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Daddy's little

Morgan Kacanowski giggles with her dad, Jim, at the Daddy/Daughter Valentine Dance on Feb. 6 at Clarkston High School. Please see page 13A for more photos from the dance. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Budget debacle

## Public has its say in planned school cuts

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kara Marsac, Clarkston High School senior, stood and walked to the podium.

"I understand class sizes have to be raised," said Marsac, who is taking three advanced placement classes.

"Some of our highest level classes are smallest. I don't want the higher level of education to be cut because we had to make budget cuts."

She was one of hundreds filling Clarkston Junior High School auditoriun at Monday's Board of Education budget hearing.

"We are here tonight to not only stand up for our jobs, but our children," said bus driver Mike Morris. "We work here, we live here, we spend here. We have been told we are family but it's harder to get that into practice when times are tough."

Morris explained how when he was younger, his dad lost his job but the family maintained their lifestyle and fought past the tough times.

"He didn't go to my sister and say you are let go, you have to find a new family."

Morris extended an invitation for Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts to ride his bus one morning when he goes in at 6:30 a.m. or join him in the afternoon.

"I challenge you to come and see what money can't buy," Morris said.

Concerned parents, students and employees throughout the district listened to the recommendations to cut \$13 million from the budget to get the district out of deficit

Some included cutting 50 staff members, switching trimesters back to semesters, privatized busing, closing schools, or creating sister schools, in which elementaries close in proximity would split grades.

Many also wondered how the district got to this point and whether it could have been avoided.

"I think some decisions made in the past have not borne fruit for the district," said Brooke Davis, president of Clarkston Education Association. "I am not going to point a finger at any one person or one

program. I think it is a combination of a lot of things. I don't think we could be \$13 million over budget unless somebody made some mistakes."

Davis and Trustee Joan Patterson do not believe the fault is from the state legislature alone.

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"The state has not cut us that much," said Davis. "Only \$165 per pupil equaling \$1.2 million. One million and \$13 million do not equal."

"When you get into these kinds of situations, it's time to really look at what we are doing," said Patterson. "You can't blame it on the state."

Patterson also thought back to decisions the board made at the beginning of the school year, such as approving Fast ForWord and Superintendent Dr. Albert Roberts' salary increase.

"I voted no on his salary," said Patterson. "I kept asking where was the money coming from because I couldn't see how we could have the money.

"For Fast ForWord, voting for it was difficult. I voted for it so the students could

Please see Patterson on page 4A

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## Bailey Lake reaches out with 'Hearts 4 Haiti'

After a list of 15 of ideas and narrowing it down to four, the Bailey Lake Elementary Student Council Service Division finally decided a way to raise money for Haiti.

We cut out hearts and people wrote their names on them," said council member Marisa Johnson. "We charged one dollar."

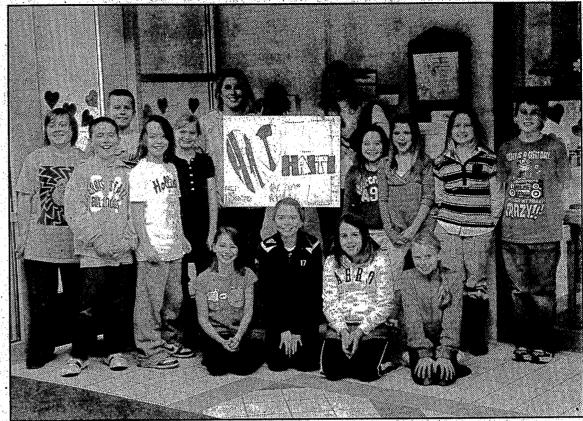
They called it "Hearts 4 Haiti."

"For \$5 you could get six hearts," said counci member Dana Pangori.

Teachers Mrs. Minot and Mrs. Patterson-Brown said the students planned everything and did it all.

"All the money went for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF," said council ember Kristen Page.

~Trevor Keiser



Bailey Lake Elementary Student Council Service Division raised money for Haiti.

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## **Briefly**

#### Early road salting

County road workers hit the roads, Tuesday morning, in a preemptive strike against expected snowfall.

Road Commission for Oakland County trucks sprayed salt water on selected roads to help slow formation of ice.

Trucks switch to rock salt when snow

#### Water quality meeting

The Wild Ones, Oakland Headwaters Chapter, and Clinton River Watershed Council host a free 'Little Things You Can Do To Protect Water Quality" presentation, 7:30-9 p.m., March 3, St. Daniel Catholic Community Church, 7010 Valley

Featured speaker is Anne Vaara, Clinton River Watershed Council executive director. She will discuss rain gardens, rain barrels, and other initiatives in the home to help protect rivers and lakes.

Admission is free, though registration is recommended. To register or for more information, call 248-601-0606, or check crwc.org.

#### Rotary aid work

Rotary Club delivered ShelterBox help for 20,000 people in Haiti so far, and are preparing help for 11,000 more.

Boxes are filled with emergency supplies for 10 people each, with a tent, cooking equipment, sleeping bags, blankets,

Donations made out to ShelterboxUSA can be sent to Clarkston Rotary, P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, MI 48347. For more information about ShelterBox, contact Mary Sloan at maryinsloan@comcast.net.

The Clarkston Rotary club is accepting donations for shelterbox for anyone interested. Donations made to ShelterBoxUSA are tax deductable and can be sent through the Clarkston Rotary.

## Attention businesses

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## Trustees find info lacking

#### **BYWENDIREARDON**

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In light of surprising difficulties, at least one Clarkston School Board member was not satsified with information supplied by school administration.

School board trustee Rosalie Lieblang filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Feb. 1, seeking budget-impact sheets used by administrators for making recommendations for budget cuts.

"We have to make a significant cut to our district," she said. "It's important for the board to have the information to make a well informed decision—it's going to affect our students and the lives of our employees."

She orginally requested the information orally at the Jan. 25 school board meeting. However, board President Steve Hyer turned it down, saying the entire board would have to agree to the request.

"I received enough information from administrators and superintendent's office to make a decision," he said, adding the board would have enough time to get the information and discuss cuts before they have to vote on it, March 8.

Prior to the Jan. 25 meeting, the school board had expected at \$6.4 million deficit in its \$87 million budget. At the Jan. 25 meeting the board was presented with the possibility of a deficit almost doubled -- \$13 million.

At the Jan. 25 meeting, school board trustee Joan Patterson was surprised how quickly the projected deficit exploded.

"It was five months ago the ISD (Oakland Intermediate School District) was going to cut money and services to the district. I asked 'how is it going to impact our district, do we need to make changes?' For months I have been saying are we going to have a problem,



Patterson

should we be looking at this?"

The answer she and the rest of the board got from the administration was the district was in good shape. Patterson supported Lieblang's FOIA request.

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"I think it is very valuable information," Patterson said. "This situation is serious. We need to have all the data and to tell us we can't have it — that's irresponsible. It is not allowing us to do our job"

She wants to see the information used in their decisions, she said.

"I trust Billie Pambid, I trust Shawn Ryan, we have some really good administrators doing this, but I haven't heard what they have been told," said Patterson. "I haven't seen why some of the programs haven't made it on the cutting block. I am an analyst. I want to see the data to make a decision."

Since her FOIA request, Lieblang received all of the information administrators had, which was the budget impact recommendation sheets and budget reductions sheets.

She also asked to look at suggestion-box ideas, written by teaching staff and parents in all Clarkston schools.

# Township layoffs looming

#### **BYTREVORKEISER**

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For Carol Gabris, human resource director for Independence Township, budget reductions are a matter of dollars, not people.

"If you budget for \$100,000 and you have to reduce it to \$75,000, as a department head, you have to cut \$25,000 out of that budget," she said. "It can be through cutting programs, cutting expenses in your department or division, and people are a part of that whole process."

Due to economic downturns, "reduction in force" is unavoidable, Gabris said at the Feb. 2 township board meeting.

She is hoping to have final layoff numbers by Feb. 19, assuming "there are no glitches in the road." Gabris had her first set of employee meetings the last week of January and will have the last set this week.

"The employee job bumping process in the current AFSCME collective bargaining agreement, though designed to save jobs, is difficult at best," she said. "It also creates a domino effect, which adds to its complexity. I think even the union would agree this process is difficult. However, the process does work."

Without collective bargaining agreement, they could have seven layoffs, but she is only hoping for three or four, she told township trustees.

"The numbers I gave are basically tentative because there is another meeting, and out of that meeting will come the final placements and layoffs," Gabris said. "People can't realistically hang their hat on those numbers."

Employees placed on "final layoff" will meet with her and union representatives to receive a "transition package," she said.

AFSCME Union President Craig Richardson said they have some "large hurdles to get over to get things back in balance."

"Concerning negotiations we're just getting started, trying to cooperate on both sides as best as possible to solve some of the financial problems the township is facing," he said.

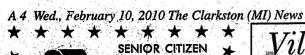
## Enjoying a day at the spa

McLaren Breast Center, sponsored a 'Pink and Pampered' day at the Carriage house in Clintonwood park on Jan. 27.

