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# Clarkston News

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## Again, no County turns down recall a second time

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Close but no cigar," was the message sent to activists seeking to recall Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner.

The County Election Commission denied the recall petition language for the second time, at a Jan. 4 hearing in Pontiac.

"When we went in the first time they said it wasn't specific enough, so we were more specific the second time, and then they say it's too specific," said Mike Powell, president of Citizens Against Independence Township Waste (CAITW). "There is such a fine line it's almost ridiculous."

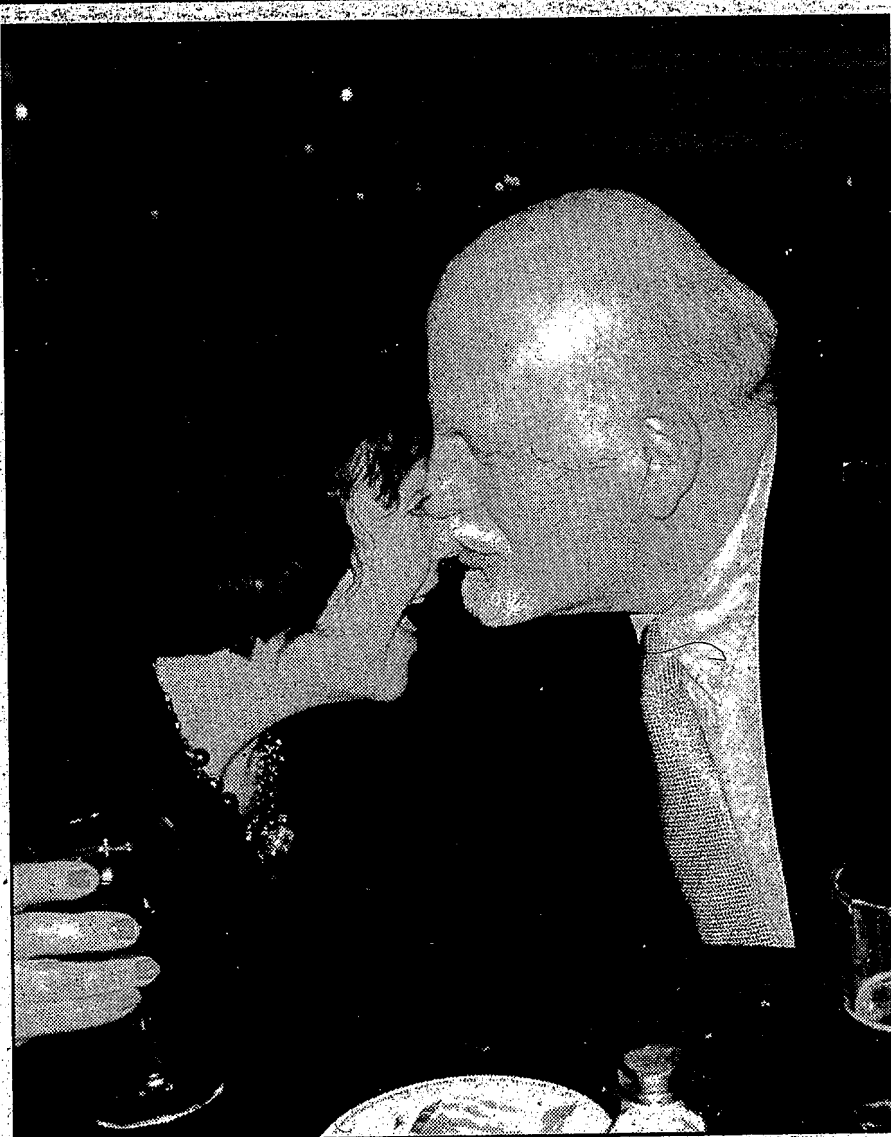
Though relieved for the moment, Wagner questions the group's true intentions.

"I find it interesting that an attorney (Henry Woloson) who was instructed on the right way to present it and all the research he's done looking at all these Supreme Court cases and everything else, can't even write the language properly," Wagner said. "I wonder what the real motive is here, just to strictly get his name on the front page of the newspaper six or seven times, or is he just that incompetent?"

Woloson, treasurer of the group, said he perceives his involvement with the recall campaign as "community service."

"I do not decide what is newsworthy so if something is written in the newspapers, it is beyond my control," he said. "I look forward to again becoming a less visible investment advisor and estate planning

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## Smooching in the New Year

Anne and David McNeven enjoy a romantic evening at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center to celebrate New Year's Eve. For more pictures see page 5A. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

## 2009 year in review

The past year brought a new multi-million dollar project to the Clarkston area in the McLaren Health Care Village project. The development so far, however, couldn't overcome millions more lost in property tax revenue, forcing local municipalities to cut services and staff. Here are those and the other stories of Clarkston, the highs and lows, successes and less than stellar moments of 2009:

January 7

**Making their move:** Clarkston Medical Group's new building on Sashabaw road was ahead of schedule and under budget.

**City looks for its share of stimulus:** Michigan was slated for up to \$25 billion of President Obama's \$300-\$350 billion stimulus package. Local officials looked to get a cut.

January 14

**School officials vow to avoid budget woes:** Less money was coming into Clarkston's schools than going out, but school board officials had a plan to weather the storm.

January 21

**Stimulus plan hurts in long run, Ottman says:** Councilwoman Kristy Ottman warned that stimulus money for Clarkston may just be a band-aid on a larger problem.

January 28

**Contemplating cuts:** To help with possible budget problems, Clarkston School Board considered extensive lists of possible cuts.

February 4

**School board may vote on May vote:** The school board discussed changing the date of its elections from May to November.

February 11

**School board resistant to change:** Trustee Susan Boatman's motion to move school board elections to November was tabled in a 5-2 vote.

February 18

**\$16,000 for Dixie Highway improvement study:** Springfield Township officials planned improvements to the Dixie Highway Corridor to hopefully make it safer for everyone.

**Three candidates for Board of Education:** Two challengers for open Board of Education spots, Michelle Back and Rosalie Lieblang, joined President Stephen Hyer in the upcoming elec-

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# Spring brings budget cuts, service delays

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 tions this summer.

**A kept promise:** When the late Bill Cobb asked his friend Dale Bond to research Edwin Victor Bailey's family tree, Bond found a surprising direct link to the two founders of Clarkston.

## February 25

**Historical society offers lecture on Lincoln March 5:** The Clarkston Community Historical Society was ready to give a presentation on Abraham Lincoln to celebrate his 200th birthday.

## March 4

**Confined space: stimulus could fund consolidated city office center:** A possible solution for the lack of facilities for various city departments was money from federal stimulus.

**Township to take a longer budget view:** Township officials started to plan the budget three years in advance in order to keep ahead of the downturn in the economy.

## March 11

**Dead Fish:** Thousands of fish in Waumegah Lake died due to a phenomenon called winterkill.

**Township joins suit to stay on the air:** Independence Township lent its name to the lawsuit against Comcast and AT&T to keep pub-

lic, educational, and government channels free.  
**March 18**

**Driving on past districts:** The Clarkston Wolves basketball team won the district title, moving on to regional championships to compete against Pontiac Northern.

**New sheriff (substation) in town?:** Although nothing was official yet, plans to build a new Independence Township Sheriff Substation were moving forward.

## March 25

**Broken hearts at Breslin:** The Clarkston Wolves lost 54-44 against Kalamazoo Central in the MHSAA Boys Basketball Semifinals in Lansing.

**Schools set to cut staffing, programs:** Clarkston School Administration planned for budget cuts in the following year, including substitute teachers and cooks.

## April 1

**Blown away: Planners study up on windmills in advance of new regs:** Members of the Independence Township Planning Commission considered windmills as a viable green energy solution.

**Sewer tax hike set for city: Getting sewer rates in sync means 70% increase for city:** Due to an increase in sewer-related events, the Clarkston City Council raised sewer rates by 70 percent.

## April 8

**Budget busting: Clarkston's police budget takes nearly 10% hit:** Police budget cuts and a need to prioritize meant Clarkston Police had to wait another year for new equipment.

**April shower: Charitable event gives young moms some essentials for baby:** The third-annual Community Baby Shower in Davisburg collected donations to give to new mothers in need.

## April 15

**Joining forces: Conservation groups consider consolidation:** Members of the Clarkston Watershed Group and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy explored the possibility of joining together.

**Larger classes likely as \$1.8 million cut:** One of the effects of recent budget cuts in Clarkston Schools was the possibility of larger classes.

**Crossing Clarkston:** Many were silent as the Cross Walk approached Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church on Good Friday, with the cross.

## April 22

**3 vie for 2 seats on school board: Incumbent Hyer offers experience:** Stephen Hyer, incumbent president of the School Board, ran on a platform of experience and stability.

