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Busted budget

Schools to cut up to \$13 million

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools plans to cut more this year than the past five years combined.

"There are going to be a lot of factors and a lot of emotions," said Trustee Barry Bomier. "I anticipate a lot of difficult decisions we are going to make."

The Board of Education expected a \$6.4 million deficit in its \$87 million budget. Latest estimates cut \$7 million more from expected 2011 fiscal year revenues, for a total of \$13 million. Budget cuts 2005-2009 equal about \$12.1 million.

Administration will present trustees with budget-cut recommendations at their Feb. 8 meeting.

"I am not comfortable with how much they are asking us to cut," said Trustee Joan Patterson, who has not yet seen the list of recommendations.

"I feel it is critical to my decision to understand the criteria by which programs will be on the cut list," said Trustee Rosalie Lieblang. "These cuts are going to impact our children's education. They are going to impact our employee's jobs and their lives. I don't take that lightly."

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Helen, left, and Gloria Josephson scoop up another batch of cookies.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

Sweet help for Haiti

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The cookie was broken and unsellable—perfect for an impromptu sampling.

Gloria and Helen Josephson chewed and nodded in agreement. It was a delicious batch.

The Springfield Plains Elementary students and their parents, Kate and Ross, have been baking cookies since Jan. 14 to raise money for American Red Cross Haiti Relief.

An \$8 donation is good for a dozen peanut butter, chocolate chip, or triple chocolate cookies; \$15, two dozen. So far, the family raised \$1,150, a bit more than Helen's goal of \$1,000.

The idea came while the family was sitting at the dinner table on Jan. 13, discussing the earthquake disaster in Haiti the day prior. The girls knew something happened

but didn't know all the details.

"The more we started talking about it, the more concerned Gloria and Helen were," said Kate. "We explained to them things in Haiti were bad to begin with, now they were even worse."

Helen asked what they could do.

"I thought it was great," Kate commented when the girls wanted to help out. "We talked about what would God want us to do, what should we be doing with our time so we can help, how we can help."

They began brainstorming. They thought about selling items they had; but a garage sale was out of the question because of the cold weather. Then, they took a different approach.

Ross said they could bake and the girls quickly agreed, thinking of all the different

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Property values plummet

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As residents receive their change in assessment notice for 2010, they will more than likely notice a reduced assessment in their residential property value.

"This year the rate of inflation is actually deflationary," said Dave Hieber, manager of the Oakland County Equalization Division. "All residents will see a reduction in taxes except for those who have done new construction, and/or have bought a property and there is an uncapping situation where they're subject to that popup tax."

Hieber said residential property values are dropping by 15.50 percent. Meanwhile, Independence is going down by 16.37 percent, Springfield 15.28 percent, and the City of the Village of Clarkston, 16.06.

"They are all around the counties average," he said. "We're not going to be in a situation like we were last year where values went down and taxes still went up at 4.4 percent because that's what the inflation rate was. It's a little better for the taxpayer I guess, but worse for local government trying to provide services."

The county has 8,846 foreclosures. Of those, Independence accounted for 195, Springfield 87, and Clarkston, 9. Independence sold 335 properties, Springfield, 166, and Clarkston, 18, Hieber noted.

"It appears from what the realtors are telling me we are exhausting our supply of foreclosures. We certainly still have a lot of them, but as we exhaust that supply it drives up the real house sales," said Independence Township Assessor Beverly Shaver. "We'll get more of those and hopefully at little higher prices too because then they're not competing with that foreclosure price."

The county's estimates as far as drop in

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Deputies closing in on cross burners

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The cross-burning case still smolders for local law enforcement, intent on catching those responsible for the racial-intimidation incident this past summer.

"It's a crime that shocks the senses - not something that happens in Independence Township," said Det. Sgt. Matt Baldes, Oakland County Sheriff's Office. "We need accountability, someone to step up and say I did this, and why."

Baldes, assigned to Independence Town-
ship substation, has made the case a top

priority since it occurred the night of Aug. 13.

"The investigation has never let up," Baldes said.

The case has included several interviews so far, some as recently as last week, he said.

"We encourage anyone with any infor-
mation to call us, people they've talked to
and told about it," Baldes said.

A \$1,000 reward is still offered by the
North Oakland Branch of NAACP, said H.
Wallace Parker, chief counsel.

"The branch authorized the award to help
make sure this does not occur again," Parker

said. "It's baffling why in this day and age it
would happen in Oakland County. It doesn't
make any sense at all."

They encourage federal and local law en-
forcement to seek the harshest possible pen-
alty, he said.

"We can't tolerate that kind of activity,"
he said. "I'm totally satisfied with the sher-
iff department's efforts."

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substation at 248-620-4970. To claim the re-
ward, information must lead to arrest and
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More property value reductions expected

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Clarkston between 8-9 percent.

"I think we're still going to have another
year in 2011 values that we're going to see further
reductions," Hieber said. "To what level, I don't
know yet, we still see a price falling at a county
wide basis. I don't know where the bottom is."

Shaver said Independence Township's
board of review will be announced when
residents get their assessment change notice,
which she hopes to mail the third week in
February.

"We're talking about having the board of
review those first two weeks in March," she
said.

Springfield Township is looking to mail their
assessment notices on Feb. 26 and hold the
review on March 9-11 and 15-17.

Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter said
the dates for the county March Board of review
will be available, when residents receive their
assessment notices, those interested in seeing
the board or review can call the city office to
schedule it.

Assessment schedule

Independence Township
Assessment change notice mailed third week in
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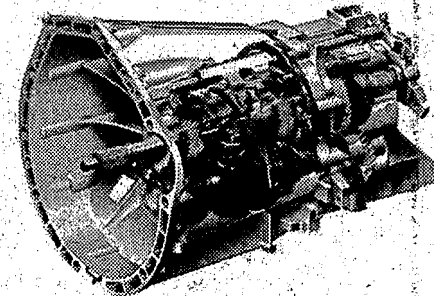
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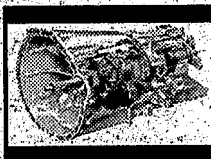
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Briefly

Wild Game Dinner

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Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner from 6-9 p.m. Menu includes elk, white tail deer, walleye, wild turkey, bison and other wild game subject to hunter's luck.

Tickets are \$20 per person, available at the post, 8047 Ortonville Road.

Call 248-625-9912 for further information.

Property tax seminar

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel sponsors its third annual free seminar for the public about property taxes, assessments, and the tax appeal process, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 16, at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Presenter Michael R. Lohmeier will explain how to gather information, analyze assessment, and decide if appeal is necessary.

Lohmeier is a certified appraiser and valuation specialist who has served as a tax tribunal judge for the State of Michigan.

For more information, call Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, 7151 N. Main, at 248-625-1000.

Family fun night

St. Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool, 7925 Sashabaw, offers an evening of fun activities, 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5.

Activities at the free event include inflatables, snacks, games, and fellowship for all.

Correction

The story "Townships work out park deal," Jan. 20, misidentified Springfield Township Parks and Recreation's basketball program. Its correct name is Holly Hoops.

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.

City police, public works could be cut

Consolidation of services considered with township

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Police and public works should be considered for consolidation with the township, city officials say.

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to look into combining services with Independence Township.

"I've been a proponent of it from day one. I'm not certain what services make sense - I think we ought to be having discussions as to what services do make sense," said Mayor Stephen Arkwright. "My goal is to have some sort of a template we can apply in basically any scenario."

The template would not include 10 percent surcharges by the township for fire and library, charged since 1992, said Arkwright at the Jan 25 meeting.

"If we can clear any of that, I think there are a lot of consolidations of services that



Inabnit

"We'd be irresponsible not to look at every option we have."

could occur and would clearly be in the best interest of all parties," he said.

City Manager Dennis Ritter agreed.

"It's more than being essential," he said.

"I think it's critical we do that for everybody involved."

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner said the 10 percent surcharge is for administrative and billing services provided by the township, which many communities do.

"I've been working with Dennis on this whole proposal for about six months now. I told him to bring it before the board. I would be in favor of discussing it and seeing if there is a way we can eliminate it (the

surcharge) during these bad times," Wagner said. "We're looking at a lot of possibilities. I'm hopeful something is really going to come out of this, which should be good for everybody. That's our goal."

Ritter said he expects to have a proposal written by Township Attorney Tom Ryan for submission to the township, on which council can vote on Feb. 8.

"We'd be irresponsible not to look at every option we have. Obviously state fund sharing is going to drop this coming year," said Councilman Charles Inabnit. "The bigger governments are trying to push for it anyways, and I think it's just inevitable that it happens, for the city to stay viable."

Inabnit said the city doesn't have any place to expand its tax base, other than raising taxes, which people wouldn't be happy about.

Councilman James Brueck agreed.

"Necessity becomes the mother of invention," he said. "(With consolidating) you end up giving people a choice. We can stay within our budget and provide this level of service or, if you're really adamant about maintaining, it's going to cost 'x' dollars more. There is nobody on the council I know who wants to ask for a millage rate increase."

Rocket sled backfires for local 'stunt' man

A self-styled stuntman's pyrotechnic display went awry, Jan. 30, resulting in burns to more than 18 percent of his body.

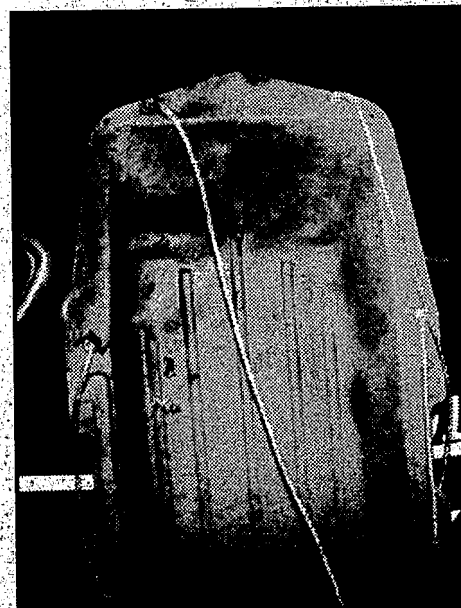
Witnesses told police the 62-year-old resident hosts an annual sledding party at his home on Townview Drive north of Deer Lake, and is known for doing "crazy" things there.

This year plan included construction of an explosive device out of a motorcycle muffler and pipe, along with drinking alcoholic beverages, police said.

He filled the pipe with gunpowder, matchstick heads, and gasoline, sealed it with duct tape, and strapped it to his motorcycle helmet. He then put on a black plastic garbage bag as a cape and the helmet, with the pipe over his left shoulder, saying something like "here I go, like Darth Vader," witnesses said.

He lay on the sled and asked a neighbor to light the wick, which he did, backing away quickly. The victim hoped for a flare-like blast from the pipe as he was sledding down the hill, police said, but just as he started, the pipe exploded with a loud thud and flash. Witnesses ran down the hill, saw he was burned, and called 911.

The victim suffered second degree burns to his face and neck, and serious flash burns to one eye. No one else was injured. Independence Township firefighters and deputies responded at 7:35 p.m., and rushed the



Law enforcement are examining the scorched sled and helmet burned in a amateur stunt show, Jan. 30. The rider suffered burns on his head and neck. Photos provided

victim to POH where he was listed in good condition.

A fire investigator from Oakland County Sheriff's Office, BATF special agent, and Independence Township fire marshal examined the scene, taking into evidence the pipe, helmet, and sled.



Checking the home, it appeared the garage area may have been cleaned prior to arrival of emergency personnel. No fireworks or gunpowder containers were found.

The investigation remains open pending possible criminal charges.

