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Stage set for learning

Pine Knob Elementary fifth-graders Emily Comos, left, and Kailan Mehta take part in the Regional Destination ImagiNation competition this past Saturday at Mott High School in Waterford. Two teams from PKE, along with two teams from Andersonville Elementary, participated in the event. For more photos, please see page 8A and 14A, and visit ClarkstonNews.com. Photo by Laura Colvin

Township to take a longer budget view

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Township officials hope budget planning three years in advance will help them make the most of falling tax revenues.

"We're doing our best, but I'm sure as you get out to those further years, we're going to learn things that we're going to need to know for next year's three year budget," said Susan Hendricks, finance director for Independence Township.

To prepare a one-year budget, planning started in June. Now, they're starting in January. Department heads will also have to leave out capital-improvement

items, such as buildings.

"The department heads are putting together a budget with their operating cost, of which the majority is payroll, with any other contracts they need to operate on a daily basis," she said.

All capital improvement items will be considered together instead of one at a time, Hendricks said.

"When you're focused on one department, it's very easy to say 'yes, we need that capital item for that department.' But then we would get down to the last department and say 'there are not funds available for it,'" she said.

"So, what they're going to do is, Please see Township on page 25A

look at all of the capital needs in total and then allocate our capital dollars based on the overall need rather than looking at each department."

The major hurdle this year was decreasing taxable value in the township, she said.

"That would have been a hurdle whether we were doing three year budgeting or one year budgeting," Hendricks said.

Treasurer Curt Carson said three-year budgeting has been a top priority since taking office.

"Basically we have to project where we think our revenues are

Confined space

Stimulus could fund consolidated city office center

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

To consolidate or not wasn't really the question.

The problem, as Clarkston City Council discussed options for bringing the city's administrative, police and DPW departments together under one roof, was money.

But whether federal stimulus funds arrive or not, the council agreed consolidating of city operations is a project worth pursuing.

"The facility at 3 East Church is lacking," said Councilman Jim Brueck, who gave a committee report to the council Feb. 23. "It's a garage; it's not a police station, it's not a storage area. It's inadequate for our long term needs, so it makes sense to look hard at our alternatives for moving out of that facility."

As part of the Physical Plant and City Assets committee, Brueck, along with Mayor pro-tem Kristy Ottman and Councilman Cory Johnston, looked at maintaining current police and DPW operations at 3 E. Church versus pursuing other options.

The building on Church Street was rented in 2000, said DPW Director Bob Pursley, when the city's insurance company said equipment was packed too tightly into the DPW garage on Depot.

"(The council) looked at constructing a new building, but 3 East Church became available," Pursley said. "It was supposed to be a band-aid until we figured something else out. It gave us more room, and gave room for the police."

Having trucks and other equipment in two locations makes operations difficult, and Pursley said he was in favor of consolidation, but also felt it was important to keep equipment garaged.

"Leaving the stuff outside will

shorten the lifespan," he said. "Equipment would never have a chance to dry out—plus, some of our equipment is diesel, so you'd have a harder time starting it in the winter if it was left out in the cold."

Police Chief Dale LaCroix said his department has much of what it needs in the 3 E. Church location, but is lacking a few basics.

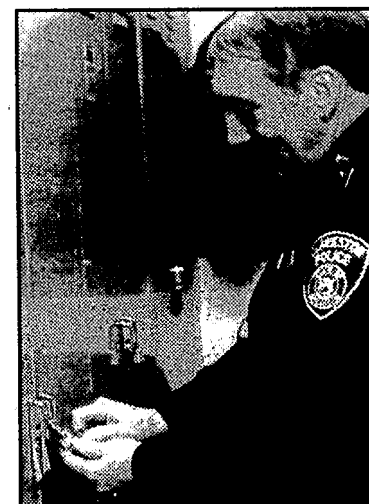
"We need more space in the locker room," LaCroix said. "It's very confined now, and should probably be at least double the size. We also need a place for storage of evidence."

Evidence—which must be controlled with limited access—is currently stored in a cramped, musty basement closet.

The office area, LaCroix said, is adequate—unless stimulus funds come through for a requested printing machine and a data master test breathalyzer, in which case he'd need more space.

"I'd also like to have a small holding room," he said, noting anyone he or his officers take into custody is brought to the station and cuffed to a metal bar on the wall until other arrangements can be made.

After talking with the city's department heads, LaCroix said, "Please see City on page 26A



Chief Dale LaCroix would like a larger locker room for Clarkston Police. Photo by Laura Colvin

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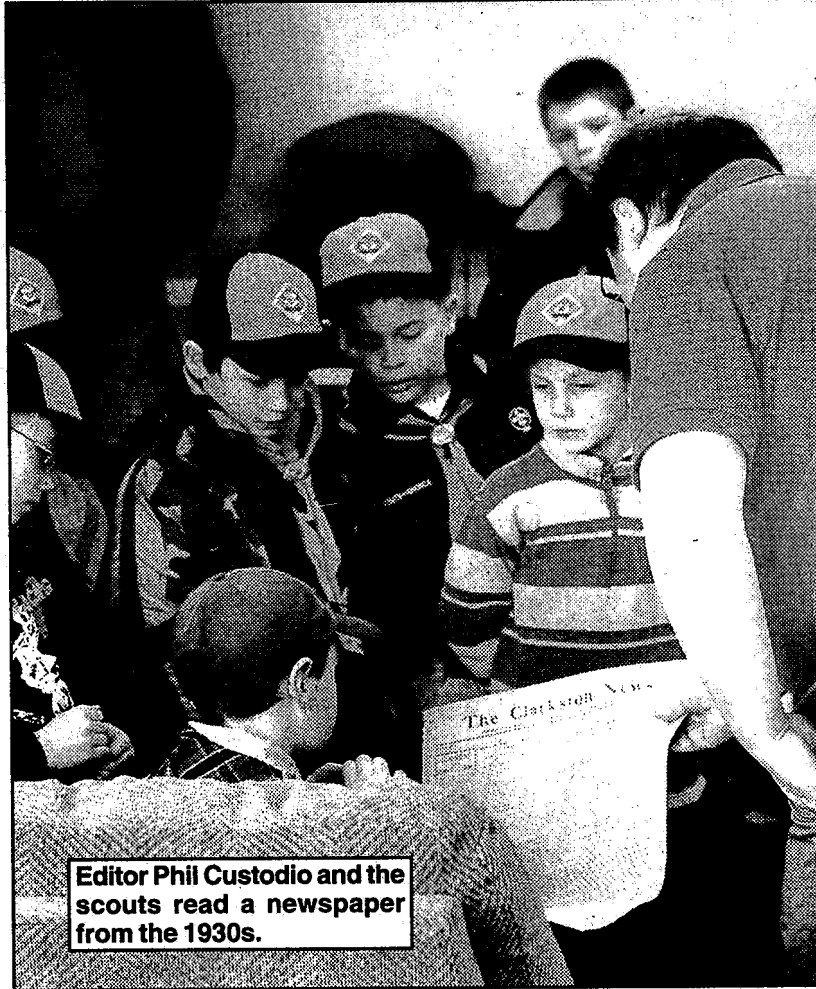
Scouts check out the view.

Scouting the News

Andersonville Elementary Pack 133 Tiger Scouts Charles Arnold, Will Arnold, Elijah Ekstrom, Chase Landis, A.J. Marsala, Alex McAvoy, Ryan McAvoy, Jacob Porter, Connor Stout, Hayden Temple and Brendan Zwiernik stopped by the offices of *The Clarkston News*, Feb 26, for a tour.

The Cub Scouts checked out the News' archives, examining a murder story from the 1930s, and the view of Clarkston's Main Street outside the second-floor windows.

Photos by Laura Colvin



Editor Phil Custodio and the scouts read a newspaper from the 1930s.

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Briefly . . .

Half-million for school roof work

Clarkston school roofs built in 1984 are getting a makeover.

Board of Education approved \$548,925 from the district Building and Site Fund to replace 25-year-old metal roofs on Andersonville, Bailey Lake, Clarkston, North Sashabaw and Pine Knob elementary schools. The project also includes work at Springfield Plains Elementary, Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston High School.

Contracts were awarded to low bidders Newton-Crane Roofing, Ann Arbor Roofing, Esko Roofing, and Litz Roofing.

The district spends about \$8.5 million out of a \$81.3 million budget for building services.

White Lake work gets stimulus

About 1.75 miles of White Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Clement Road in Independence Township is due for \$986,000 of federal stimulus funds.

Details of the asphalt resurfacing project are still being worked out, said Craig Bryson, public information officer, Road Commission for Oakland County.

Oakland County's Federal Aid Task Force Funding Committee selected 32 resurfacing projects across the county for \$26.6 million in federal stimulus.

The county does not expect stimulus funds for snow plowing, pothole filling, general road maintenance or other routine cost, Bryson said.

Nest workshop set March 8

Oakland County Parks and Recreation hosts a Nest Box Monitoring Workshop, 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 8, at the Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road.

The workshop will focus on nesting, predation, non-native species, monitoring techniques and record keeping. Volunteers can adopt boxes for the 2009 nesting season. The weekly monitoring commitment runs mid-March through August.

For information or to register, call 248-858-0704 or check www.oakgov.com/parksrec.



After she was diagnosed with Celiac Disease, Beth Lohmeier learned to live a gluten-free lifestyle. Photo by Laura Colvin

'No gluten allowed'

Club offers support, friendship for those with Celiac Disease

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's not easy for Beth Lohmeier and her two daughters—Olivia, 13, and Emma, 10—to stay healthy.

Diagnosed in 2007 with Celiac Disease (CD), the Independence Township mother and daughters must avoid gluten at all times—that means no wheat, rye or barley or oats in any form. Not even a trace. Ever.

It took some doing—and lots of learning—but Lohmeier, 41, now manages her family's meals in a whole new way.

Even her husband David, who doesn't suffer ill effects of the protein, usually eats a diet free of gluten when he's home.

"He's outnumbered," Lohmeier laughs, explaining that she shops carefully, modifies recipes, and describes her family's needs to restaurant employees.

And, since her diagnosis, Lohmeier has spent a great deal of time and energy discovering local sources for gluten-free gourmet, fast food and everything in between.

It's all information she wants to share through the recently-formed Dinner Divas Gluten-free Cooking Club.

"We're going to eat, share some wine, sit

around the table and talk," she said. "I really want to help others by bringing people together, but I need the help too. It's nice to talk to someone else who gets it."

The idea behind the club, Lohmeier explained, is simple: one Friday each month, participants can bring a gluten-free dish—along with copies of the recipe—to her home for a potluck dinner and the chance to connect with others who understand the difficulty of gluten-free living.

"It's pretty easy, once you get used to it, to keep gluten out of your own home," she said. "But once you walk out the door, you're bombarded with all kinds of things you can't have. When it comes right down to it, this disease is about the food we eat, and we are our own best resources."

For a long time, Lohmeier lived with CD unawares; the diagnosis came only when the disease was "accidentally" uncovered during treatment for other health problems.

Still, she said, many of the symptoms were nagging at her all along, including—but certainly not limited to—a constant lack of energy.

"I was overwhelmed by fatigue," she said. "But you can blame that on a lot of things. I'm a mother, I volunteer, I take care of the house—so of course I get tired."

Her youngest daughter, Emma, was also experiencing symptoms of the hereditary disorder, while Olivia, on the other hand, had no reaction; her CD is asymptomatic.

Celiac Disease?

According to the Celiac Disease Foundation, a national non-profit, organization providing services and support to those living with CD, one in 133 Americans has the disease, but 97 percent go undiagnosed, placing blame elsewhere; the autoimmune disorder has many symptoms, such as stomach cramps, pain in the abdomen, bones, or joints, and fatigue, and often mimics other disorders.

Initial diagnosis requires blood tests. An internal scope shows damage in the small intestine and confirms diagnosis.

When individuals with CD ingest gluten, villi—tiny hair-like projections that absorb nutrients from food in the small intestine—are damaged due to an immunological reaction and do not effectively absorb proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, and minerals.

