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Budget cuts 13 employees

Township officials still disagree on funding priorities

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite reaching a compromise to pass the 2010 budget, Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner is still disappointed with the budgeting process.

"I'm glad it's over," Wagner said. "We've never been through these kinds of times before, but I considered the process flawed just because of how long it took. There is way too much bickering."

Wagner still couldn't digest the \$95,000 added back into Parks and Recreation in order to save programs.

"If we have an extra \$95,000 lying around, I think we should be holding

onto employees. It doesn't mean in 2011 that they may not have to be cut anyway, but in the meantime, we could probably look at other revenue streams and try and do other things," he said. "We have a whole year to work on it and try and improve ourselves so we don't have so many cuts in '11."

Job cuts for 2010, said Wagner, include one fulltime and one part-time in assessing, fulltime and part-time in Clerk's, part-time in treasurer, two inspectors and two clerical in the building department, and two fulltime and two part-time in Parks and Rec.

Trustee David Lohmeier said he was not

happy anyone was losing their job and had wished things would have been "locked in sooner than the holidays."

"I would have liked to have worked on the finer details, but the reality is when you look at the revenue drop, there is no way some jobs weren't going to be lost. I think we did the best of trying to balance maintaining services and minimizing job loss anywhere we could," he said. "The final count, we'll know as soon as every position in the organization is filled. Then we'll know how many total losses there are. Anybody who says an exact number right now is just kind of predicting."

Regarding the extra \$95,000 given to Parks and Rec, Lohmeier said he still thinks it was the appropriate thing to do for taxpayers.

"Now we have to keep a very close eye and make sure all the money is spent appropriately all year," he said. "You can count on having a much attuned board to every check written and every bill paid."

Trustee Larry

Rosso said it was disappointing knowing cuts were happening to hardworking employees who have done an "excellent job" over the years.

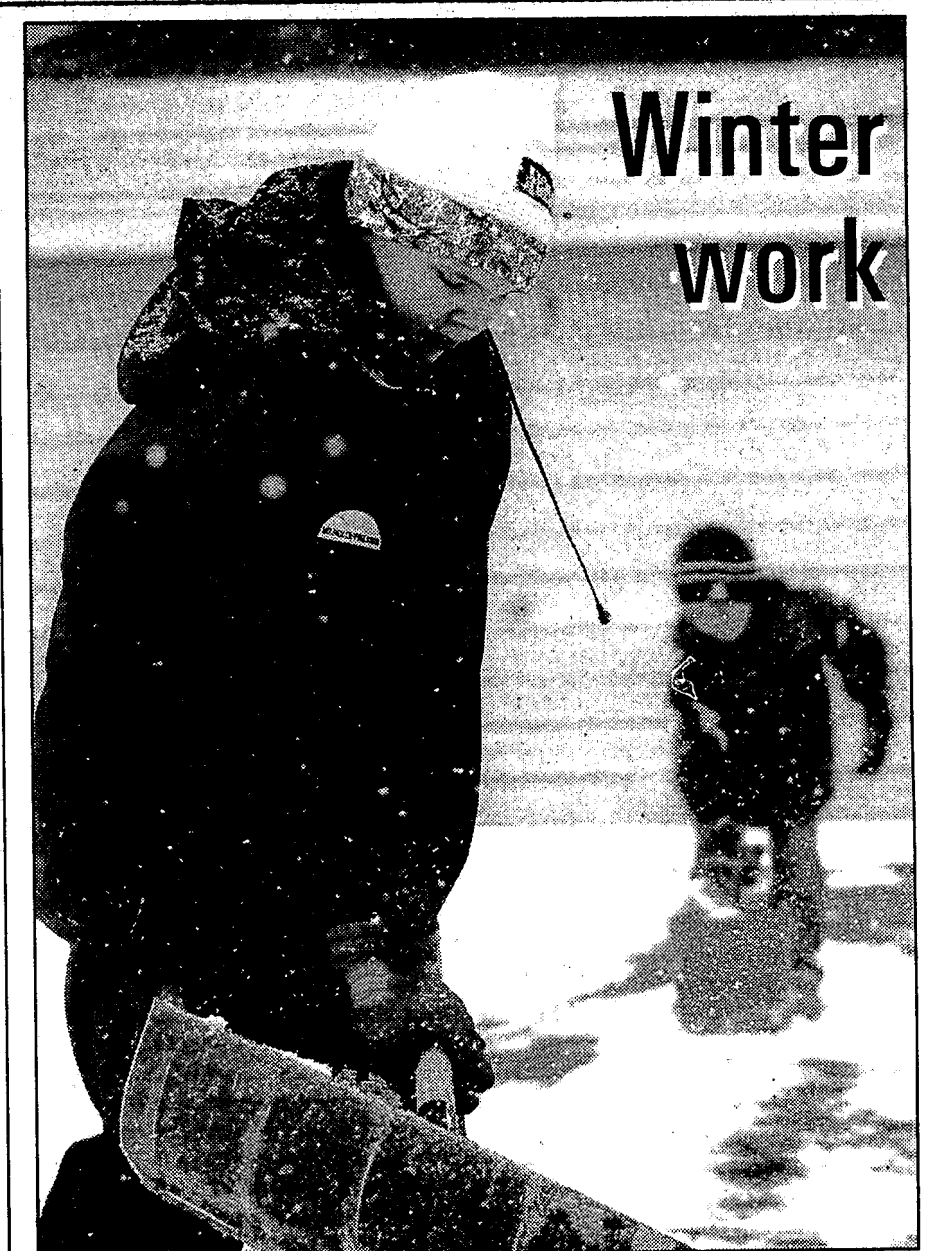
"They're obviously going to be missed, immensely," he said. "It puts more of their work on others who are still here. Unfortunately, the economic circumstances we were dealt, we didn't have any other choice. I know if I was in their boots it would be a very sobering time."

Trustee Mark Petterson said he's afraid the direction the township is traveling and

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- Dave Wagner



Nate Gettig shovels the driveway on Miller Road while his brother, Jake, follows with some salt, after a Dec. 28 snowfall. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Vesta DeRiso, Laura Smolak, Deb Rakoczy, and Claudia Jakus, Sashabaw Plains Daughters of the American Revolution, lay wreaths on veterans' graves. Not pictured are Deb Saul and Charlotte Cooper. Photo provided

Wreaths Across America

Six members of the Sashabaw Plains Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution helped lay wreaths on grave sites in section one at Great Lakes National Cemetery, part of the Dec. 12 nationwide event of Wreaths Across America.

Following placement of wreaths was a noon ceremony honoring all veterans and each branch of the military.

They also participated in the event on Dec. 13 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

School board meets Jan. 6

School officials have to hit the books after holiday break. The subject: securing a share of \$4.35 billion in federal Race to the Top education funds before deadline.

Clarkston Board of Education meets Jan. 6 to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to participate in the program. Deadline is Jan. 7 for signing, and it must be sent to Michigan Department of Education by Jan. 8. The board tabled the memorandum earlier this month.

Board Secretary Cheryl McGinnis was skeptical.

"We're going to have a legislature that could move mountains to change laws for Race to the Top, but couldn't during the budget crisis," McGinnis said. "I want see what the state wants from us and our federal government wants from our state before I support it."

Michigan won't know until April if it is one of the states receiving money from the federal government.

- Wendi Reardon



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Cyclists prepare for a bracingly cold ride at the 2009 Polar Rhino Ride. Photo provided

Riding into the new year

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ever wonder what it's like to ride your bicycle in snow?

