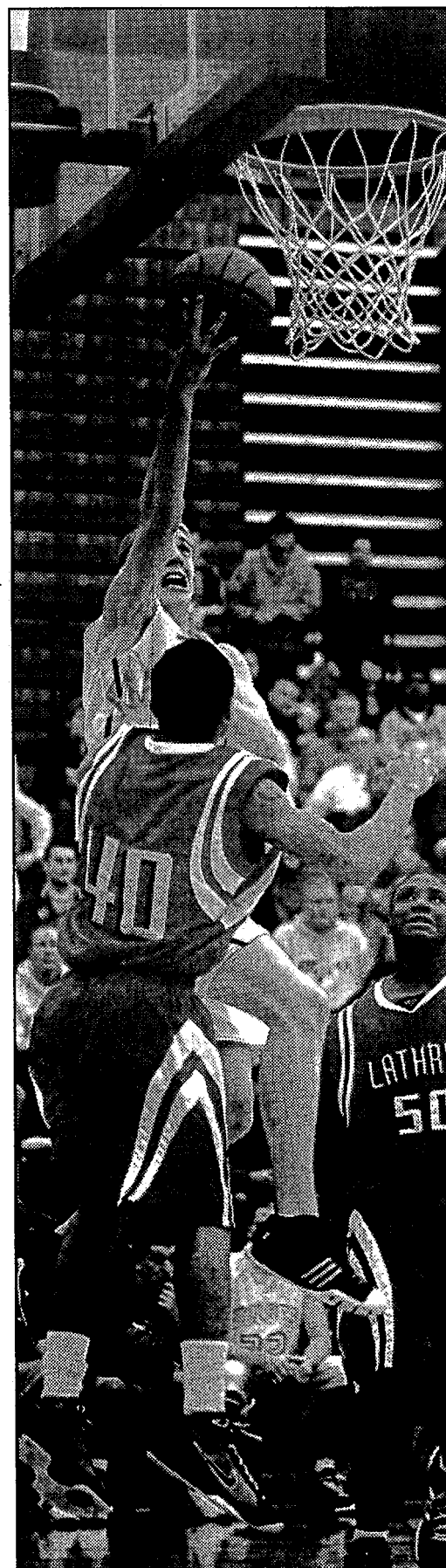
The boys beat Troy earlier in the week, 66-41.

"We were on fire early," said Fife about the game against Troy. "We took the wind out their sails early in the game so they really couldn't recover."

The boys led in the first quarter, 22-9, and kept them down to five points in the next quarter.

The leading scorers for the week were Matt Kamieniecki and Brandon Pokley against Troy. Kamieniecki scored 20 and Pokley added 17 points to the board. Both scored two 3-point shots in the game. Luke Prudhomme

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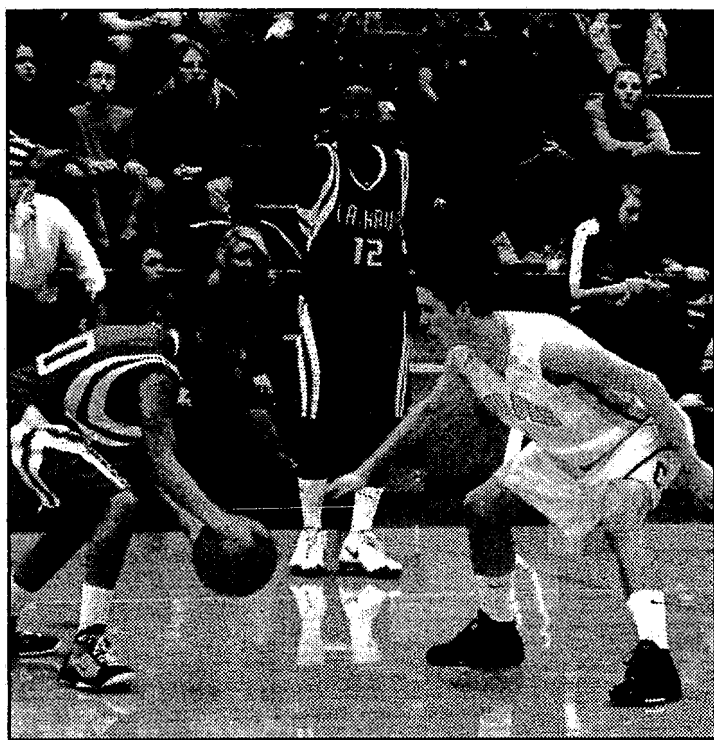


Brandon Pokley slips through defense to score. Photo by Laura Colvin


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Brandon Verlinden guards the Wolves' basket against Southfield-Lathrup's offense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Fife on cusp on 500th win

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and Staton added one 3-point shot.

Pokley led in the game against Lathrup with 23 points and Staton had 13 points.

During the last four games, Fife has seen a lot of effort from the entire team on their journey to the finals, including Cagers that don't get to see a lot of playing time.

"They have been discouraged because of the lack of playing time," said Fife. "We have been having great practices, a lot more intense. It has really helped our team to keep their focus because they tend to get lax and overconfident and full of themselves. The second group had a great first 10 minutes of practice and has really helped us."

It will move the boys forward when they play Southfield this Friday. They beat the Bluejays earlier in the season on Jan. 21, 68-50.

"They are a talented team," said Fife. "We played them here and beat them pretty easy. When we get through Tuesday we can start

planning."

Depending on how the boys played on Tuesday against Pontiac Central and on Friday, the two wins this week will put Fife at 500 wins in his career as Wolves Varsity Coach.

The freshman team will play Southfield at home in the junior high gym at 4:30 p.m.

JV will play the Bluejays at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

JV won their games last week, including a close game against Lathrup.

The boys ended the third quarter in the lead by one point.

During the next eight minutes the both sides matched point to point with each other.

As the buzzer sounded they still had a one point lead, but a foul against Nick Pike sent Shawn Reid to the line for two shots. Reid missed the the basket and the Wolves won, 40-39.

Pike kept the boys in the lead with four points and Mitch Baenziger and Joey Goss added two points each in the last quarter.

Hastings hurries to help in Lady Wolves victory

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Megan Hastings stole the ball from Southfield's control with ten seconds to go in overtime.

The freshman followed it up with a layup and ended the score, 55-51.

"We played well the whole game and played hard," said Co-Captain Connor Daugherty.

"I thought it was really cool how the whole team was into it. No one on the bench was sitting down. We had to hold each other off the floor. It was team bonding and playing well together on the court.

The girls had seen Southfield earlier in the season and they were ready to take another win from them.

"Southfield played a man-to-man defense and made it tough to do what we wanted to do on the offensive end," said Lady Wolves Head Coach Tim Wasilk. "We battled and found a way to crawl back in the fourth quarter and in overtime found a way to win. I thought it was nice to see our girls come together in the game and in overtime."

The girls played Rochester earlier in the week and won, 38-35.

They went into the second half of the game three points behind the Falcons. They scored 15 points during the third quarter adding a boost to lead the game.

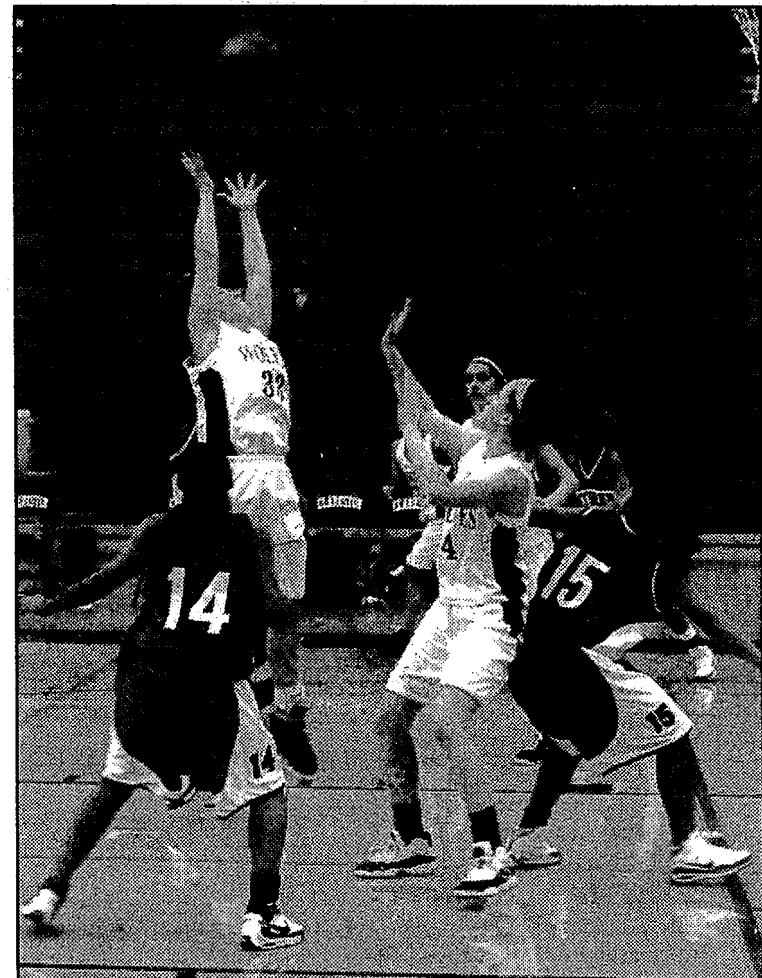
"We got some quick shots out and the girls did a good job adjusting to the different defenses Rochester threw at us," said Wasilk.

"The big thing was we played four quarters of good basketball."

Mikaela Parrish led the team against the Falcons with 13 points, and Kaleigh Kenny added 11 points.

Jena Manilla, Kayla Brimacombe, and Hastings added one 3-pointer each to the score.

Parrish also was one of the leading scorers from Southfield's game with ten points. Erica Harris led the game with 13.



Connor Daugherty reaches for control of the ball during the girls home game on Feb. 5 against Southfield-Lathrup. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Hastings scored nine points during overtime, including four from the free-throw line.

The team is going to use the wins as they go into the final games of the regular season. This week they host Troy and North Farmington.

"We are pretty optimistic," said Wasilk.

They played North Farmington a few weeks ago and are going to use the loss they had to their advantage.

"They have a nice press. We did well in the last game, just didn't shoot that well," said Wasilk.

They played Troy on Tuesday and play North Farmington on Thursday.

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

"We are going to protect our home court," said Daugherty. "We are going in with the same attitude we do every game - let's get it done, let's play the whole game."

They will play at West Bloomfield next Tuesday and will finish the regular season with their last home game against Pontiac Northern on Feb. 27.

The girls' record is 6-8.

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Journey to states begins this week

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The wrestling mats wait rolled and hanging from the ceiling at Clarkston High School gym.

Wednesday night, they come down for the Team District meet, deciding which team will go on to the regional meet next week in Fair Haven.

The night begins with Grand Blanc and Holly dueling it out, while the Wolves prepare to take on the winner.

"Both are well-coached and have a good group of wrestlers," said Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain.

"If we go in there and perform like we are suppose to with no upsets and no blowups, we will be okay."

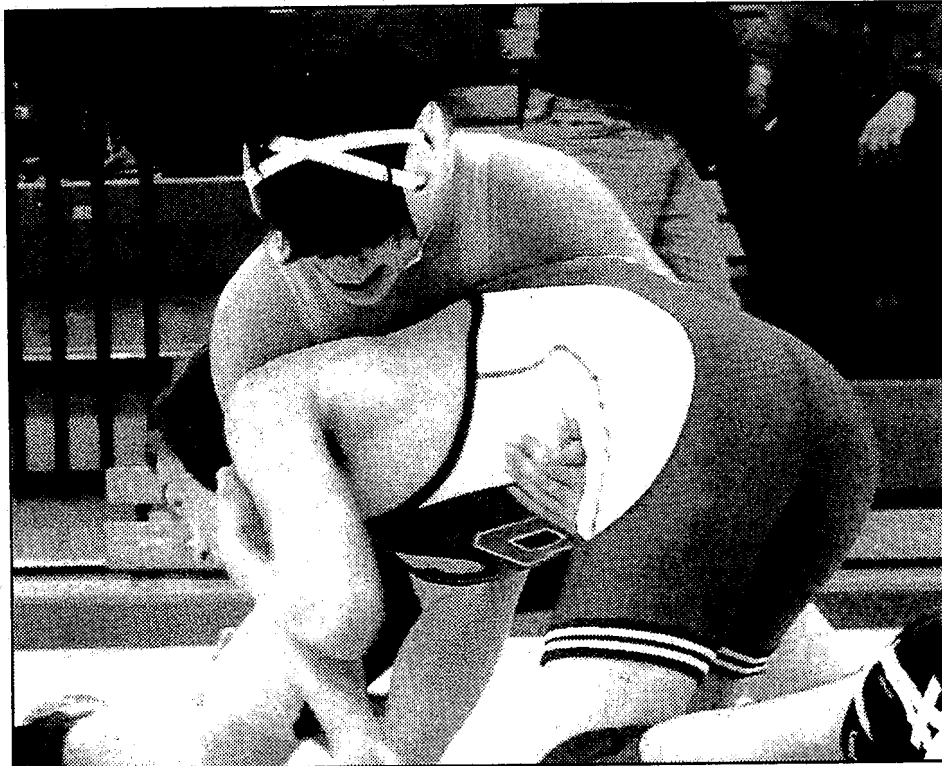
The boys will head to Rochester on Saturday for the Individual Districts.

"I am really excited," said DeGain. "This is why kids sign up to wrestle. In 5-10 years no one is going to ask them how they did in the Howell Invitational, but how they did in finals."

Districts will be the one step each wrestler will be fighting to be one of the top for finishers in their weight class to move on to Regionals next week at Saginaw Heritage.

"It's the road to states," said DeGain. "A chance to wrestle at the big show even though it's a month away."

Alex Popp, Dietz, King and Hadsall made an appearance at finals last year.