Left untreated, damage can be chronic and life threatening, causing increased risk of nutritional and immune related disorders such as iron deficiency anemia, early onset osteoporosis or osteopenia, intestinal lymphomas and other GI cancers.

The only treatment for CD is lifelong adherence to a gluten-free lifestyle. When gluten is removed from the diet, the small intestine will begin to heal as overall health improves. Medication is not normally required.

Source: www.celiac.org

Both girls were diagnosed just a few months after their mother.

The major diet overhaul has been difficult, Lohmeier said, but both the girls are doing well and she hopes the Dinner Divas Cooking Club will be a great place to find help with children's menu items.

"I needed to learn how to bake gluten-free," Lohmeier explained. "I do buy some gluten-free baked goods, but they're really, really expensive; you hate to have to ration cookies and crackers to your kids."

Above all, she said, the club's emphasis will be on building a social network and having fun.

"Don't feel like you can't come if you're not a good cook," she said. "Just throw a mix together. In fact, if you're not a good cook, all the more reason you should come. We'll help each other; no one has to live with this disease alone."

The Dinner Divas Gluten-free Cooking Club meets at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 13 at Lohmeier's Independence Township home, 5150 Glenwood Creek. For more information, or to RSVP, call 248-391-4566 or email bethlohmeier@hotmail.com

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Sandy Putman and her daughter Julianne Batten receive their pizza.

Helping out with pizza

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

When Sandy Putman and her daughter Julianne Batten stopped by Lighthouse Emergency Services for some supplies, they didn't have to worry about lunch.

Little Caesar's Love Kitchen had them covered.

"Get some pizza," said Connie Stapleton, manager of Lighthouse North, as the pair prepared to leave. "They're serving until 2."

Little Caesar's volunteers served 72 cheese and pepperoni pizzas to almost 300 people, Feb. 25, at the Sashabaw Road food pantry.

"This is a really cool place," Putman said. "They're helping us restart our lives after foreclosure."

Employees at two Clarkston-area Little Caesar's donated their time, said John Foguth, general manager.

"We're here to give back to the community and help out people in need," Foguth said. "This is great. I'm glad we can help out, especially in these tough economic times."

Built into a semi-truck trailer, the kitchen

has everything they need to bake and serve fresh pizzas.

"We pick up supplies and ingredients at 8:30 a.m., move to the location, set up, cook and serve fresh, hot pizzas right here," said David Fox, Love Kitchen driver.

The kitchen is equipped with walk-in cooler, prep racks and counters, and two propane ovens.

"This is our first time here at Lighthouse North, but it won't be the last," Fox said.

They will hopefully return at the end of summer, he said.

"The Love Kitchen was created to provide quality meals for people who need them," Foguth said. "As a member of the area business community, it's important to me to support people when they need it and help make the community stronger. I'm excited to support this program with food and staff to provide a quality meal for people who otherwise may not get one."

Love Kitchen is a national program, serving more than two million people in 48 states and four Canadian provinces since it was created in 1985.



Alyssa Jenio, Corporate Manager Harrien Clarisand, and the rest of the Little Caesar's Love Kitchen crew make some pizzas.

WWII veterans share lessons of history

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT

Clarkston News Intern Writer

Gloomy war and financial news fill headlines, but things have been worse.

Clarkston Junior High students learned from those who know all about it, sharing stories and mementos of World War II and the Great Depression.

"There's a lot of gloom and doom," said Brian Zezula, ninth-grade U.S. History teacher. "I like bringing these guys up and they talk about when they were teenagers. They were trained by the military and for that they were fortunate ... and these veterans tell them, hey, we were just like you."

Sharing their stories, Feb. 25, were Leigh Bonner, former Clarkston teacher of 37 years and World War II pilot; Harry Gooch, Marine who fought in the Pacific; and Frank Willard, air transport command.

Gooch wants students to know they can do things on their own.

"That's what I did when I was growing up during the first depression," he said.

"You start being able to do things on your own without having to be necessarily steered to it or told what to do. So they're more self-sufficient."

Bonner enlisted in 1942, learning Morse code and compass directions before being sent to primary flight training at Miami Beach. There wasn't any room, so they opened up colleges to the military. He was sent to the University of Pittsburgh.

"All I can say is that I'm old enough that I lived through the worst depression the world has ever known and the worst war that the world has ever known," Bonner said. "God forbid that I ever have to live through any of them again. But if I did, I would choose the war. Now that may sound funny, but in a war, there's patriotism and that's a good thing. In a war, there's hope and that's a good thing. In a depression, there's none of this and that's a bad thing."

Gooch shipped out on Sept. 21, 1943, fought in six island invasions, and landed at the Japanese harbor in Nagasaki on Sept.

21, 1945.

"I enjoyed every bit of that warm weather we had. Nothing like what we got here now. It kind of messed me up because I've always wanted to go back," he said.

"We've had our bad times. We've had our good times. I got scared pretty bad a few times. Any time you hear those bullets snapping around your head it's time to get scared."

Willard told students about how important it was to secure the island Tarawa, which had a crushed coral air strip. He received his training in the U.S., and he had a lot of experience with motor vehicles. He was sent to Hawaii, and after a few weeks went to Tarawa.

Willard and his men refueled and re-armed 100-150 planes a day on the strategically placed island.

Food was good most of the time, they watched the latest movies every night, and the temperature was at least 100 degrees every day, he said.

"I look back today or any day and sometimes I have the feeling that I wasn't doing very much. But when I found out that the second atom bomb, flew by this plane, did the job, I felt like I had really, really accomplished my part of the job," Willard said.

Learning about World War II brings generations together, and helps students prepare for their future.

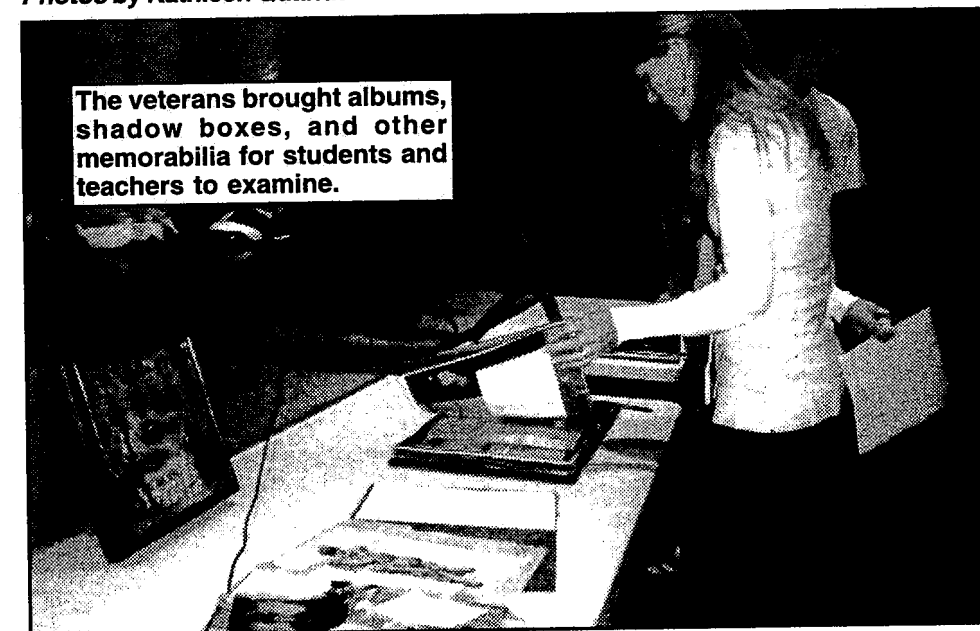
"They are fully confident, the guys I talked to today, all of them, that when our youth, when push comes to shove, are going to be able to do what's necessary to support themselves and their family too," Zezula said. "We're all Americans. Hard work isn't dead, and there's hope."

Bradley Leuenhagen, junior high student, learned about World War II planes, weapons, and training.

"My favorite would probably have to be when Mr. Gooch told us a lot about the warfare, and also when Mr. Willard told us that he helped deal with the plane that dropped the bomb," Leuenhagen said.



Clarkston Junior High students talk to World War II veteran Frank Willard about his experiences maintaining B-29 bombers in the Pacific, like the one modeled. Photos by Kathleen Quandt



The veterans brought albums, shadow boxes, and other memorabilia for students and teachers to examine.

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Kathleen's quotes

A column by Kathleen Quandt

Feelings mixed on upcoming graduation

This May years of hard work will be coming to an end, or maybe a new beginning.

I am a senior journalism student at Oakland University and I will graduate this spring. Hopefully, I will transition from journalism student to journalist.

My internship at *The Clarkston News* has helped me with the transition. Using knowledge from the classroom in the newsroom is part of learning.

Being an intern is like being in the stage between being a student and being a journalist. I am receiving credit from the school while receiving on-the-job experience at *The Clarkston News*. I have help from the school still before I'm out by myself in the "real world".

As an intern, I have the chance to go out into Clarkston and experience what it is like interviewing and then writing about what I have gathered. I get to talk to people in the community. Some hold offices, some are from churches and some are residents.

My next project is searching for a job after I graduate. In today's tough economy things aren't looking on the bright side. Foreclosures, unemployment, and the stock market are just a few indicators of the times.

In preparation for my upcoming job search, I have had help from professors, events and classes on networking, résumés, and job searches. As a student, it is important to use resources that are available.

I look at graduation with anticipation. Looking for a job could be difficult, and I am wondering where the search will take me.

Saying goodbye to being a student won't be all tears and sadness. I will no longer have to set time aside for homework. Balancing school, a part-time job and an internship will be a thing of the past. Instead, if things go my way, I will have one job to work into my schedule.

Instead of telling people I am a student, I will be able to say reporter with some sense of accomplishment.

The thought of leaving behind long hours of studying does not make me feel sorrowful, but I am positively looking towards the future.

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."



- Aristotle

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Surveys should stay local

Dear Editor,

I'm writing regarding the Parks and Rec. Survey Story, *Clarkston News*, Feb. 26, 2009. As a long time taxpayer in this township, I once again find myself having to speak out.

I believe the board of trustees needs to re-think the validity of the results of its current Parks and Rec. survey now being conducted and not consider it when planning our Parks and Rec. future.

A survey that is meant to determine what future programs the townships taxpayers must fund should call for the participation of Independence township residents only. Not Auburn Hills, Waterford, White Lake, Springfield, Orion and Brandon Twp. or anywhere else for that matter. Those communities should not be allowed to participate in a survey that may determine the fate of Independence Townships Parks and Rec. programs, its funding or our millage questions. They do not pay taxes here.

If citizen input is really the motivation for the Parks and Rec. Master Plan survey, then why

wasn't the survey mentioned in the 2009 Independence Township Parks and Rec. Winter Guide that was just mailed out to every Independence Township resident?

A condensed version of the survey surely could have been included in the guide for residents to fill out and mail in if they so desired.

But surprisingly, no mention of this important survey or its website link is ever made in the Parks and Rec. Guide.

Only verified township residents should have been allowed to participate. Leaving township millage proposal questions that were already answered at the polls up to those not paying taxes here is ridiculous!

I call on the board of trustees to be vigilant in their duty by making sure that this survey is not used in the future as a justification to ignore the wishes of Independence Township residents again.

Sincerely,

Michael Powell
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Many ways to help environment

Dear Editor,

Your article and editorial opinion on the open space issue, as published Feb. 25, are correct but may give the wrong impression to some.

It is true that an additional tax millage was defeated, and also true that elected representatives should abide by the will of the people and other democratic principles.

However, it is also true that 7,809 voters in Independence Township were willing to pay additional taxes for open spaces and I think it is reasonable to assume that many others are also in favor of open natural spaces even if not willing to take on additional taxes at this time.

The reasons for having open natural spaces are now well documented and becoming clearer every day as the country plans on spending billions of dollars on infrastructure improvements, many of which would not be necessary if we had only planned better in the past. So while I agree with your assessment on the issue of a millage, let's not forget the reason the issue was raised which was to help protect the natural benefits we have and the very reason many of us live here.

I don't believe that is opposed.