- Phil Custodio

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Big Chief Chorus elects new officers

New officers for Big Chief Barbershop Chorus are President Jack Teuber of Waterford; vice presidents Bill Holmes of White Lake and Roger Holm of Clarkston; Secretary Bill Auquier of Clarkston; Treasurer Dick Johnson of West Bloomfield. Members at Large include Ron Clarke of Lake Orion, Wayne Cheyne of White Lake, and Eric Domke and Fred Pioch of Waterford. Past-President is Irwin Mann of Oxford. The chorus has 62 members across north Oakland County. Clarkston members also include Walt Bachmann, Neil Braun, Walt DeNio and Dar Johnson. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 7:30-10 p.m., Waterford Oaks Activity Building 2800 Watkins Lake Road. For more information, call 248-334-3686 or check www.bigchiefchorus.org.

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Cookie drive for Haiti

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kinds of cookies they could make.

"It was hard to decide," said Helen.

The girls started listing their ideas for the list, brownies, cookies and other baked goods.

They narrowed their list down to the different flavors. Gloria pushed for sprinkles but they chose to have all three go without.

The family made order forms and fliers to give to family, friends, neighbors and Springfield Plains teachers and classmates.

"It was a neat, community effort," said

Ross, noting neighbors took forms to work.

"It's fun to help God and the people in Haiti," Gloria said.

They paid \$600 for the ingredients, with all proceeds from the cookies donated to the Red Cross.

"We knew going in the ingredients would come out of our pocket," said Kate. "But if we want to continue it we have to be careful about what we do to ourselves."

They are debating if they will stop making cookies or continue, explaining if they had a sponsor, they would be able to continue.

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Bryant walking for a good cause

BY DON RUSH

Clarkston News Assistant Publisher

A United States Marine, Sgt. Ashleigh Bryant has "picked them up and laid them down" all over the globe, however one of the most important walks she plans takes place this July, in Boston.

In honor of her aunt and cancer survivor Lora Bryant of Clarkston, Ashleigh has signed on to walk 60 miles in three days, for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Every person who takes part in the "Walk for the Cure" must raise a minimum donation of \$2,300.

"I am inviting everyone to help support this cause," the 2001 Oxford High School graduate said. "I understand times are tough right now and if pocketbooks are strained, I certainly could use encouraging words and prayers as well. I'm keeping the names of all my donors on a hat to wear while I do the walk, so they can be there with me in spirit. And my dog, Moxie, will also be walking a portion of the 60-miles with me, she will be walking in support of spaying pets on time to help prevent canine mammary cancer."



Lori Bryant

Lora Bryant (Lori to family and friends) is a lifelong Clarkston area resident. Starting last March, she went through a regimen of chemotherapy, radiation treatment and three



Ashleigh Bryant, left, with Moxie and her best friend Mary Dever are walking to raise funds designated for finding a cure to cancer. Photo provided

surgeries for her cancer. Now, as a cancer survivor, she enjoys spending time with her 10-week-old granddaughter, Kayden Marie. She is honored her niece is walking "for the cure."

"I think it's great. Ashleigh's wonderful. She's the sweetest girl I've ever known," her aunt said.

Sgt. Bryant had signed up for the Susan G. Komen 5K Race for the Cure last year, but

was sidelined because of a surgery a week prior to the race. She had a vein cauterized in her left leg, to combat lymphedema. "I have to wear one of those old lady compression stockings now, which is funny -- but difficult to make fashionable," she said.

Compression stock and all, she believes the 60-mile walk will be more of a challenge, "both in the physical and financial commitments. Signing on to raise \$2,300 honestly made me a little hesitant. I think my finger hovered over the 'enter' key for a good five minutes before I finally mustered up the guts to do it -- but now I am set on meeting my goal."

Participants walk during the day and camp at night. Besides her trusty, canine companion Moxie, is her next door neighbor and United States Air Force buddy, Mary Dever.

Sgt. Bryant is currently assigned to the Pentagon as a broadcast journalist (pentagonchannel.mil). In the past year, she completed a six-month tour in southern Afghanistan covering the war as a journalist. She also announced the President Obama's inaugural parade.

"I was stationed in Tokyo for several years and traveled throughout the Pacific covering military news and operations," she said.

Sgt. Bryant, 26, is the daughter of Michael Bryant and Julie and Larry Harneck. She has been in the service for six years. As for her future, St. Bryant plans to continue in the public affairs field, "hopefully within the Department of Defense."

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

TV-less

Did you see what happened on (fill in the blank)? No, not unless I remembered to Google-it when I had WiFi connection on my laptop.

I have come to depend on the internet more than I used to. It's not just for information but keeping up with what is going on.

If you didn't know, I moved. Since the move I have been without cable, satellite, or even regular television. Yes, I know I really need to get a converter box. I never had to worry about it before.

Since October, I have been without the luxury and missed out on watching late night shows sharing their opinions on the Jay Leno/Conan O'Brien situation, I missed Sunday's Grammy show. (Actually it is alright, I never watched it anyway.)

But I miss the comfort of going home after a long day and turning on the television. Then, flipping through the channels finding something mindless until I have finally unwired for the day.

Instead I scan my DVD collection looking for something to watch for a little while, but not to get engrossed in the whole movie. Sometimes I find something, then sometimes I have to dig under the bed for VHS tapes, finding movies from the 1990s, but nothing to satisfy my television needs.

It should be comforting not worrying about missing a show or worrying about setting a timer to record one, two, or six shows for the week. But I miss CSI: New York. I miss the Disney channel, it provided the perfect background noise. I miss channel surfing.

I don't need 100 channels. I had 100 channels and nothing was ever on. I only need the converter box so I can watch the local news or skim through the shows on the basic channels. I only need to remember to look for a box next time I walk into a store.

I have even escaped to my mom's house just to sneak a peek at the world. I wait anxiously for any of the late night shows to come on only to fall asleep before the monologue has even begun.

If you are without cable or satellite you know where to find me. We can form our own "No, I didn't see it" group.

What do you say?



Viewpoints

Reverse comment rule

Dear Editor,

I'm writing regarding the injustice of the public speaking

one agenda item rule that the Independence Township Board just passed.

When trustees claim that they've earned the right to speak endlessly, apparently some of those same trustees have forgotten that every citizen in attendance has made the same sacrifice to attend meetings. But unlike the trustees, the public isn't paid for their sacrifice.

To limit our speech based upon a pattern of a lack of enforcement of basic civility towards the board and the public is just plain bad public policy!

The board could easily place all of the items they felt were controversial at the time on the agenda of one meeting knowing that people will be limited to speaking out on just one item on the agenda.

The solution: force the supervisor to do his job. He's the "supervisor," were not paying him to be an "observer", we pay him to "supervise" meetings. Simple rules of civility should have been enforced long ago, but they weren't.

The failure to do so means either the supervisor is afraid to do his job, or wants the problem to exist. Either way the failure to enforce basic rules of civility should not penalize the 99 percent of us that address the Board like civilized human beings.

The board should have proposed a public

comment rule that's simple and announced BEFORE the public speaks: "three minutes,

state your name, address, no derogatory remarks, no name calling, no threats, no obscene gestures. Violators will be told to sit or removed for the balance of the meeting." Only when a pattern of civil behavior is adhered to and then strictly enforced by the supervisor will the problem ever be solved! The moment someone violates the rules they should be told to sit down, if they refuse they should be quickly removed by police. Problem solved!

Even though I might not agree with someone, as an American, I will always defend their right to speak out as long as they respectfully address others.

Not giving your address, derogatory remarks, name calling, making threats, obscene gestures have no place at public meetings and should never have been tolerated by the supervisor. The public's voice shouldn't be held hostage by the lack of discipline of the Supervisor and his sidekick.

The board needs to reverse this extremely bad decision and start enforcing the rules, once that is done there won't be a need to limit public speech.. Killing the patient to stop the disease is wrong and it should not be tolerated by the taxpayers of this township!

Michael Powell
Independence Township

Vote would reform court

Dear Editor,

Jim Sherman's recent column "Here come da judge, da partisan judge," Jan. 13, brought up some excellent reasons for Michigan voters to support a state constitutional convention where judicial reforms could be discussed. The call for a convention is already on the statewide ballot in November 2010, Proposal One.

Mr. Sherman quoted journalist Richard Milliman who wrote: "Electing the supreme court justices, and other judges for that matter, lends itself to the sort of court system where justices sometimes seem to go to the highest bidder."

One judicial reform plan recommends the appointment of judges initially for their first term and then require that they run for reelection so they can run on their "record." The appointments would be based on legal and judicial credentials, not who could raise

the most campaign funds.

Excessive influence in the election of judges has become a much bigger issue following the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling involving campaign contributions by a West Virginia corporation to a judge who ultimately decided a case involving the corporation.

In light of the Supreme Court's decision, all states are examining their rules regarding potential bias involving judges and their campaign contributors.

Michigan has a unique opportunity to address judicial reform at a constitutional convention in 2011 along with critical matters involving education funding, taxation, government restructuring, etc.

It all starts with voters saying yes on Ballot Proposal One in November 2010.

Henry S. Woloson
Independence Township

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Not your average cup of joe" The Clarkston News examined a new trend in town - coffee bars, offering several varieties of espresso and cappuccino. Heidi Graunstadt, owner of LA Cafe, offered a triple shot of espresso she called "Myrna's Mad Cup."

"Couples share secrets on happy lives together" Clarkston couples John and Dorothy Hyde, and Doc and Eleanor Thayer shared tips on staying together, including liking each other, good sense of humor, and working together.

"Drug resistance: more than saying 'no'" Katie Cischke, Sheila Hill, Lauren Lee, Denis Foxx, and other Clarkston middle schoolers performed skits about how to avoid drug abuse. Deputy Dave Hernandez, DARE teacher, was pleased with their work.

"Principal as superhero" Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Chris Turner helped students celebrate the 100th day of school by dressing up as Zero the Hero, all in black with a cape and shades.

25 years ago - 1985

"Thumbs down for Siberian tiger" Athena the tiger's many friends couldn't sway government policy. Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals ruled against a variance to allow the big cat's owners to keep her at their farm.

"Quiz Bowl: It's not trivial pursuit" Clarkston High School team members Steve Willis, Mike Weber, Susan Colwell, and Ken Creech took on other school teams in the televised question-and-answer competition.

"Artist turns out earthy pottery" Betsy Travis of Independence Township created Raku pottery, as well as woven, watercolor, and dyed artwork. Devised by Zen Buddhists, Raku represented the simplicity of life, she said.

50 years ago - 1960

"School news" To celebrate the end of the first semester in Clarkston, Girls Athletic Association sponsored a dance, named The Semester Swing.

"Ice fishing" Chief Pontiac Post 377 hosted the 1960 Annual Oakland County Ice Fishing Expedition, offering prizes, lunch, and refreshments.

"Clarkston local" Frances Hancock made a flying trip to Clarkston from Louisville, Ky., to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Parker of N. Main Street.

Coupon clipping is a feminist thing; and, I's

At the beginning of every year for as far back as I can remember (2009), the news is dominated by telling us ways to save money.

One major emphasis is on coupon clipping. Headlines yell, "Over \$25,500 in coupon savings in this issue."

That in mind, I am a saver, I took the insert coupons from a Thursday *Detroit News* and set about clipping.

It became rather obvious they are not after the male shopper. In fact, males are ignored almost completely. Pet supplies, breakfast cereals, the laundry and weight control get a fair amount of play.

But the overall biggest target is women. There were 76 single pages of coupons, many with three coupons, and ma'ladies are the winners.

Shelf space at drugstores is crowded with creams, lotions and ointments for women, just like coupon promoters. The self-improvements are aimed at every part, but mostly faces.

The attention compeller is often a lovely young woman who is pushing fingernail polishes, wrinkle removers, eyelash treatments, razors, skin repair and the hair.

There's treatment to color hair, thin it, stiffen it, remove it, moisten it and thicken it. It's not just the money it takes to get this stuff, I think of all the time it takes to use it.

On the other hand, there was only one page, one coupon, directed to men. It's for Haband's fit-forever stealth power pants.

Whereas the goal for gals is toward glamour, the men are recognized as always widening their waistline, and not giving a darn about their wrinkles, dry skin or veins.

