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Revelers solve 'Murder'
to help Optimists Club,
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Driving on past districts

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Holding the district title trophy in victory, seniors Matt Calvano and Tommy Ronk were happy but weren't jumping for joy.

The team's 16th district title in a row, they're used to it. Helping the team to a double-digit win against Lake Orion, Friday night, they did enough jumping on the court.

"Winning a district championship is always an accomplishment," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife. "But going into regionals, we've got to be ready to play."

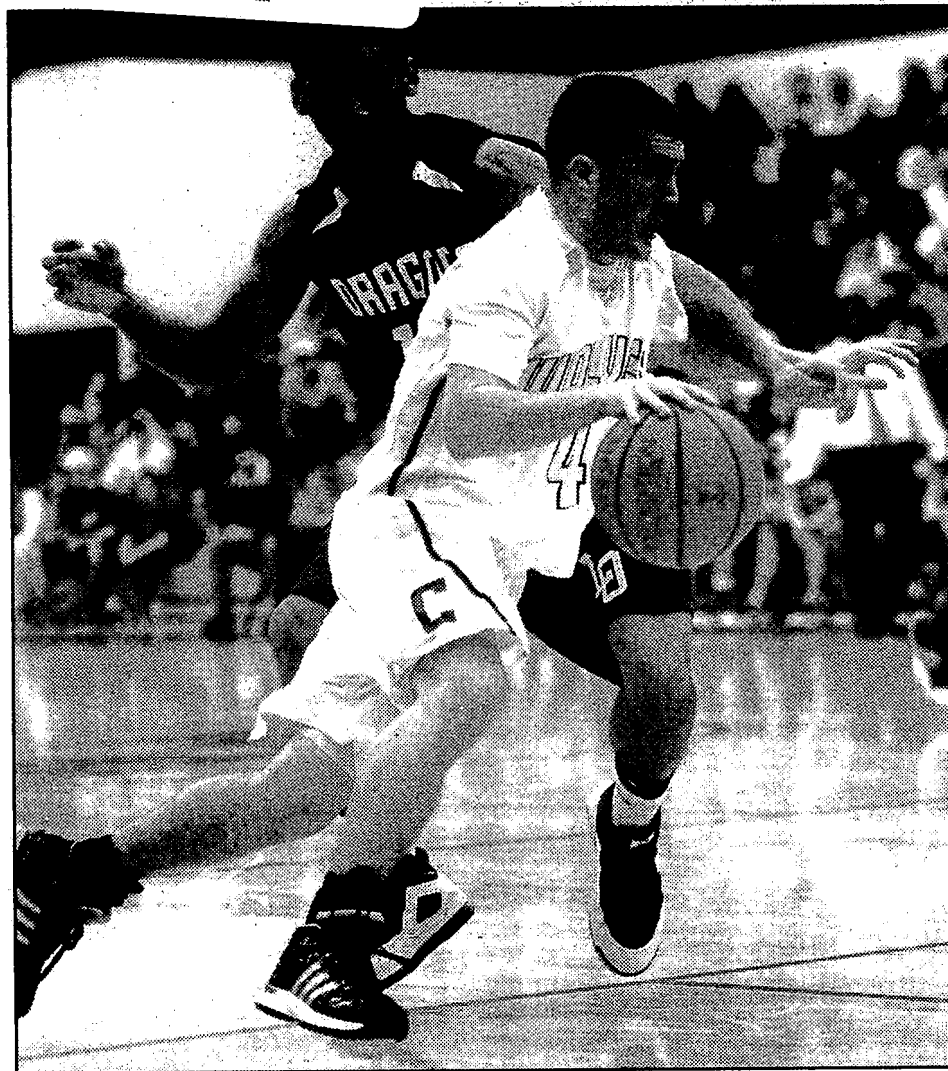
A regional semi-final victory, 65-46, over Flint Southwestern, Monday, puts them in the finals against rivals Pontiac Northern.

The boys defeated Waterford Kettering, March 11. Kettering kept close and narrowed Clarkston's lead to three points. The first half ended with the score, 29-26.

Brandon Pokley started the third quarter with a 3-pointer and started the boys on a 12-point run.

The Captains only scored two points with ten minutes remaining in the game and weren't

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Tommy Ronk charges past a Lake Orion defender in last Friday's win. Photo by Laura Colvin

New sheriff (substation) in town?

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

No formal announcement yet, but plans for a new Independence Township Sheriff Substation are moving forward.

"When the new fire station (Fire station No. 3) was built approximately 12 years ago, the sheriff's substation was incorporated into that and the understanding was always that it was temporary because of its lack of size," said Supervisor Dave Wagner. "And also with growth within the fire department they would eventually need that additional space."

The township has saved for years in a Police Fund, which currently has more than \$800,000. Wagner also said they have looked at different properties in the past, discussed locations with Oakland County, and talked about combining substations with other municipalities to be more efficient.

"When our new location property (next to new town hall) became available, it was kind of ideal," he said. "So we made a decision to look at the feasibility of doing it relatively soon, within this year."

He hopes to bring plans to the board in April, when all information is collected. Wagner has been working on this project with the sheriff's office for almost two years.

"Once again I'm hoping that we'll be able to build this without going to the public for additional monies," Wagner said. "I'm hopeful we'll be able to do it in-house, but that will be a decision that the board will make."

If approved by the board, Wagner said they hope to break ground in June or July.

The Citation Road substation is 2,400 square feet, and the new substation will be 5,000-6,000 square feet. Wagner estimated between \$800,000-\$1 million to build the new substation.

"I might go out and look for some private donations," he said.

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What's wrong with Waumegah Lake?

Second in a series examining a large-scale fish kill in Springfield Township

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Larry Armstrong may have been first to notice something going terribly wrong on Waumegah Lake.

An avid ice fisherman, Armstrong carried his auger onto Waumegah the day after Thanksgiving.

By mid December, he was pulling in far fewer fish than usual.

"I saw schools of perch, bluegill, pike and bass all swimming together, real slow,"

Armstrong said. "They weren't attacking each other or anything, just swimming around trying to find oxygen."

He also saw bullheads—commonly known as catfish—swimming up into holes he'd drilled in the ice.

"They'd poke their heads out of the hole and look at me," Armstrong said, noting, bullheads characteristically stay close to the bottom and are tolerant of low oxygen levels.

"I never saw anything like it. It took awhile before it dawned on me what was happening."

By early January, the fish stopped biting all together and the anglers abandoned the lake.

Experts say the scene Armstrong ob-

served is typical of a lake in the midst of winterkill—ice essentially seals the lake, one thing or another interferes with the normal process of photosynthesis, and fish die from a lack of oxygen.

Most often, the cause is natural.

"When we have early and extensive snow cover, the sunlight can't get through to cause photosynthesis with plants alive below the ice," said Gary Towns, supervisor of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Lake Erie Watershed Management Unit. "And that's what gives oxygen to the water. When you don't have that for an extended period of time, the degradation of dead material in the bottom of the lake uses up avail-

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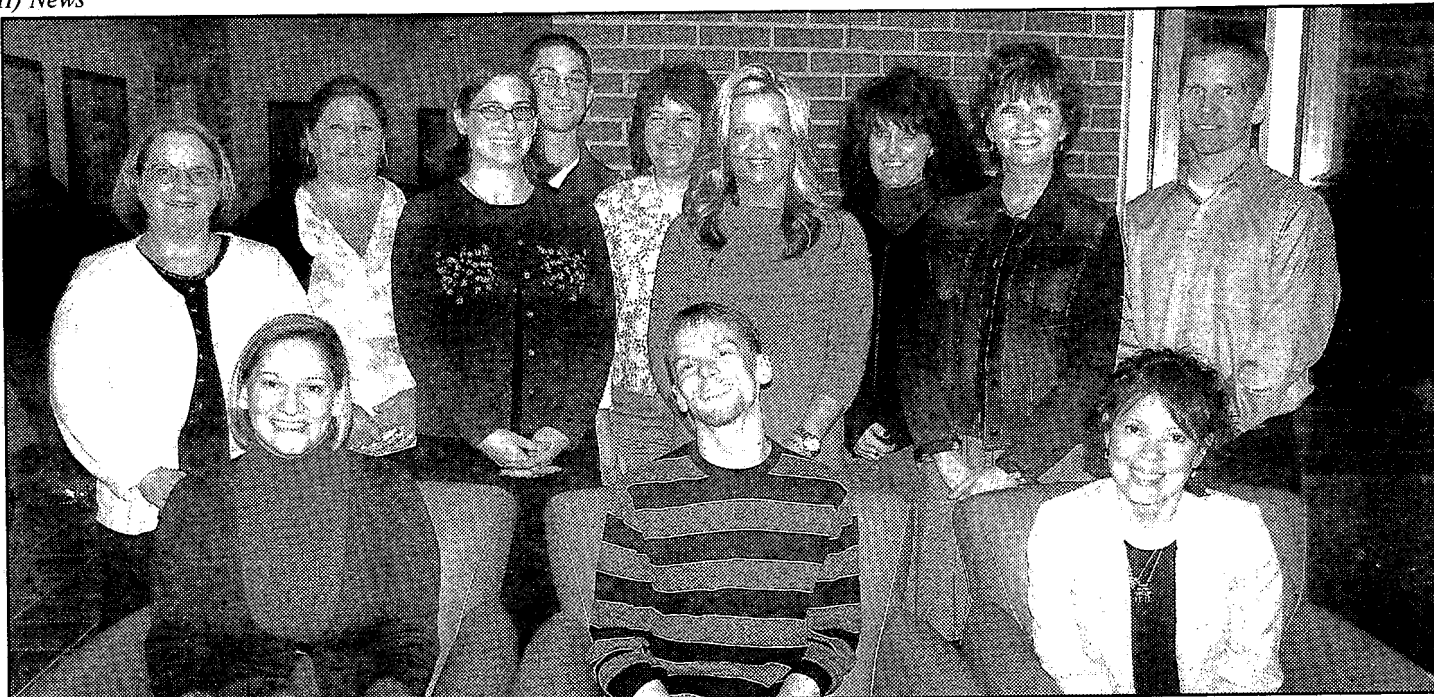
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Honored for service in schools

Clarkston Community Schools honored 13 teachers and staff with Third Quarter Employee Recognition Awards, from left, **Amanda Spangler**, administration payroll secretary; **Margi Deschaine**, Andersonville Elementary ESL Aide; **Alissa Wasik**, Andersonville Elementary fifth-grade teacher; **Michael Mallon**,

Andersonville Elementary third-grade teacher; **Brian Adams**, Clarkston Elementary physical education teacher; **Lisa Sementkowski**, Independence Elementary math aide; **Pat Douglas**, Independence Elementary secretary; **Laura Davis**, North Sashabaw Elementary instructional aide; **Kristin Locke**, Sashabaw

Middle School media specialist; **Denise Lovse**, Clarkston Junior High media specialist; **Nick Hagewood**, Clarkston High School math teacher; **Maggie Montney**, Renaissance High School math teacher; and **Linda Morrow**, Renaissance High School cafeteria worker (not pictured). Photo by Phil Custodio

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Egg Mania set March 28

Tickets are on sale for Egg Mania, set for Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m./children 4 and under, 12:30-2:30 p.m./children 5-6 years old.

Hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation, the annual event includes activity stations, egg hunt, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Bring flashlights and baskets to help find hidden eggs.

Admission is \$7/residents, \$9/nonresidents; free for adults. Buy tickets in advance at the parks office, 90 N. Main St., or call 248-625-8223.

Easter Egg hunt, April 10

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosts Mill Pond Park's 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Friday, April 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for children 4 and under, 2-4 p.m. for children 5-12.

Children collect bright, colorful, candy or toy filled eggs. Egg hunt is rain or shine, so dress for the weather. Parking is limited.

Fee is \$5/resident, \$7/nonresident. Pictures with the Easter Bunny are \$3. Bring baskets.

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Clarkston's turn for tree trimming

Clarkston is set for tree trimming this March and April.

Detroit Edison clears trees and branches away from power lines for safety.

Trimmers remove small branches and debris resulting from its work. Larger branches are cut into firewood length and left behind for customer use or disposal. Detroit Edison will not, however, remove diseased tree debris.

Storm debris also is not removed. In the aftermath of a storm, they cut broken and uprooted trees in order to reach locations that need repair, but customers must contact local public works departments, trash collectors or professional tree removers.

For more information, check my.dieenergy.com/lineclearance.

Sewer case closed

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Nearly three months after a sewer collapse on Washington Street, between the home of Norm Cristea and Clarkston Mills Mall, the issue has finally been resolved.

"The water is flowing," said Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter. "It's a larger pipe than what was in the ground. It will ease considerably any potential flooding."

Workers finished installing pipe and rough grading the construction area on March 13. What still remains is a final grade, along with planting evergreens between the two properties in late April or early May because of weather conditions. Workers also put a temporary patch on the portion of the driveway where they had to go underneath. A final cap will be put on when weather warms up, noted Ritter.

"I'm very pleased we have accomplished 95 percent of the project, plus the plantings and the asphalt that needs to be repaired," he said.

The city also took Lehman Investments to court in order to get land easement to lay the new pipe.

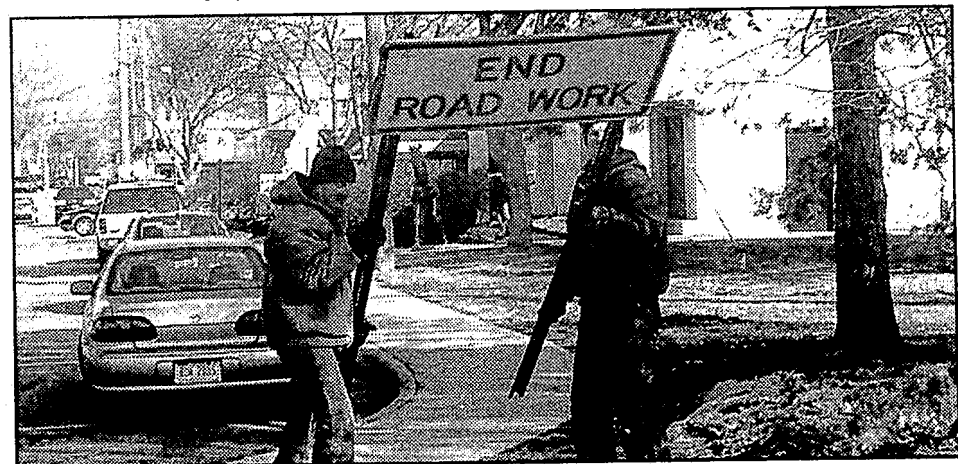
"A lot of negotiations back and forth between us and Lehman Investments," said Ritter. "It was a collaborative effort that went very smoothly."

He said Lehman Investments has plans to do something more with their property and they wanted to make sure the pipe has "minimal impact on future use of the property. They also wanted authority to relocate the pipe if necessary.

The city paid \$3,325.98 to Lehman



Construction equipment will soon be gone.



Workers take down signs on Washington. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Investments for temporary and permanent easement. They paid \$892.10 for an easement on Cristea's property, but the city now has the authority to go on both properties if needed to make repairs, said Ritter.

