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Recall moves forward

Third try for petition meets with approval

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Though Supervisor Dave Wagner thinks "it's unfortunate," third time was a charm for recall efforts against him.

"I think perseverance pays off, for whatever it's worth," said Joel DeLong, new treasurer of Citizens Against Independence Township Waste. "It at least says we addressed the issues that needed to be done and we're in the next step."

CAITW President Mike Powell agreed.

"It's been far too long," Powell said. "It's nice to have this part under our belt."

The commission voted 3-0, Jan. 21, to approve petition

language calling for Wagner's recall due to bonus payments made to employees, car allowance increases, and money spent on architectural work for a new police substation.

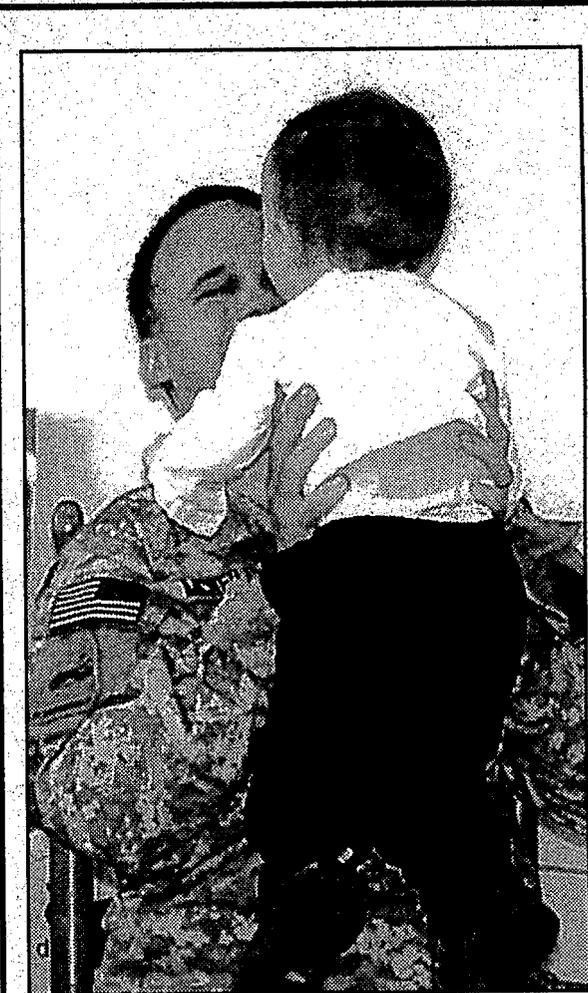
"Once again I'm disappointed, but the way the law reads is the way the law is, we all have to live up to it," said Wagner. "It's a shame when you have an attorney presenting this language knowing it's not factual and it doesn't have to be factual to get approval to be on a ballot or a petition."

Wagner said he and his supporters will "more than likely" appeal to circuit court.

"This was all stuff approved by the prior board. Those guys know it and it doesn't make any difference," he said. "They can do what they want, even if the architectural fees weren't approved by a prior board it was within my discretionary spending as supervisor to do this."

DeLong said "garnering more support" as they go along and more people are listening, but the main goal will be to educate people and "ultimately let the people decide."

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Too short a visit

Capt. Matt McNeill, home on leave from Iraq, greets his son Aiden during a visit to Everest Academy. Students, including his older children, sent care packages to his unit, and he brought his family to thank them in person. Please see page 5A for more pictures and story. Photo by Phil Custodio

— Phil Custodio



Publisher Jim Sherman Jr. and Norman Pardo discuss changes to the Clarkston News office.

Coming soon Video studio in News office

New features have been popping up on www.clarkstonnews.com, including movies of the week, recipes, and even the weather, along with articles and pictures from the *Clarkston News* print edition every week. More are coming.

The biggest: video coverage of Clarkston events and activities through ClarkstonTV.com, produced in the *News* office at 5 S. Main Street.

Adding a TV studio to existing newspaper offices will take work, however, details to be determined by publisher Jim Sherman Jr., and Norman Pardo of Clarkston TV.

Ideas on who and what to cover as we enter the world of video news? Call us at 248-625-3370 or email Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.

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Library ballot language 'confusing'

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In Independence Township voters have never turned down a library or police millage renewal, but both could be in jeopardy due to "confusing ballot language," officials say.

"I think both of them are vitally important to the nature of the kind of community we are and hope to continue to be," said Trustee Neil Wallace. "Neither the police or the library can afford to lose so much as one vote."

The millages include fund diversions to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority, to help fund \$3.8 million road widening, bridge improvement, and sewer projects.

Wallace said he was "concerned" they would lose votes if the CIA language was included.

Exempting library and police funds from the authority would mean amending the CIA plan.

The board voted 5-1 for township attorney Steve Joppich to write sample ballot language for both millage renewals and draft amendments to the CIA plan, and bring them to the Feb. 2 meeting. Treasurer Curt Carson voted "no" and Supervisor Dave Wagner was absent.

Carson said he didn't think they needed

to spend money to change the millages and CIA.

"I'm very confident this community is going to support their police force and library - that's what I believe," he said.

Trustee Larry Rosso said he wanted to see the ballot language so they had the "optimum amount of information."

"I don't want to make a decision with a void hanging out there, when we don't even know how the ballot language is going to be potentially worded because that will impact on the vote," Rosso said. "Let's give ourselves that opportunity and make an intelligible judgment at that time."

Carson was not willing to jeopardize their position with Oakland County, which approves CIA plans, by making adjustments, or the possibility of new jobs in the community.

"The number one job we have is creating jobs and nothing is going to turn around until we create jobs and keep jobs in this community," he said. "We need jobs so we can go ahead and have continued growth so we can fill these vacant spaces, fill these vacant homes and get this economy turned around. I couldn't vote to do anything that would jeopardize that at this point."

Resident Bart Clark disagreed.

"The purpose of government is not to

provide jobs, the purposes of government is to provide services the people can't do on their own, including police and library," Clark said. "I think if the board doesn't take action to do all it can do to ensure the millages are continued for the police and the library and there by jeopardizing the continuous of those services I think that would be a big mistake."

Trustee Mark Petterson called it a "double-edged sword."

"I don't want to lose the funds captured to the Sashabaw CIA, and I don't want to take a chance on the library or police millages failing," he said.

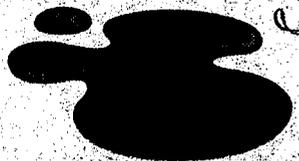
Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen agreed.

"If we go down this road of amending this Tax Increment Financing, we're going to be opening up a can of worms and we'll end up with nothing," she said. "All the years work we've put into it (starting in 2006) would have been for naught."

Trustee David Lohmeier said he's "not much of a gambler."

"From the aspect of risk, I absolutely would not risk if I thought for a minute the CIA language would sink the library or police, I'd cut it loose in a heartbeat," Lohmeier said. "That doesn't mean I don't think it's important, it's just nowhere near as vital as the other."

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Briefly

Tips for Valentine's Day

True love – some know more about it than others. For this Valentine's Day, we want to hear from those who figured some of it out.

Couples happily married 30, 40, 50 years, how did you do it? What's your secret? What are your tips for the rest of us?

Let us know and we'll share it in our upcoming Valentine's Day edition, Feb. 10. Call us at 248-625-3370 or email Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.

Girls State scholarships

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63 sponsors six 11th-grade girls to Girls State at Michigan State University June 27-July 3, 2010.

Girls State is a government-simulation program for young women, providing a unique educational experience and training along with camaraderie and friendship.

Interviews start at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9. For more information or an application, contact Amy Laboissonniere at adtdsb@yahoo.com or 248-892-1203.

Kindergarten info night

Clarkston Community Schools hosts a Kindergarten Information night, 7 p.m., Feb. 4, Community Room in the Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Parents are invited to attend to learn more about the options available for incoming Kindergarten students and ask questions.

Kindergarten registration begins Feb. 8. For more information, please contact 248-623-5420.

Attention businesses

What are you doing to stimulate the local economy – *The Clarkston News* wants to know. Stop by at 5 S. Main Street, call 248-625-3370, or email Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.



New baby wins prizes

Shyanne Trinity Dendy of Independence Township arrived just in time to win the *Clarkston News*' Baby New Year Contest. The daughter of Ronda Dendy and granddaughter of Sarah Dendy, she was born Jan. 1, 2010, at 8:22 a.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces. She won prizes from local businesses Winship Studios, Great Turtle Toys, Wills Family Chiropractic, Michigan College of Beauty, Clarkston Cleaning, Essence on Main, Pink the Salon, Mesquite Creek, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, Smith's Disposal and Recycling, Family Treasures Photography, and Clarkston Auto Wash.

Signatures next step for recall effort

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"It's (a recall) one of the few times I can say people have a way of correcting or making changes in government that you couldn't make at a state or a federal level at any point and time because your voice wouldn't be heard," DeLong said. "It would be like a grain of sand on an ocean beach."

The next step will be to collect 4,000 signatures in 90 days, which they started last Saturday. The goal is to submit the petitions in time to piggyback

on the August primary, so there will be no cost to township taxpayers.

"Hopefully it will go before the voters and we can let them decide, that's what's it is all about," Powell said. "Even if you're not for the recall, why not sign the thing and get it back out there and say 'OK let's see whether or not people think he should be voted out office.'"

For more information visit www.recallwagner.com.

Springfield joins local councils

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Springfield Township joined three area councils at a cost of \$2,240.26.

Voting unanimously, Jan. 14, the board approved \$225 for membership in the Clinton River Watershed Council. It previously turned down the council's Stormwater Education program, \$500, because the township was not receiving sufficient benefit.

"I think it's a great program, but I understand if it's not in the budget," said Clerk Laura Moreau.

Instead, they approved membership in the Huron River Watershed Council for \$460.26.

"A third of the township is located in the Huron River Watershed," Moreau said.

Dues are used for clean-water, education, and recreation projects. The township will receive water-quality information, presentations and workshops, technical assistance, and state and federal representation.

Membership dues for Southeast Michigan Council of Governments is \$1,555.

The council, which serves Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, offers consulting services, advice, state and federal advocacy, and training.

"Dues are quite high," Trout said. "There are a plethora of resources available. I'd like to see one more year, see if we utilize their services. If not, we can choose not to renew."

Membership also allows Trout to serve on a transportation committee, he said.

"If we want to get federal aid (such as on an I-75, Dixie Highway improvement project), this is the way to get it," he said.

"I'm willing to go another year," said Trustee Dennis Vallad. "But I need to see something more than what we've gotten."

"If we join, we should avail ourselves of some of their resources," said Trustee Judy Hensler. "If not, we shouldn't be long. It should be like that with all of these."

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Jim Brueck talks about the Sneezeweed, a native plant he put alongside his dock *Photo by Trevor Keiser.*

Watershed group springs anew

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Watershed Group is enlarging its territory by joining the national non-profit group "Wild Ones"

"The national affiliation would give it a little more legitimacy, a little more exposure for the group and activities," said Jim Brueck, Clarkston Watershed Group member and city councilman. "Part of that was maybe to allow us to expand beyond just Clarkston, appeal to a larger demographic area for new members and potential project activity."

Brueck said the group was just that "a group," but they really didn't have any official status and "weren't truly a non-profit," which sometimes caused trouble when applying for various grants.

The new chapter will be called "Wild ones Oakland Headwaters Chapter," but the focus will remain mainly the same as what it's been since the Clarkston Watershed Group was formed in 2006, which was improving water quality and the watershed through projects like gardens, rain gardens, riparian lakeshore buffers, butterfly gardens, and woodland gardens, all of which can use native plants.

"Part of the thrust behind the use of native plants is one they're indigenous at least with the last 300 years approximately and they support the natural biodiversity of the area," Brueck said. "Only certain caterpillars or certain butterflies will eat certain plants. If you plant a non-native plant often times, those that have been hybridized to be pest or bug resistant, they almost become a sterile plant and are not food for anything."

After retiring as an automotive engineer for General Motors last year, Brueck started his own business, "Native Lakescapes LLC," which focuses on waterfront treatment with

lakeside and streamside native plantings and riparian buffers.

"There are approximately 1,400 lakes in Oakland County. I said 'wow there is a market and opportunity.' If I just look at myself, look at what my neighbors have or haven't done," he said. "There is a lot of potential there because most people their vision is still a perfect lawn right down the water's edge and maybe a seawall or something like that. The idea of having a naturalized waterfront is just starting to catch on."

Brueck said the "non-point water pollution is probably the single biggest problem" in Michigan.

"It's not the sewage pipe that directly goes into the stream, but it's the runoff the 'non-point.' Runoff from roads, roofs and parking lots that untreated, unfiltered causes the high nutrient buildup, fertilizer runoff, into lakes and schools, along with pet waste and animal waste," he said. "Those things are allowed to go into the water without resistance or infiltration that tends to overtime degrade the quality of the water."

Brueck said they have some "pretty good experts" in the group including Trish Hennig, owner of "American Roots," a native plant nursery in Ortonville, along with Landscape Architect Colleen Schmidt, owner of "Land and Garden Design."

The new chapter will have their first meeting Feb. 3 at St. Dan's community Center at 7:30. Guest speaker will be Trish Hennig.

For more information or interest in joining Oakland Headwaters contact Jim Brueck at (248) 625-7597, e-mail mdbueck@sbcglobal.net or call membership chairperson Barb Modlin at 248-628-9685, e-mail bmodlin@comcast.net. The Wild Ones national Web site is www.for-wild.org.



Capt. Matt McNeill holds his daughter Catherine, surrounded by his wife, Jody, holding their son, Aiden, their children, Clare, to his left, Timothy and Grace to his right, teacher Susan Snyder, and the rest of the first-grade class at Everest Academy. Photos by Phil Custodio



Grace McNeill, left, and Maggie Smith display an Operation Iraqi Freedom flag, sent by Capt. Matt McNeill's unit.

Soldier home visit includes thanks for young friends

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Serving overseas in Iraq, Dr. Matt McNeill enjoyed Christmas wishes and gifts from students at Everest Academy in Independence Township.

He thanked the first graders in person, home on leave to visit his newly born daughter.

"It's incredible, seeing the changes, how they're growing up," said McNeill, a captain with First Armored Division out of Fort Bliss, Texas.

He spent his three-week leave with his wife, Jody, and their children, Clare, Grace, and Timothy, all students at Everest, Aiden, and Catherine, born Jan 13. He took time out to visit teacher Susan Snyder's first-grade class to

thank them for their care packages to him and his unit.

"It was very much appreciated - 19-year-old soldiers were opening packages like they were 5-year-old children on Christmas day," he told the first graders, which included his daughter Clare. "Everything was a big hit."

"It's great - the support of everyone here is so needed," Jody said. "This helps the kids keep connected to their dad, when he's so far away."

The students sent powdered beverage mixes, granola, toothbrushes, cereal, games, baseball caps, popcorn balls, pretzels, hard candy, soup, as well as hand-made Christmas decorations and cards.

"We wished them a merry Christmas," said

first grader Lauren Marshall.

"And a good new year," said classmate Gabby Lantero.

"We love them," added Maggie Smith, first grader, whose brother Collin is also serving in Iraq.

"The cards were the best part - everyone read the cards and looked at the pictures," Matt O'Neill said.

The students also sent a DVD of them singing "Joy to the World," "Do you Hear What I Hear," "Silent Night," "God Bless the USA," and other songs.

"There was so much to it," McNeill said.

The project provided students with a way to show their love for country and the soldiers, Snyder said.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "They understand freedom comes from soldiers."

Care packages do an important job, McNeill said.

"We're far from home," he said. "Out there, we're like family, breaking bread together for a year. But we all remember what it's like to be with our real families, and we miss that."

His unit deployed to Iraq for a one-year tour of duty this past May, he said.

"This is a great thing to learn at a young age, be part of something bigger than yourself, how to serve others," he said to the students. "I'm glad you have the chance to do that and share in the mission."

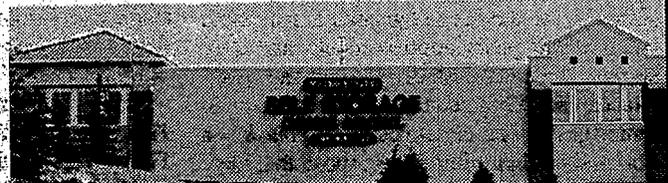
The class will work on another care package soon, perhaps for Valentine's Day, Snyder said.



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A column by Phil Custodio

Beware of tricks

As the "editor" in "letters to the editor," it is my responsibility to verify identity of writers, as well as, you know, edit their letters.

We have a stable of regulars, who's email or postal address labels and generally consistent viewpoints make verification easier. If I were to receive a letter from a "Mike Clark" nominating Neil Wallace for Clarkston Citizen of the Year, or "Henry Woloson" creating a I-heart-Dave-Wagner fan club, I'd be making some verification calls. Probably get a story written on it too.

For everyone else, our policy is to get letter writers' phone number, and then actually call that number to get verbal verification.

I've never had someone say, "Why no, I didn't send any such letter," but it's possible.