These pants come in waists up to 60 inches, and will expand four more inches.

I think Haband should quit thinking male and expand to their counterparts. I've seen a lot of females who could use belt-line expanders.

Of course, we've all met a lot of men who could use some lotions, skin cream, oint-

ments and a better smell.

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This from M. H., my supplier of misinformation and nonsense. "The term 'illegal aliens' will no longer be allowed in the current administration. Henceforth, they will be referred to as 'undocumented Democrats.'"

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

I spilled some paint on the upholstery in my car some weeks ago. Last week, I decided to have it removed.

This required me to try to live without transportation for some hours. I've heard for years the trouble people have when they are told they can no longer drive. The independence a car provides is so important.

My loss was only for half a day, and I felt

I'd been illegally removed from society.

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Well, the football season is over. And, like the baseball, hockey, basketball and golf season it's about time.

I fill myself too full of sports. Particularly pro football. After seeing tons of football this season one conclusion stands out.

So many players have great "I's." Quarterbacks have to have good eyes, but their ego I's are enormous.

Linemen's actions following what they think is an award winning performance, but a play they are paid to do, is nauseating grandstanding.

Players who score touchdowns today act like idiots; their only goal seems to be outdemonstrating all other scorers in the league, or making out with a goalpost.

Where are the players like Billy Sims, who, after scoring a td would hand the ball to the referee and trot off the field?

You know you're gettin' older when . . .

I guess there's a certain moment in every American's life when he or she knows he or she is getting older. There comes a point in time when all the pretending in the world won't keep you hip, or cool, or of the younger-generation.

It has nothing to do with gray hair. Little to do with wrinkles around the eyes.

Less to do with aches and pains. It has everything to do with the structure of American politics.

The other week when I celebrated a birthday, I realized I am older than the first lady, Michelle Obama, and the same age as Barack was when he was inaugurated into office -- 47.

I grew up wide-eyed and in awe of the *President* of the United States. The *President* was top-dog, our leader, world leader, and some one to admire. The *President* was a man (cuz that's the way it was/is) to respect. He had to be wise and honorable . . . after all he was "old."

And, all *old* people were smart and full of wisdom.

The world spins. New fads give way to newer ones. Your waistline grows and . . . then, one day you wake up and realize you're closer in age to the dude who is in the Oval Office than you ever were before.

Holy Straight Ticket Votin' Batman! Gulp.

Does that make me old? Gee whiz, I don't feel wisdom oozing out of my pores,

though I do feel some aches and pains if I fall asleep on the floor; my beard is graying, and there are wrinkles around my eyes. I sure don't feel presidential.

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Of course, based on my hypothesis, you'd think folks would start feeling old, younger. Article 2, Section 1 of the United States Constitution says, to be president, a person needs only be at least 35-years-old (a natural-born citizen of the US and must have lived in the US for 14 years).

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Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Sometimes I wonder, if a person was elected president at the age of 35, would his hair be gray at the end of his first or second term?

Then I wonder, if a woman becomes president, would we even know if her hair was gray? Would she be honest and let it go, or would she have it dyed?

Is wondering stupid stuff a sign of old age or the harbinger of more-wise things to come?

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Now that I am 'sposedly of an age that starts spoutin' nuggets of wisdom, is it wrong to ask how much is enough money and energy to send to Haiti, when we have neighbors -- entire communi-

ties in Michigan -- that need help, too?

Don't get me wrong, it is nice and wonderful to read of all the local people and churches and charities clamoring to raise money to send to that devastated country. It is horrific to see what has happened, is happening, there.

But . . .

Did you know, \$800 million dollars has been given to Haiti from 2004-2008? That billions have been given since the earthquake?

The president has promised \$100 million in aid to Haiti. The House of Representatives wants to give \$165 million; the Senate wants to give \$282 million of our tax dollars.

And, that is all great and honorable. The question is, why don't we -- as the most generous people in the world, from the wealthiest nation -- put forth the same effort to help our neighbors closer to home? Is it some sort of Puritanical thought process that keeps us from reaching out to help other Americans? Do we think Americans should help themselves, instead of asking for a hand-out? Do we think folks asking for help are just lazy and not deserving?

I ask, only because I don't know.

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Is that, admitting you don't know, a sign of age or wisdom?

Comments, suggestions and cursing can be emailed to don@donrushmedon.com.

Thanks for birthday donation for animals

Dear Editor,

The Oakland Pet Adoption Center would like to thank Kiana Ayotte for her generous donation of food, toys and blankets to the animals awaiting adoption.

Kiana, who is a 10-year-old from the Clarkston area, saved her birthday and Christmas money to make this donation worth \$97.

It is charitable people such as yourself that make the animals stay here a little brighter and more comfortable while awaiting adoption.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Obrecht, manager
Nikki Hanna

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From right, Eagle Scout Ryan Zukoff, his mother Colette Zukoff, and Nancy Heussner of O.A.T.S. try out Ryan's new table. Photo by Phil Custodio

Eagle's work helps O.A.T.S.

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

A digital animation student interested in 3D modeling, Ryan Zukoff's Eagle Scout carpentry project may not be directly applicable to his future.

But it provided lots of leadership and life lessons, said the Life Scout, Troop 192 of Davisburg.

"I learned that when you are leading a project, you need to know and communicate every step to keep the project moving forward," said Zukoff of Independence Township, a senior at Clarkston High School. "Projects usually take longer than planned and you have to stay positive even when a project isn't going well."

"He learned organization, directing people, planning ahead, all good life skills," said his mother, Colette Zukoff.

His project was to build two wheelchair accessible picnic tables for Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles (O.A.T.S.) of Independence Township.

"I became familiar with O.A.T.S. through a friend," he said. "I met with Nancy Heussner, the O.A.T.S. director — she had a few projects that she could think of immediately."

He planned fundraisers, researched tables as well as wheelchair designs, bought materials, and organized and performed the wood work with the help of 14 other scouts.

"It's put together well. It's beautiful," Heussner said. "We couldn't have done this without them. They did the whole project from front to back. They all seem to be such wonderful young people."

O.A.T.S. provides horse-assisted therapy on a weekly basis, year-round, to more than 100 children and adults with a wide variety of physical and/or emotional disabilities. The tables, completed this past November,

accommodate four wheelchairs, Heussner said.

"It's nice — it makes it very easy. You can pull right up to it," she said.

"He did a great job," Colette said. "He was very dedicated to it — he just went for it."

After graduation, he plans to attend the Academy of Art in San Francisco.

"I want to try to get a job in the industry making movies or video games," he said.

"We'll definitely miss him, but this is what he wants to do and the place he wants to be," Colette said. "He has the best shot at it out there."

Now 18 years old, he joined scouts when he was in first grade. The project was required to advance from Life Scout to Eagle Scout.

"There are five boys from his Cub Scout pack all completing their Eagle Scout," Colette said. "It's pretty exciting. It was a great experience."



Ryan Zukoff assembles the project.

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Public Safety

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

Driver on drugs

A deputy on radar duty stopped a 21-year-old Independence Township man for driving 41 mph in a 25 mph school zone on Maybee Road, 3:38 p.m., Jan. 14. The suspect had two glass pipes and suspected marijuana. He had four misdemeanor warrants out of Oakland County, Fenton, Waterford, and Clarkston. He was jailed for driving under the influence of drugs.

Catch and release

A deputy on patrol stopped a truck at Waldon and Sashabaw because it had an obscured license plate, 9 a.m., Jan. 16. The driver, an 18-year-old Pontiac man, had warrants out of Pontiac for possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license. Michigan State Police said to advise and release him. They got his address, though.

Shoplifter

Alerted to a possible shoplifting, a Sashabaw Road store manager checked a bathroom in the Sashabaw Road and caught a 16-year-old Clarkston boy with three bottles of cough syrup, 5:51 p.m., Jan. 21. He had already emptied one and was drinking the contents of another. He told deputies he was addicted to cocaine, on probation for marijuana possession, and just felt like getting high. He was released into the custody of his parents.

Distracted driver

A driver leaned over the passenger seat, reaching for a piece of chocolate, and drove into a parked vehicle, 8:26 p.m., Jan. 22, at Meadows Drive and Sashabaw Ridge. The 50-year-old Independence Township man admitted to drinking a few glasses of wine with dinner, and had a .06 blood-alcohol level.

Streakers

Two Waterford Township men were cited for disturbing the police, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 23, when they were caught running around a Dixie Highway apartment building wearing nothing but their shoes. They were with friends playing a drinking game when they lost, they told police.

Overdose

A 48-year-old Independence Township man reportedly drank all day and used heroin at 9:30 p.m., Jan. 22, in the 4000 block of Harding Avenue, before falling asleep. His friend covered him in a blanket, figuring he would "sleep it off." She found him dead the next morning and called police.

Can't hear me now?

Ignoring a deputy's knock earned a Dixie Highway resident a citation for disorderly conduct, 12:52 p.m., Jan. 23. Neighbors called police to complain of loud music from the 20-year-old man's apartment. No one answered when he knocked and announced himself. The deputy got the resident's name from the apartment manager and sent the citation by mail.

Fight

A 24-year-old Birmingham man wanted to start a round of applause for a 17-year-old Waterford Township man at a Dixie Highway restaurant, 12:43 a.m., Jan. 25, "congratulating" him for "hitting his girlfriend." They both left at the request of management and police, and got into a fight later as the Birmingham man walked down Dixie Highway. Both were ticketed for fighting.

Theft from unlocked car

Someone stole a CD player from an unlocked car, Jan. 25, in the 5000 block of Fox Chase Lane.

Stolen shotgun recovered

Clarkston Police tracked down a stolen shotgun, Jan. 24. Clarkston school liaison deputy provided a lead to Clarkston officers in the burglary case, 100 block of Main Street. Officers got a search warrant for a Hidden Lakes apartment, information from which led to recovery of the weapon in a nearby field. Charges will be sought in probate court for a juvenile suspect, police said.

Fraud charges

An Independence Township man was doing some online banking when he noticed two unauthorized charges to his credit card, Jan. 21. The computer companies said they had already flagged them as fraudulent, and sent information to the police.

Passengers arrested

A deputy stopped a vehicle going 37 mph in a 25 mph school zone, 4 p.m., Jan. 27, at Maybee and Cecelia Ann. One passenger, a 22-year-old Auburn Hills woman, was found with crack cocaine in her purse and on her seat, which she told police she bought in Pontiac. Another passenger, a 23-year-old Pontiac man, had a felony warrant for his arrest. Both were taken into custody. The driver, a 24-year-old Pontiac man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and given a warning for speeding.