Jeff Sloney takes on a Rochester foe and will be ready for a rematch this Saturday at Individual Districts. Photo by Wendi Reardon

"Chances to go again are good," said DeGain. "Sometimes there are wrestlers that step up, our guys are ready to step up."

The boys will see 13 schools on Saturday, including Lake Orion, Rochester, and Roch-

ester Adams from the OAA Red, Pontiac Northern and Stoney Creek from the OAA White, and wrestlers from Wednesday's Team District Meet from Grand Blanc and Holly.

The Wolves saw their OAA Red foes last

Saturday at their league meet.

Zak Roberson (103), Matt Deitz (125) and Evan King (152) were champions in their weight classes.

Clarkston, Lake Orion, and Rochester Adams each had 6-1 dual meet records going into the tournament.

Lake Orion won the league scoring 197 points for the day. Adams finished with 180 and the Wolves took third place with 153 points.

"I thought we wrestled like we were supposed to," said DeGain. "We won against wrestlers we were supposed to and lost to who we were supposed to. Now we have to focus on the unexpected."

King defeated Matt Bienick from Adams for first place, 6-4. It was the fourth time King had wrestled him and second time he had won the match.

Dietz defeated A.J. Fligger from Lake Orion in overtime for his champion title, 4-2. While Roberson didn't allow Troy's John Biegan to score any points on him to win, 6-0.

Matt Vandermeer (160) took second place after a loss to Tim Pettit from Rochester.

Mike Richmond (215) took third place, scoring one point in overtime against Rochester's Nick Davis. Ty Foltz (125) and Scott Devos (285) also took finished in third.

Also placing for the day was Chris Burkhart (140) in fourth, Mike Henige (130) in fifth, and Sloan Hadsall (171), Andrew Fairse (189), and Mike Williams (119) in sixth.

Miss Smith goes to Lansing

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kristen Smith was looking for a university where she could fulfill her childhood dream of becoming a doctor and where she could continue running.

She found quite a few schools, but Michigan State University stood out for her and on Feb. 11, Smith signed on to run cross country and track.

"I feel really relieved," said Smith. "It's a big burden off of my shoulders. I feel like I made the right decision."

MSU does not have a pre-medicine program, so Smith will focus her studies on Biology to get her a step closer to her goal of becoming a pediatrician.

"She came back from her weekend visit and kind of had her mind made up at that point that's where she wanted to go," said dad, Doug Smith.

A few factors helping with the decision were the girls, the coaches, and it would be close to home.

"She just had a really good feeling at state," said mom, Linda Smith.

Kristen ran cross country during seventh grade and ran in track in eighth grade.

Coach Jamie LaBrosse took noticed and started to recruit her for cross country when she entered high school.

"He recruited her very heavily," Linda remembered. "Every time he came, she ran away. But he got her, he won. We owe him a lot."

During her last season on the cross country team, Kristen ran into seventh place at the Division I state meet in the fall, with 17:59. She led the girls team during the regional finals and took second place.

She has been named All-State for cross country three times and track twice.

"Michigan State got a great athlete," said Girls Cross Country Coach Mike Franko. "Hopefully she has a lot of luck there."

Kristen is in training for her track season to begin. For the last few years she has placed in the top five. Her track coach, John Yorke sees Kristen placing in the top two, if not first place this summer.

"She's a hard worker," said Yorke. "It's exciting to see her sign. I think she will do well there."

Her hard work was one of the attributes MSU noticed about her.

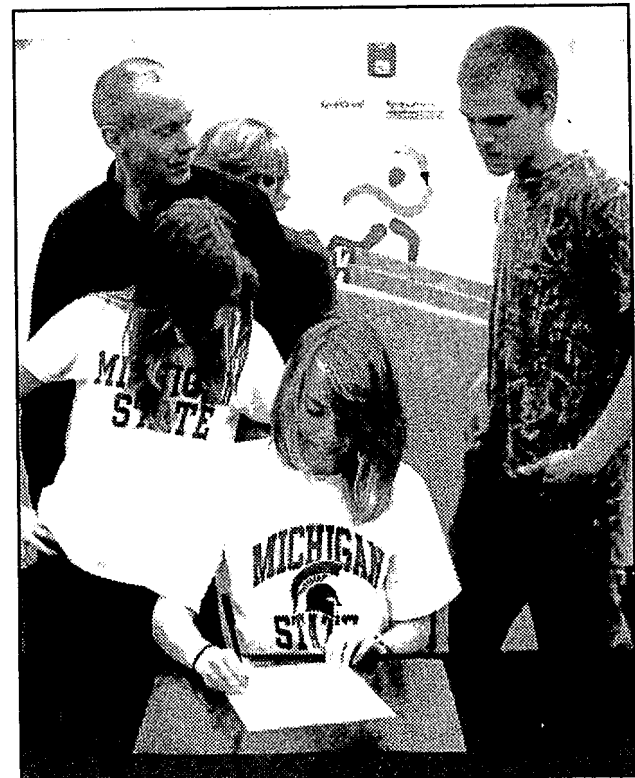
Distance Assistant Coach Kim McGreevy from MSU did most of the recruiting.

"We're excited she is joining us," said Walt Drenth, Director of Track & Field and Cross Country.

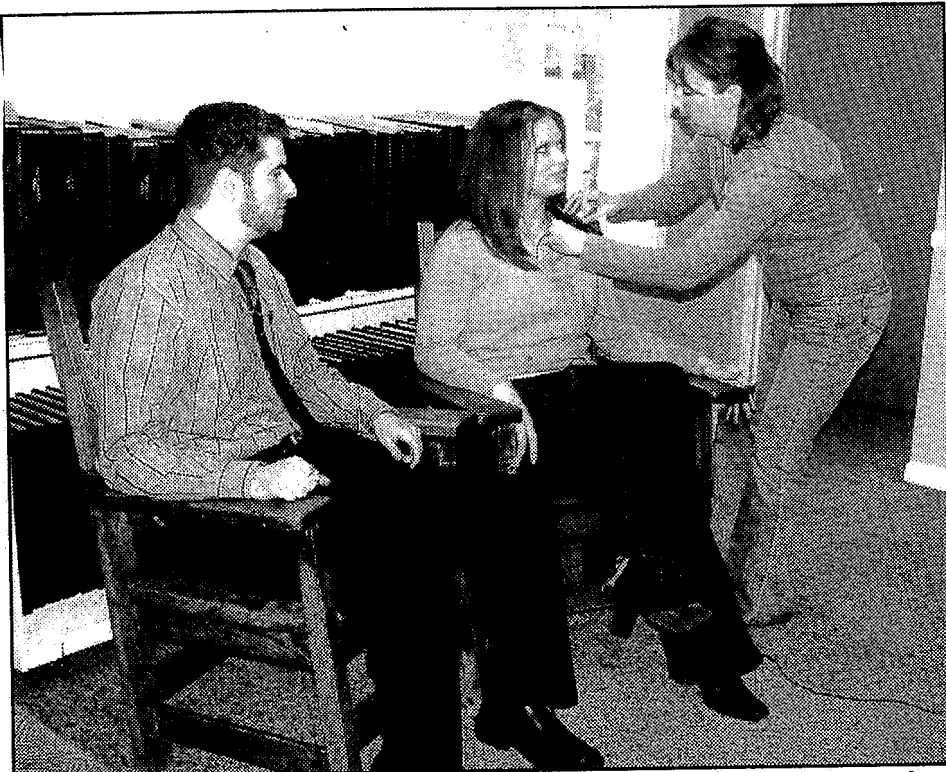
Drenth mentioned what stood out about Kristen were her talent, her competitiveness, and her part in a successful program.

"We thought all of those could help us," said Drenth.

MSU finished third in the Big Ten and 11th at NCAA Championships.



Kristen Smith signs her letter of intent to Michigan State while siblings Natalie and Brenden, and her parents, Doug and Linda, watch. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Stacy Meagher connects Kayla Baker's mic as reporter Trevor Keiser waits.



Reporter Wendi Reardon talks sports with Meagher and Baker.

Cable talkers cover the *News*

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Tables turned, *Clarkston News* reporters faced questions from two local television interviewers.

What happens if they draw a blank? Will they look foolish on camera?

"We'd just reshoot it," said Kayla Baker, one half of Clarkston Public Access Channel's *Paint the Town Red* team. "We edit. That's how we do this."

Baker and Stacy Meagher, both of Independence Township, teamed up last year, debuting their first episode in October.

"We're starting to get recognized out there," Meagher said. "We love it. We encourage everyone to say hi, even if we're not looking that good right then."

The two of them do everything, booking guests, producing, editing, publicity, as well as appearing on screen, all with no formal training.

"We're honing our craft," Meagher said. "We're having fun," Baker said. "It's going great. If it leads to something else, that's just even better."

Before teaming up, both tried to start a show on their own.

"It was a challenge," Meagher said. "You have no one to feed off. It was a struggle. Together, we clicked."

"I always thought it would be nice to do something like this," Baker said. "You never know until you try."

Thinking up a name for their new show, they wanted something fun. "*Paint the Town Red*" was a perfect fit.

"We're both redheads," Meagher said. It was originally going to be a show by

women on issues important to women, she said.

"However, when we got started, we decided to open up different avenues to cover more about what goes on in Clarkston," she said.

Baker, born and raised in Independence Township, graduated from Clarkston High School in 2002. She graduated from Central Michigan University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Meagher, who grew up in Lansing and lives in Independence Township with her husband Jim Wohlscheid and son Tyler Meagher, is a marketing consultant with Image It All, based in DeWitt.

"(*Paint the Town Red*) is how I want to showcase myself to people," she said.

They just finished their seventh, half-hour episode, visiting with Lisa's Confections, Mill Pond Inn, Fountains, Lighthouse North, state Rep. Eileen Kowall, Makeover Place, and Market Academy.

"We've met a lot of neat people," Meagher said.

Paint the Town Red airs on Comcast channel 10 and 20, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. and 10 p.m., and during the week as "filler," Baker said.

The episode featuring the editorial staff of *The Clarkston News* will air in a few weeks.

For future episodes, they're working on human-interest stories and features on local community groups, such as Moms and More.

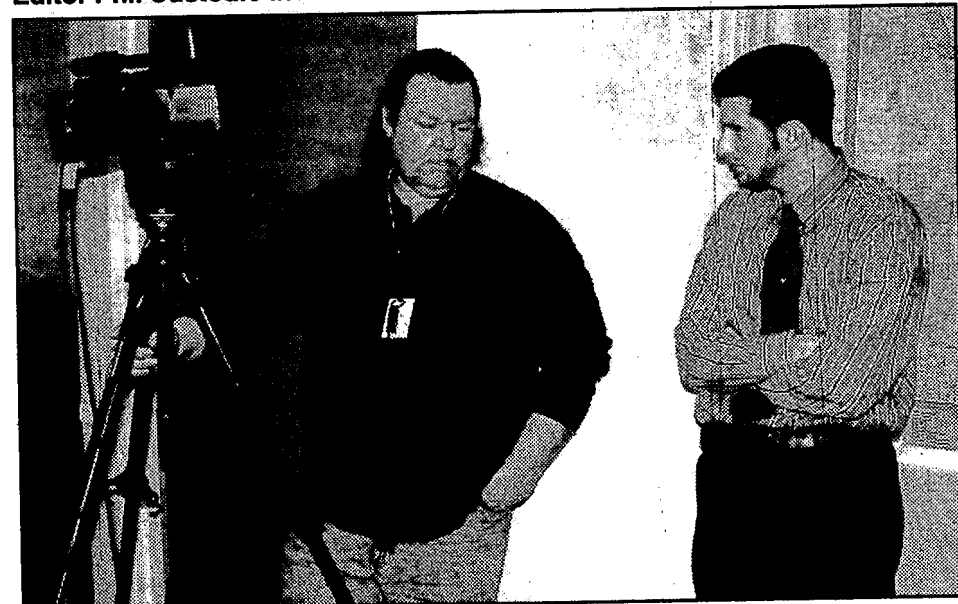
"We try to get a variety of things," Meagher said.

They're also working to post episodes on Youtube, she said.

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Editor Phil Custodio interviews the *Paint the Town Red* hosts.



Cameraman Jay Curtis chats with reporter Trevor Keiser.

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Tumbling into first

Varsity Cheerleaders took first place in their OAA White League Championship last week.

"I was so excited," said Coach Chandra Price. "They had a nearly perfect third round performance."

The girls compete in three rounds and the last round the team performs all of their stunts and gymnastics and can score between 200-300 points.

"I was proud of them and they were proud of themselves," said Price. "It was a great feeling for them that they did a great job. Once they hit that floor, I don't get to do anything. I had tears in my eyes, they were so good."

This is the third time for the season the girls have taken first place. They took first place at the West Bloomfield Invitational on Jan. 31 and during a league meet on Jan. 28.

The girls head to District finals on Saturday at Lake Orion.

"I think we have a good chance," said Price. "The top four go on to regionals, I think we can definitely achieve that."

The competition begins at noon.

Last home icer game this week

Connor Lyons led Icers into victory on Saturday in the Trenton Showcase.

He scored the winning goal during overtime against Sault Sainte Marie.

The boys ended the Saturday game, 3-2. Dan Smith put the Wolves on the board in the second period and Sault Sainte Marie matched by making their own goal.

Matt Campbell broke the tie. Sault Sainte Marie once again tied the score and sent the game into overtime.

Adam Frank assisted on the first two goals and Smith assisted on the third goal.

The boys didn't get as lucky the day before in their game against Traverse City Central.

They lost, 3-2.

Chad Frost and Frank scored for the Wolves.

The boys play Livonia Churchill on Wednesday and will host their last home game on Saturday against North Farmington.

The game begins at 6 p.m. at Detroit Skate Club.