"The important thing, at this point, is we are moving forward. We're glad that it's done and in the long run it's good for the city. It's

going to minimize potential flooding issues of water that comes off of North Holcomb and areas up behind it," he said. "It minimizes sedimentation and other contaminants from entering the Mill Pond and, of course, what eventually goes into the Mill race. The water is much cleaner. To me, that's a very important aspect."

Tax revenue falls \$1.7 million in township

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

All township services are on the table, when dealing with a \$1.7 million loss in taxes this year, with more to come.

Township investments, spread out among dozens of financial institutions and the federal treasury, seem secure, but tax revenues are down \$145,512.34, said Treasurer Curt Carson in his report to the Township Board, March 3.

Also, State Shared Revenue is down to \$2,359,849, from \$3,028,528 in 2001.

"We have not seen conditions like this

since the 1930s," Carson said. "Therefore, none of my contemporaries have been in the situation we find ourselves today. In an attempt to protect the taxpayer's money, investing in as many institutions under the FDIC insurance limit as possible is a strategy I have pursued."

The \$1.7 million loss will affect everyone, including schools, fire, and police departments, he said.

"That's why budgeting three years out is very important. We have department heads looking at budgets right now," said Carson.

"Once we have a picture of the revenue, then

we can look at what department heads came up with and determine where we need to go from there."

The township's investments are in relatively good shape, he said.

The township began 2008 with \$17,400,310.06 and ended with \$16,214,942.91. The new township hall cost \$2.7 million. Of \$1,514,632.85 earnings posted for the year, \$758,256.46 are unrealized earnings.

"As the financial struggled in the fourth quarter and investors dove for cover and purchased treasuries, the market value of the portfolio increased dramatically," Carson said.

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Mayor Sean Flynn, played by Jim Evans, was angry with Robin Brose's Colleen O'Hara, but not enough to kill her...



...someone was, though, and playwright Patience Beer doffs her hat in honor of the late Colleen, whose murder the assembled gathering was to solve.



Carla Manucci, played by Andrea Schroeder, answers questions posed by tablemates Leslie Yanez, and Theresa and Douglas Montague.

'Murder' benefits Optimists

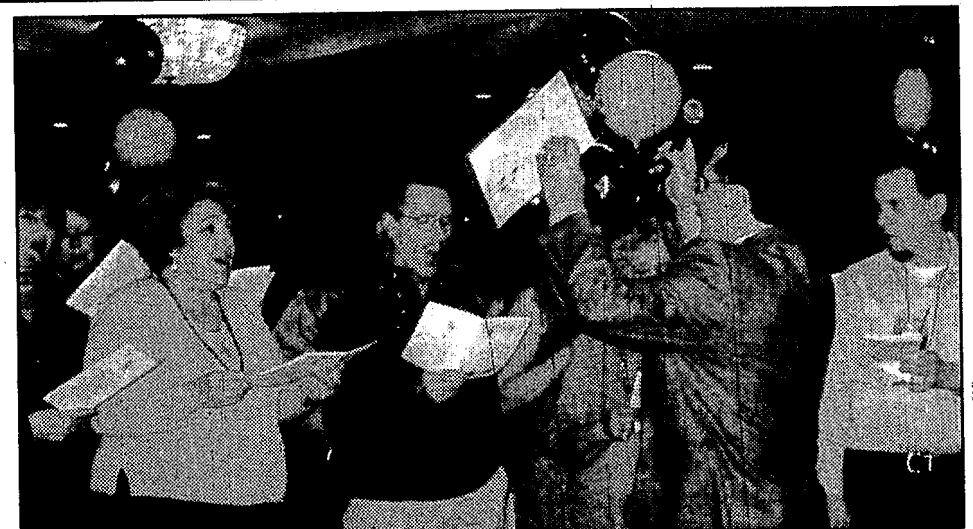
Hundreds of mystery buffs filled Pine Knob's Carriage House for "Murder with Leprechauns" dinner theater, March 14, benefiting Clarkston Area Optimist Club.

After dinner and a few drinks, participants were treated to a St. Patrick's Day-themed murder in their midst, and had to find the culprit by questioning likely suspects. Successful detectives earned baskets filled with prizes.

Proceeds from the fundraiser, which also included silent and live auctions, benefit Optimist programs for local youth throughout the year.



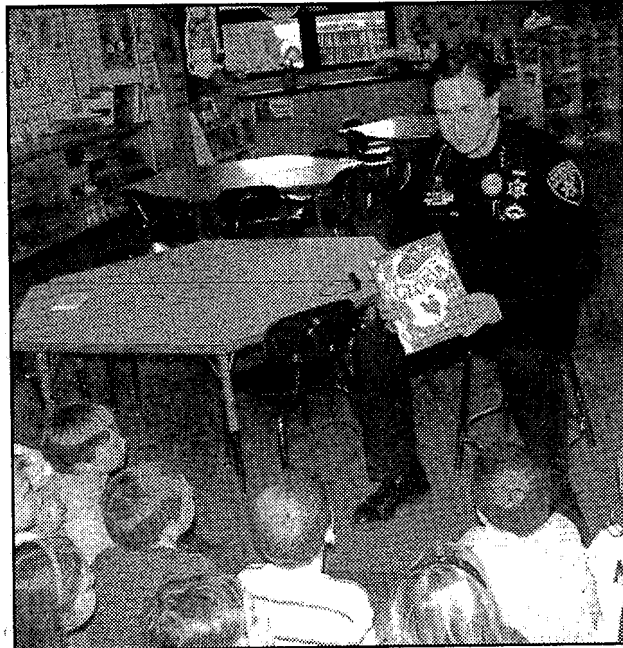
Showing no hard feelings, Brose poses with her "killer," Gerry Schmidt, who played Mike Hogan.



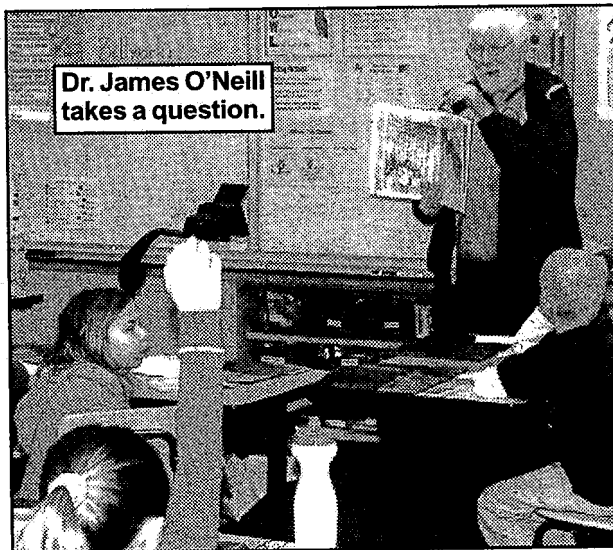
During a break, Dave Regiani leads volunteers in a rousing rendition of "Danny Boy." Photos by Phil Custodio



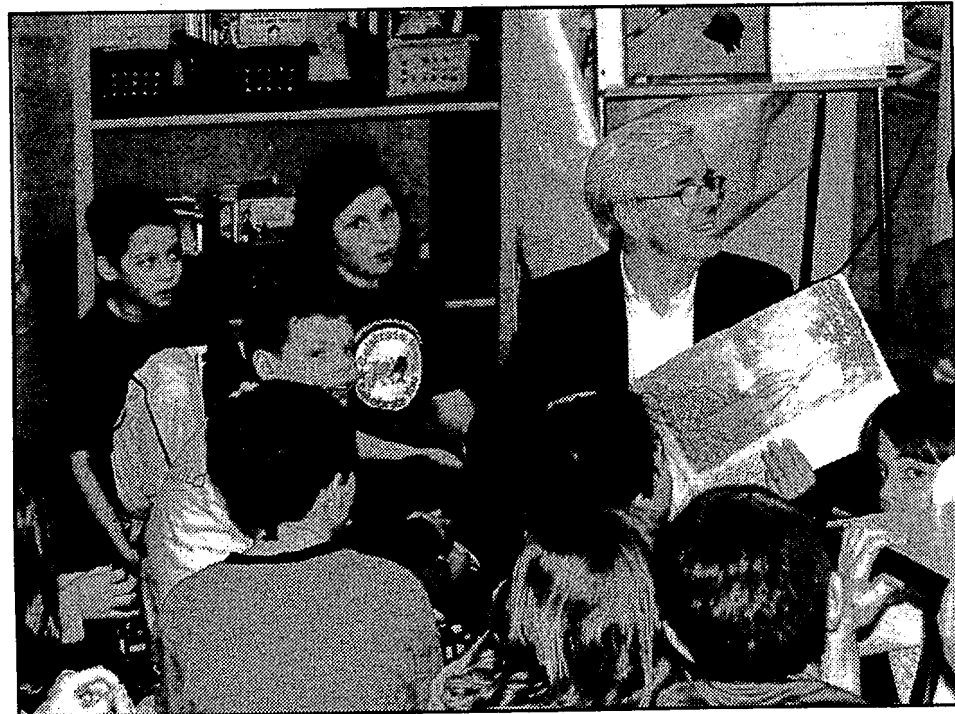
Third graders Madilyn Mason, Matthew Gencay, Alyssa McCowan, Markiana Schweitzer, Michael Weiler and the rest of Mrs. Whaley's class enjoy a story read by Ronald McDonald.



Sheriff Michael Bouchard gets ready to read "Officer Buckle and Gloria" to kindergartners.



Dr. James O'Neill takes a question.



Curt Carson, Independence Township treasurer, reads to students.

Stopping by to read a book

Firefighters, police, dentist, pilot, and other local professionals descended on Springfield Plains Elementary for its annual Celebrity Readers day, March 11.

"It's fun. They come in and donate their time," said Juanita Kostecki, event chair. "We have a good number of repeats, readers who are tried and true, but we also look for new readers."

Michelle Carson started the program about 11 years ago, when her and her husband Curt's oldest daughter, now a sophomore in college, was in third grade.

"We wanted people from the community, dentists, firefighters, grocers — real people to read to the kids and tell them about themselves," Carson said. "It's a really neat program."



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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Not my job to keep secrets

I had a visitor in the office last week, someone planning something special for a local luminary.

"Great," I said. "I'll get a story in the paper about it."

The visitor had other ideas. He didn't want it in the paper. He wanted the plans to be a secret. Since I knew a lot of people, I could just pass along the word quietly, he said.

This also comes up occasionally with public officials, who want to talk "off the record." Story tips are one thing, but sometimes it seems they want to say one thing in public and another in private. Keeping that kind of secret makes me feel dirty.

I'm not in the secrets business anyway. I used to be. I was cleared for top secret info by the FBI itself. Now I'm paid to get the word out.

I'll keep that special event secret, though.

For now.

I went to see the "Watchmen" movie last weekend. My brother got a couple issues of the comic book on which it was based when they were released in the '80s, but I didn't remember much. I liked it so much, I shelled out \$20 for the full comic book series, I mean "graphic novel."

I loved Dr. Manhattan's sense of time, in that he doesn't have any. For him, a reality-bending superhero, present exists simultaneously with past and future, which makes talking to him a confusing experience.

My skin doesn't glow and it's not blue, and the future's still as murky as always, but walls between past and present have been coming down lately.

All because of Facebook.

I joined the social networking website a couple weeks ago, and promptly reconnected with a group of high school classmates I haven't heard from in 20 years. Then someone I went to kindergarten with. Then a bunch of people here at the paper and in Clarkston.

So now my nieces and nephews in Virginia share comments with *Clarkston News* reporters, people I went to high school with in Ohio, wife's friends, in-laws' relatives, and many, many others.

Very surreal.



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Don't fool with nature

Dear Editor,

Swamp Waumegah,

Notice the title? It's a swamp, not a lake. I recall a township meeting several years ago where the majority of the citizens in the area did oppose the "augmentation well" and the artificial raising of the water level.

I stated several years ago and will state it again today... "Waumegah was never meant to be a lake."

The way I understand it, this was originally a "wetland."

The farmer who originally owned the land dammed it up to create a watering hole for his livestock.

Same old story...some developer sees water, does not matter how deep or what type of bottom it has, he calls it lake frontage, starts building a subdivision around it and the rest is history?

Several years ago, home owners complained about too much mud at the shoreline and not being to walk out to the water?

Now what do you have...they are

complaining because the water level is up and their beaches have disappeared? Quit whining about your beaches. What about the fish and surrounding environment?

I do feel sorry for the folks who originally opposed the "water level raising idea" as the rest of us did several years ago. It is quite a sad mess when you consider the affect on the environment and the helpless fish that perished.

Typical of how some folks can only think of themselves and not the mess they created! Fortunately, there are folks out there who are truly concerned and wish to preserve the area in a "natural way."

Bottom line, and this old saying is quite appropriate in this case, "it does not pay to fool with Mother Nature." A sad lesson indeed.

Signed,

A concerned citizen who respects God's green earth.

Mark Stesney

Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Mural remarks were rude

Dear Editor,

I just recently read another very rude letter regarding the mural on the side of the building in Clarkston.

When our daughters were young and they would tell us about someone being rude to them at school or wherever, we would tell them, "Ignore them, they're just jealous!"

So, maybe these people, who I presume are adults, are jealous because they don't have the artistic talent that this woman

obviously has. I hope this talented woman can let these rude remarks slide out of her thoughts and that she doesn't lose confidence in man/womankind!

And, you, who find the time to be rude - take a deep cleansing breath and take a look around. Spring is about to be sprung - life is too short to be unkind. Be kind one to another!

Deborah Stuart

Independence Township

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Spring break can be a killer" Students Against Drunk Driving at Clarkston High School dramatized the dangers of drinking and driving with a yearly spring activity of dressing a member up as the Grim Reaper, while others were victims.

"Students won't be skipping" Of approximately 1,700 students at Clarkston High School, 450 signed a pledge to not skip school for the rest of the year. They entered a contest for prizes such as Walkmans and TVs.

"Junior Optimist clubs formed at middle schools" Clarkston and Sashabaw Middle School students were honored and inducted into a brand-new Junior Optimist Club. The Junior Optimists were represented by their elected officers for the induction ceremony held at Spring Lake Country Club.

25 years ago - 1984

"Award arrives after summer full of riding" Stephanie Brown, junior at Clarkston High School, received her reserve champion ribbon from the Michigan Horse Association. She and her horse, Smokey Ransom, won second-place overall the year before.

"Work to begin on cable-TV studio" The metamorphosis of Clarkston schools' maintenance building into Independence Cable Television's business office was ready to start. The 15-year lease for \$11,612 a year was approved by Clarkston Board of Education.

"Skier reaches Jr. Olympics" Twelve-year-old Rob Brown was on his way to the Junior Olympics in Colorado. Rob qualified in the top 10 in the 12-13 year-old age bracket at Pine Mountain. He competed in slalom, giant slalom downhill and dual slalom.

50 years ago - 1959

"Science fair huge success" Bill Rausch, junior at Clarkston High School, won the outstanding project trophy in the third annual Science Fair at Clarkston High School. Rausch's project, "Mighty Mac," was entered in the mechanical drawing division. The fair was sponsored by the Biology Club and included projects from the four elementary schools, as well as the junior and senior high schools.