- Reports collected by Phil Custodio



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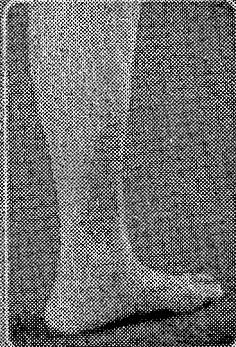
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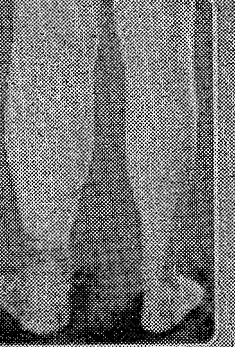

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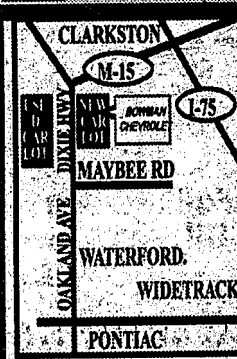
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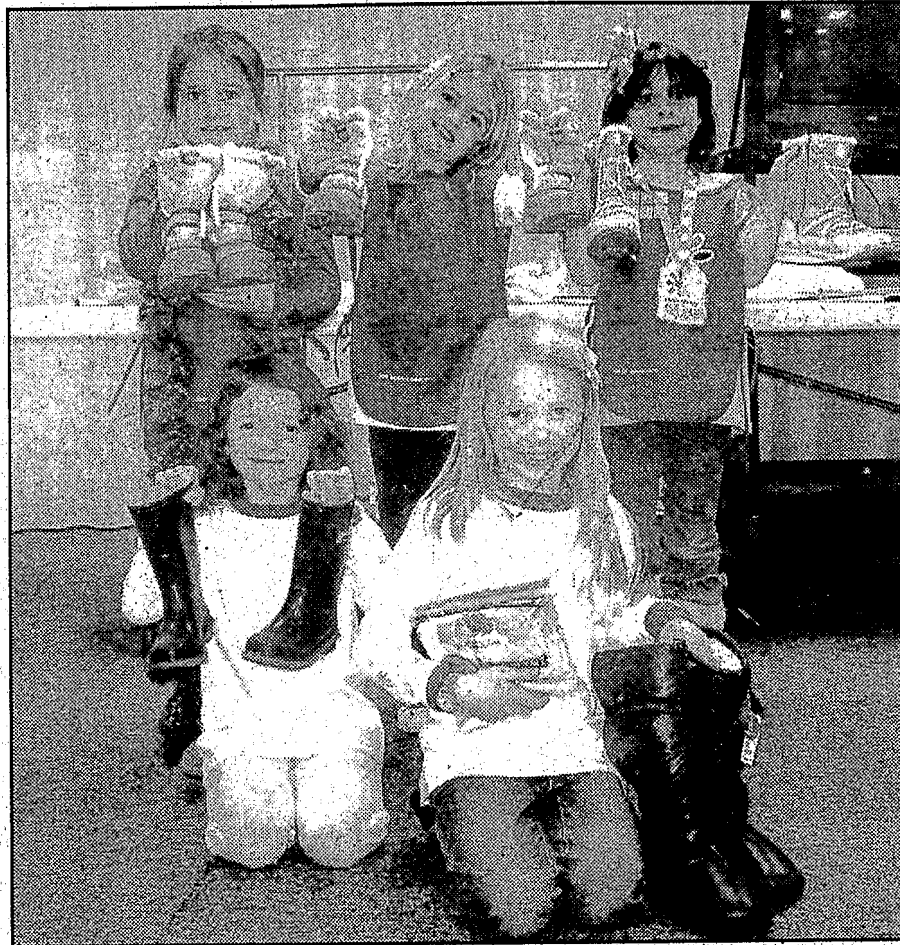
Daisy Girl Scout Troop 74010 collected and delivered about 20 pairs of boots and 12 pair of socks for the Baldwin Center in Pontiac for their Christmas service project.

The scouts received a tour of the Baldwin Center, including its after school program rooms, soup kitchen, and the room where homeless folks leave their blankets and pillows for safe keeping every night, said Troop Leader Maureen Netherland.

"The girls learned that at times, like last Friday, the center will serve as many as 300 people for lunch," Netherland said.

The human services agency provides more than 25 programs to feed, clothe, educate, and empower those in need in the community. It includes a family kitchen, youth programs, clothing closet and counseling. For more information, check www.baldwincenter.org/mission.htm.

The troop, seven first-graders at Bailey Lake Elementary, meet once a month at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lake Orion.



Kneeling from left, Morgan Dubia and Liesl Netherland. Standing from left, Evelyn Miller, Morgan Kacanowski, Elizabeth Franke, with some of the boots and socks they collected. Photo provided

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Snow plan down to 'all or nothing,' with exceptions

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it comes to plowing snowy sidewalks on private property, city officials have taken an "all or nothing" approach.

"This is unacceptable, we've beat this horse to death," said Councilman Charles Inabnit at the Jan. 25 meeting. "This year we shouldn't be discussing what it takes to get a sidewalk cleaned."

City officials directed City Manager Dennis Ritter to ask Department of Public Works Supervisor Bob Pursley to look into what it would take to do all the city sidewalks at the Jan. 11 meeting.

Pursley responded in a letter to the council they could do all the city sidewalks in six hours, but they would need to purchase a 47-inch snow blower at a cost of \$21,800, which is currently not available in the budget. He was afraid the current 54-inch wide plow blade would "catch too much grass."

"However, I think we should be able to do Miller Road, Waldon Road, and M-15 from the Plum house to North Middle Lake Road, which the council discussed at the last meeting," Pursley said.

The council voted unanimous, no private property is done by the DPW with the exception of Miller Road, north of the Millpond.

Inabnit said they couldn't be selective. "If you want to do it, we've got to do everybody, I said that when we had the DPW stop doing all those areas (two years ago) because it wasn't fair to the rest of the taxpayers," he said. "I mean you can't be selective like that when you're a government."

Not only was Inabnit upset about selective sidewalks, but selective code enforcement as it pertains to residents having to clean their sidewalks.

"'Why do we even bother,' is the feeling I'm getting anymore," he said. "We passed an ordinance and we don't enforce it, there is no reason to pass anymore as far as I'm concerned if that's the way we're going to enforce the ones we have."

Councilman Stephen Hargis also felt property owners should "own up to their responsibility."

Ritter sent letters out to property owners in early winter reminding them to

clear their sidewalks.

"The council has instructed me write warning letters if it's not cleared within in 24 hours - as long as it's over two inches," he said. "They were emphatic about making sure that gets done and it will get done, that's to say if it's not complied with at that point in time they will be issued a citation."

Ritter noted the city overall has had "major compliance" with the ordinance.

"I've had a couple council members tell me that this is the best year they've seen with compliance," he said. "I'm pleased by that and I think it reflects on the community overall, interest and concern for their city, we'll do what we'll have to do to keep it safe for everybody."

Councilman James Brueck said he thought they "took the right course of action."

"We've talked about it enough, I think the public understands and have been very cooperative too," he said. "Where I walk around I've seen much improvement from previous years."

"We finally got some clarity as to what the expectations are and what money there is to do it," said Mayor Stephen Arkwright.



From left, Gabe Saylor, His mother, Yvette Saylor, Marco Sanchez, and Aidan Schmeling watch at the finish line. Photos by Phil Custodio

Scouts see need for speed

Cub Scout Pack 499 of Pine Knob Elementary put their woodworking and speedster skills to work at their Pine Wood Derby, Jan. 29.

Awards went to Ben Saul, Most Artistic; Daniel Howell, Most Creative; Gabe Saylor, Best Paint; and Christopher Pryor,

Scouter's Award.

Scout results are Aidan Schmeling winning first; Briggs Tedder in second; Brody Tuomi, third; Justin Osborn, fourth; and Eric Raines, fifth. In Open Class, Allison Osborn won first; Olivia Samson, second; and Jeff Childs, third.



From left, Rebekah Howell, Christian Bartley, Luke Bartley, and Noah Campbell cheer on the racers.

Cuts considered for schools

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Principals in every Clarkston school are considering every program in their schools, based on three budget-cut scenarios in funding per student — \$300, \$600, and \$900.

The \$900-per-student scenario is becoming more likely, Bomier said.

"Every indication has been it's going to be a very difficult budget year for us and for every school district in Michigan," he said.

Revenue losses will include per pupil reduction of \$165 and proposed additional \$268 for next year, totalling \$2.2 million, and loss of \$800,000 in Special Education Funding next year from county funds and district tuition.

Also, retirement and benefit costs are expected to increase by \$1.1 million, and employee contracts call for \$2.2 million in raises.

Brooke Davis, from Clarkston Education Association, pointed out teachers and the district worked together on contracts this past June and saved the district \$1 million.

It wasn't the teachers and the benefits putting the district in the hole, "but we will be the ones paying for it," Davis added.

A concern from a few board members was how cuts increased so quickly in a short amount of time.

"How did we switch from last month \$100 isn't a big deal to now we have to make these big cuts," Patterson shared.

"It was five months ago the ISD was go-

ing to cut money and services to the district," she explained. "I asked, how is it going to impact our district, do we need to make some changes. For months I have been saying are we going to have a problem, should we be looking at this."

The answer she received was it wasn't going to be a problem and the district was in good shape.

The board is scheduled to vote on March 8 on the final cuts. Lieblang, Patterson and Bomier agreed the focus will remain on providing the best quality education possible.

"I hope the community can stay with us as well," said Bomier. "This is going to be extremely difficult on the district, not only from the administrative team that has to bring forth the recommendations to us, but the employees that are directly impacted by it and the students."

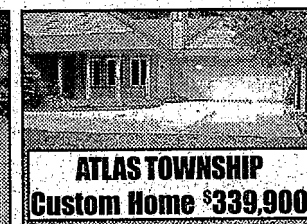
They meet this Monday at the Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road, at 7 p.m. A community hearing is to be planned later this month.

"We haven't been part of the process and we have been pulled at the tail end and told to rubber stamp it," said Patterson.

This past year, the school board approved Fast ForWord at a cost of \$370,000 and Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts' salary of \$154,000 plus benefits, increasing to \$160,000 next year.

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Middle schoolers collect health kits for Haiti

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Seventh-grader Kaitlyn Gilbert handed an envelope and two grocery bags to Monica Phillips, her Language Arts teacher at Sashabaw Middle School.

Enclosed were \$80 and 15 health kits, all collected from her friends and family for the Health Kits for Haiti project Phillips led.

"I'm just so impressed and thankful with how many people outside of our classroom have responded to our project," said Phillips.

Following the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti, many of Phillips' students talked about what happened in the country

"By some students' reactions, it was apparent other students hadn't heard about the tragedy," she said.

She pulled a few short clips of different news reports to show the students and some information about what Haiti was like before the earthquake.

The clip opened with a 12-year-old Haitian boy being interviewed. He had broken his leg and his father died in the earthquake. As the clips continued the students heard mothers talk about their children and how they lacked basic supplies.

Phillips and her students decided to reach out. She searched online for an organization



Matt Dargay, Mackenzie Hannon, Katie Hubregsen, Merrick Canada, Simone Frame fill the donation box with Health Kits for Haiti. Photo provided

they could work with but it was her local church she saw information on health kits through United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Anyone could donate money, completed health kits or send donations to help create health kits. It was exactly what Phillips was looking for.

"We know Haiti needs goods and medical

supplies," she explained. "We also realize as Haiti rebuilds they need the basics to help them stay healthy and something to call their own."

Any students wanting to participate could help in different ways. They could make an entire kit themselves, donate items to help fill a kit, donate money, or spread the word to family and friends to see if they would like to

donate.

"I like this idea because the students were able to tangibly see what they were sending and imagine the direct impact of their generosity," said Phillips.

The kits included a hand towel, a washcloth, a comb, a nail file or fingernail clippers, a bath-size bar of soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste and bandages. The only items the students didn't need to get for the kits were toothpaste and bandages because they were already donated.

"The kids really responded," Phillips said and explained the students had 70 complete health kits and \$150 to buy additional items on Monday after noon.

The last day of collecting the kits was Tuesday and by Wednesday they were ready to be sent to UMCOR.

"The nice part is we only have to send them to Louisiana, not out of the country so we can save on shipping," said Phillips.

The generosity continued on, Christie Nico, a paraprofessional working in Phillips classroom mentioned the project to a friend who teaches cognitively impaired students at Waterford Post-High.

Her students run a snack shop and donated their weekly proceeds to Phillips' Health Kits for Haiti project.



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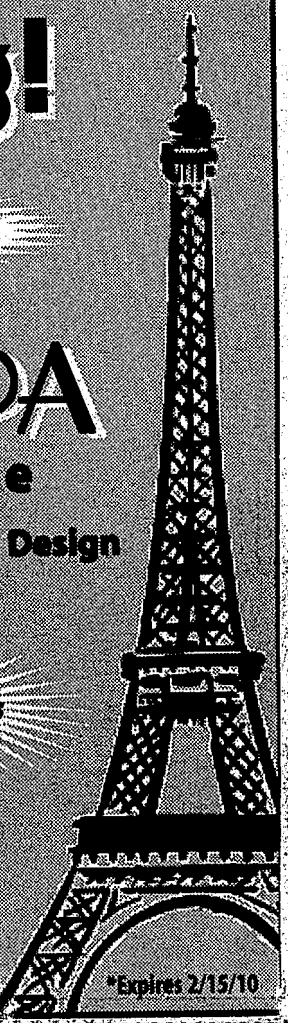
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Wolves swat Yellow Jackets in OAA Red play

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers proved they were back in form as they headed to the locker room at half time on Friday.