I invite everyone who is in favor of preserving and protecting natural open spaces to become involved in local activities and events. The North Oakland Headwaters Land

Conservancy (www.NOHLC.org) has been involved with this for over 30 years, was started in Independence Township, and has events and meetings all year round. Same for the Clarkston Watershed Group (CWG@villageofclarkston.org) which works with NOHLC and others in the Village of Clarkston and surrounding Independence Township to improve our lakes, rivers, streams and overall water quality.

The Clinton River Watershed Council (www.CRWC.org) has numerous educational and volunteer activities along the entire Clinton River. Oakland County Parks and Recreation (248 625-6473) has an "Independence Green" event on March 21, 1-2:30 p.m., at Independence Oaks Lewis Wint Nature Center. Register in advance and the county representatives will show you exactly where you live in the green infrastructure plan.

So while we should all abide by the democratic principles on which this country was founded, let's not lose sight of the goal to maintain and improve the land and water around us. Get involved and we will all see the benefits.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston City Council, CWG co-chair,
NOHLC secretary, and active with county
Parks, and Planning and Economic
Development

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Author to students: you can write"
Tom Birdseye grew up thinking that writing was a chore, and he wanted to become an NBA star. At the age of 42, Birdseye was the author of nine published books, and visited all five Clarkston elementary schools as part of Authors' Week festivities.

"Three names turn to one for M-15"
Independence Township Board passed a resolution for the state to make M-15, Ortonville Road, and Main Street all "Main Street" - Main Street North for the road north of Clarkston, Main Street South for the other part.

"Students work together for planet earth" Students in the environmental club at Sashabaw Middle School, called Students for a Better World, joined forces with students in the autistically impaired program to make earth-friendly products.

25 years ago - 1984

"Girl, 9, names Maybee Park: Now Sashabaw Plains Park" A 9-year-old Pine Knob Elementary student submitted the winning entry to name the former Maybee Road Park. The Independence Township Board unanimously christened the 15 acres "Sashabaw Plains Park."

"Reserve deputies start foot-patrol" Oakland County Sheriff's Department reactivated its idled 150-volunteer reserve force - assigning foot patrols in downtown Clarkston and Davisburg. Uniformed reserves were to go door-to-door to each business.

"Fire station 2 reopens" The Clarkston and Sashabaw road station ended its more than month-long closure. It was closed because of staffing difficulties.

50 years ago - 1959

"Pioneers to hear special speaker" The Clarkston Pioneers invited Woodrow W. Hunter to talk about "Aging as a Modern Social Achievement." Hunter was a research associate in the Division of Gerontology, and Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Michigan.

"Dr. Wallace Watt to address Clarkston P.T.A." Dr. Wallace Watt, consultant of mental health education for the Michigan Health Department, was guest speaker at the Clarkston Elementary P.T.A. meeting, talking about "Bringing Out the Best in Our Children."

"Rotary hosts 'Visiting Fireman'" Independence Township firefighters were guests of the Clarkston Rotary Club. Speaker of the evening was Lt. Warrilow, Station 1, Pontiac Fire Department.

Faded Ink

Tired of hearing nothing but bad news? Call Wally

Most of the news these days, written or spoken, is negative. Seems bad news sells, and we don't take the time to weed out the good news.

It's at times like this we all need an optimistic friend. Not just a person, like me, who tries to lighten the atmosphere with cynical comments.

I'm thinking of a person who can lighten our loads by just appearing in person, phone or postmark.

Such a person is Wally Lee. Wally is a phenomenon. He's a man with a weak handshake (which disarms you) and strong enthusiasm (which delights you).

Some months ago Wally had a couple strokes that causes him to hang onto walls, a cane and wife Sue's arm.

So, we look into his eyes when we meet, ignore his weakness and become absorbed by his greeting, his oral energy and his healthy smile.

What prompted me to write about Wally this week was a letter he sent following my

column about blowing snow with my John Deere.

Wally and Sue have been going to Florida to escape Michigan winters for some time, and he loves sand and sun, swaying palm trees and watching the surf roll in while tasting Manhattans.

He writes: "My good friend Jim. I am prompted to write after that superb job of writing you did in your *Jottings*."

"I'm sure you are shivering on your John Deere. That machine, I can see, really turns you on. I used to have a Wheel Horse with a snowplow on it, and that %##* & @ thing would not start at the first sign of snow.

"I swear it hated cold weather more than I did. After a jump start and a few harsh words from me, I adjusted the wheel chains and braved the 3 ft bank of white misery.

"No matter which direction I would travel the wind was always in my face, stinging and burning, which required me to wear goggles, a scarf, 4 pairs of mittens, big heavy coat, snow boots, hand and foot

warmers and anything else to avoid frost-bite.

"Then I was stuck with another problem, like when I had eight boats. What fun that was. I soon found that maintenance required five days of work for each fun weekend day. This led me to golf, where there was no maintenance.

"I'm just back from cruising the Caribbean and there was no sign of recession for 3,200 of us.

"Remember, when you ask a cat which canary to buy, its first concern may not be how well it sings."

A little background on Wally. When he came out of the 2-year stint in the Army he went to dental school. Then he came back home to Oxford and took over his dad's dental practice in Pontiac. Dad was a den-

tist by trade and farmer by hobby and love.

But, Wally wasn't aiming to make a lot of money, so he practiced dentistry Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Every weekend he could he went elk hunting in Colorado, moose hunting in Canada, snow skiing in New Hampshire and Idaho, fishing in Canada and Fairview and collecting coins.

He became very knowledgeable on old money, then specialized in National Bank notes. He concentrated on Michigan National Bank notes and, after 30 years, wrote a coffee table size book on the subject. The demand for such a book isn't great, and they sell for \$125.

Wally has also got an affection for a small bulldozer and has worked it in developing three residential areas.

It's the excitement he can generate in relating his experiences from his assortment of adventures that refreshes my outlook.

Thanks, Wally.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Survey needed to gauge support

Dear Editor,

In the debate about the open-space proposal, the arguments against were essentially focused on the wording and management of acquired properties being conducted by the NOHLC, so it would be reasonable to assume that at least a certain amount of those who voted against, did so based on these concerns.

This does not translate that the populous is against open space, just that they had concerns regarding how the proposal was presented. Therefore, conducting an inexpensive survey that investigates the attitudes towards the concept is insightful and responsible to the citizens it serves.

Other arguments against were easily proven to be uninformed. I can think of no better way to spend an early summer morning than gliding silently in my kayak amongst the cattails, photographing wildlife and the vast array of stunning flowers that thrive in these important ecological environments. Similarly, cross-country skiing in such settings is good for my heart on multiple levels. In our very own Independence Oaks, just the mention of "Ted Gray" excites me, as it is one of the most thrilling downhill runs I've been privileged to experience anywhere, and finishes on a lovely boardwalk through a wetland.

Supposedly the County Greenways Plan was the reason this proposal would be redundant, yet not only is this plan unfunded, but an open space proposal is the perfect mechanism to achieve this goal. Equally, preservation of open space was recommended in a report submitted by the Clinton River

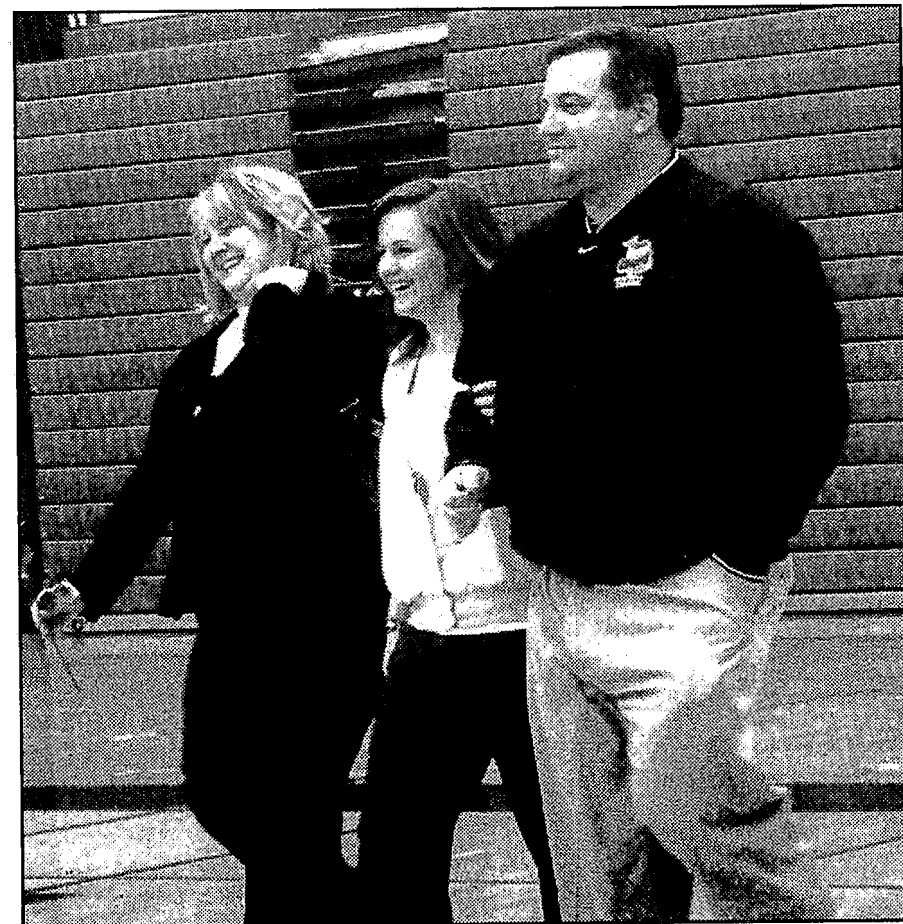
Watershed Council and adopted in our Mater Plan, something perhaps Mr. Wagner might want to remind himself of, despite his conflict of interest.

And finally, there are those pesky environmental issues that keep cropping up. There is a direct cause and effect relationship to financial expenditures associated with lack of protections and foresight. Pricey examples exist in our community now with both the required dredging of the Mill Pond as a result of sediment and debris accumulation and the Storm Pipe Collapse (NOT a sewer line) that was initiated from a sediment plug. Both are resultant from storm water runoff carrying increased sediment loads associated with impervious cover, and lack of ongoing preventative measures and maintenance.

There is overwhelming evidence regarding the impacts that unmitigated development has on a watershed, and quite frankly, this community up until now, has done little to address these issues. Preservation of open space remains the most cost effective management tool available and historically increases property values. Data supporting these statements is widely available.