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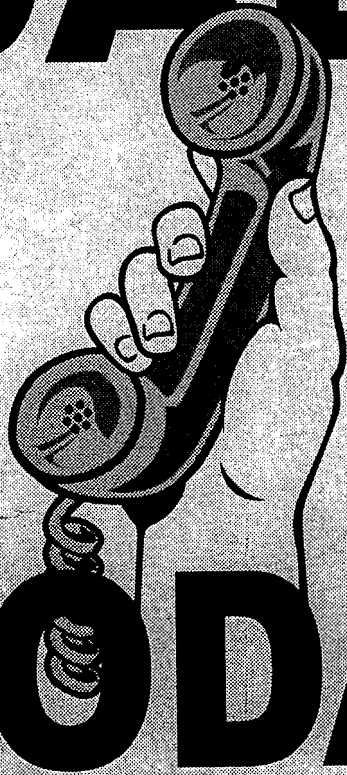
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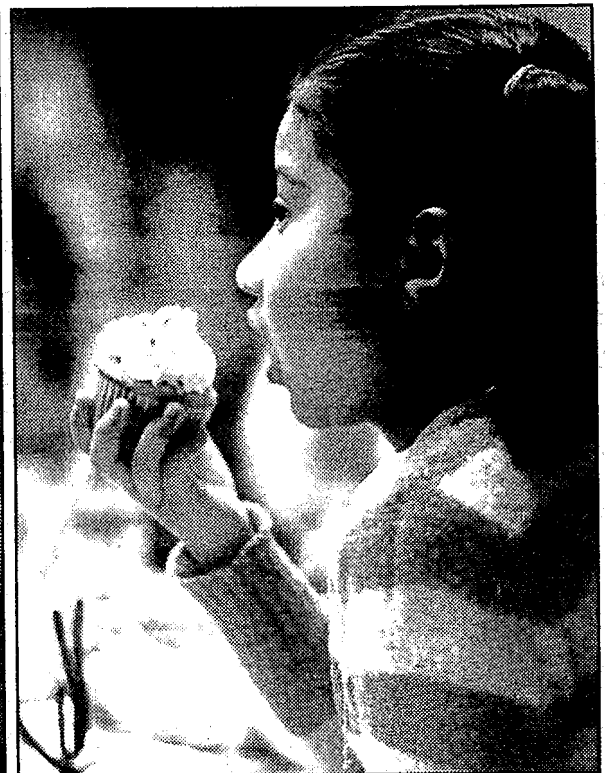
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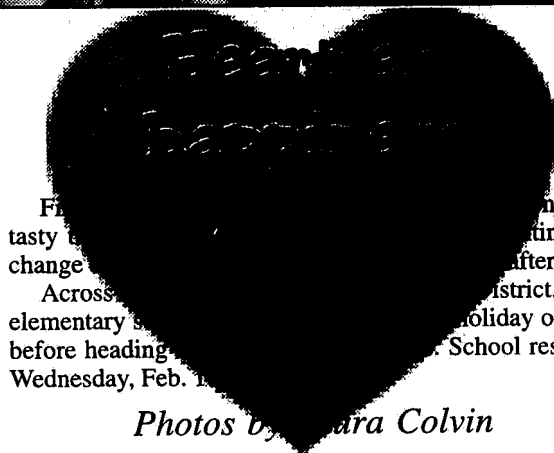
Katie Russell finds a sweet treat to eat.



Esmeralda Santiago anticipates the first bite of a yummy cupcake.



Connor Lawrence, left, and Nick Valley read a Valentine message.



Students enjoyed tasty treats during Valentine exchange afternoon. Across the district, most elementary schools observe the holiday of love before heading back to school. School resumes Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Photos by Sara Colvin



A Valentine secret?



Mercedes Houston opens a Valentine from her homemade mailbox.

People Poll

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How are you celebrating Mardi Gras?



"Me and a couple of fellas are going to New Orleans. Matt Miller is one of them. We're staying with my uncle, Dustin Gamble."

- Derek Booker



"Just hanging out with my family."

- Megan Wertheimer



"Going to the basketball game."

- Jacob Wilton



"We get those fat doughnut things - pazckis."

- Ashley Galow

By Kathleen Quandt

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

A kept promise

Research finds link to Clarkston founders in friend's family tree

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When the late Bill Cobb asked his friend Dale Bond to research his old boss, Edwin Victor Bailey, he was interested in Bailey's family tree.

After a year of research, Bond, whose son married Cobb's daughter, found that and more - Cobb was a direct descendant of Clarkston founders Jeremiah and Nelson Clark.

"It's so interesting to learn something like this, it's just forgotten history," said Bond. "People know so little about their town."

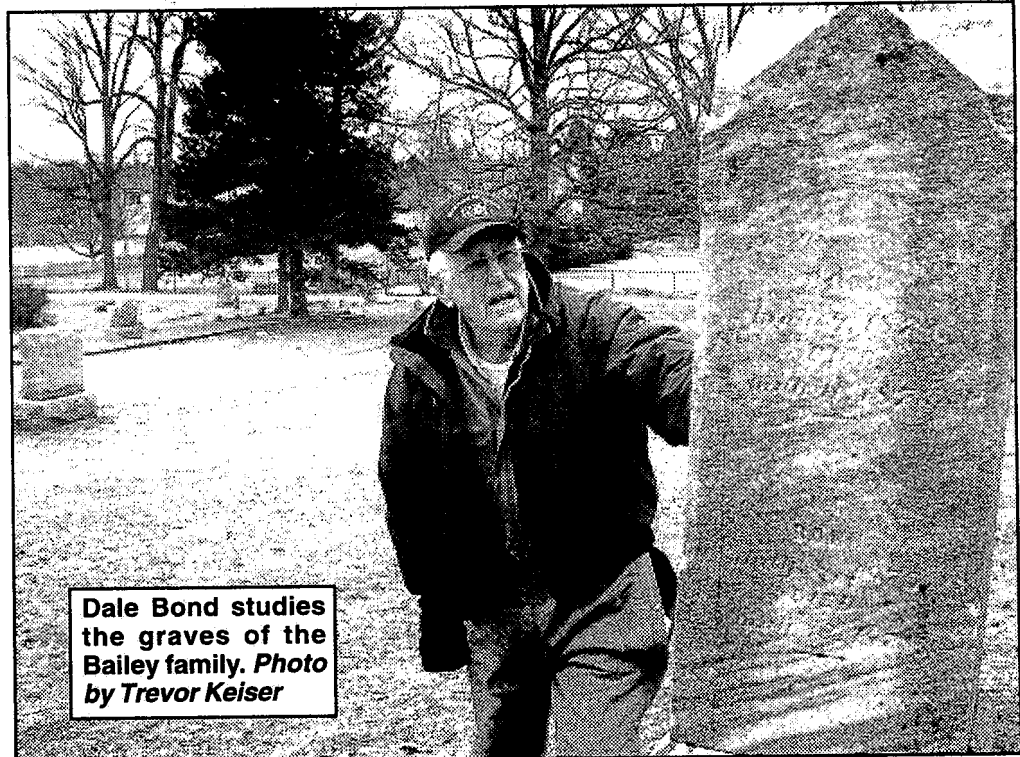
Cobb's great, great, grandfather Elnathan (Eli) Cobb married Jeremiah and Nelson Clark's sister, Julia.

Myron Cobb, son of Julia Clark, provided a 40-acre parcel of land west of Holcomb Road, March 23, 1854, to be included in the Village of Clarkston. The boundary was called "Cobb's Addition." Clarkston was established in 1842.

Bond shared his research with Cobb before he passed away, Jan. 11.

"I think he liked it," he said. "Bill didn't necessarily express it so much; he's modest in a way."

Bailey developed the subdivision east of Sashabaw Road on Whipple Lake. Cobb, who worked in construction for Bailey, bought the lot off Eevee Road for \$175 and built his house



Dale Bond studies the graves of the Bailey family. Photo by Trevor Keiser

on it.

The street name "Eevee" was derived from Bailey's initials. The cross road, Sally, was named after Bailey's wife.

Cobb's access to Whipple Lake provided many hours of fishing, his favorite pastime, Bond said.

Through his research, he also found Bailey's father, Edwin J. Bailey, was born in New York on Oct 18, 1834, and came to Independence Township in 1860. He lived with Wilson Bailey, who Bond said must have been an uncle or brother.

Bond said his research uncovered "an amazing story of a very sad experience" for the Bailey family.

"In the Seymour Lake Cemetery in block 2, lot 77, there is a tall obelisk stone inscribed with six names," he said. "In the plot there are six graves with small stones without names."

In 1878, Edwin J. and his wife Mary lost six children, Geo, 13, Jonathan, 11, Fred, 9, Mary, 7, Arthur, 5, and Fininda, 3, to diphtheria, all between May 6-29.

"The only two that survived was the oldest son Herschel, age 16, and 4-month-old infant Edwin V.," said Bond.

In 1900, Edwin J. was a hardware merchant in Orion Village, and Herschel worked there as a clerk. Edwin J. died Sept. 30, 1914, and Herschel moved to Detroit to work as a stationary engineer for the Electric Rail Road Company. In 1909, prior to Edwin J.'s death, he gave his land to Edwin V.

Edwin V. and his wife, Sally, gave 109 acres to their daughter Bernadine and son-in-law Clark Cook for a dollar, on Aug. 23, 1939.

Edwin V., who died July 20, 1957, and Sally, who died Oct. 10, 1961, are buried in the Oxford Cemetery mausoleum, Bond said.

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Auction, Walter A. Gamble lifetime collection of Civil War firearms and memorabilia, 12 p.m., Feb. 21, Sadows Auction Galleries, 20 W. Washington St., Suite 9. Preview, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 18-20. 248-625-7755.

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

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 19, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. \$5 for Bunco. Prizes. Refreshments. 248-623-4962.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Feb. 20. All-you-can-eat spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread. \$5. Take-out available. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Bocce Ball and Lunch, 9:15 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 24, Palazzo Di Bocce in Lake Orion. Games, lunch, mini-bus transportation. 248-625-8231.

IB Night, learn about International Baccalaureate for elementary students, 7 p.m., Feb. 24, Notre Dame Marist Academy, 60 S. Lynn Avenue, Waterford. 248-682-5580.

Bunco and Pizza, 4:30 p.m., Feb. 25. Prizes. Experts and novices welcome. \$5 for pizza and prizes. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Blood drive, Davisburg Rotary Club, 2-8 p.m., Feb. 25, Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-2044.

Beach Party, 12:30 p.m., March 1, LYF Youth of St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Games, volleyball, smoothies, beach movies. 248-625-4644.

Emergency Food Assistance Program, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 2, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Eligible seniors only. Bring proof of address and family size, photo ID. 248-209-2686.

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.

Fiesta Fund Raiser and Silent Auction, Oakland County 4H Fair Association and Horse Council, 5:30-9 p.m., March 7. All-you-can-eat Mexican menu, 50/50 raffle, games. \$7. Springfield Oaks Park, 12451 Andersonville Road. 248-634-8830.

Book signing, "Chantepleure," a novel by Linda Robinson, 1-3 p.m., March 7, Higher Ground Coffee and Tea House, 661 Broadway, second floor, Davisburg. 248-634-7505.

Wonderfully Meatless, 7-8:30 p.m., March 11, Cooking with Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, healthy and flavorful vegetarian main dishes. \$30. 248-942-4949.

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

Chocolatey Kid's Class, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,

March 21, Cooking with Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, Chistie Kojima of The Chocolate Moose makes chocolate flowers and bugs to celebrate the beginning of spring. Ages 8 and up. \$15. 248-942-4949.

Olive Oils and Vinegars, 7-8:30 p.m., March 25, Cooking with Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, taste test, balsamic vinegars to understand different nuances and flavors that brands and age can mean. \$30. 248-942-4949.

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

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

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

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

Bingo, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Di-

vine 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.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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.

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days, 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.

Tot Lot, Wednesdays through March 25, 5:30-7 p.m., Independence Elementary. Children ages 6 months-4 years socialize in an age-appropriate atmosphere. Parent supervision strictly required. Punch cards available at Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

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

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

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

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Parenting workshop by local author, Feb. 23

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She shares her parenting model in a workshop based on her book, "Dater's Ed: The Instruction Manual for Parents."

"I'm giving parents a tool to take a more important role," she said. "Not to hover, not to spy, not to control, but—the same way it is in driver's (education)—be there in the passenger seat to help them and make sure they don't have an accident."

Jander is a certified life coach and former director of a video dating service in California. She lives in Lake Orion with her husband and two children.

Dater's Ed is her first published book. She was inspired to write it while her son was going through driver's training several years ago.

Jander said she was confused when her son commented he can't wait to get his license so he can start dating.

After asking around to other parents, she concluded that 16 is the age when most parents allow their children to date but really wasn't sure why that was.

"I went back to the driver's (education) manual and simply changed all the words that read 'driver' to the word 'dater,'" Jander said. "It was just amazing the analogies that popped out."

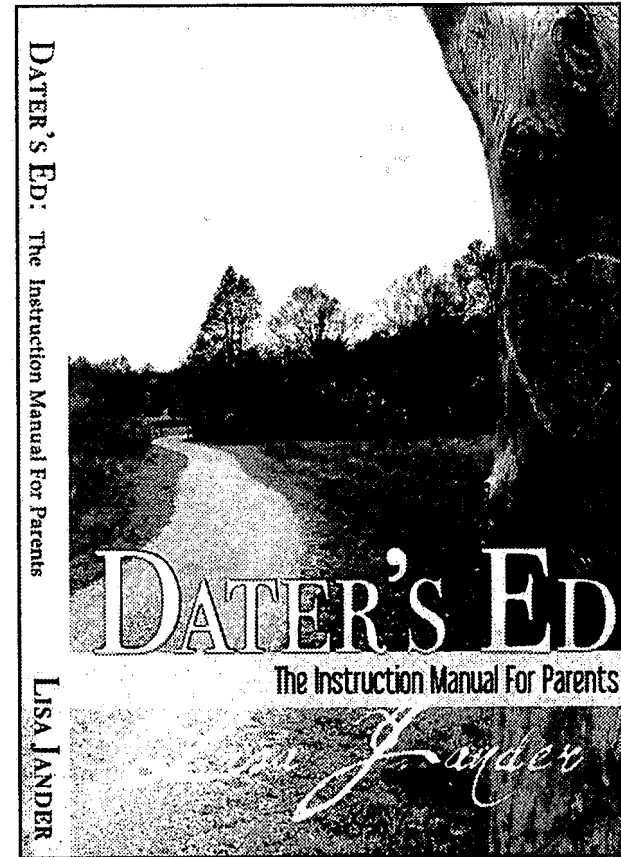
From signs in driving to signs in dating and driving under the influence to dating under the influence, Jander soon found herself writing her first book.