The ladies enjoyed Minimanicures, facials, neck hand and foot massages, nutrition counseling, and eye brow waxing.



Kimberly Tyno gets a neck massage from Charri Davis. Photo by Trevor Keiser



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#### have voted differently if she had known the effect it would have had four months later.

"We were told it wasn't going to be a problem," she said. "Now we know it isn't just a little problem it is a significant prob-

have it," she continued. "I was uncomfort-

able about Fast ForWord but they held up

Trustee Rosalie Lieblang also would

all the savings we were going to have."

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Administration took on the task of going through programs and ideas to make cuts throughout the school district. They created three scenarios, \$300, \$600 or \$900 in state per pupil cuts for the next fiscal

Going line by line, administration and staff took into account program costs, how many students and staff affected, and if it fit into existing curricula.

They considered a flat student count, 8,171 pupils, with no gains or lossess in the next fiscal year - even though one in 60 homes in the Clarkston Schools district is in foreclosure and families are moving

"The reason for it is because of the innovative programs we have implemented," said President Steve Hyer. "All Day Kindergarten, Advanced Studies Program, Young Five's program, CSMTech, International Baccalaureate (IB) - these programs are bringing students into the district. It has really boosted our enrollment."

CSMTech, Advanced Studies and IB are offered as School of Choice programs, although Clarkston as a district is not - stu-

dents not in the district can attend those

Patterson, Davis question

district's future after cuts

The board will also look at how the cuts will affect the district in years to come.

'We need to make sure, in the long run, we are doing what is best for the kids, said Patterson. "We have to make sure all K-12 programs are strong and we aren't weakening some of the earlier grade lev-

Davis is concerned with how teachers can provide the same quality of service with less staff and programs.

"There is no way we can run our district the same or can we have the same district we consider ourselves," said Davis. "It can't happen. Everybody is going to be working extra hard. We will not have the time to do the things we have always done to make sure we are a world-class school district."

The changes will send a ripple effect into the years to come.

"In the next five years, we could be partnering with outside entities like universities and online services because we won't be able to deliver the services," said

"Making these significant number of cuts is still disturbing to me," said Lieblang. "Waterford is in the news all the time and they are making a \$1.6 million cut. We have to make a \$13 million cut."

The district plans to hold community hearings to hear concerns and answer questions for the public work were

The date has yet to be determined and will be posted on www.clarkston.k12.mi.us and www.ClarkstonNews.com.

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## Suspect sought in robbery

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The suspect, wearing a "Scream" mask and rust-colored hoodie, approached the 63year-old pharmacist, placed a red bag on the counter, and demanded drugs.

Thinking it was a joke, the clerk refused, saying "I'm not giving you anything."

and fired a round into the counter, saying "I have five more and I'm not messing around." The pharmacist hit the floor and called 911 on his cell phone. The suspect, soon frustrated at the lack of response, fled.

erty when confronted by an armed robber,

but this situation happened too quickly, said Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence Township substation.

"He just pulled it out and touched one off," LaBair said.

Responding deputies secured the scene and a perimeter, calling in a tracking K-9 and police helicopter.

The deputies and K-9 were able to track The suspect pulled a black, 9mm pistol, so to the west, then north, ending in the parking area of an unoccupied church on Clarkston Road, where it appeared the burglar got into a waiting vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding this Police recommend victims give up prop- 800-SPEAK-UP.



Bob Geric on drums and brother Dan on guitar. Photo by Trevor Kelser

## Singers rock Depot theatre

Depot Theatre off White Lake road was filled Saturday night as a large crowd came to listen to the sounds of "The Geric Brothers," Bob and Dan, along with David Moesher.

Bob and Dan have played both individu-

ally and together for 20 years singing about "life, love, dogs and monkeys."

Meanwhile Moesher who plays a hybrid of bluegrass, folk, country-blues, and swing performed some of his original songs about "nature and man's place in it."

## Springfield forms budget committee

With double-digit tax revenues drops expected, Springfield Township officials are getting an early start on budget work.

Supervisor Mike Trout, Treasurer Jamie Dubre, and Trustee Dennis Vallad met for the first time, Jan. 26, as the new Budget Finance Committee.

"Everyone is struggling with this subject," said Vallad, who proposed creating the committee, Jan. 14. "I'd like to begin the budget cycle pretty quickly."

Based on township and county assessing data, property value in Springfield Town-

ship is expected to drop 12-13 percent this year. The goal of the committee is to figure out what personnel, program, and efficiency changes can be made to compensate, Trout

"It's a good idea to figure out what we need," he said. "I think things will get much worse."

The committee's goal is to develop a multiyear budget plan, reviewing financial reports, investments and loans, Capital Improvement Plan, staffing, scheduling, salaries, benefits and contracts, and millage and bonds.



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Melissa Marriott is the newest member of the John Bowman Chevrolet Sales Team. Ms. Marriott, recent MSU graduate, comes from generations of Chevy tradition. Her grandfather owned Bob Marriott Chevy-Olds in Upstate New York and her mother and father were both employees. Her father then attended GMI and became a

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#### Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

#### Rules made for a majority

The philosophy "one bad kid ruins it for the whole classroom" makes a bad rule. You don't punish all the kids because one is misbehaving. Trustee Neil Wallace seems to think you should.

Wallace gave an 807-word speech at the Jan. 19 Independence Township board meeting about a newspaper and story ("Mum's the word," Jan. 13) he deems "irrelevant."

However, I find it interesting the day the Clarkston News became "irrelevant" to Mr. Wallace was the day he found out the News didn't endorse his slate for the 2008 election. Eight-hundred-some words are a lot on something "irrelevant," don't you think?



Wallace said in his comments the newspaper's coverage of the township's new rule limiting residents to one agenda item per meeting "did not examine the

rationale, which we (the board) have endured the entire time we've been here, the abuse of these meetings that has gone on and that drove the board to this decision."

Actually, Mr. Wallace, I did examine the rationale and here's what I came up with. There are about 47,960 residents in the Clarkston area (Independence and Springfield townships, and Clarkston), 1,203,000 residents in Oakland County, 10 million in Michigan, and 309 million in the United States. You just made a rule change because of ONE single person who has "abused the board" and with whom you disagree.

Neither our story nor our editorial "endorsed" any abuse. Instead, we offered suggestions for stricter rules or greater enforcement of existing rules. Unfortunate as it may be, Mr. Wallace, enforcement of those rules falls into the hands of the supervisor, who is the chairman of the meetings.

He also said the rule is to "prevent someone who has not been elected from commenting on every single agenda item that comes before this board."

Pardon me, but it is a PUBLIC MEETING, and if members of the public whom YOU WORK FOR and are essentially YOUR BOSS want to comment on every single agenda item, they have that right to do so in a RESPECTFUL manner. Those who are not respectful should be forced to sit down. Being elected does not give the board the right to shut the people out of the conversation—that's the difference between democracy and dictatorship.

Wallace claims in the 30 years he's watched township meetings, people have never come to meetings to speak on multiple agenda items. Funny, because I've been at nearly every board meeting for the past three years and have seen him stand before the board two or three times throughout a night. Even resident and Planning Commissioner Ron Ritchie said the night of Wallace's speech, "I've not spoken many times at the meetings, but there's been nights where I have spoken two or three times."

Sure, you can change the public comment section of the agenda to allow the public to address the board on any matter including agenda items, but it's a little hard to say anything if they haven't heard the board's conversation yet.

I would like to also point out a part of the Open Meetings Act, which states "a person can be excluded from a public meeting due to a breach of the peace actually committed at the meeting," perhaps you should pursue that angle rather than limiting the majority to attempt to silence the abuse of one.

## View points

Letters to the editor

## School board responsible for budget

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston School District presented the following Budget information at their last meeting. Revenue for 2007-2008 was \$77.6 million, expenses were \$76.2 million. Revenue for 2009-2010 is \$81.9 million while expenses have ballooned to \$88.3 million. So revenue

has risen by \$4.3 million, thanks mostly to temporary Federal Stimulus, while expenses have risen by \$12.1 million.

There is a projected deficit in this 2009-2010 fiscal year's budget of \$6.38 million, and a projected budget deficit of \$13.0 million in fiscal year 2010-2011. The fiscal problem is not caused solely by the combined loss of \$433 per student over 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

The key expenses which have risen over the last three years are salaries, increased \$4.64 million, 10.6 percent; fringe benefits increased \$2.5 million, 12.3 percent; and capital outlay, increased by \$3.97 million. The other expenses account only for \$985,810 of the \$12,092,925 increase over the last three years. Salaries, fringe benefits and capital outlay make up 91.85 percent of the increase. I believe the capital outlay is mostly a school bus lease back transaction, which can be eliminated.

The superintendent's administration didn't understand the implications of the 3.42 percent annual increases in salaries over the last three years, nor the 3.93 percent annual increases in fringe benefit expenses. Administration did not get a clause in the labor contract which would reopen and adjust the contract if revenue fell.