They had outscored Avondale, 34-6, in the first 16 minutes and knew they had to keep the pace going to prove they recovered from the loss to North Farmington on Jan. 22.

Senior Matt Kamieniecki led the team as they finished the night posting a win, 70-41.

"It was a good response to last week's loss," said Kamieniecki on how the team played. "It did teach us a nice lesson. A tough loss just prepares us to just come out and we have to play hard."

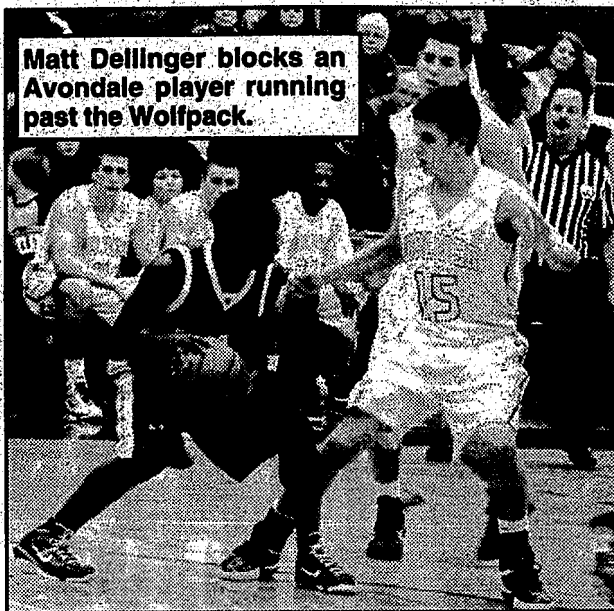
"We were really good in our first half and we set the stage to how the game was going to be," said Dan Fife, Wolves head coach.

The boys posted seven points before the half way point in the third quarter. The large gap allowed the Wolves to give their starters a break and put the subs in. As the quarter ended the Yellow Jackets put their score on the board in the double digits and ended the quarter, 47-21.

"It's hard to stay focused with that kind of lead," said Fife. "It's hard if you are the second or third team not to stay focused and kids are goofing around - it's hard not to get caught up in it."

Matt Rodgers scored four points for the Wolves at the beginning of the final quarter after beginning fouled on, not once, but twice.

Matt Dellinger blocks an Avondale player running past the Wolfpack.



Avondale continued to strike sending Mitch Baenziger and Max Collins also to the line.

Collins struck back by being in the perfect spot as Avondale stopped the ball from going out and passed it to the court. Collins grabbed the ball, setting off a chain reaction boosting the Wolves' scoring.

"The third and fourth quarter got a little ugly but our subs gave us good minutes," said Kamieniecki.

Kamieniecki led the boys with 18 points. Marcus Hardy had 10 points and Tyler Scarlett added nine.

For Avondale, Raphael Tillman scored 20 points.

Fife commented on how the game could have ended differently if the team had played like they did against North Farmington.

"The same result could have happened," he said. "Avondale could have scored, but the first half we took them out. It was a good win for us and a good response to last week's loss. I am happy with what they did and how they responded to the loss."

He added how the defense and the effort was better since the last time they played.

The boys go on the road this week for three games. They faced Southfield-Lathrup on Tuesday. They are at Pontiac High School on Friday and at the Dorian Styles Classic on Sunday.

"They are going to be tough," said Kamieniecki about this week's teams. "Three games in one week is pretty tough, let alone against some good competition. We will have our hands full."

The game at Pontiac begins at 5:30 p.m. for the JV team, varsity follows.

"They play up tempo and they go after the ball," said Kamieniecki.

The boys are at the Dorian Styles Classic at Delta College on Sunday. They play at 12 p.m. The boys are now 8-2 and 5-1 in the OAA Red after defeating Avondale.

Athlete of the Week Frank leads the pack

BY JEFF TURNER

Special to The Clarkston News

For Clarkston senior hockey player Adam Frank, ten years of hard work both on and off the ice have led to numerous opportunities for the future.

Frank, who leads the Wolves with 12 goals after 16 games this year, is looking at opportunities to continue his playing career by joining a Junior League team in the fall.

"Hopefully I'll make a junior team next year and after a year or two of that I'll get picked up by a college hockey program," Frank said.

Frank credits these opportunities to years of hard work and preparation. He added playing well in games is only the beginning.

"I've always been working out on and off the ice, going to camps, working hard in practice - all that goes into success on the ice."

As for when he moves on, Frank says he will miss playing high school hockey for Clarkston.

"Our team camaraderie is great," said Frank. "We're a tight knit group of guys, we have a lot of fun in the locker room before and after practice."

And while the Wolves are struggling this

year, currently sitting at 6-8-2, nothing beats playing for Clarkston.

"It's great to be playing for your school, having friends there to support you. You don't get that at other places."

Off the ice, Frank is just as successful as on it. He currently carries a 3.6 GPA, and is a member of the National Honor Society at Clarkston High. When he's not working hard at hockey or on academics, Adam enjoys golfing and hanging out with friends.

In the hockey world, Adam is a sort of ironman of sorts, having never missed a game or practice in his four years on the varsity, a feat he attributes to healthy habits.

"It's important to always get good sleep and eat right, so you can stay fresh on the ice," he said.

When high school is not in season, Frank stays busy with summer leagues and select teams. One such experience he's had over the last two years was playing on Michigan Elite, a highly selective travel team.

"Playing in them really helps get me ready for the season," he said. "The higher competition in the preseason keeps you at the top of your game."



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Ty Foltz works on a victory against his L'Anse Creuse opponent. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Facing Macomb County

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers finished the Oakland County/Macomb County Duals winning two matches out of their five.

The boys had won the two matches before facing L'Anse Creuse on the mat.

Ty Foltz (135) started the team off with a pin and Kyle Broughton (140) followed suit by winning his match 6-0.

Matt Deitz (145) took his opponent down for a pin with only 40 seconds left to go in the first period.

L'Anse Creuse caught up to the boys by the time Zak Roberson (112) arrived on the mat to take down his opponent, adding the third pin.

Clarkston lost a few rounds on the ac-

count of voids and finished their third match, 40-30.

As of January 27, the Wolves have five wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in Division 1. Deitz holds second place in 140-pound weight class; Roberson, fourth in 112-pound; Evan King, eighth in 160-pound, and Matt Vandermeer (171) and Jeff Sloney (125), hold steady in ninth.

The boys finish the regular season this week as they head to Hazel Park for a Dual Meet, taking on the host and Rochester Adams on Wednesday. They compete in the OAA League Meet this Saturday.

They begin Districts next week, beginning on Wednesday. They head to Lake Orion for the team match.

They wrestle at 5:30 p.m.

Lady Cagers score win on Lakers

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lindsey Reppuhn made sure her presence was felt as the Lady Cagers took on two league foes last week.

The girls varsity basketball team beat West Bloomfield, 50-44, in which Reppuhn dominated the score board with 13 points. She led with 11 points in the girls loss to Lake Orion on Jan. 26.

"She is playing with a lot of confidence," said Tim Wasilk, head coach. "She shot the ball well and took the ball to basket. She stepped into a starter role in the few weeks and she has been doing a nice job."

The Lady Wolves were in a two point lead over the Lakers going into the second half on Friday.

By the time the third quarter ended both teams were tied. The girls dominated the final eight minutes posting 19 points to take the win.

"We came focused and with a lot of intensity," explained Wasilk. "We came with a game plan. The girls stuck to it and made it tough for West Bloomfield to score.

It was a good league win for us."

Wasilk said what also helped was the team played a good game on both sides of the floor and shot the ball well.

Kaleigh Kenny added 11 points and Anna Manilla had nine points in the girls win over the Lakers.

The girls lost to Lake Orion earlier in the week, 38-32.

They trailed behind the Dragons, 21-10, going into the second half. After coming back from the break they kept Lake Orion to only scoring six points.

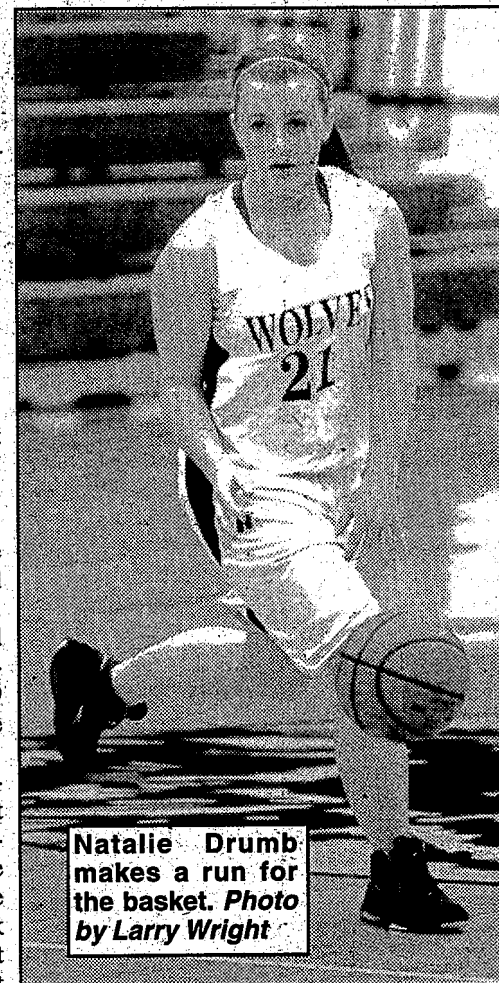
Clarkston scored 22 points in the second half but it wasn't enough to pull away with the win.

"We played a very good second half and played with a lot of intensity," said Wasilk. "The first half we really struggled with the basketball."

Reppuhn led the team with 11 points and scored two 3-pointers. Megan Hastings added nine points, all from 3-point shots.

The girls head to Troy on Thursday.

"Troy is a team that switches up their defenses between different types of zones," said Wasilk. "We are doing the best in practice we can to prepare for that. It is going to take a lot of communication on our part on the offensive end to un-



Natalie Drumb makes a run for the basket. Photo by Larry Wright

derstand them."

The girls are back home on Tuesday when they host North Farmington.

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

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Nail-biting finish

BY JEFF TURNER

Special to The Clarkston News

The Clarkston hockey team was flying high coming off of their win over Port Huron Northern when they into Saturday night's OAA matchup with Rochester United, one of the top teams in the league.

The Wolves carried the momentum throughout, matching Rochester goal for goal for most of the game, but ended up just short in a 4-3 loss. Three times Clarkston tied the game, only to watch Rochester counter to take the lead back all three times.

Following the game, Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier attributed the loss to costly defensive miscues.

"We made three bad mistakes tonight that cost us the game. All four of their goals were preventable, but there were three that were plays we should have made."

Two crucial Rochester goals came in the last half of the second period, as United countered two goals by Clarkston senior Jack Schlau, with two of their own, including the game winner to secure the victory.

With Rochester leading 2-1 with less than eight minutes remaining in the second period, Schlau scored his first goal, a quick shot from between the circles off a pass from sophomore Brad Pizzey.

Rochester countered less than a minute later, as Sam Bunge knocked in the puck trickling across Clarkston's goal mouth to give United the lead at 3-2.

Rochester's lead didn't last long, as Schlau scored again 38 seconds later with a backhand shot following another feed from Pizzey to tie the game back up for the third time.

Minutes later, Clarkston had a chance to take the lead as junior Austin Morse had a breakaway on United goalie Valentino Lisi, but was unable to get the shot off.