"It really developed as a parallel to the driver's (education) manual," she said. "It follows the Michigan driver's (education) manual almost exactly."

To register for this free event, call Independence Township Library, 248-625-2212.



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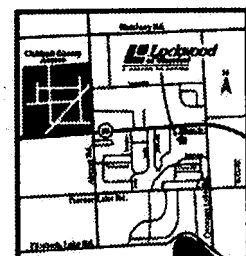
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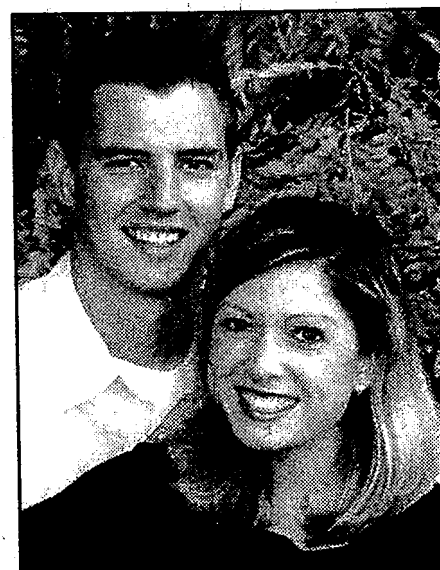
Milestones

Hopcian - Smith

Tom and Patty Hopcian of Clarkston are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Brett Smith, son of Steve and Debbie Smith of Novi.

Lisa is a 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School. She attended Michigan State University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 2006 and Masters of Accounting in 2007. She is a Certified Public Accountant, employed by Deloitte & Touche in Chicago.

Brett, a 2002 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, graduated from Michigan State in 2006 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He attends Chicago-Kent College of Law and will graduate in May 2009 to begin his Intellectual Properties law practice at Fitch, Even,



Brett and Lisa

Tabin, and Flannery in Chicago.

An August 2009 wedding is planned at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

Students achieve success

Students named to Albion College's Dean's List for fall 2008 include Clarkston-area students:

Emily Aldrich, senior majoring in communication studies and minoring in art. She is the daughter of Steven and Mary Aldrich of Davisburg and graduate of Clarkston High School;

Kaitlyn Brown, junior majoring in physical education-athletic training and minoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Donald and Kay Brown of Clarkston and CHS graduate;

Sarah Butzler, first-year majoring in biology. She is the daughter of William and Karen Butzler of Clarkston and CHS graduate;

Robert Clark, senior majoring in English, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service and Law, Justice and Society. He is the son of Max and Harriet Clark of Clarkston and CHS graduate;

Katie Delnick, sophomore, daughter of James and Julie Delnick of Clarkston and CHS graduate;

Katherine Dever, junior majoring in art and minoring in anthropology. She is the daughter of Peter and Beth Dever of Clarkston and CHS graduate;

Caroline Drolet, first-year majoring in art. She is the daughter of James and Anne Drolet of Clarkston and graduate of Notre Dame Prep;

Richard Frenchi, junior majoring in biology. He is the son of Mark and Kathleen Frenchi of Clarkston and graduate of Univ. of Detroit Jesuit High School;

Sarah Julian, senior majoring in German and speech communication. She is the daughter of William and Cynthia Julian of Clarkston and CHS graduate;

Lauren Kurowski, senior majoring in economics and management and Spanish, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Donald and Camille Kurowski of Clarkston and CHS graduate;

Colin Madole, senior majoring in economics and management and minoring in Statistics. He is the son of John Madole of Clarkston and Delores A'Hearn of Waterford and CHS graduate.

Brittany Allen of Clarkston was named to the Provost's List for fall semester 2008 at Lipscomb University.

Allen, a graduate of Oakland Christian School, is a pre-nursing major.

Got a Milestone to share?

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

Religion

Relationships help us grow closer to God

We are about to enter one of the most holy times of the year. It is a time of passion, surprise, unbearable sadness and overwhelming joy.

It has several names but the one most of us recognize is simply, March Madness. I love tournament time in College Basketball.

Of course, this year, locally we are getting excited about another basketball tournament. Our own Clarkston Wolves are an amazing team to watch. (Go Wolves!!)

In recent games, you can see your favorite teams getting ready for tournament time. Each player is becoming more confident in their role. Teams are claiming their identity and perfecting their performance so when the passion of tournament time takes over, they will be ready to deal with pressure.

The different parts of the team begin to take on a common personality and rhythm. When tournament time comes, actions are immediate and in coordination with the other teammates on the court. The teams that perfect this have the greatest chance to win it all.

In our lives, we are blessed with a wide variety of people who become part of our "team". Some are with us for a short time; others for most of our years.

I believe each person we encounter can become a blessing as we learn the lessons we discover together. Even those who have been difficult for me to get along with or who I do

not like teach me a great deal about myself.

Recently, I have been preaching a series on critical relationships we all need in our lives. These relationships serve specific roles in our health and growth as individuals and as a community. In the series we have talked about the importance of our Mentors, Protégés, True Friends, Reality Checks and several more. You can see and read these at www.clarkstonumc.org.

Each of these relationships are precious because they help us grow and experience a fuller understanding of our selves, each other and God.

Like a team, our lives thrive when we eagerly engage with each other and accept the unique contributions each person has to offer. While we are inclined to spend our time with people like us, we are strengthened by those who challenge us and teach us what we cannot know on our own.

Jesus was the walking Gospel, the full revelation of God on earth. It was to him that Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans, men, women, children, rich, poor, Roman soldiers, holy and sinners alike came.

Those who are counted as followers of Jesus in the New Testament make up the most diverse community ever established on the earth. It was intended to be the way the church would always be.

I pray the same would be true for the church today and the community I am proud to call home.

The Rev. Richard Dake is pastor of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Richard Dake

In our churches...

Country Breakfast and Jamboree, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 21, Pine Knob Missionary Baptist Church, 6293 Waldon Center Drive. Live music, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations, all you can eat. 248-620-5011.

Ghandi/King/Chavez Season for Peace and Nonviolence, Sundays through April 4, explore ways to be peacemakers by honoring a different faith tradition each week. Hindu faith. Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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.

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

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

Yoga, 10 a.m., Wednesdays; 5:30 p.m., Mondays, instructor Noreen Daly. Beginning and intermediate techniques. Bring mat. \$7/class. Peace Unity and Holistic Center, 8080
Please see In Our Churches, page 9 B

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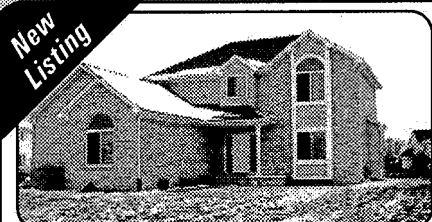
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Spacious split-level w/2,800 finished sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 2 full / 1 half baths, granite kitchen w/all appliances included. 1st floor laundry, fenced yard, cul-de-sac site. **\$169,000 12-JOS**



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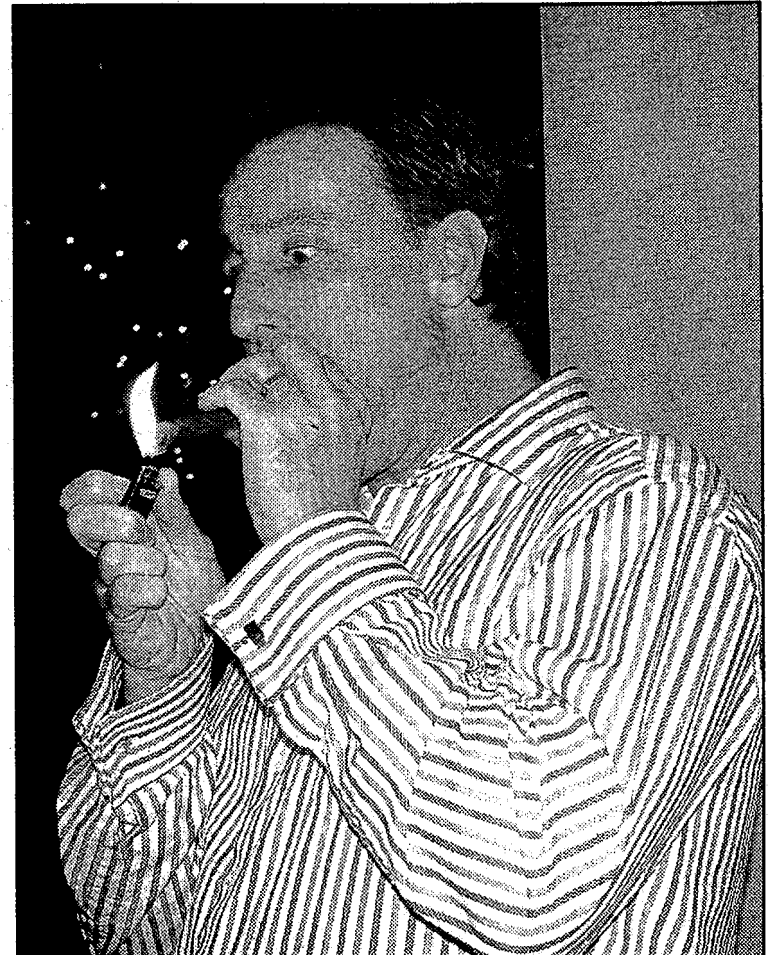
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Tom Daigle fires up a stogie.

Love is in the air

Couples, friends, and families enjoyed a night out to celebrate Valentines Day at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, Saturday night.

Dinner included a choice of three different entrees of chicken, steak, or fish. All meals were served with a glass of Champagne, green beans almondine, roasted redskins, bread,

caesar salad, soup, and two chocolate covered strawberries.

The Generation Band also played live hits for all generations to enjoy.

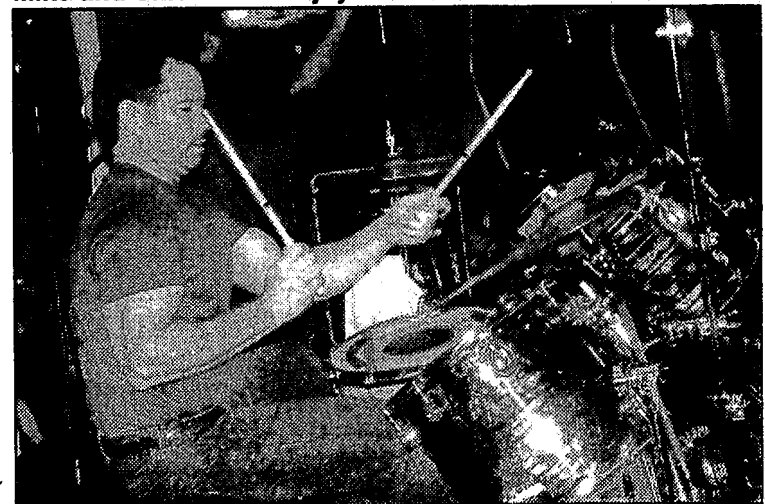
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The Generation Band entertains with live music.



Mike and Shiela Turk enjoy a chat with Tom Robak



Obituary

Donna L. Harvey (O'Neal)

Donna L. Harvey (O'Neal) of Clarkston went to be with the Lord, Feb. 11, 2009, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 42.

She was the loving wife of Scott for 15 years; devoted mother of Rachel and Emily; daughter of Jim and Shirley O'Neal; sister of Gail (Gregg) Peters and Karen (Douglas) Cann; daughter-in-law of Dale and Susan Harvey; and sister-in-law of Brent (Marc) Harvey.

Memorial visitation was Feb. 13, North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road.



Memorial service was Feb. 14, Waterford Community Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for the future education of Rachel and Emily.

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

Rita T. Ruelle

Rita T. Ruelle of Waterford passed away, Feb. 14, 2009, at the age of 83.

She was the loving wife of Patrick "Pat" for 63 years. She was the mother of Patrick E. (Vicki Cassar) of California, Therese Ruelle of Colorado, Michael John Ruelle of Sterling Heights, Dr. Gary (Lula) Ruelle of Waterford; grandma of Kristen and Nicholas Ruelle; sister of Geraldine (Jim) Slis of Lake Ann; and sister in law of Richard (Rita) Ruelle of Port Huron.

Mrs. Ruelle worked at Clarkston Village Clinic.



Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., and at the church, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass. Funeral Mass Thursday, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mark D. Stevenson

Mark D. Stevenson of Clarkston passed away suddenly at age 49.

He was the husband of Janet; son of Virginia; father of Nicole (Bill) Richardson, Danielle Stevenson, Katie Kobe, Kyle Kobe, and Brent Kunnert; also survived by seven grandchildren; and brother of Judith (Kevin) McDonald and Michael.

Mr. Stevenson owned and operated Ergomatic Systems with his family.

Funeral Service was Feb. 17 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Any memorials made to the family will be used for the future care of Mark's daughter Danielle.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Patricia A. Polley

Patricia A. Polley of Waterford passed away, Feb. 13, 2009, at the age of 70.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur, son Arthur, and grandson Michael. She was the mother of Debbie (Dan) Nance; grandma of Christin and Courtney Easton; and sister of Jean Willhite.

Funeral Service was Feb. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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William E. Bevan

William E. Bevan of Ortonville passed away, Feb. 15, 2009, at the age of 82.

He was the husband of Wava; father of William (Molly) Bevan of Auburn Hills and Patricia (John) Johnson of Marcellus; stepfather of Dale (Nancy) Muller of Arizona, Ivan (Kathy) Warner of Morley and Yvonne Warner of Florida; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren; and brother of Ken (Dorothy) Bevan of Linden, Richard (Judy) Bevan of Ohio, and Leroy (Louise) Bevan of

Washington.

