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Father and son restore Chevy to its former glory, on page 1B

Back from the brink

Schools reconsider cuts to arts, busing

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Up to \$2.5 million in school busing cuts are off the table, deemed "impact too great," and millions more are on hold.

That's fine with Jennifer Adair, speaking at Monday's public hearing on proposed budget cuts for Clarkston schools.

"I get it - we must make cuts," Adair said. "But the list of items is extensive and overwhelming."

Administration prepared a new list of 160 proposed cuts, classifying them using stop-light colors, green for "feasible for next year," yellow for "caution," could do with restructuring, as well as two shades of red for cuts considered too deep (see Clarkstonnews.com for complete list).

They will decide on cuts, up to \$13 million over two years, by mid-March.

On the "caution" list is the creation of sister schools throughout the district. The sister-school proposal would combine North Sashabaw and Pine Knob, Clarkston and Bailey Lake, and Springfield Plains and Independence elementary schools. Andersonville Elementary would be unaffected. It would cut \$800,000-900,000 and up to 12 full-time classroom teachers.

Shifting from trimesters back to semesters was also put on the "caution" list.

"We want to save money in scheduling but we need more time before implementing it," said Steve Hyer, board president.

The change would save the district \$300,000-360,000. The district began the trimester schedule two years ago in response to new

state graduation requirements.

Parents commenting at the Feb. 8 meeting complained about the proposed change, saying their children just got used to the trimester schedule.

Instead, budget-cut teams of building and district administrators will consider other scheduling options, Hyer said.

"We do need to do something more efficiently," he said. "We don't want to just cut for the dollar amount and rush through."

Savings would come mostly from cutting teachers needed to run the trimester schedule.

Another element put on hold was elimination of K-5 special programs, such as art, music, and physical education classes.

"We need to re-evaluate and save in another way," said Hyer.

Trustee Rosalie Lieblang strongly agreed. "That was one of the items I was looking at as well," Lieblang said.

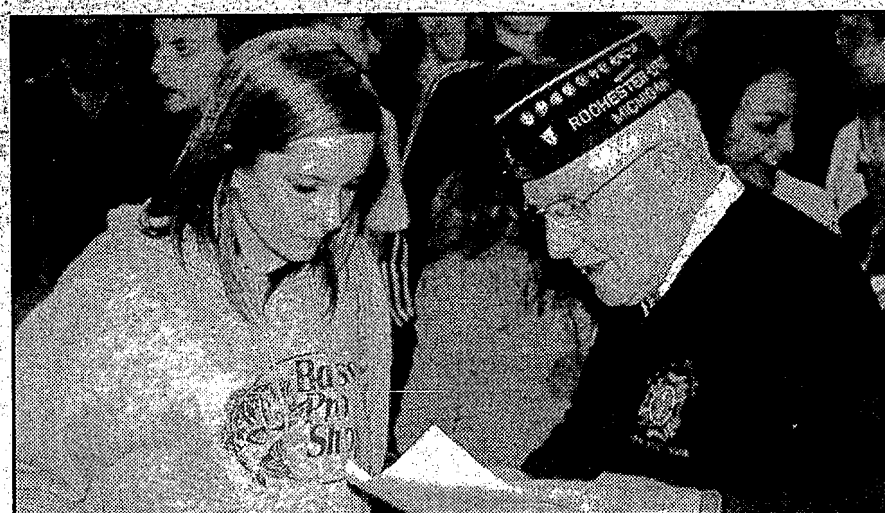
Several parents commented on special programs during a public hearing before the Feb. 22 meeting.

"How do children learn best? Not just by giving them information, but by giving them experiences," said Gwen Stuart, teacher and parent of a student. "Nothing does that like the arts - in these tough times, people still listen to iPods, buy movie tickets, and support the arts."

Outsourcing custodian and transportation services, cutting about \$1.4 million, is still on the green list.

"We have been meeting with organized (employee) groups," said Hyer. "On March 8, we will make a decision with administration on what to do."

The board will continue looking at the list of proposed cuts and present revisions at its March 8 meeting at Clarkston Junior High School. Public hearing will be at 6 p.m., meeting to start at 7 p.m.



Sharing history

History student Nicole Jewell, Clarkston Junior High, talks to veteran Mike Angelo about World War II. For more pictures and story, please see page 12A. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Library funding could break Sashabaw plan

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Change is in the air for Sashabaw improvement funding.

Independence Township Board voted 4-3, Feb. 16, to "start, but not end" the process to exclude funds from Independence Township Library and police millages for the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority.