"Program of music tomorrow night" The Dima Opera Ensemble, a company of 20, performed an opera program at the Isaac Crary Junior High School, Waterford Township. The ensemble from the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts played "The Prodigal Son" by Debussy, a religious opera based on the biblical story.

Paul Harvey and some etc's

My first impression of Paul Harvey was everlasting. In 1956 he was the featured speaker at the Michigan Press Association's annual convention.

I was really new in this business, and he wasn't so far ahead of me in his business, having taken to the airway news five years previous.

He was extremely impressive. Fresh, alert, neat, professional and homey. He talked of his Texas life, his loving wife and current events. His delivery was outstanding and identical to the closeness of his communicating to his radio audience.

He was by far the best speaker MPA had in my many years of attending conventions.

I enjoyed his "Rest of the Story" daily items, but his choice of things to report on his newscasts kept me in his audience every since that Lansing appearance.

Thanks for being there for us, Mr. Paul Harvey.

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• I hope some inventor comes up with a practical use for can openers. With so many soups and other foods having pull-tap openers these days can openers have become drawer fillers.

• Why do some Clementine oranges have seeds and others in the same box have none? And, why do their boxes read "Mandarinas?"

• It's certainly not difficult sometimes for me to figure out what Nolan Finley, a Detroit New editorial writer, means. Like, he recently wrote, "Nobody can help Detroit if voters again elect a City Council composed of separatists, clueless downers and apparently insane."

• Are you keeping track of all the things politicians, attorneys and agencies say you deserve? I've been keeping track of my deserves: cradle to grave health care, retirement income, the finest car, truck or bicycle, rent-free housing, lawn care, physical fitness, motorized get-arounds, free snow removal, flood coverage, wind in my

sails, wrinkle free pants, drinkability beer, free drugs to enable us to do things we aren't even supposed to, free legal advice,

continous education, a second home, lower taxes and refunds on all the above. Yes, a few of them I made up. But, "You Deserve" is the most used phrase these days for getting support of whatever is being pushed.

• Mr. Obama says all the above will be possible because our government is demonstrating "Fiscal Responsibility." Really!

• Continuing in this cynical vein, did you read about the university discovery that oozing sores, cockroaches and certain politicians may have something in common?

They provoke a facial expression you

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

may be making right now - raised upper lip, wrinkled nose - according to his study from researchers at the University of Toronto. It could be from any university with a government grant.

The conclusion is there's a similarity in facial expressions over drinking something disgusting, viewing disgusting photos or experiencing something morally disgusting. The researchers used electromyography to measure the facial muscular movements. I continue to be amazed at university studies that conclude useless information. Our tax dollars at work.

• Enough! Let's get serious. Odds of being injured by a toilet seat in your lifetime are: 1 in 6,500. (Another university study?)

• P. J. O'Rourke said, "Every government is a parliament of whores. The trouble is, in a democracy the whores are us," And, "You can't shame or humiliate celebrities. What used to be called shame is now called publicity"



Smiles of the week

Like many Wolves fans, most of these Clarkston parents don't have kids on the basketball court—but they come to the games, anyway, to cheer on the home team. Like all Wolves fans, they left Friday's game feeling happy and looking forward to another great playoff season. Clarkston fans rocked the gym at Waterford Mott High School on Friday as the Boys Varsity Basketball team took an easy 59-25 victory over rival Lake Orion and brought home the District Championship. Photo by Laura Colvin



Kristen Wiltfang, Oakland County GIS technician, and Jim Keglovitz, senior planner for Oakland County, discuss their Independence Green presentation with Gina Joy Roemer, Independence Oaks. Photo by Phil Custodio

County green info meeting, March 21

Oakland County planners will share first-phase results of their Green Infrastructure Vision plan at Independence Green, 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at Independence Oaks County Park.

Jim Keglovitz, senior planner for Oakland County, and Kristen Wiltfang, county GIS technician, will show how they identify natural areas as large "hubs" and smaller "sites," all connect by "links."

"Each community decides how to best use the information," Wiltfang said. "There are many different ways to use it, such as to support grant opportunities, parks and recreation plans, and master plans. There's not a right or wrong way to use the information, but it's important to have the information."

The maps they produce, at county, township, and larger scales, will help municipalities' nature-

stewardship efforts, Keglovitz said.

"They'll help communities see how their plans connect to surrounding areas," he said. "It will help when applying for federal grants or state Resource Trust Funds."

Phase II includes work with communities on how to protect green infrastructure, such as through regulation and easements. Phase III includes finalizing goals, creating conservation ordinances and regulations, and tracking results.

Planners will present Phase I information in PowerPoint, then take questions at Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Craft activities will be offered for children.

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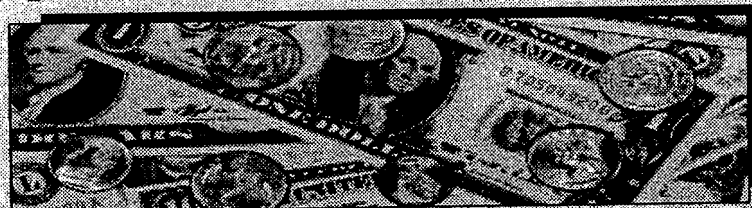
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Plastered in pond

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Garden-variety thieves

The manager of a hardware store in the 6600 block of Dixie Highway called police after discovering someone climbed into a area overnight March 5 and made off with a garden cart. A number of plastic chairs were damaged during the incident, the manager said.

Mountain of missing money

The treasurer of the Clarkston Historical Society called police March 5 after discovering two unauthorized withdrawals, totaling \$17,816.50, had been made from the organization's account at Clarkston State Bank. The treasurer said only one other person had access to the account, and neither authorized the withdrawal.

Blown away

An Independence Township park supervisor reported a Redmax backpack leaf blower missing from a storage building at a park in the 6800 block of Andersonville Road on March 6.

Public Safety

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

No smart bomb

A clear plastic water bottle containing several pieces of balled up aluminum foil exploded about 5 minutes after it crashed against the back-porch window of a home in the 4700 block of Cecilia Ann. The homeowner told deputies a similar incident occurred at other homes nearby, and noted he found a bottle of toilet cleaner outside. The man also said he thought the suspect might be a neighbor.

Horning in

The former owner of a recently-sold restaurant in the 6500 block of Dixie Highway called police March 9 after discovering an employee walked off with \$1,500, a computer and fax machine during the restaurant's final days. The business owner also discovered the employee, who'd worked for him off over 20 years, had also written himself a check for \$9,100. Deputies were investigating the embezzlement.

Lost and leaky

A 61-year-old man living in the 5400 block of Winell woke March 12 to find a younger,

unknown man standing on his front porch. The homeowner told police the younger man walked into the backyard, urinated, climbed into the homeowner's truck and sat in the front seat—but only until he was yanked out and held on the ground while police were summoned.

The man, a 22-year-old Waterford resident, told deputies his friends dropped him off near Sashabaw Road and I-75 after a night of drinking. Since he was drunk, however, the man thought he was home and got in the truck to warm up (he wasn't wearing a coat). The man was cited for disorderly conduct and driven home.

Pot, Mom and Pop

Two 20-year-old Independence Township men were cited for possession and use of marijuana March 12 after a deputy spotted them behind a restaurant on Dixie Highway and went to investigate. The men surrendered their pot and paraphernalia upon the deputy's request, and chose to call their parents when given the choice of having their vehicles impounded or asking mom and dad to come and get them.

Food stamps for a friend

A bottle of Vicoden and \$220 were missing from the apartment of a Springfield Township woman after she left a friend alone for a short time, the woman told police March 4. The woman also said her friend denied stealing the money, but did offer to buy \$220 in groceries with her food stamps.

Not again!

Someone broke out the door wall of a home in the 8400 block of Harbortown with a brick March 5. The intruder rifled through several rooms, but the homeowner said he couldn't be sure anything was missing. The home was also robbed around Labor Day.

What a creep

A 20-year-old woman jogging near Holcomb and Bridge Lake March 5 called police after a male in a full-size white Chevy pickup with a lift kit drove by 6-10 times and attempted to hide along the road. The woman went to a nearby home, and the homeowner gave her a ride home. The truck's driver was said to be a white male in his 40s.

More pot

A 17-year-old Independence Township youth was cited for possession of marijuana March 6 after a Clarkston police officer noted a lone car at Clarkston United Methodist Church around 10 p.m. and went to investigate.

Munk & Associates Orthodontics create beautiful smiles

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Many people are unaware of the additional training necessary to become an orthodontic specialist. Both Dr. Munks have completed an additional two-year program beyond dental school.

They also continue to attend numerous continuing education courses to keep them current on all of the latest technological advances.

"We continue to research new products and treatment options to provide patients with the very best in orthodontic care," said Dr. Charles W. Munk.

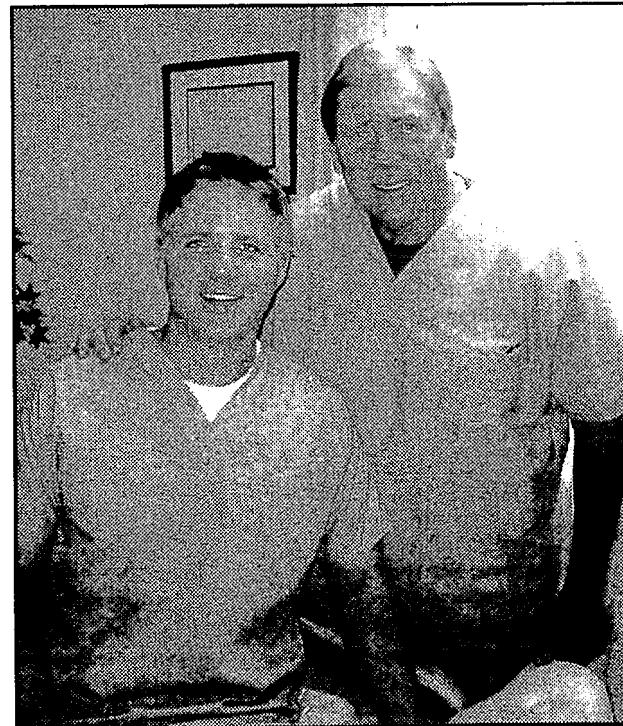
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"We want our communities to know that we will continue to support them through programs such as SCAMP and the Parks & Rec. Departments."

The Independence Day parade and activities are also an office favorite.

High school students are encouraged to apply for the Clarkston Health Care Professionals college scholarship. The Munks have been a part of this scholarship program for several years now.

Anyone interested in more information about orthodontics can also visit our website at www.munkorthodontics.com.

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Jon Giolitti helps raise money for Relay for Life.

Breakfast benefit for Relay

The Andersonville Angels Relay for Life Team recently hosted Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad, a fundraiser for the team's eighth year of participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Clarkston.

The students served donuts, muffins, juice, and coffee at the Andersonville Elementary School breakfast. They signed a "Show Your Hope" banner for display at the relay, set for May 9-10 at Clarkston Junior High School. Pontiac-Waterford Big Chiefs Chorus provided entertainment.



Alyssa Wasik, fifth grade teacher, shares a muffin with her daughter Lanie.



Fire Station Number 1 also houses the township's sheriff substation. Township officials are considering building a new substation. *File photo*

Trustees to consider cost, safety

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One advantage for the new station is it would be "centrally located with quick access to I-75," he said.

Trustee Mark Petterson agreed.

"A centralized location with access to the highway would benefit everybody," Petterson said. "Keeping citizens safe, that's the most important thing."

Petterson said he is looking forward to discussing the proposal.

"It's really important everybody knows what's going on," he said. "We have to look at the costs and find out what it would take."

Trustee David Lohmeier said he doesn't have any "predisposition" toward the substation, but believes the township needs

to first agree on priorities concerning Capital Improvement Projects, as well as knowing the township's financial situation.

"I've got to see the data on the substation and see the need analysis on it because we haven't seen anything on it other than the supervisor saying it was coming this year," Lohmeier said. "I'm not prejudging anything, but I need to see a lot of background information before I feel comfortable voting on anything."

Fire Chief Steve Ronk said they will "welcome the extra room," but have no immediate plans for the additional space.

"We've got a couple ideas and a couple of them are a little forward thinking," he said. "So we're going to see how it all plays out."



Scouts in the house

Tiger Cubs and siblings, from left, Canyon Roodbeen, Jake Boersma, Daniel Howell, Frankie Plana, Zander Neideck, Dwight Valascho, Meghan Plana, Ulysses Valascho, Devon Roodbeen, and Trinity Roodbeen checked out the *Clarkston News* offices, March 12. The Pack 499, Den 5 Cub Scouts of Pine Knob Elementary School learned about the newspaper as part of their requirements to earn their Tiger Cub badges. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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Grapplers take down the best in state finals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Zak Roberson took his stance in the center of the mat and readied himself for the final match of the season.

He shook hands with Todd Melick from Detroit Catholic Central and went forward with the attack on the referee's whistle.

Forty-three seconds later, Roberson won the match with a fall and finished the MHSAA Individual Wrestling finals in third place in the 135-weight class.

"I didn't know it was going to end that quick. I was kind of hoping for a barn burner," he said after the win.

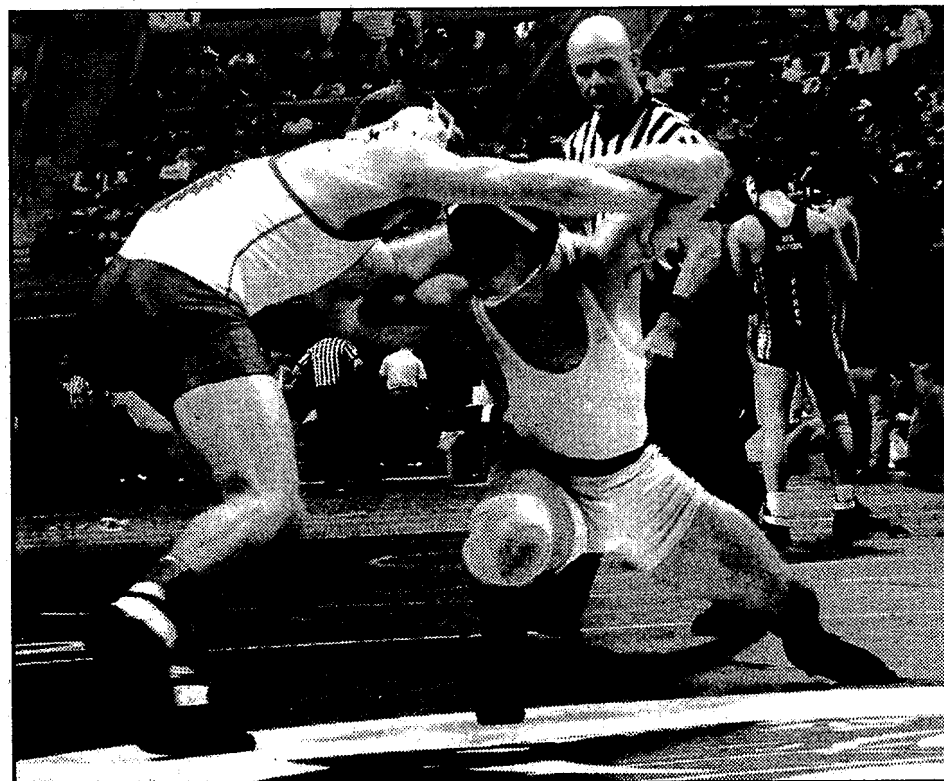
It was the first year Roberson had qualified for state finals and he finished 5-1 during the three days at the event.