Mr. Bevan retired from General Motors and is a veteran of World War II.

Funeral service, Friday, Feb. 20, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials may be made to Avalon Hospice or Clarkston Community Church. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our churches

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Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

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

Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in

their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 248-625-1750.

Peace Makers Speaker Series, Thursdays, 7 p.m., in support of Season for Peace and Non-violence. Rich Chakrin begins the series with "Peace Begins in the Home." Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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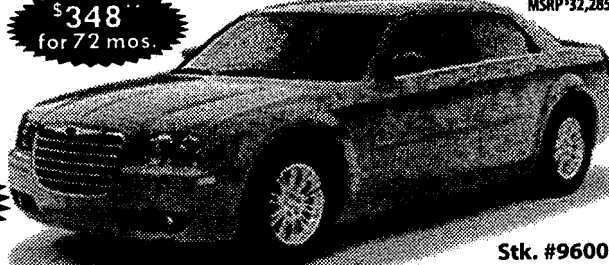
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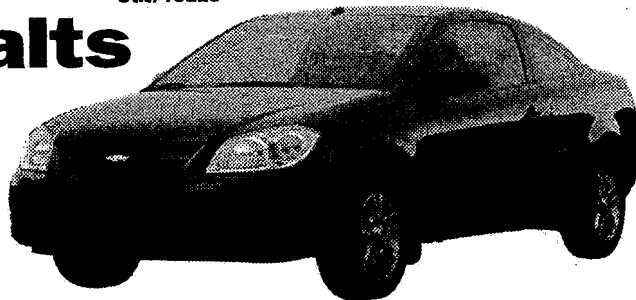


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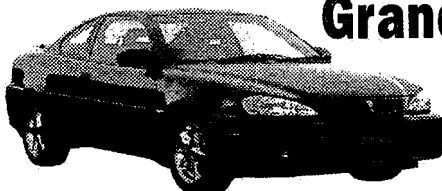
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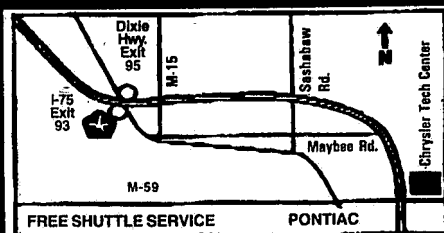
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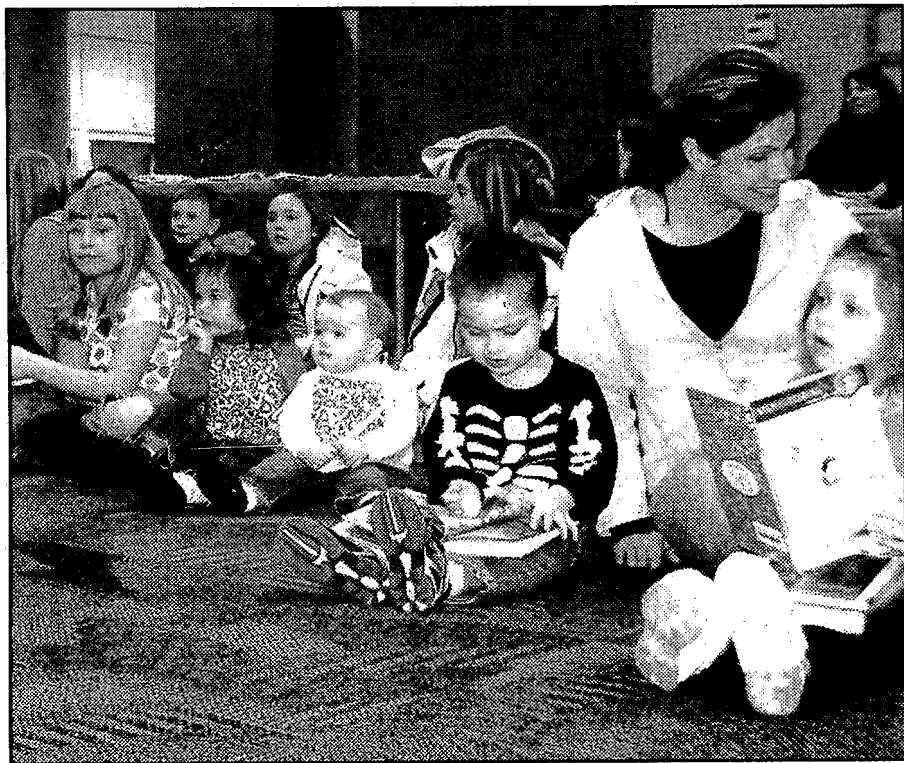
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A Library Valentine

Children celebrated Valentine's Day with snacks, games, stories, and crafts, Feb. 9, at Independence Township Library. Photo provided

County road repairs could get federal boost

Local roads repairs may get more money as the Funding Committee of the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force meets, Feb. 24.

At stake is \$17.4 million in federal and state road funds, as well as federal stimulus money, if the president signs the stimulus bill by Feb. 24. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimates \$26.6 million in federal stimulus for Oakland County roads, though this could change.

If the stimulus package is not approved by Feb. 24, the committee will meet later to address stimulus funds.

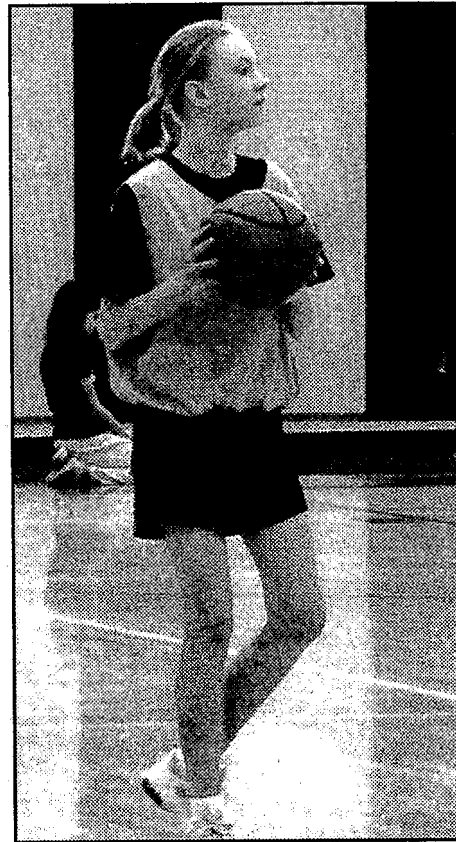
Local road projects include improvements to Sashabaw Road at I-75, as well as Dixie

Highway through Independence and Springfield townships.

Countywide, \$42.8 million in projects need funding.

"We are again facing the situation where the road needs surpass the available funding," said Brent Bair, Road Commission for Oakland County managing director. "This is just the tip of the iceberg."

The 14-member committee includes 10 representatives of local cities, villages, and townships, two members from RCOC, representative from SMART, and one from the Michigan Department of Transportation. It meets every February to identify road projects for federal and state funding.



Alex Luchenbach looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.

Learning the game

Young players left the gym Clarkston Junior High last Saturday knowing how to get past defense and shoot the perfect basket.

Girls spent 10 weeks learning the fundamentals of basketball from coaches and teams from the Clarkston Girls Basketball program at Horizon Hoops camp.

"This was probably our best year in participation," said Girls Varsity Coach Tim Wasilk. "It was good to see the girls improve from the first to the last week. I think they enjoyed it, which is good."

Wasilk saw a lot of familiar faces from returning players from last year and last summer's Dare to Dream camp.

He also saw a lot of new girls come out to learn new skills and play ball with their friends.

Some girls had an opportunity to serve as water girls during the Lady Wolves home games.

"It's a good atmosphere," said Wasilk. "I gets girls in the gym playing and allows varsity girls step in as coaches."



Connor Daugherty coaches the girls in different ways to steal the ball. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO:
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Estate of Carolyn Mae Tykoski. Date of birth: 06/04/1936
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carolyn Mae Tykoski, who lived at 3766 Alida Avenue, Rochester Hills, Michigan died 01/11/2009. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jacqueline Brown, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

02/13/2009
Jacqueline Brown
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346
BOARD OF REVIEW
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS
MARCH 3, 2009
6:00 PM

The Board of Review organizational meeting will be held at the City Offices on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 for information only.

No Appointments will be taken
No Appealing assessment

Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk-Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW

The Charter Township of Springfield Board of Review will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan for the purpose of hearing appeals for the year 2009 assessments.

Any questions regarding the value or classification placed on properties may be reviewed with the assessing staff prior to this meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal the assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an appointment in advance. Appointments may be made Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by phoning the Assessing office at 248-846-6530. The Board of Review has established a ten minute time limit for hearing assessment complaints.

The Board of Review meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday	March 3, 2009	*9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *(Organizational meeting ONLY) 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 4, 2009:	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday	March 9, 2009:	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 10, 2009:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The following meeting days are scheduled for deliberation and decisions (no appointments):

Friday	March 6, 2009	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	March 12, 2009	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday	March 13, 2009	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Ratio: Real & Personal 50%
Tentative Equalization Factor: Real & Personal 1.00000

You may also appeal by sending a letter to the Board of Review at Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350. All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 10th, 2009.

Anyone needing a special accommodation at a Board of Review meeting should contact the Assessor's Office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting at 248-846-6530.

Vicki L. Sievers, CMAE III

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ESTHERS Children hosts its Third Annual Fundraising Gala, 7-11 p.m., Saturday, March 7, Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates Street in Birmingham.

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Emily Sutherland of Independence Township started ESTHERS in 2006 to help children who are homeless around the world.

For more information, contact Jennifer Sutherland at esthers.children@gmail.com or 248-202-5910.

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CLARKSTON
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009

The Board of Review for the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City Office on Monday, March 9, 2009, AND Monday, March 16, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For appointments: Call Oakland County Equalization Division, Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 81862 or 248-858-1862. Those without an appointment will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk-Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Fire Station #1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2009 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 9th, 11th and 13th, 2009 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on March 10th and 12th, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. A resident or nonresident may protest to the Board of Review by letter.

The year 2009 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Please use your parcel identification number when referring to your property so that your records can be quickly accessed.

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

Sincerely,
Beverly Shaver, CMAE3
Independence Township Assessor

Published: February 11, 18, & 25, 2009

**Campfires provide needed
attitude adjustment**

It is as if we are all sitting around a great campfire watching the occasional spark soar up into the night sky. We watch it until it disappears, and then we once again look at each other and go on with our conversation. If we're lucky, the conversation will be a spooky ghost story, making us scared, while at the same time, causing us to huddle closer together.

For today, for right now, lets just talk about the spark. That brief moment in time when we feel good, our lives are going well, and just outside the window - spring is in full bloom. (Use your imagination)

I sat in one of those soft, leather chairs at the bookstore. I had picked up a book called, A Salty Piece of Land, by Tully Mars, better known in the music world as Jimmy Buffet. The story he was telling was itself just such a spark. It was an up-lifting adventure that stuck with me. It was like so many little things in life that let us ride on them until we ourselves disappear into the night sky.

We've met people like that before. We don't seem to find them very often, but once in a while we will meet someone that just seems plugged into the universe. They seem to have achieved self-actualization. It's like they have an inner peace that transcends the daily grind.

There are pieces of artwork that can summon these same feelings. You find yourself staring at them, getting lost in the moment, mentally drifting deep into the canvas. Sparks left from artists long past, still carrying us along, still a vibrant part of the great campfire.

On Christmas Eve I stood, for a second time, in a long checkout line at Rudy's Market. I had gone through the line the first

time and bought mushrooms, then my wife reminded me that we also needed potato chips, so I went back into the store, selected a bag of chips and rejoined the long checkout line.

Robert, seeing me once again in line got a puzzled look on his face. I held up the bag of chips, to show him that I had forgotten to get them my first time through. He smiled and pointed to the door, saying, "Just go, the chips are on me."

Again, I found myself looking deep into the canvas that is Clarkston, and seeing the little sparks that make a community feel like home. Even if I had opted to stay and wait in line, it was enjoyable talking to those around me,

people who had stories to tell, scary stories of unemployment, and stock market losses, casually shared right there in front of the onions.

Perhaps the key to getting through scary stories, is occasionally poking the fire, but while holding tight to a positive attitude. I remember reading an interview with Groucho Marks. Asked if he had any trouble sleeping after the crash of 29, he said, "No, I just lay down and start subtracting sheep."

Harvey Sarkisian of Independence Township has written short stories, plays, humorous soap opera, and a seemingly endless collection of poetry. He has taught creative writing in Clarkston, and is writing a children's book blending learning, adventure and humor.



By Harvey Sarkisian

**Therapeutic Recreation programs
every week at Clintonwood Park**

Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Therapeutic Recreation activities for those with disabilities or limitations include:

Cooking Night, Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m., \$6, theme: Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup, Independence Township Senior Center, Clintonwood Park.

Dance Workout, March 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., \$4, wear workout clothes, tennis shoes, and be ready to work out to fun music and videos. Clintonwood Park Carriage House.

Friday Night Pizza, March 6, 6-8:30 p.m., bring your favorite DVDs, \$6, includes salad, two slices of pizza, cookies, pop, popcorn.

Extra pizza is \$1 per slice. Pre-registration appreciated. Clintonwood Park Carriage House.

St. Patrick's Dance, March 13, 7-9 p.m., Waterford CAI Building, 5640 Williams Lake Road, \$10. Pre-registration required by March 9.

Transportation provided for residents of Clarkston, Independence or Springfield Townships. For destinations available and other information, call the Senior Center at 248-625-8231.