Clarkston's own Flying Rhino Cycling Club invites you to find out, hosting its 21st annual Polar Rhino Ride at noon, Jan. 1, New Years Day. Sign up starts at 10:30 a.m. at Independence Elementary School, 6850 Hubbard Road.

Riders can choose between a family-friendly 7-mile route or take a 16 mile route down the dirt roads north of town.

"It's one of those rides that's amazing of how many people show up for it even when the weather looks bad. People just have a blast, they get bundle up and go out and come back and everyone is always smiling,"

said Louise Kasl of Kinetic Systems. "Even when the roads are muddy or something like that, people just have a good time doing it."

Helmets are required and riders typically use mountain bikes with knobby tires or a cyclocross bike. More information and pre-registration forms are available online at www.flyingrhinocc.com or at Kinetic Systems Bicycle Shop, 60 S Main St., downtown Clarkston.

For more information, call the shop at 248-625-7000. A collectable ride t-shirt, designed by Marc DeCubber and printed by Graphmark Services of Clarkston, is available for \$20.

"We are also working with Lend a Helping Hand," Kasl said. "One dollar of every entry is going to help Lend a Helping Hand."

Briefly Elections set

After a brief public hearing, Clarkston Board of Education made official its new November election policy.

The unanimous vote sets school elections, previously every May, in even-year Novembers. The cost of the 2009 May election was \$44,268 for the district. With November elections, the district can "piggy-back" on municipal elections and spend nothing. The first November election will be this year.

Keep roads clear

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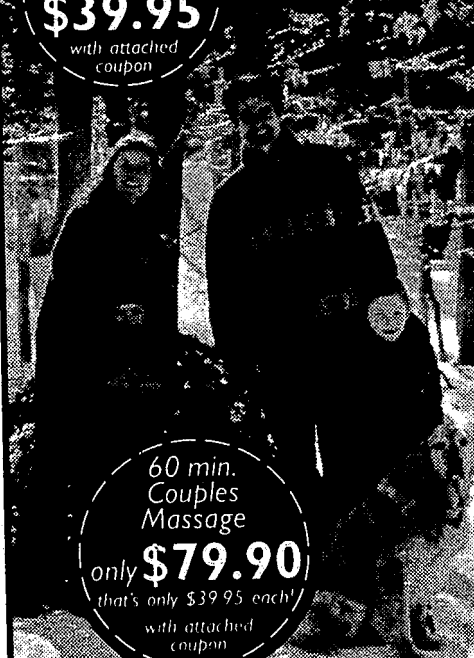


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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Predictions for 2010

With the new decade upon us (or close enough at least), how about some predictions:

- Frustrated by a lack of progress on important Independence Township matters, Trustee Neil Wallace calls for bi-daily meetings of the Township Board. Meetings still go on past 1 a.m.

- Realizing limiting information to a community including many of its own graduates insults everyone's intelligence, Clarkston Community Schools decides to post its entire financial record on the internet and launches a district-wide "Everyone shares their ideas with everyone else" campaign.

- After having repaid their debt to society, the downtown Clarkston graffitists return to help finish the 5 South Main St. mural, this time putting clothes on their art figures. Artist Michelle Tynan is thrilled with their work.

- Hearing this year's Fourth of July



fireworks display planned for Clintonwood Park consists of one guy holding a sparkler, due to budget cuts, residents organize a road trip to Tennessee to get some decent aerials and rockets, along the way figuring out depending on government to celebrate political independence makes no sense.

- In the face of record cold snaps in southern states, climatologists debunk global warming, but are shocked to discover something much worse - Anthropomorphic Climate Reversal, where the equator freezes and the poles become sweltering tropics. Al Gore writes a new book.

- Director James Cameron announces a sequel to his hit film "Avatar," in which humans return with bigger guns and rout Jake and the Na'Vi, whose coalition had since dissolved back into tribalism. A third film, completing the trilogy, is also planned, in which the Pandorans, having been placed on reservations across the planet, open a series of Floating Mountain and Tree of Life casinos, soaking humanity for all its worth.

Rotary thank-you for community

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to sincerely thank all of those who so generously donated during the 59th annual

Goodfellow Newspaper sales held in early December. The spirit of the donors was encouragement for those collecting in the cold winter winds, not only for their contributions, but also for their expressed appreciation for Goodfellows and the Clarkston Rotary's 'Shoes for Kids' program.

All donations were used to purchase new shoes and boots, hats, mittens and gloves for community children. On Dec. 12, the Rotary hosted 651 children at the Oakland Woods Baptist Church at a cost of almost \$23,000.

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to acknowledging the following for the success of this year's program:

- A special thank you to *The Clarkston News*, Jim Sherman, Don Rush, and staff for preparation and publication of the Goodfellows Edition. They have donated the special newspaper for the past 20 years.

- Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Pastor Galey and members for hosting the annual Shoes for Kids distribution and extra volunteers needed for the projects.

- Mr. Alan's Shoes of Redford, Jason Riegle, operations manager, and store volunteers for

bringing shoes and boots to Clarkston for distribution.

- Clarkston Area Lions Club, Clarkston Community Women's Club, and Clarkston

Optimists for their new endeavor, Opti-Socks.

- Local elementary schools and area churches that created, collected, and donated hats and scarves, Boy Scout Troop No. 199 and leaders for continued efforts in collecting donations, and City of Clarkston DPW for providing a warm space for Goodfellows headquarters.

- Rudy's Market and O'Malley's Galley for providing chili to serve and warm Goodfellow volunteers, and Papa Bella's Pizzeria in Ortonville for opening early to bake great pizzas for "Shoes for Kids" volunteers.

- Friends and family members of the Clarkston Rotary Club who so generously gave of their time and energy in selling newspapers, and volunteers who made this year's projects possible.

Finally, thanks again to all who gave donations for the "Shoes for Kids" program and especially to those who gave so generously. The success of this program can only be measured by the support it receives from the Clarkston community.

Clarkston Rotary Club and program chair, Joel DeLong

Letters to the editor

Thanks for blood-drive donations

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who came out last Friday to our Red Cross blood drive held at the fire department. There was a very good turn out, to the point a few people had to turned away at one point.

That was unfortunate, and I would like to apologize to anyone who showed up and had to either wait longer than expected or couldn't wait. For those who could not return, please keep an eye out for other drives in the area

this holiday season by checking with the Red Cross.

I would like to especially thank the Clarkston Lions Club for their participation. They have been a partner with the fire department for the last several years, and without their help, this event would not be a success.

*Bob Cesario
EMS Coordinator
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Christmas songs -- I like 'em

When we broke out the Christmas decorations a few weeks ago, also let loose were the two dozen Christmas albums, er, CDs I have.

My taste in Christmas music, is much like my taste in many things. I have friends who like to write and are always aghast at my lowly tastes.

"Of course you know and have read Thomas Lux."

"Ah, no."

"Well, he's a well known American poet."

"Oh, I don't know any poets, not even that fellow, Long."

"That's Longfellow, dear."

"Oh."

I try to explain to my tea and crumpet friends in the literary world, that I like pulp fiction, dime store novels, and Marvel Comics versus classic literature, good literature or even graphic novels.

I like to be entertained. I like good guys and bad guys; action, mystery, and adventure sprinkled with sarcastic, rogue-like characters. I don't want to ponder deep thoughts when reading or be depressed when I am finished.

While no Bolshevik, when it comes to the written word, I'm of the proletariat persuasion (though I don't begrudge those uppity bourgeoisie types). So it is with written word, 'tis the same with words which are sung.

And, of course, it follows then, my taste

in Christmas music, leads me away from the complex, synthesized, high-brow Mannheim Steamroller no-words song stuff. I'm more of the Rankin/Bass kind of guy.