Supervisor Dave Wagner, Treasurer Curt Carson, and Trustee Mark Petterson voted

"no."

"I don't want to put this library millage at risk whatsoever," said Trustee Larry Rosso. "I would be in favor of allowing the millage to be stand alone strictly for the library, so that may have a better opportunity to pass."

Rosso noted the CIA was "extremely important for long-range development" of the community, and believes in 3-4 years they'll pull out of the "morass of a depressed

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Township disputes importance of corridor program

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 economy."

"We have to plan for the future," he said. "We got to have a certain amount of money."

It is "unbelievable" the community would turn down a police millage, he said.

"I don't think a community of this nature would allow us to eliminate our police department, so I believe with or without the CIA attached to the police millage, it's viable, but the library, I'm not so sure," he said.

Trustee Neil Wallace said "plenty of people" had voted against the police millage in the past. "Fortunately it has not been a majority," he said.

Petterson noted if the CIA fails, the Sashabaw corridor will fail.

"We sunk a lot of money into that Sashabaw corridor and if you let this CIA fail, guess what, McLaren is not coming here," he said. "You're not going to have your hospital, you're not going to have your medical jobs, and believe me, passers by are just going to drive on up I-75 and they're going to find themselves a job up in Grand Blanc."

Wallace said their back was against the wall, and they put them further against the wall by not giving themselves options.

"You've talked this down where you're putting the library at risk over an expressway interchange that's not going to happen until



Petterson

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2015," he said. "That's going to be on your head."

Sashabaw Road is already significantly improved, he said.

"For all the demagoguery about Sashabaw, if you've been here long enough, you'd remember when we would have been sitting in a gravel pit, not far away from here," Wallace said. "Sashabaw looks a heck of a lot better than it did 20 years ago."

Petterson said "it didn't make sense to make a motion" on anything and wanted to wait to hear back from the county.

Carson agreed they were "ahead of the game."

"We're only squeezed if we believe we

have to have this for August. The fact is, I talked to a number of people who were involved in the CIA process," he said. "I, almost sure if we go to the county for an amendment, the whole thing is going to be shot."

Carson still believes they should do everything they can to encourage business and "enhance the atmosphere to create jobs in the community."

"If we don't have jobs, we can't stabilize our tax roll, which means people are not moving in, we're not creating new businesses that fill up all the spaces that are empty in the community," he said. "We're not talking about building out Troy here. We're just talking about creating stability here in Independence Township."

Lohmeier said his disagreement with Carson concerning jobs was an "interesting contradiction"

"One the biggest contributors to employment right now is the library, that's where people are finding jobs, so close the library down and you'll have a huge impact on unemployment in this town," Lohmeier said. "That is the way it is."

Independence Township created the corridor improvement authority in May 2006, and approved it \$3.8 million plan in June 2008. The 0.6910 library millage vote is this August.



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Briefly

Speed limits going up

Speed limits are rising in Clarkston. After a state speed study based on the number of access points, Waldon Road between Main Street and near Clarkston Elementary School will go from 25 to 35 miles per hour. On Holcomb Road from Miller Road north to the city limits will go from 40 to 45 mph.

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to approve the changes. However, it formed a committee including City Manager Dennis Ritter, council members Steve Hargis and Jim Brueck, Planning Commissioner Craig McCloud, police Chief Dale LaCroix, Joe Luginski, and DPW Director Bob Pursley to talk to state officials about lowering the speed through the Main Street business district from 30 to 25 mph.

Sadie Hawkins Prom

Campbell Richmond American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, hosts a Sadie Hawkins Prom, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 27.

Admission is \$20 per couple, which includes one well drink each. Cash bar and lite snacks. King and queen will be crowned.

For more information, call Annie Gernic at 248-802-3605 or Rachel Vanderbilt at 248-390-8387.

Bariatric seminar

Bariatric surgeons present free seminars, 5:30 p.m., March 23, with Dr. Michael Kia; and 5:30 p.m., April 15, with Dr. Harris Dabideen.

Seminars are at McLaren Bariatric Institute-Clarkston, Suite 280, Clarkston Medical Building, on the campus of the McLaren Health Care Village, 5701 Bow Pointe Drive. Topics include adjustable gastric bands and Roux-en-Y procedures, and comprehensive services and support offered to bariatric patients.

Registration required by calling 248-922-6830.

Correction

The Feb. 17 story "Petitioners hard at work" should have said "the next step will be putting flyers between the flag and the mailbox or in newspaper boxes in targeted neighborhoods." We regret the error.

The box office number, for Clarkston High School's production of "Grease," set for this week, is 248-623-4042.

