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School budget blues

More than 100 layoffs loom in reduction plan

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Response from Clarkston teachers to \$13 million in proposed cuts has been one of disbelief, according to union reps.

"We aren't sure how we can continue to do what we are doing with aides cut and larger class sizes," said Brooke Davis, president of Clarkston Education Association. "We are hoping it doesn't have to come to that."

The association asks the board to hold off on the 160 proposed cuts until this year's audit specifies how much money they have versus what they expected, he said.

"A lot of people are saying we should open our contract up – we are not against that, but we are against doing something like that until we have exhausted all other possibilities," Davis said.

The \$13 million in cuts over the next two years, out of a budget of about \$88.2 million each year, include \$6.4 million budget deficit; \$2.2 million in raises and step increases for all employees for next year; \$1.1 million in projected retirement and benefit increases next year, state mandated; loss of special education funding, \$800,000 next year, \$1.7 mil-

lion the year after, \$2.5 million total; and per-pupil cut of \$165 this year, \$268 expected next year.

With a student count of 8,171 students this year, the total \$433 per-pupil cut equals about \$3.5 million total. The district had 8,159 in 2009 school year and 8,199 students in 2008. Administrators do not expect much change in the count next year.

The cuts are about twice as much as projected in the district's budget forecast, prepared in 2007, due to a goal of eliminating the deficit, cuts in state per-pupil funding and special-education funding, and added new programs such as all-day kindergarten, Fast ForWord, International Baccalaureate, and trimester scheduling, according to administration.

"Tier Two" cuts, a list of 36 items cutting about \$6 million added at the school board's request, includes switching grades 8-12 trimesters back to semesters, saving \$300,000-360,000. The district switch to trimesters less than two years ago, mostly in response to new state graduation requirements.

"The savings is in the number of teachers we need to run trimesters versus six-period days," said Anita Banach, director of marketing and communications. "Teachers have more active student time under the six-period day with less planning time. Students have more options under the trimester schedule, which equates to more teachers teaching each hour."

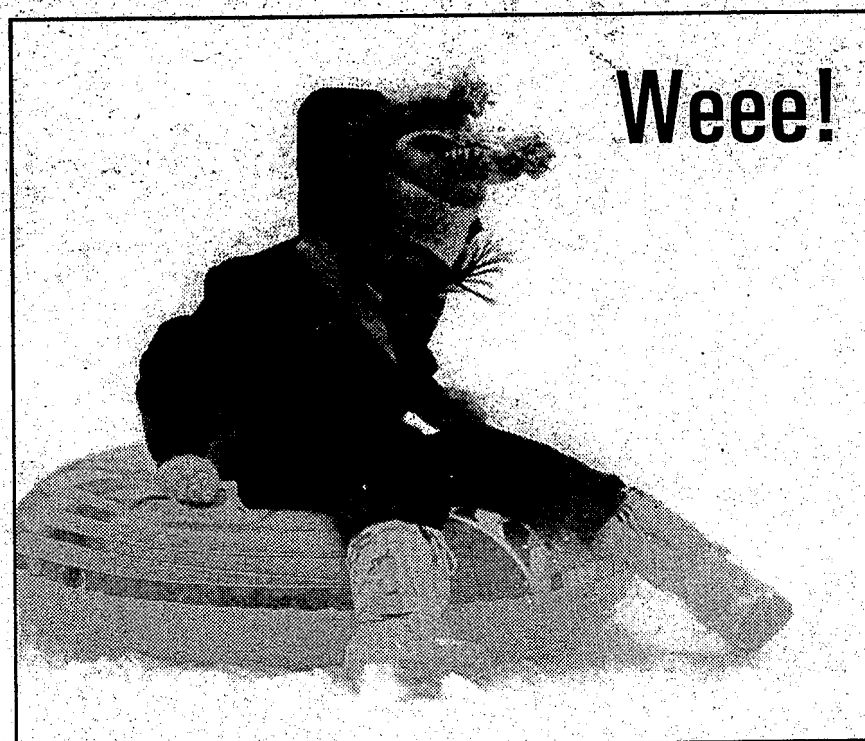
The list also include returning to half-day-only kindergarten, after less than a year of the all-day program, cutting \$300,000-\$400,000.

Other recent spending decisions facing roll back include International Baccalaureate, with \$27,000 in cuts, and superintendent

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Weeee!

Sabina Schulz races down the hill behind Independence Elementary School, enjoying a snowy Friday afternoon. For more sledding photos, please see page 11A. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Petitioners hard at work

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Petitions in hand, recallers gathered outside township hall to collect signatures from citizens as they came to pay their winter taxes.

"We've gone through 1,200 of our trifolds, probably another 400 left then we'll go in for our third printing," said Joel DeLong, treasurer for Citizens Against Independence Township Waste, calling for the recall of Supervisor Dave Wagner.

"We're doing very well, We're educating people. Obviously a lot of people don't know what's been going on, so we're letting them go out and look at the website. The count is increasing."

Mike Powell, president of the group, agreed.

"We've noticed we give this flyer out and once they start talking to other people or they go on and they read the *Clarkston News* and *Oakland Press* stories on the website they get angry and we've had people drive back to the hall and sign the petitions," Powell said.

DeLong said they collected more than 200 signatures on Feb. 12, and probably have more than 1,000 so far.

"It's pretty hard to judge right now with as many people as we have out, figuring out what an exact count is," he said.

The group has until April 22 to collect at least 3,500 signatures. They're aiming at

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Dozens of changes on school budget-cut list

Clarkston Community Schools presented 124 preliminary budget recommendations for \$13 million in reductions, to reach a balanced budget by June 2011. Items over \$100,000 include:

- Increase elementary class size to 27:1, reduction 12.5 full-time employee (FTE), \$750,000;
- Specials reduction of 3.75 FTE at elemen-
tary level, reduced sections, \$225,000;
- Increase Sashabaw Middle School class
size to 33:1, reduction 5.8 FTE, \$348,000;
- Increase School Within a School to 30:1,
reduction 2.0 FTE, \$120,000;
- Increase Clarkston Junior High class size
to 33.5:1, reduction of 5.5 FTE, \$330,000;
- Increase Clarkston High School class size
to 34:1, reduction of 9.25 FTE, \$555,000;
- Increase Renaissance High School class
size to 24:1, reduction of 1.7 FTE, \$102,000;
- Eliminate talent development, reduction
of 1.5 FTE, \$180,000;
- Reduction of Subject Area Coordinator
Release Time (3.8 FTE) \$212,826
- Reduction of 7.0 Custodial FTEs (27%),
\$420,000;
- Reduction of one custodial FTE at CHS/
2 floaters, \$180,000;
- Reduce software purchases, \$338,827;
- Eliminate six General Ed route drivers/
expand "no transportation" area, \$120,000;

Ideas requiring additional study ("Tier 2"), 36 total, include the following:

- Administrative outsourcing agreement,
\$130,000-\$140,000;
- Eliminate one central office administra-
tor, restructure all services or consolidate,
\$110,000-\$125,000;
- Implement furlough days for administra-
tors, central office staff and other at-will em-
ployees, up to \$100,000;
- Return to 6-hour semester schedule,
grades 8-12, \$300,000-\$360,000;
- Early Retirement Incentive, \$400,000-
\$500,000;
- Outsource custodial services, \$800,000-
\$1,000,000;
- Outsource transportation, \$329,000-
\$600,000;
- Eliminate three assistant principals at sec-
ondary level, \$195,000-\$215,000;
- Creating sister schools, such as one with
grades K-2, the other, 3-5, \$800,000-\$900,000;
- Close one elementary school, to be de-
termined by study, \$650,000-\$800,000;
- Return to half-day only Kindergarten,
\$300,000-\$400,000;
- Eliminate K-5 special program from Gen-
eral Fund, \$300,000-\$360,000;
- Eliminate grades 1-2 classroom aides,
\$120,000-\$150,000;
- Reduce textbook purchases by 50 per-

cent, \$140,000-\$160,000;

- Reduce counseling support for grades
8-12 by two staff, \$100,000-\$120,000;
- Place two non-load bearing specially-
assigned teachers back into classroom,
\$120,000;
- Reduce contributions to athletic fund,
\$100,000;
- Administrative concessions, \$75,000-
\$120,000;
- Restructure Transportation/Satellite
Stops, \$400,000-\$500,000;
- Eliminate Transportation for All General
Education Students, \$1,500,000-\$2,000,000;
- Eliminate Subject Area Coordinators, re-
quires contract letter of understanding,
\$168,000-\$180,000;
- Open enrollment to contiguous districts
(grades K-5), to be determined (TBD);
- Combine Communications and human
resource functions, TBD;
- Privatize payroll, cost TBD;
- No elective classes, cost TBD;
- Combine grounds with Independence
Township, TBD;
- Textbook damage deposits, revenue
TBD;
- Share busing with other facilities, TBD.

For complete list, see Clarkstonnews.com
and search for "160 possible budget cuts for
Clarkston schools."

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For more information, call Linda at 248-568-6337.

School open house

Oakland Christian Schools hosts its 2010 Open House, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, at Clarkston Community Church of God, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Visitors can meet with teachers and staff, tour facilities, and learn about academic and extracurricular programs.

For more information, call 248-625-1324 or check oaklandchristian.com.

Budget boot camp

Local churches and schools offer Budgeting Boot Camp, 9-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, at Independence Township Fire Station No. 1, 6500 Citation Drive.

Topics include spending, budgeting and how to reduce your budget.

The event, free and open to everyone, is offered by Clarkston Schools and Steeples, a partnership of Clarkston Community Schools, Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston Community Church, Clarkston Free Methodist Church, Clarkston United Methodist Church and St. Daniel Catholic Church.

For more information, call 248-625-1611, ext. 226.

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State school funding reforms on the way?

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

According to Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, the district's budget problems stem from state funding and budget calendar, legal issues surrounding contracts, and state graduation requirements.

"Districts across the state are, or will be facing enormous financial problems within the next year or two," Roberts said. "We are trying very hard to find additional ways to save dollars, consolidation and revenue enhancements; but the real answer to solving this statewide problem is to truly restructure the way we use public funds to foster excellence."

Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing, agreed.

"No matter what, reductions have to be made based on the reduced amount of funding that is predicted for next year, both in state per pupil amount and PA 18 special education funding (due to falling property tax revenue)," she said. "We also have an expected increase in retirement costs that the governor has implemented."

The state can help by aligning school and state budget cycles, said Kerry Birmingham, media relations specialist with Michigan Education Association.

"We can't do this on cuts alone and expect kids to be prepared for jobs needed in the future," Birmingham said. "It's a short-term solution."

Schools must approve budgets by July 1, and the state doesn't finish its budget until Oct. 1, which isn't fair, she said.

"You can't base a budget on guesses," she said. "It puts every school district in a huge bind and makes it very difficult to plan."

Roberts agreed.



Kowall

"It would be a good thing to get it there and take the pain early - delaying doesn't do anything. We just need to do it."

"This is a fact that should lead all of us who care about the quality of life here in Michigan to ask, 'what is wrong with the way we fund schools,'" Roberts said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm highlighted the reform in her 2010 State of the State address, as well as her budget presentation, Feb. 11.

State Rep. Eileen Kowall, R-District 44, representing the Clarkston area, also supports moving state budget deadline up to July 1.

"It would more accurately coincide with the school budget cycle," Kowall said. "It would give schools better numbers to go on, some stability in these difficult times."

Prospects for making the change look good, she said.

"There seems to be the political will to do it," she said. "It would be a good thing to get it there and take the pain early - delaying doesn't do anything. We just need to do it."

She has been talking and meeting with local school superintendents, including Roberts, to discuss school reforms.

"Very much so," Kowall said. "This is a big thing with them."

Reform ideas also include eliminating unfunded mandates, such as reporting requirements from school districts to the state, Kowall said.