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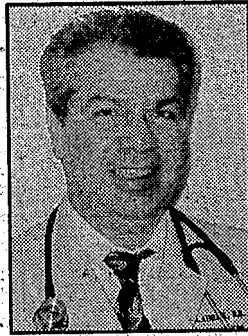
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## Legion juniors bake for vets

Chief Pontiac 377 American Legion Auxiliary Junior and SAL hosted a cookie bake at the post home, making cookies for the Michigan Veterans Foundation for Homeless Veterans Christmas Party, Dec. 20.

Decorated cookies were placed in decorated baggies for 150 veterans. Auxiliary members assisted with the baking with "Chef Cookie Maker" Darlene Jones make cookie batter.

## Final spring school election

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**Predator hunt:** Oakland County Sheriffs arrested a 55-year-old would-be child molester in an undercover sting operation.

**April 29**

**Election results in - Hyer returns to school board, joined by Lieblang:** Incumbent Board of Education President Stephen Hyer was elected to another term with almost 36% of the vote. Rosalie Lieblang joined him with almost 33% of the vote.

**Library suspect booked:** Due to the "invaluable" assistance of a witness, police quickly apprehended a suspect in a strong-arm robbery at Independence Township Library.

**May 6**

**Manhunt:** The police were still looking for a

suspect to a recent rash of break-ins in Independence Township.

**A chance for change:** A Constitutional Convention looked more and more certain as the economy continued to falter.

**May 13**

**Hazmat responds to mercury spill:** Independence Township Fire Department had to be called after a pint of mercury spilled in a house cleared for eviction.

**School elections: \$44,000 for 2% turnout:** The recent school board election costs outweighed the less than 2,000 people who went to the polls and voted.

**May 20**

**Fight not over for local Chrysler dealer:** Please see McLaren on page 4A

## Briefly

### Free eye screening

The Clarkston Area Lions offers free vision screening to children ages 1-5, from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Trained Lions volunteers perform vision screening using a special camera. Pictures are sent to Children's Hospital where they are reviewed by professionals.

For more information or to register, call 248-625-2212.

### Rotary hosts marketing expert

Clarkston Rotary hosts guest speaker Sandra Stalmack, president of S2 Marketing and Media, 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, at Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. Cost is \$10 and includes dinner.

Stalmack, whose company offers traditional and social media marketing, will talk about how new age marketing can be used to increase membership and increase awareness of volunteer organizations.

To RSVP, call Mary Sloan at 248-625-8837 by Friday, Jan. 8.

## Sheriff's Coats helps people in need

Oakland County Sheriff Office collected thousands of coats and hundreds of bicycles for people in need at its Coats for the Cold, Sheriff's Re-CYCLE for Kids, and Shop with a Cop community programs.

Deputies delivered the coats to Light-house of Oakland County, as well as Baldwin Church and Center, Easter Seals, Grace Centers of Hope, Ladies Charity St Hugo Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, and other charities.

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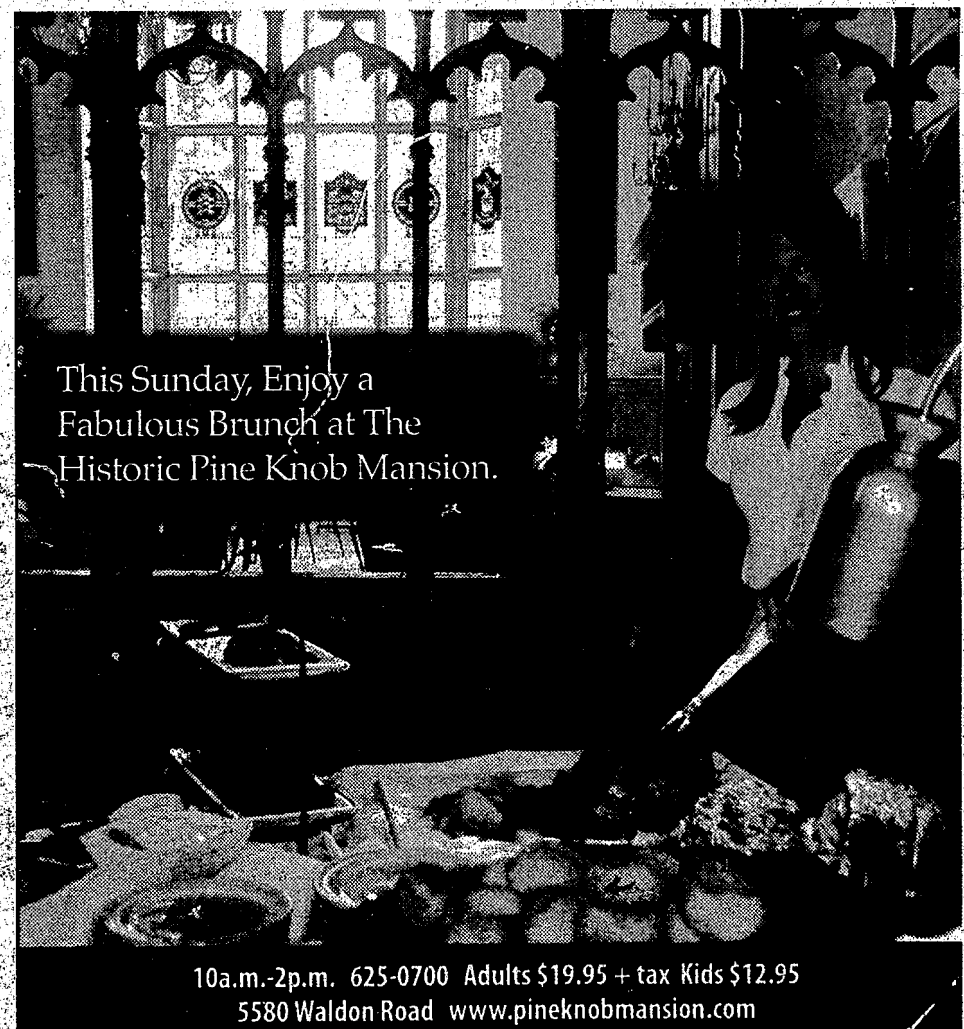
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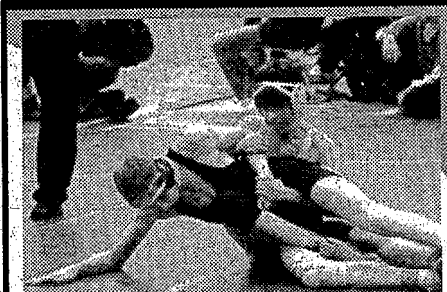
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## Library learning fun

Mark Bousho colors with daughters Eva and Charley at Independence Township Library's Hoopla of Holiday Fun party. The library hosted the party, Dec. 14, offering food, fun crafts and games for children of all ages with their caregivers. The children frosted cookies, made their own wrapping paper, colored holiday pictures, and made Christmas tree ornaments and paper chains. *Photo provided*

## McLaren open house in May

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Despite being on a list from Chrysler telling it to shut down, Clarkston Chrysler Jeep was not going down without a fight.

May 27

**Clarkston Medical welcomes all to open house:** McLaren Health Care and Clarkston Medical Group's open house was that weekend for the community.

**Salute to fallen heroes:** American Legion Honor Guard and CHS Marching Band were among those participating in the annual Memorial Day Parade.

June 3

**Layoffs looming:** Township layoffs were almost guaranteed after a decrease of more than \$200,000 in local tax money.

**New rules and policies for meetings:** Independence Township Board adopted new Rules and Procedures Policy by a 4-2 vote.

June 10

**Online check info unlikely for local schools:** The school board said while they had nothing to hide in the school's records, making the records more public needed to be "done right."

**Trustees take hall renovation work to task:** While renovations to the new Township Hall were already complete, some trustees thought money was not efficiently spent.

June 17

**What a ride!:** Clarkston's Class of 2009's graduation ceremony was marked with many old traditions, and new ones

as the students went off to face the world.

June 24

**Pool malfunction investigated in school evacuation:** A problem with the pool led to CHS being evacuated due to risk of possible chlorine leak.

**Memos point to money trail:** A conflict over payments for recent work on the Town Hall and transparency of the board led to heated debate.

July 1

**Summer brings hope:** After devastating decreases in fish population of Waumegah Lake, summer brought spawning fish and new hope for the lake.

**Trustees reject closing Deer Lake beach:** Despite losing money each year, the Board voted unanimously to renew the lease on Deer Lake Beach.

July 8

**Main Street moves forward:** The City Council, with help from the county, decided that while Clarkston had "good bones," it could use a larger variety of businesses

July 15

**Compensation-gate?:** Supervisor David Wagner faced possible state investigation over "unauthorized compensation" in connection with the new township hall.

**Johnston to jump ship:** City Councilman Cory Johnston said he would not run for reelection as he had become what he hated about government.

July 22

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Rick and Autumn Brandon hit the dance floor.