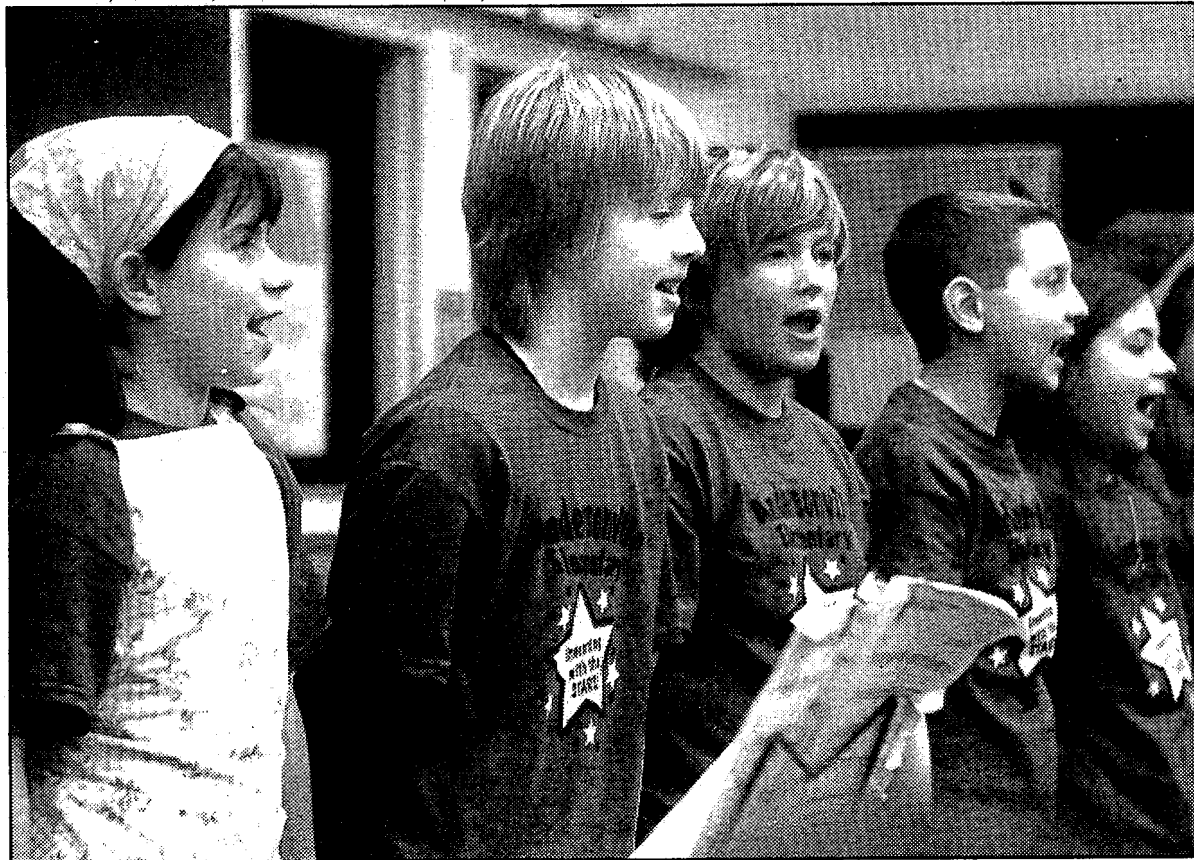
Perhaps we could have an open public debate where documentation is provided to support statements made by either side. I know I can back up every claim I've ever made several times over. When the facts are on the table, wide reaching support will be found.

Tammie Heazlit
Hydrogeologist, storm water/sediment
and erosion control specialist
Independence Township



Proud of her parents

Sophomore Liz Zezula took a moment before the girls varsity basketball game to thank her parents, Karen and Brian. It was Parent and Senior Appreciation Night during the girls last home game of the regular season on Feb. 17. Photo by Wendi Reardon



From left, Kaitlyn Cavallo, Kyle Dunlap, Carl Klein, Jon Giolitti, and Costa Daros perform as part of the AE Stars, coached by Mark Cavallo and Annie Knill.



Left to imagine

Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your long hair—and do it quick; you’re headed to state finals!

One Destination ImagiNation team from Andersonville Elementary recreated the story of Rapunzel and tied for second-place with a team from Clarkston’s Pine Knob Elementary during Saturday’s Regional competition held at Mott High School in Waterford.

The second place teams from both schools will travel to state finals April 4 at Central Michigan University.

Kids on 12 competing teams—including two from AE and two from PKE—created a live “music video,” with music, lyrics, choreography and costumes for the event.

AE’s other participants took sixth place with a chocolate-sweet performance.

Photos by Laura Colvin



Jon Giolitti and Costa Daros, who played Rapunzel, share a dance.



The group coaxes Rapunzel to let down her long hair.

Public Safety

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

Lock it or lose it

An Independence Township woman said several items—including an in-dash stereo and her father's power drill—were stolen from her car Feb. 21 after she parked the vehicle at her boyfriend's apartment in the 6900 block of Tucson Blvd. around 3 a.m. The woman told deputies she thought she'd locked the car, but no damage was observed.

Don't be mad, Mom

A woman living in the 4700 block of Cecilia Ann called police after returning from an out-of-town trip Feb. 22 to discover a laptop computer missing and her home damaged. The woman told deputies her 18-year-old son had called before she arrived to warn her he'd hosted about 15 friends at an unauthorized party; when she got home, the woman found three large holes in the wall—the result of a fight, junior explained—and also discovered her basement "trashed and soaked in beer." In addition to the laptop, an Xbox also appeared to be missing from the home.

Fearful friend did right thing

After receiving a number of disturbing text messages from a friend Feb. 23, a 12-year-old boy and his mom called police to express worry the girl might harm herself. Although the boy didn't know where his

friend lived, dispatch was able to get her address from the cell phone company and deputies arrived to check things out. According to police reports, the girl "pretended she didn't know" why deputies were at her home, but was taken to the hospital for a precautionary evaluation.

Pilfered power

A 46-year-old woman concerned with identity theft filed a police report Feb. 23 after receiving a \$576 bill from DTE for service at an address she never lived at.

Not permitted

A 22-year-old Whitmore Lake man was cited Feb. 24 for offering free estimates on a Leaf Filter in the 5900 block of Warbler after a resident complained. His offense? Soliciting without a permit. It's illegal.

Go to jail free

A 23-year-old Independence Township man had overnight accommodations in the Oakland County Jail after a fight with his girlfriend allegedly resulted in swelling and

bruising to the woman's face and collar bone. Both admitted to deputies they'd been drinking when the fracas began. Although he was ordered to stay away, the man returned to the home on Timber the following day and accused the woman of hiding his keys, a claim she denied.

Van's glass smashed

A large, heavy object appeared to have hit the window of a van quite hard as it sat in the parking lot of a bowling alley in the 6600 block of Dixie Highway Feb. 24. The owner, a 53-year-old Goodrich man, called police when he returned to the vehicle after several hours of bowling to discover glass from the driver's door window on the dashboard, seats and in the vents of the vehicle. Nothing appeared to be missing from the van.

Drowsy, not drunk

A Brandon Township woman was issued a citation for reckless driving after other drivers reported she was driving on the wrong side of the road near Sashabaw and

Pelton, forcing several cars off the road. When deputies caught up to the woman, she explained she hadn't slept in a long time and was very tired. Her former husband arrived on the scene and took the drowsy driver home.

'Boarder breaks bone

A 23-year-old Independence Township man ended up with a broken left femur after a day on the slopes at DTE Feb. 24. The man, who was transported to Genesys Hospital by ambulance, told emergency personnel he hit a jump while snowboarding and broke his leg when he landed.

Where's Almond Road?

A 31-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested after a homeowner in Pine Knob Road said a car hit her mailbox and drove away. Police identified the vehicle from a description given by the resident and pulled the driver over for questioning. The woman, who was in possession of a just-filled but mostly-empty bottle of prescription sleeping pills, said she was on her way from dropping her daughter at Clarkston Elementary, and told deputies the school was located on Sashabaw Road. When the deputy asked "are you sure?" the woman corrected herself. Clarkston El, she said, was in fact located on Almond Road. A toxicology report was pending.

-Compiled by Laura Colvin

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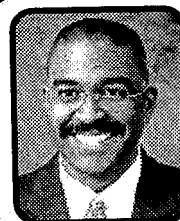
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Cagers need push to prepare for playoffs

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

As the Cagers head into the last week of games before playoffs, the focus will have to be on offense.

Clarkston beat their opponents last week, Rochester Adams and Oak Park, but both were closer than they should have been.

"Defensively, we are still solid and I always breach that," said Coach Dan Fife. "We were better as a team. Tonight (against Oak Park) it felt like if Staton didn't get an opportunity for us, we couldn't get one."

Though the boys beat Oak Park, 56-36, something was missing on the court and Fife didn't know what it was.

"I just haven't seen this sort of thing," said Fife. "I don't know if I am pushing the right buttons, striking the right nerves. Hopefully we get better. We have two more games to get better and get ourselves stronger."

Tom Staton got the game going for the Wolves. He ran down the court and passed the ball to Brandon Verlinden.

Staton made his way through Oak Park's defense and positioned himself under the basket for Verlinden's return pass.

Verlinden threw the ball back to Staton, who put it in for two points. The boys held the Knights to 17 points going into the sec-



Tom Staton guards Wolves' territory against Oak Park. Photo by Wendi Reardon

ond half, while they led with 31.

During the last half of the game, Knights Coach Alfred Kattola tried something different on the Wolves - a half-court trap.

"I have seen them (Clarkston) three times and hadn't seen anyone do a half-court trap. That was something I thought about," said Kattola.

"They played a defense we were familiar with and we couldn't get into the zone very well," said Matt Kamieniecki.

The Wolves shot five points in the third quarter, but found a way to shoot past Oak Park and score 20 in the fourth.

"The second half, we didn't turn and weren't aggressive," said Fife. "That's not the way you are going to turn against a Northern or Arthur Hill, someone who really wants us."

Brandon Pokley led the game with 20 points and connected four of his eight 3-point attempts. Pokley also led with 20 points in the boys victory over Rochester Adams on Feb. 24, 48-38.

"It was a tough game. They were ready for us," said Fife.

The Wolves finish their regular season this week against West Bloomfield and Pontiac Northern.

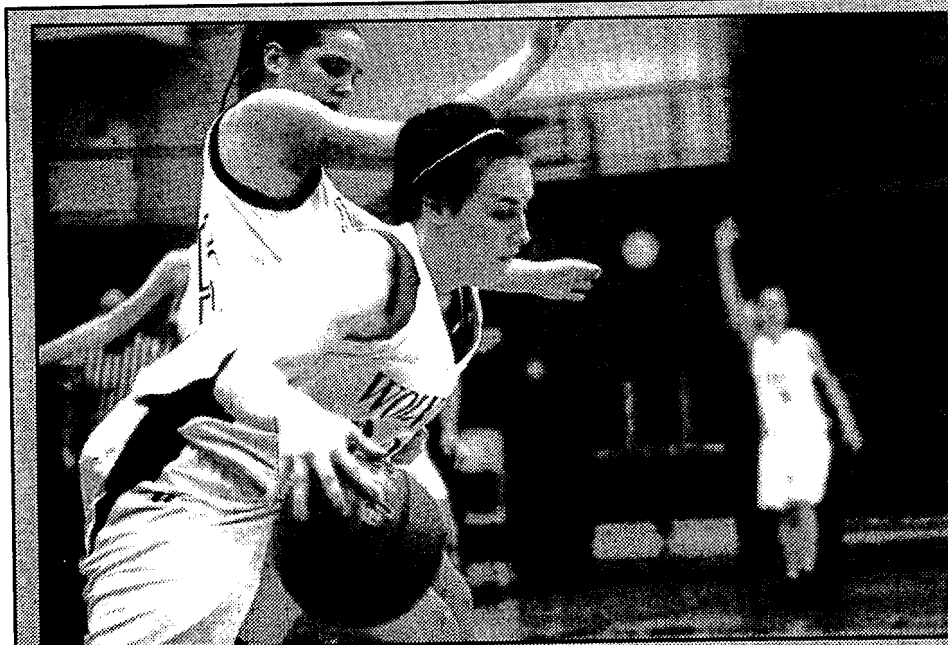
"It's a tough week. We are playing two of the better teams in the league," said Kamieniecki. "We have to come out ready to play."

The Lakers are in second place in OAA Red, behind Clarkston's first place spot and Northern holds third.

They played West Bloomfield on Tuesday.

They host Northern on Thursday.

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Connor Daugherty fights through defense. Photo by Laura Colvin

Athlete of the Week

Daugherty keeps tradition alive

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Connor Daugherty had a choice to make before the basketball season began, she could have surgery on both of her ankles and spend the season recovering, or wait until the season was over.

She chose to wait and the choice paid off. Daugherty was able to pass on the Clarkston basketball tradition she learned through the years to the new players.

"She has done a lot of little things for us," said Girls Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk. "She has been a really good leader and a really great captain. She is the calming influence on the team."

Her performance on the court and with her teammates led to her nomination for Athlete of the Week.

"She has done a great job for us," said Wasilk. "We ask her to defend, rebound, set screen, and get loose balls - and she does. She has played through the pain and shown her character. I am proud she made it through the season."

For Daugherty it was an honor to be recognized for her hard work.

During the years she has picked up on tricks to help future Lady Cagers.

"Keep your head in it. Listen to the coach," she advised.

"Also, have an open mind when it comes to communicating with others."

Daugherty began playing basketball when she was in third grade. Her parents Theresa and Steven both played and coached her and older sister, Taylor, until they were in middle school.

Connor currently has a GPA of 3.61.