"The current system is unsustainable,"

she said. "We need to look for ways to make the state more competitive, bring job providers here - that's the key."

For long-term reform, the association works with A Better Michigan Future. Ideas include graduated income tax and sales tax extended to services and luxury items, to increase revenue, audit government contracts to reduce wasteful spending, and eliminate tax incentives for companies losing jobs, while requiring yearly performance reviews for the others.

"Michigan needs fundamental reform of the way it funds schools - it can't continue this way," Birmingham said. "It's devastating to kids - it does a disservice to them. People are tired of it."

In her Feb. 11 budget address, Granholm called for sales tax and other changes which, if approved, would restore the \$165 per-pupil cut this year. Her plan calls for lowering sales tax from 6 percent to 5.5 percent, while broadening the base to include other services. All revenue would go to schools.

"Schools took huge cuts last year. That's enough," she said.

Clarkston will probably not make immediate budget changes based on the governor's plan, said Steve Hyer, Clarkston Board of Education president.

"The state budget goes through a long and complex process - we will not waste our time chasing every different plan that is talked about in Lansing through that long process," Hyer said. "We have set budget parameters for the creation of our 2010-2011 school year budget and we will stick to those parameters unless we have definitive information that would cause us to adjust those. Unfortunately it is very difficult to get clear direction from the state through their budget process."

New programs rolled back in budget-cut plan

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raises of \$6,000 a year for three years plus benefits - "tier two" cuts include administrative concessions of \$75,000-\$120,000.

The Fast ForWord computer program, adopted this year for \$375,000, is not included in the list. Tier One cuts include reducing additional software purchases, though, cutting \$338,827.

The district should consider closing the \$6.4 million deficit out of its remaining fund equity, instead of cuts, Patterson said.

"We have never come to grip what the fund equity is used for - is it to cover our expenses so we aren't borrowing from the state, cover cash flow, cover a rainy day," Patterson asked.

The district has almost \$13 million in its fund balance. Current budget includes spending about half of it.

"In my opinion, we need to understand

what we need to do in today's economy to operate," she said. "It means a lot of dialogue. It means if we are going to get cut mid-year, how are we going to handle it?"

The budget-cut plan targets about 50 teachers for layoff, out of about 490, in addition to about 70 aides, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, administrators and other support staff.

"We are talking about cuts that could change the structures of our schools and that is not easy to put back in place," Patterson said. "I think we have to be very careful when we make the decision."

Patterson and Trustee Rosalie Lieblang have had difficulty obtaining information regarding the cuts - Lieblang filed a Freedom of Information Act request when administration balked at providing budget impact statements, Feb. 1. The information is also requested by *The Clarkston News*.

"I want data and discussion on what the

impact on our students will be," Patterson said. "I don't want to blame anybody. I want to look at how we are operating and I want the board and the community to be a part of that."

The board needs as much information as possible when judging the cuts, she said.

"I have been appreciative of people stopping and talking to me about their viewpoints. I think it is important," she said. "This isn't easy - we know there is this uncertainty. We have to manage our money differently."

Budget-cut team members will continue to work on details for each of the 126 proposed cuts, including which schools could be closed or combined into sister schools, Banach said.

"We have several work sessions in place to finalize these reduction considerations so that more information can be provided to the board on Feb. 22," she said.

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Rae LuAllen collects a signature from Dorothy Sully. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

Recall effort moves ahead

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4,000 to be safe.

"We're working at it, we're gaining people taking our petitions, and gaining more support as we go along," DeLong said. "We'll let the numbers speak for themselves once we get done."

The next step will be putting flyers in people's mailboxes in targeted neighborhoods on Thursday, and then following up with a door-to-door campaign on Saturday.

"It allows them a couple days to look at it and hopefully we'll find most of the people at home," he said.

Powell said they're getting "positive results" in signatures, but they're trying to get the volunteers motivated.

"We're plugging ahead," he said. "It's a tough time this time of the year."

Wagner understands the group has the right to petition, but he is still dismayed by the effort.

"The most disheartening thing after reading the latest brochure of their's is it's so untruthful, it's unreal," he said. "On top of that, what really needs to be emphasized is it takes a vote of the board to do anything."

Wagner believes he is being "singled out," so a township manager can be brought

in and the form of government can be changed.

"The electorate's already spoken out on this subject and they reelected me by a substantial margin," he said. "I'm very disappointed in those individuals. It's quite obvious what their agenda is and it's a sad day for the township."

Recall volunteer Rae LeAllen said she was also disappointed.

"As a registered voter and taxpayer in Independence Township, I was very disappointed in the behavior of the elected officials and employees of the township, because what we were doing was 100 percent legal. My feeling is whether you agree with us or disagree, as long as you work for the township, you are my employee. The look and sneers we were getting were totally uncalled for," she said. "However, the feedback and the comments from people (residents) were a lot of strong disappointment in the dealings of the elected officials of the township and the school board."

Those interested in signing or picking up petitions may visit the office of Henry Woloson at 7608 Dixie Hwy, Suite 100 or call 248-625-6736. For further information see www.recallwagner.com.

Township cautious with Sashabaw plan

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Funding for Sashabaw Road improvements through library and police millages still complicates millage renewal efforts.

"I'm as concerned as I was last time around," said Independence Township Trustee David Lohmeier at the Jan. 2 regular board meeting.

The Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) funding includes some library and police funds. Township Attorney Steve Joppich said Oakland County sought an attorney general opinion on whether they had to disclose disbursement amounts.

Lohmeier felt if they keep the CIA language in the ballot language, then ethically they should disclose where the money is going.

"If you're proud of that activity there is no reason you should hide it," he said.

Supervisor Dave Wagner said changing millage funding to the CIA or Tax Incremental Financing would open the door for all CIA participants to opt out.

Joppich said he wasn't sure if the amendment "might be intractably tied to the whole thing."

"It's very clear when you create a TIF plan for the first time, they can opt out of the whole thing," he said. "When you're amending it, it might be possible they can only opt out of the amendment you are putting forward to them."

Wallace motioned for the supervisor and consultants meet informally with the

county to discuss amending the CIA funding plan to withdraw library and police millages.

The board agreed unanimously.

"I'm certainly concerned about what the county would be thinking," said Treasurer Curt Carson.

Wallace also recommended they consider changing the CIA plan to remove library and police funds.

Carson said he could not agree with the second motion because he felt it was "too aggressive."

"Let's take a little slower approach to this," he said. "Let's go to the county see what their temperature is and then if we need to pursue it, we can pursue it certainly for the November election."

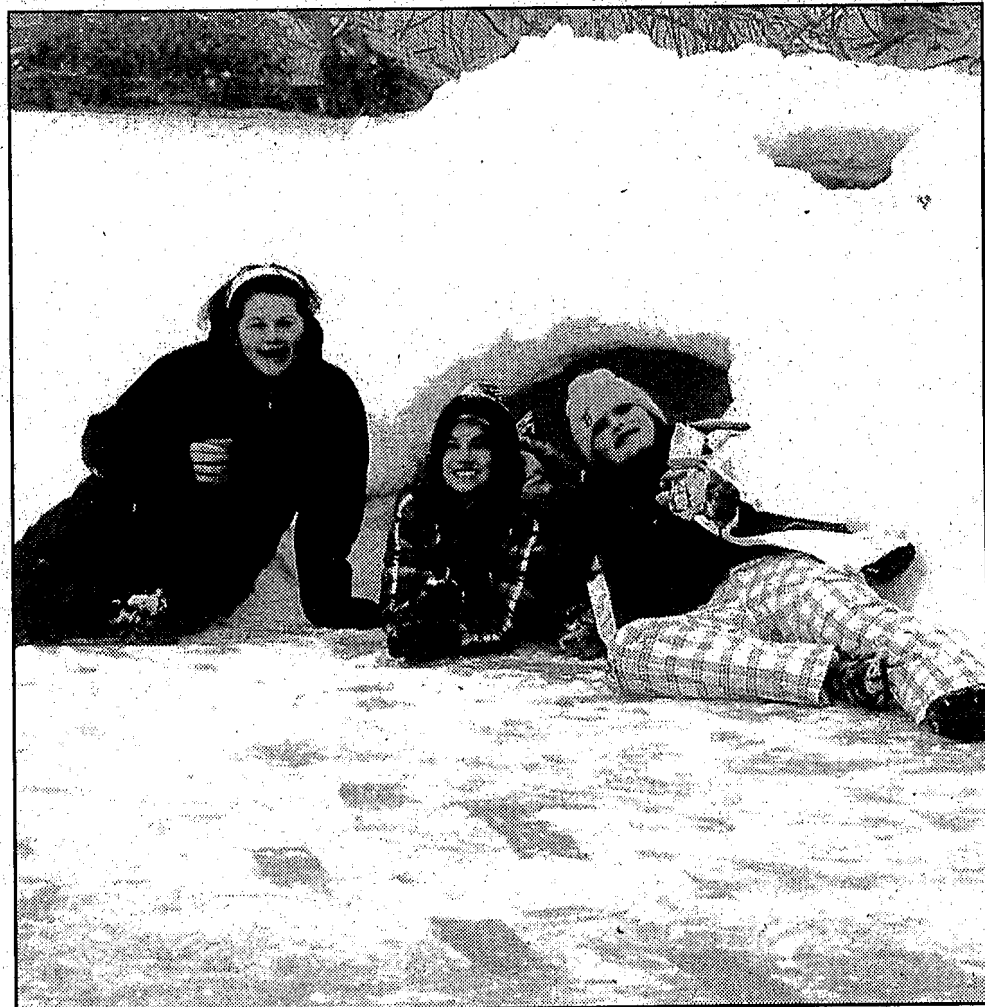
Trustee Larry Rosso agreed.

"I really believe we can't leave Sashabaw in the condition it's in. The money can only be acquired through the CIA, and we made a commitment with our main developer, McLaren, for road improvement," he said. "I'd hate to see the baby thrown out with the bath water."

Lohmeier disagreed.

"What would be inexcusable in my opinion is for us to let time make the decision for us and delay, and then we're out of time. This just gives us insurance," he said. "Let's not let time make the decision and get ourselves ready for what we might have to do."

The second motion failed 4-2, Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen was absent.



Snow construction on the lake

From left, Clarkston eighth-graders Chelsea Kitchin, Monica Wanat and Clara Kate Zeder enjoy the Feb. 10 snow day off on the frozen surface of Lake Woodhull, making a house of snow. Photo provided

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custedio

Cuts mean chance to come together

Clarkston school district comes up with its list of budget cuts about this time every year, usually a Powerpoint slide or two. This year – a full 20 slides, filled with 124 cuts, reductions, and other ideas.

Some were probably easy. Cutting the Handwriting without Tears program, saving \$20,623? A bad title, at least, implying that without it, Clarkston teachers teach handwriting by making their students cry.

Talent development (\$180,000). In Clarkston? The district has the pick of the litter. Reduce CHS parking lot attendant to half time (\$12,500) – the parking lot is quiet at least that much time.

Other must have been devastating.

Fifty teachers and about 70 support staff and administrators – an almost literal decimation of the school district's human resources. Adults would be in definite shortage if not for the additional possibility of a closed school, to help concentrate those who are left.

It looks like just about every department ponied up big time.

Up to \$128,600 cut from sports, if all proposed cuts go through. Transportation, up to \$2 million, though that would mean most bus service would go. About \$60,000 from personnel. Business department, \$38,500. Reduce communications department, \$5,600? You can do better than that. Combine communications and human relations? Better.

If all this comes to pass, and it's not just someone's game (which it may be, according to some in the know), kids will need lots of help.

Teachers' swamped by enlarged classes? Parents and other volunteers can adjust their schedules to help out in the classroom.

No more bus service (up to \$2 million)? Set up a carpool to get the students to class safely.

Police service cut (\$85,000)? Put together a volunteer patrol program. Check everyone out, issue some badges or vests, get walkie-talkies from Walmart, and patrol your children's schools.