Administration had no qualms about depleting almost half of the \$14 million Equity (rainy day) Fund in 2009-2010, with a budget deficit twice as large as that of 2009-2010, now projected for 2010-2011. How could any capable superintendent not see this radical fiscal shift from a \$1.4 million surplus in 2007-2008, to a combined revenue shortfall of \$21 million over the 2008-2009, \$1.6 million; 2009-2010, \$6.4 million; and 2010-2011, \$13 million?

Each and every board member, not just the two newest members and Ms. Joan Patterson, must take responsibility for personally understanding the financial implications of the decisions they have to make over the next couple of months.

Unfortunately, Superintendent Roberts doesn't seem to perceive school board members as a resource of seven individuals who can apply themselves to solving this fiscal issue

if he reaches out and includes them in decision making.

To come to an informed decision, board members must ask questions, demand accurate information, and discover criteria for evaluating each and every proposed spending cut. Board members must pursue this information even if scorned by the superintendent and colleagues as lacking respect or trust. It's their responsibility to make an informed decision, and they must use their authority to ascertain data and criteria for cutting expenses.

Ultimately, the board must remember they are responsible for providing an educational product to consumers, children and parents in the district. If the Clarkston educational product becomes inferior, through larger class sizes, shorter school years, fewer services and programs, many consumers will find a substitute for the public schools, which will lead to a downward spiral.

The solution lies in choosing a curriculum which is world class, i.e. 200 school days, class sizes in the very low 20's, offering programs and services such as art, music, foreign languages, sports, and clubs, which enrich the educational experience of each student, then determining how much the district can afford for labor and fringe benefits. The district cannot make any commitments which are fiscally unsupportable in short run, wages and benefits, or are an unsound burden in the long run – pension benefits.

Jeff Gibbs Independence Township

### Charity starts at home -- let's take care of our own

Dear Editor

Actually, this is directed to our government. Are there any governmental officials reading this? I would like to know why President Obama decided to give \$100,000,000 to Haiti. They had a disaster, a crisis you say? Oh, I'm sorry; I live in Michigan, of the United States of America. We don't have a crisis here!

Don't misunderstand, I'm all for helping people and supporting charities. In fact, I do more for charities than most. I also am a college student who requires financial assistance, a student continually told my governmental assistance may be cut.

Did I mention that I am also employed full time? Oops! Let me just say I am currently employed full time, but my job security is seriously in jeopardy now. I reside in Clarkston, having never yet been able to afford my own home. I've had to jump through hoops in order to receive a very minimal amount of aid to try to provide for my family.

How many foreclosures are there? How many hard working respectable citizens have lost their jobs? How many people have resorted to criminal acts out of desperation? How many poor souls have no hope?

I apologize, President Obama. Why did I ever question such a generous act in giving a gross amount of money to a country that truly needs it when the citizens who live in this country are living so high on the hog?

How many more negative factors do the average U.S./
Michigan citizens need to have put on their shoulders before
WE are allowed to benefit from OUR government's money?
What has happened to our nation? Is this what our forefathers
fought for? I once heard that charity begins at home. Let's
take care of our own!

Tammy Layton Independence Township

## Drowning bowls, Haiti and tolerance: a recap

Not too long ago I wrote of the schizophrenic feline that prowls the dark and dreary dwelling, commonly known as Casa de Rush. That cat is Thomas and I don't think he's right in the head.

I've written on the carnage of his youth. How, as a relatively young kitty, one night, as darkness fell, he systematically decimated the Beanie Baby population in said home.

He's a bit older now, but he really hasn't mellowed with age. In short, he's still a freak. For example, he'll purr loudly as you scratch under his chins, or behind his ears, but if you scratch and pet too long, or if he gets tired of the pampering, or if the temperature changes, time moves forward -- whatever the trigger -he'll bap you with clawed paw. (I say he'll bap "you", because he doesn't do it to me, just everybody else. I guess that makes me First Feline, Alpha Cat, or the biggest pussy in the house, take your choice.)

There hasn't been much blood (or bean) shed on Rush Mountain these days. Mostly because I have hid all the small stuffed animals, but also because Thomas The Terrible has changed his modus operandi. He is now a drowner.

He takes his victims, drags them to the big-enough-for-large-dogs water bowl and drowns them. Is this normal behavior for a cat? Size doesn't matter, these days, either. Where once he only attacked smallish Beanie Babies, he has now moved up the food chain to stuffed critters far larger than himself.

I came home the other week and he drug

over to the drowning bowl a fake bear rug from youngest son Sean's room.

That is one maniacal cat.

And, I have taken to sleeping with the bedroom door closed, lest I wake up one night "drowned."

#### Don't **Rush Me**



A column by **Don Rush** 

I wondered out loud, how much is enough in regards to making donations to the overly corrupt, but still poor and recently earthquake ravaged Haiti?

If you didn't read that, or forgot, don't call me a meanie or Haiti hater. I didn't say it was wrong to donate to the humanitarian efforts down that way -- I just wondered when we (Americans) would mobilize like that to

help our neighbors here in Michigan.

So, that was my question . . . this past Friday, as I opened up my phone bill, I found that I -- Don Rush (read: cheapskate, stingy, skinflint, tightwad and scrooge-like) -- donated \$10 of my hard earned money to Haiti. And, I would personally like to thank my son Shamus, for having such a big heart, trying to save my immortal soul, by texting the Haiti relief fund number and signing me up to make

"Thank you, son. And, remind me again -- why do I pay for you to have your own cell phone?

It is a relatively new phenomenon that I have watched slowly grow over the last decade. There is little tolerance these days. We all talk about it is "okay" for folks to live this way, or live that way, or go to a church of their choice, or not to believe in a power higher than themselves, to live and let live and all that, but I think we're hypocrites.

I think we are more critical than ever. I think today folks are more, "You're either with me all the way, or you are against me."

I think Americans are so deeply divided in their politics and beliefs that we border on fanatical adherence to whatever it is we think we know. I think we spout our own beliefs and when someone dares to disagree, we stick our fingers in our ears and shout "la, la, la, la," until the heresy is completed.

I say it's relatively new because while it has been a national trend, it has only recently hit home, locally. Don't believe me?

If I as a columnist, or we, as a newspaper dare to disagree with, say the school district on any issue, folks drop their subscriptions, start up anti-us websites, tell businesses not to advertise with us -- they basically try to put us out of business.

In the past, they would write their opinions and we would publish them. We would all look at the each other's side, move on and in the process grow.

I am here to testify, them days is gone. comments Send don@dontrushmedon.com

## Thanks for library help with Lions

The Clarkston Area Lions Club wants to thank Julie Meredith and her wonderful staff at the Independence Township Library. Their enthusiastic and well organized assistance helped make Project Kidsight a huge suc-

In total, the Clarkston Area Lions Club screened the vision of 54 pre-school children. The photographs taken during the screening have been sent to Project Kidsight at Children's Hospital for analysis and subsequent parental notification.

The screening checks for many conditions including ambylopia (lazy eye), nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, strabismus (misaligned eyes), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), and cataracts.

Ron Savage Clarkston Area Lions Club

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#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

#### 15 years ago - 1995

"Learning from the source" American Indian Wayne Jackson showed off an array of Native American tools and garments, and explained some of his ancestors' beliefs to students at North Sashabaw Elementary. His visit was part of the school's Multicultural Day.

"Local jazz singer's got it all - heart, soul and talent? Clarkston singer Danielle Blanchard performed jazz tunes with the band The Steve Adams Trio throughout the area. The group was looking to start a recording career.

"OM" Parent volunteers Sherry Regiani and Penny Shanks organized Odyssey of the Mind teams at Clarkston elementary schools. Students worked together in teams to solve problems in various categories including science, nature, and history.

#### 25 years ago - 1985

"Wint wins Heart of Gold award" Lewis Wint earned the United Fund award in honor of his volunteer work with SCAMP, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, and other community groups.

"These birds of a feather can't flock together" County health ordered Rudy and Bob Schwarze of Rudy's Market to stop feeding a flock of about 250 pigeons, saying it caused a "nuisance, unsanitary condition, or cause of illness." Rudy said the order was stupid. "I've been feeding them for 55 years," he said.

"Teacher tops with CHS students" Jan Modesitt was voted Teacher of the Semester by the Clarkston High School National Honor Society. The 20-year math teacher was selected because she was respectful, firm, and willing to help her stu-

#### 50 years ago - 1960

"Tea and reception honoring Mrs. Nixon" Local Republican women helped organized the reception in Royal Oak, sending out thousands of invitations and serving as hostesses.

Dairy leader honored during Farmers' Week" Q.F. Forster of Clarkston was named Michigan's Dairyman of the Year for his success in developing the Lakefield Holsteins, sheep, and swine, his unselfish devotion to his family, and many other activities.

"Localite honored at convention" Business executive Robert W. Kraud wrote a prize winning essay, winning a cash prize and the chance to read it at the Automotive Service Industry Association convention in New Year City.