One of my favorite Christmas songs (not a carol) is *Put One Foot In Front of The Other* (as performed by Mickey Rooney and Keenan Wynn). Maybe it was some life-comedy, Karma-come-around-to-bite-me-in-the-buttocks thing, but since I was a kid, that song has stuck with me.

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Well, here are the lyrics...

* * *

Put one foot in front of the other.

And soon you'll be walking cross the floor

Put one foot in front of the other

And soon you'll be

walking out the door

You never will get where you're going
If you never get up on your feet
Come on, there's a good tail wind blowing
A fast walking man is hard to beat

Put one foot in front of the other
And soon you'll be walking cross the floor

Put one foot in front of the other
And soon you'll be walking out the door

If you want to change your direction
If your time of life is at hand
Well don't be the rule be the exception
A good way to start is to stand

Put one foot in front of the other
And soon you'll be walking cross the floor

Put one foot in front of the other
And soon you'll be walking out the door

If I want to change the reflection I see in the mirror each morn

(Oh, you do?)

You mean that it's just my election
(Just that!)

To vote for a chance to be reborn
(Hoo-hoo!)

* * *

In the TV Christmas special *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*, Chris Kringle (Rooney) is able to melt cold-hearted Winter Warlock's (Wynn) nasty demeanor. The song I put in above, goes with that scene.

There is something redemptive about positive change and I guess for me, that cute little, do-nothing song catches that spirit. So sue me, I like it!

* * *

Christmas is over, but you can still hug your family and friends and reach out to those who are in need. Be Christ-like, change, grow, help, forgive and love.

Recall letter misrepresented commission hearing

Dear Editor,

The letter "Recall right to be dismissed," Dec. 23, misrepresented the actions of the Oakland County Election Commission at the hearing for the petition to recall Supervisor Wagner.

The commission asked us to delete and add certain words in the interests of "clarity." The requested changes were made and not only were resubmitted in a revised petition within 24 hours, but a second revised petition with additional clarifying language was also submitted within 72 hours of the hearing. Hardly the actions of citizens trying to "confuse" voters.

The writer made several inaccurate statements in his letter regarding the Wagner recall to which I feel I should respond.

First, voters need to be aware the petition reviewed at the hearing mentioned three specific actions by Mr. Wagner after Dec. 1, 2008. Michigan law prohibits an elected official from being recalled for actions in a prior term so we cannot cite Mr. Wagner's actions such as the improper firing of library personnel, which cost the township \$300,000 in lawsuit settlements. The law does not allow us to mention in the petition Mr. Wagner's

questionable dealings involving the purchase of the new Township Hall since that took place after the primary but just before the start of the current term. How convenient.

Second, of the many actions by Mr. Wagner this current term which exceeded his authority, the Recall Committee selected these few: 1) bonus payments made to an employee, without board approval; 2) increase by Mr. Wagner in the supervisor's car allowance, without board approval; and 3) authorizing architectural work for a new police substation not approved by the board nor voters.

Based on comments by the commission, we have changed the phrase "secret bonus payments" to simply "bonus payments." At no time at the hearing did I admit the bonus payments were authorized by the clerk and treasurer. Since at least four votes were needed to approve increases, why would I admit to something that is untrue?

To clarify which not-approved-by-voters building we were discussing, only one of which qualified, we changed the words "major new township building" to "new sheriff substation projected to cost \$800,000." As I mentioned above, Michigan prohibits us from recalling Mr. Wagner for the new Town Hall

purchase.

Concerning car allowance increases, even Mr. Wagner admitted at board meetings the allowances were not approved by the current or previous board. A matter of public record is hardly confusing.

Third, we are confident that when the County Election Commission meets on Jan. 4, they will approve one of the two revised petitions and will allow collection of signatures. We are not attempting to "confuse the voters."

Instead, we are working diligently and responding quickly to give the Election Commission ample opportunity to fulfill their role to determine the clarity of the petition language.

We will continue to revise our petitions as needed until we satisfy the Election Commission or exercise our right to appeal to Circuit Court. Once approved, we look forward to letting township voters decide if Mr. Wagner should remain as supervisor given what we feel are repeated actions on his part that have exceeded his legal authority and demonstrate a severe lack of needed management skills.

Henry S. Woloson
Independence Township

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"BB gun in locker brings suspension" A 14-year-old boy who had a BB gun in his locker at Sashabaw Middle School has been suspended from school. The gun was confiscated after another student reported seeing it. Having a gun of any kind on campus is in violation of the law.

"No snow? No problem for Pine Knob" Warm, "springlike" weather that December meant a general lack of snow, but the ski resort made its own.

"No longer 'Red'" Clarkston graduate Kim Kolody was among 20 engineering students from Michigan State University spending the summer in the former Soviet Union. Recently abandoning their Communist form of government, Russia invited the students to learn about America.

25 years ago - 1984

"New year looks good to officials" Clarkston Mayor Carol Eberhardt and Frank Ronk, supervisor of Independence Township, anticipated the best in 15 years for 1985, with new developments and projects in the work. Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls was more hesitant, however.

"Courtney twirls to four awards" Courtney Grimes, a baton twirling 6-year-old, won the awards at her first Drum Majorettes of American regional competition, said her mother, Debby Ballard.

50 years ago - 1959

"A bright season in Clarkston" The Touscans, Collicks, Leaks, Ronks, and many others contributed to the festive lighting of the Middle Lake subdivision. Main Street was also cheerful, with ropes of beautiful cedar throughout the business section.

"Polio clinic" Clarkston Elementary PTA sponsored a clinic at the school, offering vaccines for \$1 per person.

"Clarkston locals" Mr. and Mrs. Robert Runkle and son, Gerry Brian, spent the Christmas holiday with relatives and friends in Portland and Union City, Indiana.



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Budget may call for super administrator

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believes they "might have done too much." "We got rid of a lot of people," Petterson said. "What disappoints me the most out of all of this, when all is said and done, members of the previous board did absolutely nothing. They didn't try and reconsolidate anything. They were just riding the tide out and letting the next board do it."

Lohmeier also said there was a new position created, for a "super administrator" who would assist the clerk, treasurer, supervisor, and assessor, which was talked about at the Dec. 21 meeting. He said Human Resource Director Carol Gabris is currently working on the job description.

"Until I see the job description down to the detail, I don't know who at the office may or may not be qualified," Lohmeier said.

However, Wagner said the "super administrator" was turned down and not in the budget.

"The person for me is going to take on more duties, but it's not a super administrator, absolutely not," he said. "My girl is going to take on more responsibilities, but she's not going to be sitting up there and doing work for everybody and not me."