She is planning to study medicine in the fall at Alma College.

She has not decided if she will play for Alma. It will depend on how her ankles heal and if she is physically up for it.

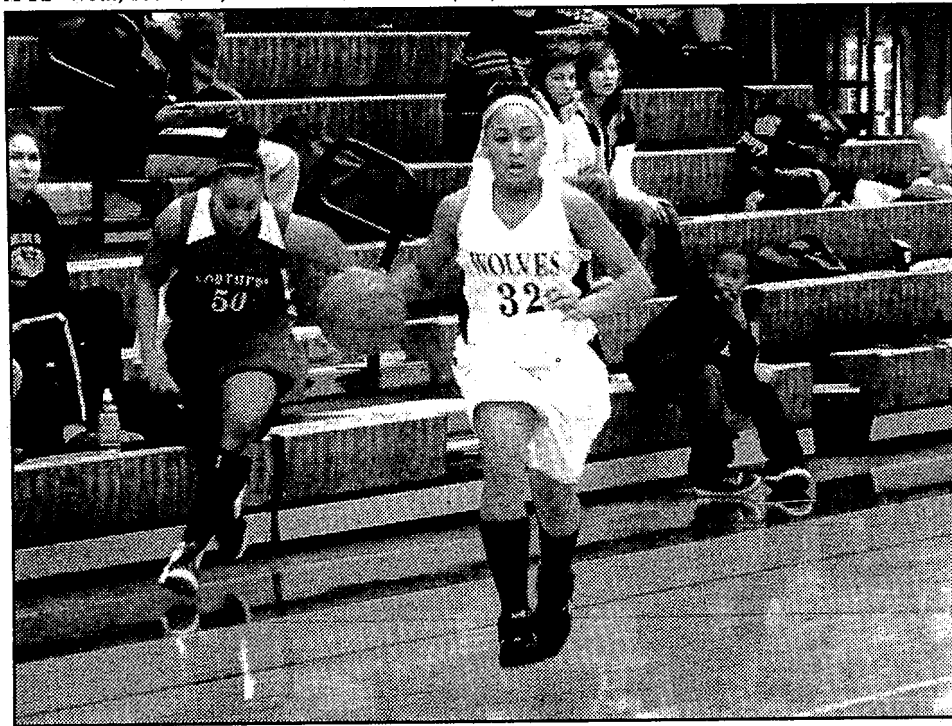
When she isn't practicing or working, she is helping her younger brother and sister with their homework.

She also keeps the family basketball tradition alive by showing her sister defense and hustling on the court.

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Erica Harris runs towards the basket with Northern close behind. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Losses mark end of lady cagers' regular season

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A third time was not the charm when Lady Cagers met up with Lake Orion one more time in the first round of play-offs on Monday.

They lost against the Lady Dragons, 44-30, ending the season.

The Wolves knew what to expect going against them and were tougher in this game than the previous two losses to Lake Orion.

"Our girls battled and I was proud of our girls effort today," said Coach Tim Wasilk. "It always helps when you have seen them a few times. You have a little bit of a feel of what to expect.

"It is what it is, they are a rough team. They just got the best of us tonight.

Lake Orion was in the lead with nine points before the girls got on the board.

Kaleigh Kenny threw the ball from the middle of the court to Anna Manilla in the corner.

Manilla looked for a way to shoot the ball past defense, and passed the ball to Megan Hastings when she didn't find one.

Hastings shot it in for 3-points.

The girls scored six more points before ending the first half, 21-9.

"They did a nice job of taking away our game plan," said Wasilk. "We ended up shooting jumpers and they weren't falling for us tonight. That's just part of the game."

After the break the girls connected more shots with the basket and made a defensive

impact to keep the Dragons from scoring.

The girls added 21 points in the last half. Kayla Brimacombe connected two 3-point shots, Kenny and Manilla added one.

The girls finished their regular season last week with two losses.

They lost to West Bloomfield on Feb. 24, 45-33.

Kaleigh Kenny led the team with 11 points. Erica Harris, Kayla Brimacombe and Kenny added a 3-pointer to the score.

They finished the week at home on Friday against Pontiac Northern and lost 60-29.

After ending the first half with only six points scored, the girls came back and found a way past Northern to score 23 points.

Jena Manilla led the team with six points. Megan Hastings connected a 3-point shot with the basket.

The team loses three seniors, Brimacombe, Connor Daugherty and Jena Manilla.

"I want to thank our seniors for the effort they put forth in the past 2-3 years," said Wasilk. "They did a great job tonight. They did a lot of good things for us this year, a lot of good leadership. We will miss them."

They have a lot of returning players, most new at the beginning of the season who grew with their knowledge and experience of the game, he said.

The girls finished the season, 7-14 and in fifth place in OAA Red. The JV team ended their season with an overall record 15-5.

Monday marks beginning of district playoffs

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Last time the Wolves played their rivals they won, 57-39.

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

The freshman team will play their last game of the season at Clarkston Junior High at 4:30 p.m.

District playoffs begin Monday, the Wolves have a bye in the first round and will use it to prepare.

"This game is 90 percent mental and we have to get the mental back. They could have two weeks left and that's it," said Fife. "We better turn it up and come up on a different approach."

Blue Out at tomorrow's last regular home game

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Next round set against St. Mary's

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers were not going down without a fight on Monday night in Pre-Regional playoffs.

They beat West Bloomfield, 4-2, and will continue on to the next round.

"I thought we played well," said Coach Bryan Krygier. "West Bloomfield played harder than the last time we saw them.

Connor Lyons put the boys on the scoreboard in the first period with an assist from Cole Schaffer and Michael Fiteny.

West Bloomfield tied the game.

Adam Frank was next to score for the Wolves in the second period, and West Bloomfield turned the puck around to tie again.

Tyler Frakes put the boys back into the lead, with an assist from Lyons and Fiteny.

Fiteny secured the Wolves victory in the last period with the final goal.

Jack Schlaue, Jeremy Messing and Frakes

assisted during the game.

"They had 29 shots on the goal and when you get above the 25 range, you are playing well," said Krygier.

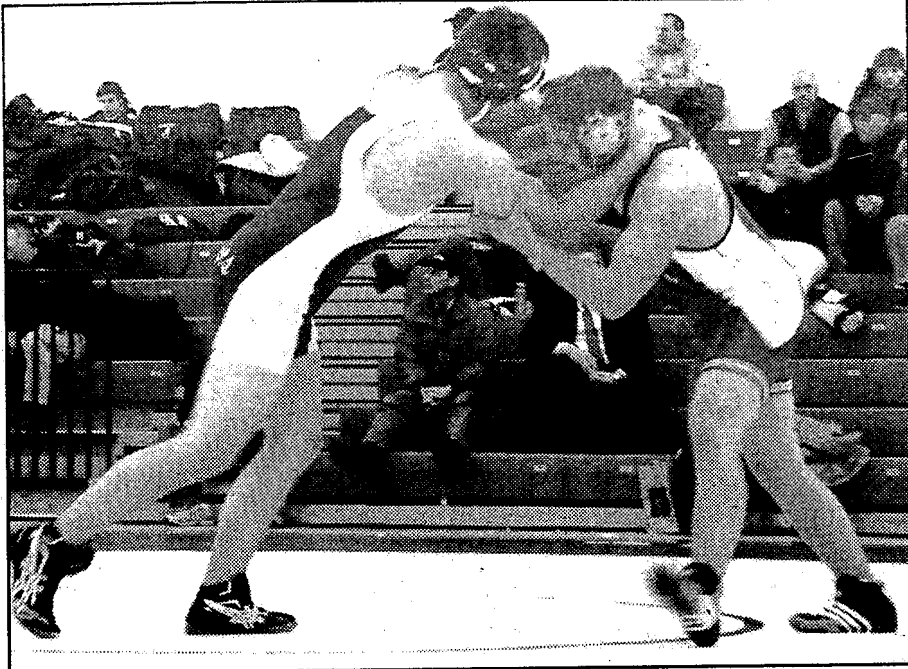
Goalie Garrett Knappe made 28 saves in the game.

The Wolves finished their regular season last week with two losses to Brother Rice (7-0) and Grosse Pointe North (6-1).

Frank scored the lone goal.

"North is a good team. They are talented, well-coached, and have an excellent goalie," said Krygier. "The games helped to get us ready for playoffs. They are both hard-hitting teams and that's why they are on the schedule."

Clarkston finished in fourth place in OAA I with a league record 6-5-1. Their overall record is 9-15-1. The boys will play Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Wednesday night in the next playoff game. The game begins at 8 p.m.



Sloan Hadsall inches his opponent closer to the mat. Photo by WR

Grapplers state bound

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Zak Roberson and Matt Deitz found themselves against the top ranked wrestlers in their weight class at Saginaw-Heritage and left the mats as champions.

Roberson's bout was against Bay City Central's Markus Gonzalez, ranked first in 103-weight. Roberson won, 8-6.

"He was really focused," said Coach Joe DeGain. "He didn't worry about the paper ranking."

Deitz defeated the Number 2 ranked Josh Goodman from Carman-Ainsworth, 6-0.

"He wrestled the body and did a fantastic job," said DeGain.

Jeff Sloney (112), Alex Popp (145), Evan King (152), and Sloan Hadsall (189) placed in the top four at regionals and head to the finals next week.

"All of them really wrestled well," said DeGain.

On Feb. 25, the Wolves grappled with Romeo and lost, 34-30.

"The season ended than they wanted it to," said DeGain. "They wrestled well and hard. We just didn't beat the team we needed to beat."

Deitz pinned his opponent 3:57 into the match and put his team on the scoreboard.

Roberson also pinned his opponent. Chris Burkhart (140) edged the boys closer to Romeo's 12 points with a victory, 8-5.

Popp brought the team into the lead with a pin in the first period.

The boys held onto the lead as King and Hadsall won their matches, scoring the most points.

Even though the season has finished for the team, they will be practicing with the state qualifiers and getting them ready for finals.

Bowlers roll on up to Muskegon

Buff them balls, and oil up the lanes. The Clarkston Wolves Varsity Bowling team rolls into State Finals this week.

Clarkston qualified for the finals after finishing third at last Friday's regional playoff.

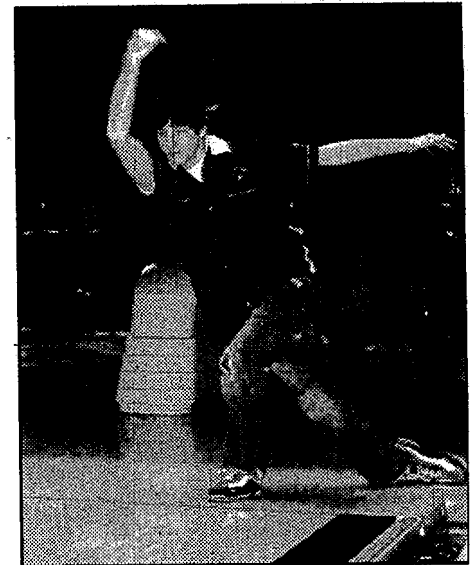
Nick Cooper led the Wolves at Wonderland Lanes in Commerce Township. He had a 657 series. Paul Anderson followed with 651, and Pat Zuker shot 634. Jim Stapleton, Jake Smith, Chris Benedict and Nate Keck will join the squad during the finals.

The top three teams from the 15 who competed will to finals at Northway Lanes in Muskegon.

The boys also competed in a singles competition of the State Regionals.

Cooper and Zuker qualified to move on to the finals taking place this Saturday. Only the top ten bowlers continue to the final competition.

Freshman Stephanie Lavelly finished third in the singles competition on Saturday and will represent Clarkston this weekend at the



Nick Cooper fills a frame.

finals. She shot an 1,172-series. The girls took eighth place during the team competition.