The closest I've seen is folks sending the same letter to me, *Oakland Press*, *Detroit News*, and others, perhaps to increase readership, or just for a better chance of getting published somewhere.

I frown on such practices, but sometimes end up printing them, especially if space is available.

In cases where retaliation is plausible - school whistleblowers are big on this, where kids can be affected - we'll publish letters anonymously. We still want to know who the letter writer really is, though. Generally, letters are more convincing with your name on it.

Either way, there's not much reason to fake your way onto the *News*' letters to the editor page. It's our mission to serve as a sounding board for the community, after all. We want to publish people's opinions and views.

But I also know some people don't need much reason to do anything.

A whole series of editors all over the country, and even overseas, found this out the hard way recently, publishing almost identical letters from an alleged "Ellie Light."

The letter-writing project, written in support of President Obama, seems a lot like a practical joke - Ellie Light, as in L.E. Light or LEL, or Laughing Extremely Loud, a variation on LOL.

Why else would she (he) send all the letters using the same name? How hard would it have been to make up a new name for each newspaper?



Viewpoints

Center seems exclusionary

Dear Editor,

Today I went to the Independence Township Recycling Center, fully prepared to plunk down \$25 to use the center, and was told I was not "allowed" to use it!

Sounds kind of exclusionary! I live just 6 miles north of Clarkston, although it's considered Groveland Township.

To confuse matters further, I have a Holly mailing address. I shop in Independence Township. I support local restaurants, businesses and community theatre. I volunteer at the library and visit hospice patients in the area with my Therapy Dog.

So why won't the township take my \$25 if I'm willing to pay it, and "allow" me to use

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the recycling center?! I wouldn't even mind paying a little more than the \$25 for being a

"non-resident," but to flat out deny me access seems just plain wrong if I'm willing to recycle.

The article "Recycling center comes with green cost," Jan. 20, explains how much it costs the township to get rid of the materials. Didn't they put any figures to paper PRIOR to opening the center?

Sometimes you just need to do the right thing. The cost of garnering goodwill throughout the community and helping the environment? Priceless.

Hope Ponsart
Groveland Township

Rule gets meeting back on track

Dear Editor,

I think Zack Bell said it very well when he supported the Independence Township Board in their new rule to restrict the spiteful rhetoric and personal attacks we have witnessed over the past months ("New rule serves residents better," Jan. 20).

I am surprised any one who has attended

these meetings cannot agree with their actions.

I feel our board is struggling to get the township back on track and we need to offer constructive input and criticism - not vitriolic and time wasting rantings.

Jim Reed
Independence Township

Recycling fee waters down service

Dear Editor,

It seems like yesterday that Independence Township was ready to spare no cost in the pursuit of 'green' garbage removal.

Now only months later, the DPW's popular recycling center and spring clean up programs are on the chopping block.

Previous meeting minutes indicate that more than 1,000 residents participated in a previous spring clean up program, with over \$10,000 collected in hazardous waste removal fees. In contrast, it is unclear if residents will support the recycling center for a \$25 yearly fee. At the last meeting, we learned that so far only a few residents have signed up for

the program.

In addition, it is extremely unlikely that circulating a simple four digit code to the gate will deter unauthorized use of the center.

I am annoyed that when under economic stress, our leadership has watered down popular services, but yet only a handful have voluntarily given themselves a haircut.

Since when does local government promise lifetime healthcare, Cadillac Escalade-worthy vehicle allowances, complimentary cell phones, and early withdrawal (since 2007) of pension funds?

Bill Skellenger
Independence Township

Library millage needs support, director says

Dear Editor,

In August 2010, the millage which supports Independence Township Library will be on ballot for renewal

I am chairing a political action committee to inform our residents and encourage them to vote YES for the library.

I need two things at this time, voters

who support this library renewal, to serve on our committee; and donations, so we can publicize the multitude of services our library provides for the community.

If you can help in any way, please call me at 248-625-9399. Thanks in advance.

Jeanne Molzon
Independence Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Hoping for a miracle" Ralph "Marty" Halsema of Clarkston didn't give up when a pancreas transplant to treat his diabetes was unsuccessful. His body accepted a kidney transplanted at the same time, which gave him and his family hope for future treatment.

"The effects of man on nature" Kathy Frantz and her animal friends from Howell Nature Center explained to Clarkston Elementary students how people interfere with nature. She brought an owl, ferret, hawk, and possum, all of which couldn't live in the wild because they were raised by people.

"Adjusting to military life in Kuwait" Rebecca Ingram, chapel services support specialist with the U.S. Air Force, helped keep Iraq in line during Operation Vigilant Warrior. The daughter of Hazel and Gerald Lawruk of Clarkston, she helped the chaplain conduct religious services for the troops.

25 years ago - 1985

"Priest writes by day and by night" Poet, priest, patriarch, gentle spirit. Those words described Joseph Gillespie, who, at 90 years old, was the oldest of the resident priests at Colombiere. He wrote poems for more than 40 years, and still put verses to paper whenever they came to him.

"Inauguration realities" Local state Rep. Mat Dunaskiss and his wife Diane spent three days in Washington D.C. celebrating the start of President Ronald Reagan's second term in office.

"Move over Phil, Sherman's in our spotlight" Independence Oaks's groundhog Sherman was set to make his own Groundhog's Day prediction regarding the end of winter. Naturalist Kathy Thomas said he was named after the World War II tank, reflecting his general shape.

50 years ago - 1960

"Cub Pack 181 has racing start" Cub scouts Walter Gallegly, Billy Allen, John MacGregor, Bill Gustafson and Larry Ball earned trophies at the new pack's Pinewood Derby.

"Good Losers Club meets tonight" The weight-loss group met at Clarkston High School, looking at slides of Marjorie Baker's trip to Europe.

"Clarkston local" Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waggener and daughter Cheryl returned from a four-week vacation in Florida. They toured the southern state and saw everything worth seeing.

Kitty cat killing machine

When I first heard it, I was confused. Of course I had been sleeping so that explained it. It's kinda freaky to be wakened in the wee hours of the morning -- somewhere between the beginning of Rapid Eye Movement and dawn -- by strange sounds emanating from the hallway.

I guess if I have to explain descriptively, the sound was guttural and from a small mammal.

To further the sound's description, imagine a house cat not saying meow, but rather with a rolling tongue something like "b-l-e-e-t, b-l-e-e-t" over and over. It was dark and it was late. Since I am a scaredy-cat, I did the only thing I could -- I slunk deep under the covers and forced myself back to sleep, only to rise again with the safety of the rising sun. (Nah, I haven't watched too many scary movies...)

Bathed in the warm glow of the morning sun shining through the window, I hopped out of bed and went into the hallway to check things out. Out in the yard, songbirds happily sang.

But in the hallway I saw the carnage that had obviously taken place during the hours of darkness. Beanie Babies were everywhere -- a little brown monkey was on its back in an unnatural position; a little green bear laid face down on the floor, up against the wall. Up and down the hallway little multicolored stuffed animals were left in death throes.

In a pile of dirty clothes I noticed Thomas, our grey striped cat curled up and sleeping soundly. I knew then, at that moment, something wasn't right with that cat. He was about a year old and on that night had gone on an orgy of stalking and killing our children's Beanie Babies.

Tom was an orphan raised by human hands, ours, after he was found stumbling down some lonely dirt road. He had a larva (some call 'em botflies) living just beneath the skin between his left ear and cheek. He had some sort of viral infection and, well, that's why we called him Thomas, because we doubted he would live to see the next day. Live he did and grow he did.

Thomas is a good pet (as far as cats go) to our family. Everybody else he hates. I guess he must hate Beanie Babies, too. And, while I understand his feelings towards the little stuffed

critters, I am not about to grab 'em by the neck with my teeth, shake the stuffing out of 'em and then drop their carcasses around the house. People would think I was nuts, which is what I think Thomas is.

The carnage is daily. When we come home in the afternoon we know Tom has continued his quest to kill all Beanie Babies.

We even made it Sean's chore to pick up all the stuffed animals and put them back in the Beanie Babe Basket, located in the play room. Tom has never been out since in our care. He has never hunted live prey, but to watch him, you'd never know that. I admit to be in awe of Thomas' instinct to kill.

Until recently, I didn't know why that instinct was so strong. I didn't know until I saw an episode of Animal Planet's "Most Extreme" television show.

If you've never seen the show, they pick a subject like "Most Extreme Flirter" and then count down from 10 the most flirtatious critters in the natural world. The kids love it, it is interesting and funny. In the episode of "Most Extreme Killers," I discovered that the common house cat is the world's Most Extreme Killer, more extreme than even the great white shark.

I went on-line and found out this is true. In 1998, the Minnesota DNR posted info from a University of Wisconsin study into "free-ranging domestic cats." Get a load of the following information and you'll understand Thomas.

"The most recent UW research suggests that the estimated 1 million to 2 million free-ranging rural cats in Wisconsin kill roughly 40 million birds each year."

These cats don't kill for food, they kill for the sport of it. Because they can.

It makes me feel warm and fuzzy that an insane serial killer is living under the same roof as me.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Time for an airing, but first an important note

It just isn't right.

It's un-American!

It's lying, deceiving and outrageous!

What I'm talking about is television schedules for sporting events. Especially the big four - football, basketball, hockey and baseball.

The printed schedule will list a starting time as, say 1:00. But, that's nowhere near the start of the game time. That's when the hype starts. That's when we see previews of players arriving on a bus, or logos being painted on the field, or grass being planted for the game that "is about to start."

If a fan goes to a stadium for a game that starts at 1 p.m., they darn well better not be late. They will be jeered, cursed and condemned 'til death, or worse, due us part.

That live game will start at 1:00.

But, on the tube an hour of preliminaries brings sponsors selling aches and pain pills, beer, hair grower, beer, hair removers, beer, diets, beer, insurance, beer and oh, yeah, beer.

By the time the game starts, people like me don't care who wins, can't find the clicker they threw at the tube and have run out of beer.

Why can't schedules be printed saying, "This game will start immediately following 35 minutes of nauseous commercials, or in about an hour"?

This should be made into law, with violators being sentenced to watch and hear 16 hours of continuous pregame hype.

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Street (gutter) poetry:

A phart is a pleasant thing,

It gives the belly ease,

It warms the bed in winter,

And suffocates the fleas.

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I have seven of Johnny Cash's CD's. I just love the bass guitar chord strumming and his singing. Sometimes I pay attention to the lyrics, but not always. My friend Nick says he never listens to country-western singers because they just vocalize words that don't rhyme.

I paid particular attention to my latest Cash compilation. I think it may prove Nick's point, but the words stuck, and here they are:

"I got great big blisters on my bloodshot eyes from looking at that long legged woman up ahead. What she does simply walking down the

sidewalks of that city makes me think about a stray cat getting fed.

"She's got a whole lotta motion in her soul, I know but her soul ain't the place she lets it show.

"She got a body Oh, yeah (oh, yeah); She got a motion Oh, yeah (oh, yeah); Lord, I'm blistered Oh, yeah (oh, yeah).

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

"She done tore my soul apart, put big blisters on my heart, what a mighty crazy cooking way to go.

"I got great big blisters on my fingertips from reaching in my pocketbook and picking out the bill. And I got tiny white blisters in my throat from trying to ease my nervous tension,

taking all them patent pills.

"And ever since she started running round from bar to bar, I just can't eat a bite or keep my stomach settled down.

"She got a body Oh, yeah (oh, yeah); She got a motion Oh, yeah (oh, yeah); Lord, I'm blistered Oh, yeah (oh, yeah).

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She got a body Oh, yeah (oh, yeah); She got a motion Oh, yeah (oh, yeah); Oh, I'm blistered; Oh, yeah (oh, yeah) Oh, oh, oh, oh...."

Now, ain't that purty? Oh, yeah?

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My luck isn't always bad. I learned on a newscast last night that one of the drugs I take can be harmful.

I've been swallowing Paxil tablets for half dozen years with fine results. The report was that if you're pregnant you should not take Paxil.

That "pregnant" part keeps me from contacting a law firm that would likely bring enormous compensation for pain and suffering I could feign.

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All right, let's end this week with a last gutter-heard remark: A husband says to his wife, "What would you do if I won the Lotto?" She says, "I'd take half, then leave you." "Excellent," he replies, "I won 12 bucks, here's \$6, now get out."

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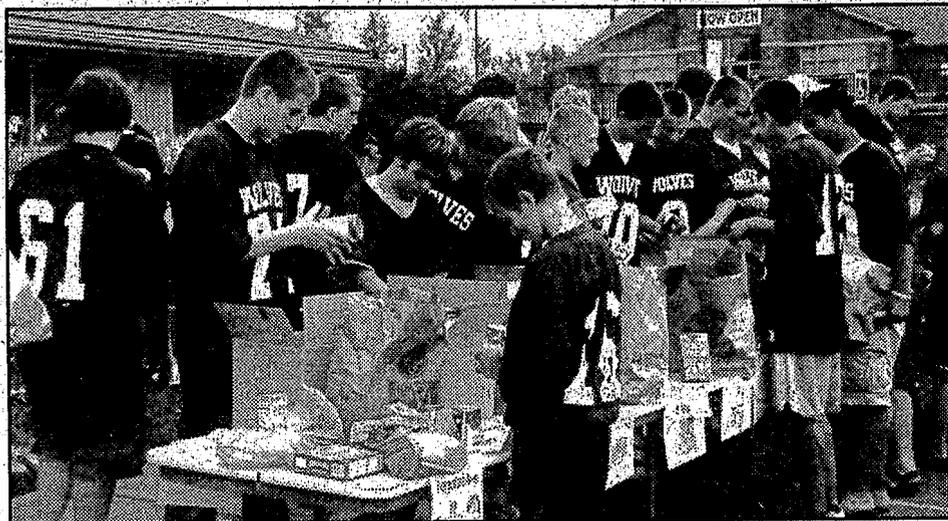
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Gridiron heroes honored with leadership award



Clarkston High School football players collect food for families in need at Rush for Food this past August. They were honored for this and other community projects. *File photo*

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston High School football program has a time-honored tradition before they begin each season - they go into the community and give back.

The program was recognized and received the Steve Spicer Memorial Leadership Award.

Kurt Richardson, Wolves Varsity Head Football Coach, accepted the award on behalf of the program on Friday in Battle Creek.

"It's a nice honor because the community gives so much to our athletic teams and it is nice for our kids to give back," said Richardson. "It's a nice award."

Clarkston was recognized for Rush for Food, a program going on for 13 years, and Football for a Cure, started last summer.

"The kids get so much given to them, we want them to give something back," said Richardson.

The boys collected 4,431 pounds of food to donate to Lighthouse Emergency Services in August 2009.

The combined effort from all the teams had the JV and varsity teams traveling through local neighborhoods collecting non-perishable food items, cans and bottles, and monetary donations.

The freshman team stayed at Lighthouse organizing the food and putting them into boxes.

The program raised over \$5,000 for Karmanos Cancer Institute during their Football for a Cure.

The boys traded their usual blue and gold jerseys for their annual scrimmage for blue and pink jerseys and represented community members and families touched by cancer.

"I got the idea from other coaches," said Richardson, referring to Brian Kaminskas, boys varsity lacrosse coach and Noel Dean, the head football coach at Lowell High School. Kaminskas holds an annual Game for a Cure event every year with all donations going to Karmanos.

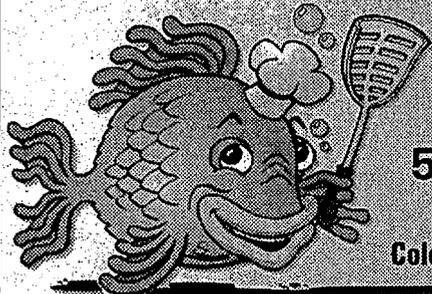
Richardson talked to Dean about some of the ideas Lowell High School was using and what helped them to raise \$125,000 in 2008.

Richardson plans to raise more money from this year's Blue/Pink Scrimmage and wants every year to be bigger than the previous year.

Also, the players work the concession stands on Sundays for the athletic boosters.

The award is given every year by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association in recognition of outstanding community leadership.

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Wanted

A deputy on patrol checked the license plate number of a vehicle in front, 10:15 p.m., Jan. 11, on Sashabaw near Oak Hill Road. The vehicle came back as registered to a wanted man. The 19-year-old Brandon Township man had two Oakland County felony warrants for violation of probation on home invasion charges. He was stopped, arrested, and jailed.

Lost and found

A resident in the 5000 block of Meadows Drive found a mountain bike in the snow just outside a subdivision on Sashabaw Road, 12 p.m., Jan. 11, and turned it to police.

An Independence Township resident said she found a ring while walking in the woods behind Independence Township Library, 4:15 p.m., Jan. 21. She turned it in to deputies because she believed it to be sterling silver.

Never been licensed

A deputy on patrol, 7:25 p.m., Jan. 13, on Maybee Road near Guyette Street, checked the license plate number of a minivan. When it came back as registered for a two-door car, he pulled it over. The driver, a 29-year-old Pontiac woman, said she never had a driver's license. She did have a misdemeanor warrant for driving without a license in Waterford. She got another citation for driving without a license and improper plates, and the improper plate was confiscated and destroyed.