There's no reason a community like Clarkston should have a substandard school system just because government's not there to pay for it anymore.

That's something we should all get used to.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Reader finds state rep. lacking

Dear Editor,

I recently attended two informal public meetings, one in Union

Lake and the other in Independence Township, as part of a class assignment to find outstate and local officials' views and ideas on alternative energy in Michigan. This was not their main topic of discussion, but I used this informal meeting to address this issue, along with other important issues.

I attended public meetings by state Rep. Lisa Brown, 39th District, and state Rep. Eileen Kowall, 44th District. Wow, did it really open my eyes.

Rep. Brown's meeting was four hours. She had a sign-in sheet asking for name, address, and phone number. One of her staff busily wrote down concerns, answering some, while we waited for our turn. Two nursing students were there on a similar assignment. They did not get a chance to speak with her, but her staff answered all their questions and took their names for additional information. I walked away with a feeling that my concerns and the state's problems were addressed.

I did not walk away with the same sort of feeling with my meeting with Rep. Kowall. She had other people sitting at the table, but I got the feeling this was a monthly lunch meeting for them.

I may have taken her off guard by showing up with my questions, because her first

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words were for me to write them down and email them to her, so she could research my

questions.

I opened up my folder of questions already handwritten, and explained some of my questions concern bills she recently introduced to the Michigan House of Representatives.

If she had to research her own legislation, then she is not familiar with the problems facing Michigan right now. I gave her information on compact fluorescent light bulbs, recently mandated for use in public and state buildings to save money on energy. She opposed this bill, along with most Republicans in the house. It passed anyway. The response coming from this table was "you can't believe everything Al Gore says."

The information I gave her came from the website www.Michiganagreen.org. The sign-in sheet was just for signatures. Since I was the only person on that sheet asking questions with an opposing view, my views were probably not a concern of hers.

She told me she felt there was a spotlight shining down on her putting her on the spot. Well, isn't that what is expected of a person when they are elected to a public office and holds a public forum?

Tim Heming
Independence Township

New Waldon Road speed limit too fast

Dear Editor,

Does anybody know what the road commission was thinking by raising the speed limit on Waldon Road from 35 to 45mph?

This is a great concern since they also raised the school speed limit from 25 to 30 in the same area. This stretch of Waldon passes three of our schools, one being an elementary where a large majority of the students are walkers.

I live in the area and have tried to go the

new posted speed and have felt very unsafe going so fast in a residential area. I have contacted the road commission to ask them to change it back and hope others who feel the same way will contact them also.

Very concerned,

Sandy VanHeulen
Independence Township

Ed. note: according to Road Commission for Oakland County, this is based on a change in state law dictating speed limits.

Got an opinion?

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Mayor's son turns entrepreneur"

Curt Catallo, son of Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo, proposed converting the vacant, former Church of God on Main Street into a tavern, in an idea similar to the "Sanctum," a night club established in a former Pontiac Baptist church.

"Mentors show students the high-tech future"

Angie Lovelace, student at Oakland Technical Center Northwest, got to drive an M-1 main battle tank as part of her mentorship at U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armament Command in Warren. She and her classmates learned about technology, electronics, and computers.

25 years ago - 1985

"Family skiers ready for regional races"

Downhill skiing was a sport for the MacAlpine family, Karen and Doug, and their children Doug Jr. and Amy. They all raced in the Equitable Family Ski Challenge at Pine Knob Ski Resort. They won three classes and advanced to the regionals.

"Layoffs loom with school budget"

Clarkston Community Schools faced a \$600,000 deficit out of a budget of \$17 million, caused by a decline in enrollment, especially at the junior high. Enrollment dropped 106 pupils to 6,030.

"Teacher, 80, receives dual tribute"

Louise Russell received a standing ovation from Clarkston Board of Education and audience, honored for her work in adult literacy in the Community Education Department.

50 years ago - 1960

"Dance Club has Beatnik Ball"

Night Dance Club literally let down their hair and costumed themselves appropriately for the ball. Neighbors wearing tights, turtlenecks, heavy eye makeup or false beards, and berets, barely recognized each other. The dining room was decorated in "way out" paintings. Mrs. Jerome Wilford and Mr. Earl Hawke won prizes for best beatnick and beatnik.

"Young people give illustrated lecture"

Clifford Irwin of Clarkston Methodist Church was one of 70 young people from Michigan to attend the United Nations Seminar, sponsored by the World Peace Commission of The Methodist Church of the United States. He presented his findings to Clarkston youth using a slide show.

Get ready, it's getting 'grim' on the roads

There's a road that leads to happiness, I know we can find it. Although it's full of hills an' spills, darling, we won't mind it. I've got you, You've got me who cares how rough the road might be, We'll go bumpy-bumpy bumpy-bump on the bumpy road to love.

-- Judy Garland

There was a time, really not that long ago, each family had a car -- one car -- and Dad usually drove it. (When "Jr." got older, he could borrow it.) There was a time, really not that long ago, when most roads were dirt. A time when farmers received property tax breaks for supplying gravel from their property to help make county roads. There was a time, really not that long ago, when gas was under a buck a gallon, cars got about eight miles to the gallon, America rocked (disco and hip-hop hadn't been created), everybody who wanted a job had one and life was good.

Then, faster than Judy Garland went from the sweet and good pigtailed Dorothy of Kansas to the glassy-eyed, burnt-out and hacked-hair lounge singer from LA, times changed.

Then I got a press release from Craig Bryson, the paid mouthpiece for the Oakland County road commission. (I refuse to recognize their name, Road Commission for Oakland County because of the four extra characters of the latter. To me, it just underscores the inherent waste government brings to whatever it touches -- even in naming itself. An excess of four characters adds up over time. That means four extra touches on the key board every time you type, ink for four extra characters every time you print it . . . but I digress.)

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Craig used to be a good guy, back in the 1980s when he was editor for the *Rochester Clarion* newspaper. But, since he got this gig with the county road commission, he's been a real bummer. Now that he's working for The Man, all he does is put in print what The Man wants him to put in print (funny how that works). For the better part of 20 years Craig has been

the harbinger of bad news, really in only two ways.

1. Road construction will start on this date (fill in the blank) on this (fill in the blank) stretch of road. Road construction equals inconvenience, longer trip times, more stress and aggravation.

2. The (blank -- I still refuse to use its self-proclaimed name) needs more money.

Back to the press release.

I knew it was gonna' be a sucky read when I read the headline "(Blank) issues three-year financial plan for 2011-2013: The future looks grim."

And, yes, the news sucked. Just like every other government entity in Michigan, Oakland's road commission is cash-strapped and things aren't going to get better unless some more taxes are imposed. From the release . . .

"The plan notes state road funding, derived primarily from state-collected gas and diesel taxes and vehicle registration fees . . . declined by a cumulative 4.6 percent from 2000-2010 . . . that decline, coupled with dramatic increases in nearly all the costs associated with maintaining roads have already

hobbled (blank), causing 14 percent reductions in staff just since 2007 and reduction in the level of services provided in nearly all areas."

Ain't that just peachy? It's kind of ironic, too. The Man -- for years -- has been telling us to drive less, walk more, buy more fuel efficient autos. We do, and because we do, we can't pay for road maintenance.

The old danged-if-you-do, danged-if-you-don't scenario, if ever there was one.

The easy thing to do will be to raise taxes to pay for not using as much fuel. Unfortunately, this will increase the number of families leaving Michigan from one every 12 minutes to one every 10 or 11 minutes. Which, will mean fewer vehicle registration fees, and even less fuel used. This, in turn, will mean we'll need to raise taxes again.

Does anyone else see a icky pattern here?

I know it is nothing new to anybody who drives in Michigan, but don't expect things to improve soon. As a matter of fact, expect things to get real worse.

Hey, if it makes you feel any better, keep singing that "bumpy" road to love and happiness song.

Accolades to first responders

Dear Editor,

Officer James Thompson was in Depot Park when he responded to an emergency at the village hall ("CPR rescue," Jan. 27). He reacted instantly, and with CPR, revived a village resident. Independence Township firefighters were on the scene so quickly and took over so efficiently.

We are truly blessed to be served by these two departments. The rapid response is crucial.

Village police will now also be equipped with an AED.

Our village tax dollars are wisely spent on our local police and fire services.

Let your village council members Steve Arkwright, Steve Hargis, Mike Gawronski, Chuck Inabnit, Tom Hunter, Peg Roth, and Jim Brueck know how extremely important they are to each one of us. Lives can be saved.

*James and Gini Schultz
Clarkston*

Thanks for helping family in need

Dear Editor,

Recently there was a fundraiser/benefit for a Clarkston family going through some very difficult times.

A few health concerns are dialysis three times a week, kidney transplant list, diabetes, and open heart surgery last March. In addition to the health concerns, he is also experiencing serious financial issues.

He is unable to work because of his health and his wife is unable to work because she is his caregiver. They do receive some help but it is often not enough.

We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the Clarkston and Waterford communities for their support.

Thank you to all who attended the spaghetti dinner and silent auction, those who donated even though they were unable to attend, and an extra big thank you to all the businesses that donated items for the silent auction and/or cash donations.

Thank you to all who worked the day of the event: setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Also, thank you to St. Trinity Lutheran Church for their wonderful support.

The family wishes to express their thanks from the bottom of their hearts.

Thank you for your help.

*Sincerely,
Marla McKee and Marilyn Lash
Event Organizers*



Smile of the week

Andrea Tanner with her mom Audrey, and Grandma Beverly Sellers at the Feb. 11 Lighthouse fundraiser held at the Tanner's home. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Cross case goes to court

Deputies arrested three suspects in this past summer's cross-burning case in Independence Township. Josh Willhite, 19, of Independence Township, and Clarkston men Jonathan Waite, 19, and Travis Nesbitt, also 19, were arraigned in 52-2 District Court, Feb. 16, on charges of ethnic intimidation and conspiracy to commit ethnic intimidation in the Aug. 13 case. Both are two-year felonies.

Willhite was in jail on another charge this past Friday, and the other two suspects turned themselves in with attorneys present, Feb. 16. Willhite was released on \$20,000 bond, 10 percent, along with Waite and Nesbitt, each with \$5,000 personal bond.

"People want to know there isn't a hate organization with roots in Independence Township - this shows there's not," said Det. Sgt. Matt Baldes, Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation. "Through the investigation and court process, we'll find out why they did it."

School zone speeder

A deputy on radar duty stopped a sports car going 44 mph in a 25 mph school zone on Maybee Road, 3:50 p.m., Feb. 5. The driver, a 40-year-old Rochester man, had warrants out of Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Lake Orion. He was cited for driving with a suspended licence, and given a warning for speed and no proof of insurance.

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Independence Township Fire Department

Highbeamed the deputy

A deputy on patrol near Bordeaux and Clintonville roads watched as a driver approached the intersection with highbeams on, 7:25 p.m., Jan. 26. The driver, a 41-year-old Orion Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance, and highbeaming.

Stealing the music

Someone stole an MP3 player, two speakers, amplifier, and other electronics from a car parked in the 5000 block of Lancaster Hill Drive, Jan. 29. No signs of forced entry.

Lost car found

A deputy found an abandoned minivan with key in ignition near Clintonville and Maybee, Jan. 31. The vehicle was reported stolen in Pontiac.

Shed thief

A burglar broke into a shed at the rear of a Windy Knoll Court property, Feb. 8, broke a padlock, and took a portable power washer.

No sale

An Independence Township resident reported a vacuum salesman tried to push his way inside the home after his offer was declined, 2 p.m., Feb. 5. A deputy found the suspect, a 25-year-old Belleville man, at North Village Drive and Village Court. He said he wanted to look at the carpets after being told 'no,' but denied trying to push in the door. He was cited for soliciting without a permit.