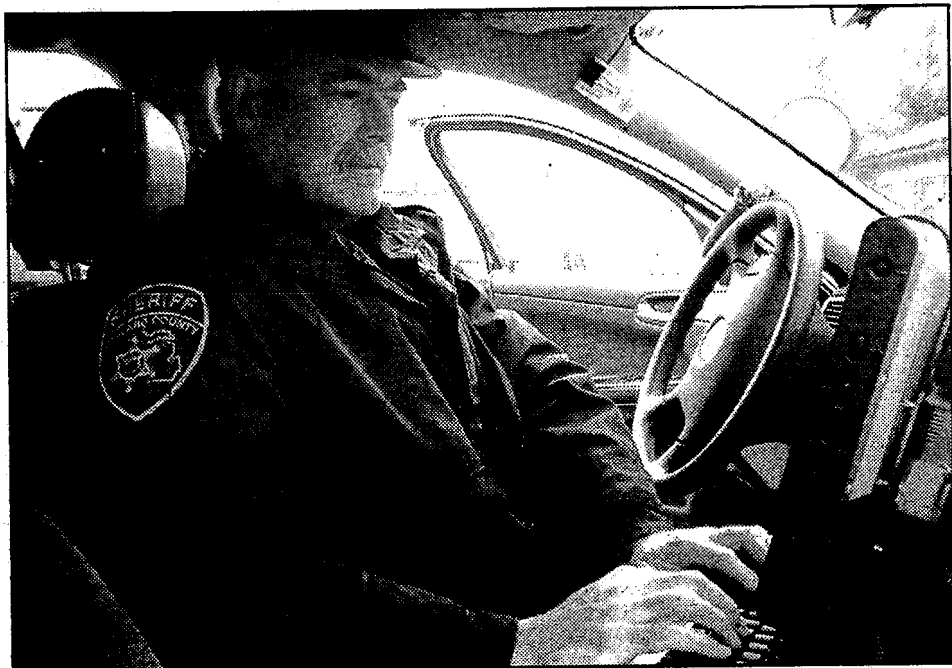
Treasurer Curt Carson agreed the money was not budgeted in either the supervisor's budget or the budget recommended by Lohmeier.

"There is no money in the budget for it, I don't know where they're going to come up with it because our \$100,000 surplus all went to parks and rec," Carson said. "Now, we only have \$10,000 surplus and we're going to be lucky to get through just the transition period before we start losing money."

Carson said it's important to keep people employed, "so they can be productive members of our community."

"These people not only work here, but they live here. If they aren't employed, they're going to have the same problems with their mortgages and bills and buying things like everyone else that is unemployed, that just puts us farther away from our goal as far as I'm concerned and the goal is jobs," he said.

"That doesn't mean everyone has to have a government job, but at the same time I think we need to put ourselves in a position where we're lean and we can provide the services the people expect and demand. When we're at that level we need to figure out another way to restructure as opposed to just hacking jobs."



Ready for duty

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Craig Rathbun, Independence Township Sunstation, prepares for road patrol. Photo by Phil Custodio

Public Safety

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

Drug arrests

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate of a car on Sashabaw Road at Town Center, 4:03 p.m., Dec. 14, and stopped it when finding its registered owner had a suspended license. Noticing the passenger moving around suspiciously, the deputy asked if they had anything illegal in the car. The driver, a 20-year-old Orion Township man, and passenger, a 19-year-old Rochester Hills woman, said no. The passenger changed her mind, though, after being informed the K-9 drug-sniffer dog was on its way. She consented to a search, and the deputy found marijuana in her purse. Another deputy found marijuana in the car. Both suspects were cited for possession of marijuana.

Murder suspect arrested

Independence Township deputies helped a fugitive-apprehension detective track down a murder suspect, 5:24 p.m., Dec. 24, to a parking lot of a nursing home in the 4000 block of Clintonville Road. The suspect had a felony warrant out of Gladwin. The detective had information the suspect was in the area visiting his mother. He was turned over to Gladwin County deputies without incident.

Burglary charges

Michigan State police chased down and arrested a drunk-driving and burglary suspect, 12:36 p.m., Dec. 18, at Oakland Tech Center, Big Lake Road and Dixie Highway. The subject was arraigned on charges of reckless driving, alcohol consumption, and possession of marijuana. State police searched the suspect's vehicle, finding some stolen items from the Tech Center.

Icy road wreck

Oakland County Crash Reconstruction Unit investigated a serious injury crash, 10:17 p.m., Dec. 26, on Sashabaw Road south of Stickney. An 18-year-old Clarkston resident was driving north on Sashabaw when he lost control of his car, drove off the road sideways and struck a tree. It was snowing at the time of the crash and the road was getting icy, deputies said. He was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital by Independence Township Fire Department for treatment. He is listed in stable condition. The driver was wearing his seat belt. Alcohol is not a factor in this crash, which remains under investigation.

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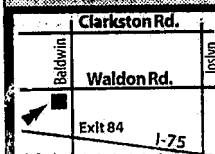


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Faded Ink

Wolves begin season with reign on the lanes

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The girls varsity bowlers kept their aim on target and began the season taking out two opponents.

They beat Troy for their opening match in the season, 22-10, on Dec. 8.

"The girls started strong," said Coach Rodney Pierson.

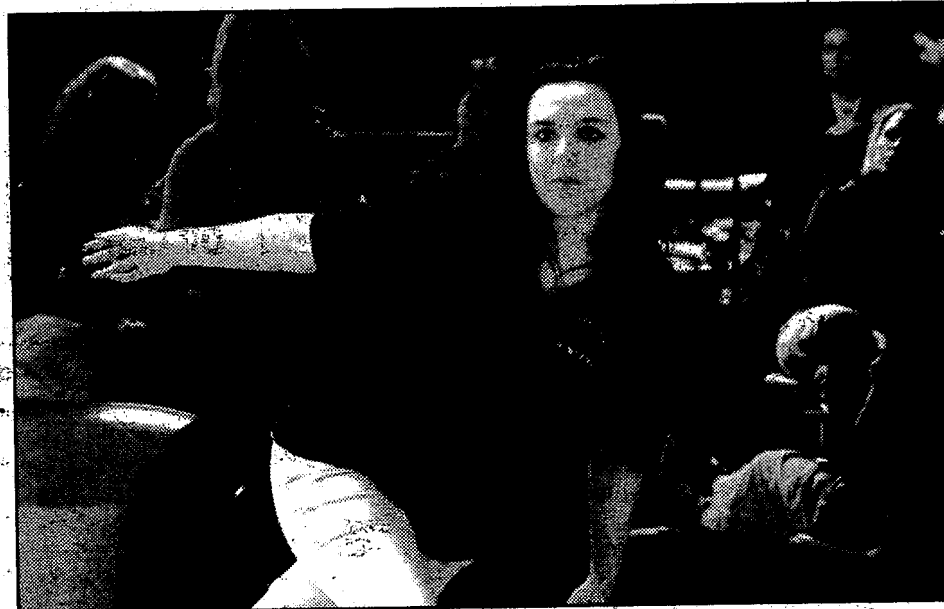
Caitlyn Stebbins led the team, scoring a 197 on her first game, and a 178 on her second. Stephanie Wiley also won both of her games.

She bowled a 156 and a 183. Ashley Batzer and Stephanie Lavelly won their second game. Lavelly bowled a 206 and Batzer, 182. The girls also defeated Lake Orion on Dec. 14, 19-11.

Stebbins and Batzer led the team winning both their games, Stebbins 191 and 112 and Batzer 158 and 180. Wiley won her first game 170.

Pierson said he sees the girls continuing to have a great year, with four of last year's players returning after they took first in the OAA conference.

"They look very well," he said. "The girls will do the same as they did last year. They are going to be a strong team and a tough



Stephanie Lavelly holds her position while the ball takes down the pins.

team to beat."

Pierson added new members Brenna Witherspoon, Erica Nowak and Holly Pantea will build on to the team's future.

The boys started their season on a memo-

orable note against Troy when senior Paul Anderson bowled a perfect game.

"It's a big achievement," said Pierson. "Let alone a senior in high school."

The boys lost against Troy, 18-12. Bobby

Peterson won his game with a 215. They turned things around when they faced Lake Orion in the next competition and won, 25-5.

"The team is in a building year," said Pierson. "They lost four last year and we have Paul and Nick Cooper returning. We have a core to build around."