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Autumn Nelson, 2, picks out a color for her nails. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Fourth-grader Drew Sagowitz is the big winner with three fish.

### **Fun night at Andersonville**

Andersonville Elementary School students stood with their tickets ready and practiced their throws.

They waited in a long line for a chance to win a fish to take home. All they had to do was get a ping pong ball into a glass bowl.

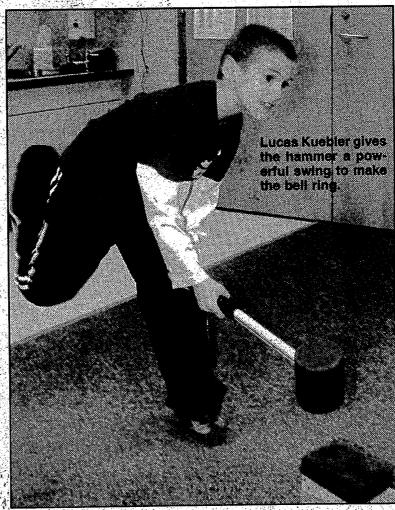
It was one of the Carnival inspired games at the school's Fun Fair, Feb. 5.

Other popular activities for the families were the Cake Walk and the Rock Climb.

The students enjoyed fair favorite food popcorn and cotton candy, both freshly-made by parent volunteers.



Makayla Collins peels off a sticker for her bag.





Adrian Dohrian makes his next move on the rock climbing wall.



## Multiple crash on M-15

Firefighters and deputies quickly cleaned up a crash on M-15 north of I-75, about 5 p.m., Feb. 8. Two pickup trucks and a minivan suffered severe damage in the wreck, which blocked traffic both ways on M-15 for about an hour.

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

#### **Identity** theft

A Independence Township resident reported someone used her debit card without permission three times, Jan. 26, one to a company in Detroit. She closed the account.

An Independence Township resident was contacted by her bank, advising her of suspicious charges on her debit card, Jan. 27. She looked for her purse but couldn't find it in the car, unlocked parked in the open garage. Charges were traced to Pontiac, Waterford, White Lake and Davison.

#### Flaming pipes

A Joy Street home's pipes were frozen, 8:57 p.m., Jan. 28, so the resident connected a portable heater to a propane tank to thaw them. He smelled smoke, checked under the mobile home, and saw flames. He tried a fire extinguisher, but it had no charge. He tried the water hose, but remembered the lines were frozen. He pulled the propane tank from under the trailer and called 9-1-1. Independence Township firefighters extinguished the fire.

#### Purse stolen

The car's rear passenger window was smashed out and purse stolen, 10 a.m., Jan. 29, at a Hubbard Road elementary school. Security video shows a dark-colored vehicle backed in next to the victim's vehicle. The victim cancelled credit cards, and notified police someone tried to use her cards at four gas stations in Detroit.

#### **Drug bust**

A Clarkston High School assistant principal got a tip student a 15-year-old student had marijuana, 8:39 a.m., Feb. 2. She was escorted to the office and found with a small amount, which she said she got from a 16-year-old student. He said got he got the drug from a third student, a 15-year-old Independence Township boy. He was escorted to the office and found with five gram-size baggies of marijuana. The students were turned over to the parents. Deputies submitted petitions to probate court.

#### Car fire

An Indianwood Drive resident was inside when he heard a thump from the car, parked in the driveway, 9:30 p.m., Feb. 3. The car alarm went off, which he shut off using a remote from inside. A minute or so later, he heard another thump and the alarm went off again. He went outside and saw smoke coming from under the hood. He called 9-1-1 and tried to extinguish the flames by shoveling snow on it. Firefighters extinguished the blaze.

#### Into the ice

A stolen car ended up in Big Lake, 5:31 p.m., Feb. 4. Thieves reportedly drove it recklessly on the icy lake, lost control, hit a dock, and fell through the ice. Occupants fled. The vehicle, reported stolen from White Lake Township, was pulled from the water by Springfield Township firefighters.

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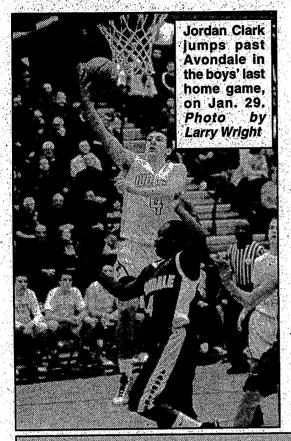
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## Lessons for Wolves continue after close, tough losses



#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

After two consecutive losses the Cagers ended the week with a powerful win over Academy of Oak Park at the Dorian Style Classics on Sunday.

Senior Matt Kamieniecki dominated the scoreboard with 26 points as the team won, 69-42.

The boys were up by six points going into the first half and defense put on powerful blocks as their opponents only scored 11 points in the remainder of the game.

"I was proud," Wolves Boys Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "I hate to get proud because I don't want to get soft in my practices but I was proud of their reaction to the losses. As a coach, I am anxious to see how our kids come out of the loss."

Fife commented on how well the boys responded on both sides of the floor - defensively and moving the ball well on offense.

The boys first loss last week was against Southfield-Lathrup, 64-61. They followed it up with another close loss to

Pontiac on Friday, 54-51.

The game was another close game and the boys found themselves near victory as they neared the end of the game with nine seconds to go.

Pontiac's Juwan Moody sank a 3-pointer tying the game at 51 points from half court.

Clarkston sent an inbound pass to Kamieniecki and Pontiac knocked it away. DeBrian Lewis shot another 3-pointer from the mid-court to end the game.

"I am 60 and in 55 years of my life I have never seen what happened, happen," said Fife. "One half court shot is amazing, then to have two half courts shots is a tough way to lose."

Kamienieck led the team with 15 points, and Tyler Scarlett followed with 13.

Each game aided the team in looking at what they are doing in the game.

"Losing like we have done and winning like we have in most situations have been good situations," said Fife.

During most of the situations the boys have been under pressure, from both their opponents.

"You find out about yourself," contin-

ued Fife. "You figure out what you need to do to win and how you can win under the circumstances. Then if it translates back to practice, you realize the significance of working hard all the time or should, Those losses are great lessons."

Though the team's youth showed at the beginning of the season, Fife said the last 13 games have made them grow up quick.

As the boys going into the last half of the season Fife said they will see what happens especially as they host Oak Park on Friday.

"We should be in good shape," he said. "We have a lot of young kids. They know they have expectations on them. They are going to follow in the footsteps (of the seniors) and leave a legacy and expectations for the next team. The legacy is the effort they put into it, mental and physical and say you gave it your best."

The boys are now 9-4 overall and 5-3 in OAA Red. They look to improve their record when host the Knights on Thursday. They head to West Bloomfield next Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

## Athlete of the Week

### Siegfried plays with the best

#### BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hannah Siegfried was excited to hear was chosen to play soccer for the Michigan Olympic Development Program.

"I felt really happy, but nervous because there is still one more round," the 13-year-old Sashabaw Middle School student shared.

The final round is the first weekend in March at Michigan state - five players will be

"We play for an hour and a half," she explained. "Once they do the cuts that is the team and we start playing tournaments."

Siegfried hasevery intention on being one of 30 players chosen for the team and is getting prepared to show off her talent.

Proud parents Ken and Valerie are excited to see her chosen to continue to the next round.

"All of her hard work and dedication has paid off," said Ken.

The Michigair ODP started their initial try-outs during the surprer where Siegfried joined over 100 of the regulayers in the state. During the first cut only 50 remained.

More tryouts and training sessions were held in the fall and January until they made

the cut to 35 players.

"It is a great program," said Hannah. "You meet a lot of different people from around Michigan and play with the best of the best players in the state."

Though Hannah is a veteran to playing soccer, playing since she was four, she said she playing with the Michigan ODP.

"I have become a better player all around after being exposed to better competition from all around the state - Grand Rapids, the upper peninsula and from southern Michigan," she explained "The ODP staff of coaches are really good. They are great teachers and do great with the team."

Hannah started soccer in Kiddy Kickers.

"My wife and I are sports people," said Ken. "We had her try different sports."

But it was soccer and basketball that held her interests. Hannah also plays for WAZA. She plays basketball for the middle school team and Clarkston Wolfpack, a AAU team. "I really like soccer," she said. "Thave got-

"I really like soccer," she said. "I have gotten really good at it. I still have a long way to go."

Hannah plays as a center midfielder and has set her goal to play college and professional.





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## Gridiron heroes sign on to play at college

#### **BY WENDIREARDON**

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Teammates Tyler Scarlett and Dakota Bender have shared a lot of memories during the last few years.

They added one more as they signed their letters of intent to continue playing football in college on Feb. 3.

Scarlett will aid Michigan Tech as a quarterback and Bender will be a running back for Grand Valley State University.

"It is awesome," Wolves Head Football Coach Kurt Richardson said about watching his players sign. "They have a great chance if they want to play at the next level. They have two great universities, two great football programs."