Basement fire

A homeowner in the 3000 block of Mann Road smelled smoke and called 911, 2:19 a.m., Feb. 11. A utility tub in the basement caught fire, caused by a water pump under it. By the time Independence Township firefighters responded, flames were shooting from basement windows and the house was full of smoke. They extinguished the fire.

No charges in sled stunt

No charges were issued in connection with the Feb. 3 "rocket" sled case on Townview Drive.

Drugged driver

Responding to reports of a car swerving on and off the road, northbound on I-75 near Sashabaw, 12:46 p.m., Feb. 8, a deputy stopped a 44-year-old Chesaning woman just after she almost rear-ended a gravel truck. She said she was going to work, and had taken some pills. She was cited and jailed for driving under the influence of drugs.

Persistent scammer

An Oakvista Avenue resident got a letter saying she won \$55,000 in a foreign sweepstakes, which she could claim as soon as she sent in \$2,785 in taxes. She declined, but then received daily phone calls from a Jamaican sounding voice, saying he was an FBI agent out of Washington D.C. who would bring her the \$55,000, though she had to send him \$50 first. She ignored those too, but the calls kept coming.

She called police, and while a deputy took a report, 1:09 p.m., Feb. 9, the phone rang. It was the Jamaican man, who, after once hanging up, talked to the deputy. The officer identified himself, said the resident wouldn't be sending any money, but would file an annoyance report. The "agent" responded she would not receive the \$55,000, and it would instead go to poor people in his country.

- Reports collected by Phil Custodio

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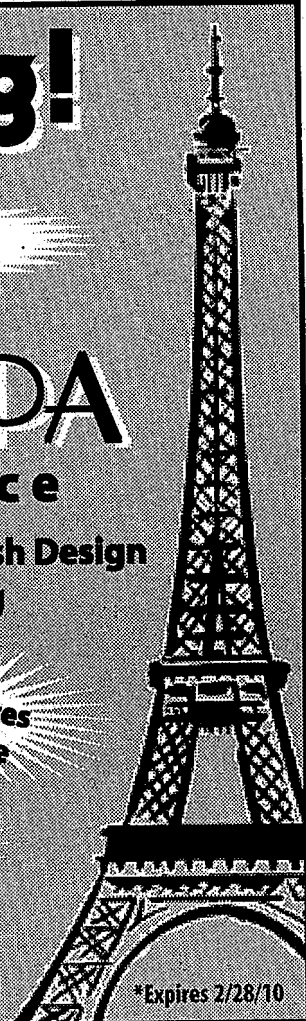
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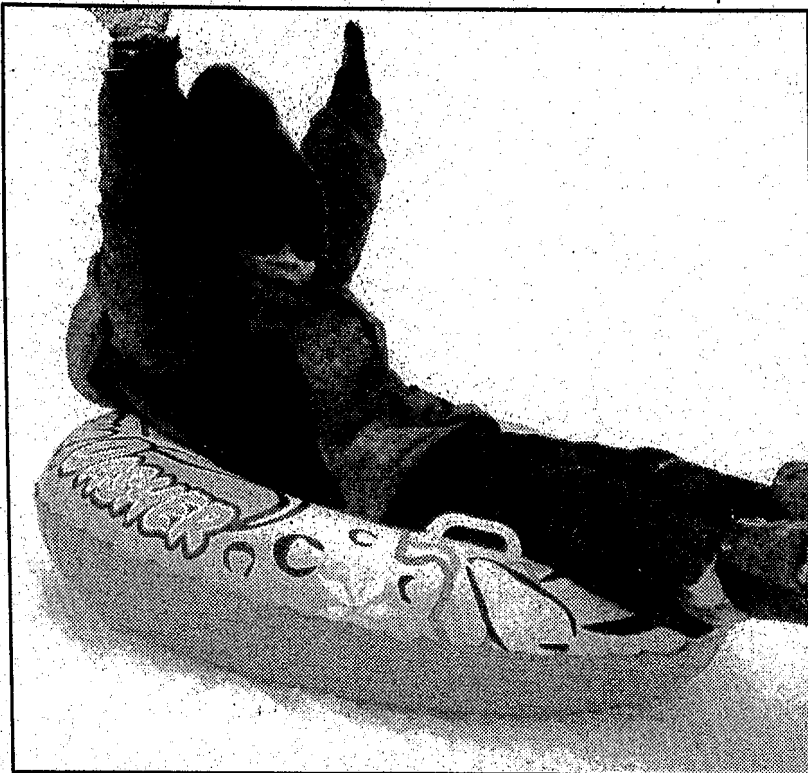
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Catching some air

The weather was perfect on Friday for outdoor activities - cold enough to go sledding but warm enough to smile while going fast down a hill.

After baking cookies, Alexei and Sabina Schulz, from White Lake Township, joined their grandmother, Sharon Hoover at the hill behind Independence Elementary.

Matthew Enright and his sister Stephanie were also there - playing but working on a project for Matthew's school.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Matthew Enright tests out various sleds to calculate which one is the fastest for the Everest Academy Science Fair.



Sharon Hoover joins her grandchildren in the fun.



Sabina Schulz grabs her tube before trekking back up the hill.



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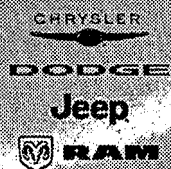
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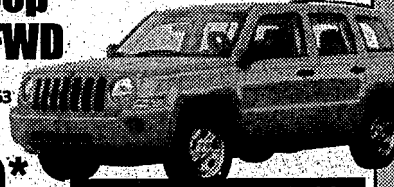
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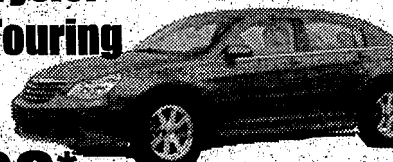
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From left, Chamber Ambassadors Deb and Jay Gordinier, Kim Pabin, Angie Logan, Tom Lowrie, Gary Hintz and Jerry Kirshner showcase some of the items collected during Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Career Clothing Donation drive in January. *Photo provided*

Helping women return to work

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce collected nearly 200 Career Clothing donations during January for Lighthouse Career Closet. The donation project was part of the Chamber's Women in Business initiative.

"Getting a job interview is just one

hurdle. For women getting back into the workforce you also need business clothing to wear to the interview and to get started with that new job," said chamber Executive Director Penny Shanks. "We are very proud to support Lighthouse's Career Closet."



Christmas In Action's Night at the Races involves lots of fun, as fans cheer on their favorite reindeer. *File photo*

Reindeer Races for CIA

Hit the track for a good cause this weekend, at Christmas In Action's Night at the Races.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road.

Dinner is at 7 p.m., with races starting at 8 p.m.

"We'll have mac and cheese from the Union and chicken salad from Rudy's," said Diane Midgley, CIA president.

Brimacombe Landscaping, Clarkston Area Lions Club, Clarkston State Bank, Floor Trends, Boomers, Rudy's Market, Mercado Dental, The Print Shop and other local businesses sponsor and decorate wooden reindeer for the races.

People use Reindeer Bucks to bet on races, progress of which are determined by dice rolls.

An emcee provides color commentary as the racers move down the track.

All proceeds will go to Clarkston Area Christmas in Action's annual Work Day, this year set for April 24.

"We raise money to help our neighbors - it's a good thing," Midgley said.

More than 100 volunteers with the nonprofit group help local seniors in need with carpentry, electrical, home repair and other services, all free to the recipient.

"They have many things that need to be fixed and no one to help them. That's where we come in," she said.

Tickets are \$20. Cash bar with beer and wine available. For more information or to buy a ticket, call 248-625-4711.

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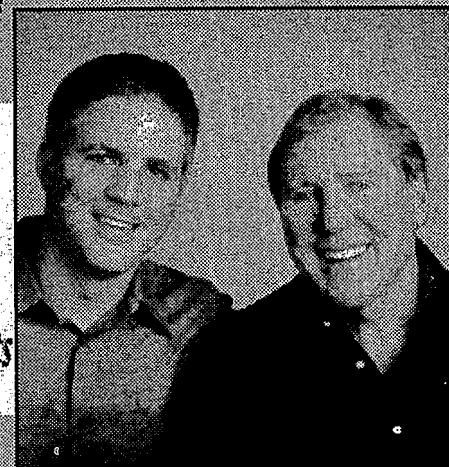
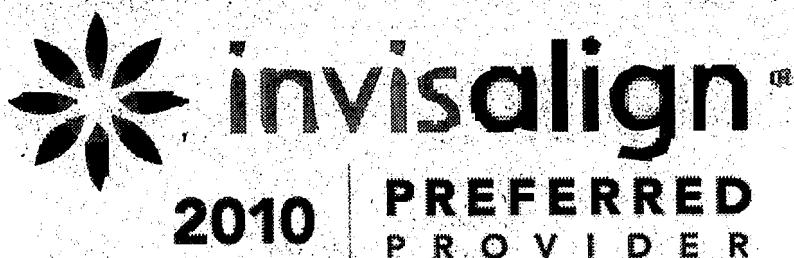
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Defense tops court

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Jaren Jones caught the long pass and shot the ball towards the hoop as the game went into the last 90 seconds.

The ball hit the backboard, sending it through the rim for two points and teammates congratulated Jones with high fives and handshakes.

Another basket from Clarkston's Brent Cousino concluded last Thursday's game against Oak Park, 62-17.

"We played a pretty good defense and stopped penetration," said Jones. "We locked down on their lane instead of fouling and we got the ball."

Long-time Wolves Head Coach Dan Fife didn't know what to expect, after the boys had a break from school and practice the previous day because of the snow.

"I was nervous as I could be," he said. "It was an outstanding effort defensively. Oak Park is a pretty good ball club. They beat Southfield-Lathrup. Our league is goofy - you never know who is going to be good on any given night. I am happy, we protected our home."

Nick Tatu set the pace, putting the boys on the scoreboard early in the first quarter. The Wolves had a six-point lead going into the next quarter and Oak Park thought they had a chance to catch up.

The boys in blue and gold were in top form and their defense shined through as they held the Knights to two points while scoring 19 before going to the locker room for half time break.

Matt Kamieniecki opened the final half

with a basket. The next move came from Knight Jamarr Durhal as he broke through the Wolves' block to score.

Clarkston countereacted with five points, Kamieniecki had four and Jordan Clark scored one on a free throw.

The momentum never stopped as they continued into the fourth quarter and kept Oak Park to five points.

Kamieniecki led with 14 points, Clark added 12 and Marcus Hardy had eight.

"Marcus was a lot more active then he has been," said Fife. "When he is active, he can rebound for us."

The two losses against Southfield-Lathrup and Pontiac the prior week was a boost in the boys' drive during practice and during games, Jones said.

"Coach Fife said it was a blessing in disguise because our coaches don't want us to get ahead of ourselves," he added. "We want to go to the playoffs and we want to make a deep run in March. We have been a lot more intense and hustling a lot more."

The boys played West Bloomfield on Tuesday and continue on the road as they take on the Southfield Bluejays on Friday.

"From here on out they are tough games. We are in position to decide our own fate and how we play," said Fife.

The boys are 10-4 and 6-3 in the OAA Red, sharing first place with Southfield, North Farmington and Southfield-Lathrup. Two teams will be knocked down a few spaces after this week. The team is home again next Tuesday when they host Rochester Adams in a OAA crossover game.

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



Athlete of the Week Roberson creates path

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Zac Roberson stood with his feet firmly on the mat and went in for the attack at the referee's signal.

The wrestler knew each battle was one closer to his desired destination - The Palace of Auburn Hills for the MHSAA Individual Finals to become champion in the 112-weight class.

Last year he took third place after being diagnosed with Crohn's disease before the season had begun.

"He was so sick and in so much pain," remembered Tiffany, his mom. "He doesn't complain a lot about pain so I knew something was wrong. He also didn't have a lot of energy. He is an active kid."

Zac would even have trouble walking up the staircase to get to his bedroom and would have to take a break to catch his breath.