Public Safety

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

Scared of police

Deputy on patrol, 11:45 p.m., Jan. 13, on northbound I-75 near Dixie Highway, stopped a car after clocking it at 80 mph, and watching it swerve and switch lanes numerous times. The driver, a 19-year-old South Lyon man, said he saw police following him and got scared. He was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Little help?

Genesee County Sheriff's deputies asked Oakland County deputies to pick up a 35-year-old Independence Township man on a warrant for non payment of child support, 4:10 p.m., Jan. 13, in the 4000 block of Riverview Drive. They found the suspect at his residence and arrested him without incident.

Smoking SUV

A Wellesley Terrace resident smelled smoke and, opening her garage door, saw smoke pouring from the wheel wells of her SUV, 7:55 p.m., Jan. 14. She called her neighbor for help, then 911. Independence Township firefighters extinguished the fire.

Identity theft

A resident in the 5000 block of Oawwensa Drive found \$1,000 spent on his credit card at stores in Troy, Southfield, and Farmington Hills, when he didn't shop there, Jan. 16. He didn't lose his card and doesn't know how anyone got his information.

Unsafe driving

It was the second time around for one of the drivers in a two-car accident at Sashabaw and Maybee, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 15. The 22-year-old Brandon Township man had a suspended license for failure to stop assured clear distance (tailgating) in Rochester last February. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to stop assured clear distance.

Windshields smashed

Someone smashed the rear window of a pickup truck and windshield an SUV while parked in their Summerhill Drive driveway, Jan. 16. Two large pieces of concrete were used. Nothing was reported taken from either vehicle.

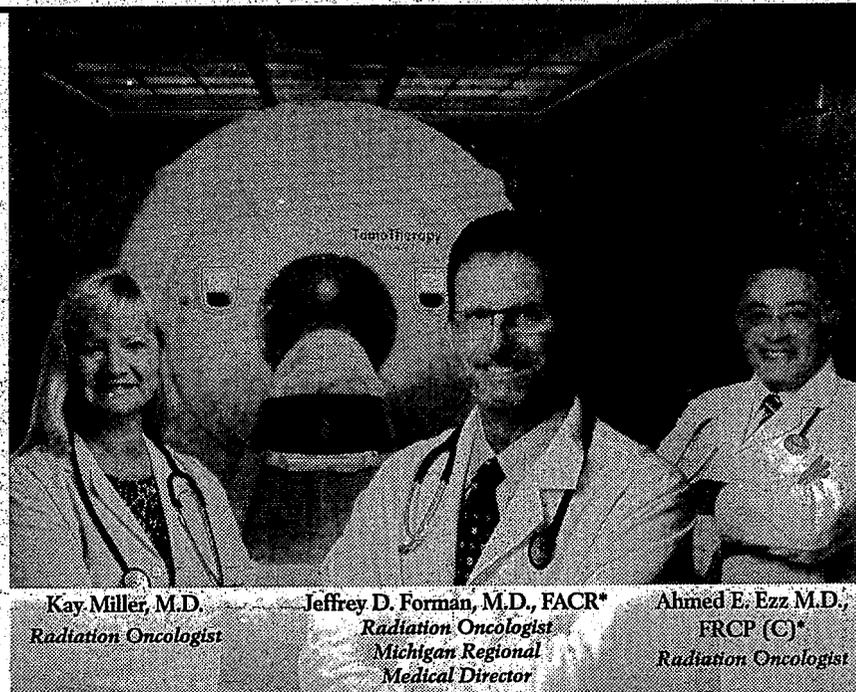
CPR rescue

When a 64-year-old Clarkston resident suffered an apparent heart attack after a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, Jan. 21 Clarkston Police Officer James Thompson stepped in to save his life. A trained first responder, Thompson used CPR to restore a heart beat and breathing just prior to arrival of Independence Township EMS, said Dale LaCroix, Clarkston chief of police. The patient was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where he remains in critical but stable condition.

Danger to child

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup truck with an expired plate, 3:15 p.m., Jan. 21, at Dixie and Ortonville. The officer found inside a man, his daughter, and a strong smell of marijuana. With permission to search, deputies found marijuana cigarettes in the girl's backpack. The driver, a 40-year-old Independence Township man on restricted license for drugs in Lapeer first denied drug use, then admitted to smoking marijuana a couple hours before driving his daughter home from school, he said he hid the drugs in his daughter's backpack and told her to lie to police for him. He was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, child endangerment, and possession of marijuana.

— Reports collected by Phil Custodie



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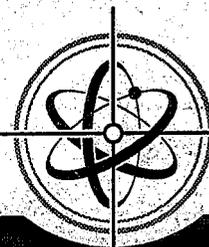
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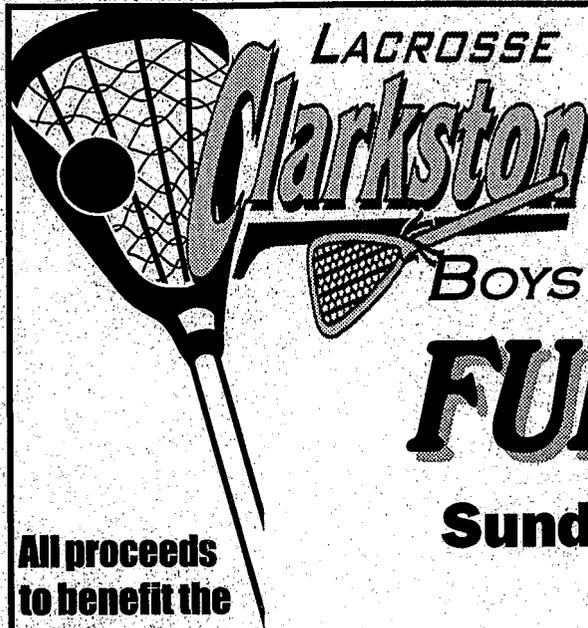
There are more "gifted" students in India's schools than students in American schools.

For 25 years, there has been a steady decline of American students who study music.

China and Asia will account for 90% of the world's scientists and engineers.

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LITTLE LIZARDS (5-1/2 yrs.) - Beginner 1

This class is designed for the young beginning gymnast. Our focus in this program is to teach the proper drills, skills and conditioning for our beginner level gymnasts. Students in this class are reaching towards accomplishing the following skills: Vault: running drills, proper board hitting drills Balance Beam: confidence on both low and high beams, walking in various directions, working on balances & scales Floor: positions, forward rolls, handstand kick-up, cartwheel and backward roll on Incline Bars: front support, casting, pullovers with a light spot and bent arm hold in various positions.

Mon. 1:00-2:00pm Mon. 4:15-5:15pm Mon. 5:15-6:15pm Mon. 6:15-7:15pm
Tue. 12:30-1:30pm Tue. 5:35-6:35 Wed. 1:00-2:00pm Wed. 4:15-5:15pm
Wed. 5:15-6:15pm Wed. 6:20-7:20pm Thur. 4:15-5:15pm Thur. 6:20-7:20pm
Fri. 5:20-6:20pm Sat. 10:45-11:45am Sat. 11:45-12:45pm Sun. 1:00-2:00pm

CHAMELEON 1 (6 to 7 yrs.) - Beginner 1

This class is designed for the beginner gymnasts ages 6-7 yrs. Our focus in this program is to teach the proper drills, skills & conditioning for our beginner level gymnasts. Students in this class are reaching towards accomplishing the following: Vault: running drills, proper board hitting drills Balance Beam: confidence on both the low and high beams, walking in various directions, working on balances & scales Floor: positions, forward rolls, handstand kick-up, cartwheel & backward roll on incline Bars: front support, casting, pullovers with a light spot and bent arm hold in various positions.

Mon. 4:15-5:15pm Mon. 5:15-6:15pm Mon. 6:15-7:15pm Mon. 7:15-8:15pm
Tue. 5:35-6:35pm Wed. 4:15-5:15pm Wed. 5:15-6:15pm Wed. 7:20-8:20pm
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Fri. 7:00-8:00pm Sat. 10:45-11:45am Sat. 11:45-12:45pm Sun. 2:00-3:00pm

BOY'S WILD STALLIONS 1 (5 to 7 yrs.)

Boys will learn basic core skills, necessary positions and support holds. A strong emphasis is placed on building strength, increasing flexibility & improving coordination. Boys will use the bars, vault, training rings, pommel horse & floor.

Mon. 6:15-7:15pm Wed. 7:00-8:00pm Fri. 6:20-7:20pm Sun. 3:15-4:15pm

CHAMELEON 2 (5 to 7 yrs.) - Beginner 2

The Chameleon 2 program will further build on the skills that were mastered in Chameleon 1 or Little Lizards. This class places great emphasis on the proper execution of all beginner skills to help with advancements. Gymnasts will focus on the following core skills: Vault: proper running drills and board hitting, arm circles Balance Beam: confidence with walking in all directions comfortably, straight body jumps & balances Floor: handstand, cartwheel, one-arm cartwheel, backwards roll, bridge kick over on block Bars: pullover, casting and straight body swings.

Mon. 4:15-5:15pm Mon. 7:15-8:15pm Tue. 4:30-5:30pm Wed. 4:15-5:15pm
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Tiny Stars was specifically designed to meet the needs and challenges of our young gymnasts who have demonstrated great body awareness, control & strength. There are very specific goals that we are focused on achieving. Children in this program have been hand selected by a member of our staff for their skills, determination & personality. This class is by ability & not necessarily age.

Mon. 5:15-6:15pm Tue. 6:40-7:40pm Wed. 7:00-8:00pm
Fri. 5:20-6:20pm Sat. 12:45-1:45pm

GECKO (6 to 7 yrs.) - Intermediate

The Geckos is our intermediate program for children ages 6-7 years. The Geckos will further build on skills that were mastered in Chameleon 2. Gymnasts will progress to intermediate skills that will require added focus, increased strength & flexibility. This program will inspire gymnasts to better themselves at their own pace. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: accelerating run, arm-circle, springboard entry & dive roll Bars: casting, back-hip circle & beginning tap swings Balance Beam: mounts, dismounts, lever & tuck jump Floor Exercise: handstand forward roll, backbend kick over, back walkover & round off.

Mon. 5:20-6:20pm Thur. 6:30-7:30pm Fri. 5:20-6:20pm

BOY'S WILD STALLIONS 1 (8 to 14 yrs.)

Boys will learn basic core skills, necessary positions and support holds. A strong emphasis is placed on building strength, increasing flexibility & improving coordination. Boys will use the bars, vault, training rings, pommel horse & floor.

Mon. 6:20-7:20pm

BOY'S WILD STALLIONS 2 - Intermediate/Advanced

This class is for boys who demonstrate discipline & mastery of basic gymnastics skills. Boys will continue to improve basic skills while being introduced to intermediate & advanced skills on the boy's apparatus. Increased flexibility and strength training will be emphasized.

Mon. 6:20-7:20pm

RISING STARS 1 (8 yrs. and above) - Beginner

The Rising Stars 1 class is specifically tailored for the beginning gymnast. Gymnasts will be introduced to the basic core skills of gymnastics on all four apparatus (vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise). Proper stretching techniques & strength training will be emphasized to provide a foundation for continued progression. Gymnasts will learn the following beginning skills: Vault: proper running technique, running drills & hitting the board Bars: front support hold, pullover and casting Balance Beam: walking in all directions comfortably on the high beam, balancing & straight jumps Floor Exercise: bridge, forward / backward roll, handstand & cartwheel.

Mon. 4:20-5:20pm Tue. 5:00-6:00pm Tue. 6:00-7:00pm Wed. 4:15-5:15pm
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Sun. 2:45-3:45pm

RISING STARS 2 (8 yrs. and above) - Intermediate

The Rising Stars 2 class will further build on core skills taught in Rising Stars 1. Gymnasts will progress to intermediate level skills on all apparatus that will require increased strength and flexibility. Proper skill execution will be emphasized to promote safety and future advancements. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: accelerating run, arm-circle, springboard entry & dive roll Bars: casting, back hip circle & beginning tap swings Balance Beam: mounts, dismounts, lever & tuck jump Floor Exercise: handstand forward roll, backbend kick over, back walkover & round-off.

Mon. 4:20-5:20pm Mon. 5:20-6:20pm Wed. 4:30-5:30pm Wed. 5:30-6:30pm
Thur. 7:30-8:30pm Fri. 4:20-5:20pm Fri. 5:20-6:20pm

SHINING STARS - Intermediate/Advanced

The Shining Stars class is designed for gymnasts who desire to be in a warm but challenging environment. Students will have the opportunity to perfect their intermediate level skills while progressing to advanced gymnastics skills on all four events. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: accelerating run to arm-circle springboard entry & beginning front handspring drills Bars: glide, sole circle dismount, squat on & tap swings Balance Beam: handstands, cartwheels & split jumps Floor Exercise: front limber, back walkover, back handspring & round-off back handspring.

Mon. 7:20-8:50pm Tue. 7:00-8:30pm Wed. 5:30-7:00pm

SHOOTING STARS - Advanced

The Shooting Stars is the most advanced recreational gymnastics class offered at Stars & Stripes. Gymnasts will have the opportunity to challenge their ability in a program where the sky is the limit! Gymnasts will follow proper progressions to safely achieve advanced level skills at their own pace. Proper skill execution is strongly emphasized. Gymnasts will learn the following skills: Vault: front handspring onto stacked mats & front handsprings on vault table Bars: glide, kip, front hip circle, tap swings & skills on the high bar Balance Beam: cartwheels, back walkovers, turns & advanced dismounts Floor Exercise: front handsprings, back handspring series, perfected round-off back handsprings, back tucks & front tucks.

Wed. 7:15-9:00pm

TUMBLING 1 - Beginning Tumbling

Tumble 1 is specifically structured for the beginning tumbler. Students will learn proper stretching techniques with an emphasis on shoulder flexibility, necessary strength training exercises and core tumbling skills including a bridge, handstand, cartwheel and rolls. Skills learned in this class will provide a strong base for continued progression.

Mon. 7:15-8:15pm Tue. 6:40-7:40pm Thur. 7:20-8:20pm Sat. 12:45-1:45pm

TUMBLING 2 - Intermediate Tumbling

Tumble 2 is the second level of the tumbling program. Tumblers will be expected to have a moderate level of flexibility and mastery of beginning skills. They will continue to work on improving strength and flexibility progressing on to skills such as round-offs, front limbers & back walkovers. Tumblers must have completed Tumble 1 or have a skill evaluation.

Tue. 7:00-8:00pm Thur. 7:20-8:20pm Sat. 12:45-1:45pm

TUMBLING 3 - Intermediate/Advanced

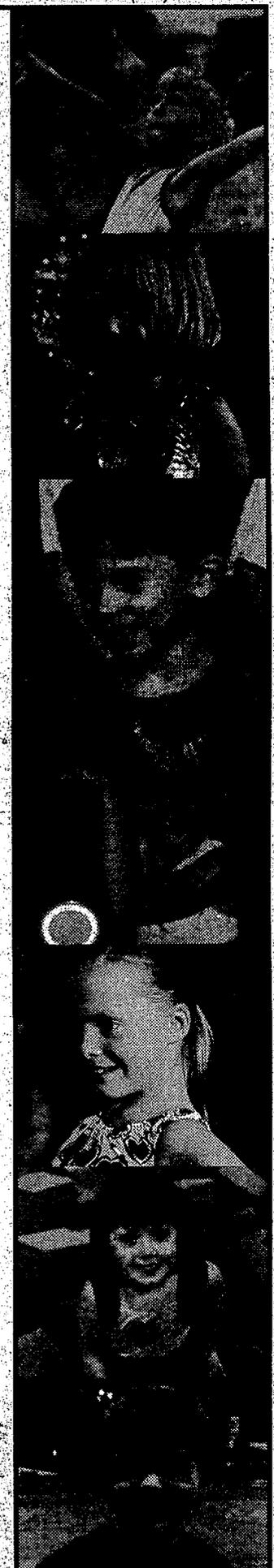
Tumble 3 is offered for tumblers to improve their intermediate level skills while learning advanced tumbling skills. Tumblers will safely learn skills such as back handsprings, round-off back handsprings and front walkovers using effective drills & training tools. Tumblers must have completed Tumble 2 or have a skill evaluation.

Mon. 8:00-9:00pm Sun. 1:00-2:00pm

ADVANCED TUMBLING

The Advanced Tumbling class is designed for tumblers to learn and progress their running tumbling passes. A solid round-off back handspring is required to participate. Tumblers will have the opportunity to take their tumbling to the next level with knowledgeable instructors to assist gymnasts in enhancing their strong elements. Tumblers will work on back handspring series, back tucks and advanced running tumbling combinations.

Mon. 8:00-9:00pm



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Young writers explore their inner poet

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Second-grader Marshall Dwire stepped behind the microphone and read the title on his piece, "My Annoying Sister."

Dwire began to read his poem and described, detailed and rhythmic, his sibling to the audience at Pine Knob's Poetry Coffeehouse last Thursday.

He received cheers and laughter from the listeners - as did the other students who had written about their siblings.