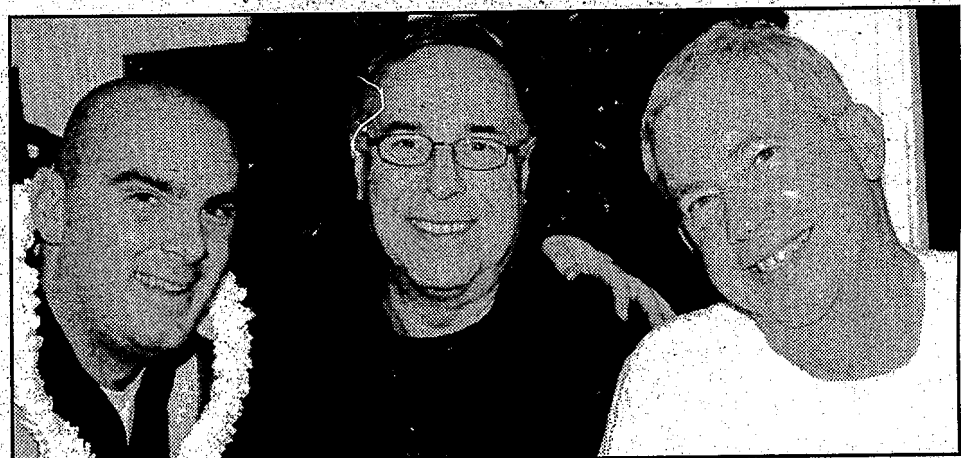
Dennis Creger enjoys a bite of food.



Generation Band performs another hit.



From left, Nicole Beattie with her boyfriend Paul Kampe celebrated New Year's with friends Melissa and Martin Almazza.



Dave Wagner, with his son Mike and friend Bill Siegrist.

## Ring in 2010

Both floors of Fountains Golf and Banquet Center were filled as partiers celebrated the New Year. The evening included tasty food, drinks, and dancing.

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

# Resolutions

The holidays are over, now it's time for the tradition of making resolutions.

I do admit I spent the first day of the new year avoiding one of my 2010 goals. I thought if I was going to break the resolution, why wait a few days.

I waited a few hours before the dark-colored sugary beverage beckoned me to the refrigerator.

The rest of the day was used as an anti-detox pop day.

I know what a bad way to begin the year, already going back on the goal of no pop. But it worked in a way. I

shivered as I looked at the 2-liter sitting in the fridge the next day. My stomach had enough and the temptation was gone.

It has to stop. For the last two years I drank pop everyday - more than my college years, even more than when I was working in places I could drink it - for free.

Since the lapse I have been good and looking at each day as a new day.

Now coffee is a different story and I need it on the late Mondays and long Tuesdays. It is rarely one of my goals to give it up. Though I will limit my visits to a certain coffee chain and since their special holiday drinks are disappearing from the menu it won't be as hard.

Kudos to everyone who has still kept their resolutions since January 1. As for resolution breakers like me, it's not too late you can still do it!

I also look forward to a better 2010. The future looks bright from the beginning of a new year. I have yet to break the news to my Vue, Saturn is closing in hopes someone will buy it from GM.

Many events are yet to be determined as how close each sport will get to the state finals or how much Michigan plans to cut in November (months after each district has already planned for the fiscal year).

But the anticipation grows for the planned events throughout the community and all of the schools and a little concert in March I anxiously waited 48 hours until the moment 10 a.m. to hit the buy button for tickets.

I am looking past the grayness of the economy and looking towards the promising future. May those without jobs find them and those with jobs keep them.



# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## Firefighters saved the day

Dear Editor,

I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the members of the Independence Township Fire Department.

We came home in the early hours of 2010 to find our house in flames.

The trucks were there in minutes, and though the house and most of our belongings are gone, they managed to save our pets and extensive collection of

photographs.

Every member of the department treated us with compassion and professionalism, and helped us take the first steps in rebuilding our lives.

We are truly blessed to have such an outstanding group of people bravely serving our community.

John and Tammy Linder  
Independence Township

## Letters to the editor

## Reader says library fines too high

Dear Editor,

Public letter to the Independence Township Library:

I am writing to tell you that I am appalled at the steep late fees that you charge for DVDs. It is my opinion that the late fee schedule is grossly unbalanced and is not based on value of materials.

I was charged \$12 today for two DVDs that were both six days late. That's one dollar per day for a late DVD, with a \$10 cap. If these were CD-ROMs, books, or magazines, according to your late fee schedule, I would have been charged fifteen cents per day for a total of \$1.80. So, patrons are being charged over 6.5 times as much for late DVD than for books.

Let's look at the value of the materials I checked out. The two DVDs I rented are currently sold as a three disk set on Amazon

for \$21.99. A typical bestselling, hardcover book from the same publication year, 2006, is currently selling for \$17.32. So, two books would cost \$34.64 and these two DVDs would cost \$21.99, substantially less, yet I am being charged substantially more if I return the DVDs late.

When you look at the numbers it becomes clear that taxpayers are not being charged a fee aimed at discouraging the late return of materials, but a fee that shows that you are aligning yourselves with for-profit DVD rental organizations such as Blockbuster.

As a not-for-profit organization supported by the taxpayers of Independence Township I believe this is reprehensible and should be changed.

Sincerely,

Margret McDermott  
Independence Township

## Recall effort sour grapes, reader says

Dear Editor,

Having been to the hearing on the recall language Dec. 14, and again today, Jan. 4, I am a bit perplexed that recall petitions were again rejected.

Notwithstanding the recall proponents' protestations to the contrary, my Dec. 23 letter to *The Clarkston News* was exactly on point and accurate. Read the hearing transcript if there is any doubt. In his (Henry Woloson) response, the proponent used the inflammatory, confusing language that his original petition was rejected for.

Today he presented two petitions to the tribunal, after having been instructed by the original tribunal as to what was necessary to have his recall language approved. The

language doesn't have to be true, it just can't be confusing.

Once again, the carefully crafted language, by an attorney, was rejected not just on one petition, but on both, as being confusing.

Now I have to question the motivation, if not the ability, of the proponent to come up with language that is not misleading and/or confusing. Certainly he will be back for a fourth attempt. One thing is clear to me: this recall effort is orchestrated by trustees, clerk, and other "sour grapes" individuals who refuse to accept the will of the majority of township residents who overwhelmingly re-elected Dave Wagner supervisor in 2008.

Mike Clark  
Clarkston

## A Look Back From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1994

"Board passionate about new high school" A seemingly cut and dried meeting of the Clarkston Board of Education became heated after one trustee mentioned he hoped the board wouldn't forget the younger elementary students in its rush to build a new high school.

"Student lives 'ready-to-wear' life" For Clarkston teen Darla Hernandez, a fashion model who regularly commuted between New York City and Clarkston, a career of modeling was tough, but not impossible, to balance with school.

### 25 years ago - 1984

"Ice cripples Clarkston" The worst ice storm to hit southeastern Michigan in nine years sent Independence and Springfield residents reeling from the effects of multiple fire, electrical, water, and health problems. The Oakland County area was hardest hit, said Detroit Edison spokesperson Cara Gribbs.

"House fires rage after storm" Two houses were completely destroyed and two others were damaged during storm-related fires in Independence Township, according to Dale Bailey, acting fire chief of the Independence Township Fire Department.

"Dedicated employees brave ice" Mother Nature welcomed the new year with a chip on her shoulder...an ice chip. And while after her Jan. 1 ice storm put much of Oakland County on hold, a few die-hard citizens worked to keep Independence functioning despite the weather conditions.

### 50 years ago - 1959

"First Methodist has undefeated quintet" Resting in first place atop the standings of The Pontiac Recreational Basketball League was the undefeated quintet of First Methodist Church, Clarkston. This Clarkston basketball team won its first four games of the season.

"Governor kicks off 1960 March of Dimes" Governor Williams officially declared January as the March of the Dimes month in Michigan. Thousands with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Polio depended on the March of Dimes for help in combating their diseases.

"New Program at MSUO" The second phase of the statewide program of "Studying Michigan Schools" was launched in the Oakland County area at Michigan State University Oakland.



## Smile of the week

Kerri Floreno celebrates the new year with family and friends at the New Year's Eve party at Fountains. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Thanks for help with meals

Dear Editor,

A heartfelt thanks to local restaurants: Deer Lake Racquet Club, Nick's Country Oven and Mr. B's.

In a depressed economy, people out of work and businesses suffering it is more than uplifting to see people in our community taking care of each other.

Through the generosity of these local restaurant owners, the seniors who depend on meals on wheels were provided with holiday meals.

Deer Lake sent wonderful Thanksgiving Day meals, Nick at Nick's Country oven prepared deli-

cious Christmas Day meals and Mr. B's the tasty New Year's meals.