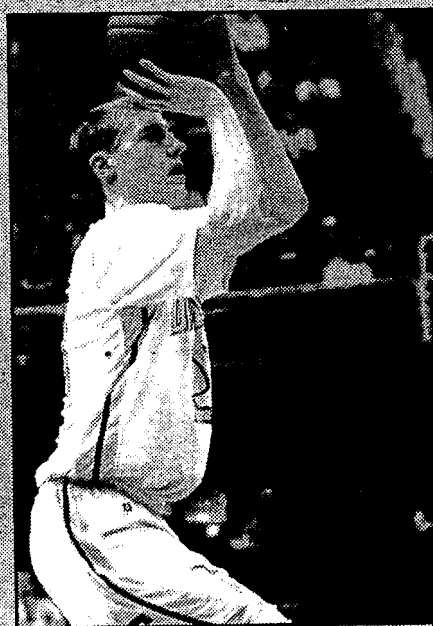
New to the team is Peterson, Chris Benedict, Mike Stolnicki and Chris Gemborys. Pierson noted the boys are evenly matched with teams in the OAA this season.

"They can do fairly well if they achieve their potential and avoid simple mistakes," he added.

Both teams competed in the Bangor John Glenn Holiday Bowling Invitational before going on break.

The boys took 11th place. The high scorers from Clarkston were Cooper in sixth place, scoring 675 after three games and Anderson in 25th, 613 in three games. The girls took 10th place and were led by Lavelly and Stebbins. Lavelly bowled 515, in a total of three games and took 23rd place. Stebbins took 31st and bowled 493.

They return from winter break to take on Troy-Athens on Jan. 5. The meet at Thunderbird Lanes starts at 3:30 p.m.



Athletes of the Year

Congrats 2009 Athletes of the Week, Jan.-June

January
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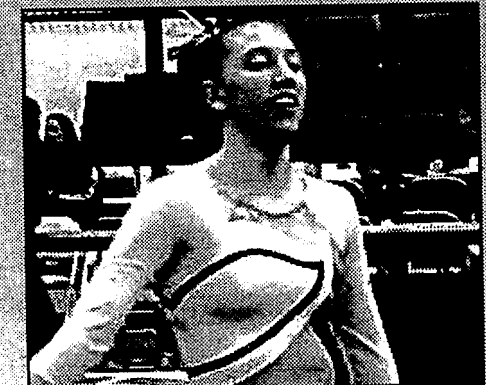
February
Boys Freshman Basketball team, Cager Robbie Clark, Icer Cole Schaffer, Swimmer Kenny Stieplflug

March
Cager Connor Daugherty, Footballer Justin Semmes, Bowler Nick Cooper, Boys Varsity Basketball team

April
Matt Kamieniecki, Tom Staton, and Brandon Pokley, Clarkston Powerlifting team, Lacrosser Adam Zak, Kicker Emily Gray, Girls JV Soccer team

May
Dancer Taylor Kanigowski, Clarkston Soccer Club Impact '92, Kicker Audrey Batchik, Gymnast Carlin Delisi

June
Clarkston Soccer Club Shadows '96, Lacrosser Kevin Gaier, Hitter Nick Cowan, Hitter Shantel Uballe



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People Poll

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What is your New Year's resolution?



"For a much happier and properous 2010."

- Ron Serafini



"Lose weight."

- Angela Tenbusch



"Pass all my college classes next semester."

- Patrick McCauley



"Lose weight."

- Ty Kelley

By Wendi Reardon

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Fine folks of 2009

Men and women, boys and girls, all serving the community through teaching, building houses, writing, dancing, raising money, and otherwise making the Clarkston area a better place to live, all *Clarkston News Millstream* features, January-June, 2009.



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Office hours, State Rep. Eileen Kowall, with County Commissioner Tom Middleton, 12-1 p.m., Jan. 4, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 866-334-0010.

Tracks - Tales in the Snow, 1 p.m., Jan. 9, Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center. Dress for the weather and bring a white or light-colored T-shirt. \$2 per child. Pre-registration required. 248-625-7280.

Marbled Paper Note Cards, 1 p.m., Jan. 9, Indian Springs Metropark Environmental Discovery Center. Make a set of marbled paper note cards. All materials included. Ages 5 to adult. \$4/person, \$12/ family of 4. Pre-registration required. 248-625-6640.

Bicycle Basic Maintenance Classes, 12-4 p.m., Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Kinetic Systems, 60 S. Main Street. \$35. 248-625-7000.

Dan Dickerson, Detroit Tiger radio announcer, talks baseball, Tigers, and importance of reading, 7-7:45 p.m., Jan. 11, Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Children must be accompanied by a

caregiver. 248-625-2212.

Activity Demo Day, 5:30-8 p.m., Jan. 13, Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Info on Parks and Recreation classes and activities. Instructors available, 10 percent off registration that evening. 248-625-8223.

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. 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.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

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

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-4244.

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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-



Elizabeth Gorz, center, performs in the Nutcracker Suite.

Clarkston dancer in ballet

Clarkston High School graduate **Elizabeth Gorz** performed with Greater Lansing Ballet Company's 10th annual performance of the Nutcracker Ballet, Dec. 20, in the Fairchild Theatre at Michigan State University.

She performs in the Battle Scene, Snow Scene, Spanish Dance in the Kingdom of Sweets and Waltz of the Flowers. This is the ballet company's 20th anniversary. The company's repertory includes the traditional Nutcracker

Ballet, which has been performed locally and toured for 10 years.

A senior company member, Gorz has danced most of her life. She is a 2009 graduate of Michigan State University, James Madison College and currently works on constituent affairs for the Michigan Senate Majority Leader, Michael D. Bishop. Elizabeth is the daughter of Leonard and Kari Gorz of Clarkston and granddaughter of James and Mikel O'Neill of Clarkston.

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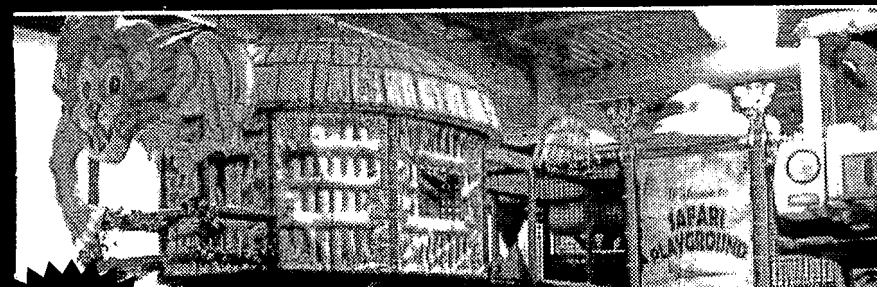
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Religion

New year brings new chance to embrace future

I can't believe it is time to celebrate the New Year! My oldest son was born in 1982 and I remember saying, "Can you believe he is going to graduate from High School in the year 2000?"

Having grown up in the 1900s, it seemed an impossible year to contemplate—the dawn of a new century. There was even an old movie called '2001: A Space Odyssey' that depicted the new century as far off and foreboding.

A change of centuries can be very strange to experience, so it was no surprise to me that there was much speculation of the problems ahead as we approached the year 2000.

You may remember the crisis that was created about the date changes on the computers. Many people actually thought that the computer glitches could literally bring the downfall of society as we knew it.

Countless others thought the crisis would be so great that we needed to store food and emergency provi-

sions.

Well, the change came uneventfully and now here we are ten years later. We certainly had our challenges over the past ten years. With the war on terror and the economic crisis of last year, some are calling it "the decade from hell."

Yet, none of these problems were the result of the century change, it was just life happening. Hopefully the next ten years will be better than the last ten.

In our humanity, we seem to make big things out of change, but we don't have to be a victim of change. If we plan for the future, there will be positives in every situation that we face. I think of the present economic situation as a case in point.