He had two surgeries but he didn't get any better until he saw a specialist.

The specialist knew what was wrong and did additional tests to make sure Zac had Crohn's disease.

"It was almost a relief for Zac because once he found out he was focused," said Tiffany.

It affected him at the beginning of the season because he didn't feel well, but he came back from it and has a record 41-8 as of Feb. 15.

Through the last year Zac has followed a diet regime and knows what foods to avoid. He also takes a supplement and drinks a gallon of yogurt milk a week, which Tiffany said has helped.

Zac helps out his teammates by cheering them on at meets and makes up practices the team and him can try.

"He wants to try the best work all the time," said Tiffany.

He plans to continue wrestling in college and is talking with coaches at Eastern Michigan University.

The draw to Eastern was their nursing program because he wants to go into pediatric nursing, specializing in working with special needs children.

"He has always wanted to work with special needs children, but didn't think about the nursing aspect until he was in the hospital," said Tiffany.

He realized a large shortage of male nurses when he was there and as a teenager was uncomfortable with it. He wanted children to be comfortable when they had to be in the hospital and he looked into nursing.

Zac works with special needs students at Clarkston High School through the ASD Link program.

"He loves it," said Tiffany. "His teachers say he is pretty good at it and he is destined to work with special needs children."



Matt Kamieniecki makes a run through Oak Park's guards. Photo by WR

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Erin Davenport battles her way through Southfield-Lathrup's defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Making good decisions

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Freshman Erin Davenport's cheering section sat right in the middle of the bleachers encouraging her on Friday night.

During her first game wearing a varsity jersey she added eight points to the board, the second highest scorer for the night against Southfield-Lathrup.

The leader for the night was Lindsey Reppuhn with nine points, two 3-pointers towards the score.

The girls lost the home game, 49-29, but Amy Quayle, assistant coach, saw a lot of glimmers and things the girls can work on.

"We are taking the ball to the basket," she said. "We are penetrating the gaps and getting wide open shots."

While the girls made good decisions at timing when they shot the ball, the throws didn't finish as they had planned.

"We work so hard," said Quayle. "We sometimes struggle with some of the things we are doing. It's hard because as we look at the scoreboard, the score keeps going up on one side and we stagnant. The desire, the hope and the wants slowly fades. They would never fade if it was a back and forth battle."

The girls finished the first half, 28-24. Upon returning to the court after the break they had more drive and kept Southfield-Lathrup to six points.

"Jessica Ming did a nice job tonight defensively," Quayle noticed.

"She is one person willing to put her body

in harm's way and take as many charges as she can."

Another standout for the night was Reppuhn, on offense.

"She sank the ball. It was tough when she came out with two fouls at the beginning of the first quarter," said Quayle.

The girls took on North Farmington on Monday, a make-up game after their game was cancelled last Wednesday.

They lost the game, 44-35, bringing the team's record to 4-12.

Megan Hastings led scoring nine points. They took on Rochester Adams on Tuesday and host Rochester on Thursday.

"They are all winnable games," said Quayle. "When our girls are on, they are on. When the glimmers come together and all five on the court are glimmering at the same time the girls' confidences boost."

The girls continue on Tuesday against Pontiac.

"We have some tough battles on the way, but if we play together, work hard, we pull together in confidence, we will do well."

All games begin at 5:30 p.m. with the JV game, varsity follows.

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Wolves unstoppable at districts

Clarkston dominated the mats at Monday's meet and brought home the district championship.

The boys took on hosts Lake Orion for their first win, 46-18.

They faced Rochester Adams in the final round and didn't give the Highlanders a chance, winning 68-3.

The round started with Evan King (160) defeating Jordan Gowman, 13-0. Matt Vandermeer (171) followed it by pinning Ryan Hess, 4:24 into the match.

Vandermeer wasn't the only one to add six points to the score with a pin; Zac Roberson (119), Kyle Broughton (140), Mike Henige (145) and Matt Deitz (152) also won with a pin.

Nick Vandermeer (125) kept Ryan Howcroft from scoring points on him and won his match, 1-0. Jeff Slone (130) defeated Kevin Jock, 7-2, and Ty Foltz (135) won with a major decision over Andrew Sabuda, 17-2.

The boys head to Rochester Adams for the regional competition. They take on North Farmington in the semifinals.

They have a chance to take on the winner from the Waterford Kettering/Hartland battle to capture the championship title.

Check the Wolfpack Update on www.ClarkstonNews.com to find out if the

team continues on to the state finals next weekend in Battle Creek.

Eight Wolves move on after Saturday's individual district match-up.

Matt Deitz (140) and Zac Roberson (112) won titles for Clarkston after defeating Hartland foes in their final round.

Raymond Wilkie (103), Jeff Sloney (125) Ty Foltz (135), Mike Henige (145), Evan King (160) and Matt Vandermeer (171) will join Deitz and Roberson for the regional round this week. Roberson beat Ross Kantola, 5-0, and Deitz won in a major decision over John Julien, 10-1.

Vandermeer lost to Matt Hart from Rochester Adams and Foltz to A.J. Fligger, Lake Orion to take second.

Wilkie took third after pinning Andrew Hahnenberg from Walled Lake Northern. King scored four points on Hartland's Kyle Regorrah and kept him to one, and Henige beat Kyle Marion from Walled Lake Central, 10-4, for third.

Sloney lost to Lake Orion's Matt Musary, but slipped into the top four to qualify. The eight move on to regionals this Saturday at Howell. The top four in each weight class qualify for state finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills, March 4-6.

For Love of the Game

Join Clarkston and Lake Orion hockey teams when they host their third annual "For Love of the Game" this Saturday.

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Bands raise \$2,100 for Haiti relief

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It was for "Music for Haiti," a project formed by the members of the bands and orchestras at Sashabaw Middle School.

The students performed a small concert for family and friends. After the concert the audience could make a donation to go to the relief efforts in Haiti.

The students set a goal to raise \$1,000 and they more than doubled it by raising \$2,100.

"We are very proud of our students' efforts," said Shelley Schwaderer Roland, one of the directors at the middle school.

"I thought it was cool because I played for people I knew," said Harper. "I was ready but I was still nervous."

Harper played for his coaches of '95 Troy Sting, as well as his brother's hockey team.

He said he had over \$100 in donations from the performance.

Other students performed as a group and played around their neighborhood.

Directors involved were Roland, Justin Harris, and Wendy Stuart.

Skiers qualify for state finals

Both ski teams finished in third in the MHSAA Regionals, qualifying them to go to the state finals.

During the Giant Slalom, Kelly Peters led the skiers, placing in first at a time of :36.50.

Analicia Honkanen took the second spot. Olivia Dunn was the third top racer for Clarkston, finishing in third place.

Honkanen also took second during the Slalom, Peters in third, and Dunn finished in 14th.

Grant Huber led the boys during the Giant Slalom at eighth place, finishing his race in :37.09.

Brent VanItallie took fourth. Lance Holsbeke, Alex McIntosh and Nick Kellogg rounded off the top 20.

VanItallie led the team during the Slalom and finish in seventh.

Nathan Rogers finished in 19th, for the second fastest racer for Clarkston.

The teams competed in the SEMSL at Mount Holly on Tuesday and take on the state finals next Monday at Boyne Mountain.

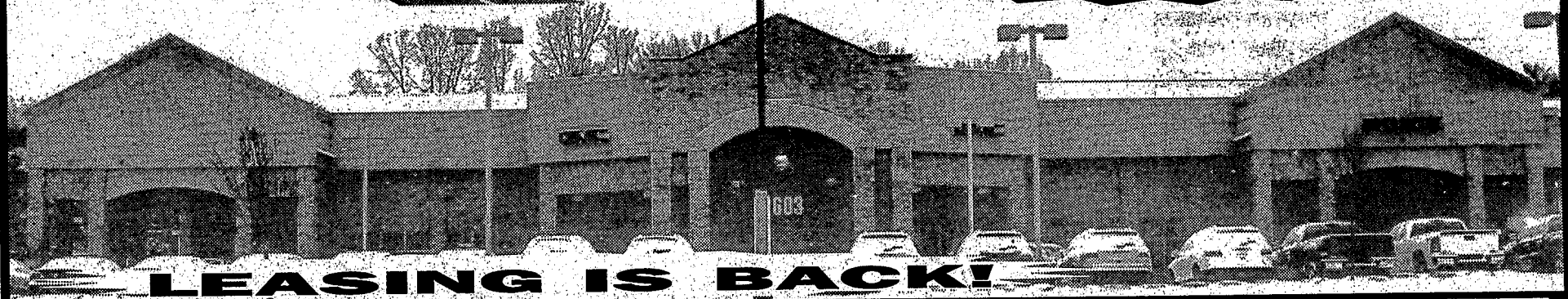
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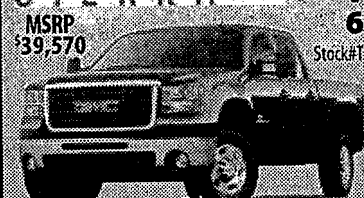
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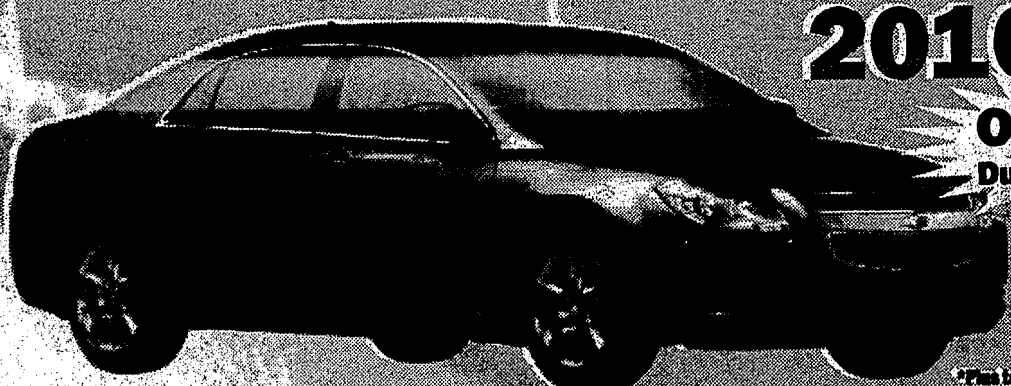
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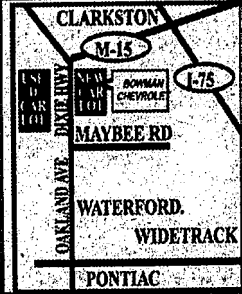
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**\$13 million
in school
budget cuts?**



— Michele Perry

"It's sad. I have a lot of ill feelings about it."



— Stu Hastings

"As a teacher and a parent, I don't like it. But it is a part of the economy and we have to deal with it. I try to look at it in a positive way."



— Jana White

"Learn to live with less without cutting and taking away from the kids."



— Kaya Hastings

"We are hurting everywhere. Why make the kids suffer? I hope they can find another way to cut."



— Mike Perry

"I concur with Stu."

By Wendi Reardon

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New pastor called to Clarkston

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The Rev. Kendall L. Schaeffer, new pastor of St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, is in it for the long haul.

"My long-term focus is to retire from here, in about 15 years," said Schaeffer, 53.

He grew up in Mt. Pleasant, and graduated in 1989 from Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne.

He was raised in the Lutheran faith, but didn't resolve to become a minister right away. He first studied oceanography at Central Michigan University.

"At Central, I sang with the New Song Folk group all over the state — I was up front with my faith and presented it in a positive and comfortable way," he said. "People told me they thought I should go into the ministry."

He served as pastor in Lansing for about six years, Iowa for five years, and a church near Benton Harbor for 10 years.