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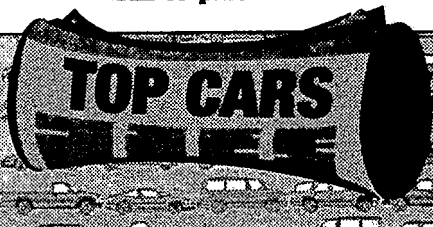
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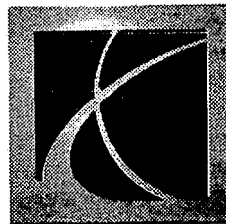
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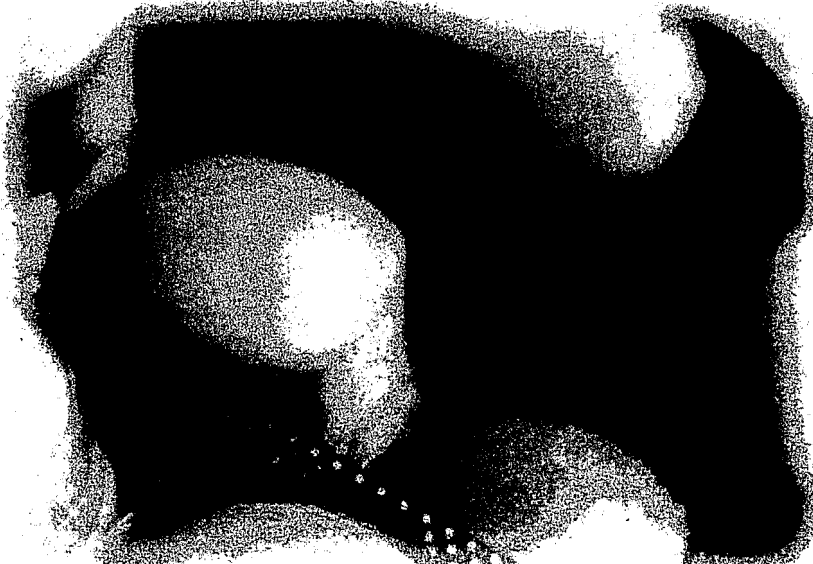
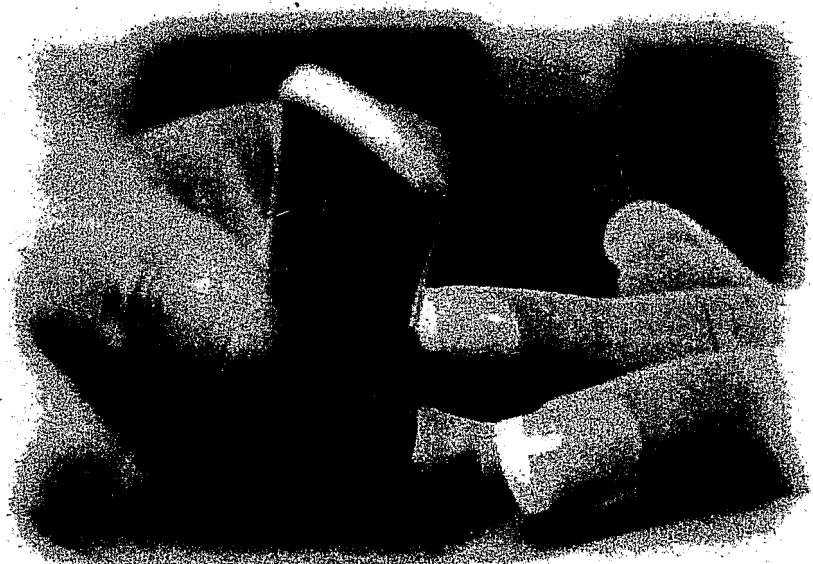
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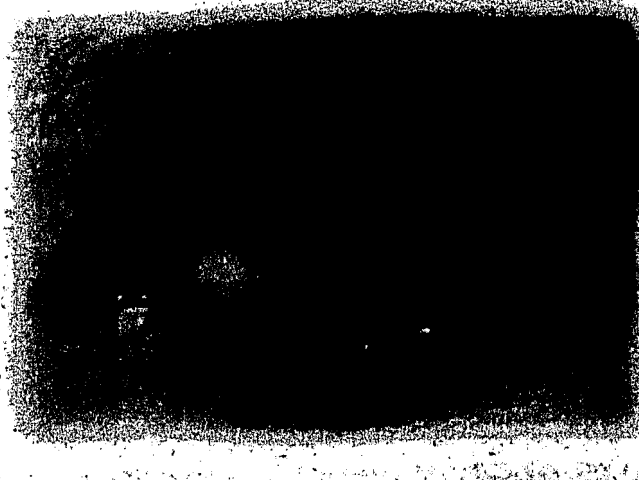
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Tips on looking for housing for an elderly relative.

by **Sandy Mabery**
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At some time, everyone will probably need to find alternative housing for an elderly relative. This can be a very confusing path to walk down with lots of twists and turns. The first thing that everyone needs to know is that the government does not necessarily take care of the cost of long-term care. Medicare pays for up to 100 days of rehabilitation, as prescribed by a doctor, and ends when no further improvement is noticed. At that point you usually have three choices:

1. Take them back home. If they cannot live independently, you will need to hire a nurse, home health care aides, companion care services or elect family members to help with the care. Unfortunately, these options are generally in four hour blocks of time. Paying for 24-hour home care can run as high as \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month, depending on the care needs of the elderly person.

2. Move them to a senior apartment or assisted living facility, depending on their needs and financial situation. Both of these options are private pay.

3. Move them into a skilled nursing facility. Medicaid subsidizes the cost for skilled care, but only after you pay privately first and use up all of the resident's personal savings. Each skilled care facility will have different admission requirements, depending on their overhead costs and the number of Medicaid beds they have. Some require the resident to have up to three years of private pay funds (approximately \$300,000) before they will admit them into their facility. Many skilled facilities have waiting lists, and sadly, an elderly person with small savings will have very few facilities to choose from.

If your relative has Alzheimer's disease you will need to look for a facility that specializes in that type of care. These facilities are usually smaller and are equipped with a system to prevent the residents from wandering undetected outside. They also have higher staff to resident ratios. The cost for this specialized care can be more expensive.

Check out www.alternativesforseniors.com. It is a great on-line resource tool for investigating all types of long-term care and has a great search engine. The following is a description of the different types of facilities that exist in Michigan.

Skilled Care Facility, Convalescent Homes, Nursing Homes

Large institutional facilities that provide room, meals and 24-hour medical care for elderly residents that are licensed by the State of Michigan. These facilities accept Medicare, Medicaid and private pay. Rooms may be private or may be up to four residents in a room. Costs usually start around \$265 per day (\$8,000 per month).

Large Assisted Living Facility (licensed)

Large facilities that provide room, meals, activities and 24-hour non-medical personal care for elderly residents. These facilities house 60+ residents, generally on two or more floors, and are licensed by the State of Michigan as a "Home for the Aged." By law they can be as small as 21 beds, but smaller ones are not very common due to construction cost requirements. They have additional fees for medication disbursement and generally have extra fees for high levels of care. These are private pay only and generally are new construction. They have semi-private, studio and one bedroom units without kitchens priced from \$125 to \$260 per day (\$3,800 to \$8,000 per month). They have separate staff for cooking, cleaning and caregiving.

Large Assisted Living Facility (unlicensed)

Some larger assisted living facilities are unlicensed and therefore must contract all personal care services through a Home Health Care Agency. These facilities only provide room and meals and have additional ala carte charges for personal care and medication management. They do not provide true 24-hour care. They have semi-private, studio, one and two bedroom units (some with kitchens) priced from \$1,600 to \$4,200 per month. American House offers a MI-Choice waiver which combines HUD money for low-income seniors with Medicare dollars for personal care, but there is generally a waiting list. They have separate staff for cooking, cleaning and caregiving.

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New doc in town

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

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

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

"I've always been interested in food allergies," Gail said.

She joins her father and brother-in-law, Dr. Duane Harrison, at Clarkston Allergy and Asthma Clinic, 5885 S. Main Street, Suite 1.

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

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

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

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

Food allergies and other immune disor-



Dr. Gail Cookingham examines volunteer patient Tammy Gordon.

ders seem to be increasing, she said.

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

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

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

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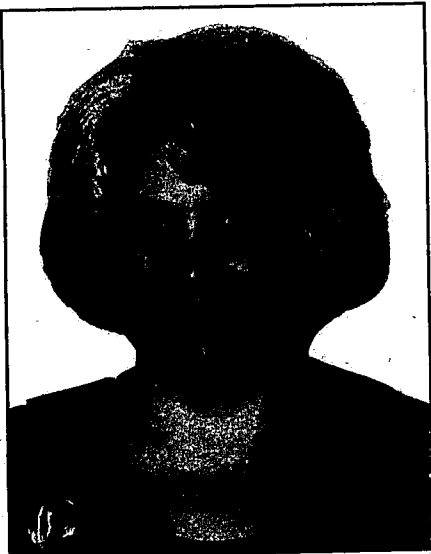
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Munk Orthodontics celebrates Dental Health Month

February is National Dental Health Month. Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk, along with the Michigan Dental Association, want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of a healthy smile.

In fact, a healthy body starts with a healthy mouth. Part of having a healthy smile, is having straight teeth and a proper bite. Never underestimate the power of a great smile.

A person's smile is one of the first things to be noticed by others. Straight teeth are not only beautiful; they also promote good health. Straight teeth can help reduce the incidence of heart disease, gastrointestinal disease, and other health condition.

Teeth that are properly aligned chew more efficiently, aiding in proper digestion. Also, teeth that are straight and properly aligned create a more perfect bite, and that helps to avoid excessive stress, headaches, and strain on the supporting bone and tissue.

As a reminder, the American Association of Orthodontists (which Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk are both members) recommends that all children have an orthodontic check-up no later than the age of 7. This early screening is indicated for a variety of reasons:

- An orthodontist can spot subtle problems with emerging teeth and jaw growth, even while some baby teeth are still present.
- To answer patient and/or parent questions of concern.

- To treat orthodontic problems if early treatment is indicated.

- To monitor growth and development for optimal treatment timing if early treatment is not appropriate.

A timely orthodontic evaluation can lead to significant treatment benefits for the patient. Today there are many orthodontic treatment options available to help patients of all ages achieve a beautiful, straight, healthy smile.

Our office is proud to announce that we now offer an accelerated osteogenic orthodontics procedure. This procedure is 3 to 4 times faster than conventional orthodontics. Many orthodontic cases can now be completed in 3 to 8 months.

This is just one of the latest technological advances that Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk utilize in their orthodontic specialty practice. Our goal is to provide patients with long-term health care as well as cosmetic tooth alignment. At our office, it is our mission to improve and enhance people's lives through orthodontics. Our office provides quality and service in a lighthearted, honest, and friendly environment.

We do orthodontics for our patients, and with our patients; instead of doing orthodontics to our patient. We treat each patient as an individual with his or her own goals, concepts of self-image, dreams, and aspirations.

By combining the right mix of personal attention, the latest technology, and continuing edu-

cation, we maintain a commitment of excellence to our patients in every facet of our practice.

We want to change the way people think about orthodontics. For instance, orthodontics are not just for children and teens. Today, one in five orthodontic patients is an adult. At our office, we work with people of all ages interested in enhancing their smile. Adults can benefit greatly from orthodontic treatment. Having a dynamic smile makes a great first impression in both personal and professional relationships.

Orthodontic treatment changes looks and outlooks. Orthodontics has boosted the self-esteem of countless patients, whether they had braces as children or sought treatment as adults. Invisalign is a wonderful treatment option especially for adults. This product provides an advanced way to straighten teeth and improve smiles. Using the latest medical imaging technologies, clear aligners are manufactured that rapidly straighten teeth. Each aligner is worn for several weeks, and can be removed to eat, brush, and floss. During wear, the teeth are gently moved to their desired position.

The length of the process depends on the patient's individual needs. Both Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk have completed training in the use of these specialized aligners, and can assist patients in determining if Invisalign would be an appropriate method of treatment for them.

A great benefit to patients utilizing more tra-

ditional braces, is our use of self-ligating brackets. These "breakthrough brackets" offer an advanced micro design which require fewer appointments, provide greater patient comfort, and better hygiene.

With today's busy lifestyles, these brackets really do make orthodontic treatment more convenient, with 8 to 10 weeks in between appointments. As we continue to incorporate new products into our practice, it is all with one purpose in mind; the creation of beautiful, straight, healthy smiles that will last for a lifetime.

Dr. Charles F. Munk and Dr. Charles W. Munk would welcome the opportunity to discuss all orthodontic options available with any new patient considering treatment.


Our office is always ready to welcome new patients. To encourage potential patients to explore their orthodontic options, we offer free initial consultations. Additional information about our office can also be found on our website at www.munkorthodontics.com.

To schedule an appointment, please contact us at one of our three convenient locations. We do have day, evening, and Saturday appointments available. We look forward to helping you create the beautiful smile you have always wanted!

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We want our clients to return on a regular basis and many already are doing just that. We are here to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Owned and operated by long-time Clarkston residents (and Clarkston High grads) Michelle and Gregg Ryeson, and their partners, Gregg's brother, David and wife, Andrea Ryeson, LaVida is committed to being an integral part of the community.

"You may remember us as the owners of Gregg's Gourmet Café, which we operated for nearly 15 years," said Michelle Ryeson. "We left town briefly, but we are back here to live in and serve the Clarkston community



Michelle Ryeson, left, and Andrea Ryeson at LaVida Massage Clarkston. that we love so much."

Rachel and Gabrielle, Michelle and Gregg's daughters, both attend Clarkston schools and are actively involved in sports. David is also a graduate of Clarkston High. He and his wife Andrea have also been involved in many community activities. The couple has three sons, Brenden, Gavin, and Jacob. The entire Ryeson family enjoys the health benefits of regular massage.