His mom, Tiffany was the first one to hug him after the win and for the family it was just one of many victories they had watched him win.

For Zak, the season could have gone differently for Zak.

He underwent two surgeries in November and began the wrestling season in December with pain and fatigue that went on into January.

The illness took a toll on his body and continued until he properly diagnosed as having Inflammatory Bowel Disease in February. His diet changed drastically and Tiffany and his dad, Chris, saw a turnaround



Alex Popp keeps his opponent from taking him down. Photo by Wendi Reardon

as Zak gained muscle and got stronger each day.

"The diagnosis was actually a blessing," said Tiffany. "Once we knew what we were

dealing with, we were able to control his diet and avoid flare-ups all the way up to states."

During the three day event everybody

fought through intense battles as they made their way to the final fight for a place on the podium.

"It was a rollercoaster of emotion for everybody," said Coach Joe DeGain. "We started off as a great day on Thursday, then we had a slow start on Friday morning. Everybody bounced back really well in the afternoon to put themselves in the position they did and win all of their all-state medals.

"I am happy with all of them. They wrestled with a lot of courage and a lot of pride."

Roberson wasn't the only wrestler to finish in the top eight; four more of his teammates took home medals for All-State positions.

Senior Sloan Hadsall (189) finished on Saturday in fifth place and with a 4-2 record over the three days.

The third period of his final match of the state finals ended in a tie against Steven McClure from Holland West Ottawa at three points.

Hadsall scored in overtime with two points to win.

"I just came into it as it's my last match for the rest of my life," he said. "I might as well give it my all."

Alex Popp (145) finished his high school career with a lost to Brent Winekoff from Plymouth Canton and finished in fourth place and ~~Photo by Wendi Reardon~~ **Place your Medals on page 13A**

Athlete of the Week Cooper champion of the lanes

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Nick Cooper had spent all summer and up to six days a week perfecting his bowling technique and working to get better.

His work paid off at the Boys Bowling Singles State Finals in Muskegon on March 7 as he took on the top bowlers in the state and finished in first place.

"It was a great feeling," said Cooper. "I was expecting to do well, but not to win. I was hoping to win."

For parents, Tami and Larry, it was exciting to see their son become the state champion.

"It was unbelievable for his dad and I," said Tami. "The focus on his face I have never seen before. I was so proud. He is very modest and humble by it."

Nick went into the tournament 14th seeded and defeated three opponents before going into the finals against John DiLaura from Warren DeLaSalle.

He won 226-213 and 215-193.

Nick joined the varsity team last season.

"He struggled during the second half of the season and didn't get a lot of playing time," said Coach Bill George on his progression to champion. "His love of the game and his desire to do whatever it takes to improve are rare."

Nick has been bowling for almost six years. He began playing because his dad was a bowler and he enjoyed the sport. He participated in youth leagues.

While he is on break from the high school winter season he will continue honing his skill in bowling leagues. He is also working with the JV team to get them ready for varsity next year.

"Nick is the most talented bowler on the team and should keep improving throughout his bowling career," said George.

Nick was nominated for Athlete of the Week by Jamie Lavelly, mother of Stephanie on the varsity girls team, from watching him play.

"I am truly amazed at the way he had won the matches," said Jamie. "Every game Nick played was near perfect."

"Thanks to my coach and teammates for helping me to get this far," Nick said.



Nick Cooper and his coach, Bill George celebrate after the win. Photo provided

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Grapplers win medals

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Matt Deitz (135) went into his last matches of his junior season giving it his all, too.

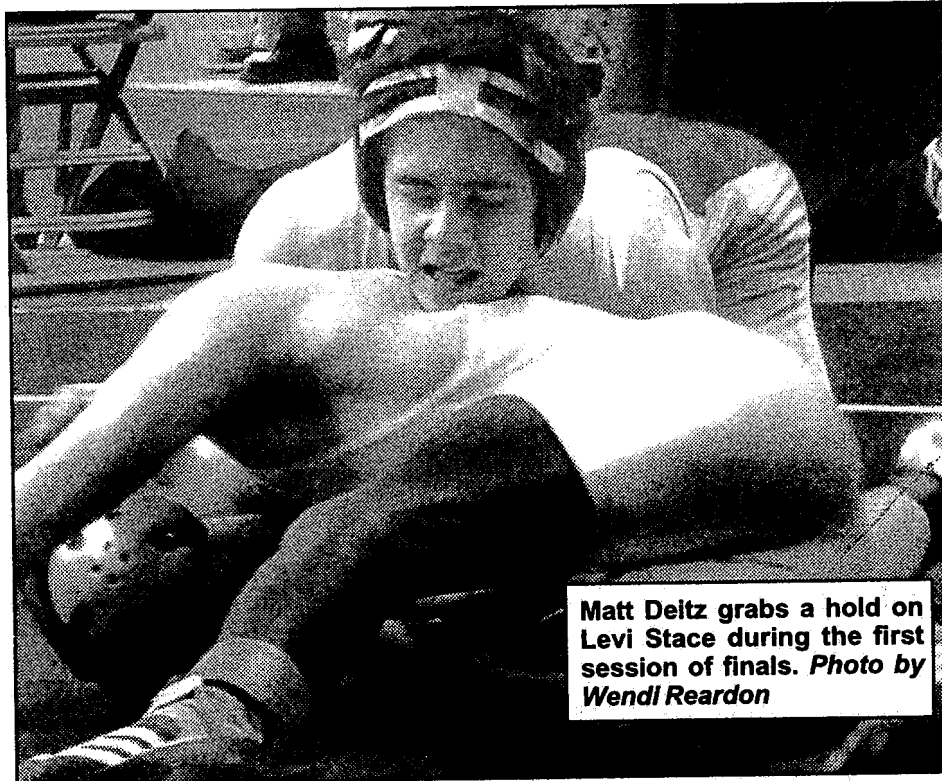
"We really didn't have anything to lose anymore. So just go out there, have fun and wrestle the best you can," said Deitz.

He ended taking seventh place after defeating Andy Jones from Grand Ledge in a major decision, 9-1. He finished with a 3-2 record.

Jeff Sloney (112) took sixth place after losing to Jacob Scholten from Grandville and was 3-3. Evan King (152) lost both of his matches and finished on Friday.

"It was a really great year and a testament to the guys who earned medals and all the other wrestlers on the team that helped them train and get to this point," said DeGain.

"I was really happy with the way we ended our matches. We were in matches with guys who already earned medals. Our guys really went out and wrestled with courage and tried to get that last win even though they already earned their medal. They went



Matt Deitz grabs a hold on Levi Stace during the first session of finals. Photo by Wendi Reardon

out with a lot of class and wrestled hard. I was really proud of them for that."

DeGain is excited for the next year with three returning placers and one returning

qualifier coming back.

The boys have already set their sights on obtaining first place next year and know what it will take to get there.

Cagers move on to regional playoffs

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able to get past the Wolves' defense blocks from Matt Kamieniecki, Tom Staton, Brandon Verlinden and Tyler Scarlett.

As the game came to a close, Jared Lawrence and Jonathan Baenziger widened the gap on the scoreboard by adding their own baskets. The crowd stood as Shane Kouri took position and shot a 3-pointer and ended the game, 58-28.

"Kettering was a good team," said Kouri. "Once we got a lead they fumbled a little bit and got nervous."

Pokley led against Kettering with 25 points and connected six 3-point shots. Staton added 16 points.

Next, the boys took on Lake Orion rivals

on Friday night and won, 59-25.

The Dragons held onto the lead from the beginning of the game, but shots from Kamieniecki and Staton brought the boys into the lead.

"I was concerned with how the kids would approach the game," said Fife. "They were a little lax at the beginning, but they turned up the defense."

Pokley added one more to end the 10-point run, putting the boys 13-5. With the lead continuing to grow by each minute in the game, Fife took the opportunity to put all of the players into the game.

"They all did a good job," he said. "We got a lot of kids a lot of good minutes, so that was good."

Staton led with 16 points. Pokley added 13 and Kamieniecki had 11 points. The boys finished their regular season on March 5 with the last two games finishing in overtimes.

"The last month we had been struggling," said Fife. "I think all of that keep our kids right where they should be."

The boys will remember the lessons from all of the past games and use them as they moved forward into regional playoffs.

"Work hard as always," said Kouri.

The Wolves' game against Pontiac Northern in the regional final Wednesday night will be at Troy-Athens High School, 4333 John R. The game begins at 7 p.m. It will be the boys' last game against Northern, which is merging with Pontiac Central.

Junior Golf Pre-Tournament Qualifier, May 3

The snow has ended and golf season is almost here! Once again, the Clarkston Area Optimist Club is sponsoring a Junior Golf Tournament Qualifier for boys and girls ages 10-18.

The tournament will be held on Sunday, May 3 at The Fountains Golf Course on Maybee Rd.

The entry fee is \$55, with a reduced fee of \$40 for 10-11 year olds.

This is an "entry-level qualifier." It may be the first competitive match for many of the younger golfers who must have a working knowledge of the game, including course management. There will be no on-site lessons given.

Entry for the pre-tournament qualifier is by pre-registration only.

The forms are available at The Fountains, at all Clarkston Schools or by contacting Optimist Junior Golf Chair, Sherry Regiani, at 248-625-5222 or sregiani@comcast.net.

'Dawgs ready

The Clarkston Youth Baseball Organization will host the 1st Annual Clarkston Riverdaws "Spring Training" 5K Run/Walk on April 18.

Early registration for individual runners is \$15 and \$50 for a family of four. Early registrations must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2009.

Registration information, sponsorship information and forms are available at www.RiverdawnRun.org.

Race day registration and packet pickup will be from 8 AM - 9:30 AM at Clintonwood Park.

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Lady Skiers celebrate successful season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Racers ended their season taking home All-State honors after competing in the state finals in Traverse City.

Senior Maddy Dunn third place finish (:56.06) in the Giant Slalom put her on the Giant Slalom All-State first team. She was also named to the Slalom All-State second team for her 11th place finish at 1:09.44.

"I am proud of myself," said Dunn. "I have improved a lot in the last four years. It was an honor."

Analia Honkanen was named to the second team for her seventh place finish in both Slalom (1:07.96) and Giant Slalom (:56.76).

"For me it's a recognition of my hard work," said Honkanen.

Kelly Peters was named to second team for the Giant Slalom after racing into ninth at a time of 57.38. During the Slalom, she finished 17th and was named to the third team.

"I am very pleased and honored to be named to the All-State team," said Peters.

"I trained hard to improve my skiing and do well at the state meet.

Elisabeth Wolf received an Honorable Mention in the Giant Slalom.

As a team, the girls varsity ski team finished in third place behind Marquette and



Kelly Peters, Maddy Dunn, Elisabeth Wolf and Analia Honkanen smile at their All-State success. Photo provided

Traverse City Central.

Lauren Horner and Olivia Dunn contributed to finishing in the top 50 racers in the Slalom. Horner and Liz Abel finished in the

Giant Slalom.

The girls finished their season undefeated, 9-0. They won their divisional race, regional race and SEMSL League Championship,

where Honkanen, Dunn, Peters and Wolf finished in the top ten in the Slalom.

Dunn took first in the Giant Slalom with Honkanen in second and Wolf in 11th.

"I enjoyed every moment being on the high school team," said Dunn about her last four years on the varsity team.

She finished her season with USSA on March 15.

She will continue racing after graduating, but will not be racing in college.

Currently she is looking forward to attending Specs Howard for television broadcasting. Working on her cable show has helped prepare her for some of the classes she will take.

As the snow melts at the Pine Knob Ski Resort, the thoughts of snow keep the rest of the team excited and anticipating the next season.

Peters plans to use her summer and Thanksgiving break to train for the start of the 2010 season.

Both Peters and Honkanen race in the Central United States Ski and Snowboard Association - Midwest and International Federal Ski for more competitive skiing.

"I love skiing and being part of the Clarkston High School ski team," said Peters.

Sea Wolves flourish this year

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Casey Johnson still remembers the cheers of fans screaming in the stands and competing in the Michigan State Meet for 12 and under.

"When you came up (for air) you could hear them say 'go' and cheer. It was great," said Johnson.

Seven swimmers from the Clarkston Sea Wolves program went to Jenison to participate in the competition.

As a team they finished 17th overall.

"Basically we were 17th best in the state," said Sea Wolves Coach Kenwyn Chock. "It was a ranking of how good we are in the state."

For the club it was a monumental season as they sent the most swimmers they have ever. In the past they have sent one or two, but not a whole team.

Matthew Culver finished the highest for the boys in sixth place and James Nelson finished in 11th.

Kathryn Culver finished in 25th for the girls and Natalie Vela finished in 69th.

"The kids worked really hard and we are really proud of them," said Assistant Coach Kelly Haynes.

"Most of them I had taught them how to

swim, to it was neat to see them compete at a state level. For them to place that high was amazing and showed we are more about quality than quantity."

Sea Wolves was started 11 years ago to prepare the kids for the varsity program.

For Johnson it is a place he can hone skills in another sport, as he plays for the Clarkston Chiefs and Michigan Bandits.

He has also made friends with his teammate Evan Wessel.

"So often sports are about numbers and high points, with these boys it was about guts and friendship," said parent, Gail Johnson, who noticed the boys help each other out even though they both competed in the 50, 100, and 200 yard breaststroke events.

Gail enjoys Sea Wolves because of the flexibility they offer.

"With the Sea Wolves, kids can choose any meet they'd like to swim and enter as long as they qualify," said Gail. "Also, kids can choose the events they want to swim. Most of the other clubs around here do not allow that."

The program started with 40 kids and has grown to 100 swimmers.

The Sea Wolves are affiliated with the USS Competitive Swimming program and



Sea Wolves hit the pool at the State Finals. In front, Evan Wessel and Casey Johnson; in middle, Matthew Culver; in back, James Nelson, Ceren Ege, Kathryn Culver and Natalie Vela. Photo provided

during the summer participates in the Rochester Area Swim League.

"Next year I would love to go for more state cuts in 13-14 year olds," said Casey.

Spring has sprung

Lady Kickers play their first game of the season on Thursday. JV will play at Brandon High School at 5 p.m., varsity follows.

They will play their first home game on Tuesday against Waterford Kettering. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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The boys lacrosse teams will start their first games this week. They host Birmingham Consolidated on Thursday and Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Monday.

For both nights, the JV team begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Last dip in the pool

Junior Jordan Zendejas finished in sixth place during the MHSAA Swim Finals last week.

He scored a total of 379.55 in 1-meter diving.

The relay team of Jake Rush, Bobby Nelson, Steve Nelson and Mike Inch swam into 16th in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay event. They finished with a time of 3:20.02

The Wolves placed in 25th in of the 31 schools at the competition. Ann Arbor Pioneer scored 364 points to take first place.

This was the first year the Clarkston sent three relay teams and three swimmers for individual events.