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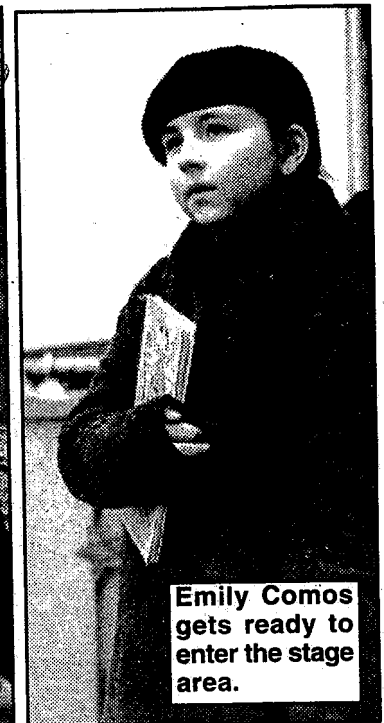
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In their video for PKE's B team, Symone Hamilton, left, and Brady Bentler find sadness living in an all-blue world.



Brody Tuomi, left, plays Ryan the narrator for the PKE team, while Andrew Ross plays the fly. Buzz, buzz!



Emily Comos gets ready to enter the stage area.



Emily Trombley enjoys the afterglow.

Just imagine

Students from Pine Knob Elementary stood out among their peers Saturday during a "music video" retelling of the story "A Fly Went By," earning a second place tie with a team from Clarkston's Andersonville Elementary.

Kids on 12 teams—including two from PKE and two from AE—created their own music, lyrics, choreography and costumes for ViDio Lit Hits, part of the Regional Destination ImagiNation competition at Mott High School in Waterford. The second place teams from both schools will travel to state finals April 4 at Central Michigan University. PKE's Team B took fifth-place with a very colorful performance.

Photos by Laura Colvin



Other characters in the PKE team, coached by Ruth Dargay, include Mitchell Page as the Cow and calf; Caroline Dargay as the lamb; Anne-Marie Dargay as the girl hunter and; Alex Pouttu as the dog.

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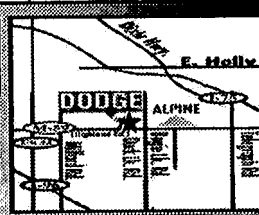
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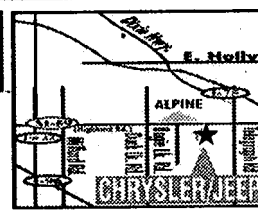
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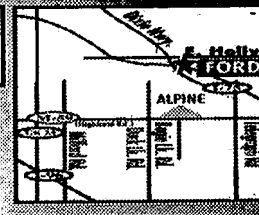
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From left, Zach Horning, Clarkston High School; Dylan Coutelle, CHS; Jon Fournier, Waterford Mott High School; Nicole Sullivan, CHS; Dave Brandon, CEO of Domino's; Bobby Mantha, CHS; Connor Gooden, CHS; and Tom Neal, BMMT instructor. Photo provided

Students do lunch with Domino's CEO

A successful sales campaign netted a pizza party for six local business students, hosted by Domino's Pizza CEO Dave Brandon.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus - Northwest students Dylan Coutelle, Connor Gooden, Zach Horning, Bobby Mantha, Nicole Sullivan, all from Clarkston High School, and Jon Fournier of Waterford Mott High School created the winning promotional campaign for Domino's new oven-baked sandwiches.

The hands-on project taught students marketing, sales, promotions, teamwork, leadership, and other business skills, said Tom Neal, teacher with Oakland schools' Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology program.

"Instead of a lecture, books, and quizzes, this is a way for the students to work on business projects," Neal said. "This gets them engaged and out there."

Seventy students met with Brandon this past November at Domino's Ann Arbor headquarters for a tour and business challenge.

They worked at Domino's restaurants in Commerce Township and Rochester, Dec. 6-14. At the end of the week, the Commerce team almost doubled sandwich sales, while the Rochester team more than tripled them. Domino's Pizza also chose the promotional campaign they liked the best.

Students from the winning team were

treated to an hour-long lunch/mentoring session with Brandon.

"This project was a chance for students to interact, distribute, and market to the general public, and use their promotional skills," Neal said. "This was fun and challenging for them."

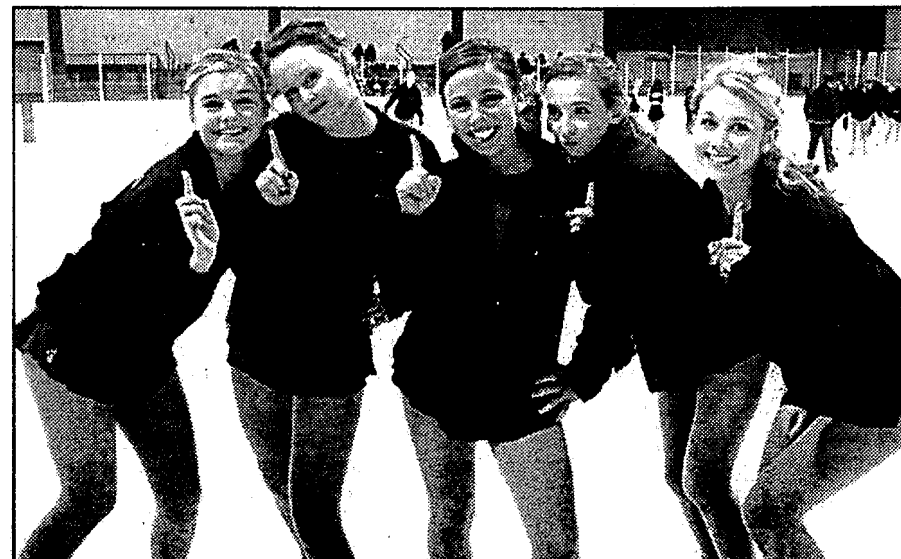
The project was modeled after a project on the television reality show "The Apprentice," on which Brandon made a guest appearance in May 2005.

"It was fun to integrate it with someone who was on the show," Neal said. "Partnerships like these are imperative for student learning. I am very excited for our students and their ability to gain hands-on experience working on real life projects like this one for Domino's Pizza. Our students benefit from similar partnerships with the Palace of Auburn Hills, Oakland County Parks and Clarkston SCAMP."

Oakland business students learn technical skills needed in the workforce, along with extensive instruction in oral and written communications, problem-solving and critical thinking, career preparation and development, research, leadership, and teamwork.

For more information, please contact Tom Neal, Business, Management, Marketing, and Technology Teacher, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest, at 248.922.5800 or tom.neal@oakland.k12.mi.us

- Kathleen Quandt



Clarkston's girls figure skating team celebrates their wins. Photo provided

Victory on ice

In their first year on the ice, Clarkston High School girl's figure skating team won all three of their district competitions and is heading to states.

The team competes in three categories, jumps, moves and spins. Each girl is allowed to do one or more elements in each category for a total of 12 elements.

Skaters on the team, coached by Richard Brown, are Ashley Berg, Katie Krausman, Gabbi Anderson, Meghan Erikson and Taylor Wiedemann.

The state competition will be 8 a.m.-1 p.m., March 29, in Midland. For more information, call Michele Berg at 248-909-1887.

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People Poll

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What are you giving up for Lent?



"Sweets, all desserts."
- Madison Waller



"I am not Catholic, but if I did, I would give up pop."
- Cole Schaffer



"If I did give anything up it would be to give up imperfection."
- Forbes Dever



"Pop."
- Demaree Wells
"Junk food. All of it."
- Katie Vlazanko

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Crazy about cars

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township resident Gerald Scarborough and his 12-year-old grandson Austin Santangelo, are revved up about participating in the 57th annual Murray's/O'Reilly's Autorama at Detroit's Cobo Center this weekend.

"I'm really excited, I've always wanted to go down there and have a car down there," said Santangelo. "I've been to it every year for the past 7-8 years, so I know a lot of about it and I've learned a lot about cars from down there."

Scarborough will feature his jet black 1932 Ford Roadster, which Santangelo named 'The Dark Knight,' after the latest Batman movie.

A few of the car's features include: Downs chassis and body, 383 stroker with Edelbrock manifold demon carburetor and 425 horsepower, 700 R4 Transmission, and Woolf aircraft stainless steel 2 1/2 inch exhaust.

Since this was Scarborough's first time actually showing a car at the event, he said he got a lot of help from his barber Dave Corbin, who has been in it a long time.

"Of course I bent his ear and he's given me a lot of insight on what to do and so on and so fourth," he said.

The car's previous owners took first place in its class last year at Autorama, Santangelo noted.

"It was a five-year project and the owner passed away right

before it was finished," he said. "The club he belonged to finished it off for him."

Previous to getting "The Dark Knight," Santangelo said he and his grandpa had their eyes on another car.

"We were at Southern Motors and we were looking at a yellow '32 (Ford Roadster) and then a guy who sells cars as a friend of ours got this one in and said it was the best one he had ever seen," he said. "Since we were such good friends, he wanted us to take a look at it and then we went there and we really liked it so we got it."

They got the car this past August for \$75,000, but Santangelo said it was worth at least \$100,000.

Scarborough, who grew up in Keego Harbor, said his love for cars came from being a mechanic for 45 years, a trade he learned from his father, who was a mechanic as well. He also got into racing because of his dad.

"I raced motorcycles first, then I raced Supermodifieds. Dad raced Indy," he said. "So it's always been racing, cars and working on them."

The '32 Roadster is not his first "antique car." He has also owned '55 and '57 Chevys and a 1989 Fox body Ford Mustang.

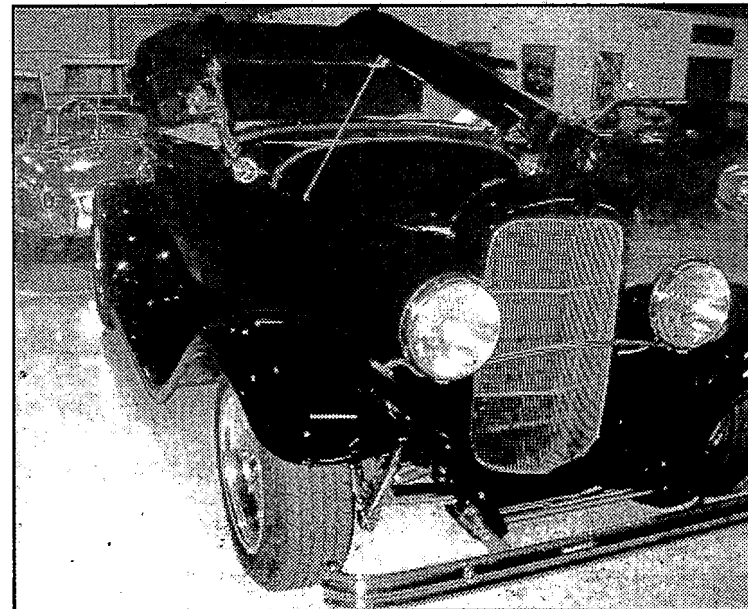
"I also have a '77 pickup that I'm restoring," said Scarborough.

He said he is also a "Harley guy," owning a 1997 Sportster.

"I drive up to the Clarkston Tap a lot in the summer with either my
See Roadster on page 23A



Gerald Scarborough and his grandson Austin Santangelo.



1932 Ford Roadster nicknamed "The Dark Knight." Photo submitted.

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Around Town

Free concert, Clarkston Community Band, 7:30 p.m., March 6. Selections of past centuries' miscellaneous music arranged for modern concert band. Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

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.

Mike Dempsey and Friends, featuring music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, 7 p.m., March 7, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe St. off Sashabaw. Free. Donations accepted. 248-673-7805.

Nest Box Monitoring Workshop, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, 3-4:30 p.m., March 8, Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. 248-858-0704.

Sportsmans Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., March 8, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. \$2. Buy, sell, trade guns, hunting equipment, fishing gear. 248-623-0444.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., March 10. Topic: "Tear Soup," with video presentation. Led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Walk-ins welcome. Free. 248-625-5231.

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.

St. Patrick's Day Warm-Up Party, 5-9 p.m., March 12, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Corned beef and cabbage dinner, live Irish music. In advance, \$10/adults, \$7 children 7-10. 248-623-0444.

"Murder with Leprechauns" murder mystery dinner theater presentation by Clarkston Optimists, 6:30 p.m., March 14, Carriage House of Pine Knob. \$50. Benefits Optimist programs throughout year. 248-622-6096.