Other poets read their works about snow, ice cream, football, pets, and family.

All the poets were second-graders from Megan Birkett-Brazier's and Michelle Aisthorpe's classes.

"It was an accumulated celebration," explained Aisthorpe.

The classes had finished their poetry study. They learned about different poetry and wrote their own poems, each exploring a different theme.

They also experimented with different structures and techniques while using colorful words and catchy beat.

"Some of the poems heard, we talked about patterns and we talked about rhyming," said Aisthorpe.

The students also learned how to look at the world with poet's eyes - looking at an ordinary, every day object and seeing something more in it.

After the poetry unit was finished, the students were asked to pick out one poem that gave them a "really big" feeling.

"The students then worked hard to revise and edit that one piece," said Birkett-Brazier. "Some things they worked on were adding in line breaks, using comparisons, and adding in more detailed words."

They also worked on editing. They checked their spelling, added end marks to their poetry lines and checked for capitals.

The coffeehouse idea was used to provide a more intimate setting to read their creations to classmates, friends and family.

After the reading everyone enjoyed juice and cookies. The students also signed each other's autograph books. The students' poems are being used for an academic service learning project.

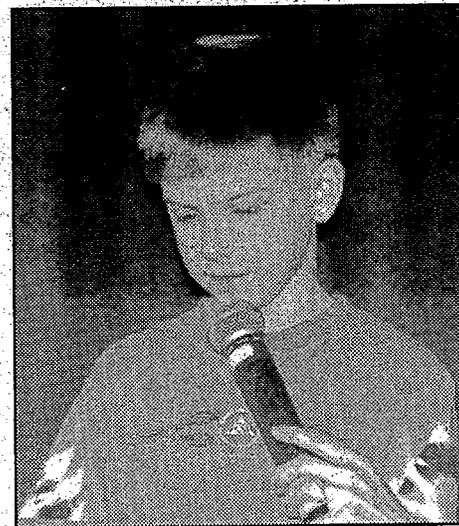
Birkett-Brazier explained the second and third graders at Pine Knob are making "Bed-side Bags O' Fun for children visiting the Urgent Care Facility at McClaren Health Care Village. Also in the bags are flashcards, math games, spelling activities, and more.



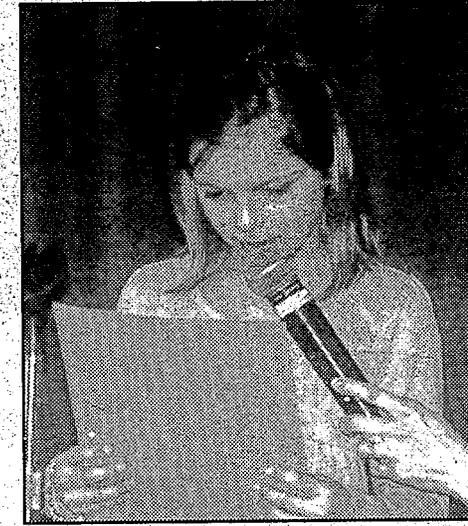
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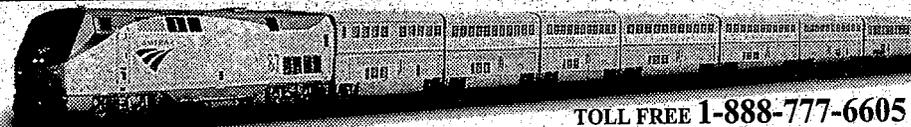


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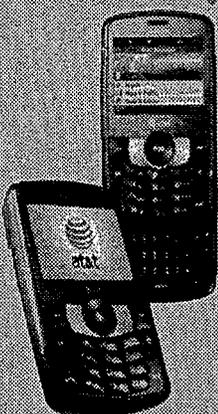


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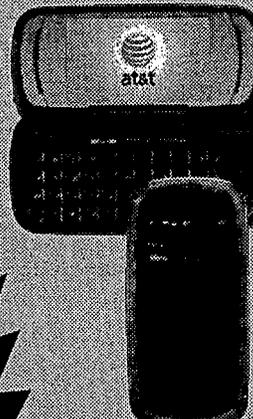
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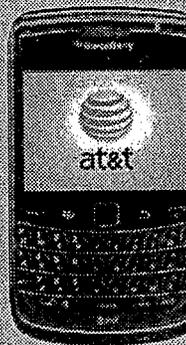
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Wolves face highs, lows in league play

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers walked to Monday's practice after watching the tape from the game against North Farmington.

Their heads were filled with mental notes they made while watching Friday's overtime loss, 42-40.

"We didn't play well," said Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "We played just how North Farmington wanted us to play."

The game was close but as the boys approached the last four minutes North Farmington had created a eight point gap.

Clarkston rallied and a few key baskets from Matt Kamieniecki narrowed the distance on the board quickly. After another basket from Kamieniecki and cheers from the fans, the team was one point behind.

Mitch Baezinger stood outside the arc and sunk a 3-pointer, then stuck again 22 seconds left in the game scoring on both of his two free throws.

North Farmington retaliated scoring a field goal and going to the line with three seconds left after a foul was called on Kamieniecki.

The Raiders scored on both ending the quarter, 38-38, putting the OAA Red game into overtime.

Tyler Scarlett scored after North Farmington's attempt went around the rim and out into the Wolves' hands with just over two minutes remaining.

The Raiders tied the score less than a minute later and pulled themselves into the lead after the scored two on the free throw line after a foul was called on Scarlett.

With only seconds left Nick Tatu aimed for his final shot and missed, ending the game 42-40.

"We came unprepared to play," said Fife. "We came and we let the other dictate the way the game is going to be played in our gym - that's not the way it should be. It's our will against someone else's will. If we are not invoking our will, we will get outplayed. We revoked our will and that's not who we are."

Fife couldn't foretell how the loss will effect the team for the rest of the season.

"We will find out," he explained. "Losing can be a great thing for a program, but we will find the essence of it."

Kamieniecki led with 14 points and Tatu scored 11.

High scorers for the Raiders were Robert Hogans, 19, and Kyle Vinales, 11.

The Wolves hit a high point earlier in

the week when they beat Southfield to take the lead in the OAA, 61-54.

"It was a good game," Fife commented. "We played against Carlton Brundidge, a Divison I kid going to Michigan. We did a good job on their guards. We did what we had to do."

Fife pointed out a few key aspects for the game was Tatu shot the basketball well, the team shot their free throws well, and Scarlett did a good job guarding Brundidge.

"It's the first time through the system we are playing these teams," Fife noted. "We are playing them at home, winning like we are supposed to and protecting our turf."

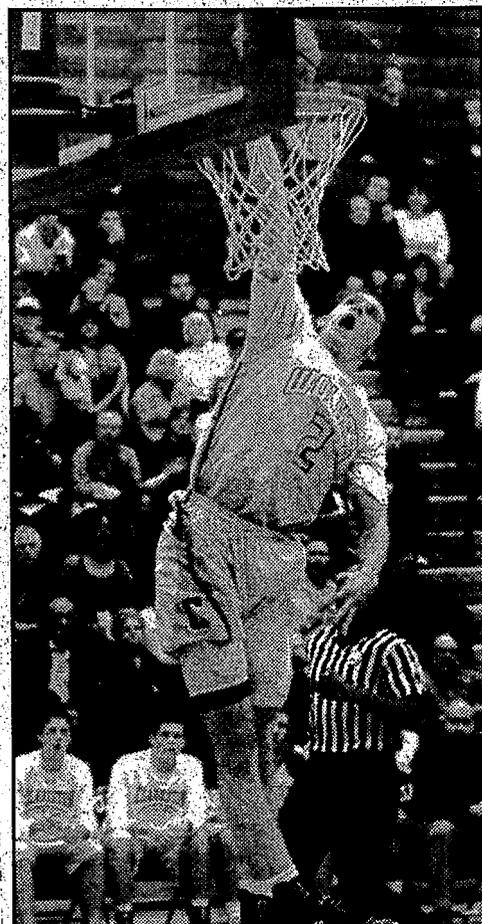
Kamieniecki was the leading scorer, with 17 point eight rebounds and two assists. Scarlett finished the night with 15 points. Brundidge led the Bluejays with 20 points.

The boys have one game this week and host Avondale on Friday.

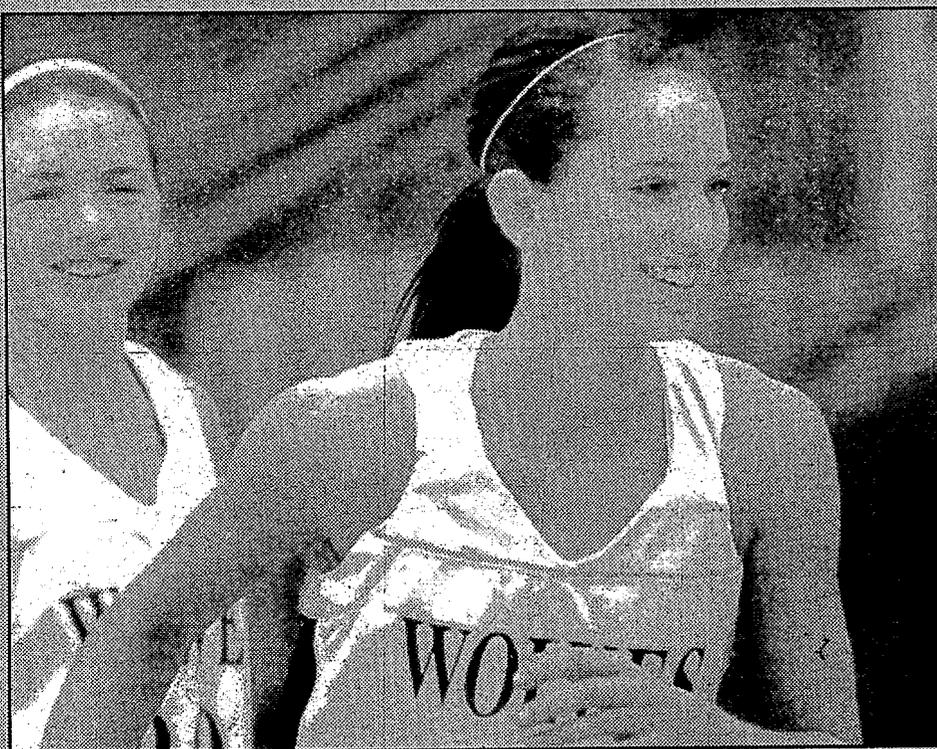
"I don't know what it's like for Avondale," Fife admitted. "We have struggled because we are having an identity crisis. It's been coming for a while. It just hadn't happened."

The loss to North Farmington brought the boys overall record to 7-2.

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



Matt Kamieniecki leaps to score in Friday's game. Photo by Larry Wright



Athlete of the Week

Manilla adds flavor to the court

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Anna Manilla reached out her long arms to her sides and kept her watch on the Pontiac player steadily bouncing the ball towards Clarkston's basket.

The opposition moved forward and Manilla and teammate Megan Hastings quickly reacted. They reached their hands up, blocking the player from making a shot and causing her to lose possession.

Mostly known for her defensive moves, Manilla was the high-scorer in the varsity team's game against Davison on Jan. 19, posting 10 points and 11 rebounds.

"She had a very good week," said Tim Wasilk, head coach. "She played extremely hard and she competed."

He also noted the sophomore has continued to show improvement throughout the season.

"She is a focused player, a hard worker in practice, and a good leader for us."

Manilla joined the varsity team last year and began playing basketball when she was little.

"For a long time," she laughed. "I have been playing basketball with my family for a long time. I love the sport and it ran in the family, that's what got me started. I just kept going on my own because I like it."

Manilla plays volleyball and runs track in the spring season but she is more drawn to basketball.

"I like the team aspect, how we work hard and work together for our common goal," she explained.

She has a few more years until she goes to college and is keeping basketball open as an option for the future.

She plans to study medicine or science when she goes to college and is going to take a biology class next year.

"I love biology," she said.

Manilla currently holds a grade point average and spends her time with family and friends when she is not studying, playing sports, or coaching future players at Horizon Floors.

Her advice for young Lady Wolves is, "always work your hardest, no matter what."

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Lady Cagers fire up second half

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves returned to the basketball court after half-time with a determined look in their eyes as they faced Pontiac last Thursday.

With the home team nine points behind on the board Megan Hastings closed the gap by sinking a field goal at the beginning of the second quarter.

The Wolves put all their elements of defense and offense together and held control of the game. They kept Pontiac to a mere ten points as they scored 15 by the time the buzzer sounded ending the quarter.

Pontiac caught on to Clarkston's plan and came back to win the game, 50-32.

"We had a nice third quarter," said Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk. "The first half we didn't come out ready to play. It was seen in our energy and communication on the floor. We struggled."

Wasilk noted the difference between the halves was from the talk in the locker room.

"We just tried to talk to them about playing focused, playing intense and playing Clarkston basketball," he said.

Hastings led the team with 12 points. Anna Manilla and Kaleigh Kenny scored six points.

Angela Bursey led Pontiac with 15 points.

JV beat Pontiac, 51-42.

The girls lost to Davison on Jan. 19, 47-42.

"We were focused and it made a difference," said Wasilk.

Anna Manilla led with 11 points and ten rebounds. Delaney Kenny had ten points for the night.

"We played with a lot of energy and a lot of communication. It was our best defensive game, so far, this year."

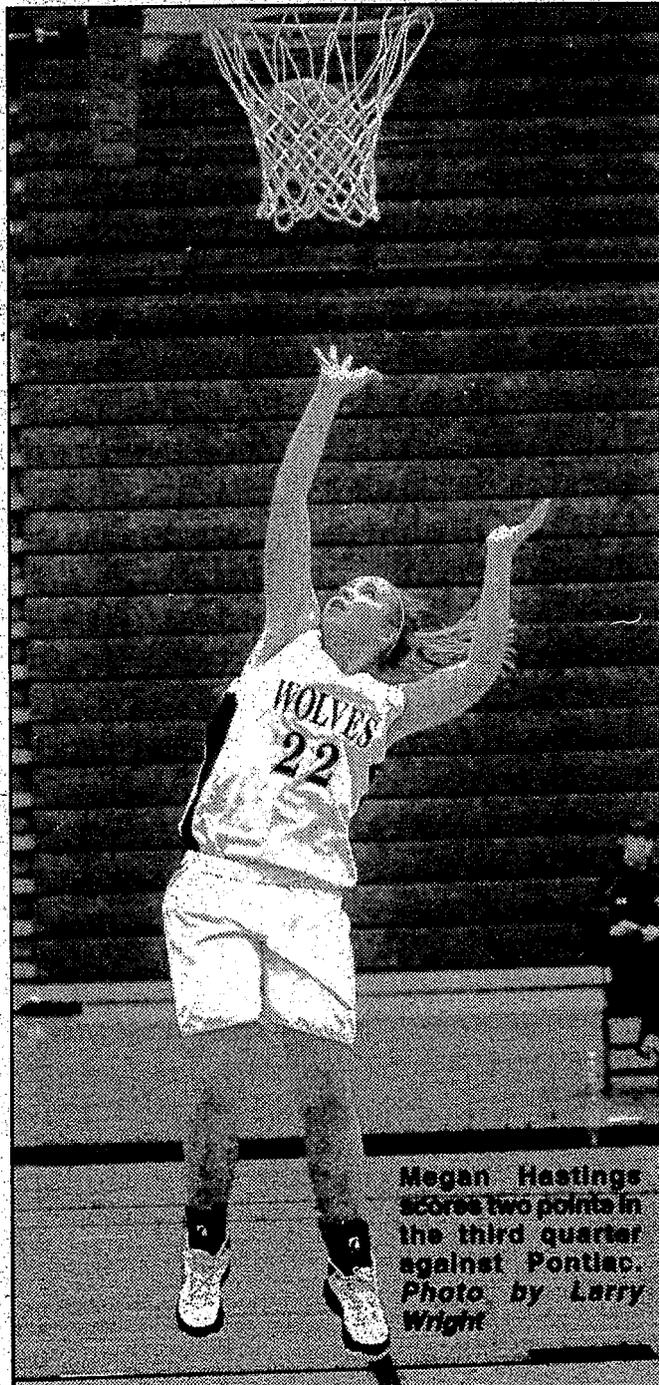
Wasilk was proud of the girls holding back the Lady Cardinals since most of Davison's players are returners from last year's District Champions team. They also have a player going to Central Michigan University.

They played Lake Orion on Tuesday and head to West Bloomfield on Friday.