Cross-country racer Kuhl set to run at Lake Superior State

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
Clarkston News Intern Writer

Clarkston High School senior Jeffery Kuhl is ready to run for Lake Superior State University, signing up for cross country and track.

"I'm pretty excited. I know it's going to be much harder, and I'm excited for the next level of my training," said.

He races in many events, including one-mile, half, quarter, and two-mile. His favorite is the one-mile, he said.

Kuhl is stronger in the two-mile race although he focuses on the one-mile, said Mike Taylor, boys cross country coach.

A pre-med student majoring in biology, he has already run with the LSSU team a number of times, he said. He has seen the coach often, and is acquainted with the team. The CHS team and coach got him where he is with their help, he said.

"Basically, my coach was my second dad, because I was around him more than anyone else besides my parents," Kuhl said. "I was with him for eight running seasons. So I know him pretty well. The team, they've always been supportive."

Kuhl is consistent, dependable and well liked by the team, Taylor said.

"He is the glue on the team, someone everyone can relate to," he said.



Jeffery Kuhl, surrounded by friends and teammates, signs up for Lake Superior State University. Photo by Kathleen Quandt

Allan Kuhl, Jeffrey's father, said Jeffrey took awhile to select a college.

"We looked at a whole bunch of colleges

— six to eight. We narrowed it down by what he wanted to do," Allan said.

LSSU was a more natural fit, he said.

"It's a little more personal. It's almost like a private college, but it's a public university. So, it has a little more individual touch," he said.

"I think he made a good choice. A smaller college is appropriate for him," Taylor said.

Track is just one part of college. Other parts are getting an education and a job, Allan said.

"We're excited. I don't even know how to explain it," he said.

Along with preparations for college, Angela Kuhl, Jeffrey's mom, said they have made lists of things he will need while away at school, and they talked to him about the amount of freedom he will have at college.

"He does his homework. We don't have to nag. He's a good kid. We're really excited," Allan said.

Jeffrey is an all-around good guy, Taylor said. He hopes he stays in touch while he is away at college.

"It takes a team to get people to this kind of level. It took the community," Allan said.

"It wasn't just him it was — hey Jeff, did you bring your shorts, hey Jeff, did you stretch. It took his friends encouraging him and the parents to keep him focused. We're just very thankful for all those people that have helped contribute to get Jeffrey to this spot."

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Cedar Crest students display some mugs they decorated for COTS. Photo provided

Cedar Crest students make mugs for 'COTS'

Cedar Crest Academy students of Springfield Township offer personally decorated coffee mugs to help Coalition on Temporary Shelter at its ImaginAide fundraiser, Saturday, April 25, at Motor City Casino Hotel located in downtown Detroit.

The fundraiser features works by artists and designers for auction. Academy students join those from Detroit Country Day of Bloomfield Hills, decorating memento coffee mugs given to patrons. In preparation, students learn about homeless issues through a variety of class

projects.

"The students will be integrating curriculum content with community service and delivering a final product for the ImaginAide guests," said Bette Moen, Cedar Crest director. "From this comes their inspiration to create something relevant. We are pleased to be involved."

"It's wonderful that young students care and are willing to learn about our mission and the issues surrounding homelessness," said Lynn Wilhelm, COTS chief development officer.

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Independence Township Senior Center hosted a birthday party for Leta Sheffield. Photo by Kathleen Quandt

Leta celebrates century with friends and family

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
Clarkston News Intern Writer

Leta Sheffield of Clarkston celebrated her 100th birthday with two cakes, one at Independence Township Senior Center and another at Good Samaritan Lutheran in Pontiac.

"We wanted to celebrate this milestone birthday," said Margaret Bartos, senior center coordinator.

Sheffield is the senior center's first 100-year-old person, Bartos said.

Sheffield, whose birthday was March 9, went to Lutheran parochial school when she was younger and was a licensed practical nurse at Pontiac General for about 30 years. Now she enjoys playing cards, bingo and crosswords puzzles.

"This is the nicest group," she said about her friends at the senior center.

She is very grateful to be 100 years old, and thankful she is healthy, she said.

John Sheffield Jr., Leta's son, said he's glad Leta's health is still good at 100, and now she reads and watches TV.

Leta has been a patron at the senior center for ten years, and visits twice a week, transported by township drivers, Bartos said.

Up until a few years ago, Sheffield volunteered with the newsletter and other things around the center.

"She has a wonderful smile, she's always pleasant and appreciative," Bartos said. "She has a very good sense of humor, loves to get out, and is an avid bird watcher."

Bartos hopes other patrons of the center will turn 100.

"A lot of people are turning 90 years old at the center," she said.

"It's not going to be as rare as it once was. A lot of 80-year-olds are playing softball. It's a different day for aging."

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Something fishy at lake

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able oxygen.

According to information issued by the DNR, shallow lakes with excess amounts of aquatic vegetation and mucky bottoms—like Waumegah—are prone to winterkills, which begin with distressed fish gasping for air at holes in the ice, and end with large numbers of dead fish.

But in a winterkill, the DNR says, fish actually die in late winter.

Not so the case with Waumegah.

"None of the many thousands of dead fish we saw today were under the ice," said Bistoff before last week's warm temperatures and high winds opened up a large part of the lake. "Instead, they were near the top of the remaining ice with several inches of ice underneath; many more dead fish were on the surface of the remaining ice."

In other words, he explained, the fish were dead before the ice even finished forming.

"This fish kill was not a product of a long, hard winter," he said, "The fish in Waumegah Lake died within 30 days of the lake freezing over."

Bistoff and many of his neighbors are frustrated, and say the Waumegah Lake Improvement Board (WLIB) has long acted without regard to resident concerns.

But when the new augmentation well began operating in 2005, Bistoff said, the real

trouble began; increased amounts of phosphorus washed into the lake from shoreline flooding and erosion; groundwater from the well added iron to the lake; and wetlands—which protected the lake by filtering and consuming excess nutrients—were swallowed.

The changes, Bistoff contends, caused an explosion of aquatic plant growth and algae blooms.

But, he points out, he's not just hypothesizing.

A water quality analysis completed in 2004 by Jeffrey Holler, a certified lake manager, showed decreasing dissolved oxygen levels because of decaying poisoned plants on the lake bottom. The study warned of a fish kill if large-scale poisoning of aquatic plants continued.

But in 2007, the lake board more than doubled the annual assessment for aquatic plant control from \$260.71 to \$555.55 and treated the lake with herbicides, not just in May or early June, as recommended, but also on July 23.

The treatments disregard the fish kill warning, Bistoff said, and also flew in the face of a previous study commissioned by the WLIB.

In 2001, the board retained Progressive AE, a consulting firm based in Grand Rapids, to

define a nuisance aquatic plant control program.

"It is recommended that the plant control program for Waumegah Lake include a combination of herbicide treatments and mechanical harvesting," the final recommendations read. "Harvesting vegetation from Waumegah will prove beneficial over the long term (by slowing) the rate in which organic sediment accumulates on the lake bottom. Herbicide treatments are generally most effective...early in the growing season—May or early June—and harvesting is generally conducted later in the growing season—July—after Eurasian milfoil has been controlled with herbicides."

But a significant herbicide treatments took place through July 23, while mechanical harvesting in 2008, according to records submitted to the township by the WLIB, was limited to two cuttings of lily pads in the shallow fringe areas of the lake.

By winter, according to ice fisherman Larry Armstrong, no living vegetation could be spotted in Waumegah Lake, while poisoned plants rotted on the lake bottom.

Waumegah was ripe for a fish kill, Bistoff said.

"Great numbers of fish—from juveniles to large adults—were concentrated in small areas when they died," he said. "Under normal conditions, that would never be the case; but, under oxygen-deprived conditions, fish of all sizes congregate

wherever they can find any remaining oxygen. Unfortunately, if they consume that oxygen they all die together in large groups."

Which, the evidence shows, they did.

"I think it's a reasonable interpretation," said John Freeland, Ph.D., a Professional Wetlands Scientist with Environmental Consulting and Technology in Ann Arbor. "I think that it somewhat speculative, but I think it makes sense from an ecological standpoint."

Some 1,400 lakes exist in Oakland County,



Mitchel Callahan-Thompson, 10, a fifth-grader at Springfield Plains Elementary, authored a newsletter, titled "The Waumegah Lake Fish Tragedy," and said he's not sure whether he'll swim in the lake as usual this summer. Photo by Laura Colvin

according to the Oakland County Drain Commission. Of those, two lakes—Waumegah and Eagle Lake in Waterford—have thus far reported a fish kill. Both are shallow and according to reports, Eagle Lake also underwent a late-season treatment.

Two other untreated lakes in the state also reported a fish kill, according to the DNR.

"Waumegah Lake has a lot of vegetation and it's shallow," said Freeland. "It warms up quite a bit in the summer. Those types of lakes are common in Oakland County, and I think that the best you can do is look at other lakes and how those lakes were managed, and make some comparisons."

But the MDEQ, while acknowledging the chemical treatment may have been a contributing factor in the fish kill, said it was difficult to make a strong case, given the time frame of treatments. The agency also said it found no indication of permit violations by the WLIB.

Also, in an email forwarded to *The Clarkston News* by Springfield Township Supervisor and Waumegah Lake board member Mike Trout suggested the board was on track with its aggressive treatments.

"With the exception of some of the water

lilies (that) interfere with boat traffic, all of the target plants in Waumegah are exotic and invasive species," wrote G Douglas Pullman, Ph.D. of the Aquest Corporation. "The goal of the program is to suppress the production of these noxious species so that desirable native plant species can thrive and support the fishery and other critical parts of the ecosystem. Failure to deal with these invaders will result in the loss of ecosystem stability and key features that people consider to be desirable for recreation. It would be similar to failing to deal with a persistent infection in humans."

But whatever the case, neighbors understand there's no undoing the fish kill.

"We want other people to know about this so it doesn't happen at other lakes," said Larry Armstrong.

Bistoff agreed, noting he also hopes the board will begin to follow recommendations of the 2002 study.

"I think Mr. Bistoff is great for bringing this to everyone's attention," said Gary Towns, DNR. "I think trying to make shallow lakes into all-sports lakes is always going to be an uphill battle. It puts the environment at risk when you try to change it from what it is."

Public comments

Online today at ClarkstonNews.com—and in print in next week's edition—Springfield Township trustees hear from a number of residents during Thursday's regular township board meeting, and board members share preliminary thoughts on the Waumegah Lake issue with *The Clarkston News*.

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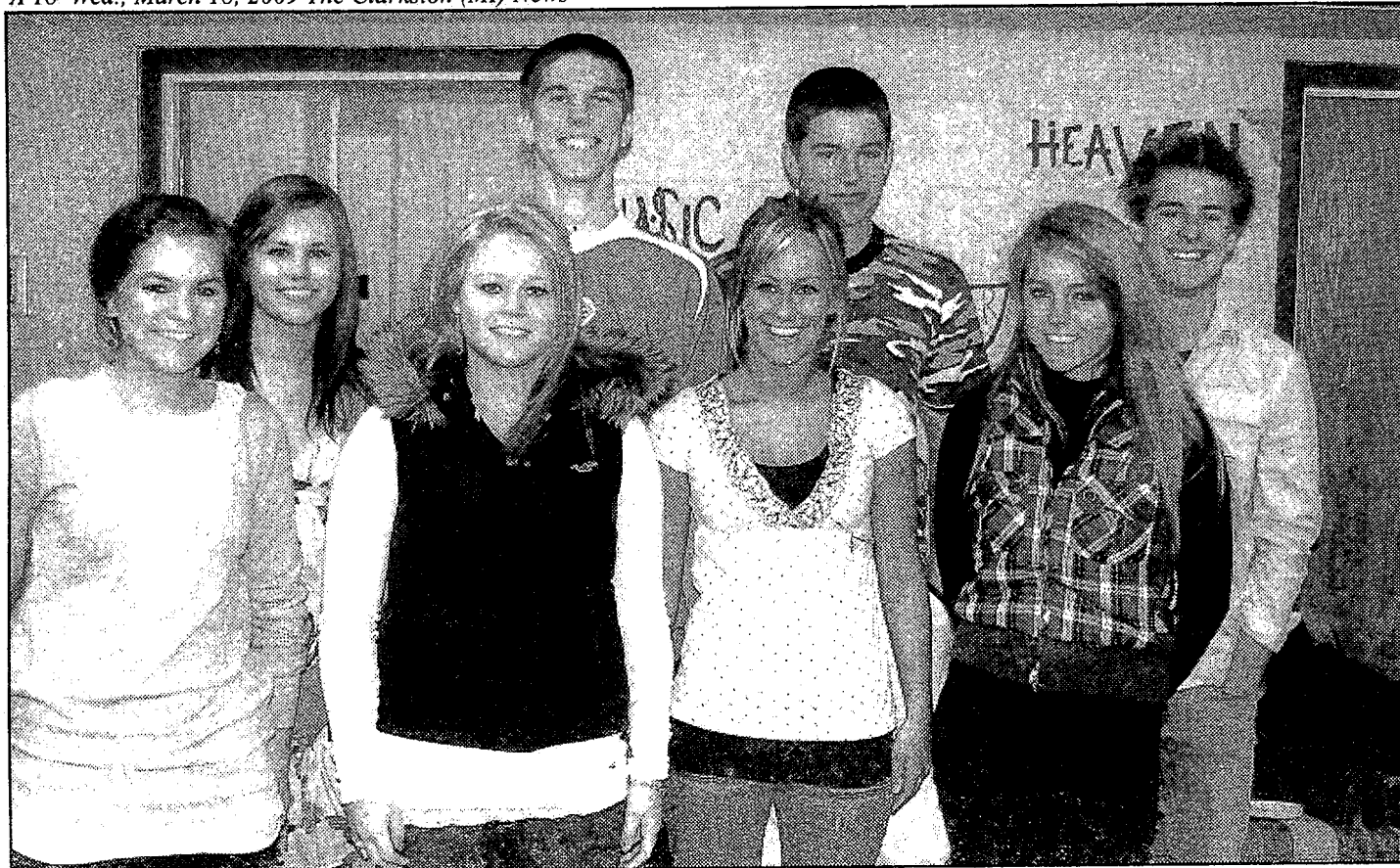
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Clarkston United Methodist Church's Righteous Mission senior members include, from left are Holly Degen, Collette Noble, Liz Abel, Davis Vanderveen, Maria Warner, Nate Schultz, Kaitlyn Warzybok, and Bob Bice. The group, led by Greg Martin, youth director, also includes seniors Olivia Allen, Emily Beattie, Andrew Kanous, Cole Schaeffer, Mollie Simpson, and Kristen Smith. Photo by Phil Custodio

Mission work stays close to home

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Since the ninth grade, a group of Clarkston teenagers spent part of each summer around the country helping others.

Now Clarkston High School seniors, their Righteous Mission trips with Clarkston United Methodist Church took them from rural Tennessee, where they slept in tents, to innercity Chicago, where they worked with the Salvation Army to help the homeless.

Their senior trip, however, will require less travel time — they're volunteering at Covenant House, a Detroit homeless shelter for young adults.

"For our senior year, I thought we might go somewhere cooler," said Kaitlyn Warzybok. "But after thinking about it, I thought, what better way for our senior trip than to help the community right in front of us."