Presentation and career networking session, with Kim McAuliffe of Oakland Family Services, 7-8:30 p.m., March 16, Clarkston United Methodist, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. 248-625-1611.

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

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

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Ban-

quet, 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.

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

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

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

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist
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Beth and Jordan

Jordan Reis of Clarkston and Beth Page of Shelby Township announce their engagement to be married.

The future groom, a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School, is employed as a computer graphics specialist with the Big Ten Network and Fox Sports in Chicago. He is the son of Randy and Nancy Longstaff of Davisburg and Rick and Denise Reis of Clarkston.

Beth Page of Brown City High School, is employed as a receptionist in Chicago. She is the daughter of Dennis Page of Clinton Township and Cindy Richardson of Summerville, S.C.

The bride-to-be, a 2005 graduate of

A May 2009 wedding is planned.

In our country's service...

Ryan Clement of Clarkston recently graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, New Mexico.

Clement is Clarkston High School graduate and received a BA degree in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University. He entered FLETC on Nov. 3, and on Jan. 28, he took the Oath of Office as a U. S. Border Patrol Agent, Department of Homeland Security.



Clement

He received his badge and credentials at a ceremony for the 828th Session of the U. S. Border Patrol Academy. He is completing an intense eight-week Spanish immersion program. Upon completion, he will begin duty at the Tucson Station of the Tucson Sector of the USBP.

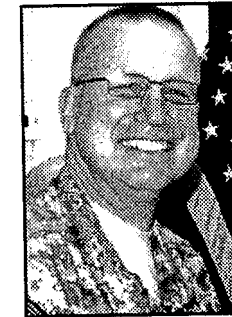
The Tucson Sector covers most of Arizona from New Mexico to the Yuma County line, 262 border miles. It is the busiest sector in the country in both illegal alien apprehensions and marijuana seizures.

Army Reserve Lt. Col. **David J. Meyers** arrived recently in Baghdad to serve as the new Secretary of the General Staff for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region

Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is his second deployment to the Iraqi theater of operations.

Meyers is regularly a member of the 416th Engineer Command headquartered in Darien, Ill.

The civil engineer has extensive experience with the Army Corps of Engineers as a civilian and Army reservist. The lieutenant colonel has served in the military for 27 years.



Meyers

Meyers has served as a project officer in the Kaiserslautern, Germany, and has worked with the Corps of Engineers' Mobile District, and the Savannah, Ga., Seattle, Wash., Omaha, Neb., Fort Worth, Texas, Louisville, Ky., and Far East Districts in design and construction projects.

He is the son of Carole A. Meyers of Clarkston. His wife, Rhonda, is the daughter of Jackson and Margaret Byers of Clarkston.

The lieutenant colonel is a 1976 graduate of Warren Cousin High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1981 from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, and earned a master's degree in 2003 from Webster University, St. Louis.

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Religion

Lent offers exciting chance to start over

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This probably isn't the way you're accustomed to thinking about Lent. But it should be! Maybe you're not aware of the origin of the word "lent". In its most original form, lent meant "spring". Now there's a hopeful word if I ever heard one! Is it possible that we can incorporate this virtue of hope into our preparation for Easter, and if so, what does this have to do with a more traditional understanding of the season of Lent that involves fasting, prayer, and almsgiving? I, for one, say let's give it a try; let's get excited about Lent!

At our recent Ash Wednesday service, the church I attend was packed. Honestly, it looked like Christmas! It got me to wondering, why have the people come, and why in such great numbers? There wasn't any obligation involved - these people all really *wanted* to be with their community to mark an occasion which called out for their repentance and conversion. We heard the words of Scripture from St. Paul to be reconciled to God and to experience the grace of forgiveness. We listened as Paul's words encouraged us to believe that God is hearing us in our struggles as we pray, and that *now* is the day of salvation.

Really? Now? The day of salvation? Excuse me, Lord, I

don't mean to sound harsh, but gee, there are an awful lot of people out there praying to be relieved of their struggles. Yet, every day that I pick up the paper...and that doesn't even include the weather forecast...it seems there is more bad news. How can we as your people believe that *today* is the day of salvation? I believe it begins with hope, and that is what the season of Lent can mean if we allow it.

Traditionally, the season of Lent can be distinguished by the spiritual practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Let's start with fasting. Sure, there's nothing wrong with giving up chocolate and maybe taking off a pound or two. But in the salvation scheme of things, is that really going to make a difference? How about fasting from complaining, or gossiping, or cheating, or any number of the other vices? My daughter and I have decided to write a thank you note every day to someone as a way of focusing on those people for whom we are grateful. My *hope* is that by focusing on the positive, I'll more easily refrain from some of the weaker aspects of my very human personality.

Many people use fasting as an opportunity to practice almsgiving. I know a family that normally orders pizza on Friday nights. During Lent, they eat those awful minced fish sticks and use the money they would have spent on pizza to donate to a worthy cause. It feels good to be able to give even a small amount of money to someone who needs it more than you. Or how about cleaning out the linen closet and donating some comforters, blankets, and sheets that are no longer be

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Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

In our churches...

Angel Food Ministry, \$70 value in food for \$30, order dates: 6-7 p.m., March 4, 11; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 8, 15. Pick up: 11 a.m.-12 p.m., March 28. Williams Lake Mazarene Church, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. 248-673-5911.

PeaceMakers Speakers Series, Colleen Mills, Citizens for Peace and Peace Alliance, 7 p.m., March 5. Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

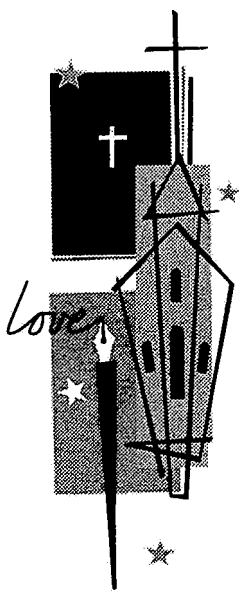
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National Cemetery offered to all veterans

Q. My husband is an honorably discharged veteran. There seems to be some discrepancy regarding his eligibility requirements toward free burial benefits at the National Cemetery that perhaps you can clarify for us.

He never was overseas and he didn't serve during a wartime period. Can he still be buried in a national cemetery and receive all the benefits of someone who did serve during war and / or overseas? *Jean N., Ortonville*

A. The good news is; unequivocally, absolutely, undeniably, certainly, 100 percent YES! Our funeral home has the privilege of serving the families of many veterans.....this is a topic that I assist clients with on a weekly basis. I'm very happy to report that if a veteran has an honorable discharge he/she (and spouse) is eligible to receive the reward of this tremendously valuable benefit for serving our country.

I say God bless you and a HUGE 'thank you so much.' It is important to note that although the National Cemetery can be relied upon at the time of death of a Veteran, you cannot make any plans with the cemetery in advance.

Therefore I encourage all Veterans, and their spouses, to schedule time to visit with me so appropriate planning can be confidentially secured at our funeral home, as well we



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By Connie Glynn

can place a copy of the Veterans Discharge Papers (DD-214) within that file.

As a side note-if a veteran has an 'other than honorable' discharge, they, too, may be eligible for burial benefits, but, those are considered on a case by case basis. It would be a good plan to have that settled well in advance! The toll-free number at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly is 866-348-8603.

Q. With all the economic upheaval and sacrifices being made at GM just to stay in business, my wife and I are among the latest victims of benefit cuts. Our life insurance is now gone, well, actually quite reduced. Probably like a lot of retirees, that is what we'd planned to use for our funeral expenses. What would you recommend in light of our circumstances? Sadly there are likely many others in the same predicament. *Charles P., Clarkston*

A. Please accept my sincere empathy. Loss

is loss and I think we are all saddened and in shock over the cuts retirees are experiencing and unfortunately we may not have seen the last of them either.

Like so many families, mine among them, has been connected to GM in a big way, generationally speaking. Both my parents worked for GM as did both of my grandfathers, uncles, aunts, cousins and my former husband. What I'd like to suggest to you is the same thing I suggested to a co-worker who, like you, has experienced this same loss.

My recommendation would be for you to schedule time to visit with me at the funeral home. You are on the right path in acknowledging your need to replace what you had with respect to your insurance.....now you just need to move forward with your intentions.

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I love the questions. They are what makes this column work. Please continue to send them: Attn: Connie, Wint Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 or email them to connieglynn@comcast.net with 'Wint Funeral Home' in the subject line.

Vivian Crane



Vivian C. Crane (Sundwall) of Davison, formerly of Lake Orion, passed away, March 1, 2009, at the age of 81.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ed-

ward N. Sundwall, and Raymond Crane. She was the mother of Dennis (Jan) Sundwall and Ronald (Karen) Sundwall; grandmother of David Jorns, Jeff (Kristen) Sundwall, Tricia (Mark) Morrissey, Danielle (Tom) Sielatycki, and David (Lee Drouillard) Sundwall; great grandmother of five; sister of Ed (Nina) Suchy; and loving companion of Loyd Hart.

Mrs. Crane was a member of Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral service, Wednesday, March 4, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Brian's House Hospice.

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Obituary

Thomas M. Hecker

Thomas M. Hecker, 44, of Bowmansville, Pa., died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, in an auto accident.

Born in Mount Clemens, Mich., he was the son of Robert and Betty (Anderson) Hecker of Cadillac. He grew up in Clarkston, graduated in 1982 from Clarkston High School and was a member of the wrestling team. He moved to Pennsylvania and started a family. He was married 20 years on May 14 to Colleen (Rock) Hecker.

Mr. Hecker was vice president of technical operations for 360 Services in New Holland, where he has worked for the past 25 years. He was a member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church, where he has served as lector and former Sunday school teacher. He was a 2nd degree Knight of Columbus, scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 121 in Bowmansville, and head coach for the Garden Spot High School wrestling team.

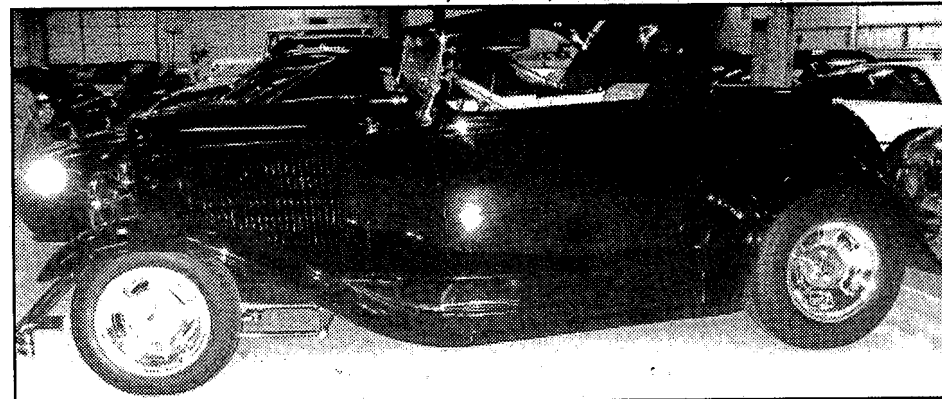
He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camp-



ing, and grilling. Surviving in addition to his wife and parents is a son, Michael of Duquesne University; a daughter, Sara at home; and two brothers, John, married to Theresa, and Bob, married to Julie, both of Michigan.

A funeral mass was Feb. 7 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Mohnton, with the Rev. Phillip Rodgers officiating. Visitation was Feb. 6 at the Groff-High Funeral Home, New Holland.

Contributions may be made to the Thomas Hecker Memorial Fund c/o Fulton Bank Cocalico office - 2350 North Reading Road Denver, PA 17517 Attn: Tracy Walter. To send the family condolences, visit at www.groffenkenroth.com.



Gerald Scarborough's 1932 Ford Roadster is ready to show. Photo submitted. Times have changed, but classics still special

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bike or my Mustang," Scarborough said.

His favorite part about cars is working on them and driving them.

"If you work on them to make them go faster, you want to see how fast they go," he said. "You don't want to build something and let somebody else see how fast they'll go."