In the closing minutes of the period, Rochester knocked in the deciding goal, as Alec Suleskey scored off a faceoff, a goal that Krygier said was the difference.

"The goal off the faceoff was one we should have had. It was preventable, and it was the deciding goal tonight. All in all, though, we competed well as a team, and it was a pretty exciting game. We just came out on the wrong end."

The Wolves had four power plays in the third period, but failed to capitalize and the game ended.

The Wolves fell to 6-8-2 with the loss.

They beat Port Huron Northern on Jan. 28, 5-1. The win was a team effort as Chad Wotton, Adam Frank, Zack Gootee, Nick Heinrich, and Austin Morse scored during the night.

The Wolves out shot Port Huron 36-18. Alec Gildner saved 17 shots for the night. The boys host North Farmington on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. They head to the Onyx on Saturday to play Dakota High School in a OAA vs. MAC game. They play at 10:30 a.m.

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Tanners open their home to Open Your Heart

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Jim and Audrey Tanner don't have far to go for this year's Open Your Heart fundraiser for Lighthouse of Oakland County. The Springfield Township family is hosting it.

"We've been attending them for years," Audrey said. "I was speaking to the Nallamathus, Shivajee and Terri (last year's hosts), and I said I like to plan parties. Terri said 'Great! Here's someone we can pass it on to!'"

Open Your Heart, Feb. 11, is the largest fundraiser for Lighthouse Emergency Services on Sashabaw Road.

They hope for an attendance of about 200 at the seventh annual event.

"Hopefully we'll have quite a few people here and the weather will be good," Jim said. "It's a lot of work to put together, but the end result is helping families."

"We are extremely blessed to still be working in this economy," Audrey said. "We promised 25 years ago when got our first job, to help others less fortunate."

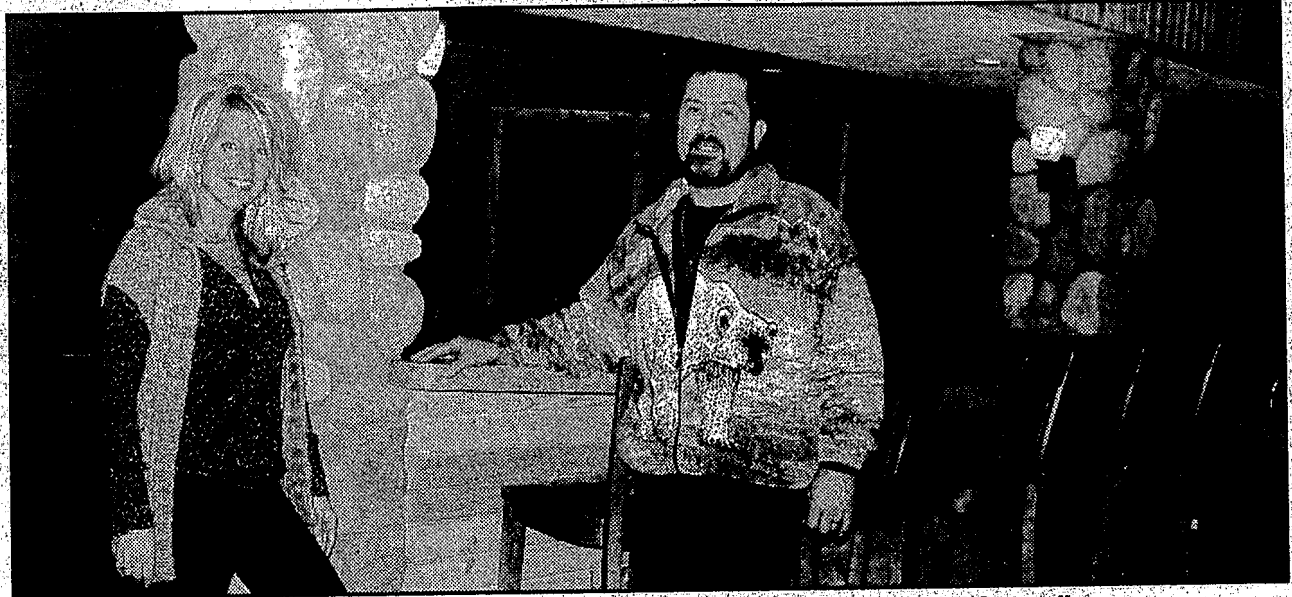
Owners of Tanner Building and Remodeling, they built their 7,000-square-foot home themselves – a main reason was to entertain.

"Family, friends, neighbors," Audrey said. "We want to make everyone feel extremely welcome here."

The fundraiser will include martini bar, bar with beer and wine, food provided by local restaurants, raffles, and, hopefully, dancing – they installed a disco ball just for the occasion.

"Lots of conversation and socializing, a great time," Audrey said. "We're looking forward to it."

The Tanners also volunteered their house for the SCAMP



Audrey and Jim Tanner host this year's Lighthouse fundraiser. Photo by Phil Custodio

House Tour this past summer, and hosted team parties for Clarkston High School.

"We enjoy hosting events and helping out," Jim said.

Lighthouse Emergency Services serves about 2,500 people in need each year, providing food, clothing, and personal items. The Independence Township office also provides long-term assistance such as employment and continuing education, personal counseling, and foreclosure guidance.

Open Your Heart is managed and organized each year by Clarkston-area residents and professionals who spend months planning the event. Last year's event raised \$35,500 for Lighthouse

Tickets are \$100 per person and are by invitation. For more information, call Jennifer O'Byrne at Lighthouse of Oakland County, 248-920-6100 x2123, or check www.lighthouseoakland.org.

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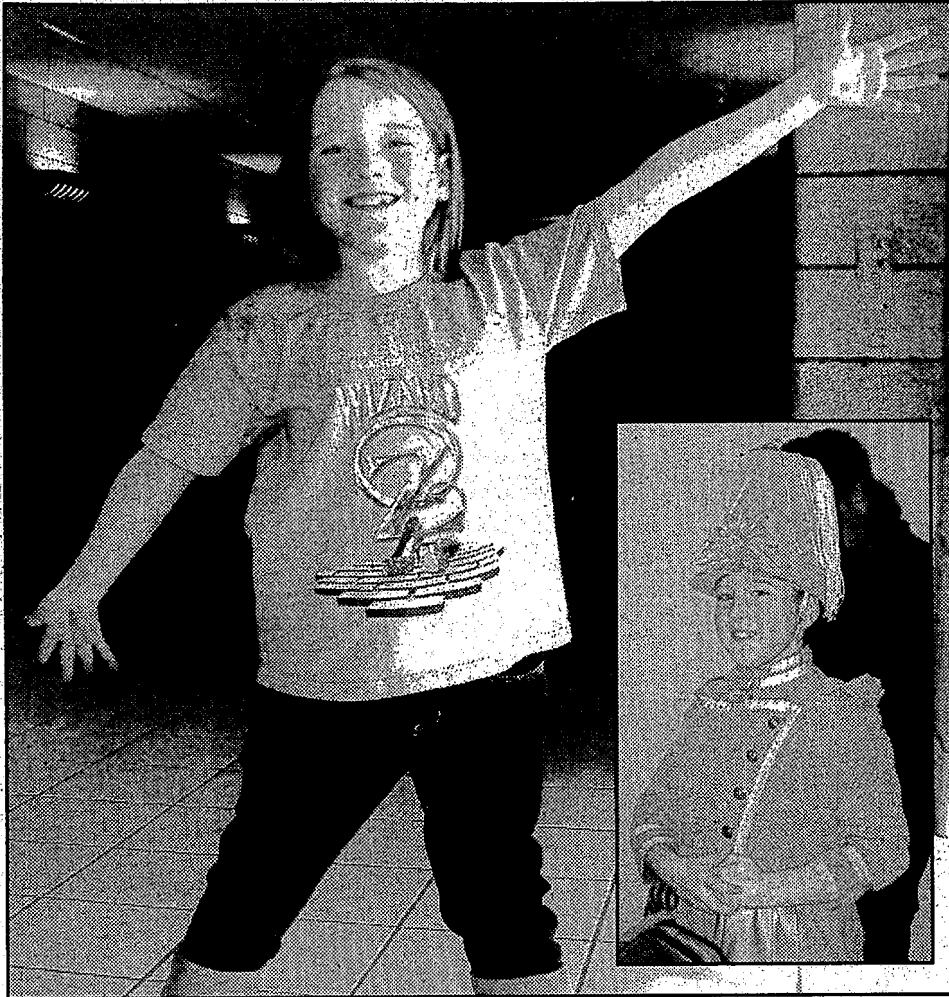
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Zoe Nygaard plays a Munchkin in "The Wizard of Oz."

Singer lands role in Oz

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When Dorothy Gale's tornado-driven house comes to a landing in the land of Oz, Zoe Nygaard will be there.

The Independence Elementary third-grader plays a Munchkin in "Wizard of Oz," Fisher Theatre, Detroit, through Feb. 14.

"I love acting. It's really fun, a great experience," said Zoe, 9, who lives in Independence Township with her parents Nicole and Greg Nygaard, and brother Luk. "I really love to sing on stage - I feel really happy up here. It's my favorite thing to do."

A student for the past two years at Deborah's Stage Door Center for the Performing Arts in Rochester, she was picked to audition for one of 12 Munchkin roles reserved for local young performers. About 70 performers tried out, she said.

"I was really nervous, but it was fun," Zoe said. "It was pretty hard but kind of easy."

Rehearsals started about a month ago, three times a week until the week before opening night, when rehearsals were four hours long every day.

"We would perform the dances over and over to get them right," said Zoe, who will perform "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead," "For

low the Yellow Brick Road," and other tunes.

"It's pretty intense," Nicole said. "I think it's incredible. I've never seen her so happy. She sings all day long."

Zoe has taken acting classes since she was about 6 years old, singing since she was 2, and performs in musical productions at Stage Door as well as Clarkston High School.

"I want to be an actress and a singer when I grow up," she said.

"I'm not sure where she gets it," Nicole said. "Maybe she's an old soul - I don't know."

"The Wizard of Oz" opened Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 14, 21 shows total, at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard in Detroit.

"The show will be different, fresh and new," said Zoe, who also plays a Winkie, one of the Wicked Witch of the West's soldiers. "People will be really excited. The sets are pretty cool and the costumes are awesome - really colorful."

Tickets are \$24-79 at the Fisher Theatre box office, or online at www.broadwayindetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call 800-982-2787 or check www.wizardofoztour.com.

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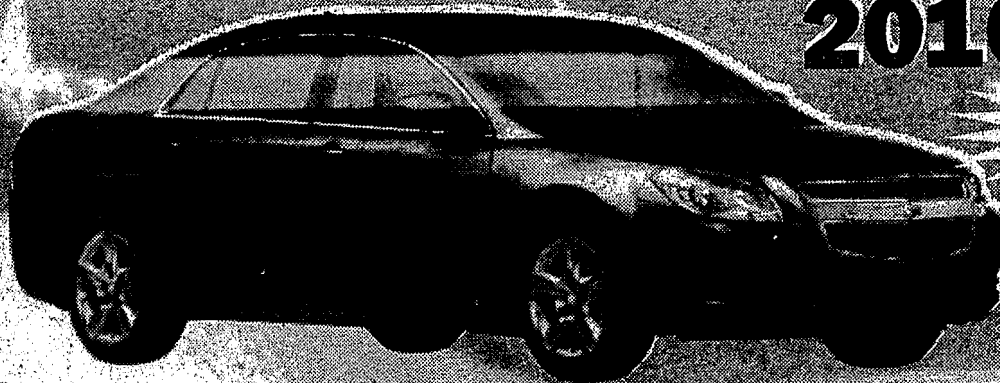
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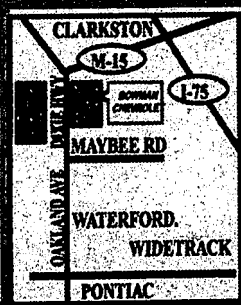
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Who will win the Superbowl?