The holidays bring stress for many reasons, these businesses gave unselfishly of themselves during the hectic holiday hours they work.

It is with sincere appreciation that our community thanks you for going above and beyond, may the favor return to you a hundred fold.

Sincerely,  
Mary Przybycien and  
Joan Mendelsohn  
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all of you in this incredible community of caring and sharing residents.

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# Catching up by wading in

Gosh, it's been so long since we talked.

How you been? How's the family? Seen any good movies?

For me, it's been a time for accumulation. I've been taking notes on everything from whatever happened to Condoleezza Rice, to aging, vegetables, dog food, advertising slogans, to happiness according to current son-in-law Bob.

Please note the omissions of health care, Tiger Woods, the professional (?) teams in Detroit and the weather. Actually, I have these memorized as opposed to actual written notes.

Multiple ads drew my attention. Like the one about the walk-in bath that provides hydro therapy. Isn't that akin to waterboarding, which the current administration has outlawed? The makers of that bath should be given a fair trial, then hanged, like in the old west.

Why have I put YAZ birth control pills right next to Coors and Bud Lite notes? Thoughts come and go too fast during the holiday season.

One of the rewarding experiences I've been able to get away with while aging stubbornly, is greeting babies being pushed around stores by the mummies.

They are so darn cute (both the babies and their mothers) that I can't help praising them. Their reaction is warming to an old guy. Used to be I'd hesitate offering greetings lest I be looked at as a pervert. Now I can say things like, "You have a beautiful child. Did you get her in aisle seven?" Oh, well. It's fun for me.

During my growing up days on

the farm, we had lots of dogs and always our gardens had carrots. Never did one of our dogs dig up a carrot to eat. So, why does Beneficial Dog Food brag about having this veggy in their food? If dogs liked 'em they'd dig 'em! Sometimes

### Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

I think pet food makers are taking lessons from global warming, climate change pushers. They've convinced themselves of the need, so let's promote carrots as a health food for dogs. Well, my Shayna ain't getting carrots from me.

Early in football's bowl season I noted that Kay Jewelers became a sponsor. At first I couldn't understand why a jeweler would spend all that money on what is basically something for gals. Then a couple reasons forged their way through my thick skull. First, I believe every broadcast now features an attractive woman attempting to ask self-answering questions, just like their male counterparts. So, female audiences are the Kay target. Second, earrings and necklaces are apparently now an official part of the player's dress. I'll feel a lot better about this when all the coaches join in.

Then there was this holiday 'cheer-up' note from Detroit News columnist Nolan Finley. To make yourself feel better he suggests picking up a tab for a stranger in a restaurant, pay for someone's bread

and milk at the check-out counter or hand a passerby a Lottery ticket. Recently, a young lady was ahead of me in the gas station. She was paying for \$5 worth of gas. I said to the clerk, "I'll pay hers." She lit up, all smiles and thanks. But, while I thought of savings, she apparently had her mind made up to spend the \$5, so she went to the snack rack. But, like Nolan said, it felt good for a while.

Daughter Luan's Bob, "Happiness is a deer and a beer and pictures with the guys by the lunch-time cook-out in the woods." Of course, he was the only one who got a buck.

There's an old Statler Brothers song that laments the direction of (then) today's entertainment industry. Its chorus goes, "Whatever happened to Randolph Scott ridin' the trail alone? Whatever happened to Gene and Tex, and Roy, and Rex, the Durango Kid? Oh, whatever happened to Randolph Scott, his horse plain as could be?..."

That "whatever happened to..." phrase came to me as I was wondering about former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

In my mind, she was far superior to current Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Ms. Rice has class, smarts, style, charisma, courage and leadership qualities.

In addition to her political career, she is an accomplished concert pianist, as well as a big-time National Football League fan and former Stanford U professor and provost. She signed with the William Morris Agency to represent them however they wish, but not on talk shows.

Ms. Clinton is....?

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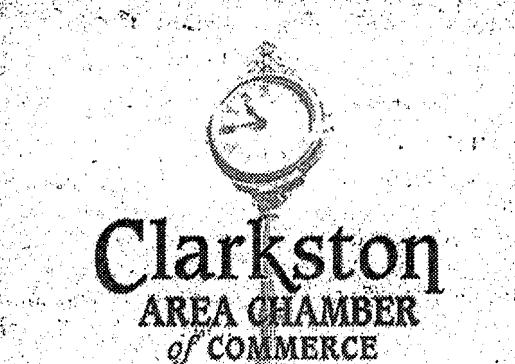
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# Public Safety

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

## Home invader charged

Craig Alan Cooke of Independence Township faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of First Degree Home Invasion for a series of break-ins over the holidays.

The Waldon Road resident allegedly stole beer from a neighbor's home twice on Dec. 24, the second time breaking through a pet door. The home was unoccupied at the time. He was arrested Dec. 25 for the break-ins, telling investigators he was looking for beer. He was jailed, charged with one count of Second Degree Home Invasion and released on a \$25,000 personal bond.

He used a mallet to break into the home of a second neighbor, who was home at the time, about 3 a.m., Dec. 29. The resident called police while the break-in was in progress. Police quickly tracked Cooke to his home and arrested him. He was again jailed, and charged with First Degree Home Invasion with bond set at \$75,000 cash, no 10 percent. The bond on the first charge was also changed to cash. His next court date was set for Jan. 5 in 52-2 District Court. He also has a prior conviction in Crawford County for burglary and carrying a concealed weapon, and a pending drunk driving charge in Lapeer County.



Cooke

## Smoke but no fire

Independence Township firefighters and deputies responded to an apartment filled with smoke, 11:22 p.m., Dec. 16, in the 5000 block of Parview Drive. The resident said he heated something in the microwave and forgot to take it out.

## Burning car

Springfield Township firefighters and sheriff deputies responded to a car fire that caught a garage on fire, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 26, in the 9500 block of Wellington near Dixie and Grange Hall Road. No injuries were reported. Investigation continues.

## New Year's trouble

Julie Drive residents started off the new year fighting off a shotgun wielding neighbor. The 25-year-old Springfield Township man had an argument with the homeowner at about 2:30 a.m., Jan. 1. He left, and returned with a loaded shotgun and pointed it at several people at the residence, police say.

One of the victims struck him in an at-

tempt to get the shotgun away, possibly breaking his hand in the process. The others wrestled the shotgun away from the 25 year old, who fled but was located a short time later and arrested by deputies. The victim who suffered the possible broken hand refused medical treatment at the scene. The shotgun and shells were recovered.

## No one injured in house fire

Independence Township firefighters responded to a house fire in the 6000 block of Snow Apple Drive, 2:33 a.m., Jan. 1. The fire caused extensive damage to the house, firefighters said, but no one was injured.

## Opportunity thefts

A 15-year-old Troy boy said he put his snowboard bag, helmet, shoes, gloves, and other items on top of a locker, 9 p.m., Dec. 28, at Pine Knob Ski Resort, and went out to ski. When he returned at 11 p.m., they were gone.

A GPS was reportedly taken from an un-locked car, Dec. 29, in the 5000 block of Fox Creek.

A resident in the 6000 block of Pine Knob

Road said someone took an eight-foot step ladder from his garage, Dec. 31. There were no signs of forced entry.

A resident in the 7000 block of Tappan Drive returned home, 1 p.m., Dec. 28, and noticed two tool boxes and a chest-type freezer taken from the driveway. They were among several items left out because they were moving soon.

## Light out leads to arrest

A deputy on patrol noticed a car's headlight out, and stopped it at Parview Drive and Dixie Highway, 6:40 p.m., Dec. 27. The driver, a 62-year-old Independence Township woman, had a civil warrant for failure to appear, and the passenger, a 25-year-old Independence Township man, a felony warrant for probation violation. The driver was warned about the warrant and defective equipment, and the passenger was taken to jail.

## Hit-and-run driver found

A 50-year-old Orion Township man was tracked down after leaving the scene of a car crash, 7:31 p.m., Dec. 26, at Dixie and Maybee Road. Witnesses had written down his license plate number, and deputies found him at his home, with substantial front-end damage to his van. Police say he smelled of alcohol and slurred his speech. He refused to provide a breath test so blood was drawn for analysis. He was jailed for drunk driving.