"We'll be helping out closer to home," said Davis Vanderveen.

They don't need to look far for people in need, said Greg Martin, youth director.

"We felt, with the economy, Detroit is ground zero," Martin said. "There are so many things can be done to help. Four or five projects can help hundreds of people. We can't fix Detroit, but we can help out."

The teens work hard on their trips, vol-

unteering at soup kitchens and homeless shelters, and making repairs for those unable.

"It's a good experience," Warzybok said. "At the homeless shelter, we eat lunch with people, help wash laundry — they were very appreciative."

Not afraid to get dirty, they even volunteered to clean grease traps and behind the stove at a soup kitchen.

"We had to clean the gunk out of it," said Holly Degen. "It was a moving experience. I felt like I was floating out of my body."

"It was the grossest thing I have ever seen," said Collette Noble. "There were mouse traps with rats in them — disgusting."

But it was important to set an example for younger members of the group, Noble said.

"We normally don't do these things," said Maria Warner. "But it was a good feeling."

"We do a variety of things to help out," Degen said. "No matter what you do, you get good experience, you're different than what you were before, knowing you helped someone."

At a trip to Tennessee, one job was to replace a roof, even though they had no roofing experience.

"We were working on the roof laying shingles when it started to rain," said Davis Vanderveen. "We were working on the bot-

tom layer. When it gets wet, it gets slick, so we had to quickly cover with tarps. We both almost fell off the roof."

Working on it the whole week, they finished with one hour to spare, Martin said.

"They were really grateful. They cried on the last day," Degen said.

"It's an experience you can't get at school, spiritually," Mike said. "In Clarkston, we're in a very secluded town. This teaches us about the world outside Clarkston, experience what the world is like."

"It's a chance to take time away from everything else and spend time with God, and get closer to him," said Maria Warner.

Nate Schultz helped build a deck with ramp for a woman caring for her adult son, who has autism.

"It feels good to help people," Schultz said.

"It helps people who are more disadvantaged that we are," said Liz Abel. "It's a good thing to do."

"At first, it was something expected of us to do," VanderVeen said. "But we came back because we enjoy spending time together and helping people we don't know."

The Righteous Mission group hosts a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, March 21, and Detroit Symphony Orchestra fundraiser, April 18. The trip is set for July 12-18.

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Take notice that the Charter Township of Independence will request the re-programming of 2007 and 2008 Community Development Block Grant funds at the Tuesday, April 7 township board meeting. The request will be to change the assignment of \$5,588 in 2007 funds from "General Program Administration" to "Minor Home Repair." A second request will be to change the assignment of \$10,468 in 2008 funds from "Transportation Service" to "Senior Services."

Elvis evening, March 28

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #63 in Clarkston presents "An Evening with Elvis," 8 p.m.-12 a.m., March 28, at American Legion Hall, 8047 Ortonville Road.

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ETC Open House starts March 26

Christin Schrei and Beth McCaghy of Independence Township host an "Open House" Spring Trunk Show, Thursday, March 19, through Thursday, March 26, 4889 Knollwood Court, in the Oakhurst subdivision.

They will display more than 300 clothing items from the ETC Advantage Spring line. Clients set up appointments during the week.

"This is a unique way to shop for quality women's clothing in a private setting with the help and expertise of both Beth and myself," Schrei said. "The clothes cater towards all types women – working, stay at home, etc."

To make appointments, call Schrei at 248-792-1061 or email: christin_schrei@yahoo.com, or call McCaghy at 248-770-3438 or email: mccaghy5@att.net.

Reunion planned for Class of 1989

Clarkston High School Class of 1989's 20-year reunion is planned for July 18 at Deer Lake Banquet Center.

To participate, send an email with information to clarkston89@gmail.com. Include name, maiden name if applicable, mailing address, and preferred email address. Website is under construction, but look for future ticket information at www.clarkstonreunion.com.

"We will be doing reunion updates via email, so if you do not want to participate in that, please indicate in your message," said planner Heather Roeser. "Please also include any contact info you have on lost alumni, or names of alumni who are deceased."

A Facebook reunion group has more than 100 members, at www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=23583739390.

Biggby benefit for Lighthouse

Biggby Coffee's "Give a Little, Get a Latte" program offers free-drink coupons to new Lighthouse monthly donors, of at least \$5 per month.

"We are certainly in a period where even a smaller donation makes a big difference for us," said Lighthouse CEO John Ziraldo. Lighthouse North, 6330 Sashabaw Road, helps low-income families with food, clothing, and other services.

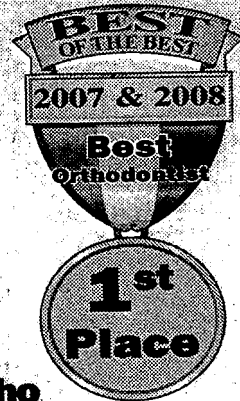
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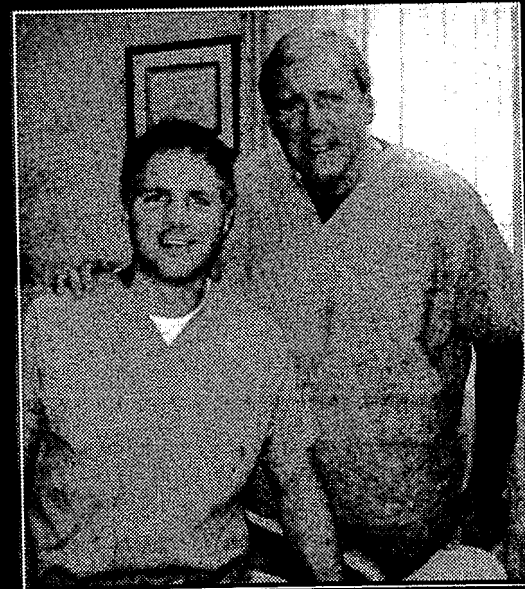
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- Walter Rue



"Their fans!"
- Julie Dalnick



"They're organized and well-coached. Fife always knows when and where to make adjustments."
- Greg Henneman



"Their speed and defense."
- Jeff Smoek
By Laura Colvin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

From assistant to DDS

High school senior gets into accelerated dental program

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even when Paige McClelland, a senior at Clarkston High School, was a little girl, she knew she wanted to do something in the medical field, but not exactly what.

After spending a year as a dental assistant at Crestwood Dental, McClelland decided she wanted to be a dentist.

"Last winter, I went to help my mom who is the office manager of Crestwood Dental, file some papers and what not," she said. "Then Dr. John Abdelmessih taught me how to assist him and ever since then I've been one of his assistants."

McClelland said Abdelmessih has played a "huge part" in her life ever since she met him and he was the one who influenced her to consider dental school by telling her how great the dental industry is and what the advantages are.

She decided to look into the University of Detroit Mercy, where Abdelmessih had studied.

"I was still thinking 'well, do I still want to go to school for that long and thinking is this really what I wanted to do,' she questioned. "Then when I went down to U

of D and looked around and really looked into it, I decided it was."

Not only did McClelland get accepted into U of D, but she also was one of 23 out of 75 applicants accepted into the schools Accelerated Doctorate of Dental Surgery program.

"We had to write an on the spot essay and then we had to interview with someone from the dental school and a professor from the undergrad school," she said.

"I was working on patient with Dr. John and just numbing them," she said.

"My mom wasn't even working that day, she had just dropped me off and hadn't even left yet and all of the sudden she opens the door and starts screaming 'you got in, you got in.' I was like 'what?' She said 'You got in to the seven year program.' My work glasses started fogging up, we went to the back and I just started bawling in the back room," said McClelland. "It was like the happiest moment."

The accelerated doctorate program allows students to complete dental school in seven years as opposed to eight, so it saves on a whole year of tuition. It works out to be three years of undergrad and four years of dental school. Her 3.75 grade point average also helped her receive a partial scholarship.

McClelland noted, her great-grandfather was a dentist.

Her mom, Katy, said she and her husband, Ian are proud of Paige. They knew she would do something in the medical field, but they never pictured her as a dentist.

"I think what's neat is kids this age to be able to do some type of job shadowing in different professions. Had she never done this, she possibly may never have gone into this," Katy said.

"I think that's extremely important for kids to start shadowing even if you're not working for anybody, but just to go in a few days and see what they do."

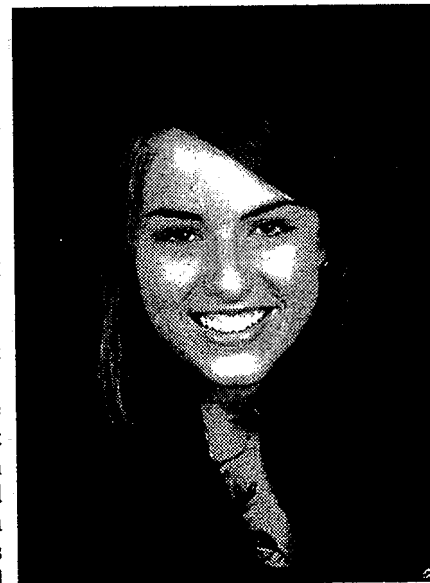
Paige has also volunteered as the assistant coach of the Everest Academy middle school's girl's volleyball team for two years and has coached a girl's team in the school's annual

sports tournament. She also has a younger brother who is a freshman at Everest.

Her other passions include snowboarding and studying/ dissecting pieces of art.

"I love art. I have European art and art from the Renaissance all over my room," Paige said.

"If I couldn't be a dentist or do something in the medical field, if that wasn't an option for me I would like to be an art curator or something."



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Blood Pressure Screening, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., March 19, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., March 19, Independence Township Library, with Pam Ruth, Arbonne consultant. 248-623-4962.

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., March 20. All you can eat, spaghetti with meat or meatless sauce, tossed salad, Italian garlic bread. \$5. Desserts, \$1. Food collection for First Congregational Church's food bank. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Brian Pruitt, former all-American athlete, author, and entrepreneur, presents a motivational message, 7 p.m., March 20, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-4644.

"Columbo (Prescription Murder)," Clarkston Village Players, Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road. March 20-22, 26-28 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m., Thursday; 2 p.m., Sunday. 248-575-4104. Tickets are also available at Rudy's Market, 9 S. Main Street.

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.

Family Square Dance, 7-9 p.m., March 21, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 p.m., March 21, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe ST at Sashabaw Road. \$6/adults, \$3/children 12 and under. 248-673-7805.

Fundraiser dinner, 5-8 p.m., March 24, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. Benefits St. Trinity Lutheran Church's youth and adult servant trip to Camp Matz, Bethesda Lutheran Homes, Wisc. 248-625-4644.

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.

Diabetes Day, 11 a.m., March 26, with info by Great Lakes Medical Supply. Free diabetic socks for each participant. Special lunch served. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231

Miracle Box Packing Party, 3-7 p.m., March 26, Oakland County Sportsmen's

Around Town



Wizard of Independence Township

Independence Township Library hosted a Wizard of Oz party, March 7, with costumes, games, projects, snacks and a parade around the library. The library, 6495 Clarkston Road, hosts programs for adults and children. On April 6, it hosts Cranbrook Presents: Simple Machines for children grades K-5, 7 p.m. Explore the way matter is affected by motion through demonstrations and participation with simple machines such as levers, pulleys and inclined planes. Registration is required by calling 248-625-2212.

Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Care packages for troops overseas. 248-623-0444.

An Evening with Elvis, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., March 28, American Legion Hall, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$15. Benefit Girls State, a program to educate high school junior girls about government and civic responsibility. 248-892-1203.

Career Transition resume-writing workshop, March 31, 7-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Christine Wyatt at 248.625.1611, ext. 226.

Used Book Sale, Independence Township Public Library, April 1-4. Thousands of hardback, paperback and children's books; most priced \$.25-\$2. Half-price sale, April 3; \$3 bag-day April 4. Open Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212 or www.indelib.org.

Women's Softball Meeting, 6:30 p.m., April 7. Slow-pitch softball league for ladies 50+. Games Tuesday evenings through mid-August. Practices begin in May. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-625-8231.

A Taste of Spring, Clarkston Rotary's spring wine fund raiser, 6:30-8:30 p.m., April 8, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club. Features

Michigan wines and food prepared by Oakhurst. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. 248-625-4244.

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 pro-

gressive. 248-332-1186.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. March 23: "Resurgence of TB in the United States," with Shane Bies, epidemiologist, Oakland County Health Division. \$15. 248-625-4244.

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

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

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

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

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Nature lovers needed

NOHLC recruiting volunteers to help inspect North Oakland properties

BY LAURACOLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Brian and Julie Bauer appreciate the natural environment surrounding their Independence Township home, and they want their children to appreciate it, too.

The kids are still young, but they're learning quickly.

"We've raised our kids to monitor for trash," said Julie. "As soon as the canal thaws, we get in our kayak and go pick up garbage. My daughter's all about saving the earth."

Kristina, 6, also enjoys helping her dad inspect property for the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC).

As a volunteer property inspector, Brian observes plant and animal life, takes photographs, and notes whether there's been encroachment by an unauthorized ATV, dumping or other changes.

"I've always enjoyed the woods and nature," he said. "So the idea of helping protect the property and making sure no one is taking advantage of it or dumping on it, or doing anything that could cause damage is just satisfying for me."

And for the last couple of years, Kristina's been right at his side.

"She calls it exploring," said Brian, an engineering manager with General Motors. "She asks a lot of questions about the different things we see when we're hiking around, like 'how do the animals sleep at night out here?' She really wants to understand things and I think she appreciates it."

The NOHLC is hoping to recruit more volunteers like Brian and Kristina to serve as property inspectors, and will offer a two-hour training session this weekend for anyone interested.

"I always laugh about the title 'property inspector,'" said Brian. "It sounds pretty impressive, like something you need a lot of training for. But it's super simple, they're just looking for someone to spend time on the property once or twice a year and make notes of what they see."

Currently, the NOHLC provides stewardship over 52 properties, with the majority in Independence and Springfield townships—as well as some in Rose, Holly and Brandon.

Each must be inspected periodically to ensure that its unique environmental characteristics are maintained.

At the upcoming training session, said NOHLC Executive Director Katie Anderson, participants will receive instructions on how to inspect preserved properties—requirements include only an interest in preserving the natural environment and a willingness to

spend a few hours per year in the woods, a fen or a prairie.

"We'd love to have 52 property inspectors," said Anderson, noting she currently has about 20 on the roster, and welcomes individuals as well as families. "It's not a huge responsibility, but it's an important one."

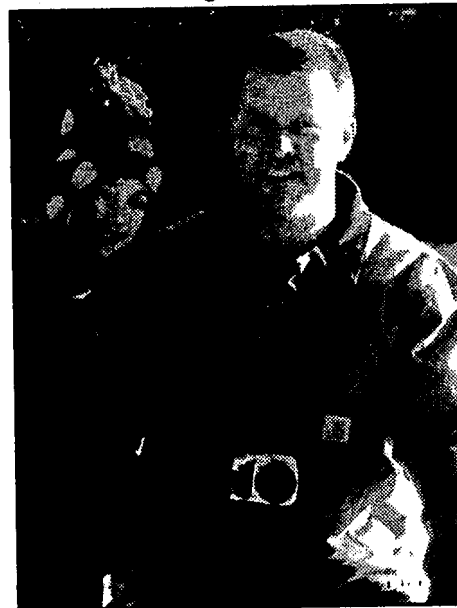
Anderson, who noted it's best to leave children at home during the training session, said participants will be taught to take meaningful photographs, identify common invasive plant species, observe wildlife and look at aerial photographs.