— David Gignac

"Colts win 31-27."



— Eric Skram

"I think the Saints will win, but I would love to see the Colts. Since they're a midwestern team, I'll be rooting for them. The score will be 21-17."



— Patrick Cullum

"I think the Saints will win and that's a long shot. The score will be 24-17, that's a long shot too."



— Dale LaCroix

"I'd like to see the Saints, but I think the Colts will win 17-24-17."

By Trevor Keiser

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Filmmaker Pardo's O.J. project in the can

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Norman Pardo of Independence Township is hoping to release his thriller "Suspect 32," this year. His star: O.J. Simpson.

"I got the last of the O.J. Simpson footage of him being a free man," said Pardo, Simpson's former promoter and agent.

Simpson filmed his scenes in the movie just prior to his 2007 arrest and sentencing in 2008 to up to 33 years in prison for armed robbery and kidnapping, in connection to a failed attempt to recover sports memorabilia in Las Vegas.

The irony, said Pardo, is Simpson's arrest and conviction was the original plot of "Suspect 32."

"He (Simpson) was going to send somebody to steal back the tapes in the movie," Pardo said. "Instead, he did it real life over there in Vegas, so the ending of my movie, everybody knew, he gave away the plot and the ending.

"It's very rare an actor does that, usually they keep the plot and the ending to themselves, but in O.J.'s case, he just goes to Vegas and acts it out and messes up my movie," he said. "Now, I'm having a hard time selling it because everybody says they've seen the end."

Pardo said the case made it more of a funny movie rather than the serious thriller it was supposed to be.

"I didn't want it to be serious anymore," he said. "I felt bad for O.J., doing what my movie said he



Norman Pardo watches the trailer of Suspect 32 starring O.J. Simpson. Photo by Trevor Keiser

was going to do."

Pardo said he is debating whether to have a premier or private screening, but is contacting 2,500 film buyers and distributors to let them know of his plans.

"We've already contacted almost 1,000," he said.

"We're hoping to put together either a screening, which may not be held here but possibly in Branson, Missouri, or Orlando, Florida, where I am opening another office for my company, Video Clips Inc, or I might do it at one of the film festivals in one of the major cities."

Pardo said he began shooting footage of Simpson in 1999, shortly

after becoming Simpson's promoter.

"His attorney was my attorney, Craig Brand," he said. "He put us two together to see if we could work out our issues."

With more than 70 hours of footage of the former football superstar, Pardo says he has the "largest collection on the planet."

"My footage is all different events, different things I put him into doing, all sorts of raw O.J. Simpson footage, him being himself, doing different things across America in different cities," he said. "I have so much footage I could do a half dozen movies."

While shooting raw footage for "Suspect 32," Pardo decided to

shoot another movie, which he has "in the can."

Called "The Promoter," it deals with the life of a promoter and what it takes, such as setting up night club visits, transportation, hotels, airline tickets, food, taking them from place to place, and getting news interviews.

"It's the whole behind-the-scenes of what it takes to promote a star, the part nobody really wants you to see," he said. "It's very challenging because everybody you're dealing with is trying to rip you off basically. You're always on the defense."

For more information, visit www.suspect32.com.



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Gerics Brothers/David Mosher Concert, 8 p.m., Feb. 6, Clarkston Village Players Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Mix of love, folk, blue grass music. \$13. 248-575-4104.

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 dinner and dancing, 6:30-9 p.m., Feb. 13, Waterford Elks Club, 2100 Scott Lake Road. benefits Clarkston High School Marching Band's trip to London, England. Silent auction, live music. \$40/couple. 248-393-1368.

Property Tax Seminar, sponsored by Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel with presenter Michael R. Lohmeier, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 16, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Free. 248-625-1000.

Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 20, Campbell-Richmond Post 63 of the American Legion, 8047 Ortonville Road. Elk, deer, wall-eye, 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.

Open House, 3-8 p.m., Feb. 23, Attuned Mind, 3 E. Washington Street. Info on Brain State Conditioning. 248-922-9490.

Kick-Off Event, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Clarkston, 6 p.m., Feb. 24, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Relay is May 15-16. 248-663-3414.

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

Bowling for Meals on Wheels, 2 p.m., March 14, Cherry Hills Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway. \$20, three games, two pizza slices, pop, prize drawings. 248-625-8231.

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, In-

dependence 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.

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

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

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Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., *Please see Around Town on page 7B*



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Musicians share their passion, talent at state conference

Members of Clarkston High School's Symphonic Wind Ensemble finished tuning their instruments.

They held onto their instruments and waited for the signal from their Director Michael Lewis to begin playing at the Michigan Music Conference at DeVos Auditorium in Grand Rapids on Jan. 22.

"The performance was outstanding and Clarkston High School definitely has one of the top bands in the state," said Shelley Roland, Sashabaw Middle School Music Director.

Another honor went to Clarkston students as members were selected for the All-State groups. Selected were Caelan Stewart, horn, middle school band; Michael Geiske, bassoon, Patrick Furlo, horn, high school band, and Kevin Thompson, tuba, and Lauren Rodewald, double bass, high school orchestra.

"It is a huge honor for these students and our program," said Roland.

The Clarkston Symphonic Wind Ensemble program included the fol-

lowing repertoire: Gazebo Dances-Corigliano, Allerseele-Strauss, March from Symphonic Metamorphosis-Hindemith, Dusk-Bryant, and Gumsucker's March-Grainger. Central Michigan University director of bands, John Williamson, served as guest director.

Every spring groups submit their application and recordings of a performance and only four high school bands and one high school orchestra band are chosen for the annual event.

The Clarkston Bands under the batons of the Clarkston Band Directors Michael Lewis, Julie Mathews, Shelley Roland, and Justin Harris have performed at the Michigan Music Conference (formerly known as the Midwestern Conference) three times in the past ten years.

This year Clarkston was joined by the Lake Orion High School Symphonic Band, Lapeer West High School Symphonic Band, Grand Ledge High School Wind Symphony, Traverse City High School and the Charlotte Middle School Cadet Band.

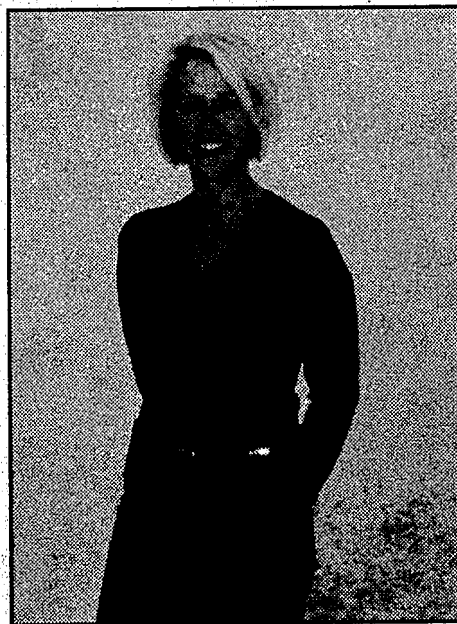


Clarkston High School Music Director Michael Lewis conducts the high school's Symphonic Wind Ensemble in Grand Rapids. Photo provided

Being Upside Down in Your Home Doesn't Mean You Can't Make Right Side Up Decisions

By Patti Gilman,
Coldwell Banker/ Weir Manuel Real Estate
Clarkston, Michigan
www.callpatti.com

One thing we in Michigan constantly hear from around the country is that our economic situation is hopeless. As a Realtor, I can't control what people say or what they believe about our current predicament. But what I CAN control is how people feel when they're upside down in their homes. I want to tell you, that no matter your situation, there IS HOPE for those of you who feel trapped in homes you can't sell.



Patti Gilman

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Lianna Frazer and Scott Trimble of Springfield Township, formerly of Brandon Township, are pleased to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oxford High School and Madonna University.

An August 2010 wedding is planned.

Business News

Eva Karas of the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Inc. recently graduated from the Michigan Advance Planning Professional certification program.

Offered by the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, certification ensures professional standards are established and met. Karas is the pre-arrangement counselor at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.



Karas

Industry Award for the "McLaren Garden of Healing and Renewal" on Sashabaw Road. They were presented the award at the 2010 Great Lakes Trade Exposition in Grand Rapids, Jan. 4-6.

Clarkston-area Allstate agency owners Karen McMurray, Steve Craft, and Ken Petrillo were named Premier Service Agencies for 2009. They earned the designations for exceeding customer expectations.

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel's Clarkston agents Cathy Black, Mary Kaverley, Norah Murphy, and Carol O'Neil successfully completed required curriculum and were awarded SFR Certification by the National Association of Realtors.

Clarkston designers Jeff Smith and Lauren Williams of B & L Landscaping earned a Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association In-

Got a Milestone to share?

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Religion

The peace God gives enriches our daily lives

One of the common problems of our time is the number of people that endure each day without peace in their lives. Whether the cause be anxiety, doubt, fear, guilt, or trouble, the problem is serious.

Not only do people who lack peace become immobilized and unable to lead the kind of productive lives that God intends for them, they also have adverse affects on the people around them. At a minimum, those who lack peace are irritable, preoccupied, and hard to live with. More seriously, those without peace can become angry, destructive, and even violent.

The good news is that God gives His peace freely to those who turn to Him. And he gives it in three different ways.

First, He gives the objective peace that we need to have with Him.

The Bible's description of us is not flattering. It tells us that we have all sinned and fall short of His glory

(Rom.3:23), that we suppress the truth in unrighteousness (Rom.1:18), and are by nature children of wrath (Eph.2:3). Because of this, we are naturally out of accord with Him, and by going our own way we are not at peace with Him.

But God, being rich in mercy, has taken the initiative to do what is necessary to bring peace. He has sent His Son to be the satisfaction for our sins (1 Jn.2:2) so that His wrath would be turned away from us. To experience the resulting peace with Him, all we need to do is believe Him. The promise of the Bible is that "having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom.5:1).

Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

Second, God gives us the subjective peace we need to have in our own hearts.

In this world of sin and strife, maintaining your own personal peace is a constant challenge. How easily our peace is upset by even the slightest concern or provocation!

But here again, God provides. To those who commit their cares to Him in prayer, He gives a peace that surpasses all comprehension, and guards the heart and mind (Phil.4:6,7). And because He freely gives His Spirit, this peace can be experienced in any place and any situation. "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (Jn.14:27).

Third, God gives peace with regard to our relationships with others. If we are at war with God, and do not have peace within ourselves, it is certain that this will spill over

into our relationships. But God, by His grace, can reverse this.

His Word tells us, "When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with Him" (Pr.16:7). So, if it seems you're at constant odds with the people in your life, it could be that your ways are not pleasing to the Lord.

Of course, it's possible to be walking with the Lord and still be out of accord with another. Yet even if you can't resolve things with that person, you can still have peace with God and yourself if you are doing all that you can to pursue peace with all men (Rom.12:18). In any case, peace of all kinds begins with turning our hearts to the Lord.

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance" (2 Thess.3:16).

The Rev. David Bostrom is pastor of Seeds for the Harvest ministry.

In our churches...

Beth Moore Bible study of Esther, Sundays, 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 be *In Our Churches*, page 9B



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Prospective bidders may obtain Bid Documents from the Township office beginning Monday, February 1, 2010 during regular business hours; No deposit is required. Inquiries can be made in person or by calling 248-846-6500.

Springfield Township continually strives to develop quality sources for goods and services and encourages all prospective bidders to respond to the Invitation to Bid.

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Published: February 3, 2010

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SUMMARY MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Rescued - Roth

Others Present - City Manager Ritter, Attorney Ryan, Dick Carlisle, Janet Gillespie

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Hargis to, "Amend the Agenda as presented to change the start time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m." Motion carried.