— Reports collected by Phil Custodio



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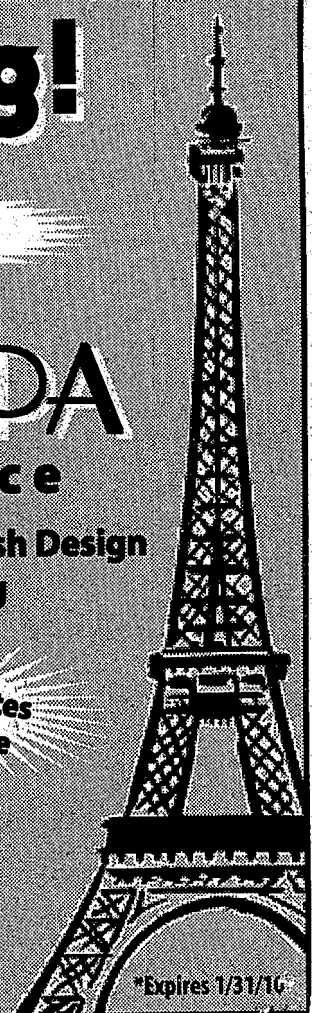
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## Obituary

### Danelle L. Orr, 41

Danelle L. Orr (Atherton) of Waterford passed away Jan. 1, 2010, after a battle with cancer, at age 41.

She was the loving wife of Brett; beloved mother of Emily Orr and Justin Noble; daughter of Sandra and Dennis Atherton; sister of Tonyea Van Patton, John Atherton and Dennis "Russ" Atherton Jr.; granddaughter of Lillie Swiastyn; and daughter-in-law of Wayne and Shirley Orr.



Mrs. Orr was co-owner of the Clarkston Dairy Queen. She enjoyed riding her Harley Davidson Motorcycle and Snowmobiling.

Memorial service is 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Ann Lee Gillis, 69

Ann Lee Gillis of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 1, 2010, at age 69.

She was the loving wife of Robert; mother of Thomas (Patricia) Gillis of Sterling Heights and Mark (Cynthia) Gillis of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; grandmother of Keith, Eric and Tyler; daughter of Hilda Lowrie; and preceded in death by her father Keith Lowrie.



Mrs. Gillis was a Waterford School teacher, having taught at Crary and Pierce Middle Schools. She was a talented flower gardener and enjoyed knitting, and arts and crafts.

Funeral service was Jan. 5 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Lighthouse of North Oakland or Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Sam Godoshian, 83

Sam Godoshian of Clarkston died Dec. 27, 2009, at 83 years of age.

He was the beloved husband for 30 years of the late Norma; loving father of Michael (Joyce) Godoshian of Tucson, Ariz., Patricia (Lee) Wiltfang of Grand Blanc and Pamela Godoshian of Tawas City; dearest grandfather of Jennifer, Michael D., Trisha, and Kristen; great grandfather of five; dear brother of Helen Magarian of Farmington

Hills and the late Michael Godoshian; and dear son of the late John and Zazogak Godoshian.

Mr. Godoshian worked for Pontiac Motors, retiring after 39 years of service. He was very active with U.A.W. Local #653, where he enjoyed playing euchre, taking bus trips and going to the casinos. He was also a member of the F.O. Eagles.

Visitation was Dec. 30 at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. Memorial donations may be made to U.A.W. Local #653 Student Scholarship Fund or Seasons Hospice. Envelopes available at the funeral home. To send a private condolence message go to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com) and select guestbook.

### Helen Feeney, 80

Helen Feeney of Waterford passed away, Jan. 1, 2010, at age 80.

She was the wife of Richard; loving mother of Sherry (Biggs) Crispin of Waterford, Diane (Mike) McDonald of Waterford and Charles (Jeffrey) Biggs of Clarkston; step-mother of Carol Blackburn of Kentucky, Rick (Petra) Feeney of White Lake, and Gary (Karen) Feeney of Grayling; grandmother of 11; great grandmother of 13; sister of Mary Scarles of Maryland, Steve Scarles of West Virginia, and Rose (Tony) Izzo of Ohio.



Mrs. Feeney enjoyed traveling throughout the world.

Funeral service was Jan. 5 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Albert 'Bill' Foster, 78

Albert "Bill" Foster of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 3, 2010, at age 78.

He was the husband of Jan for 57 years; father of Gail (David) Lindsey of Florida, David of Clarkston, Kenneth (Sonia) of Brandon Township, Nancy (Dean) McCarrick of Grandville, Mark of Florida, and Linda (Michael) Griwatsch of DeWitt; grandpa of Michael, Monica, David, Shane, Julia, Matthew, and Taylor; great grandpa of Dylan and Drew; preceded in death by his sister Mary Jane McCracken.

Mr. Foster served 14 years as a Pontiac Police detective and owned/operated Acme Vending Company. For more than 20 years, he enjoyed announcing Clarkston High School football and basketball games. He volunteered with Clarkston Athletic Boosters; was instrumental in starting Clarkston Chiefs



little league football and coached little league baseball for many years.

He was former president of Clarkston Rotary, having received the Paul Harris Award. Bill was a talented photographer.

Due to family traveling from overseas, services will be postponed. Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m., at the funeral home, Inurnment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Athletic Boosters. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### James A. Kreger, 66

Kreger, James A. "Jim" of Clarkston passed away suddenly on Dec. 26, 2009 due to a heart attack, at age 66.

Mr. Kreger was lifetime resident of Clarkston and grew up on the Kreger Orchard.

He was a loving friend of Shar Miller for many years; preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Florence and his siblings Thomas Kreger and Marilyn Wood. He is also survived by several cousins and friends.



Mr. Kreger served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era and retired from Johnson & Anderson Consulting as a Civil Engineer. He was a lifetime member of Clarkston United Methodist Church, member of Clarkston Farm Bureau, the E.A.A and Mid-Forest Lodge.

Funeral service was Monday at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Around Town

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 2-8 p.m., Jan. 6, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Donors get Red Cross T-shirt and entry into travel sweepstakes. 800-625-5161.

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**Fuddy Meers**, Clarkston Village Players' adult comedy, 8 p.m., Jan. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23; 7:30 p.m., Jan. 21; 2 p.m., Jan. 17, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-575-4104.

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**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.

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**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.

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

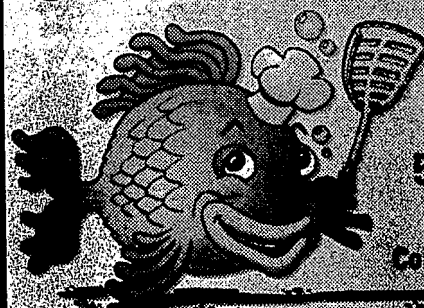
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**Open auditions**, "The Melville Boys," Clarkston Village Players, 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 10, and 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 11, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Scripts available at Independence Township Library. 248-666-3094.

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**Dan Dickerson**, Detroit Tiger radio announcer, talks baseball, Tigers, and im-  
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# More sports success in second half of '09

The Wolves are back in action this week. Before they suit up, we finish looking at some of the headlines from the second half of 2009. For complete stories, check our archives at [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com).

### July 29

**Chief Pontiac advances to state:** Chief Pontiac American Legion Post 377 qualified for playoffs after hosting a 50-year anniversary for Michigan's only American Legion Baseball team, Detroit Edison Post 187 of 1959.

### August 26

**Wolves kick off season with three wins:** The Boys Varsity Soccer team nailed their third win in their first week of competition after beating Lapeer East.

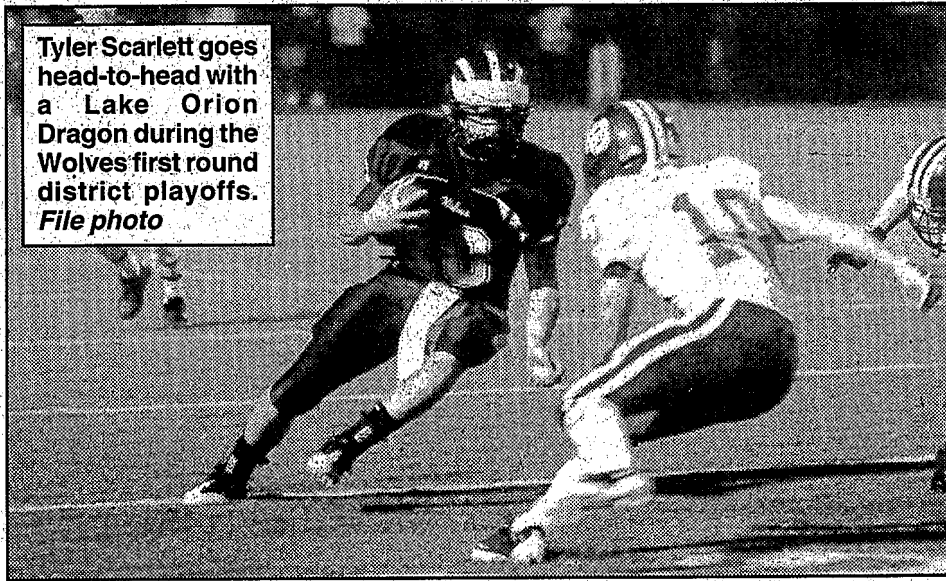
### September 16

**Lady Wolves take first in tournament:** Spikers took first in the Grand Blanc Invitational. They took second place in the same tournament the prior year.

### September 30

**Bowler takes fifth at nationals:** Nick Cooper left Las Vegas being crowned fifth in the national tournament. Over 250 bowlers competed during the three day competition.