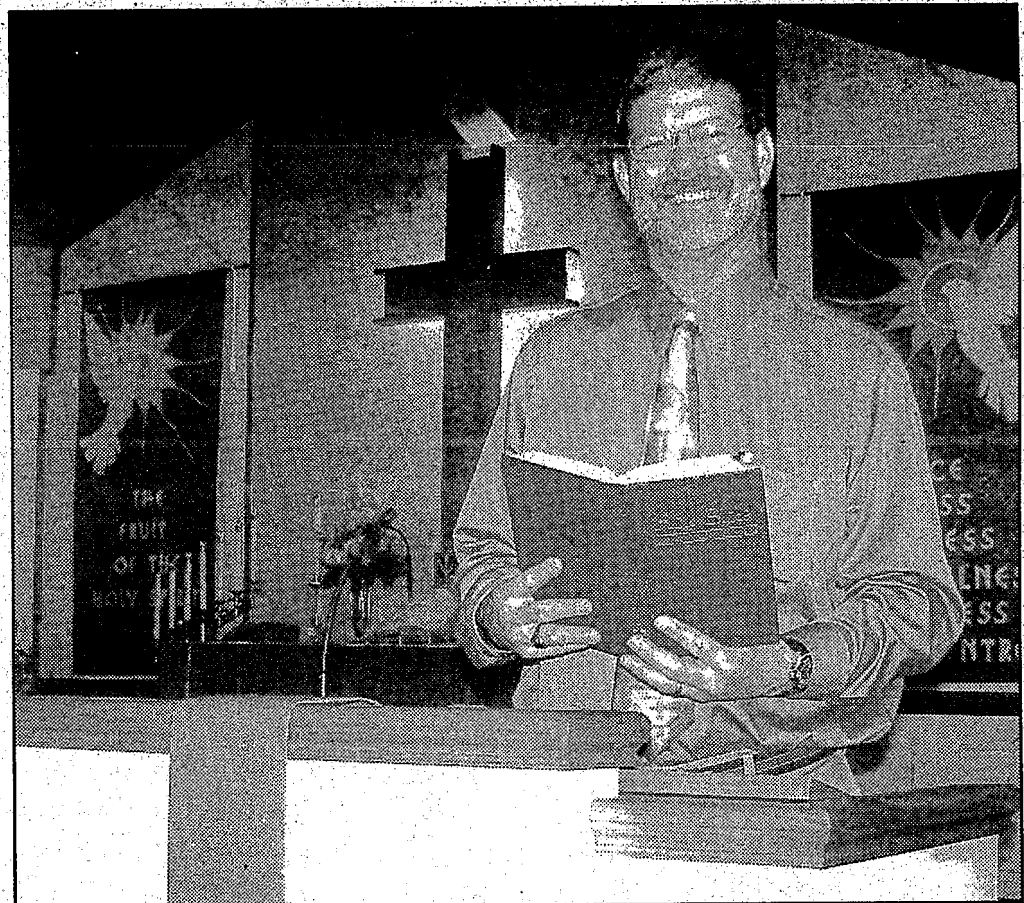
He was called to serve as pastor of St. Trinity in Independence Township this past October, and was installed on Dec. 13, well into the Christmas season.

"It was a busy first few weeks," he said. "It went wonderfully well."

He and his wife, Karen, live in Waterford Township. They have four children, Rachel, who lives in Minnesota with her husband, Ryan; Joel, who lives in Indiana with wife Katreena and their son Brayden; Jason, serving as a nuclear mechanic in the Navy and married to Katie, with children Samantha and Lily; and Jeremy, a student at Lake Michigan Community College, playing basketball and studying to be a sports agent.

He is working with church members on vision and goals for the congregation and community.

"I'm still getting my feet wet," Schaeffer said. "I need to get to know the congregation before



Rev. Kendall Schaeffer, in the pulpit at St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Independence Township. Photo by Phil Custodio

I can know the community — I'm here to build up the body of Christ internally and externally, and bring healing to people."

Community involvement by the congregation is key, he said.

"We're exploring things," he said. "I'd like to see St. Trinity as a training center — there are

lots of different ways to train."

A church member also has a 70-foot-tall hot air balloon they can use for evangelizing and outreach, he said.

For more information, call the church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, just north of Clarkston Road, at 248-625-4644.



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Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Feb. 18, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Call Linda, 248-625-4945, or Gail, 248-623-9462.

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

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

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.

Budgeting Boot Camp, 9-11:30 a.m., Feb. 20, Independence Township Fire Station No. 1, 6500 Citation Drive. Topics include spending, budgeting and how to reduce your budget. Free. 248-625-1611, ext. 226.

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.

Heroes Sock Hop II, Miracle Box Packing Party, 4-7 p.m., Feb. 25, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. New men's and women's socks, black or white only, homemade

cookies, instant cocoa, boxed food, hygiene items, donations. 248-623-0444.

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. 248-625-2700.

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. 248-390-9270.

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.

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, beginning and intermediate techniques, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., \$7 per session. Bring mat. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878

Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, gentle movements for healing, stress reduction, balance, increased flexibility, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

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

4365.

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

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

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

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

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

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

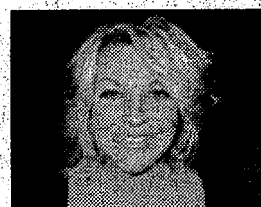
Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

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.

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Rachel Horton of Clarkston, far right, leads the team onto the ice in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with Co-Captain Seneca Moore, second from left.

Skating home champions

Twenty-six local figure skaters took on 1,600 skaters in national competition, coming home with two championships.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the performance of our teams," said Heather Blasko, director and coach of Team du Coeur. "Their love of the sport, and all the hard work they've put in this season really came through on the ice."

The team's Open Juvenile and Pre-Juvenile division teams took first place at the Sectional Championships, Jan. 16-17, in the Mid-

western Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

There is no National Championship for the Open Divisions, making sectionals its highest level of competition. This is the first time in the club's 15 years two teams earned sectional titles in the same year.

Team du Coeur, also coached by Sara Jack Grzymkowski and Kara Helgemo, includes skaters ages 9-16 from across western Oakland County, training at Lakeland Arena in Waterford.



Seneca Moore of Davisburg – Co-Captain, Open Juvenile Team du Coeur, takes the ice for the Midwestern Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships. Photos provided

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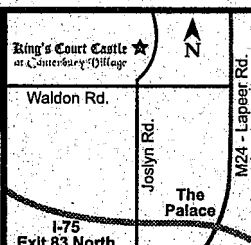
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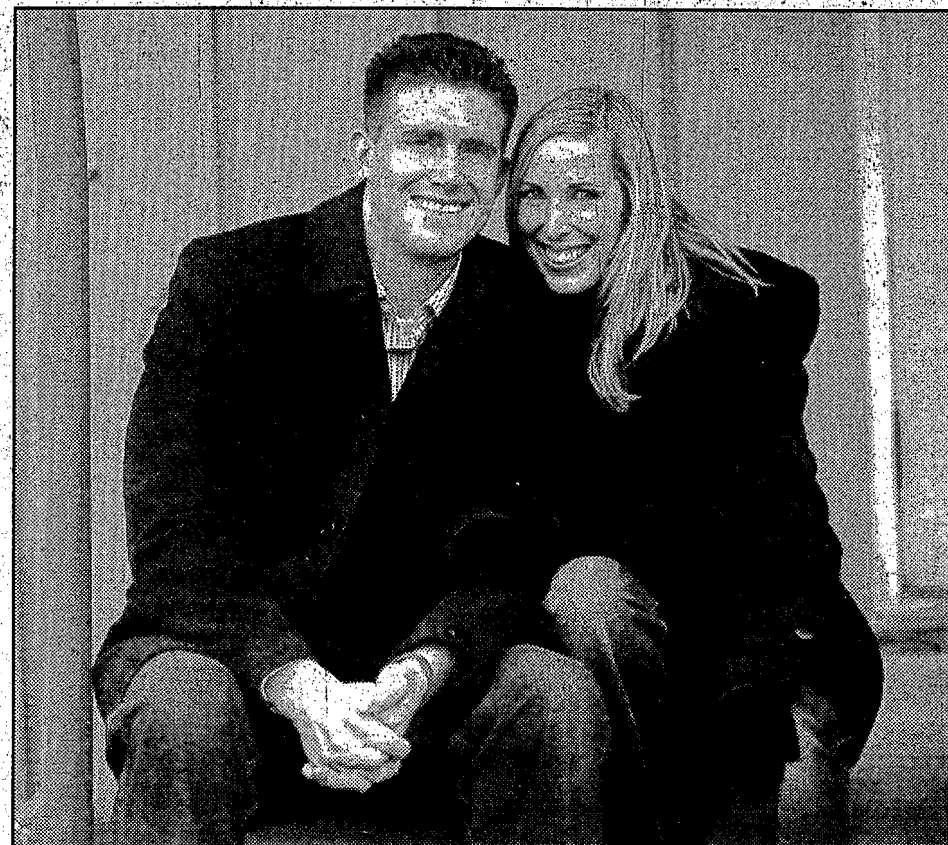
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Milestones



Steve and Lauren

Schornak - McMillen

Steve M. Schornak, Jr. and Lauren B. McMillen are pleased to announce their engagement. A July 2010 wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Joseph and Patricia McMillen of Clarkston.

The groom-to-be is the son of Judy Schornak of Clarkston and Steve Schornak of Waterford.

Steve and Lauren are both 2000 graduates of Clarkston High School.

Students achieve success

Jordan Szaróletta of Clarkston was named to the Honor List of Oxford College, two-year liberal arts division of Emory University, Oxford, Ga., for the 2009 fall semester.

She is the daughter of Laurel and Patrick Szaróletta of Clarkston.

Amanda Sue Krebs of Clarkston received her Bachelor of Science diploma at Mississippi College's winter commencement.

Lauren Moore, a sophomore majoring in Biology and graduate of Clarkston High School, was named to the fall 2009 Dean's List at Taylor University.

Clarkston teacher Sue Wilson earned the K-12 Teacher/Practitioner Award at Michigan Community Service Commissions' Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, Feb. 9, in Traverse City.

Outstanding Service-Learning Awards were also presented to Detroit Service Learning Academy and Onaway Area Schools' Environmental Studies, earning Innovative Program Awards, and Ella Kate Wagner of Belding High School, receiving the Student Award.

Wilson was recognized for serving as a model of leadership in service-learning.

Got a Milestone to share?

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Religion

The thoughts of our hearts

There are many things in life we don't have easy answers for and the meaning of suffering has to be at the top of the list. In these few lines I won't even try to give a complete solution to this problem, but I thought it would be profitable to take a look back a few weeks to a recent event and perhaps shed some light on the situation.

The recent earthquake in Haiti is a typical example of a catastrophe that makes us ask serious questions about life.

Ask yourself: "What was my initial reaction when I heard about the disaster?" Your response might be an indication of what you believe in your heart about God and what you think in your heart about your neighbor.

Some could conclude that God was punishing the people of Haiti for the country's past sins.

That is a terrifying vision of God, but let's suppose he punishes in this way. If that were the case, we would only be looking at one side of God's character. If a natural calamity can lead us to conclude that God punishes, then, to be fair, we should also give God credit for the *good* things that happen in nature. Why not acknowledge the thousands of days that he gave the same people the warmth of the sun? If he is

vengeful and punishes, then he is also a loving God who daily distributes generous rewards. So, even the most cynical analysis allows leeway for God's goodness.

What would a vengeful outlook lead us to conclude about the people who were the victims? If physical suffering were necessarily a consequence of moral failure, then how many of us would be healthy enough to get out of bed every morning? None of us can boast of being perfect, so we should think twice before assuming that others are receiving retribution for their offenses.

Rather than blame God and judge the people who were victims we should trust in God's mercy and laud the efforts of those who sacrificed to save others. In those who were found alive we can admire a spirit that is stronger than death. The tragedy was also an occasion for people to grow in goodness through countless acts of generosity; acts that might not have been accomplished otherwise.