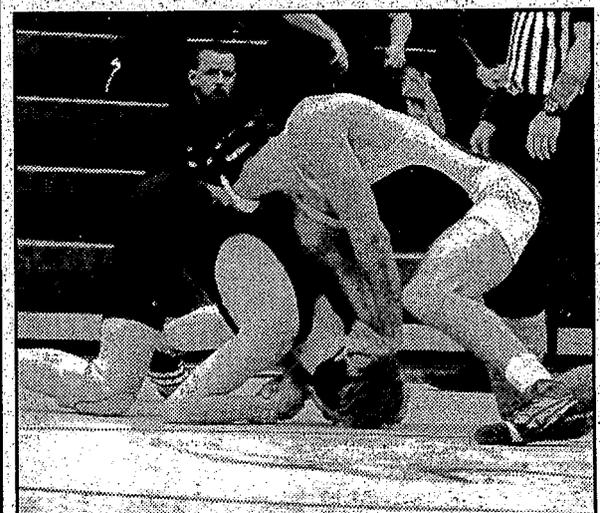
The girls beat West Bloomfield in December and are looking get another win against the Lady Lakers.

"We have a good team," said Wasilk. "We are pretty tough when we come ready to play. Our girls know on game day they need to flip the switch and go after the win."

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



Megan Hastings scores two points in the third quarter against Pontiac. Photo by Larry Wright



Evan King focuses on holding his opponent to the mat. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wrestlers focus on state finals

Grapplers faced a hard loss after finishing their dual meet at Detroit Catholic Central last Wednesday, 47-16

The Detroit Catholic Central team had already scored 23 points on Clarkston by the time Ty Foltz stepped onto the mat.

He quickly went into action taking on Charlie Joseph in the 135-pound weight class. Once Foltz got into position he took Joseph down with 25 seconds remaining in the first period.

Matt Deitz was next on the mat and won by decision against Justin Melick, 2-0.

"They both beat ranked wrestlers," said Wrestling Varsity Head Coach Joe DeGain. "They wrestled very well to do so."

Evan King (160) won his match, 4-3, and Matt Vandermeer (171) won his with a major decision, 10-1.

The boys host a Quad meet on Wednesday and will wrestle Troy-Athens and West Bloomfield.

They head to Waterford-Kettering on Saturday for Macomb/Oakland duals, beginning at 9 a.m.

Grapplers are focusing more on the post-season as District Finals for the team and for the individuals are just around the corner. They are using the meets to prepare.

~Wendi Reardon



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Icers fit to be tied in the rink

BY JEFF TURNER

Special to The Clarkston News

Clarkston played two and a half periods of winning hockey in Saturday's matchup against Stoney Creek. Unfortunately, hockey games are three periods, so the Wolves had to settle for a 4-4 tie with the Cougars.

Leading 3-1 halfway through the third, Clarkston (6-7-2) failed to close out the Cougars, giving up three goals in the final seven and a half minutes.

"We stopped skating and stopped playing in the third," lamented Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier, "Everything that could go wrong went wrong, and that can't happen if we're going to be a successful team."

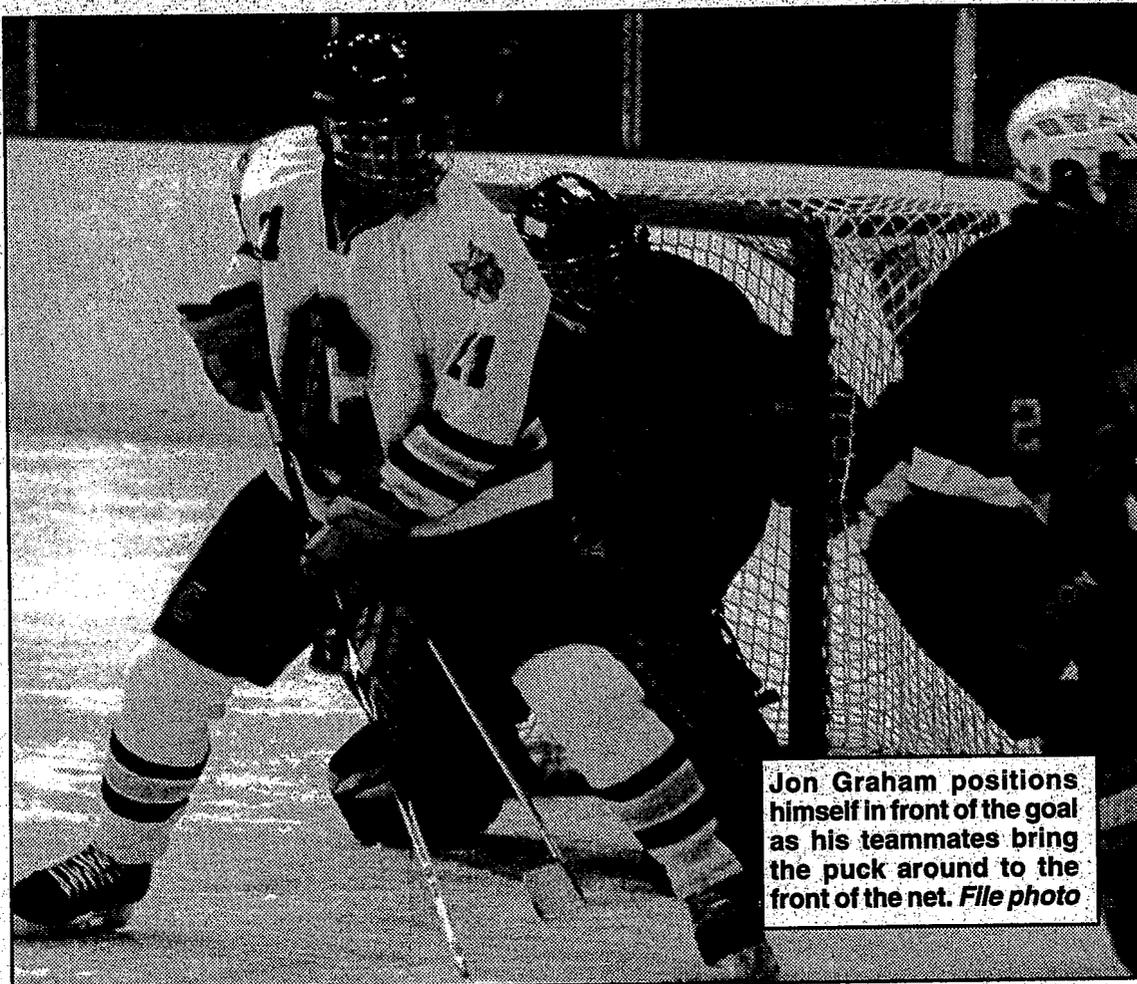
After surging out to a 2-1 lead at the first intermission, the Wolves appeared to put the game away twice in the third.

The first coming with 13:58 remaining when sophomore Brad Pizzey scored off a deflection to give Clarkston a 3-1 lead. Stoney Creek fought back, despite going short-handed with eight minutes left.

Halfway through the Clarkston power play, Stoney Creek senior Adam Ekl stole an errant pass and beat Clarkston goalie Troy Fasseel, eligible for the first time this week, on a breakaway to score his second goal of the game, cutting the lead to a goal at 3-2.

Following the goal, Clarkston attempted to put the game away for the second time, when Connor Hughes scored just 63 seconds after the Stoney Creek goal to push Clarkston's lead to 4-2.

For the second time, the Wolves couldn't close out the Cougars. As Joey Zarantonelle scored off the



Jon Graham positions himself in front of the goal as his teammates bring the puck around to the front of the net. File photo

backhand with four minutes remaining, Cougars followed 36 seconds later by a second chance goal from Chris Jetts. He caught Fasseel out of position and tied up the game.

Clarkston had opportunities to win the game in the final minutes, as Stoney Creek had a penalty in their own zone with 22 seconds left. The Wolves couldn't capitalize and the game ended in a tie.

"We got a point tonight (as a result of the tie), but we should

have won," said Krygier. "We had the game wrapped up, and we let them back in it."

Jon Graham and Jack Schlau both scored in the first period to give the Wolves a 2-1 lead at the intermission.

Clarkston goalie Fasseel became eligible for the first time this week, after transferring from Lake Orion this past year.

He made 25 saves on 29 shots. Krygier said he plans to continue

rotating goalies.

Earlier in the week, the boys tied their game against Birmingham Unified, 2-2.

Nick Heinrich and Dillion Drayer scored the goals. Fasseel made 21 saves and the boys had 25 shots on goal.

The Wolves are back in action on Thursday, as they travel north to take on Port Huron Northern at McMorran Arena.

Snow racers keep lead on mountain

The boys varsity ski team continues their undefeated record.

Grant Huber led the pack as he took fourth place in the Giant Slalom against Rochester Adams and Notre Dame Prep on Jan. 13.

Brent Vanitallie finished in sixth and Alex McIntosh and Lance Holsbeke finished in the top 20. The boys defeated Adams, 27-49, and Notre Dame Prep, 26-49.

Huber was leader in the boys Giant Slalom against Bloomfield Hills Andover and Rochester last Thursday. He finished sixth at :39.60 and Venitallie in eighth.

McIntosh finished :40.92 in 13th. The boys beat Andover, 33-42, and Rochester, 26-51.

The girls were also undefeated. They beat Rochester Adams, 34-39, and Notre Dame Prep, 36-37.

Analicia Honkanen took first place, finishing in :37.97 and Kelly Peters finished at :37.99 to take second.

Peters led the girls against Andover and Rochester last week. She finished in first and Honkanen in third.

The girls beat Andover, 37-38, and Rochester, 21-62. Both teams take on Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Waterford United this week, on Tuesday and Wednesday at Pine Knob.

- Wendi Reardon

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Dentist makes Clarkston his home

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Dr. Robert J. Opie, DDS, treats patients the old fashioned way – as individuals.

"We put patients' best interests first," said Dr. Opie, associate dentist with Dr. Bruce P. Mercado, DDS, in Independence Township. "We offer very personalized care, very individualized – not with a factory feel."

Opie joined Dr. Mercado's practice part time in 2007, expanding to 4-5 days a week last year.

"We have a similar philosophy of care – build relationships with patients with personalized care," Mercado said. "We get to know them."

Both doctors are from Rochester, Opie graduating from Rochester High School in 1999. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 2003, and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from New York University in 2007.

Just before graduation, Jim Opie, his uncle and patient of Dr. Mercado's, put in a good word for his nephew.

"He called me and asked if we needed another dentist," Mercado said. "I was thinking of mentoring another dentist, so I said to have

him come by. We hit it off from the beginning."

"Patients just love how friendly and personable he is – he has a great rapport with patients," said Kathy Browe, business manager. "He's a great fit with staff and patients, a great addition to the office."

Dr. Opie was looking to return to Michigan after graduation, particularly Oakland County where he grew up.

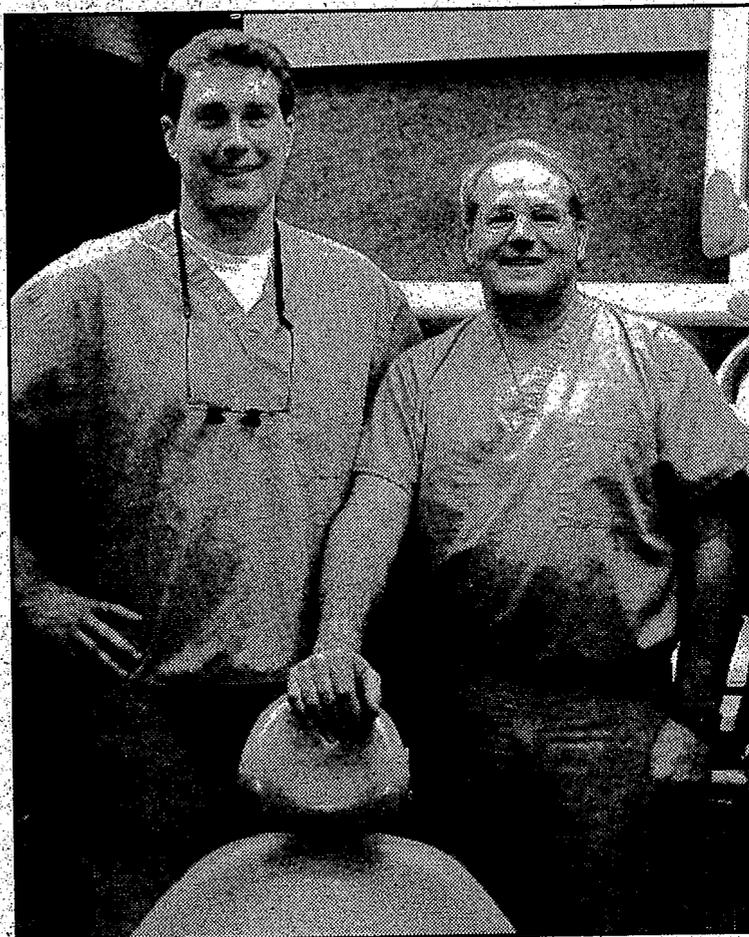
"I'm a boater, a lake person," he said. "And it's close to family."

He is an active member of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and volunteers with SCAMP and other community activities.

"I really enjoy Clarkston," said Opie, who is open to more volunteer opportunities. "It helps me acclimate to the community and form stronger bond with patients."

Dr. Opie offers full dental services for the whole family. His hours include Mondays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; one Saturday a month during the school year.

For more information, call the office at 6445 Citation Drive, Suite A, at 248-625-5000 or check www.brucemercadodds.com.



Dr. Robert J. Opie and Dr. Bruce P. Mercado offer full dental services in Independence Township. Photo by Phil Custodio

Leo's to donate to Red Cross for Haiti relief

Leo's Coney Island, 6325 Sashabaw Road, hosts a fundraiser for Haiti through the Red Cross, Monday, Feb. 1. Ten percent of all proceeds will be donated.

For more information, call 248-620-5122.



Leo's Gang at the Independence Township Leo's Coney Island hosts a fundraiser for Haiti, Feb. 1

Business News

John Bowman Chevrolet welcomes Mark Chojnowski, formerly of Saturn of Clarkston, in new car sales.



"We're proud to have him here," said Al Hall, sales manager. "We look forward to having him take excellent care of his customers, as he did at Saturn."

"I'm happy to be here, and glad to stay with the community and the GM product line," said Chojnowski, who has lived in Clarkston for the past 25 years. "I like Clarkston. It's a good place to raise kids."

He offers a \$10 gas card to his returning Saturn customers. For more information, call John Bowman Chevrolet, 6750 Dixie Highway, at 866-293-7809.

Clarkston resident Jeffrey Thennisch was recently selected as one of Michigan's Super Lawyers.



Thennisch

Thennisch, shareholder with Dobrusin Thennisch, PC, made the Michigan Super Lawyers magazine list for the third consecutive year.

He specializes in intellectual property law, concentrating on patent, trademark, copyright, unfair competition, anti-counterfeiting, entertainment and advertising law.

He completed his undergraduate education at General Motors Institute in Flint, in 1990, and received a Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from Northern Illinois University College of Law.

Tara Williams of Clarkston earned Excellent Beginnings Program Achiever honors with *lia sophia*.

Alati Chiropractic open in new place

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

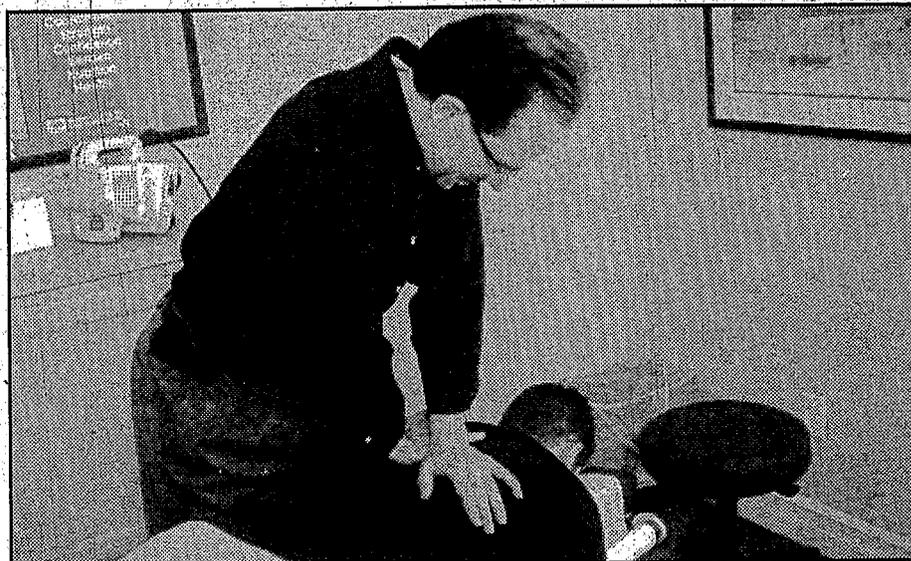
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"Everybody would like to own their own building and be able to be in control of it and that's a big reason right there," said Alati, opening a new location in Independence Township. "Along with expansion, having more room, then location, it just added up to all of those things — it was time to get out of there."

Alati said he had a "healthy practice" since he had started, but as the economy took a turn for the worse, he noticed a slow down in client and foot traffic.

He originally wanted to stay in Springfield Township because his former company name was "Springfield Chiropractic," but when he saw his future new location at 7590 Dixie Highway, he figured he was only a "stone's throw" away from Springfield.

"In my wildest imagination of owning my own clinic one day, I couldn't have dreamed of owning anything this nice," he said.



Dr. Alati adjusts a patient. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Alati purchased the building in May of 2009, moved and opened in September. He is a 1986 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa and has been practicing for 24 years.