For more information, visit our Web site, clarkston.mi.lavidamassage.com or call us at 248-625-7300. Hours are Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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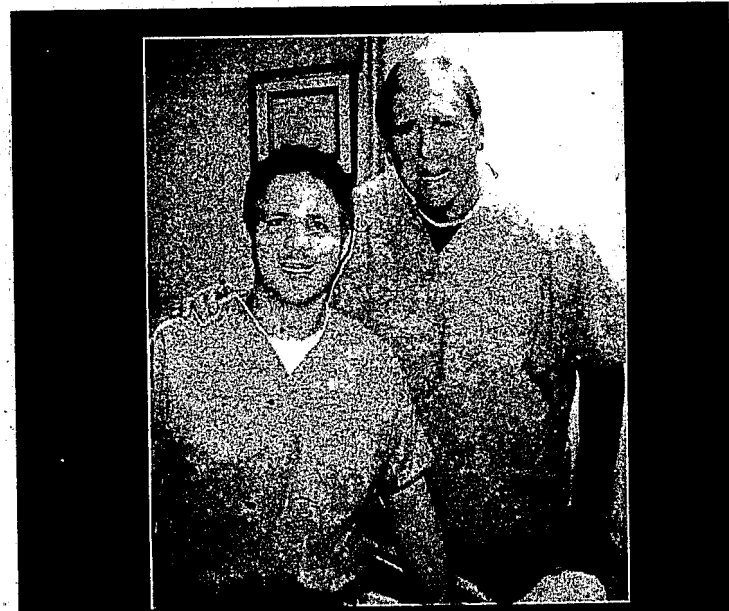


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The clinic moved to a new location in October 2007 directly across the street from the entrance to the DTE Energy Theatre. The clinic offers complete physical exams and annual GYN exams, as well as care for acute conditions such as colds and flu. In addition, services such as Reflexology, ION Cleanse foot baths for detoxification, therapeutic massage, healing touch, Reiki, acupuncture, and Candida management are available.

The clinic offers group classes on such topics as Meditation, Ear Candling, Using Essential Oils, Learning to do Reiki, Chi Gong, Not Your Typical Weight Loss program and Candida Management. Check the website for class details – there is a link from their home page.

New for 2009 – the clinic now has avail-

able a series of anti-aging products created by renowned cancer specialist, Stanislaw R. Burzynski, MD, PHD which promote prevention of the effects of aging using a genetics approach.

The products include Aminocare® Skin Cream and Lotion, to help sun-damaged skin; Aminocare® A10 Soft Gel caps for immune support and regulation of normal cell division; and Aminocare® Brain Longevity Forte supplements which support brain aging and possible prevention of cognitive decline. During February and March, the Skin Cream and Lotion will be 10 percent off when both products are purchased. The supplements will be 10 percent off each.

The clinic carries a wide selection of physician-selected supplements, herbs, essential oils, homeopathic remedies, CDs, books and other health and wellness products. The clinic is very selective about the quality of the products they carry and yet their prices are quite competitive. You are invited to call the clinic, visit their website or stop by for more information.

The Downing Clinic is located at 5715 Bella Rose Blvd., Suite 100, Clarkston, MI 48348. Telephone: 248-625-6677 Web site: www.TheDowningClinic.com. Hours: Monday – Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Think Spring!!

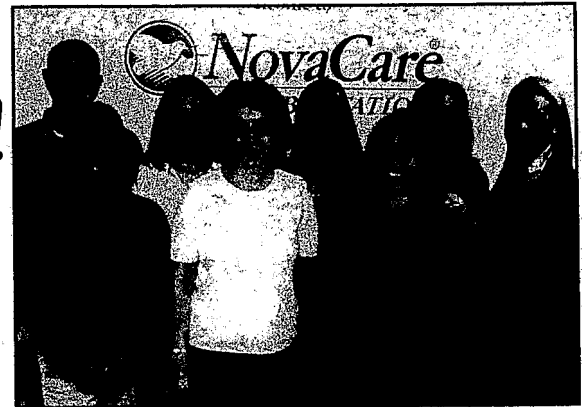
That's right. Even though it is the dead of winter it's time to think spring!

Before you know it the weather will break and we will be back to golf, water skiing, biking, walking and hiking. Are you ready? The key to jumping right back into our favorite spring time activities is proper preparation now, in the winter months.

What are you doing to keep yourself in shape over the long cold winter? Most of us have a tendency to let our conditioning level slip during this time of year making it a little more difficult to jump right back into our favorite activities in the spring, not to mention increasing our chances of injury when we do go back to these activities.

There are at least three important components to every "off season" conditioning program- flexibility, muscle training and cardiovascular conditioning.

Flexibility exercises like hamstring, neck and low back stretches help to maintain your overall range of motion not only for sports- but also for everyday activities.



Muscle training whether the target is strength or endurance maintains your muscles memory and keeps them in shape. These exercises can be as simple as continuing to swing a golf club in the basement to going to one of our local health clubs for specific exercise workouts.

Cardiovascular exercise helps to maintain overall heart and lung health. The US department of Health and Human Services has great information on age/condition specific exercise guidelines at <http://health.gov/PAGuidelines/guidelines/default.aspx>

So whatever your activity of choice, it's time to think spring!!

Marc Plizga is a Certified Athletic Trainer and Regional Director for NovaCare Rehabilitation at 6770 Dixie Highway in Clarkston

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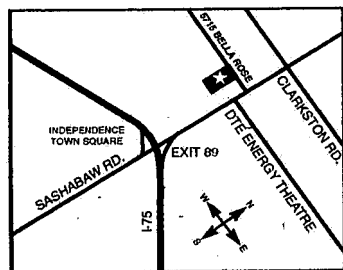
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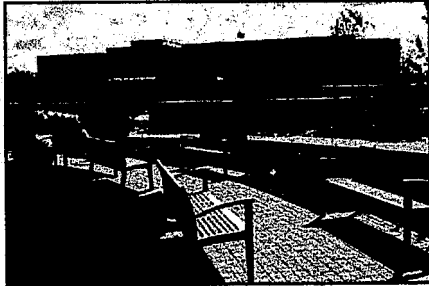
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Construction of Phase One of McLaren Health Care Village is underway and includes the new home for the Clarkston Medical Group—a 138,000 square foot state-of-the-art medical office building offering a comprehensive level of health care services. Also included in the project's first phase is the Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston. GLCI-Clarkston will offer more than 40,000 square feet of the finest in medical oncology, radiation therapy, and mobile PET/CT imaging.

A community center and resource library will be integrated into the facility, along with a retail boutique catering to the



unique requirements of cancer patients.

Special emphasis will also be given to educational programming and family support services. Both facilities are set to open in June 2009.

Headquartered in nearby Flint, Michigan, McLaren Health Care is one of the largest health care providers in the state, and has been recognized as "one of the

Top Integrated Health Networks in the nation" (Verispan).

McLaren's non-profit system includes eight regional hospitals, Visiting Nurse Services of Michigan, McLaren Medical Management, Inc., McLaren

Health Plan, and the Great Lakes Cancer Institute, the largest cancer care and research network of its kind in the state.

When completed, McLaren Health Care Village will include the cancer center, medical offices, ambulatory surgery and cardiac centers, life-sciences facilities and a full-service hospital, along with retail outlets and food services. For more information, visit www.mclaren.org.

Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery gets people back on their feet

With snowfall and colder temperatures at a record high this season, skiers and snowboarders want to go to the slopes. One person they should try to avoid professionally, however, is Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe at Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery.

Worldwide, doctors treat about 100,000 wrist fractures among snowboarders per year. To avoid breaks, snowboarders should wear wrist braces or guards, as well as a helmet to avoid more serious head injuries.

During this time of year, even normal walking can be risky, for people of all ages.

"Black ice falls cause horrible injuries," Nallamothe said. "Falling forward causes injuries to wrists, but falling backwards can be worse."

To treat such injuries requires braces and casts, and sometimes actual surgery, with implanted pins and plates. Rehabilitation can last for months, and serious injuries can result in lifetime disability. To avoid these types of injuries, the doctor recommends taking your time – put on a good set of shoes or boots, turn on the lights,



watch for ice, and walk carefully, even if only going out to get the newspaper or bring in the trash can.

"Take your time and look where you're going," he said. "Buy salt and salt every exit."

Businessmen and women should wear rubber-soled shoes when walking outside and carry their dress shoes and high heels until they get inside.

Dr. Nallamothe's office is located at 6310 North Sashabaw, Clarkston, but will be moving his practice into the new Clarkston Medical Building on Sashabaw in April. His phone number is 248-620-2325.

Seiter Family Chiropractic keeps joints working well

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Chiropractic began to be practiced around the turn-of-the-century, in the U.S. Today, this profession is practiced all over the world, with most chiropractors practicing with a D.C. This degree requires at least six years of education and training (such as residency programs).

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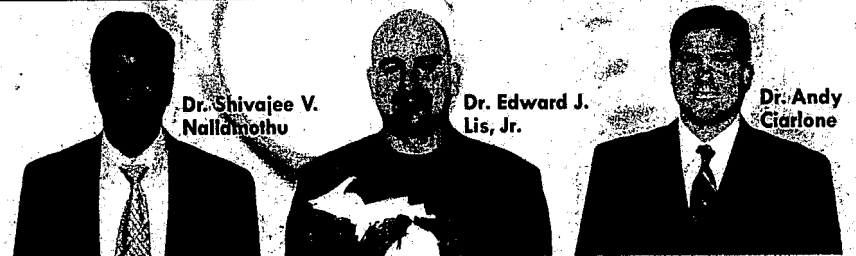
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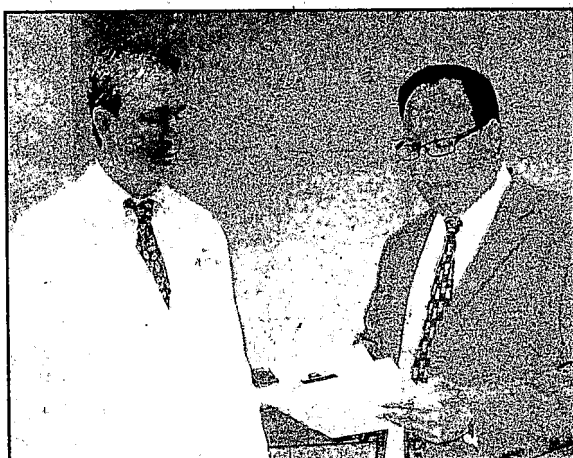
Keep eyes healthy at Oakland Eye Care

Oakland Eye Care and Optical Shop is located on the first floor of the Munk Professional Center in Clarkston.

As you enter their office, your eyes can't help but be drawn to the contemporary design of the office. The aesthetic beauty of the office belies a state of the art medical/surgical facility within.

The physicians, Dr. Thomas Biggs and Dr. Arlin French, are both board-certified ophthalmologists with extensive surgical experience of the eye.

They were born and raised here in Michigan, and met while attending Michigan State University for their medical degrees. Dr. Biggs and Dr. French specialize in cataract surgery including multifocal lens implants, and perform laser vision correction at the Beaumont Eye Institute and the TLC Laser Center.



Dr. Thomas Biggs and Dr. Arlin French.

They are on staff at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, POH Medical Center, NOMC, and William Beaumont Hospital. Dr. French is also on staff at Huron Valley Hospital, and Dr. Biggs at Genesys Regional Medical Center.

The physicians at Oakland Eye Care work closely with a number of excellent optometrist and opticals in the area and offer their own optical for those not being serviced elsewhere.

Oakland Eye Care will be opening a second office in the new Clarkston Medical Building with McLaren Hospital and Clarkston Medical Group on Sashabaw Road, in the spring of 2009.

Join with Evergreen Health to help local seniors in need

We all must come together to assist our seniors in need!

The United States helps many countries with food and medical care, but we are not addressing our most cherished entities, our seniors in need.

Evergreen Health Services, Inc., located in 6510 Town Center Dr., Suite B, Clarkston, is trying to make a huge senior difference.

We are collecting two cans of food from each caring person, at our Clarkston Office and donating it to the Pontiac Salvation Army. We are hoping to arrive at the Salvation Army with at least 200 cans of food or boxed dry food.

Gail Harding, Family Ministries director at the Salvation Army, tells us food donations have dropped off substantially, therefore Oakland County Seniors health has been jeopardized. They lack medical care and enough food to promote good health.

Evergreen Health Services Inc. is a Certified Medicare Home Health Care agency which provides nursing and

therapy as well as non-skilled aides and companions to maintain our senior's independence and dignity as long as possible.

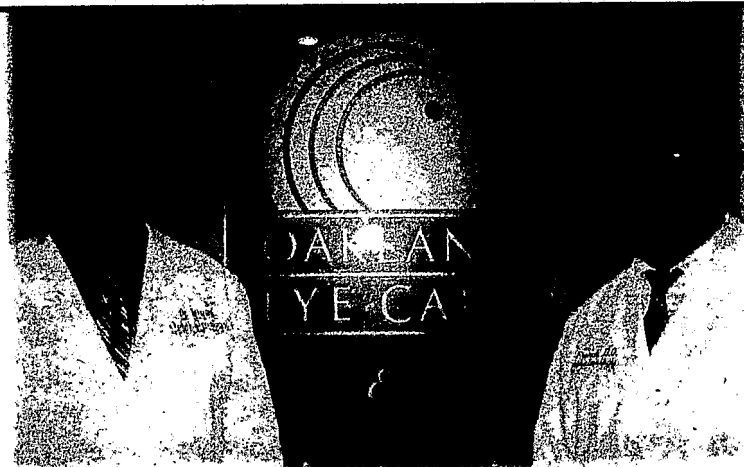
On Feb. 18, 2009, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., our nurses are volunteering at the Salvation Army, along with Dr. Mark Grushky, an internal medicine physician, to see any senior desiring to see a nurse or doctor.

Dr. Grushky is an "old-fashioned visiting doctor" who still makes "old fashioned home visits" in the senior's homes. A free sack lunch will be provided.

Koegels Meats are generously contributing to the lunches. Keller Williams and Town Center Car Wash have also graciously donated to this effort.

For information on how you can help in our food drive, drop off canned goods or would like to have further information of home care services, please call Jean at our toll free number, 866-934-2633.