Bender had seen a few schools and was still undecided until GVSU approached him.

They asked him to look at the school. He visited and met some of the players.

"I am really excited to go to the good program. They have won so many national championships," he said.

His parents, Kris and Mike, were excited to see him sign.

"He was nervous about the whole thing but when he saw Grand Valley he knew it was a good fit for him," said Kris.

Bender joined the Clarkston Chiefs when he was seven, but had the ball in his hands long before then.

"He was born with a ball in his hands," said Kris, "When he was tiny he couldn't sit still to do anything, unless you gave him a



Tyler Scarlett and Dakota Bender sign their letters with their coaches Rich Porritt, Phil Price, Head Coach Kurt Richardson, Pete Gallagher and John Bennink. *Photo by Wendi Reardon* 

ball.

Kris used to bring Dakota to the high school when she would watch her cousin play volleyball. He would be memorized and stay still.

"If there was a game with a ball he would stay still," she said.

He started playing the sport because his family has always played football and after he watched his uncle play.

"It was what he always wanted to do,"

Kris said.

He has held the running back position throughout his entire football career.

He has yet to decide what he is going to study in the fall.

Scarlett has chosen to study engineering, stating it was one of the reasons why he chose Michigan Tech.

"I am excited to get the decision out of the way," he said. "It seems like it has been a long time I have been thinking about this."

Other reasons why he chose Michigan Tech were the coaches, the players and the atmosphere.

"It is kind of far away from here but I can deal with it," he said. "They have good coaches and good players."

"It is a good fit for him," said dad, Todd.

"I am very happy for him," said mom, Kim.
"He was throwing the football when he was two or three."

Tyler began his football career in fourth grade when he joined the Clarkston Chiefs.

He started out as a running back but moved into his current role when his teammate Greg Keller was injured.

Both joined the varsity team in their sophomore year.

"We were talking about how it seems like it went really fast. Especially to see them as sophomores and kids and now they are young men," said Richardson.

For their last season, they aided the team to a 12-1 record, and took the team past the district finals, regional finals and quarterfinals.

Dakota assisted the team during the winning season by scoring 27 touchdowns. He had 1,200 yards rushing and 340 receiving yards.

Tyler had 1,700 passing yard and 1,286 rushing yards and ten touchdowns.

"It is a great day for Clarkston football," said Richardson.

## Grapplers take league title at 'Red' tourney, ready for Districts this week

The Wolves walked away from the OAA Red Tournament with the league title.

The boys scored 173.5 points, blowing seven teams out of the water, including Lake Orion, who ended up taking second place.

Seniors Zak Roberson (112), Matt Deitz (140) and Evan King (160) walked away with their second consecutive league titles. Roberson put a hold on Rochester's Kaelen

Richards to win the final round, 4-1, while King defeated another Falcon, 8-1. Deitz outmatched Brad Lowe from Avondale, 9-2.

Matt Vandermeer won a league title in his 171-weight class by keeping Rochester Adams' Matt Hart to one point when the two went into overtime.

Jeff Sloney (125) took out Dragon Matt Musary to win his league title. Raymond Wilkie (103), Ty Foltz (135), and Mike Henige (145) placed in second while Mike Cardinale (119), Naron McDougal (152) and Scott Devos (285) took fourth place.

The boys head to Lake Orion on Wednesday for Team District finals where they will compete to win the title of District Champs against the Dragons, Pontiac and Rochester Adams. They begin at 5:30 p.m

They continue on Saturday in the Individual Districts finals to take on wrestlers from the same three teams again, plus ten other schools.

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Tyler Shrout dances with her dad, Steve.



Darryl and Mykala Wendt share a dance.



## Dancing with daddy

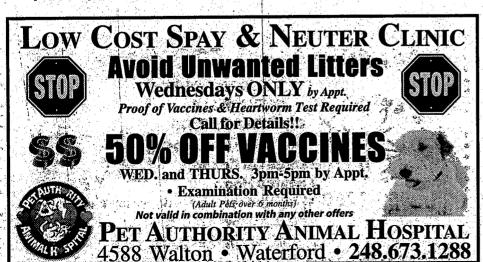
Clarkston High School cafeteria, twice, during Clarkston Community Education's annual Daddy Daughter Dances, Feb. 6.

More than 1,000 attended the dances, one in the afternoon and the

Dads and their daughters filled 'other in the evening. Jim Tedder Productions provided music. National Honor Society students volunteered their time to decorate and help out. Also, this year donations were collected for Lighthouse of Oakland County.

Jesse Moyet simultaneously twirls his daughters Samantha, left, and Kaley. Photos by Phil Custodio





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# Plans for Valentine's Day?

"Dinner, probably at Mesquite, and relaxing."



– Tom and Gabby Brand

"Take the family to my wife's great aunt's for



– Fred and Kelsey Gilbert



"Take mom out to dinner."

lunch."

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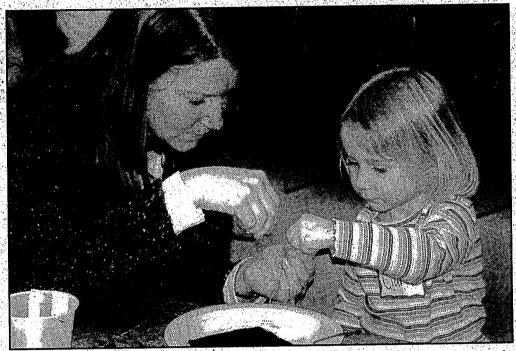
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"Go up north for Presidents' Day weekend and go skiing."

- Mark and Mia Farella

By Phil Custodio

# The Clarkston News' Section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



Clara Mackey, 3, makes a snow flake catcher with the help of her mother, Stephanie Mackey. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 

## Making new memories, sharing old ones at Wint

#### BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Amongst the photos adorning page 21 of the June 26, 1985 edition of the Clarkston News is Lynn Conover, attaching a stuffed woodpecker to a tree exhibit at the new Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks.

Twenty-five years later, both are still going

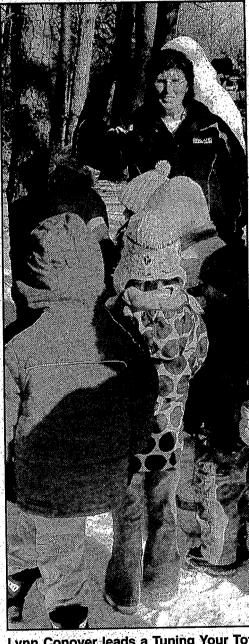
"I love what I do and I do what I love," said Conover, naturalist at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center. "I'm blessed to be able to work here and build a strong foundation for children's love of nature."

The center, located in Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, celebrates its 25th anniversary all year.

Tuning Your Tot seasonal program for children 3-6, also celebrating its 25th year, was this past weekend. Patrons attending a nature center program through June receive a buy-oneget-one-free wave pool coupon, attend four programs, get one free.

Please see Nature on page 13B





Lynn Conover leads a Tuning Your Tot tour this past weekend at Wint Nature Center.



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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.

Art Print and Home Design show, 7 p.m., Feb. 10-11, Michelle Tynan's Drawingboard Studios, 6260 Middle Lake Road. 248-410-6713.

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. Childcare available. \$40/couple. 248-393-1368.

Citizens Against Independence Township Waste open house, 12-4 p.m., Feb. 13, 7608 Dixie Highway, Suite 100. Petitions to recall Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner. 248-625-6736.

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## Around Town

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

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, walleye, wild turkey, bison, other wild game. \$20. 248-625-

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-

Insurance class, 6 p.m., Feb. 20, Harvestland Ministries, 5848 Clintonville Road. Free. Matt Wagner of Caring Insurance Advisors discusses life, health, disability, long-term care insurance. 810-240-8300.

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.

Women in Business, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, McLaren Breast Center, 10:45-1 p.m., Feb. 25, Red Knapps; Pure Michigan. 10:45-1 p.m., March 25, Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road; True Colors, 2-5 p.m., April 29, Oakhurst Country Club. 248-625-8055.

Wild Game Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 26; 5 p.m., Feb. 27, Maranatha Baptist Church of Clarkston, 5790 Flemings Lake Road. Professional wild game caterer, with bear, salmon, pheasant, duck, elk and emu. Door prizes. \$25:248-625-

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.

Fiesta Fundraiser and silent auction, Oakland County 4-H Fair Association, 5-9 p.m., Feb. 27, Springfield Oaks Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Road. All-you-can-eat tacos, nachos, ice cream bar. \$8. 248-634-8830.

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, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-

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

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

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## Grease is the Word at Clarkston High School

#### BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's the classic story about two teenagers, Danny and Sandy and their friends, brought to life by the Clarkston High School Drama Club's rendition of "Grease."

"Over the summer Sandy meets Danny and they get separated," said Assistant Dance Captain Katie Hokanson. "They reunite, surprisingly."

Though Sandy is thrilled to see him again, Danny doesn't want to ruin his bad boy reputation with the new good girl setting off a school year of relationships, cool cars along with singing and dancing.