Church reaches out to community

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Volunteers are working hard to put the "community" in Clarkston Community Church.

The Clarkston Road church's community projects include Impact Days, Saturdays during which hundred of volunteers perform home repair and yard work for neighbors in need, said Daniel Whiting, administrative pastor.

Men's Ministry volunteers offer Actively Compassionate Through Service, ACTS, Whiting said.

"They set up a toolbox on Sundays with a slot in it, for people's ideas," he said. "They work on furnaces, automotive repair - that's kind of neat."

The also offer seminars on jobs, finances, internet security, and other topics, July 4 celebration, and fundraising for Lighthouse, Grace Center of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, and other organizations.

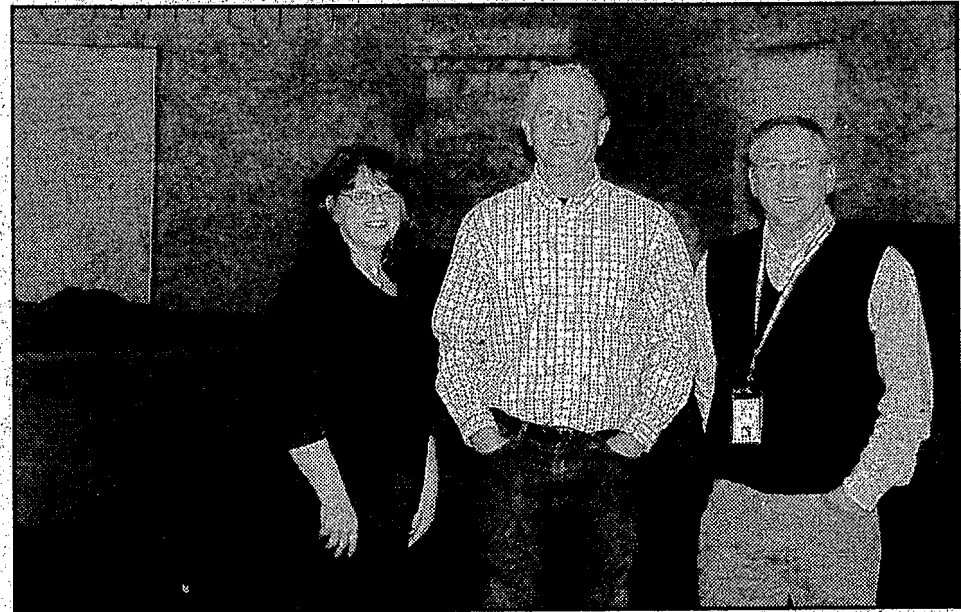
"We feel God wants us to be more connected with the community and demonstrate his love in very practical ways," said Pastor Greg Henneman. "We want to get to know the community better, what needs are out there, and where people are hurting so we can serve the community better - that's our goal."

Another contribution is this year's Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast, he said.

"We're glad to host it," Henneman said. "Clarkston is an awesome place to live and raise a family. We're happy to celebrate the strengths of the community. This is a chance to recognize people who inspire all of us."

The 25th Annual Community Awards Breakfast will be 7:30-9 a.m., Thursday, May 20, in the church's new 5,000-square-foot youth activity room.

The nomination process is just beginning, said Linda Mladenoff, Community Team mem-



From left, Linda Mladenoff, Pastor Greg Henneman, and Daniel Whiting, administrative pastor, in Clarkston Community Church's new youth center, where they will host the Community Awards Breakfast this May. Photo by Phil Custodio

ber and chair of its Clarkston Community Awards Committee.

"We're excited," Mladenoff said. "We're hoping to get quite a few. Anybody who has made a significant impact on the community, we'd love to acknowledge them."

Henneman said all are encouraged to come to the awards breakfast.

"There are many unsung heroes out there, serving the community," he said. "We'd love to celebrate with them."

The breakfast is part of the church's Imagine the Impact fund-raising campaign, in which 20 percent of donations go to community programs.

"As pastor, I was really proud of the church for that," Henneman said. "Our goal is to be more involved in the community, to meet more needs in this time of bad economy."

The church is completing a year of expan-

sion, including two new building additions and parking lot.

"It's phase three of our master plan, written 20 years ago," he said. "We have one more phase to go - a new gymnasium and youth facility."

Award winners will be determined by a panel of community representatives.