Santangelo said his favorite part is "helping my grandpa work on them and then taking them for cruises on Sunday."

He said he wouldn't mind owning a Ford Mustang for his first car when he's old enough to drive, particularly the 2008-2009 models. He also said he likes car design and has thought about getting into it when he is older.

"But I may just do it on the side and be like a business man or something," said Santangelo.

What makes older cars special? Scarborough says "not everybody has one."

"The new cars have a style of their own, but they don't have any class. If you see one, you've seen them all," he said. "You take anything from 1970 back, it's very

distinct of what is, and rather it's General Motors, Ford, or Chrysler."

Not only is the craftsmanship different but even the "fast car mentality" has changed.

"In 1997-98 when everybody was making money, guys didn't want to get their hands dirty. They want to put out \$150,000, get in it, turn the key and go, put it in their garage and keep it clean, and take it out on Saturdays and Sundays when it's nice, that was the trend," he said. "Before that, if you wanted something that was a good driver plus went fast, you had to do it. That era is gone, they'd just rather spend the money and turn the key, but you can't say you did it."

Scarborough and Santangelo are hoping to hit some bigger car shows this summer, such as the Meadowbrook Car Show and Dream Cruise.

Other locals featured at Autorama include Steve Smith with his 1970 Challenger, and Southern Motors on Dixie Highway will also have a 1932 Ford Roadster and a 1957 Chevy Wagon.

For more information about Autorama, visit www.autorama.com.

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So, enjoy this very hopeful season. And by the way, keep up the church going! Hopefulness loves company!

Cheryl Smith is director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Around Town

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Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road, 248-622-6096.

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

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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.

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Optimist Club's mystery theater set March 14

Clarkston Optimists present a murder mystery dinner theater performance of "Murder with Leprechauns," 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at the Carriage House of Pine Knob.

"This is a really interactive production, with audience participation," says Elaine Guttenberg, chairwoman of the fundraiser for the Clarkston Optimists. "People can audition for a spot in the parade and interact with the characters. They will have the chance to collect clues and try to solve the murder that happens right before their eyes."

St. Patrick's Day attire is encouraged but optional, said Guttenberg.

"Last year's event was a hit, and we've worked to make it even better this year," she said. "It's just a fun night out, and the money raised goes right to the youth of our community."

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any Clarkston Optimist member or at the Brose Electric Shop on

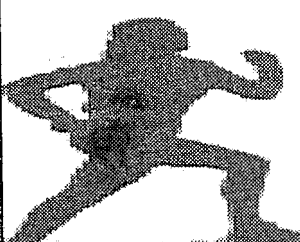


Clarkston Optimists in costume at last year's mystery dinner theater. File photo

Dixie Highway, call 248-623-7900. Proceeds from the fundraiser support Optimist programs throughout the year, including Junior Optimist and Alpha Clubs in the schools, the Essay and Oratorical contests, Tri-Star basketball tournament, Respect for the Law,

Student of the Month, Junior Golf, and scholarships.

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



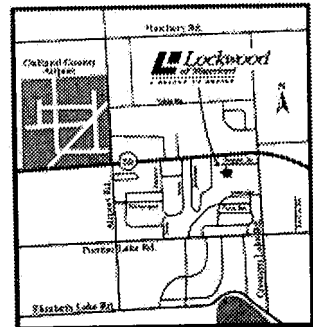
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Township to create long-term budgets

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going to be and then look at the services we offer the community and determine how we're going to spend those resources to best serve the community," he said. "Once we come to grips where we believe the revenues are, that may shed a lot of light as to where we are now and where we're going to be in the future."

Supervisor Dave Wagner said it was also something he has been considering. It's something Oakland County has done for many years.

"I think it's a good way to go. The county has a little bit bigger staff than we have, so they're able to get into these things and handle them much easier than we can," he said. "I think we're doing our best to accomplish these things and hopefully it's going to give us a better picture and something we can really work with as it goes along."

In our churches

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Valley Park. call Tim. 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

Yoga, 10 a.m., Wednesdays; 5:30 p.m., Mondays, instructor Noreen Daly. Beginning and intermediate techniques. Bring mat. \$7/class. Peace Unity and Holistic Center, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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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.

Country music concerts earn nomination for DTE theater

DTE Energy Music Theatre was nominated for "Venue of the Year" by the Academy of Country Music for 2008, the second consecutive year it has earned the nomination.

The academy will announce the winner Sunday, April 5, at MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

DTE Energy Music Theatre hosted seven country concerts in 2008, including Tim McGraw, John Michael Montgomery, Martina McBride, Dolly Parton, Travis Tritt, Brooks & Dunn, and Toby Keith with Montgomery Gentry.

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RE MINDER 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

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2009-321, 601-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Robert K. Rizk. Date of birth: 7/2/
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert K. Rizk, who lived at 2975 N. Adams, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 died 2/2/1909.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathleen Rizk, 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.

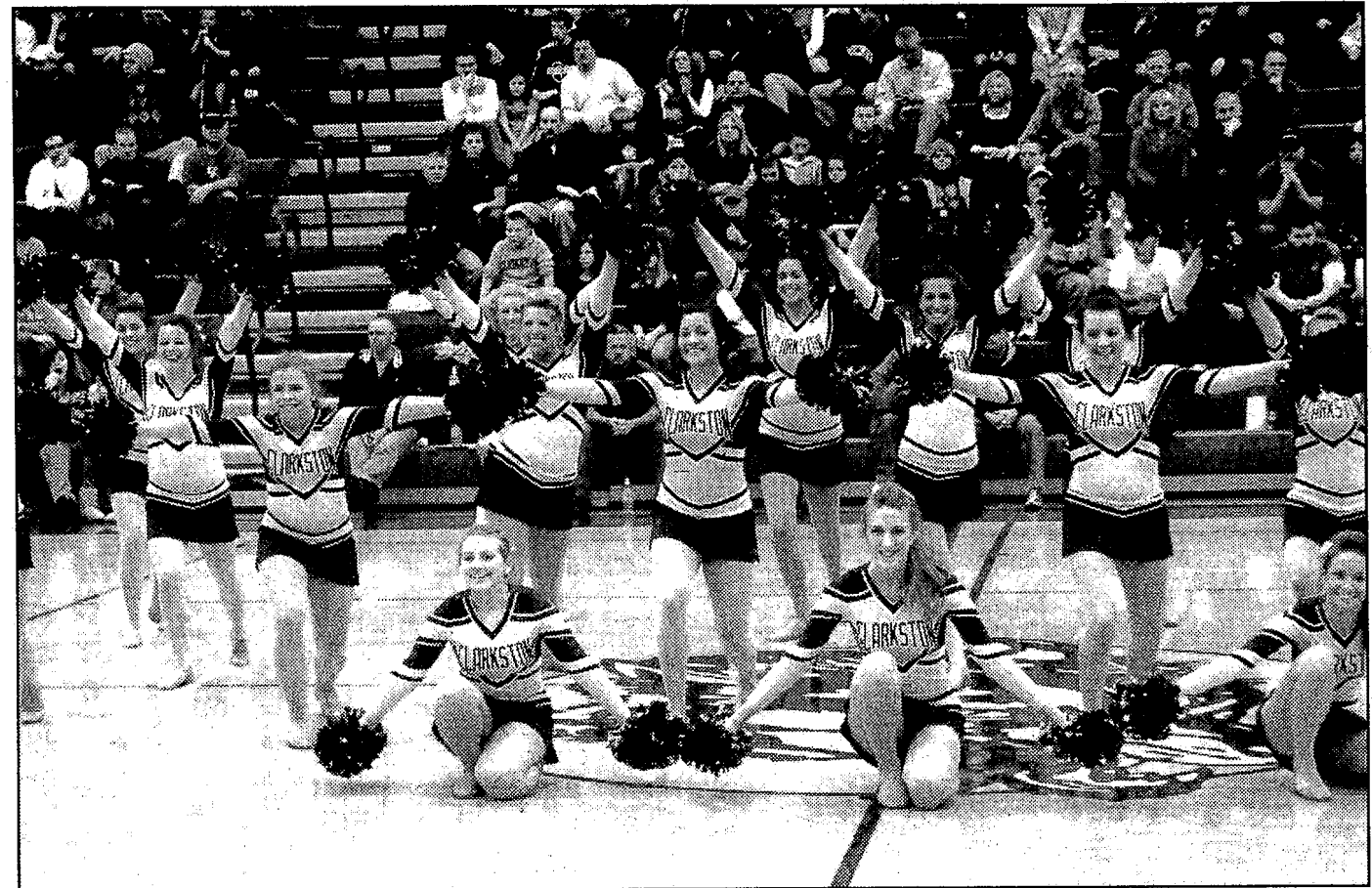
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Doreen Beatrice Pasternak. Date of birth: 10/21/1935
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Doreen Pasternak, who lived at 2002 Massoit, Royal Oak, Michigan died 10/17/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patricia A. Howay, 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.

Patricia A. Howay
1297 Milverton Dr.
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Keeping the crowd pumped

The Varsity Pom Pon team entertained fans of all ages during half-time of the Wolves' victory over Oak Park, Feb. 26. See more photos of the performance by clicking on the Blue Button at www.ClarkstonNews.com. The dancers next performance will be this Thursday when the boys play Pontiac Northern. Photo by Wendi Reardon

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2009-321,761-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Judith L. Dexter. Date of birth 3/23/1942
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Judith L. Dexter, who lived at 2365 Walnut Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan died February 8, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James M. Dexter, 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.
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Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326
(248) 373-0439

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Mabel L. Browning. Date of birth: 01/01/1929
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mabel L. Browning, who lived at 4137 Sashabaw Road, Waterford, Michigan died 01/29/2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JoAnn Browning, 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.

02/27/2009
JoAnn Browning
4137 Sashabaw Road
Waterford, MI 48329 (248) 673-5258

City also looks into grant, bond for funding

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ment heads about space requirements and "wish lists," the council committee came up with and studied four options: do nothing and continue with current facilities; renovate and expand current village offices to consolidate all city operations; build separate garage facilities outside immediate park grounds and renovate current village complex to all office space and; tear down existing building at 375 Depot Road and build a new facility.

Brueck presented the committee's findings, including pros and cons, along with a detailed cost analysis based on flexible parameters at the Feb. 23 meeting.

The committee ultimately recommended Option B—renovate and expand current village offices to consolidate all city operations—and said the recommendation wouldn't change if stimulus funds become a factor.

"If we're lucky enough to get federal stimulus money, there are plenty of things to spend it on," said Councilman Cory Johnston. "I don't see any reason to spend it on a more grand city hall."

Johnston said he would rather see money go toward energy efficient features.

"It would make us stand out as more cutting edge, verses building grand city hall," he said. "Ten years down the line, when energy costs more than five times what it does now, people will be going 'that was a smart decision'"

Councilwoman Kristy Ottman agreed with a conservative approach.

"We are built out completely," she said. "We're not, by any stretch of the imagination, looking at a heavy revenue increase as the city grows older and older. (Bob Pursley and Dale LaCroix) both indicated the facilities we're proposing are more than adequate for what they need."

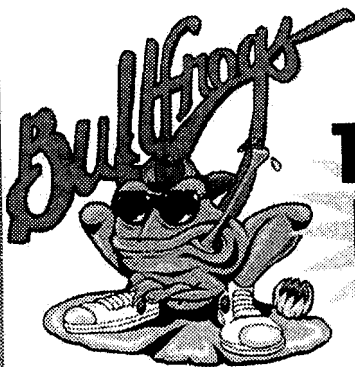
In addition to continued refinement of "Option B," the committee recommended the council pursue the Kellogg grant, which could pay for the planning and design of the proposed renovation and building addition, and continue to refine energy savings analysis and construction cost estimates.

A meeting for public input was also suggested.

In the event stimulus funds don't come through, the council asked city manager Dennis Ritter to look into obtaining a bond to pay for the project.

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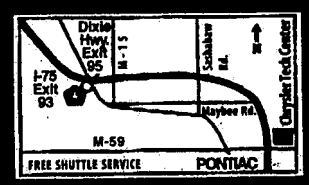
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