**Tyler Scarlett goes head-to-head with a Lake Orion Dragon during the Wolves first round district playoffs. File photo**



### October 14

**Wolves bid Oak Park a Knighty-night:** Dakota Bender led the gridiron gang to victory in their Homecoming game against Oak Park, the boys won 35-6.

### October 21

**Senior Night shut out for soccer:** The boys down Brandon, 2-0, in their last home game of the regular season.

### October 28

**Undefeated on the gridiron:** Wolves beat Lake Orion to take the OAA Red League title.

42-13. A few days later they learned they would be planning them again in the first round of district playoffs.

### November 11

**Revenge is sweet:** The gridiron gang celebrated for two reasons after their game - they won the Division 1 District playoff game and avenged last year's loss against Romeo, by beating them 21-3.

**District Champs, again:** Clarkston proved nothing could hold them from their third consecutive Class A District title for volleyball.

### November 25

**Incredible finish to 12-1 season:** Ford Field beckoned with only 18 seconds left in the semifinal playoffs when the control shifted away from Clarkston. They ended with their first loss to Sterling Heights Stevenson, 37-35.

**Icers melt the opposition at season opener:** Clarkston beat Stoney Creek in the first game in the season, 8-5, and followed it with a win over Birmingham Unified, 5-3.

### December 9

**Pinning a great start:** Grapplers took down Goodrich and Grand Blanc in their first two matches in the season.



## Athletes of the Year

Congrats 2009 Athletes of the Week, July-Dec.

### July

Runner Franziska Loetzner, Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team, Cyclist Bob Walters, Clarkston Ice Fastpitch 12U team

### August

Mt. Zion Church Men's Division "A" Softball team, Hitter Tyler Hasselbach, Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders, Quarterback Tyler Scarlett

### September

Clarkston Girls Freshman Swimmers, Kicker Jarrett Kersten, Spiker Jenna Coates, Clarkston Impact '99, Clarkston High School Equestrian team

### October

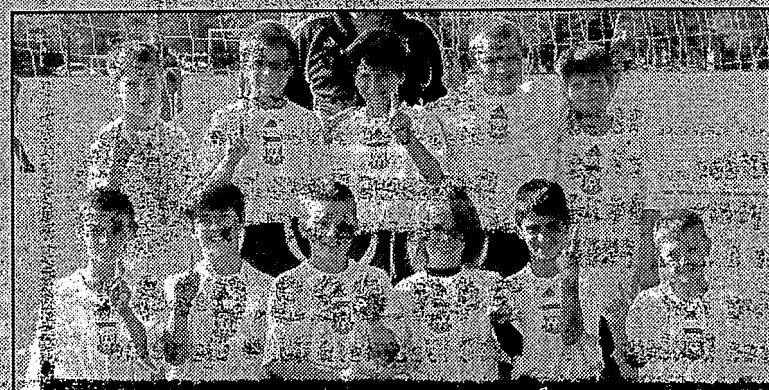
Defensive tackle Jeff Dean, Swimmer Julia Vela, Runner Lindsey Fantin, Quarterback Chris Calvano

### November

Quarterback Chris Dickey, Clarkston Shadows '96, Clarkston Chiefs Freshman Blue, Clarkston Varsity football

### December

Max Lighfoot, Running back Dakota Bender, Madison Mitchell, Bowler Paul Anderson



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# Summer brought Farmer's Market, concerts to town

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**Locals get first look in new policy:** The township's new official policy of "My Clarkston Buy Clarkston" was well-received by Clarkston residents.

**Over taxed?:** Rainy-day funds for the city and township were examined and their uses were explained as "for emergencies only."

**July 29**

**\$40,000 rescinded:** The Board voted to overturn budget adjustment for the extra \$40,000 in the town hall fund.

**August 5**

**Cars line up for the clunker program:** Cash for Clunkers was a shot in the arm for local car dealers.

**Taking a beating:** One in every 69 homes fell into foreclosure in Independence Township last year, for a total of 195 homes in 2008 alone.

**August 12**

**School vote may be on way to fall:** Clarkston was one vote away from moving May school elections to November.

**Townships seek cash from trash:** Some in the township were debating whether or not to establish a solid waste authority.

**August 19**

**Sherman puts kibosh on mural:** Jim Sherman Sr., owner of the Clarkston News building, fired Michelle Tynan, the artist who was painting the

mural on the side of the building.

**Academics focus of new school goals:** With the new year coming up, the Clarkston School Board put more emphasis on advanced learning goals.

**August 26**

**Schools OK Nov. elections:** School board elections would take place in November, to save money and increase voter turnout.

**Community takes cross burners to task:** The NAACP announced a \$1,000 reward for information about the person who burned a cross in the yard of an African American Independence Township family.

**Farmers' Market grows on Clarkston:** Each week brought new produce and goods to the Clarkston Farm's Market.

**September 2**

**Citizens speak out:** After a presentation at CJHS rousing applause was raised for those who weighed in: Stay out of our trash.

**Funding for high school liaison pulled:** Funding to pay for Det. Crane at CHS was being pulled, with one deputy still covering the junior high, middle, and elementary schools.

**September 9**

**Classy cars on parade:** Clarkstonites crowded the sidewalks along downtown Main Stree for Monday's annual Labor Day Parade.

**Busted:** Two youths who confessed to de-

facing the mural in downtown Clarkston told police they'd been planning the sabotage for a while.

**September 16**

**A knight to remember:** Business owner Tom Lowrie celebrated 30 years of business by being knighted by Queen Elizabeth, of the Renaissance Festival.

**Citizens call for a recall:** Efforts to recall Township Supervisor David Wagner were growing.

**September 23**

**Lots to sample at Clarkston's Taste:** With an "unbelievable" number of people, lots of Clarkston businesses were afraid they will run out of goods at the Taste of Clarkston.

**Stimulating home sales:** In an attempt to increase sales, first-time homebuyers could get a federal tax break of up to \$8,000.

**September 30**

**Highest honors:** Dan Fife added one more accomplishment to his coaching career when he was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame.

**People speak out on taxes:** When it came time to talk about the possibility of raising taxes, residents of Independence Township were not happy.

**October 7**

Please see Swine Flu on page 17A

## Swinging into 2010

● Boys Basketball @ Oak Park, Friday, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows. The freshman team plays at home, 6 p.m.

● Girls Basketball @ North Farmington, Thursday, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows. The freshman team plays at home, 4:30 p.m.

● Bowling v. Hazel Park on Jan. 11, 3:45 p.m.

● Hockey v. Livonia Churchill, Sat., 6 p.m.

● Ski v. Cranbrook and Detroit Country Day, Slalom on Wednesday and Giant Slalom on Thursday, Both at 4:30 p.m.

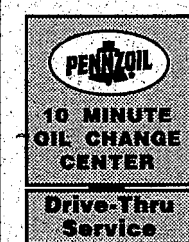
● Boys Swim @ Troy-Athens, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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# People Poll

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## How do we fix the auto industry?

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- Robert Akoskela

"I think they need to come up with something cutting edge to compete in the market. They just need a more competitive product."



- Christina Calka

"I think there needs to be a lot more compromise between workers and employers and a more equal distribution of power between executives and employees."



- Julie Crenshaw

"I think they need to keep looking at what transportation will be needed in the future, as it will include integrating all different forms of transportation"