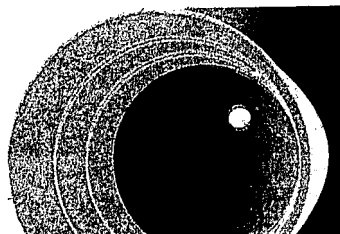
Let's work together to make a difference for our seniors in 2009!!!



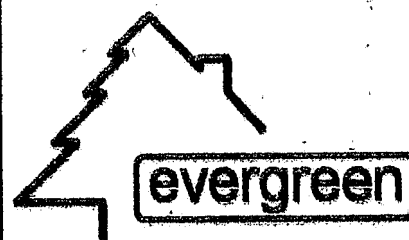
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General Manager Matt Kulenkamp and Fitness Trainer Tom Heist of Snap Fitness Clarkston.

comfortable and non-judgmental environment.

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Snap Fitness Clarkston is family owned and operated. It is open to members 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and is located at 5900 Sashabaw Road.

The facility is staffed 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Mondays; 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; and 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Snap Fitness Clarkston at 248-625-2100, or email at clarkston@snapfitness.com. Also visit www.snapfitness.com/clarkston.

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Acupuncture can treat a wide range of issues but is most commonly sought for the treatment of pain, migraines, stress, infertility, menopausal symptoms, PMS, arthritis, digestive issues, allergies, cough/cold, insomnia and even cosmetically for facial rejuvenation. Children can also be treated with Chinese Medicine.

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**Tina Lee
L.Ac., Dipl.OM**

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Tina Lee L.Ac., Dipl.OM is a longtime resident of Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1987. In 2008, she completed a 3,000-hour masters program in Oriental Medicine at Southwest Acupuncture College in Boulder, Colo.

She has moved back to Michigan and started her own business (Red Door Acupuncture), hoping to provide the type of healing alternative that so many in the West already take advantage of — one that is natural, safe, and most importantly, effective.

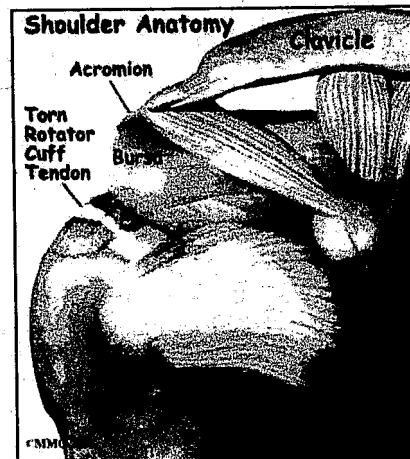
New advances in shoulder surgery

The rotator cuff is made up of four muscles that come together to form one tendon. The tendon attaches to the ball of the shoulder and helps with normal movement.

As an individual raises their arm, the rotator cuff is pinched between the two bones on either side of it. This can cause bursitis and even a rotator cuff tear.

Over time, painful bursitis and rotator cuff tears often lead to other processes including frozen shoulder and a certain type of arthritis termed cuff tear arthropathy.

If you have pain in your shoulder, particularly with overhead reaching, or are unable to sleep on your shoulder, you likely have shoulder bursitis with the possibility of rotator cuff tear. Your doctor will likely begin your treatment with a non-operative regimen of anti-inflammatory medications and physical therapy. If you continue to have pain or weakness, your doctor might find it necessary to order a magnetic resonance image (MRI), which is the only way to know for sure if you have a torn cuff. Fortunately, recent advances in arthroscopic and minimally invasive techniques have revolutionized rotator cuff repair. In the past, surgeons had to disconnect a large muscle in the shoulder to ex-



pose the rotator cuff for repair. Now, some surgeons have been specially trained in these new techniques, which help your physician visualize and repair the tendon through very small incisions with the aid of a small camera. Arthroscopic rotator cuff repair reduces post-operative pain, stiffness, and rehabilitation time as compared to traditional open surgery.

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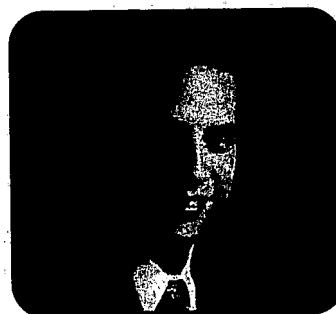
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When heading out for some winter fun, such as ice skating or heading down a hill on a Boogie board, be sure to protect your skin.

Protect your skin in winter cold

Here are a few tips to help parents protect their children's delicate skin from winter's frigid temperatures.

- Humidify dry skin. Dry, sensitive skin, especially skin that suffers

from eczema or psoriasis, may be aggravated by harsh outdoor weather and dry conditions indoors. If your skin is dry or sensitive, you may want to invest in a humidifier. If you don't have a humidifier, place a bowl filled

with water on your radiator to evaporate and moisturize the air.

- Use a moisturizer with a richer formula. Not all summer moisturizers will perform as well in the winter. You may need a richer formula to coun-

teract the cold's chilling effects on skin.

- Hydrate. Drink plenty of water to hydrate yourself from the inside out.

- Remember the sun. Don't assume you can skip sunscreen just because it's cold outside. Even on a chilly or cloudy day, the sun's harm-

ful UVA and UVB rays can still damage skin.

- Soothe chapped skin. Chapped skin can be a side effect when little ones spend hours playing outside in the cold. A sunburn soother works well against windburn and chapped skin.

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ONLY \$15.00 TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP BUT HAS NEVER BEEN TO A CHIROPRACTOR BEFORE (Or Hasn't Been In A Long Time)

Dear friend,

If you've ever thought about going to a chiropractor but you've hesitated because you weren't sure it was right for you, please read on....

My name is Dr. Allen Seiter.

We are celebrating our nine-year anniversary here in Waterford.

I have agreed to "give away" (to anyone who asks for it) \$250 worth of our services for only \$15—that's right, \$15. We've helped hundreds of people in Oakland County feel better and live healthier, more productive lives through chiropractic care. And now, we'd like to introduce even more Oakland County residents to the many benefits our profession has to offer.

For instance, chiropractic care may be able to help you if you are suffering from any of the following conditions:

- Migraine headaches
 - Lower back pain
 - Numbness or soreness in your arms or legs
 - Constant fatigue; lack of energy
 - Muscle spasms, sprains & strains and a whole host of other problems ranging from dizziness to ringing in the ear.
- These symptoms can be caused whenever the vertebrae in your spine are out of alignment, because these "misalignments" directly affect your nervous system.

Fortunately, if you are suffering from any

of these problems, or similar affliction right now, they may be relieved or eliminated by proper chiropractic treatment (commonly called an adjustment). So, if you have always wanted to "check out" chiropractic care and see what it can do for you, now is the best time to do so because...

For one week only, \$15 will get you all of the services we normally charge new patients \$250 for!

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- A full set of specialized x-rays to determine if a misalignment in your spine is causing you pain or symptoms...(NOTE: Nobody gives these kinds of x-rays free, they would normally cost you at least \$200).
- An analysis of your X-rays and spinal exam results so we can see what needs to be done to help relieve your problem.
- Helpful literature that shows how your body works and why you experience pain...
- Answers to all your most probing questions about chiropractic care and what it can do for you...

The appointment will not take long at all. And like I said, I normally charge \$250 for this (most of which just covers the full set of x-rays).

But now, as part of this one-time offer, you can come in and find out for certain if you need chiropractic care and how it might help

you eliminate the pain you are feeling.

Before you come in though, you will probably want to know a little bit about me. So let me tell you...

Meet the Doctor



I have brought professional, quality, state of the art chiropractic care to the Waterford area. I am a graduate of Michigan State University and the prestigious Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1999.

I have done extensive postgraduate work in research and science of chiropractic. I am certified by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Having completed many hours of postgraduate studies has allowed me to successfully deal with problem cases, migraine headaches, chronic back or neck pain, pain/numbness in the arms or legs, fibromyalgia, whiplash, asthma, allergies, and athletic injuries, just to name a few.

Does Chiropractic Really Work?

Absolutely! Here are some findings from studies done by chiropractic and orthopedic surgeons...

Harvard Medical School Health Letter-Sept. 1990

"Chiropractic treatment of low back pain, which affects 75 million Americans, is superior to the standard regimen administered by medical doctors, a major British study has concluded. Chiropractic almost certainly confers worthwhile long-term benefits in comparison with hospital outpatient management," said Dr. T.W. Meade, a British medical doctor who headed the study conducted at 11 hospitals and chiropractic clinics."

Federal Medical Study Endorses Chiropractic for Back Pain-US Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

December 8, 1994-A panel of 23 doctors headed by Dr. Stanley Bigos, MD, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, studied 3,900 medical articles on low back pain. Their conclusions were that, "Chiropractor's manipulation of the spine was more helpful than any of the following: Traction, massage, biofeedback, acupuncture, injection of steroids into the spine, back corsets, and ultrasound." Surgery was beneficial only in 1 out of 100 cases!

Would you like even more proof that chiropractic works? Then listen to these comments from a few of our patients...

Patients Success Stories

When I first came to see Dr. Seiter I was in constant pain, with tingling sensations in my legs and severe pain in my left side. My upper back hurt most of the time, and I was tired,

depressed and moody.

Searching for help, I tried physical therapy, Neurontin and other pain medications. Taking the drug Neurontin was a nightmare for me. After seeing Dr. Seiter, I don't need to take pain medications anymore, and my overall health has greatly improved. It has been more than three years since I have felt this good.

Sincerely,
Marie Van Zandt

When I first came to see Dr. Seiter, I suffered from low back pain, poor sleeping habits and high levels of work-related stress. Now I have much more energy, less pain and feel well rested in the morning. My visits to the medical doctor have been reduced by 90 percent, and common colds and flu are almost non-existent in my life. I am also able to deal with stress and as an unexpected, added benefit, I am able to exercise more to keep off the extra weight. I would recommend Dr. Seiter to anyone that wants to find and get rid of the cause of their pain.

Sincerely,
Tony Savarese

Guarantee of Great Service

Obviously I cannot guarantee results. No one can. But there is one guarantee I can give you, and that is a guarantee to give my best effort.

Plus, if I do not think I can help you, I will tell you, and refer you to another specialist who might be able to help.

Limited Time Offer

Obviously with an offer like this, I cannot afford to do it for very long. So I picked February 18th-27th. If you'd like to take me up on my offer and see what chiropractic can do for you, all you have to do is call our office and set up an appointment.

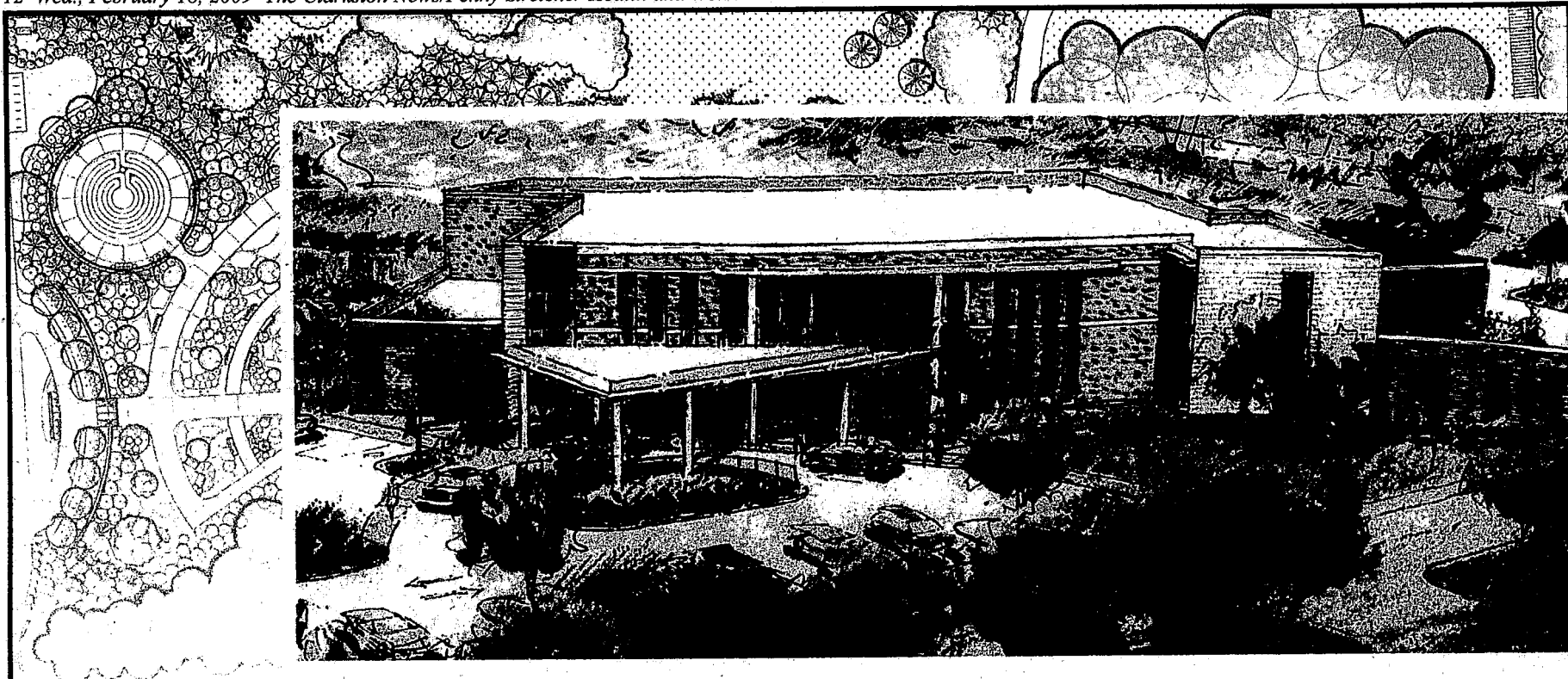
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Call any time between the hours of 9-1 and 3-7 Monday through Friday. Tell the receptionist you'd like to come in for the special introductory examination between February 18th-27th. I expect to get flooded with appointments for this event, so please call as soon as possible to assure that you do not miss out. Thank you very much, and I look forward to trying to help you get rid of your pain so you can start living a healthier, more productive life.

Sincerely,
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