"I have three cousins that are chiropractors. I worked with one of them who had a practice in Highland, worked

there for a year prior to opening my own practice in Springfield in 1988."

Alati said education of his patients is "extremely important" as it relates to their spinal health and how that affects their overall health.

For more information call 248-625-7100 or visit www.alatihealth.com

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He joined the studio in 2001, and was tasked with leading Skidmore's transition and diversification of its client base and overall strategic services.

Smith, 46, is a long-time resident of Clarkston, along with his wife Colleen and two sons Hayden, 16 and Harrison, 14.

He has been active in the community schools, a former leader of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and has been actively involved with the community youth sports programs for both the Independence Parks and Recreation as well as The Clarkston Soccer Club.



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Bowlers strike hard at county tournament

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

The boys varsity bowling team finished in third during the Oakland County tournament during the weekend.

"The guys did very well," said Coach Rodney Pierson. "The team really came together and Chris Benedict and Mike Stonicki really stepped up."

Nick Cooper placed second in the top 25 individuals for the boys team for scoring a 712 series and won an award for his performance.

Stolnicki placed in 11th and Paul Anderson in 12th, both bowled a 673 series. Anderson also scored 270 in one of his games, winning a high game award.

The boys qualified for the match plays after scoring 4,082 in three Baker and three regular games. They took second place out 31 schools behind Farmington-Harrison.

The boys defeated Milford, 415-374. They tied with Holly in the quarterfinals, both scoring 404. The team beat the Bronchos in a roll-off, 176-166.

They took third place after losing to South Lyon 467-394. The boys defeated Ferndale on Wednesday, 19-11.

"We came from behind," said Pierson. "We were down 10-0 after the first few games."

During the game Cooper shot a 299.

"The boys have been focusing on spares and understanding the importance of spares," said Pierson. "They are beginning to gel as a team. Because we lost so many starters it took a little bit of time."

They girls also defeated Ferndale, 28-2. Stephanie Lavelly bowled a 223 in her first game and a 374 for the series.

The girls are currently undefeated in the conference and have a chance to win it.

They qualified for the match play round after placing eighth in the top 16, but lost the first round to Farmington-Harrison.

The JV boys beat Ferndale, 26-4. Brian Billups had a 341 series and Kyle Kirby bowled a 186 in his first game.

The varsity team have the Tri-County Invitational on Saturday at Five Star Lanes in Troy.

"Both teams can do very well," said Pierson. "It looks promising for both teams. They have the potential to do well."

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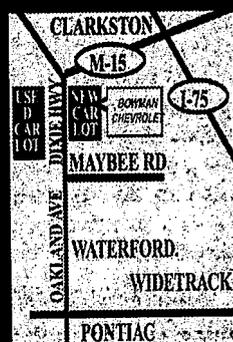
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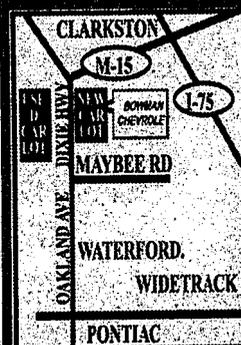
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People Poll

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What do you love about Clarkston?



"It's a nice friendly community and a great place to raise a kid."

- Mike Tynan



"I like how the community rallies around the kids, especially in sports."

- Carol Foos



"Basketball games, the schools and the people."

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"I like the Friday night basketball pizza parties (held after the game)."

- Jim Rodgers

By Wendi Reardon

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Oakland County Commissioner Thomas F. Middleton, left, county board Chairman Bill Bullard, Jr., right, and Sixth Judicial Circuit Judge Michael D. Warren, Jr. present Brooke Huisman with Patriot Week essay award and certificate. Photo provided

Essay earns young writer county honor

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After hearing about a audio essay contest while she was in history class, Brooke Huisman knew she wanted to give it a try.

"It sounded like the right opportunity," she said. "So I decided to go for it."

The essay was the winner for the contest the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Michigan in Oakland County was sponsoring for Patriot Week 2009.

"I was kind of shocked," she said after hearing the news. "I was honored."

When her history teacher passed out the flier during class, Huisman went to work writing and preparing for her audio essay.

The Clarkston Junior High School freshman had to discuss "What must my generation sacrifice to preserve our liberties and freedoms."

"I elaborated further on the theme and went into some of the founding principles of our na-

tion and the constitution," she explained.

The essay could be used based on opinion but she used information she previously learned in history classes to make her opinion carry more weight.

Huisman had entered speaking contests before, but not an audio essay contest. She admitted it was easier because the presentation was less important.

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Around Town

Home Buying Seminar, 6:30-8 p.m., Feb. 11, Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Free. Home professionals Tom Daigle, Fran Huges, Steven Craft, and Joe the Home Inspector will cover the entire process, from pre-approval to moving in. 248-623-1234.

Red Cross blood drive, 1-7 p.m., Feb. 11, Clarkston Speciality Health Care Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments, call Cindy Harper at 248-674-0903.

Genealogy HELP workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Feb. 13, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Bring info and researchers will provide individual and small group help. Free, sponsored by Clarkston Historical Society, Independence Township Library, Sashabaw Plains Daughters of the America Revolution. Register at 248-625-2212.

Cupids and Canines, 12-3 p.m., Feb. 13, Camp Bow Wow, 6374 Sashabaw Road. Canines Companions Rescue Center dog adoption event. Donations accepted. 248-620-9663.

Valentine's Dinner and movie Fireproof, hosted by First Baptist Church of Clarkston, 5 p.m., Feb. 14, Indianwood Golf and Country Club, 1081 Indianwood Road, Lake Orion. \$25. Register by Feb. 1 at 248-625-3380.

Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 20, Campbell-Richmond Post 63 of the American Legion, 8047 Ortonville Road. Elk, deer, walleye, wild turkey, bison, other wild game. \$20. 248-625-9912.

Night at the Races, 8 p.m., Feb. 20, Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. Wooden reindeer sponsored by local businesses race to benefit Christmas In Action. \$20. 248-625-4711.

Optimist Family Bowling Party, 1-4 p.m., Feb. 21, Cherry Hill Lanes, 6697 Clarkston Road. Bowling and pizza. \$10. 248-561-5974.

Sadie Hawkins Prom, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Feb. 27, Campbell Richmond American Legion Aux-

Local author to present autobiography

Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society hosts Clarkston author Jack C. Mason's presentation on his biography "Until Antietam: The Life and Letters of Major General Israel B. Richardson, U. S. Army," 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7.

Mason wrote a historical account the general, who served in the Seminole and Mexican wars, and trained and led the Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.



Mason

His lecture will be at society's one-room schoolhouse, 405 Cesar Chavez, Pontiac. It will be followed by a tour of the Wisner House. Autographed copies of Mason's work will be available. Admission is a \$10 donation to the society. Call for advance reservations, 248-338-6732, or e-mail office@ocphs.org.

iliary Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$20/couple. 248-802-3605.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 6 p.m., March 13, Paint Creek Country Club, 2375 Stanton Road, Lake Orion. Entertainment, dinner, silent auction, raffle. \$55. 248-622-6096.

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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Co-Creating Healthy Families, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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

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

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

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

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

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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— Wendi Reardon

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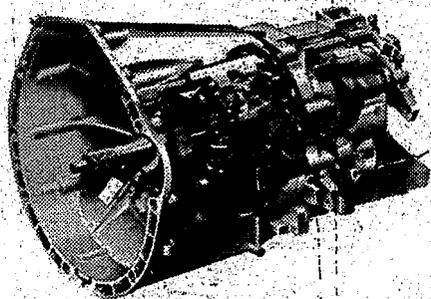
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Milestones



Harts celebrate their 60th

Jim and Mona Hart of Clarkston were married on Feb. 11, 1950, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Flint. They have one child, Kirk.

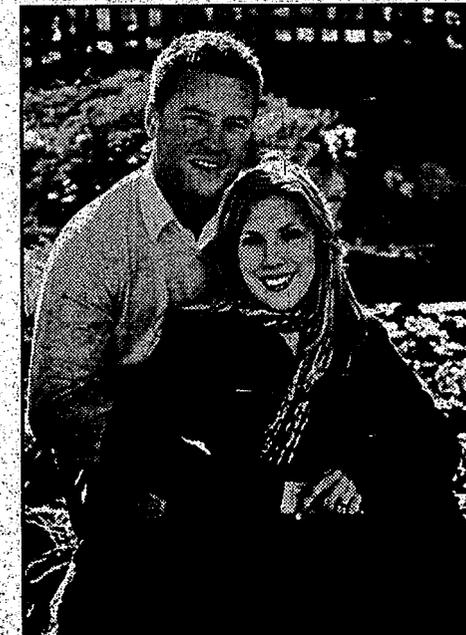
Jantzen-Kittle

Polly Jantzen and George Jantzen of Clarkston and Montana, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cate Owen Jantzen, to Paul Michael Kittle, son of Pat and Kim Kittle of Clarkston.

Cate is a graduate of Marian High School, Bloomfield Hills, and Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Paul graduated from Clarkston High School, and Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Cate and Paul met while working in Southfield, soon to realize they were both from Clarkston. Paul proposed to Cate after arranging a "treasure hunt" to special spots in Clarkston, including Rudy's Market, for clues, ending where Paul and the engagement ring were waiting!

Cate and Paul will marry in May 2010 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. They will reside in Michigan.



Paul and Cate

Got a Milestone to share?

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Religion

Disaster strips away everything but God

It has been two weeks since the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The devastation and human loss is measured in numbers and beyond description.

As of this writing there are well over 100,000 killed and so many more injured. The number of those homeless and without basic necessities of food, water, shelter and medical care remains at catastrophic levels.

All this is in the poorest country in this hemisphere. There is no infrastructure able to meet the needs this disaster without help from the outside.

The outside is responding. The list of organizations providing help is long and important.

Our financial support for those in need is critical. I encourage you to find a relief agency and offer what you can to offer hope for those in need.

Haiti has a special connection with United Methodists in Michigan. We have a covenant relationship with Haiti. United Methodists from Michigan have been going to Haiti for years to assist in mission and ministry.

A mission team of Michigan United Methodists were there when the earthquake hit. They have now all finally safely returned home. More trips are being planned.

Our church is a collection site for inexpensive health kits

you can make at home. Those simple supplies will be delivered to be given to those affected by the earthquake. Information on how to make those kits can be found on our church web site at www.clarkstonumc.org.

Reports out of Haiti have told of human suffering but it has also given testimony of great faith. This past Sunday as congregations continued to bury the dead and care for the living, they sang songs of praise. Some from the outside might wonder how that could be possible.

When all is taken from you and life is precarious at best, why would you give God thanks? It is because you still have life. You still have hope.

It is because you know after everything else is gone; the only thing that remains is God.

This God is not standing off far away. This God is not rejoicing in the power of the earthquake.

God is instead in the midst of the lives of those so afflicted. God is receiving the ones who have died and weeping with those who grieve.

God is stirring the hearts of those who will be the hands and feet and hearts of mercy.

How do we know? We know because we knew God before the earthquake. Join with those in Haiti who are praying and praising God today. They know something that is true. Perhaps as we assist them, they can teach us.

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

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Richard Dake

In our churches...

Beth Moore Bible study of Esther, Sundays beginning Jan. 28, 9:15-11:30 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Childcare available. Call Rev. Christine Wyatt, 248-625-1611.

Evening of fun activities, 7 p.m., Feb. 5, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Inflatables, snacks, games, fellowship for all. Free. 248-625-4644.

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.

Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

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

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Huisman plans future in medicine

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"It's not as nerve wrecking as getting in front of a lot of people and presenting it," she added.

She has entered the Optimist Oratorical contest and takes part of future problem solving competitions.

Huisman stays active afterschool with various activities including volleyball, the math team, German Club, forensics team, and plays the piano. She has her heart set on going

into the medical field.

"I have a lot of interest in it," she explained. "It's always evolving and I enjoy science and math. I think I would enjoy it."

She also likes to read and has read several memoirs and autobiographies of doctors. She is currently reading Kite Runner for her Language Arts class.

Her parents are Warren and Elizabeth. Brooke was honored at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners meeting on Jan. 20.

In our churches

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625-3288.

A Course In Miracles, self-study course removing blocks to awareness of love's presence. Study groups, Wednesday, 12 p.m.; Thursday, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Rainbows meetings, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. 248-625-1750.

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Unemployed Men's Community Support Group, Bridgewood Church, Compassion, prayer, encouragement, with networking, job search, skill development. 248-625-1344.



Smile of Week

Maya Girschner shows off here face-painting at the Cub Scout Pack 341 of Bailey Lake Elementary cut-a-thon held Jan. 15. Photo by Trevor Keiser.



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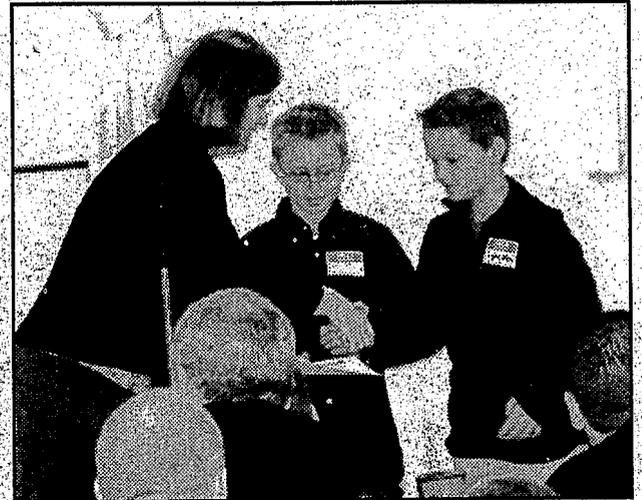
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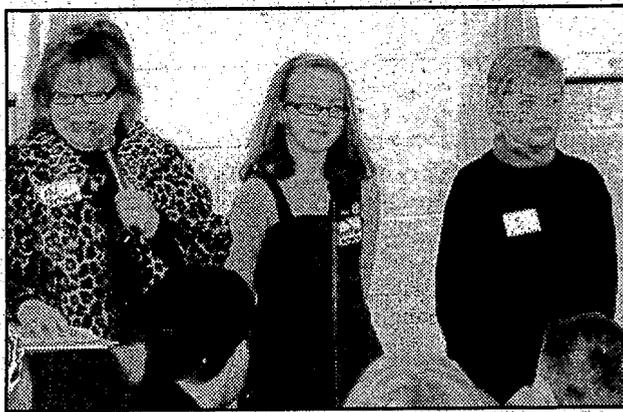
Andersonville Principal Bruce Martin introduces Jacob Aberlich and Rochelle LaChance.



Bailey Lake Principal Glenn Gualtieri, with Kristen Page and Adam Ihm.



Clarkston Elementary Principal Dana Pennanan congratulates Jacob Ryan and Logan Johns, right.



Pine Knob Elementary Principal Valerie Grimes, with Anne-Marie Dargay and Andrew Ross.

Optimists honor students

Clarkston Area Optimist Club honored 14 Clarkston-area students with Elementary School Awards, Jan. 20, at its Youth Appreciation Breakfast

"This is a very large honor," said Optimist Joan McCrary. "Principals choose students who most meet the Optimist Club Creed."

All seven Clarkston elementary school principals presented awards to the students, accompanied by their parents, grandparents, and siblings.

"This is a great way to start the day, spending time with the families we don't usually spend time with," said Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Glenn Gualtieri.

"There are 14 incredible kids here today - the best of the best," said Springfield Plains Elementary Principal Katherine Leh.

The Optimists will honor students grades 6-12 at their meeting next week.



Independence Elementary Principal Chris Turner, with Kelly Nickelson and Kole Gilbert.



Springfield Plains Elementary Principal Katherine Leh, with Alex Matisse and Emily Moore.



North S. shabaw Elementary Principal Debra Latozas presents honors to Joyce Lyman and Cam Conu.



The Optimist Club honored 14 students with Elementary School Awards. Photos by Phil Custodio

Time doesn't heal, questions might

A brand new patch of snow, no footprints, no slush, no ice. Hope to remember this moment as the transitions evolve, events take place, good comes and good leaves, new mysteries unfolding, new ways of realizing; life is one great big circle of ongoing events.

After all as Michiganders, we live in a state best known as the state of "Water Wonderland"—a good place to be as we evolve into balancing ourselves economically, emotionally, physically, spiritually and personally, better equipped to claim our abundance.

An inventory of sorts to go forth and overcome the setbacks to spring us forward after the winter passes.

It's just a timing thing, which reminds me of a song in yesteryear.

It's been said, time heals all wounds. Never worked in my world of experience, the only healer has been pain and suffering. The real challenge is letting go of the pain and suffering, now that takes effort, hard endurance, patience, fortitude and lots of forgiveness.

So, as for time heals all wounds, is a myth in my vocabulary. Much like saying, one can graduate from school and have no homework assignments to do.

Not in real life, not in school, not at the workplace, the home place or any place.

To forgive is to give up the suffering, not who or what caused of the suffering. Each of us can only account for who we are and how we navigate who we are being.