"Our properties range from one-tenth of an acre, where you could twirl around and do the inspection in about 60 seconds, to 110 acres, which takes someone on an ATV going out with the owner and looking more seriously," she said. "Often, there's water and wetlands."

Volunteering as a property inspector and taking along a child, Anderson said, is a great way to get the next generations of land stewards off on the right foot.

"It's wonderful opportunity to take along a youngster and share with them why it's important to preserve what's out there," she said. "It's not a park or a soccer field. It's usually the kind of place they haven't been before, and they may never have another chance to walk in a frozen wetland."

An indoor training session for inspectors will be held Sunday, March 22, 2009, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center Community Room, 12000 Davisburg Road. Refreshments will be served. For additional information or to register for the free class, call 248-846-6547. Also visit www.nohlc.org.



Church offers financial workshop

BY KATHLEEN QUANDT
Clarkston News Intern Writer

Clarkston United Methodist Church offers a six-session course by Freed-Up Financial Living about earning, giving, saving, spending and debt.

"We're all influenced by the power of money. Either we control it or it controls us," said John Merz, leader of Freed-Up Financial Living.

The sessions, starting April 14, are for everyone, not just people with financial problems, Merz said.

"The course helps us gain a healthy way of relating to money," he said.

The sessions focus on Biblical principles, he said.

"We have a culture that tells us what we should have. And then we have the mind and heart of God telling us that he cares about us and he has a plan for us. And so we're kind of caught in the middle. And that tension is the financial dilemma," he said.

The course will be Tuesday nights. Sign-up deadline is April 3. Fee is \$25/individuals and \$40/couples. Child care will be available—register in advance.

Other sessions from CUMC's Career Transition Ministry focuses on resume writing, interviewing, and job search.

The idea for the sessions started last fall when General Motors salaried retirees had to find their own health care, said Rev. Christine Wyatt, minister of adult education and discipleship at CUMC.

Pastoral staff noticed a lot of anxiety from people 65 and older, Wyatt said.

"The first reaction people have is anger sometimes and grief," she said. "So, we're also trying to—in our workshops—break it down so people have small groups they can interact with. So they can get out some of their feelings and then be able to ask their questions in a smaller group and learn from one another."

The church also offers help from a former member of the congregation, Rod's Rules for Job Search, at clarkstonumc.org.

Their goal is to offer workshops through the end of this year, Wyatt said.

The Career Transition Ministry will host a resume-writing workshop on Tuesday, March 31, 7-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Tami Dowd and Linda Beckmeyer will lead this session. For more information, call Christine Wyatt at 248-625-1611, ext. 226.

For more information, call the church, 6600 Waldon Road, at 248-625-1611, ...



Brian Bauer takes his daughter Kristina, 6, along when he inspects NOHLC property near his family's Independence Township home. Photos submitted

In our country's service...

Air Force Airman Michael W. Bramlett has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree relating through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bramlett, son of Jane Whisnant of Waterford and Gregory Bramlett of Davisburg, is a 2006 graduate of Waterford Mott High School.



Bramlett

Milestones

Students achieve success

The following Clarkston students graduated from Kettering University in December 2008:

Donald Anthony Farnsworth, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree;

George William Hamilton, Master's degree;

Daniel L. Rolka, Master's degree in Manufacturing Operations; and

Kurt Ryan Wachowski, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

Robert Holt of Clarkston, pursuing a mechanical engineering degree, was named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for the fall 2008 semester.

Shelby Schulte, 2008 graduate of Clarkston High School majoring in education, made the Dean's List with a 3.9

GPA her first semester at Michigan State University. She is the daughter of Sheri and Ken Schulte.

Clarkston students **Barry Johnson**, **Alan Killewald**, **Benjamin Wheeler**, **Michael Kasly**, and **Alec Sanger**, and **Nicole Ankeny** of Davisburg, were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for Fall 2008 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

Clarkston students **Daniel Patrick Adams**, **Matthew I. Alexander**, **Anamarie D. Allingham**, **Andrew R. Anderson**, **Jonathan Thomas Arcobello**, **Kelli M. Babb**, **Sienna M. Badalamenti**, **Robert Bernardi**, **Michael Loren-Alexander Black**, **Matthew Frederick Bleau**, **Angela Marie Bollini**, **Jonathan Charles Brown**, **Andrew Paul Cabaj**, **Krista Jordan Cassisi**, **Meredith Lynee Clark**, **Kelly A. Dougherty**, **Susan Elizabeth Fritz**, **Suzanne Giroux**, **Alicia M. Hendershott**, **Sara M. Hoover**, **Lauren M. Hunt**, **Jaelyn Anne Johnston**, **Jacqueline Nicole Jolly**, **Erica Signe Karlstrom**, **Lindsay Ann Kolich**, **Jordan A. Laporte**, **Dustin J. Markwood**, **Anne Christine Maxwell**, **Paul Daniel McKinney**, **Rebecca A. Meisner**, **Casey**

E. Merte, **Stephen Dennis Nacy**, **Brittany Rose Noble**, **Rebecca Kaylyn Reas**, **Theresa Marie Rozwadowski**, **Sandra Joy Russell**, **Jessica Nicole Scagnoli**, **Leah M. Schmidt**, **Anna Marie Sievwright**, **David Erik Smith**, **Eric Brendon Stanks**, **Michelle H. Sun**, **Wei Sun**, **Jennifer M. Titsworth**, **Stephen Daniel Trawick**, **Laycee N. Tubbs**, **Brittney M. Volin**, **Michael J. Waraksa**, and **Nicholas S. Zeeman**, were named to Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list.

Roberto Bihar of Clarkston made the Dean's List and Honor-Roll in his first term at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing.

He is a graduate of Madonna University and Crespi Carmelite High School in Encino, Calif. He is the son of Victor and Susana Bihar.

Roberto and his wife, Sonia Bihar, have two children, Natalia and Veronica Bihar.

Clarkston students **Jeffrey Michael Cotaling**, **Zachary E. Hertz**, **Roseann Marie McCart**, and **Chad Allen Wandrie** earned a spot on the fall 2008 semester Dean's List at Schoolcraft College.

Al Deeby Dodge exceeds customers' expectations

Family-friendly customer service and quality car care combined with dedication to the Clarkston community have made Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston a mainstay in the area.

"Our customer base has grown and people have accepted us into the community," Owner Al Deeby said.

Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston provides area residents with more than simple oil changes and great car prices. The community-oriented dealership made Clarkston a home.

"Our slogan is 'We're your hometown dealer,'" said General Manager Jim White. "Because of that, Al Deeby's loyalty and hard work have earned his dealership the trust and respect of his community. We will continue to do so through these hard economic times. We strive to provide our customers the same quality in both sales and services with affordable prices they have always known."

A true leader in the community, Al Deeby Dodge supports several area organizations: Clarkston SCAMP (a five-week summer camp for children and young adults with special needs), Taste of Clarkston, Holiday Parade, Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades as well as the annual Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce golf outing.

"We're here to support this community. We're here for the long haul," Deeby said.

Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston's dedication

shines through every square inch of the 27,000-square-foot family-friendly showroom and service center.

After dropping off a vehicle for the highest quality care, customers can relax in the service center's spacious lounge featuring a plasma television, wireless Internet access, complimentary gourmet coffee and snack bar. Customers can even borrow a laptop computer to use during their visit.

For the little ones, Al Deeby Dodge Clarkston's family-oriented cyber cafe offers a play-zone just for them. The youngest visitors can enjoy a their own plasma television, plenty of toys and complimentary snacks and drinks.

"Our mission statement says we will meet or exceed everyone's expectations," said Deeby. "That's just the way we do business. It's not magic. We just treat people the way

we'd want to be treated ourselves."

This philosophy goes all the way back to December 2000 when Alphonse J. Deeby III purchased then Garrity Dodge in Hamtramck and renamed it in honor of his father, who had worked there for over 40 years. Since that day, Al Deeby Dodge has been the prestigious "Five-Star" dealership others strive to emulate.

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both sales and service.

"To us, it's basic stuff. It's caring about getting a customer's car fixed right the first time.

"At Al Deeby Dodge, we are geared toward customer-focused processes and insist all of our employees are committed and involved," White said.

White said the dealership is increasing its

selection of pre-owned vehicles for customers to choose from.

"Not everyone wants a new vehicle or wants to lease a new vehicle. Some people prefer to own a used vehicle and there are some tremendous deals out there," White said.

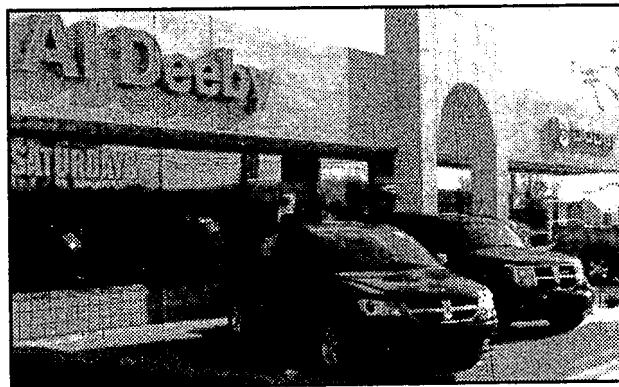
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Religion

Money crisis show need for principles

We are living in a time of unprecedented change. For many years we have been told of our need to adjust to the technological age and all the changes it brings.

For the most part we were reminded of the great benefits this new era would bring. Technology and the world economy were heralded as the promise of great things.

With the impending crisis in our financial system and the economic slow down we see how change is not only working to good but it is also speeding up the negatives as well as the positives.

It seems as soon as we became aware of the financial crisis it came out of nowhere and our response has been more about how to panic than how to cure the problem. As soon as we caught our breath about the billions necessary to fix the problem the billions became trillions and we are still not sure where all of this is taking us.

Although technology and world connections have speeded up the process of this crisis it is by no means the cause.

Behind every machine eventually is a person and behind this problem we see the real culprit. The real culprit is simply the failure of human behavior rather than the failure of the systems and machines we have created.

There are a number of solutions being offered to cure our "systems" but we must remind ourselves the real issue is a

moral factor.

Old fashioned greed and covetousness motivated the downfall of our years of prosperity. I am reminded of this simple principle by an incident with my son at a young age.

My son was with me one day as I drove to an ATM machine. His young eyes saw me put my debit card in the machine and out flew money. With great big eyes he said, "Pops! Can I have one of those money cards?" I laughed and told him I could indeed give him a card but the truth of the matter is unless you put money in you can not pull money out of the machine.

I should have been preaching to the Wall Street fat cats because even the bankers seem to have forgotten this basic principle.

This principle of life applies to more than just money. Success in life will directly correlate to what you are willing to invest in. The increasing popularity of gaming in our country is a direction reflection of our attitude that one can find success through simple chance or luck.

For many the stock market, housing and other scurrilous investments became a search for the quick success and gigantic return one expects from hitting the jackpot at the casino.

Now we must return to a time when you have to save for a down payment if you want to own a house. The good news is the lack of speculative buying or people buying without their own money will keep the prices in line with what an

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

Book Discussion, "The Shack" by Ed Young, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., March 24, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Please read before attending. 248-625-1611.

Peace Makers Speaker Series, Thursdays, 7 p.m., in support of Season for Peace and Nonviolence. March 19: Working for Peace, with presenter Nicole Rohrkemper, Michigan Peace Teams, Arab-American Anti-discrimination Committee. Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with
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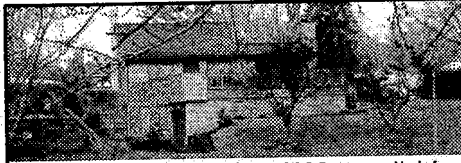
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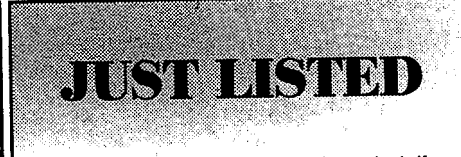
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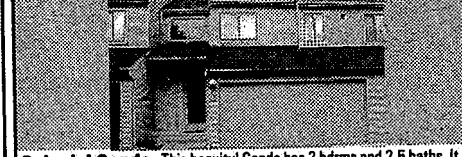
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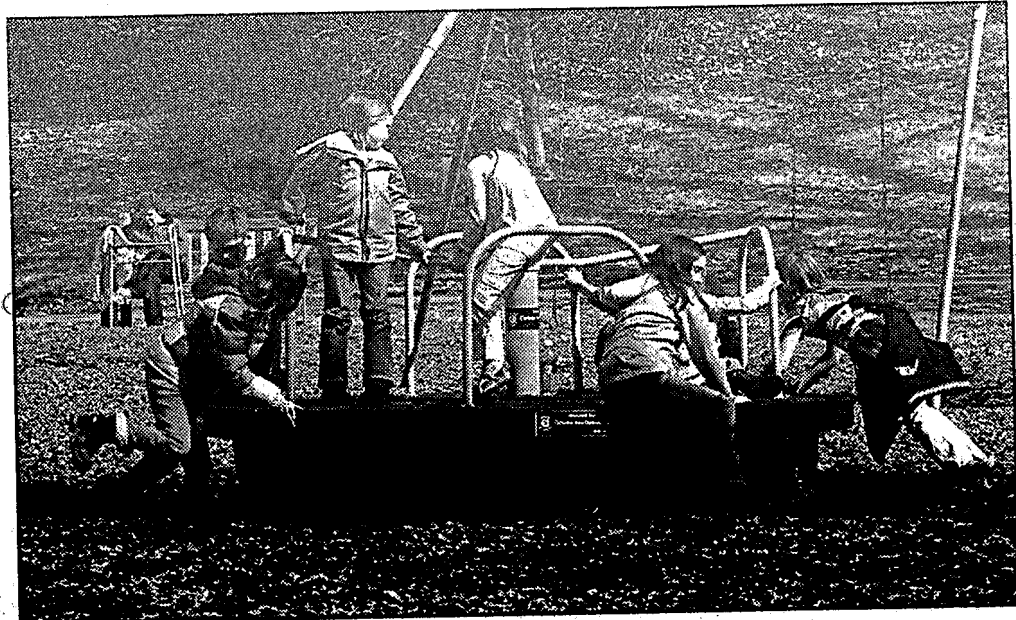


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Round and round

Kids take the Depot Park merry-go-round for a spin, enjoying pleasant, spring-like weather this past weekend. Photo submitted by John Meyland

Can we recognize miracles?

It is a miracle that we are here on this earth, during this time of economic transformation. Individually and collectively, we have the tools built within us to take on the challenge of attitude adjustments. Let's keep planting seeds of accountability, respect, commitment, empathy, support, forgiveness and all other ways to keep the miracle of connectedness working through each of us. We have been unaware of the demotion of human worth. Human value has been replaced with goods and services humans produce. This is an opportunity to balance the equation. "The world we made pulled us apart and the world that was given, pulls us together." (Thank you to my friend Karen for your awakened thought.)