I think a more serene approach is to see everything in terms of a divine, if mysterious, plan. There was and is suffering and pain for the victims and their loved ones and these thoughts are in no way intended to suffice, but we can also believe that the suffering and pain will one day come to an end. If we want to begin to make any sense out of suffering, we must strive to perceive that some good can result from it.

Fr. Daniel Pajerski, LC, is Formation Director for Everest Academy.

Spiritual Matters



Father Daniel Pajerski

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.

Coffee House featuring musician Alan Sturt and local talent, 7 p.m., Feb. 19, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Mark White Band, Christian Rock band, 7 p.m., Feb. 27, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. \$6. Refreshments provided. 248-625-3288.

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, 248-625-1611.

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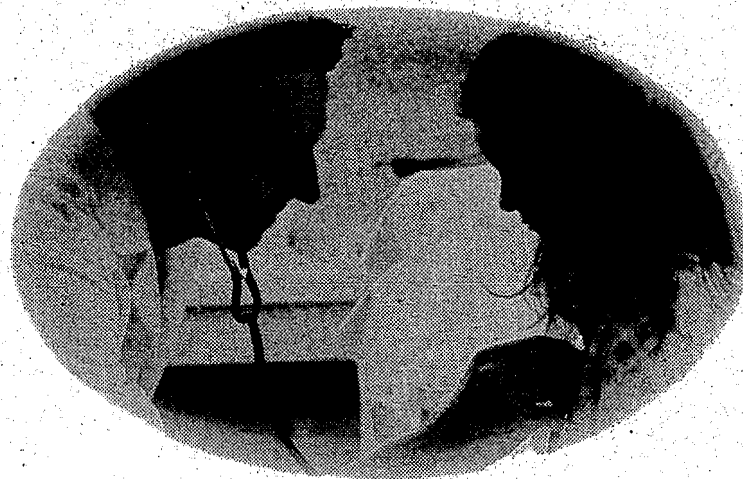
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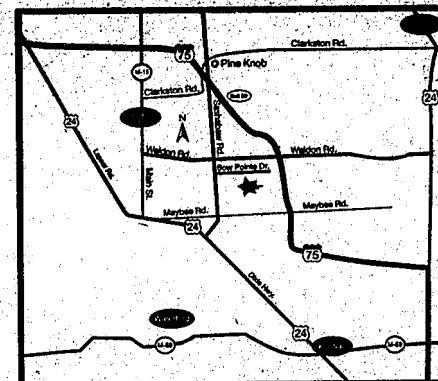
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Students throughout Independence Elementary were filled with love on Friday as they celebrated Valentine's Day with treats, games, crafts and sharing cards.

A few classes added a new tra-

dition to the celebration.

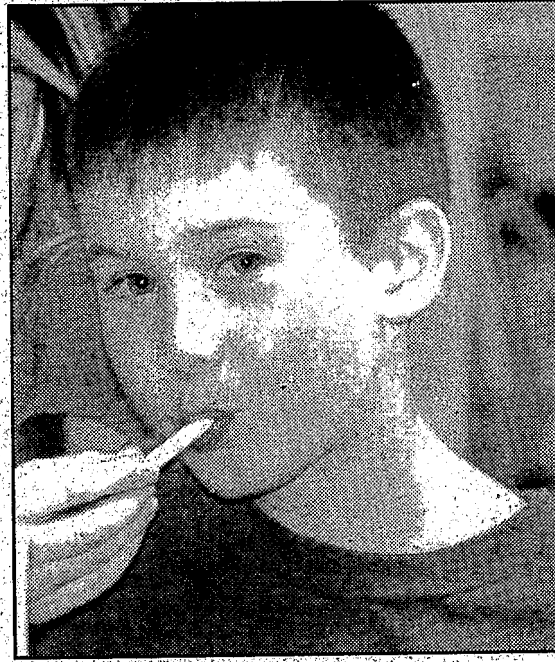
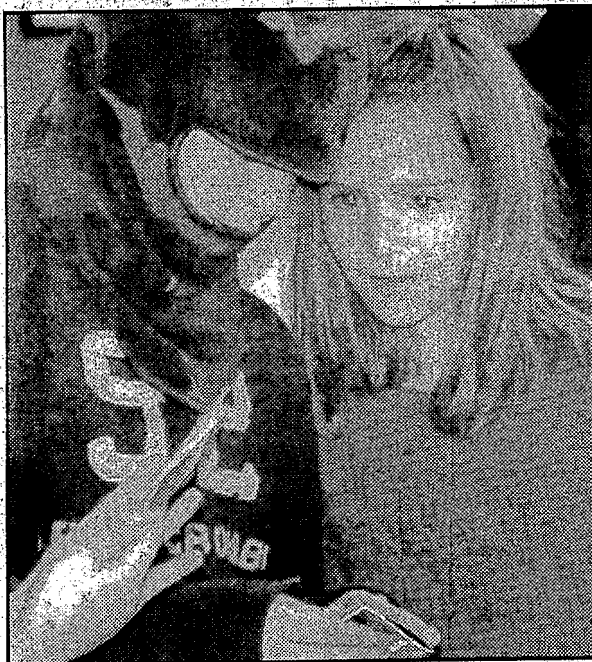
Some were quickly walking through the halls for a scavenger hunt.

Another class grabbed their sleds and whisked down the snowy hill by the playground.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Jason Tebbets protects his ice cream and cupcake from Kaylee Phillip and Gracie Sielinski.




Garrett Dellinger and Katie Walters open a card. Jacob Burms enjoys a Pixy Stick.



Carli Kelley reads one of her many Valentine cards.

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Tom and Tammy Lowrie show off their moves on the dance floor.



Jim Tanner chats with Jill and David Adair, owners of MacPhee Restaurant and Pub in Ortonville.

'Open your heart'

More than \$22,000 was raised at the annual Open your Heart fundraiser for Lighthouse of Oakland County.

The event, at the home of Jim and Audrey Tanner, included food, drinks, lots of laughter and disco ball dancing.

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Brittany Hourigan hard at work behind the bar.

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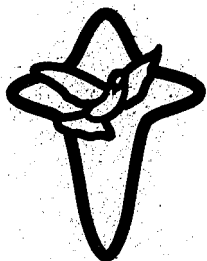
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Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Peace Unity, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

Men's and Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-4644.

Divorce Care support group, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Childcare provided. 248-625-3288.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, dinner at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

'Tear Soup' topic for Healing Hearts

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group meets 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, at Carriage House, in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. Topic is "Tear Soup Video." Led by Emily Trahan, bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, the support group

is for those of all ages who have recently lost a loved one.

No registration is necessary and the meeting is free. For more information or to be on the invitation list, call 248-625-5231 or email wintfuneralhome@aol.com.

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

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Lenten Bible Study, Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 24, 6-6:45 p.m., St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Lenten Church service, 7 p.m. 248-625-4644.

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

P.A.T.H., - Pray And Things Happen: Spiritual Tools for Enhancing Life and Living. Thursdays, 7 p.m., Peace Unity, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192

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

Obituary

George H. Gleiss, 80

George H. Gleiss of Clarkston passed away, surrounded by his family, Feb. 8, 2010, at age 80.

He was the husband of Joyce for 54 years; father of Deb (John) Creighton of Owosso, Karl (Kathy) Gleiss of Clarkston, and Karyn (Erik) Gotaas of Clarkston; grandpa "Grampu" of Holly (Grant) Franson, Jay (Kendra) and Julie Creighton, Weston and Mende Gleiss, Garret and Grant Gotaas; brother of Hank (Joan) Gleiss of St. Joseph.

Mr. Gleiss was courageous from the time of his cancer diagnosis until the end. He will forever be a role model. Just as he taught us how to live, he taught us how to die.

Memorial service was Feb. 13 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Stars-Kids shunt research, (www.stars-kids.org), 33006 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 in honor of his grandson Grant.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Laura J. Gilboe, 84

Laura J. Gilboe of Waterford passed away, Feb. 13, 2010, at age 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, sons Douglas and David, and granddaughter Lisa. She was the loving mother of Duane (Carole) and Donald (Sherrie); grandmother of Brian (Jennifer), Raymond, Chris (Nancy), Alicia Gilboe, Matthew, Dawn Gilboe, and Kenneth (Bridget); great grandmother of Nikole, Daniel, Christopher, Brandon, Alexis, Christian, Hailey, and Layla; dear sister of Florence Nyholm, Virginia Thompson, and the late Edward A. Schak Jr.

Mrs. Gilboe was an original member of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club. She was a member of the Waterford Eagles 2287. She retired from the Waterford Schools as a Baker.

Funeral Service, 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mark B. Szymanski, 53

Mark B. Szymanski of Clarkston passed away, Feb. 9, 2010, at age 53.

He was the husband of April; father of Markie; preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Angela, brothers Robert and Dennis and nephew Scott; son in law of Sue (the late Tim) Agar; brother of Nancy (Bob) Yarbrough, Jackie (Craig Hoxie) Szymanski, Pam (Birger) Fossum, and his twin Michael Szymanski; brother-in-law of Timi (Mike) Barwick, Peggy (Mark Westlund) Agar and Brad (Krissy) Agar; uncle and dear friend of too many to count.

Memorial service was Feb. 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family will be used toward Markie's future education. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Richard D. White, 63

Richard D. White, "Rick," of Lake Orion passed away unexpectedly, Feb. 10, 2010, due to a heart attack, at age 63.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Susan and favorite "Unky" Bill. He was the loving husband of Polly; father of Tim (Heather Martin) White and David (Katie Scibilia) Cathcart; loving and playful grandpa of Charlene, Alexandra, and William, the Sunshines of his life; cherished son of David and Tish White; brother of Randall and Brad; son-in-law of Leitha Travis; brother-in law of Duane and Gloria McIntyre; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was the best friend and fishing buddy of brother-in-law Ron McIntyre (Celeste); life-long friend, and golfing partner of Randy Shepard. He earned his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Business Administration from University of Michigan. He was past treasurer of the Detroit Chapter Sigma Alpha Epsilon, member of Detroit Yacht Club bowling league, Rochester Elks Golf League, and National Ski Patrol.

Mr. White, with his life-long friend Dick Matzka were owners of the Ski & Tennis Bar and Metro Ski and Sports in Grosse Pointe. Rick was President/Owner of Deferred Compensation Plans, Inc. and National Actuaries.

Celebration of Life Service was Feb. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) for Rick's grandchildren. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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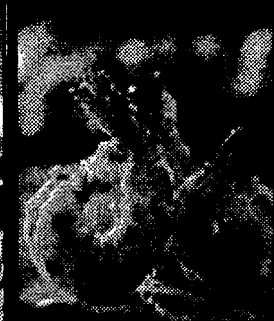


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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to consider the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:
Section 1. Amendments
In ARTICLE XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Section 18.07.4.b. - Site Plan Review Procedures, subsection (2) Technical Review is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Review: The purpose of Technical Review is to secure written comments and recommendations on a proposed plan from the Planner, Engineer and other township consultants. The township shall review those comments and recommendations, along with the proposed plan, for conformance with the Criteria For Site Plan Review in Section 18.07.2, other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards, policies or laws.

The applicant shall submit to the Clerk the number of copies of the site plan, application and other required information specified on the application after receiving the township's checklist review. The applicant shall also submit plans to any County, State or Federal agencies having jurisdiction and request that a copy of their review comments for compliance with agency rules, policies or laws be forwarded to the Clerk. A copy of the transmittal letter forwarding plans to the agencies shall be included with the Technical Review application information submitted to the Clerk.

(a) The Clerk shall forward copies of the plans, documents and checklist review to the Planner and Engineer for review.

(b) The Planner and Engineer shall review the plans and other information submitted for compliance with applicable ordinances, policies, laws and standards and shall furnish written comments, opinions and recommendations to the Clerk, the applicant and the applicant's plan preparer.