Guest viewpoint



By Maria Rotondo-Mark

If the truth is clouded, the sunshine is right behind it, if the darkness is puzzling, ask some questions even if the answers are not visible in the moment.

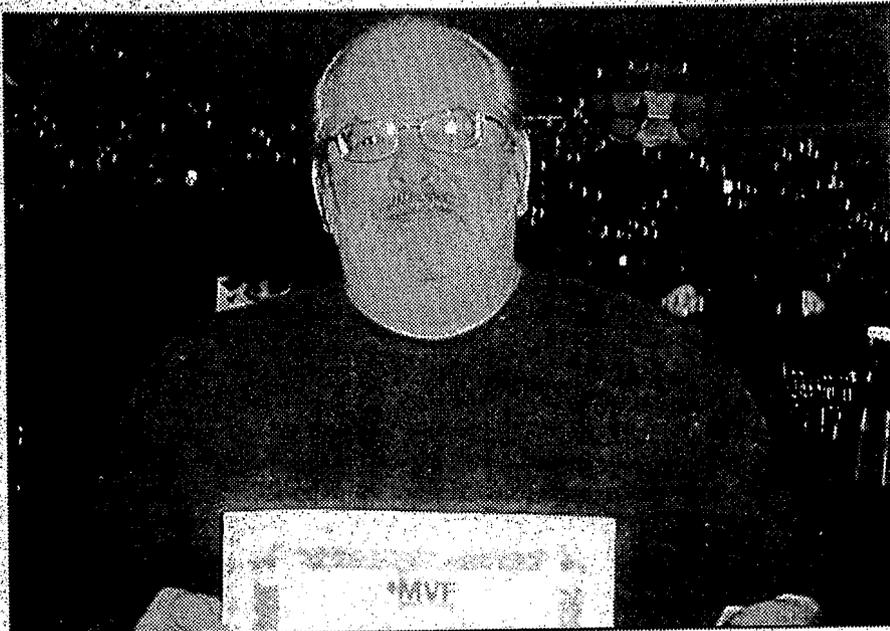
I seem to be searching for the profound and that could be; I've heard said happy harmonious journey. Now is that truth or fable?

Looking at my life it's been everything but harmonious ... I must truly appreciate adventure or just familiar with it.

I appreciate sharing my thoughts, much like the wind appreciates it's own breath.

Happy or sad, the journey keeps on changing and evolving, "it's all good."

Maria Rotondo Mark is a resident of Independence Township.



Honored for helping vets

Bill Bradley of Waterford, member of Chief Pontiac 377 Sons of the American Legion, Independence Township, recently received an award from the Michigan Veterans Foundation for Homeless Veterans. He was honored for food donations he makes, supporting the foundation's monthly luncheons. He and his wife, Kay, also donate time at the luncheons and programs, and have been active in the post for several years. Photo provided

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- Make-up artist for CBS soap opera stars
- Brittany has received training in London, England; New York; South Beach, Miami; Los Angeles, California

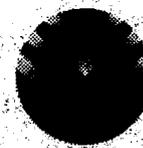
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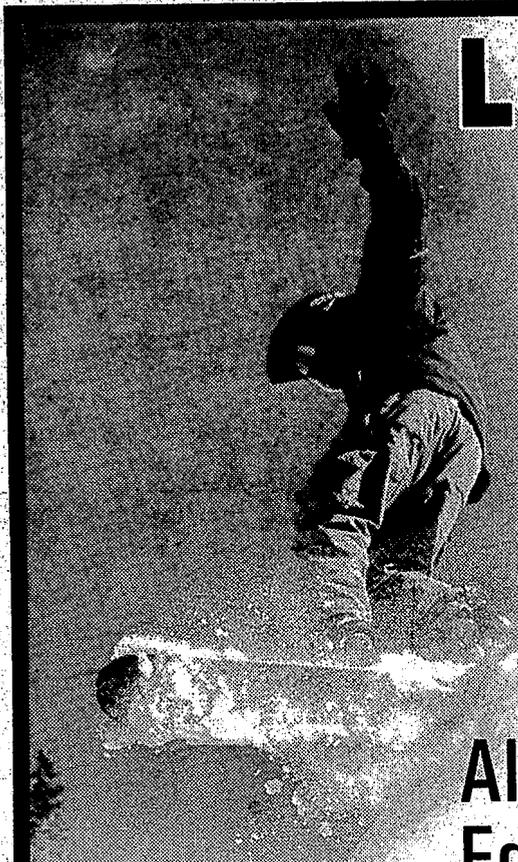
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High schoolers help Haiti, community

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School students walked around the hallways on Friday wearing something usually not allowed - hats.

It was a special day, for the low cost of \$1 students, teachers and staff members could wear a hat. All the money was collected and is going to help Haiti survivors after the country was hit by a devastating earthquake on Jan. 12.

"It's not just the kids, but the families and the PTSA got involved," said Aaron Dobson, LEAD Program Advisor and high school teacher. "The teachers donated as well. It was a collective effort."

The students counted the money and they had raised \$1,085 and Hollywood Market was going to double the total and make it \$2,170.

"We called Hollywood Market and they will match your donations to the Red Cross' Haiti relief fund," said sophomore Josh Pokrefky.

The week was also Wolf Pack Week, presented by the sophomore LEAD class. During the week the students participated in a spirit week with a twist, every day as the students dressed up in themed clothes they were also helping the community.

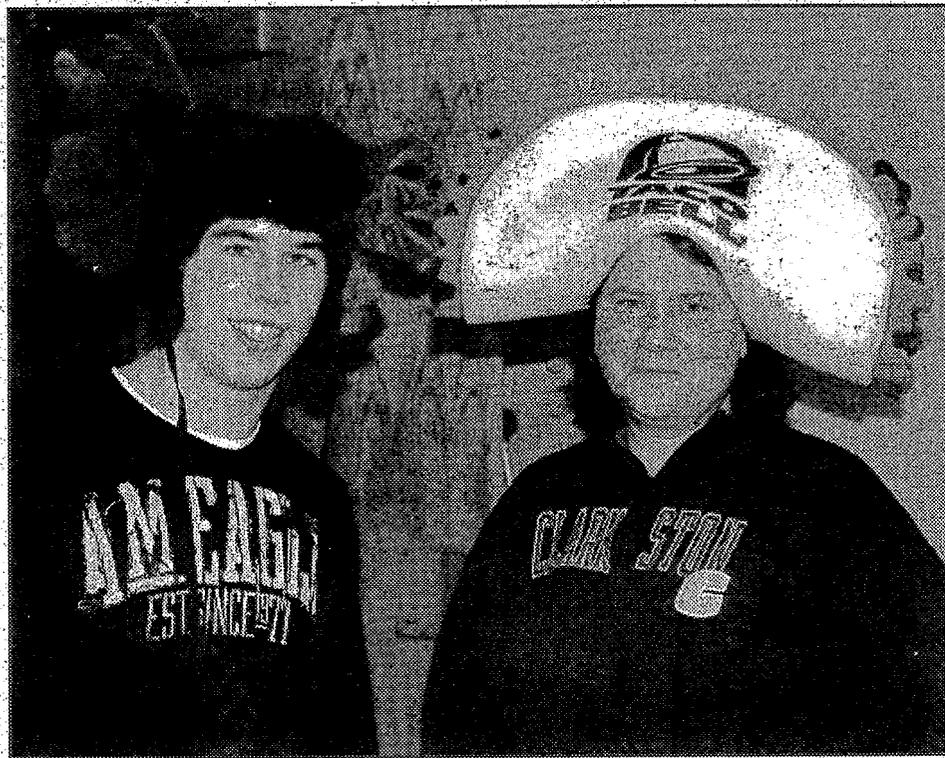
They decorated the school with posters to advertise the themes presented during the week and to get the school fired up with spirit.

Kelsey Smith explained the week started with Tie Dye Tuesday and the theme was for going green and recycling.

The students collected bottles and cans and money to go to the school's recycling program to go towards getting their paper recycling bin back. Another way they went green was by going paperless for one day.

The next day was Workout Wednesday and the focus was on healthy lifestyles. They also brought awareness to the athletic department and raising money for the weight room.

On Thrifty Thursday, the students wore bargain clothes. The class collected clothes on Thursday and Friday to go to a local cloth-



Ryan Brown and Daneen Kincaid wear interesting hats, for a good cause.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

ing closest that helps people in the community. By lunchtime on Friday they had a room full of clothes ready to be sorted and donated.

The class had everyone in the school write down their names on a piece of yellow paper, 1x1 inch big. They combined all of the pieces in a display case and spelled out "CHS."

"We put a bunch of pictures on the side of it," said Taylor Rogers. "The whole week was aimed at getting the whole school together as one."

"It turned out really good," said Pokrefky. The class had fun and realized they had a big impact on not only the community, but the world.

"We didn't know we could do that much,"

said Rogers. "Spirit week is usually local and within the school."

Every sophomore leadership class has to do a school project and this class topped them all.

"It is the most ambitious undertaking of a sophomore class. They did extremely well," said Dobson. "They really showed they are a good solid team. They impacted the school in a positive way."

The class has to reach out in a positive way while getting everyone involved.

"This is symbolic of it but also is the process of them learning how to do the projects," said Dobson. "The class is a mix of different kinds of kids and that is what we are all about and them connecting all the people in their school."

Obituary

Charles Kleine, 76

Charles Kleine of Pontiac passed away, Jan. 17, 2010, at age 76.

He was the brother of Norman (the late Grace) Kleine of Commerce Township; dear friend of Kim and Larry Miracle of Pontiac.

Mr. Kleine attended the First Baptist Church of Clarkston and retired from Pontiac Motors after 20 years of service.

Funeral service was Jan. 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Clarkston.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Thomas M. Stesney, 61

Thomas M. Stesney of Clarkston, formerly of Royal Oak, passed away, Jan. 10, 2010, at age 61.

He was the husband of Carolyn; proud and beloved father of Brenna and Nolan; dear brother of Mark (Nancy) Stesney; dear brother-in-law of Kathy Stesney; and son-in-law of Carl and Brenda DeSilva. He was preceded in death by his parents Dorothy and Edward Stesney, Sr., and brother Edward Stesney, Jr. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Scripture service was Jan. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorial Mass was Jan. 23 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Inurnment was Jan. 25 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials in Tom and Rosie's memory may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries updated at Clarkstonnews.com

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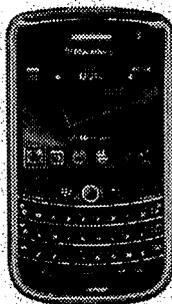
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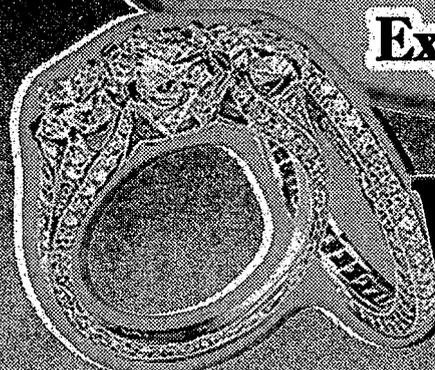
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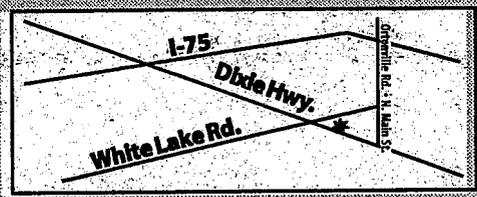
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For more information, call 248-625-8231.



Drums Alive includes plenty of movement, as students follow the instructor's lead. Photos by Phil Custodio

Calendar of events

Advanced Screening and Wellness, 12:30-5 p.m., Jan. 30, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Full blood lipid panel, CA 125 for ovarian cancer, other screenings. No need for physician referral. Registration required, 800-541-8110. Pick up flyer at senior activity center.

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. Call 248-625-8231 for appointment and list of 2009 financial papers required.

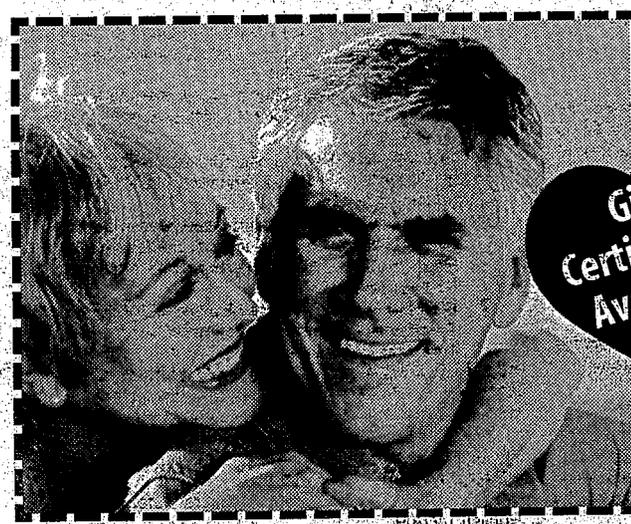
Evening Pickleball for Adults 50+, 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3 drop-in. 248-625-8231.

Introduction to Tai Chi for Adults 50+, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$50 for 10 weeks. Drop in, \$6. 248-625-8231.

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 24. Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$42 for 7 weeks. Drop in, \$4. 248-625-8231.

Zumba for 50+, Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Jan. 27-March 17. Hypnotic musical rhythms, tantalizing moves for exciting workout. \$48 for 8 weeks. Community Room, Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. 248-625-8231.

Basic Fly Tying, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 3-24. Learn "10 best flies" to catch fish. \$45/four wks. Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.



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chapter, 11 a.m., Tuesdays, Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. No special foods to purchase, reasonable rates, run by volunteers. 248-625-8231.

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

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

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, third Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.

Evening Line Dancing, Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Jan. 28-March 18. \$40/eight classes. Community Room, Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center, 4800 Clintonville Road. 248-625-8231.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
JANUARY 19, 2010

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Carson, Lohmeyer, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson,
Absent: Wagner
There was a quorum.
- The Agenda was approved as presented.
- The Public was given an opportunity to address the Board which opened at 7:31 p.m. and closed at 7:46 p.m.
- The Consent Agenda was removed to the end of the meeting.
- An update on the Sashabaw Road Improvement was presented by HRC and Carolee Workman
- The motion was approved to authorize attorney to draft sample ballot language for millages with and without Sashabaw Road Improvement disclosure and amendments necessary to revise TIF Plan.
- Approved Minutes of December 9, 2009
- Approved Minutes of December 15, 2009 and Minutes of December 21, 2009
- Approved motion to postpone approval of the Minutes December 21, 2009 to next regularly scheduled meeting
- Approved 2010 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule
- Approved Accounts Payable Check Run with the exception of Vadim payment
- The meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen,
Township Clerk

Published: 1/27/2010

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

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

Coffee House, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

Volunteering, Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, companionship-type, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, schools, 248-559-1147 ext. 3427.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan to hear the following appeals:

PUBLIC COMMENT
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 16, 2009
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

- Request by Howard O'Brien, 13560 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 for a variance, as required by Section 16.20.2 of Zoning Ordinance 26, to create from the combination of a 70+/- acre parcel and a 10+/- acre parcel, two new parcels consisting of a 50+/- acre main parcel (A), and a 29+/- acre secondary parcel (B) that includes a 1.5+/- acre access strip 110' wide by 650' deep from Davisburg Road. The secondary parcel (B) and access strip be in the subject of the variance request. The properties that are the subject of the variance request are located on the North side of Davisburg Road, west of Clemae and east of Eagle Road and both are zoned R1A Suburban Estates (2.5 acre) P.I. #07-18-176-005 and P.I. #07-18-251-001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk's Office until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk

Charter Township of Springfield

Published: 1/27/2010
STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2009-306, 667-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Robert Marquis Miller, Decedent. Date of birth: 12/11/1929
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Marquis Miller, who lived at 8475 Knox Rd., Clarkston, Michigan died 08/06/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Deborah Lee Miller-Riley and Cheryl Daly, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Council on December 14, 2009.

Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLVED by Inabnit, supported by Roth, "That the City of the Village of Clarkston request to Waive Recapture of Program Year 2007 CDBG funds in the amount of \$4,400 as follows:

- Clarkston Senior Center, \$4,400, Account 731696.
- ROLL:** Yeas - Arkwright, Roth, Brueck, Gawronski, Hunter, Inabnit

Nays - Hargis
Absent - None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the City of the Village of Clarkston City Council on December 14, 2009.

Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk/Treasurer

City Manager-Ritter said any approved request to "Waive Recapture of Funds" are set aside only one additional year from the date of approval.

Craig McCleod, Chairman of the Planning Committee, updated the Council on what they are trying to accomplish i.e. traffic control and crosswalks, Wayfinding signs and reviewing the zoning ordinances.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JANUARY 14, 2010

SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Trout

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Removed items f) and i) from Consent and placed on New Business.