The drama club used the movie version and Broadway version, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey for their production singing the favorite songs "Greased Lightning," "You Are the One That I Want," "We Go Together."

Hokanson assists Dance Captain Tessa Cornwall for all of the dance numbers.

"Some of the dances are easy, but so easy it is hard to remember," Hokanson said. "The 'Hand-Jive' is one dance in particular, it is a lot tougher because it has a lot of partner work."

Kenny Nelson and Stefani Galik take on the roles of Danny and Sandy.

"Kenny is not only a fantastic singer and actor, but also a character. He puts so much of himself into Danny," said Hokanson. "Stefani has recre-

ated Sandy. She is unbelievably cute when she changes Sandy's look at the end."

The remaining T-Birds are played by Dave Alex Seaman as Kenickie, Nathan Larkins as Doody, Max Hefty as Sonny, and Kyle Catalano as Roger.

"Dave Alex takes Kenickie to a new level. He puts the scary, creepy side into his character and also the feeling he really does care," said Hokanson. "Nathan puts his own style into everything he does on stage."

The Pink Ladies are Brianna Minando as Rizzo, Lauren Glowski as Frenchy, Taylor Brown as Marty, Anne Marie Hart as Jan.

"Rizzo is tough and Brianna isn't like that off stage. She is quite the actress. She is the best Rizzo I have seen," said Hokanson.

Hokanson added all the actors and actresses are extremely good and bring their characters to life in a unique way.

'It's a really funny play and the song are amazing," she said.

Performances for Grease are February 25, 26, 27 at 7:30 p.m. A matinee show is on Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. All shows are at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 248-623-4042 or purchased at the CHS Box Office, weekdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Prices are \$10 for adults. Students and senior citizens are \$8.



Grease cast members are: back row, Kenny Nelson as Danny, Stefani Galik as Sandy, Brianna Minando as Rizzo, Dave Alex Seaman and Kenicki, Tessa Cornwall as Cha-Cha, Taylor Brown as Marty, Max Hefty as Sonny; front row, Nathan Larkins as Doody, Lauren Glowski as Frenchy, Kyle Catalano as Roger, Anne Marie Hart as Jan and Kendall Kotcher as Patty. Photo by Wendi Reardon





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## Milestones

## Business achievements

Chris Brzezinski successfully completed licensing requirements and is now li-

censed as a Professional Land Surveyor in Michigan. He is employed with Griggs Quaderer Inc., a civil engineering and land surveying firm in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Brzezinski is also a licensed professional civil engineer and has 12 Brzezinski years of experience in

site development projects for commercial, residential and institutional uses.

His expertise includes initial planning,

design and guidance for preparation of technical documents, sustainable design, boundary/topographic surveys, construction staking and construction administration.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Michigan State University in 1998 and his Bachelor of Science degree in Surveying from Michigan Tech in 2007. He resides in Clarkston with wife Stephanie and two children.

Daniel Stencil of Clarkston, Oakland County Parks executive officer, was elected to a three-year term as the Great Lakes Region representative for National Recreation and Park Association and Michigan Recreation and Park Association.



#### Students achieve success

Jennifer J. Davis of Clarkston earned a Master of Business Administration degree this past December at Baker College.

Heather Baron of Clarkston made the Dean's List for fall semester at Grand Valley State University. A sophomore, she is a resident assistant and was recognized as a student leader in the "I am Grand Valley" leadership program.

Michigan Technological University fall 2009 Dean's List includes Clarkston students Lauren K. Dedow, senior, Biological Sciences; Alexander F. Hardy, senior, Mechanical Engineering: Jillian P. Schwab, freshman General Engineering; and Ashley M. Smokoska, freshman, Civil Engineering; and Matthew C. Hehn, senior, Chemical Engineering, of Davisburg.

Nate Austin, Hotel and Lodging Management; Shannon O'Connor, Retail Merchandising; and Mackenzie Hagen, Retail Merchandising, represented Clarkston High School at Michigan DECA District Conference, Jan. 9, Farmington High School.

Teresa Kuhta of Clarkston was selected for Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine 's Class of 2013.

Kuhta has a bachelor's degree in brain, behavior, and cognitive science from the University of Michigan. The daughter of Joe

Kuhta and Kathy Lenc, she graduated from Clarkston High School in 2003.

The following Clarkston students were named to the Northern Michigan University Dean' List for Fall semester, 2009:

Keith W. Voorheis and Steven A. Puroll, both with 4.0 GPAs, and Colette M. Armes, Stephanie M. Bollini, Derek R. Bush, Robert D. Campbell, Nicholas J. DeVault, Joshua L. Garnett, Paul J. Goodrich, Sara J. Hartley, Stephen M. Hunter, Anna T. Kerr, Kathleen T. Kerr, Nicholas L. Lewy, and Philip S. Voorheis.

Clarkston resident Zachary Habermas was named to the Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology. Habermas is a Space Science: Astronomy and Astrophysics major.

Megan DeCoster of Clarkston made the Dean's List at Michigan State University for the fall semester, 2009.

Patrick McIlrath of Clarkston was named to the Spring Arbor University Fall 2009 Dean's List. He is a senior studying Business Administration, and son of Jerry and Melanie McIlrath.

Michael Klemm of Clarkston graduated from Marquette University in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engi-

#### Got a Milestone to share?

Send your milestones to 5 S. Main St. or e-mail Clarkstonnews@gmail.com

## **Religion**Want to start feeling hopeful again? Start by serving

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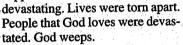
You might be tired of hearing about Haiti. It isn't because you are cold-hearted or uncaring; it just means you are human. We can only see so much suffering and death and destruction before we have to step away to maintain our sanity. Caring hurts. Caring takes its toll. Caring in the midst of such overwhelming need can make you feel insignificant and hopeless. In order to deal with it, we tune out. We go to the movies, watch comedies, go for a walk, or go shopping. We do anything that takes our minds off of how horrible things are in the world around us.

We just can't look at one more sad face, one more orphaned child, one more man that lost his wife and kids. We cannot watch one more mother hold her children as they wait for food and water. It hurts something in our hearts. Somehow our soul gets damaged. The problem is that tuning it out doesn't really help. We are still overwhelmed,

and worse, we ignore the suffering.

Sometimes we think finding the answer to the question of why it happened will help. Smarter people than me have tried to answer those questions, so I'm not even going

to try. For me, it really doesn't matter why. I don't care why the earthquake happened. I don't care if it was a deal with the devil. I don't care if it was because of what didn't happen in Copenhagen. It happened. It was



In times like these, life is not a theological question to answer. In John's gospel, the disciples asked why a man was born blind. They asked if it was the man that sinned or his parents. The disciples knew that someone had to have sinned. Jesus said it wasn't the man or his parents. Jesus says, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life" (John 9:3 NIV). But it could be translated, "Neither this man or his parents sinned. Let the works of God be displayed in him!" In other words, Jesus said that there is work to be done and we better be about doing it. You and I have the ability to do something about the suffering in Haiti and it will demonstrate the power of God.

That power is not only demonstrated to the people in Haiti, but for us as well. When we are overwhelmed by suffering as in Haiti, we can question God and the way the world works. We can get depressed, angry, or frustrated. We can sit around and try to figure out how all of this happened and what

it means for us and them. That won't help.

If we want to start feeling hopeful again, there is one thing we can do: We can start by giving and serving. When we give to people that need our help, we are participating in the work of God and somehow through that participation, we are filled with the Spirit of God. We become hopeful because God is hopeful. When we give we receive. That is powerful, for both the people in Haiti and ourselves.

When the man born blind was given his sight, he saw the Light for the first time in his life. Our sacrifices can bring light into the Haitians' darkness and our own.

What do you say? Would you give to the people of Haiti so they could see the Light? You may not think you can do much, but it will make a huge difference for both you and the Haitians. I promise.

The Rev. Dave Gerber is pastor of Lake Louise Church.

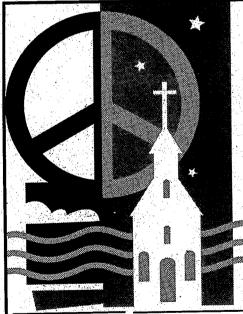
### In our churches...

40 Days to an Awakened Christ Consciousness: Ash Wednesday Special Service, Special music with Cathy Zucker and Rev. Matthew, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 17. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, 248-625-5192.

Seder Dinner and program, 5:30 p.m., March 6, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Rabbi Glenn Harris leads the dinner program.'\$15/person, \$40/family. Free childcare. Tickets available at church until Feb. 28. 248-625-1611.