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Hargis "To have the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of ATTORNEY-CLIENT discussion regarding 90 North Main. Roll - YEAS: Arkwright, Gawronski, Hargis, Brueck, Hunter, Inabnit

NAYS: None

Resolution adopted. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

At 7 p.m. Brueck resolved and Hargis supported to "To open the regular City Council meeting

Roll - YEAS - Gawronski, Hargis, Brueck, Arkwright, Inabnit, Hunter

NAYS: None

Resolution adopted.

Council member Roth joined the regular Council meeting at 7 p.m.

No public comments.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth to, "Approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Dec 14 Council Meeting minutes, Trial Balance (all Funds) thru 11/30/09, Income Statement (All Funds) thru 11/30/09, Cash Disbursement from 12/10/09-1/11/10 General Fund \$61,802.64 and Tax Fund \$105,502.03 and payroll thru 12/31/09, Monthly wire transfer thru 12/31/09, December DPW Report and December Police Report." Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Gawronski, "To name the City Hall after Artemus M. Pappas in honor of his 46 years of dedicated service to The City of the Village of Clarkston." There will be NO use of public funds as the project will be funded entirely from private donations." Motion adopted.

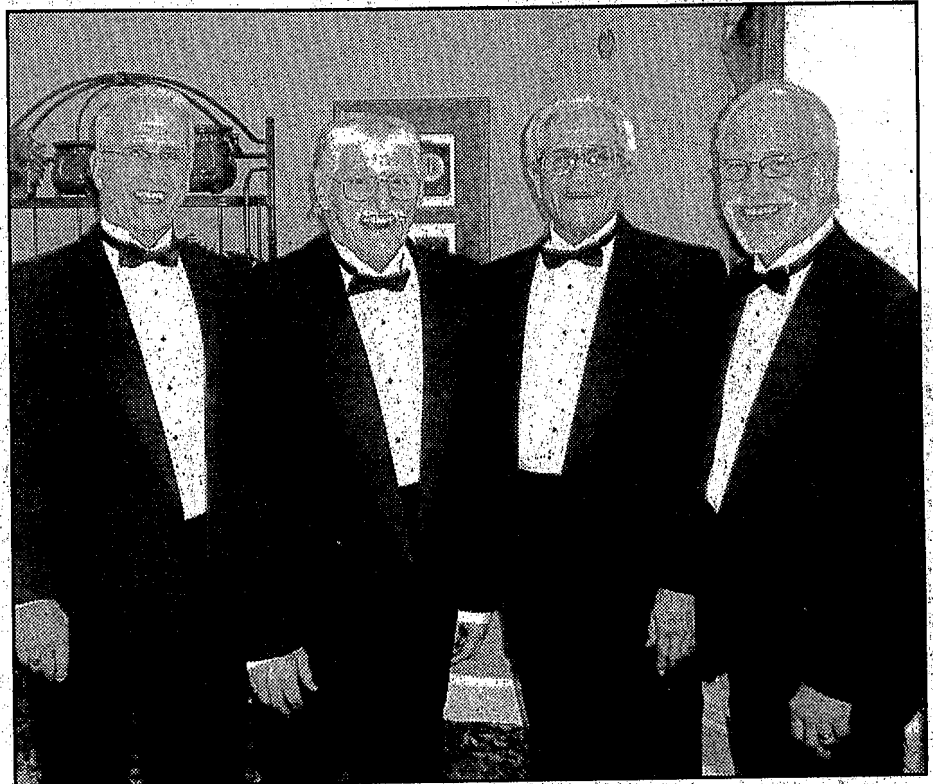
Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Inabnit "To name a Community Committee consisting of Sharron Catalo, Doug Roeser, Kevin Harrison, Thomas Hunter and Dennis Ritter to organize the appropriate fund raising, design and implementation in naming City Hall after Artemus M. Pappas in honor of his 46 years of dedicated service to The City of the Village of Clarkston. There are to be NO use of public funds as the project will be funded entirely from private donations." Motion adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

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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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of OLGA BARKELEY, Date of birth: SEPTEMBER 14, 1908
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Pickleball, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Combination of tennis, ping pong, badminton. \$3. 248-625-8231.

AARP Income Tax Preparation Assistance Program, Tuesdays, Feb. 2-April 13, Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. AARP volunteers prepare federal and state returns for seniors. 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.

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.

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, through Feb. 24. Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road. Drop in, \$4. 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.

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.

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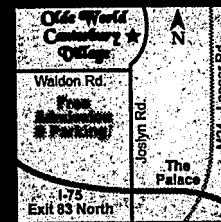


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Obituary

Willard J. Meyer, 68

Willard J. Meyer of Davisburg, formerly of Chicago, Ill., passed away, Jan. 29, 2010, at age 68.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elisabeth (nee Leis) and Willard, and twin Fr. Theophilus, "Richard." He was the husband of Janet (nee Winandy) for 34 years; brother of Jeanne (Glenn) Dyer, son-in-law of Frieda Winandy; brother in law of Roberta Wootton, Mary Ann (Richard) Flair, John (Judy) Winandy and James Winandy; also survived by many nieces and nephews, friends, and associates.

Mr. Meyer had a lengthy career with Toyota Motors, USA (CA) and General Motors (MI). He will be remembered for his love of life, devotion to God and charity to others.

Scripture service was Jan. 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral mass and interment will be in Chicago. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Evelyn Johnston-Tucker, 92

Evelyn R. Johnston-Tucker of N. Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Ortonville, passed away, Jan. 24, 2010, at age 92.

She was the wife of Jim, mother of Mary (Garry) McDowell of Ortonville and Chuck (Vikki) Johnston of Waterford; also survived by six grandchildren and six great grandchildren; twin sister of Miriam (Fred) Kellogg of Florida; preceded in death by her first husband Al Johnston, owners of Johnston's Greenhouse in Ortonville and for many years had a stand at the Pontiac Farmers Market.

Cemetery chapel service was Jan. 29 at Ortonville Cemetery, nephew Rev. Richard Thompson officiating. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Highland Church of the Nazarene.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Obituaries updated at

Clarkstonnews.com

Herbert M. Riedel, 48

Herbert M. Riedel of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 7, 2010, at age 48.

Mr. Riedel graduated from Michigan State University. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in United States Army in October of 1986. Herb was an Infantry Officer and was part of the Panama Invasion in 1989. He was honorably discharged from the U.S Army as a Captain.

He is survived by his cousin, Mary Kirk of Ohio.

Interment Service with full military honors, 10:30 am, Monday, Feb. 8, at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Lois M. Coburn, 81

Lois M. Coburn of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 28, 2010, at age 81.

She was preceded in death by her beloved Husband Thomas. She was the loving mother of Richard (Patricia) Coburn and Virginia (Robert) Kief; grandmother of Anita (Hugh) Walton, Jodi (Tony) Wyrostek, Michelle (Chris) Gerzanic, Richard (Leigh) Coburn, and Stacy Coburn; great grandmother of Jerry, Erin, Meghan, Julia, and Claire, Christopher and Kayleigh; sister of Richard (Audrey) Zumbunner and Cookie (James) Combs; and also survived by many siblings, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation was Jan. 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private funeral and interment was Feb. 1 at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our churches Healing Hearts meet Feb. 9

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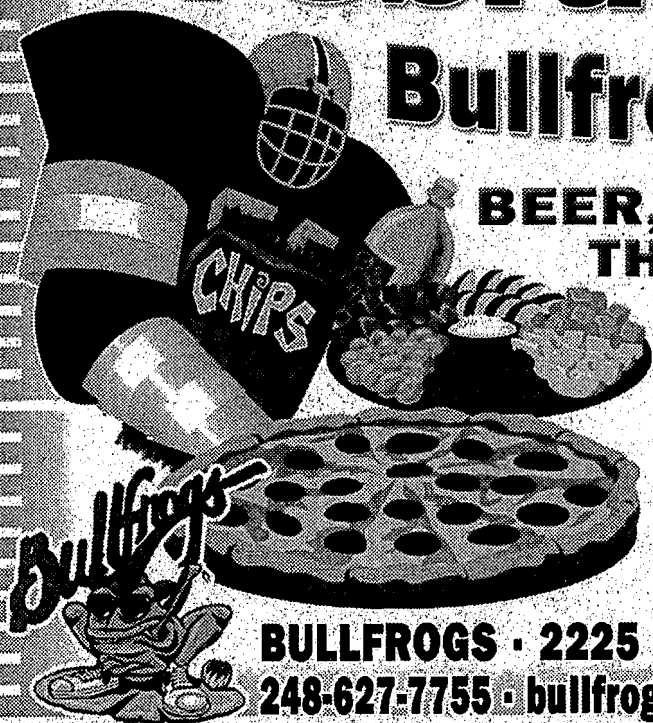
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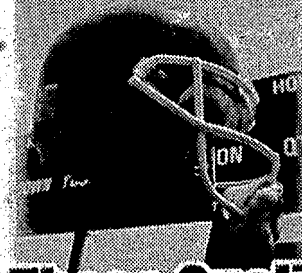
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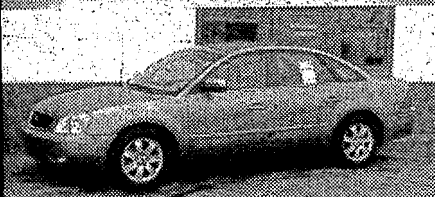


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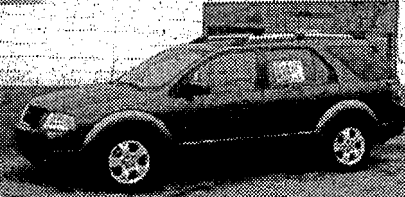
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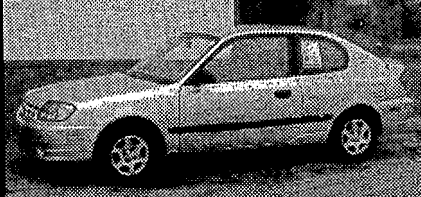
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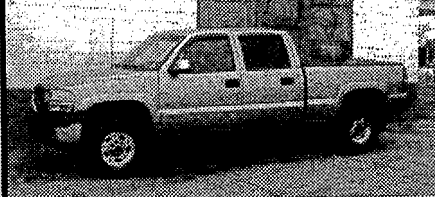
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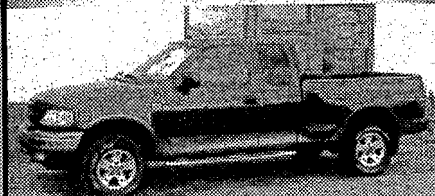
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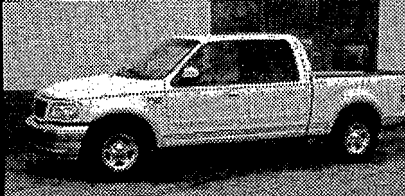
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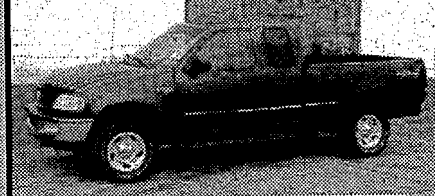
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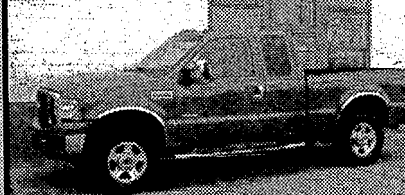
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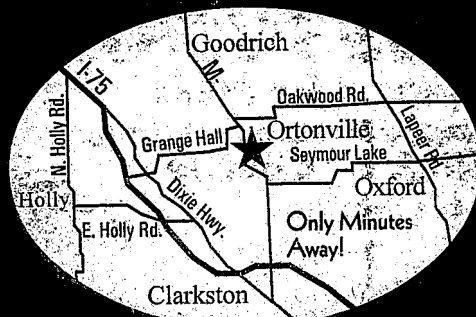


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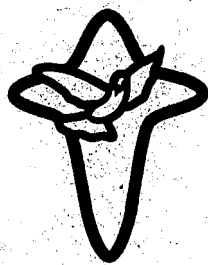
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