Removed letter from Attorney Greg Need to Chief Oaks from Communication and placed on New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: December 10, 2009 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$320,098.49
- Accepted December Treasurer's Report
- Received December 2009 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Police, Fire and IT
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$142,947.06
- Amended Employee Handbook, Section II - Township Personnel Structure to add third paragraph addressing waiting/probationary period for elected officials
- Adopted Resolution Opposing Elimination of Local Control for Smart Millage Levy
- Authorized contribution to Andersonville Cemetery Association for 2009 budget in the amount of \$3,000
- Received Communications and placed on file

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance Codification Proposal Review: Discussed proposals
- Huron River Watershed Council Membership: Authorized membership in the amount of \$460.26 for 2010
- Proposed Soil Erosion Control Ordinance: Reviewed sample ordinance and discussed appropriateness for Township
- Clinton River Watershed Council membership: Authorized membership for 2010, cost not to exceed \$225
- SEMCOG Membership: Authorized membership for January 15, 2010 to January 15, 2011 in the amount of \$1555
- Fire Prevention Code: Discussed need to adopt Fire Prevention Code as a local ordinance and requested Township Attorney to prepare language for First Reading
- Budget Planning: Formed Budget and Finance Committee comprised of Township Supervisor, Treasurer Dubre and Trustee Vallad

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diana Walls, 8055 Margot, asked what happens to Township insurance when we have a municipal vehicles being used for personal use. Requested that Oakland County Road Commission post a handicap parking sign in Downtown Davisburg.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 p.m.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

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SUMMARY MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2009

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

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

Absent -

Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Ryan

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

Mr. Les Haight, 99 North Main, stated that the Clarkston News had an article regarding speeding in the downtown area. Mr. Haight would like this issue on the agenda every two weeks.

Mr. Bob Roth, 25 Madison Court, stated that the police gave his snow plowing man seven tickets while plowing snow in front of the Clarkston Mills. City Manager will find out why seven tickets were issued and get back with Mr. Roth with the answer.

Moved by Inabnit, second Roth to, "Approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the November 23 Council Minutes, Cash Disbursements 11/11-12/09/2009 General Fund \$49,197.24; Tax Fund \$15,042.61; Sewer Fund \$27,749.52; Payroll; Wire Transfer; DPW and Police monthly reports." Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED 2010 CDBG PROGRAM

7:08 p.m. Public Hearing opened by Mayor Arkwright - City Manager Ritter stated that the City has been given a \$8,000 CDBG Grant. This amount is the minimum given any community. We must comply with the regulations under HUD.

Mayor Arkwright closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

WHEREAS, the City of the Village of Clarkston has duly advertised and conducted a public hearing on December 14, 2009, for the purpose of receiving public comments, regarding the proposed use of PY2010 Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) in the approximate amount of \$8,000 and

WHEREAS, the City of the Village of Clarkston found that the following projects meet the Federal objectives of the CDBG program and are prioritized by the community as high priority need.

Account Number	Project Name	Amount
172160-732185	Clarkston Area Youth Assistance: Youth Service	\$1,000
172170-731227	Emergency or Minor Home Repair	\$4,600
172160-732185	Scamp	\$1,400
172140-730789	General Program Administration	\$1,000

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of the Village of Clarkston CDBG application is hereby authorized to be submitted to Oakland County for inclusion in Oakland County's Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents, agreements, or contracts which result from this application to Oakland County.

MOTION: by Inabnit, **SUPPORTED** by: Roth
Ayes: Roth, Hargis, Arkwright, Gawronski, Brueck, Hunter, Inabnit

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Janet C. Gillespie, the duly appointed clerk of the City of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, MI do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston at a meeting held on December 14, 2009, at which time a quorum was present.

Janet C. Gillespie

RESOLVED by Brueck, supported by Gawronski, "That the City of the Village of Clarkston request to Waive Recapture of Program Year 2007 CDBG funds in the amount of \$3,600 as follows:

- Clarkston Senior Center, \$3,600, account 731712
- Roll:** Yeas - Gawronski, Brueck, Inabnit, Roth, Arkwright, Hargis, Hunter

Nays - None

Absent - None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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The Oxford Leader - The Clarkston News - The Lake Orion Review - Ad-Vertiser - Penny Stretcher

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Penny Stretcher,
The Citizen

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030 WANTED

WANTED
JUNK CARS, TRUCKS
& SCRAP METAL
TOP \$ PAID
248-860-5799

LOOKING FOR

Repairable cars/trucks. Up to \$5,000 cash paid. Quick pick up. 810-724-7847, 810-338-7770. 11L284

WANTED: OLD FURNITURE that needs to be refinished. Call Gary at 248-625-0731. 11C2282

WANTED: Guns: Winchester, Colts, Savage. Top dollar paid. 248-628-7086. 11L82

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BUYING ORIGINAL, AUTHENTIC American Girl & Bitty Baby dolls & accessories. Prefer to buy groups of items. 248-217-5885. 11L74

CASH FOR JUNK & unwanted vehicles. Free pick up of lawn tractors, etc. 248-670-7417. 11L82

WANTED: JUNK AUTOS & Trucks. Will pay top dollar. 248-342-7280. 11C282

UNWANTED CARS, TRUCKS, Gas powered toys, and trailers. Any condition. Cash paid. 248-891-9308. 11L72

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, A1's and mopeds. Running or not. 610-338-6440. 11X234

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JUNK CARS & TRUCKS Wanted. Top dollar paid! 248-978-7944. 11L5012

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FIREWOOD DIMENSIONS: a full cord is 4'x4'x8' and 4'x2'x8' is half cord. A face cord is 4'x8'x16 and is 1/3 of a full cord. 11L344fdh

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WINTER SPECIAL: Dried stored seasoned hardwood. \$45/ facecord, 2 facecord minimum. \$5. delivery, get while it lasts. 248-968-1491 or 248-421-7841 11L54

HARDSCAPES has seasoned Cherry, Oak, Maple, Ash. 2 face cords delivered, \$125. 3 face cords, \$175. delivered. Receive 1 free bundle of kindling w/ each order.

248-431-8593

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090 AUCTIONS

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE. \$40 a face cord, 3 cord minimum. Free delivery. 15 mile radius. Call 810-630-8562. 11C2291

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R5226

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LX20-1f

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SAT. FEB. 6TH, 2010,
4:00p.m.
Stow-Away Storage
3060 Adventure Ln., Oxford
Unit #321, Jeff Gentry, Miscellaneous. Unit #68, Ashleigh Hauxwell, Household. Unit #317, Glenna Jones, Household. Unit #53, Robert Mitchell, Miscellaneous. Unit #334, Lindsay Pauley, Household. Unit #110, Jacqueline Rams, Appliance. Unit #20, Adam Sevener, Garage Items. Unit #337, Jessica Smith, Household. Unit #288, Anthony Zylinski, Household.

"CASH SALE"
\$100 cash deposit. Refundable when unit is cleaned out.

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110 GARAGE SALE

KINGSBURY SCHOOL is hosting a Mom2Mom sale on March 27th from 9am-noon. Seller spaces available. ayoung@kingsburyschool.org or 248-628-2571. 11L84

Mom2Mom Sale
SELL OR BUY
Gently used children's clothes, toys, furniture, etc.
Sat. 3/6/10, at CERC
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9am-1pm.
Rent a space for \$20
Adm. \$1
Benefits OAYA & CERC
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MOM2MOM SALE, Saturday March 20th. 9-noon. Good Shepherd Church, 1050 S. Baldwin, Lake Orion. Reserve space now to sell your gently used kids' clothes, toys and gear. \$20 includes table and large item space. Contact Catherine, 248-628-9849 or ctwaymaster@att.net. 11R82

DAVISON H.S. Spring Spectacular. April 17-18. For space 810-658-0440, or 810-868-8080. 11X244

130 HOUSEHOLD
ANTIQUE DROP LEAF table, \$150; antique flour box, (I used it as a coffee table) \$50.; Old railroad cart with glass top great coffee table \$50.; Call 248-628-5824 after 5:30 p.m. 11L224fdh

CALIFORNIA KING Mattress set, gently used, \$200 obo. 248-894-9199 11L72

RICH BROWN Bedroom dresser, wood head/ footboards, full size, oak vanity dresser with mirror. Please go to www.oxfordleader.com and check out pictures on the website classified page. \$75 obo. Call 810-636-3798 from 4-9pm. 11L44fdh

OAK DINING ROOM table with 18" leaf. Has parquet design table top, solid oak legs, 4 chairs, need some TLC or a chair doctor. See www.clarkstonnews.com and check out pictures on the website classifieds. This is a substantial piece of furniture, \$100 obo. Call 810-636-3798 from 4-9pm 11L24fdh

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120 CRAFT SHOWS
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130 HOUSEHOLD
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150 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
FLOOR MODEL Columbia Grafonola (Victrola). Crank it up and listen to those 78's. \$300. gets you the music box, lots of 78's and a magazine ad from 1919. Call 810-636-3798 from 4-9pm. Pictures online at www.oxfordleader.com. 11L11fdh

Ye Olde Stuff & Antiques Hot Coffee, seat by a fireplace & Lake Orion history awaits you. Then browse 7 rooms of antique & treasured Furniture, Pictures, & EVERYTHING in between. Downtown Lake Orion 20 E. Front / Wed-Sat 12-8

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10x12 STALLS, 4 board fencing, daily turnout & cleaning, safe family care. \$220. monthly. 248-379-3521. 11L83

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2001 SATURN SL1, 4 door, indigo blue, loaded, new tires, runs and drives excellent! \$3,400. OBO. 248-827-6929. 11X21712

2005 FORD FOCUS SES, 4 door, automatic, all power, 62,000 miles, excellent condition. Extended warranty. \$5,800. OBO. 248-626-9738. 11L7512

2003 FORD FOCUS wagon ZTW, black with tan interior, heated seats, trailer hitch, alloy wheels, great mileage, very clean 116,255 miles, \$4,500. 248-494-0668 11L748

1999 SATURN SC1, runs good. Satellite radio, CD player. 208K highway miles. New brakes, good tires. Red with gray interior. Great gas mileage! \$1,500. OBO. 248-884-1678. 11L2812

2006 PONTIAC SEDAN G6, 6-cyl V6. 29,811 miles, \$11,800. Excellent condition. 248-340-9242. 11L82

2008 CHEVY COBALT, 4dr, auto, all power, 19,000 miles, like new, no smoker, \$8,400 obo. 248-626-9738. 11L2812

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2004 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT, 4 door, loaded, heated seats, sun roof & more. Newer tires & brakes. 92,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$7,800. Ortonville, Goodrich area. 810-240-3400, 11X178

2001 HONDA ACCORD, 134,000 miles. 4cyl. 5 speed. Lots of extras. Asking \$4,650 or trade for pickup. 248-343-5815. 11C2712

2007 DODGE CALIBER SXT. Premium sound system, alloy wheels, power windows & locks, cruise control, A/C, blue, 4 door. \$9,200. 248-804-4287. 11X21312

1999 FORD Taurus, LX, 3.0 V6, automatic, A/C, PW/PL, am/fm cassette, aluminum rims, new tires and brakes, low miles, needs nothing. Southern car, excellent condition, \$3950. Clarkston 248-701-0088 11L274

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MECHANICS SPECIAL! 1996 Dodge Intrepid, 4-door, black. Sharp looking! Power windows & locks. 173,000 miles. Needs engine work. Driveable. \$600. OBO. 248-693-0424. 11L284

260 VANS

2002 PONTIAC MONTANA, 156,000 miles, 7 passenger, power locks, seats, mirrors. Slide door, rear window, front/rear air, trailer hitch, AM/FM/CD/DVD. Runs great. \$2,800 obo. 248-410-0645. 11L2511

2000 GMC SAFARI Mini van, AWD, loaded, running boards, 165,000 miles, looks and drives good, \$2,900 obo. 248-672-6225 cell/ 248-625-4601 home. 11C2912

270 TRUCKS

2001 MAZDA B2000 pickup, Florida truck, auto, full power, matching fiberglass cap, extra nice. \$5250. obo. 248-467-4670 11L254

2002 CHEVY S10 PICKUP Truck, extended cab, 4.3 V8 engine, 4WD. Many extras! Excellent condition. 71,000 miles. Front brakes recently replaced. \$8,545. Call 248-391-3271. 11R274

JEEP WRANGLER X 2005 Rocky Mountain Edition, 30,000 miles, excellent condition, extended warranty, 6cyl, automatic, silver with gray interior, \$14,500 248-218-2687 11L264

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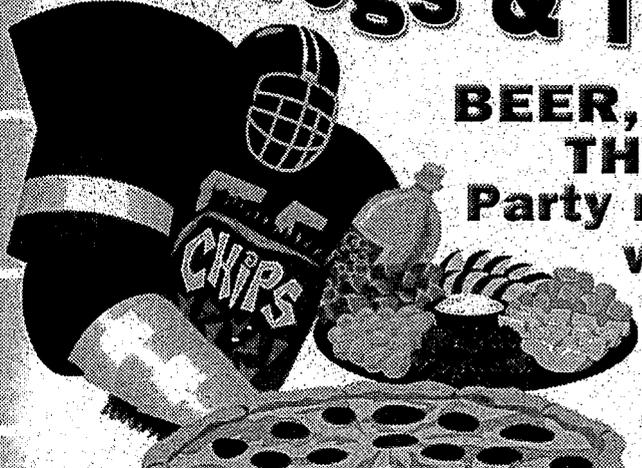
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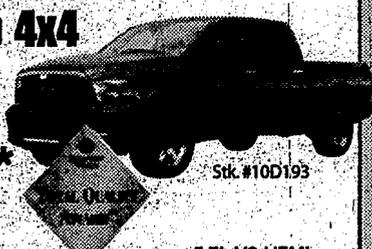
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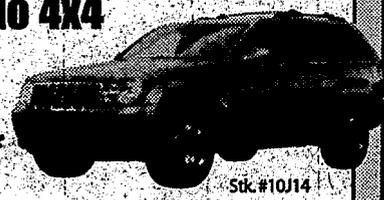
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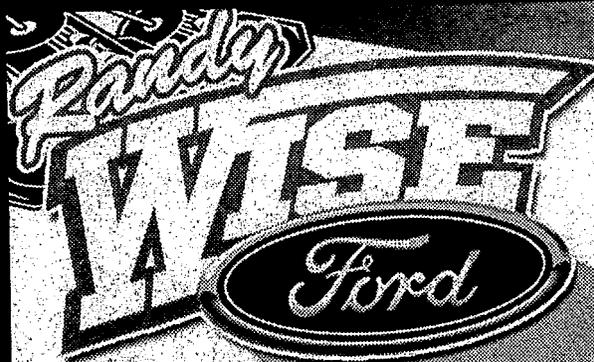
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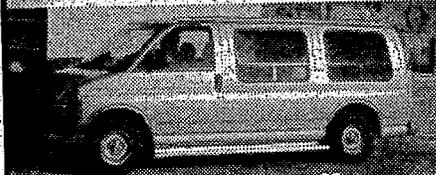




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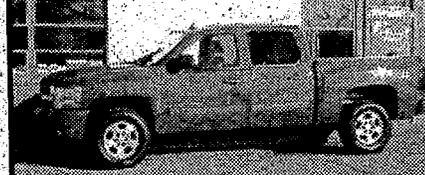
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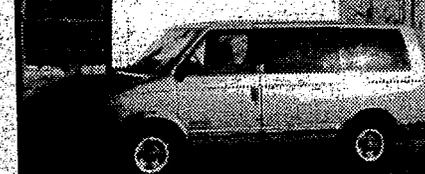
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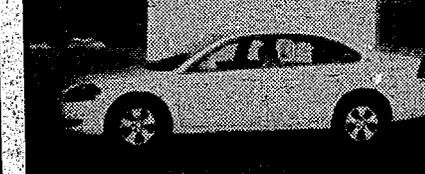
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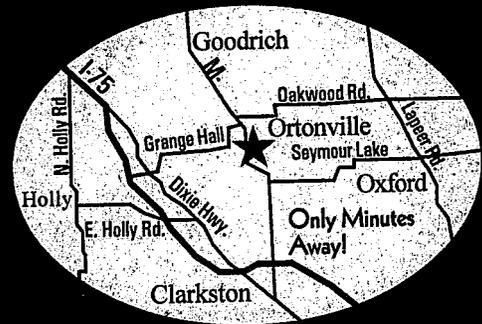


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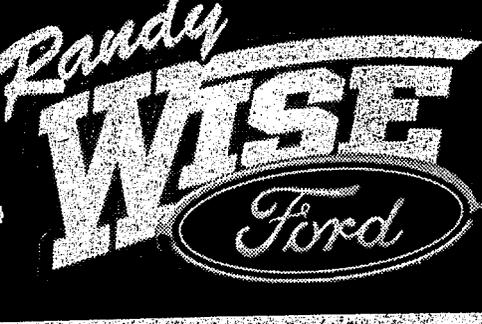
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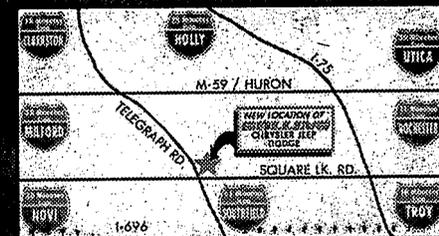
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