Many people are lamenting the

loss of equity in their homes. Many others are losing their homes due to loss of income. Although these are negatives, what a blessing it is for the prepared people.

Last year, many people were able to take advantage of the stock market downturn. As of this writing, if you invested \$100,000 in Ford stock last year in the downturn, you would be a millionaire right now! If you had money in the bank, you could have taken advantage of that opportunity and you could be buying a home worth a million dollars several years ago for about \$400,000 now.

These advantages were available for so few because nobody lived with the future in mind. Our society was pressuring us to live for the day and most people gave into the pressure. Do you wish that you had lived outside the mold of the times? Well, now is your chance to make a change for the future.

As the New Year rolls in, many people will be reassessing their lives

and in many cases making New Year's resolutions. The Bible teaches us that change is always possible. It starts with repentance, acknowledging that you need change.

From there, you need to make the right life choices that will bring about those changes. It is still true today as the Bible declares, "Whatsoever a person sows that will he reap."

Finally, to make your choices last, you need to connect to someone or something stronger than yourself to help you follow through.

This is where God comes in. The psalmist David said it so well, "When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." You need something bigger than yourself, especially when it requires standing against the tide of popular culture that is trying to fit you into its mold.

There is a better future out there—will you embrace it?

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

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Fish Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 16, Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway. \$5, advance tickets only. 248-634-3373.

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

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

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

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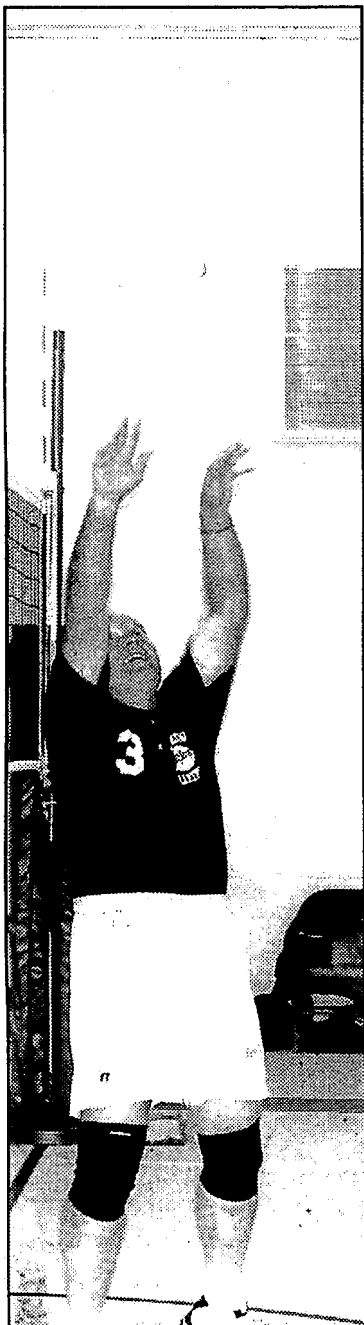
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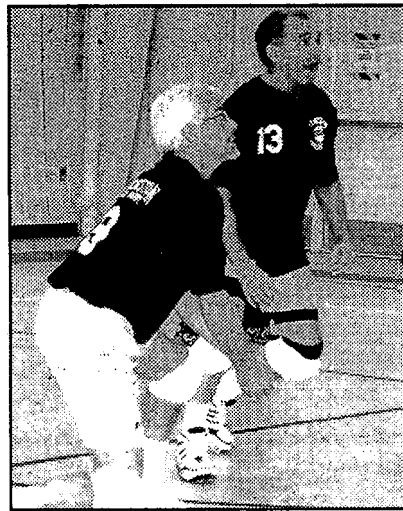
Golden Times



Don Olson sets the ball.



Clarkston Auto Body senior volleyball team are, kneeling from left, Pat McMullen, Don Olson, and Tom Harrison, standing from left, Gary Lange, Jerry Rocheleau, Bob Brown, Jerry Akehurst, Dennis McCarty, Fred Stark, Mike Tyler, and Don Tyler, and, not pictured, Dan Thomas. Photos by Phil Custodio



Dennis McCarty and Don Tyler get into position.

Active on the court

Softball fields are covered in snow, but senior ballplayers aren't taking it easy. Instead, they hit the gym 3-4 times a week for volleyball.

"We're a bunch of retired guys looking for something to do," said Gary Lange. "This is a way to stay active and have fun."

The Clarkston Autobody team plays in the "C" Division of Senior 55 Plus Volleyball League. Players must be at least 55 years old to play on the league, and 50 to play recreationally with the Independence Township Parks and Rec team.

Monday sessions from 9-11 a.m. are for competitive play, and Tuesdays are league games. Wednesday and Friday mornings are for recreational play, all at St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Sashabaw Road.

"The church is nice enough to let us use their gym," said Bob Brown. "I enjoy the game. Volleyball is a fun game."

For more information, call Brown, team manager, at 248-623-7011.

Calendar of events

Volleyball, 9 a.m., Mondays, competitive; Wednesdays, Fridays for fun. St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-8231.

"TOPS"- Take Pounds Off Sensibly, new chapter, 11 a.m., Tuesdays, Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. No special foods to purchase, reasonable rates, run by volunteers. 248-625-8231.

Pickleball Ball, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Combination of tennis, ping pong, badminton. \$3. 248-625-8231.

AARP Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program, Tuesdays, Feb 2-April 13, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. AARP volunteers prepare federal and state returns for seniors. 248-625-8231 for appointment and list of required papers.

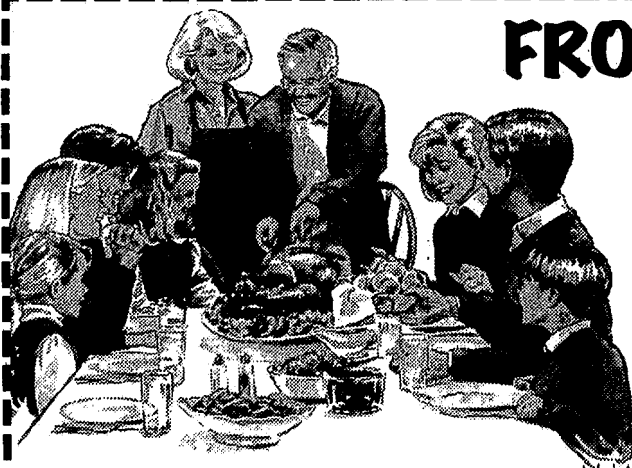
Line dancing, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Salsa, Cha-Cha Rock and Roll rhythms. \$3. 248-625-8231.

Young At Heart Active Adults, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursdays, Hart Community Center, Davisburg. Weekly lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games for those 50 and up. \$5/year, \$4/lunch. 248-846-6558.

Community events?

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Business News

Tropical Smoothie Cafe, 6459 Dixie Highway and 7150 Sashabaw Road in Independence Township, offers a free children's meal with each adult's meal every Sunday.

"It's our way to give back to customers in these tough economic times," said Craig Lemieux, area developer for Tropical Smoothie Cafe. "People love it. It's a way to stretch their budget."

For more information, check www.tropicalsmoothie.com.

Dawn Sommers of Davisburg recently earned Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers honors with *lia sophia*.

Michael Hannon of Clarkston recently received his Chartered Financial Analyst charter with the CFA Society of Detroit

Cristina Sheppard-Decius, 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School, is executive director of Ferndale's Downtown Development Authority. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 1993.

James B. Kruzan, financial advisor with Raymond James Financial Services, Independence Township, was named to the firm's 2010 Chairman's Council in recognition of outstanding client service and exemplary professional growth.