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By Patrick Riggs

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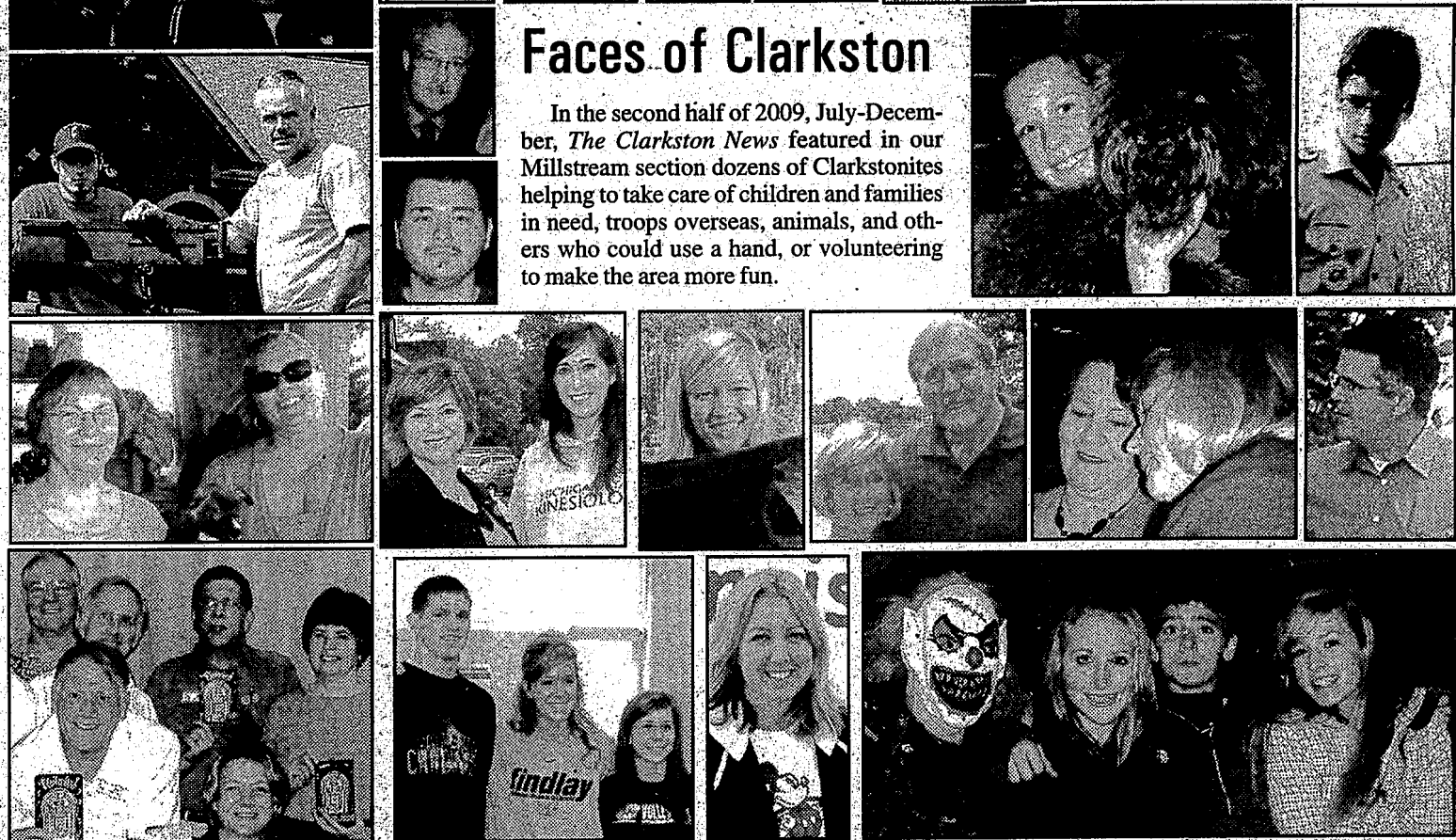


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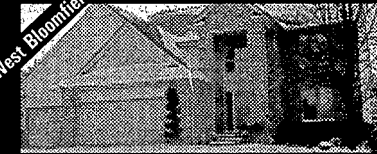
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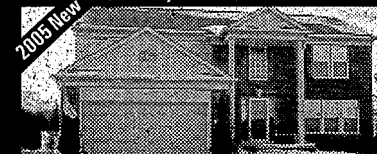
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# Religion

## Christmas doesn't end with beginning of new year

The first couple days of each New Year are usually filled with trying to get things back to "normal" after the busy holiday season. I also find myself making some resolutions about how I want things to be different in my life in the year ahead.

My resolutions usually relate to losing weight and getting more exercise as I discover again that all of my clothes have "mysteriously" shrunk over the past month. I know that these resolutions are good things as I try to do better and help me refocus my priorities. However I also know that the most important thing for me is to open my life again to God's love and grace so I can become more what God wants me to be in this new year.

So as I begin 2010 I am taking some time to pause and pray and reflect about my life, my priorities, my purpose, my relationships, and my faith in God. I am also trying to not move on too quickly from Christmas, and all that it means, even

though our decorations will soon be put away.

One thing I dislike doing after Christmas is putting the manger scene away — especially packing the baby Jesus into a cold, dark box. Somehow it just doesn't seem right.

So a number of years ago we began a family tradition of leaving the baby Jesus out all year instead of packing him away. Then we move him around the house throughout the year.

It's fun because we never know where he will turn up, but even more important it is a reminder to us that Jesus is with us each and every day of each and every year no matter where we are, what we're doing or what is happening in our lives. In

this way the Good News of Christmas is present in our home all year.

Something else I am always struck by after Christmas is the thought that we spend so much time getting ready to celebrate the birth of the baby that we tend to forget that the real work begins when you bring the baby home.

Anyone who has ever had children knows what I mean — and I believe the same is true for the celebration of Jesus' birthday if we really take it seriously. So even though Christmas Day is past I am choosing to reflect on this question: "Is Christmas over, or has the real work just begun?"

I am reminded of one my favorite poems by theologian and spiritual writer Howard Thurman called "The Work of Christmas" (from The Mood of Christmas by Howard Thurman). It seems particularly relevant this year as we face together these challenging times:

"When the song of the angels is

stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins:

"to find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart..."

"And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say."

My hope and prayer for you and me is that we live each day in this new year with Christmas in our hearts and lives. And one more thing, I saw a little joke recently that said, "Beat the Christmas rush, come to church today." A good word for a new year and another way to live like its still Christmas — all are welcome in God's house every day.

*The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

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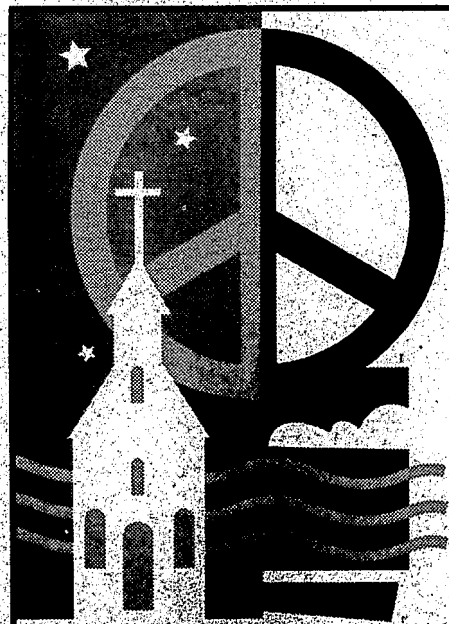
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# Who said it?

Following the 2008 election, Independence Township Board brought forth a new season of vigorous and spirited debate, with more than a few interesting quotes from board members. See if you can guess which board member said what. Answers are below.

A: "Just as a lesson - we need to slow down the voting part. Maybe do a little less of the discussion part so we all understand what's in front of us and how we're voting."

B: "I want to keep cuts away from where people actually get benefits from the services and quit spending on things that have no value. Township Hall is a beautiful building, but for most people in the township it's just a nicer desk to pay your taxes."

C: "If you don't do it, there is going to be more consternation and issues of what are we hiding under the rock and what are we covering up. We got ourselves into this situation, we have to be as open as we can with the public and take the chances in spite of some potential legal implications."

D: "I'm not really concerned with the efficiency of these meetings. We are here to serve the public. As a board, we do that in a public meeting. It may be ugly at times and it may be inefficient. As it stands now, it is as easy for a department head or a citizen to get access to this agenda as it is an elected trustee and that's simply not right."

E: "This was a sound business decision, but the interpretation depends on how you view it. It can be interpreted a dozen different ways."

F: "I'm not there to coexist, I'm there to do what's right for the public and they (other board members) are not doing what's right for the public. Those other board members that are there are exactly what is wrong with our township today."

G: "I don't care who makes the decision, it needs to get done. We need to protect the public's interest, we need to protect the taxpayers and get it done."

A. Carl Smith, VanderVeer, B. Tracie Ann Schmeider, C. Tracie L. Larry Rosso, D. Tracie Nell Wallace, E. Supervisor Dave Wagner, F. Tracie Mark Peterson, and G. Treasurer Curt Carson.



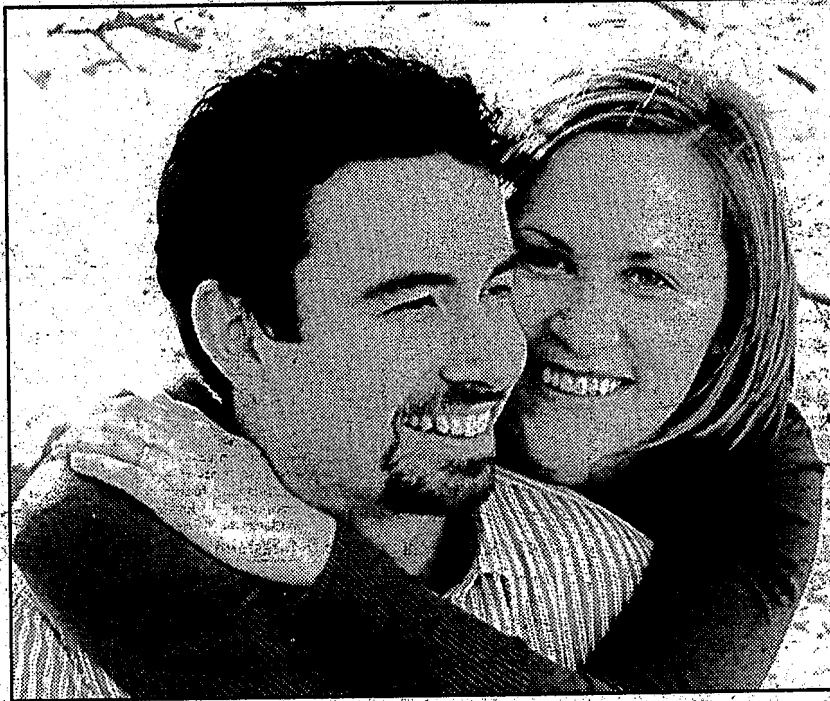
# Kerney-Harris

Marja Macbeth Kerney and Thomas Lloyd Harris, III announced their engagement.