There are no quick fixes, no gimmicks to market, a mere decision to bring human worth to a marketable level. No one outside of self is able to accomplish this mission. God has equipped each of us with the tools to make it; it is called the will to choose. An amazing miracle built into our human consciousness.

"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

This quote has been commonly used in marriage vows. As I learn and grow, I realize a much bigger purpose it begins with each of us respecting another with similar inalienable rights.

If this teaching were in early life, there could be hope for "human friendly existence".

If this is a seed, I know I have chosen good soil to plant it on. Those of you, who frequent MakeOver Place salon, you are honorably appreciated. For those who read my column in the *Clarkston News*, online, home delivery, or at local, Clarkston News stands, thank you. This expression brings purpose to my life works, for it is nothing unless I take the risk to share it with you, my com-

munity family.

We rejoice in our triumphs and we are humbled by the challenges; this is truly an essential reality.

A together, yet singly embraced challenge, making the most with the least economically.

With progress of bigger and better ways of accomplishing multiple functions instantaneously; some elementary basics may have been forgotten as, who am I, how did I get here, where am I headed, who is in charge and what is the prize?



A column by Maria Rotondo-Mark

How are my relationships, are my priorities in place, what is my worth, am I worthy, am I respectful, do I ask questions, who has the answers?

All I know is to keep asking questions, the answers are short lived they always bring new questions and new possibilities...

I am humbly grateful to be here sharing with my community in this time of "transformational movement."

Thank you for being partners for a better society in deed...

WE unite with purpose, WE unite with values, we are capable of miracles let's keep spreading the seeds of HOPE WE are a MIRACLE. An acronym for MIRACLE is, Making, Important, Realities, Available, Collectively and Lovingly Expedited.

In this New Year, 2009 we are fully capable to persevere, let's adjust our attitude while aligning the individual self with renewed faith and self-worth, we are worthy.

Maria Rotondo Mark owns MakeOver Place salon, 5888 Dixie Hwy. Call 248-623-9348.

Taxing time for retirement savers

Record budget proposals, policy revisions and tax code reorganizations are just a few examples of the dramatic changes that we have seen in our country so far in 2009.

While it's yet to be seen the long-term economic impact of such changes, there is one long-term repercussion that you can count on... someone will have to pay for the high price of change, making it inevitable that we will see an increase in taxes in the future.

While the government is working to reduce or eliminate other programs and funding to cover some of these new expenses, the deficit is large and the end consumer may ultimately be asked to help, most likely in the form of a tax increase.

While taxes afford us all that is great about this country, there is nothing patriotic in overpaying taxes.

When it comes to saving for retirement and the retirement accounts used to do so, they can often times be the highest taxed asset owned by an individual.

For most, their retirement savings is earmarked for future needs, whether it's for next year, five years or not for another 15 years. Although there are several types of accounts utilized for saving, most require retirement savers to pay taxes on money not yet needed.

Retirement monies should be in safer vehicles, however CDs or high interest checking accounts, for example, require taxes to be paid upon maturity or annually, only allowing for simple interest to be earned and often times at a lesser rate than even the rate of inflation.

If you want tax-advantageous savings accounts that allow for safety in principal as well as continued accumulation of wealth, consider these options...

A Roth Conversions. Traditional IRAs are tax deferred savings vehicles, but will eventually require minimum distributions (RMDs) when the policyholder reaches age 70.5.

Some retirees may not need these distributions by this age, but because they are "required" to take them, they will experience an increase in income, and subsequently, an increase in their annual income tax liabilities.

Although a Roth conversion will require taxes to be paid on the amount converted from one account type to the other, if done now it will be converted at the current tax rate, eliminating future tax liabilities.

This also allows for continued

growth and the forgoing of RMDs, giving the retiree more control of their retirement savings. If taxes are bound to increase in the future, this is a strategy an account holder may want to consider now.

Conversions can happen incrementally, meaning rather than rolling the lump sum at one time and paying taxes on the full account value, roll a portion each year and pay annual taxes on only the amount converted.

Retirement resource



A column by David Boike

Although there are income restrictions in 2009 for a Roth conversion, they are slated to be lifted in 2010.

Fixed Annuities. Retirement savers seeking a tax deferred, yet safe retirement savings vehicles may also want to

consider a fixed annuity.

Fixed annuities provide security of principal in an unsecure economy, as they are not directly correlated to market volatility and cannot lose value due to market decline.

Comparably, interest earned on a fixed annuity is tax deferred, which not only reduces income taxes in the years of saving, but also allows for triple compounding interest.

Interest is earned on the principal, the annual interest, and the untaxed gain each year, and then locked in.

Interest earned the following year will be earned on the previous year's end of year account balance. Fixed annuities allow money earmarked for retirement to grow safely and without tax until accessed or distributed.

Savings vehicles come in a number of different shapes and sizes. Be sure the terms and conditions of the fixed annuity best meet your financial objectives.

In a world of uncertainty, be certain of your finances and retirement future. Evaluate your current investments and long-term objectives.

If substantial tax increases have not been factored into your future retirement or income plan, consider taking advantage of the known tax rate of today, rather than waiting to face the uncertainty of what tomorrow may bring.

David Boike owns Retirement Resources tax, mortgage, and financial consulting practice in Clarkston with his sons, D.J. Boike and Jake Boike. Call 877-732-5751.

Faded Ink

Obituary

Caroline Giles Forbes

Caroline Giles Forbes, 89, of Laguna Woods, Calif., formerly of Birmingham, Waterford, and Oxford, died Jan. 2, 2009.

She was the beloved wife of the late Walter R. Forbes, Sr.; and dear mother of Susan (Patrick) McKenzie of Laguna Beach, Walter R. Forbes, Jr. of Holly, Kenneth (Daughn) Forbes of Clarkston, John (Cecilia) Forbes of San Diego, and Lynda



Forbes of Clarkston.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 21, 1 p.m., at The Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road.

Joan Louise Jacek

Joan Louise Jacek of Dearborn Heights passed away, March 15, 2009, at the age of 76.

She was preceded in death by her husband Daniel. She was the mother of Charles (Janet), Rich (Chris) and Gary (Kris); grandma of Chuck Jr., Justin, Clay, Anna, Joe, Ken, Cheryl, and Shannon; great grandma of Charlie; and sister of

Carol Gatfield.

Funeral service, Thursday, March 19, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 11:30 a.m., until time of service. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

James Paul Taylor

James Paul Taylor of Clark Lake passed away, March 7, 2009, at Allegiance Health, at the age of 50.

Mr. Taylor was born on May 1, 1958, in Lansing, the son of Robert and Lolita (Craig) Taylor. He loved fishing, boating and golfing. He helped run the family-owned construction business, R.J. Taylor and sons.

Besides his parents, Jim is survived by a brother, John (Sue) Taylor of Horton, Mich.; sister-in-law Julie Taylor of Oxford, Mich.; nieces and nephews Heather Willcox, Danielle Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Dr. Benjamin Taylor, Nichole Perry, Jenny Miller, Jade Miller, Kalie Miller, Noah Taylor, Avery Taylor, Allison Taylor, and Taylor Perry. Jim was



preceded in death by his brother Donald Taylor.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Heart Association. Visitation at Borek Jennings Funeral

Home, Braun Chapel, was March 11. A Simple Farewell was March 12 at the funeral home.

Please sign Jim's guestbook at www.borekjennings.com or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.

Kathleen E. Malfitano

Kathleen E. Malfitano of California, residing with her daughter in Clarkston, passed away.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emil, and two sons, Emil Jr. and Allen. She was the loving mother of John Malfitano and Joan (Buck) Kopietz; grandmother of five and great grand-

mother of eight.

Funeral Mass was March 17 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rosary Service and visitation was March 16 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St. Daniel Catholic Church. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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average person can afford.

Hopefully people will also realize the need to save for a rainy day so that periodic downturns will not result in the wholesale surrender of homes. A more difficult adjustment will also be our need to adjust incomes to more sustainable levels for businesses to succeed long term.

Many of the businesses that are in desperate shape right now will learn the lesson that a good business is one structured to

survive and even thrive in good times and bad.

When you look at the landscape today one thing I see is that trying to circumvent basic principles in order to achieve fast results has proven to be an illusion.

My hope is that our society demands we bring morality and principled centered living back so that we can have a future and also provide one for children and grandchildren.

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

In our churches

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divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-

8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity, class series based on 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.

Shane Timothy Collins

Shane Timothy Collins of Clarkston, formerly of Pickerington, Ohio, passed away suddenly, March 13, 2009, at the age of 20.

He was the beloved son of Char and Tim; loved big brother of Ryan, Zach, and Maggie; dear grandson of Nancy (Michael) Presby, and Dave and Eleanor Collins; and also survived by loved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mr. Collins attended Michigan State University, studying accounting. He lived life to the fullest, enjoying every minute.

Funeral Mass, Saturday, March 21, 10



a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Scripture service, Friday, 4:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday, 7-9 p.m., and Friday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clarkston Football Program, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mark Timothy Sartorius

Mark Timothy Sartorius, "DJ Mark," of Oscoda, formerly of Waterford, passed away suddenly, March 14, 2009, at the age of 59.

He was the father of Matthew and Michael (Allison); fiance' of Jeanette Staudacher; and brother of Tom (Liz), Dan (Bonnie McBee), Joe (Carol), Mary

(Ken) Hoots, Sue (Randy Lee) Kowzan, Janet (Dan) Hobart.

Funeral service, Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Around Town

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able at Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

Zumba, Thursdays, March 12-May 7, 9:15 a.m., exciting dance exercise. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$48. Call senior activity center 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday of each month beginning April 4. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-

390-9270.

Softball leagues, men and women, 50+ and 70+, Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Practice starts in April. Games run May through beginning of August. Call Lisa McCoy at 248-625-8223.

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334.

Volunteering, Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147.

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<p>2009 Avenger SXT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Passenger • Great Gas Mileage • Auto • Very Sharp! • Essentials interior pkg <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-large; font-weight: bold;">30 MPG</p> <p>Stk. #29052 MSRP \$21,790</p>	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="font-size: small;">72 Mo. Finance</td> <td style="font-size: small;">36 Mo. Lease</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: x-large;">\$211*</td> <td style="font-size: x-large;">\$189*</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: x-small;">mo</td> <td style="font-size: x-small;">mo</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: x-large; text-align: center;">Purchase \$14,452*</p>	72 Mo. Finance	36 Mo. Lease	\$211*	\$189*	mo	mo
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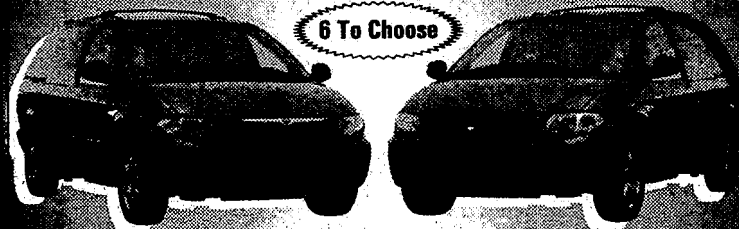
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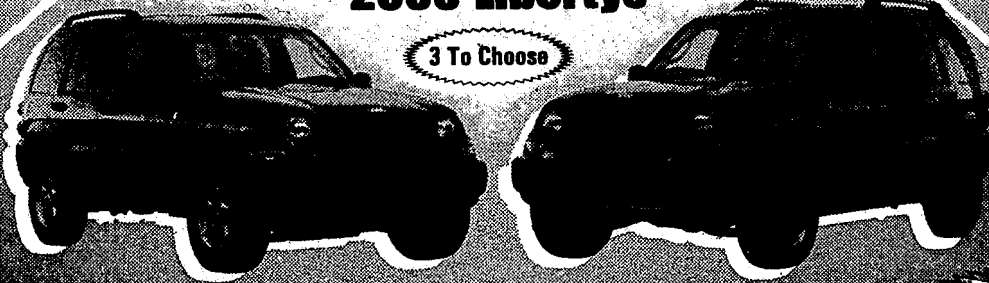
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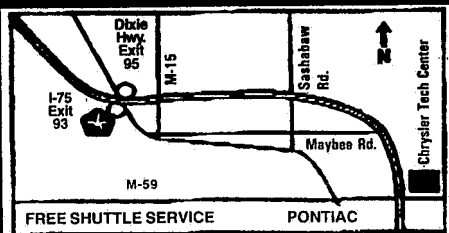


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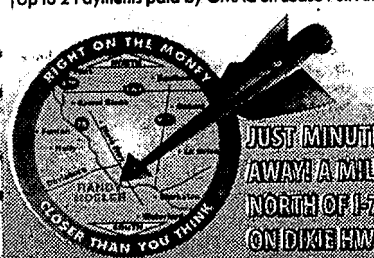
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10am Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc. 180 W. Church St. Lake Orion, MI 48362
March 19, 20, 21
100yds. E. of Lapeer Rd./M-24
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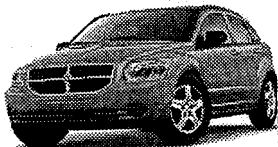
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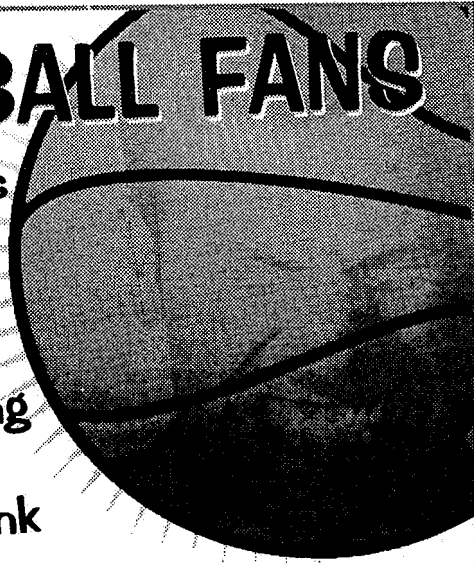
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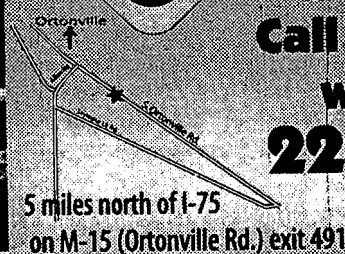
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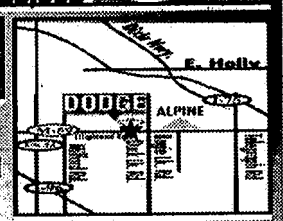
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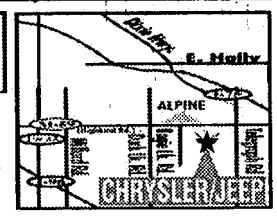
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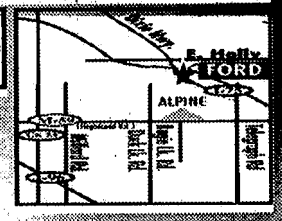
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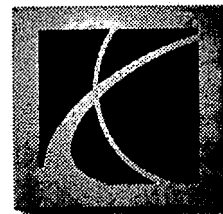
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