(c) After the Clerk receives written responses from the Planner and Engineer, the plan may be submitted to the Planning Commission for review.

(d) Any plan revised in response to comments from the Engineer, Planner or agencies having jurisdiction shall not be placed on a Planning Commission agenda until written comments on the revision have been received by the Clerk.

Section 2. Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

Section 3. Repealer

All ordinances and portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: February 17, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Amendments

In ARTICLE XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 16.07.8 - Other Permitted Signs, new subsection c. - Temporary Signs, is hereby added to read as follows:

c. Temporary Signs

(1) A temporary sign shall have a maximum height of four (4) feet in residential areas, or six (6) feet in commercial areas, from the natural grade to the top of the sign.

(2) Temporary signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet per side in residential areas, or sixteen (16) square feet per side in commercial areas, with a maximum of two (2) sides per sign, except banners which shall have a maximum area of twenty-five (25) square feet per side.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, each temporary sign shall remain in place no longer than fourteen (14) consecutive days and the posting of any temporary sign on the property shall not cumulatively exceed sixty (60) days within a calendar year.

(4) The permission of the property owner or their designee shall be required prior to the erection of a temporary sign on any parcel. This includes the placing of a temporary sign on vacant property.

(5) Provided all other provisions in this Section are met, an organization or business that holds a number of events throughout the calendar year, which term "events" shall not be interpreted to mean a "sale," may apply for an annual temporary sign permit in accordance with the following additional provisions:

a. Such organization shall provide a list of each event and the date(s) of such event not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the event for which a temporary sign will be erected. Exceptions to the fourteen (14) day requirement may be granted by the Township for fundraising events for national or international disasters or emergencies.

b. Provided such organization has been in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, it shall be allowed to apply for a renewal of its temporary sign permit on an annual basis by application to the Township in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(6) Sandwich or A-frame signs are permitted, if they meet the criteria for temporary signs outlined herein.

(7) "Help Wanted" signs not exceeding six (6) square feet in area and four (4) feet in height, which may be displayed on private property for a period for up to four (4) weeks at a time, and not more than four (4) times within such a calendar year.

(8) Temporary signs placed upon property in the Township in violation of this Ordinance may be removed only by the Township, the owner of the sign, or the owner of the property where a sign has been placed, or their designees. Any action taken by the Township under this paragraph shall be noticed to the property owner of record. A temporary sign that has been removed by the Township will be kept for five (5) days, at which time the sign may be destroyed or disposed of by the Township.

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LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
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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 hearing 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:

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

Tuesday	March 16, 2010:	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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):

Monday	March 8, 2010:	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	March 10, 2010:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 11, 2010:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 16, 2010:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 17, 2010:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 18, 2010:	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Ratio: Real & Personal 50%

Tentative Equalization Factor: Real & Personal 1.00000

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 of Review meeting should contact the Assessor's Office at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting at 248-846-6530.

Vicki L. Sievers, CMAE III
Chief Assessor, Springfield Township

Published: February 10, 17, 24, 2010

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THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT

248-625-0088

DATE OF SALE 2-25-2010

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO BID

\$25 ADMIN FEE ADDED TO SALE PRICE

CASH DUE AT TIME OF SALE

Byers Wrecker Service 9:00 AM

9375 Dixie Hwy

Clarkston, MI 48348

1994 Pontiac 4D

Vin # 1G2WJ52MXXF296096

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD

CLARKSTON, MI 48346

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010

The Board of Review for the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City Office on Monday, March 8, 2010, AND Monday, March 15, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For appointments: Call Oakland County Equalization Division, Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 81862 or 248-858-1862. Those without an appointment will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk-Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2010

SYNOPSIS

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Add #8 New Business: Budget Committee, #9 New Business: Property Purchase

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: January 14, 2009 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$426,673.64
- Accepted January Treasurer's Report
- Received January 2009 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Police, Fire and IT
- Received Committee Reports: Budget & Finance
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$47,940.68
- Authorized the Treasurer to transfer \$100,000 from the Civic Center Capital Sub-Fund to the General Fund, un-allocated
- Established Spring Clean-Up date: May 8, 2010, 8 am - 2 pm @ Springfield Oaks Activity Center
- Received Communications and placed on file

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Soil Erosion Control Ordinance - Discussed possible Township Ordinance and determined not to move forward at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

- Softwater Lake 2010 Aquatic Plant Management Program Approval - Authorized letter agreement with Professional Lake Management for the 2010 Aquatic Plant Management program
- Huron Creek: Extension of Final Site Plan Approval - Approved one year extension from March 15, 2010 to March 15, 2011.
- Friends of the Parks - Presentation and funding discussion-Received presentation and discussed goals and possible Parks and Recreation millage.
- First Reading: Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Article XVIII - set for Second Reading
- Employee Handbook Amendment - Healthcare coverage and reimbursement - Adopted amendments
- Recording Equipment Replacement - Authorized replacement of audio recording and transcription equipment and set a budget not to exceed \$2,000.
- Property Manager Job Description Approval - Tabled job description
- Budget Committee - Discussed purpose and function of Budget Committee
- Closed Session - Property Purchase - Moved to enter Closed Session at 9:25 p.m. Reconvened to Open Session at 9:38 p.m. Authorized Township Supervisor and Attorney to finalize closing documents as discussed in Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: 9:41 p.m.

Laura Moreau, Clerk

Published: February 17, 2010

Community events?

Tell us about them at
ClarkstonNews@gmail.com
or 248-625-3370

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:
2009-327, 163-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of EVAJEAN BELSCHNER, deceased individual. Date of birth: 01/26/1926.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, EVAJEAN BELSCHNER, who lived at 3593 Lakeview, Ortonville, Michigan died 11/29/2008.

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

2-11-10
Joan Reilly Schliem P53475 Frederic Belschner
40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 110 3593 Lakeview
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Ortonville, MI 48462
(248) 540-3363 (248) 627-2473

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:
2010-327, 847-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of EFIM FELDMAN. Date of birth: 04/07/1948

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, EFIM FELDMAN, who lived at 5477 Centerbrook, West Bloomfield, Michigan died 02/29/2008.

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

2-10-10
Joan Reilly Schliem P53475 Elena Feldman
40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 110 222 North Kenwood Ave.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 540-3363 (248) 538-9871

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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 a.m.

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 6493 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 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. and on March 4 and 10, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m.

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your assessed value, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. 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/14035_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 be attached.

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

Sincerely,

Beverly Shaver, CMAE 3

Independence Township Assessor

Publish: 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

Local artist on exhibit

Henry (Hank) Fleischer of Davisburg and Willie Hahn of Berkeley present the sculptural exhibit "Dimensional Edge" with Huron Valley Council for the Arts.

Fleischer is retired from the fluid-dynamics industry and creates "Architectural Art" folded polyhedron shapes clustered to form complicated structures.

The exhibit runs through March 1 at 205 W. Livingston Road, Highland. Admission is free.

For more details and regular gallery hours, call 248-889-8660 or visit www.huronvalleyarts.org.



Hank Fleischer, left, and Frank Youd, with show coordinator Sue Pugliese.

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD

CLARKSTON MI 48346

SUMMARY MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2010

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

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

Others Present - City Manager Rittler

Moved by Inabnit supported by Roth to, "Amend the Agenda as presented by adding a 5.5 Mayor Comments." Motion carried.

No public comments.

Mayor Arkwright updated Council on Les Haight's recovery from a heart attack on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Mr. Haight is improving every day.

Mayor Arkwright announced that James Schultz resigned from the ZBA board as of January 25, 2010. A replacement appointment will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The AED (Automatic External Defibrillators) cost about \$1,600 each. Mayor Arkwright would like the City to purchase two or three.

Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter to, "Approve the Consent Agenda as presented: Draft of 1/11/2010 Council Minutes, Final minutes of 12/14/09 Council meeting, All Funds Trial Balance thru 12/31/09 and General Fund Income Statement Actual vs Budget thru 12/31/09." Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Gawronski to "Direct the City Manager to enforce the snow removal ordinance and the DPW is directed not to clear any private sidewalks except the Miller Road sidewalk to the stop sign and per DPW supervisor recommendation the curb cuts are to be cleared as quickly as possible in the parking area downtown." Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Arkwright, supported by Inabnit to, "To appoint Councilman Steve Hargis, as our representative to SEMCOG - Motion adopted.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Gawronski, "That the City of the Village of Clarkston support the initiative of the CRWC (Clinton River Watershed Council) and sign the letter to the Great Lakes National Program Office indicating our support to seek a grant for the purpose of expanding the current Rain Garden in Depot Park."

Roll - Ayes: Brueck, Roth, Gawronski

Nays: Arkwright, Inabnit, Hunter, Hargis,

Motion was not adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

Around Town

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Shallow Water Aerobics for 50+, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., Feb. 23-April 1. Clarkston High School Pool, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Low impact, 82-degree water. \$48 for 12 sessions. 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.

Zumba - Gold Fitness, Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., Clarkston Specialty Health Center Community Room, 4800 Clintonville Road. Hypnotic musical rhythms, moves in a dynamic workout. Session I: through March 17, Session II: March 31-

May 19. \$48 for 8 classes. 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., Harvestland Ministries, 5848 Clintonville Road. 248-505-5091.

Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

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

Woodcarving Class for 50+, Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Feb. 19-March 12. Adult activity center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Beginning woodcarving with Dave Shaw. \$40 for 4 week session, plus \$10 for wood. 248-625-8231.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, schools, 248-559-1147 ext. 3427.

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MONDAY NOON
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Monday, March 1st, 7-8:30pm.
Free event. Over 25 area Schools
and Businesses. Location: Everest
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com. CZ321

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JUNK BATTERIES WANTED
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able. 248-421-1785. IIL111

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Saturday, February 27

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MOVING/ GARAGE Sale: Dining
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\$15 table until March 6th, \$20
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20th, 9am-12noon. Christ the
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48371. Contact
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860-6123. IIL104

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ayoing@kingsburyschool.org or
248-628-2571. IIL84

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FLOOR MODEL Columbia

Grafonala (Victrola). Crank it up
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gets you the music box, lots of
78's and a magazine ad from
1919. Call 810-636-3798 from
4-9pm Oxfordleader.com. IIL11

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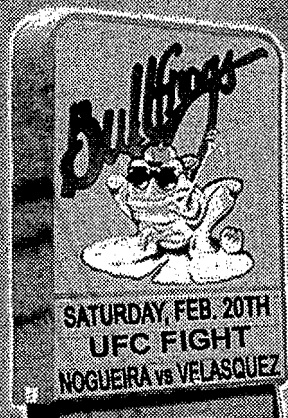
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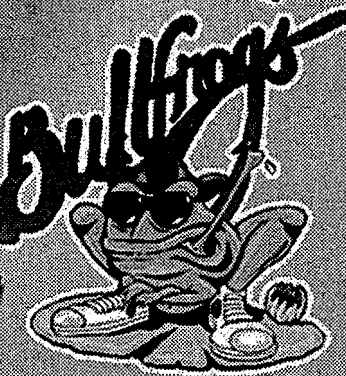


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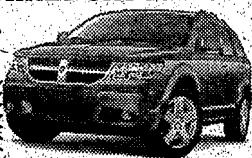


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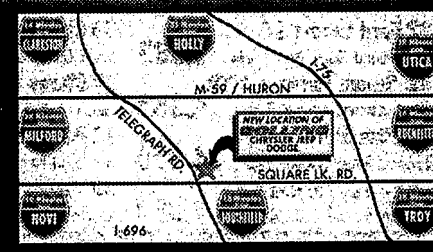
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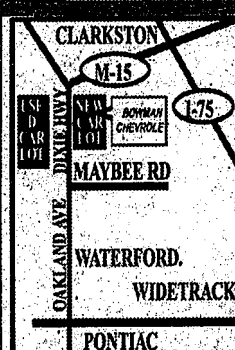
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