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-

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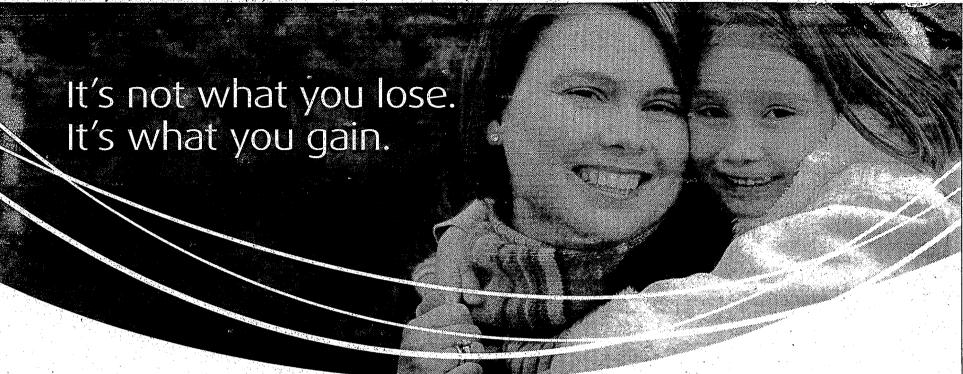
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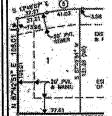


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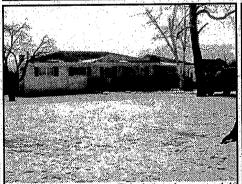
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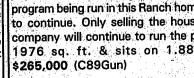
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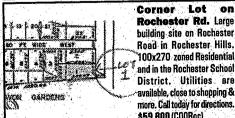
Calling All Investors. This home has an adult foster care program running in it & the owner is looking for someone to take ownership of the home. The program has a state lease & will continue to run at the house. Only the house is being sold. This is a ranch with 1800 sq ft & sits on 1.75 acres. \$265,000 (C77Pre)

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Fashion-forward Colonial w/glitzy Williams Lake as its backdrop. 2,000 classically adorned sq. ft. includes 3 bedrooms, 3.1 baths, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, and a finished walkout. \$269,500 66-LAN



Golf course-facing ranch villa w/10-12 ft. ceilings, crown moldings, wainscoting, and porcelain tiles t/o. 3 bedrooms, 3 full and 1 half baths, stately great room, and a finished walkout. \$220,000 55-EAG



A dramatic 2-story foyer opens to 2,500 sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, 2 full/1 half baths, fire lit great room w/tray ceiling, hardwood floors galore, and a side-entry garage. \$192,000 64-SOU



Practically new 1,900 sq. ft. contemporary w/a traditional twist: 2 covered porches, master w/sitting area, formal dining, extensive hardwood floors, and a vaulted living room. \$180,000 or \$1,400/mo; 40-LAK



Rare ranch site condo situated on a private setting and flaunting 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fire lit great room w/deck access, first floor laundry, and all appliances included. \$174,900 53-FOR

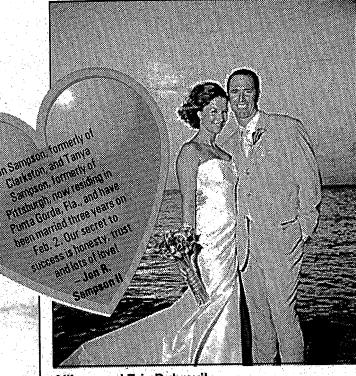


Lush, professional landscaping nuzzles this 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod on an all-sports lake. Granite kitchen, glittery lake views, finished walkout, and 2-car garage complete the package. \$165,000 31-LEX



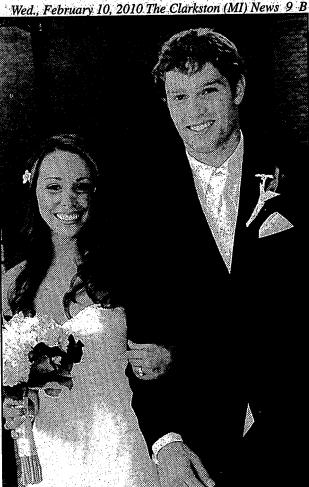






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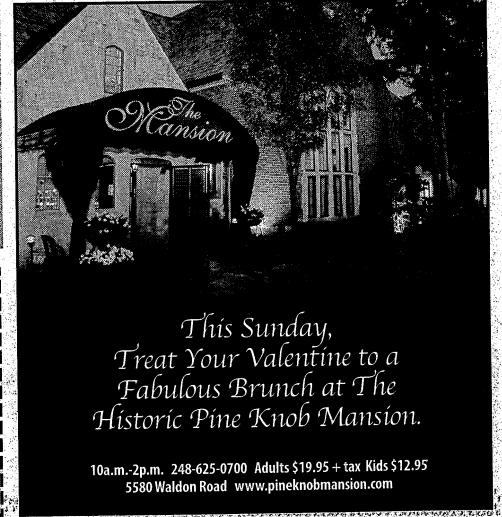
## Happy Valentine's Day!



Amanda and Michael Shaub

Sunday is Valentine's Day, a day to cela day to celand friendship. Here are some tips and secrets from readers, as well as some of those who tied the knot this past





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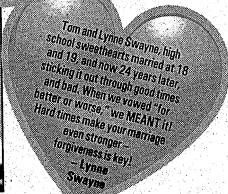


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### Obituary\_

#### Russell K. Adams, 63

Russell K. Adams of Pontiac passed away, Feb. 1, 2010, at age 63.

He was the father of Cristina (Andrew) Grashuis of Grand Rapids and Jason Adams of Bowling Green, Ohio; grandpa of Brecken and Finley; son of Eileen (the late Lester) Adams of Clarkston; brother of Carol (Fred) Gross of Clarkston and Wayne Adams of

Mr. Adams retired from General Motors. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam conflict.

Memorial service was Feb. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Online guest book Society. www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### In our churches

continued from 5B

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.

#### Henrietta I. Bentley (Wallace), 80

Henrietta I. Bentley (Wallace) of Waterford, formerly of Davison, passed away, Feb. 3, 2010, at age 80.

She was preceded in death by her hus-

bands Harry L. Wallace Jr. and Laurence H. Bentley. She was the loving mother of Lee (Linda) Wallace and the Late Lori F. Lenegan; proud grandmother of Lee Wallace II, Lisa (Tim) Roebuck, Tracie (Allen) Cooley, Jennifer I. Wallace, and Nicole



Marshall; also survived by 11 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; sister of Delmore (Violet) McAboy, Billy Lou Kerr, Lillian Ratliff, Marvin (Debby) McAboy, and the late Mary Etta Hurd and David McAboy.

Henrietta retired from General Motors after 30 years of devoted service. She was a member of the Eastern Star Areme 503.

Funeral service was Feb. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online guest www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Understanding changes to estate tax laws

Estate taxes may not be something you think about often, but lately they have been in the news due to an eleventh hour change of heart by the United States Congress. Trying to make sense of what was proposed to change and what Congress is now proposing in a new estate tax bill is important. The amount of taxes your estate has to pay upon your death could change depending on what politicians decide to do.

The Proposed Change

As of Jan. 1, 2010, estate taxes will be repealed for anyone who dies that year; this will mostly affect taxpayers with an estate worth more than \$3.5 million who would have been subjected to estate taxes upon their death in years past.

An estate tax, also known as a death tax, affects the amount of money passed from an individual's estate to their beneficiaries. If an individual dies in 2010, his heirs will sidestep the estate tax. Under the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, there is no estate tax on property between spouses, and in 2001, according to the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act, the amount of assets that a person can exclude from federal taxes is completely repealed in 2010.

If the proposed change is passed, estate taxes will be repealed for 2010 however, in 2011 the estate tax law reverts back to 2001 levels and individuals will have to pay up to 55 percent on all but the first \$1 million of their estate. Also when estate taxes disappear in 2010 all estates will have to pay a 15 percent capital gains tax that they currently don't have to pay. Unfortunately, this death tax relief is only beneficial to taxpayers who happen to pass away in 2010.

(Smoke Free Dining)

The New Estate Tax Bill:

On December 3rd, 2009, the House of Representatives passed an estate tax bill that would extend the 2009 estate tax level through 2010 and make the \$3.5 million tax level for an individual and \$7 million level for couples permanent. A 45 percent maximum tax rate has also been proposed by the Obama administration as

part of the bill.

Retirement resource



A column by **David Boike** 

To explain what that means, if Congress does enact the new estate tax bill an individual could exclude the first \$3.5 million of an inheritance and couples could exclude the first \$7 million; under this bill individuals who receive an inheritance are taxed up to 45 percent on the inheritance if it is more

than \$3.5 million. This bill is now with the

If estate taxes are repealed in 2010, or if Congress decided to keep tax rates at their current level, you should consult a financial planner who offers estate planning services so you can determine how to best arrange and distribute your estate, minimizing the tax liabilities on your heirs.

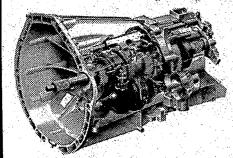
Creating an estate plan can help ensure your heirs receive what you intend to leave them or, in the case estate taxes are not repealed, can help you reduce the amount of taxes your estate owes after your passing.