Kruzan, who joined Raymond James in 1987, has more than 27 years of financial and investment experience. He offers investment planning and services for individuals and businesses, specializing in retirement wealth solutions, at 6467 Waldon Center Drive, Suite 110.

Stephanie Cregar of Clarkston, **Robert Perlaki** of Wixom, and **Mary Douglas** of Waterford recently joined Salon 59 in Waterford. They offer hair care services for the entire family, and are experts in color, cuts and styling. Call Salon 59, 4823 Highland Road, at 248-674-7480.

Trini's continues family tradition

As children of Trini and Carmen Martinez, the founders of the original Trini and Carmen's, Trini, Trina, and Cindy Martinez quickly learned the value of honesty, integrity, and hard work, as well as the importance of family and friends.

Both Trini and Carmen are first generation Mexican-American and have dedicated themselves to this country, their family and children to achieve the American Dream.

After returning from serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II, Trini married Carmen and they began a life together. In the early 1960s, the couple opened a tavern called "TJ's," and later a small diner named "Carmen's" in



From left are Trini Martinez, owner, Karissa Bowden, and Tessa Grady of Trini and Carmen's North.

Pontiac.

As a result of an urban renewal effort in Pontiac and an

anticipated General Motor's expansion, the two establishments merged into "Trini and

Carmen's" on Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, in 1966.

With the help and family recipes from their mothers, Trini and Carmen began to serve their fine authentic Mexican cuisine and their original nachos soon became a favored dish country-wide. It has been copied by many, but none compete with Trini and Carmen's original nacho, which are still served today.

The next Martinez generation, Trini, Trina, and Cindy, are now the owners of Trini and Carmen's North, 10063 Dixie Highway, in Independence Township.

Hours are 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Friday; 12-10 p.m., Saturday; and 12-8 p.m., Sunday. Call 248-241-6597.

Counselor serves families in greatest time of need

Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home welcomed new pre-arrangement counselor **Eva Karas** in August.

Karas guides people through the arrangement process with ease, answering questions and making sure their requests are fulfilled.

"It's less stress for the family to come in here and know what their loved one wants when a death occurs," said Karas. "Plus if they prepaid or pre-funded the arrangements,

the funds are already here and set up. The family doesn't have to worry about where the money comes from."

The fund is always there until it is needed, she said.

"Eventually everyone does need a funeral service.

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Karas

you can do at any age," Karas said. "Instead of the family walking in and having a short time to plan, they can grieve."

Karas worked in funeral service in Genesee County before joining Lewis E. Wint.

For more information, or to start pre-planning, call Karas at Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, 5929 South Main Street, at 248-625-5231.

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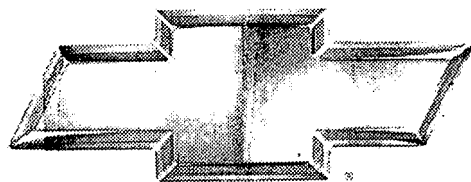
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:
Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
At Independence Township Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:

FILE PC #2009-014
TEXT AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Amendment to Article III. District Regulations; Division 24. Supplemental Regulations; New Sec 50-865 Dixie Highway Overlay District

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE ORDINANCE MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date and Time: January 5, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI, 48346

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience will have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the Agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
6. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2009
 - b. Accounts Payable Check Run
 - c. Approval of Blanket Purchase Requisition for 2010
 - d. Bid Award for Township vehicles

Unfinished Business

1. Discussion regarding DPW Recycling Center

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Sashabaw Road and Flemings Lake Road
2. Approval of additional member to the Operations Review Task Force
3. 2010 Poverty Resolution
4. Reappointments to Planning Commission
5. Proposed revised Board Meeting Rules of Procedure Policy
6. Proposed revised Board Meeting Rules of Procedure Policy

Closed Session - Pending Litigation (Independence vs. Ronald Pepera, et al)

Statements and Correspondence

Only those matters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an Agenda item.

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Third graders Dalton Bills and Evan Martin check out their new books.

North Sashabaw celebrates holidays

Teachers, parents and volunteers brought bags of food and decorations, hosting a Christmas party for North Sashabaw Elementary students, Dec. 17.

Kids exchanges gifts, played games, and enjoyed lots of food at their final class gettogethers of 2009.



Katie West prepares to place an arm on a paper snowman.

Obituary

Louis H. Miles, 89

Louis H. Miles of Waterford passed away Dec. 26, 2009, at age 89.

He was preceded in death by his wife Josephine. He was the father of Michael (Kathryn) of Elk Rapids, Patrick of Waterford,

PUBLIC NOTICE
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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2009

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

Roll: Present - Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Hunter, Hargis, Roth, Inabnit, Gawronski

Absent -

Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Hargis to "Approve the Agenda as presented". Motion carried.

Move by Hunter, second Roth to "Approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the November 9 Council Minutes." Motion carried.

The updated and corrected minutes will be emailed to the Council once completed.

Committees and Appointments - Mayor Arkwright would like to appoint the Planning Commission Chairman to the Ordinance Committee. Mayor Arkwright agreed to add Roth to the Conflict of Interest Committee. Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Inabnit, "To approve Committee appointments for 2010 as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Roth, "To cancel the second regular City Council meeting normally scheduled for Monday, December 28, due to the Holiday Season." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

Greg (Carol) of Waterford, Maureen Cairo of Oxford, and Kathleen (Ralph) Stepaniak of Hubbard Lake; grandfather of 15; great grandfather of six.

Mr. Miles retired from General Motors, Fisher Body. He was a WWII veteran and member of Knights of Columbus.

Rosary service was Dec. 28 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 29 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Maureen F. Reid, 68

Maureen F. Reid (Midgley) of Clarkston, formerly of Amberstburg, Ontario, passed away Dec. 26, 2009, at age 68.

She was preceded in death by her husband Garnet Reid, son Michael Chicka and mother Frances Muric. She was the mother of Robert Chicka, Ronald Chicka and Cheryl (Todd) Rajala; also survived by seven grandchildren; stepdaughter of Dorothy (the late Roy) Midgley; stepsister of Nancy Fox and Sharon (Craig) Busch.

Funeral service was Dec. 30 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Port Huron. Me-

morials may be made to Bortz of Oakland. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Gary G. Payne, 68

Gary G. "Shamu" Payne of Clarkston died Dec. 26, 2009, at 68 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Suzanne for 46 years on Dec. 28; dearest father of Karen Mellberg and David (fiancée Chris Sorbie) Payne; brother of June St. John and the late Joan Golding; brother in law of Terry Stein, Steve Koren, and Denise Koren. He will also be missed by his dog Honey.



Mr. Payne retired from GM Orion plant in 2002 after 41 years of service. He loved NASCAR and was an avid collector of die cast cars. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Funeral service is 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. Interment follows at Oakland Hills Cemetery Novi. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association. Envelopes available at the funeral home. To send a private condolence to the family, please go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com and select "Guestbook."