Ms. Kerney, daughter of Beth Kerney of Clarkston, is a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School. After attending Kalamazoo College for a year, she transferred to Michigan State University and received a Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance in 2005. Marja received her Master of Music in Percussion from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2007. She is currently freelancing while finishing a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Percussion Performance.

Mr. Harris, son of Katherine Harris of Humble, Texas, and the late Thomas Lloyd Harris, Jr., graduated from Humble High School in 1998. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, then attended Michigan State University, where he received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education in 2007. After relocating to Kansas City, he received his Master of Music in Wind Conducting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2009. Trey is currently the band director at Yeokum Middle School in Belton, Mo.

A June 2010 wedding in Kansas City is planned.



Trey and Marja

## Around Town

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importance of reading, 7-7:45 p.m., Jan. 11, Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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Activity Demo Day, 5:30-8 p.m., Jan. 13, Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. Info on Parks and Rec activities. Instructors available. 248-625-8223.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

2010

### BOARD MEETING DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the duly-established boards and commissions of the government of the Charter Township of Springfield have established meeting schedules and locations for calendar/fiscal year 2010 as follows:

#### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Springfield Township Board will hold its regular meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m., except as noted below, at the CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, as follows:

January 14	July 8
February 11	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 15 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs.	October 14
May 13	November 11
June 10	December 9

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will hold its regular meetings, if required, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, as follows:

January 18	July 19
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its regular meetings, if required, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350, as follows:

January 20	July 21
February 17	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its regular meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 as follows:

January 12	July 13
February 9	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

#### LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board will hold its regular meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Library (in the Quiet Study Room, except as noted below) CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 as follows:

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21 - Large Mtg Room
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21

Questions regarding the above published meeting schedules and locations may be directed to the Office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Published: January 6, 2010

## Swine flu hit in fall

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**Beyond the pale?:** The latest "Recall Wagner" flyer stepped over the line and cited information that was simply not true, the supervisor said.

**Head count up, slightly:** The number of students in class for Count Day was up four students from 2008's count of 8,224.

**A day to celebrate Davisburg heritage:** Downtown Davisburg was ready for its closeup after months of improvements and renovations.

**October 14**

**All hands on deck:** Facing \$1.3 million in state cuts, administration and school board met to figure out what to do.

**Time for frights at night:** Respectable members of the community thought of creative ways to scare their friends and neighbors for the upcoming holiday.

**October 21**

**\$300,000 oversight:** Independence Township lost \$300,000-\$350,000 in cable-TV revenue and legal costs over the past two years, a victim of incomplete paperwork.

**'Swine' flu hits home:** After a summer lull, flu bugs, including H1N1, "swine flu," was spreading through the Clarkston area.

**November 4**

**Quick questions on Fast ForWard:** Some questioned the computer-based learning program Fast ForWard and how much it actually did for students.

**November 11**

**Township turns to state in Comcast**

**dispute:** Independence Township officials told Attorney Kristin Kolb to file a complaint with the state to try and resolve the ongoing cable fee fiasco.

**Learn about local businesses at Expo:** Those interested in shopping local found out how to do it at Chamber of Commerce's Best of the Best Expo at Clarkston High School.

**November 18**

**Slow down!** Clarkston City Council called for additional downtown speed-limit enforcement and cop presence.

**November 25**

**Thankful students join in service:** Students got an early taste of Thanksgiving, courtesy of the Clarkston Free Methodist Church.

**Clarkston Rotary needs volunteer help:** Volunteers were needed to collect donations on the streets of Clarkston in the Goodfellow newspaper sale.

**December 2**

**Cop cuts considered:** For officials considering a five-deputy cut to the township police force, a \$680,781 fund balance offered a tempting solution.

**Clarkston goes green for Garden Club:** Clarkston Farm and Garden Club was hard at work planning, stocking, and assembling in preparation for the 18th Annual Greens Market.

**December 9**

**New insurance to save township \$15,000/year:** Insurance-coverage consolidation would save Independence Township \$15,000 a year through Mutual of Omaha.

## Recall effort continues

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attorney as soon as this recall is concluded."

Woloson said they are petitioning Wagner on three counts: "bonus payments," "car allowance increase," and a "proposed new police substation." The commission voted 2-1 to reject language regarding the proposed substation.

"They suggested that I change the wording to make it clearer that the projected cost of the new sheriff substation was \$800,000," he said. "Two of the Commission members felt the public might think that the costs of the architectural fees directed by Mr. Wagner were projected to be \$800,000."

Though he disagrees with the commission, Woloson said they are amending and resubmitting rather than appealing to the circuit court.

"I have already submitted one revised petition with clarifying language concerning the \$800,000 cost. I submitted a second revised petition with reference to just the \$6,000 in architectural fees directed by Mr. Wagner for the new substation and no mention of the \$800,000 projected cost," he said. "The commission can now decide which one they prefer."

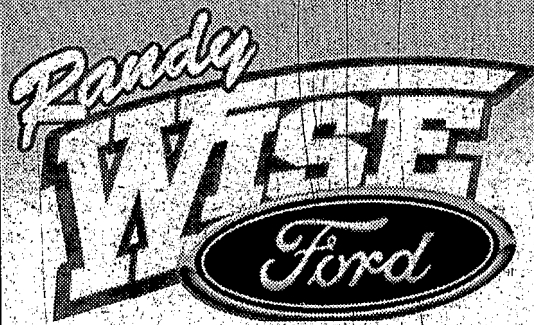
Powell called it "a learning process."

"None of us have ever done this before. I'm sure it's not going to be the only bump we run into, but it's not going to set us back any," Powell said. "If it takes us 20 times, we'll go 20 times that's how strongly I feel about it. I think Wagner has mismanaged the township beyond repair and it's time to replace him."

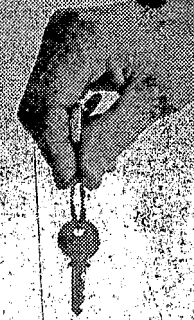








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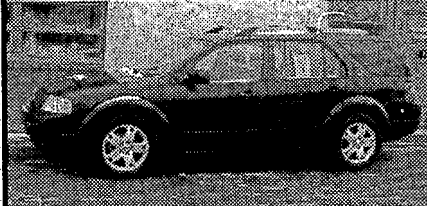
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**\$9,994**

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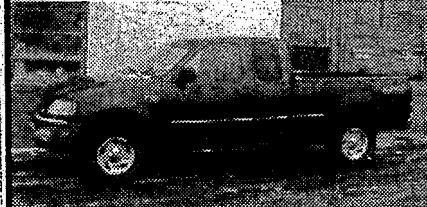
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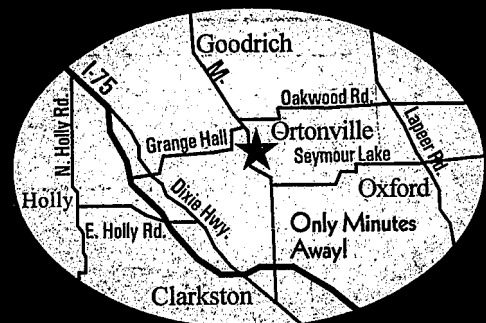


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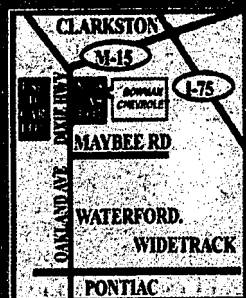
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2003	Chevy	VENTURE	10329A	Red	86K	\$ 5,988	2007	Pontiac	G6 VALUE LEADER	P6906	Silver	14K	\$10,988
2003	Chevy	TAHOE	P6835A	Pewter	94K	\$12,988	2007	Pontiac	GRAND PRIX	P6914	White	41K	\$11,988
2004	Pontiac	VIBE	10243A	Frosty	126K	\$ 5,488	2007	GMC	SIERRA 1500 WORKTRUCK	90436A	Silver	39K	\$12,988
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