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

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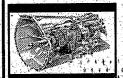
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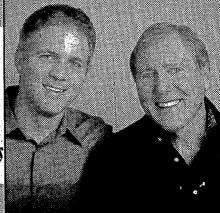
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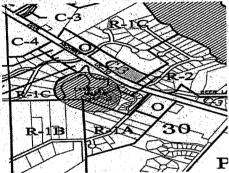
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#### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP** OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on February 2, 2010, the Independence Township Board of Trustees authorized a Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from C-3 (Highway Commercial) to R-3 (Elderly Housing Residential), at 7550 Dixle Highway, 3.44 Acres (Formerly Thomasville Furniture), NE side of Dixle Highway, South of 1-75 and North of Deer Lake Road, 08-30-128-005.



The motion to approve this amendment was offered Trustee Wallace, supported by Trustee Rosso, and the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Wallace, Wagner, Lohmeler, Petterson, Rosso, and Carson. Nays: None. Absent: VanderVeen.

The motion carried. The ordinance amendment is effective immediately upon publication

Published: 2/10/10

Shelagh VanderVeen Township Clerk

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to know INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:33 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall,
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Boll Call: Present: Wagner, Carson, Lohmeler, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson, VanderVeen Absent:

There was a quorum.

- The Agenda was approved with Statements and Correspondence moved up before Closed Session
- The Public was given an opportunity to address the
- The Minutes of December 21, 2009, January 5, 2010 and January 12, 2010, were approved.

  Approved Second Reading of Rezoning Request for
- 7550 Dixie Highway (formerly Thomasville Furniture), from C-1 (Highway Commercial) to R-3 (Elderly Hous-
- Approved motion for Supervisor and consultants to approach the County about amending the Agreement with respect to the CIA and TIF to remove Library
- Update on reduction in force.
- 10. Approved 2010 Budget Adjustment for meter pur-
- Approved motion to direct Township Attorney to draft an amendment to the Township Ordinances referenc-ing nuisance, blight and other regulation type Ordi-nances and where to find them.
- 12. Approved motion to have presented at the first meeting in March information about the organizations to which the Township pays dues and the availability of seminars, conferences and other educational offerings and review educational reimbursement policies.
- 13. Approved motion to adopt the Financial Institution Authorizations and increase the limit in the Oakland
- Approved Accounts Payable Check Run.
- Approved Records Management Individual Contractor Agreement www. Ana Heady.
- 15. Approved motion is 5 into closed session to discuss Attorney Opinion Letter at 9:37 p.m.

  16. Came into open session at 10:55 p.m.
- 17. Regular meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m

Shelagh VanderVeen Published: 2/10/2010 Township Clerk Publish: 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

#### Valentine's concert

Barbara Payton and The Big Boss Trio performs live, 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, Valentines Day, at Carrick's House Concerts in Independence Township.

For more information, call 248-394-0113 or email carrickhomel @netscape.net.

#### NDEPENDENCE TWP. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 7:30 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346, to hear the following

Case #10-0002 Kubicki, Karen, Petitioner for Hamlin Pub APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE
III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-861 OF

THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A ONE DAY OUTDOOR EVENT, UNDER TENT IN PARKING LOT, ON WEDNES-DAY, MARCH 17, 2010. Hamlin Pub

6397 Sashabaw Rd., C-2 Independence Town Square 08-27-100-045

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hear ing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:00 am, THIS IS A NEW LOCATION FOR THE

#### MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

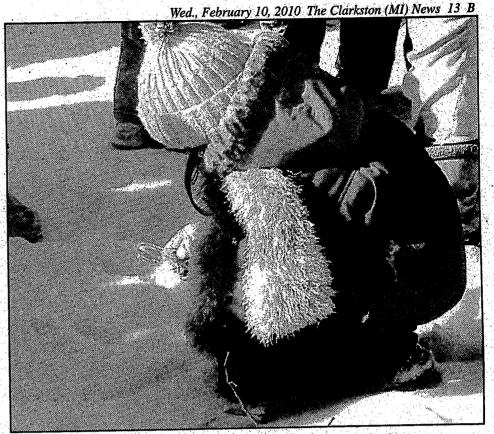
The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear. 2010 year assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 3, 8, 9 & 11, 2010 from 9:00 am through 4:00 pm, and on March 4 and 10, 2010 from 1:00 pm through 8:00 pm.

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your as-sessed value, it is required that you have an appoint-ment with the March Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays. A resident or nonresident may protest to the Board of

Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at www.michigan.gov/documents/ 14035f\_2658\_7.pdf and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the independence Township Assessing Department, PO Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347. It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should

The year 2010 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications. Please note that taxes are levied against the Taxable Value.

Sincerely. Beverly Shaver, CMAE 3 Independence Township Assessor



Jade Burnett uses a magnifying glass to examine a track in the snow.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Charter Township of Springfield

#### NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Charter Township of Springfield Board of Review will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan for the purpose of nearing appeals for the year 2010 assessments.

Any questions regarding the value or classification placed on properties may be reviewed with the assessing staff prior to the hearings. Anyone wishing to appeal the assessment or classification before the Board of Review must make an appointment in advance. Appointments may be made Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by phoning the Assessing office at 248-846-6530. The Board of Review has established a ten minute time limit for hearing assessment appeals.

Board of Review Hearings

The following dates and times are scheduled for appointments:

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. March 9, 2010: Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday March 10, 2010: March 11, 2010: March 15, 2010: Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. March 16, 2010: Tuesday Wednesday March 17, 2010: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The following dates and times are scheduled for review only (no appointments):

March 8, 2010: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. March 10, 2010: Wednesday March 11, 2010: March 16, 2010: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday March 17, 2010: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. March 18, 2010: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tentative Equalization Ratio: Real & Personal 50%
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Property owners may also appeal by sending a letter to the Board of Review at Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350. All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 17th, 2010. Representatives must submit written authorization from the property owner to protest on their behalf.

Anyone needing a special accommodation at a Board Review meeting should contact the Assessor's Office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting at 248-

Vicki L. Sievers, CMAE III Chief Assessor, Springfield Township Publish: February 10, 17, 24, 2010

## Quarter century of nature

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They are also creating a Wint Nature Center Memory Tree, inviting event participants to write down memories and submit photos on leaf-shaped forms.

For a memory leaf form or complete listing of events at the Wint Nature Center, visit DestinationOakland.com.

"It's amazing to see what people remember about various aspects of our programming - very gratifying to be a part of people's appreciation of the natural world," said Tim Nowicki, recreation program supervisor.

"It's pretty amazing - we're getting a second generation of participants," said Dan Stencil. Oakland County Parks executive officer. "It's very important for us. it's part of our initiative to get youth reacquainted with the outdoors.'

Entrants are included in a drawing to win an Oakland County Park Family Fun Pass Book, worth \$150.

Winner will be selected at the Tuning Your Tot 25th Anniversary Celebration, set for 1-4 p.m., June 26.

We'll have bouncers, food, music, all free," Conover said. "We'll have the music group Gemina, the best family musicians today."

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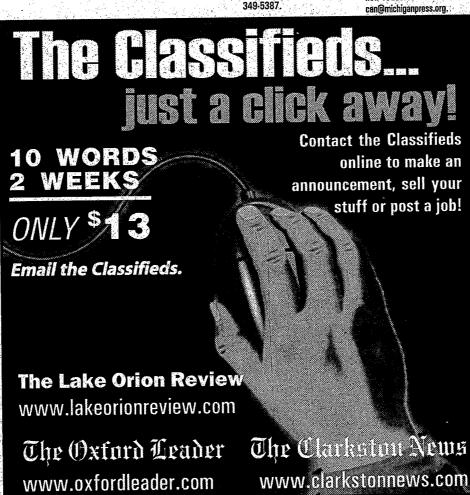


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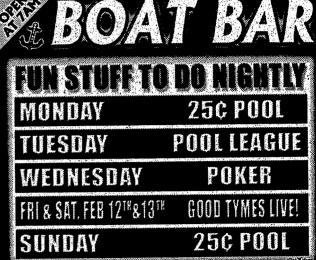
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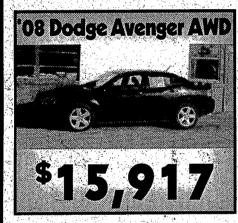








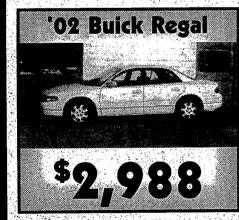




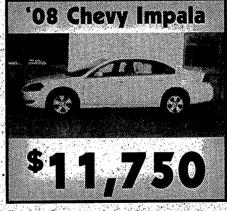


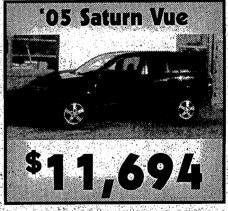












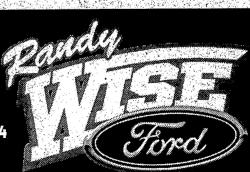


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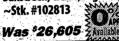
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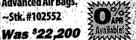
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