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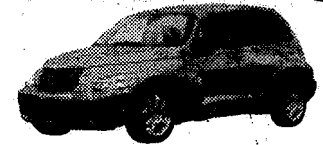
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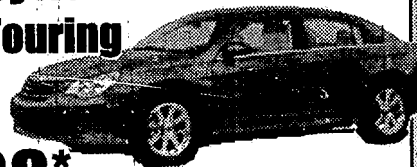
2010 Chrysler Sebring Touring

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automatic, 24H package

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2.0L 4-Cyl DOHC Engine,
24D package

2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4x4

Was \$33,580

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Stk. #10J115

3.7L V-6 Engine, automatic,
26E package

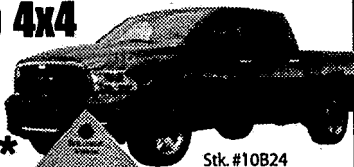
2010 Dodge Ram 1500 ST Quad Cab 4x4

Was \$32,390

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Stk. #10B24

5.7L V8 HEMI,
26A Package

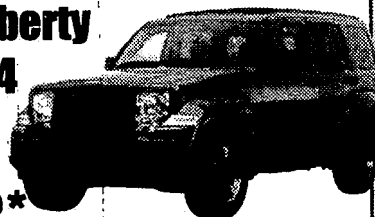
2010 Jeep Liberty Sport 4x4

Was \$25,610

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Stk. #10J88

3.7L V6 engine, automatic,
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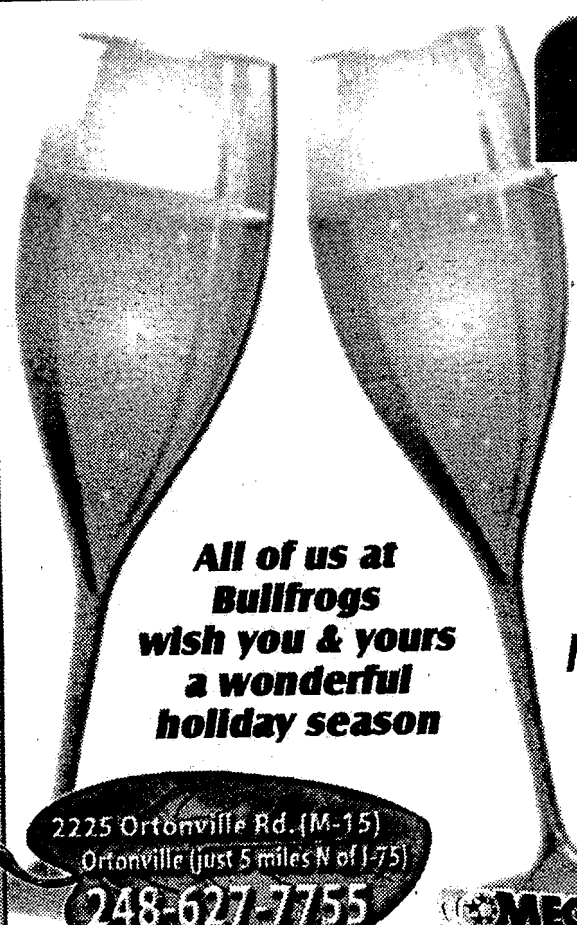
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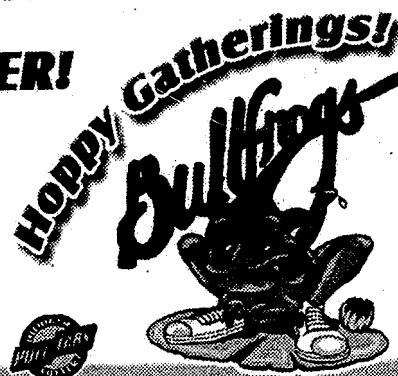
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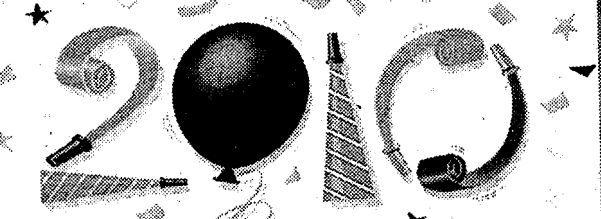
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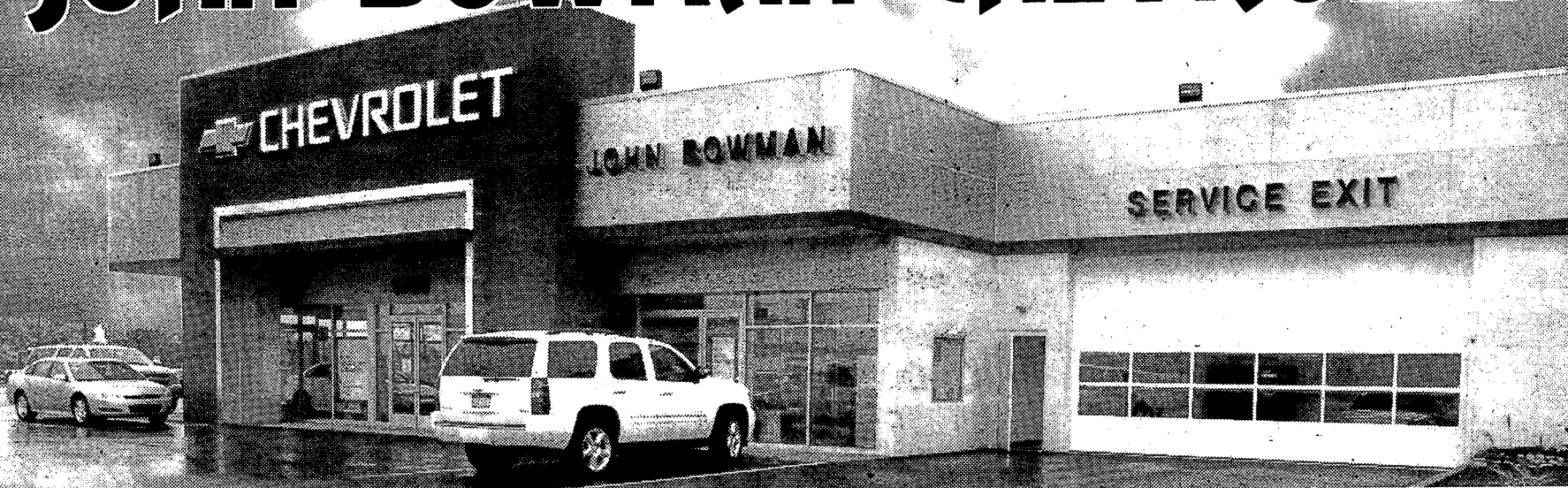
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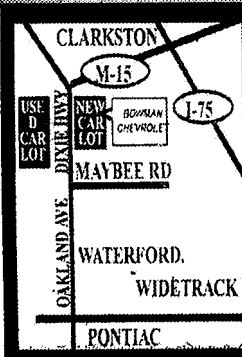
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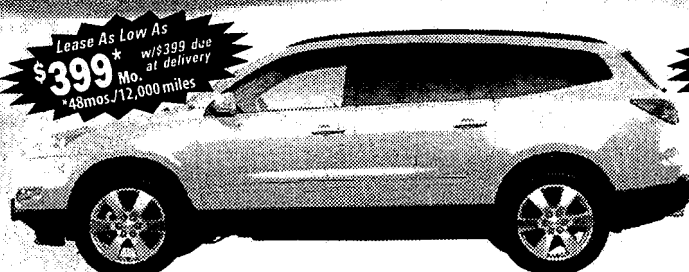
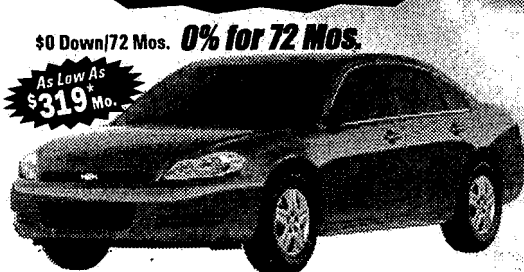
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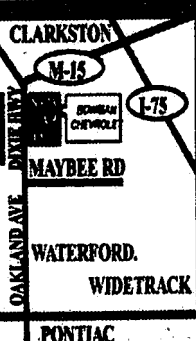
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