Categories are:

Citizen Of The Year, for individual who gave their time, energy, and talents to improve the community;

Youth Of The Year, outstanding volunteer 18 years old or younger;

Adult-youth Volunteer, for individual helping area young people, recognizing ongoing volunteer efforts and activities;

Business Person Of The Year, for making this a better community to live and do business;

Community Beautification Preservation, for individual, group, or business making a significant improvement to community appearance;

Community Enhancement, recognizing a group, club or service organization's year-long efforts to enhance quality of the Clarkston community; and

Community Collaboration-Team Effort, recognizing collaborative effort by two or more individuals, groups, clubs or organizations, including businesses, government agencies, and schools, to improve and enhance the community.

To download a nomination form, go to www.clarkstonchurch.com.

They can be mailed to Community Awards Nominations, c/o Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI, 48346; faxed to 248-625-1388, attention Linda



Committee co-chairs are, from left, Pastor Greg Henneman and Linda Mladenoff, Clarkston Community Church, Dawn Horner of Clarkston State Bank, and Kelly Hyer of Independence Township Parks and Rec. Not pictured are co-chairs Anita Banach and Linda Jaboro of Clarkston Community Schools.



Patrick Donnelly twirls his daughter, Marin.



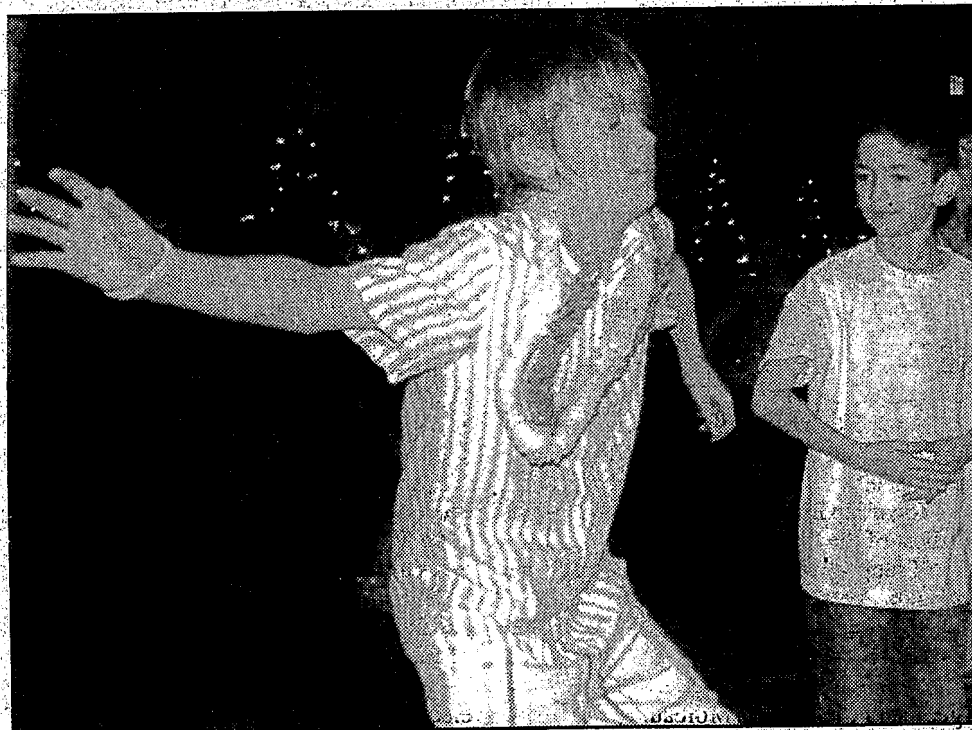
Clarkston Elementary students catch the dance vibe for the "Cuban Shuffle." Photos by WR

Pineapple Under the Sea Luau

Tiki torches and ice starfish lined the walkway leading to the Clarkston Elementary, welcoming all for the school's luau.

Students, parents and staff members had shed their winter gear and put on festive Hawaiian clothes for the event. The kids kept busy hula-hoop-

ing, fishing and playing games. The most popular place was the dance floor where both kids and parents showed off their moves.



Finn Eblenkamp shows Dylan Raleigh how to do the "Cha Cha Slide."

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Family history

I admit I am one of those people - I like to learn. I like history.

Everyone has a favorite era and I will admit I am partial to the 1940s - the movies with Ginger Rogers and Don Ameche, the music of Big Bands and the swing dancing.

I even chose Margaret Bourke White in my photography class to study because I enjoyed her photos from the era.

I never really knew why or questioned why I was fond of the era - I just was.

But as I sat listening to the World War II veterans and witnesses at the Clarkston Junior High School I began thinking. It was part of my family story.

My grandparents met in World War II. My grandfather was a dashing ambulance driver from Kansas and my grandmother a nurse with curly hair from Michigan.

They fell in love - or so that is what I have come to know in my imagination. The details are very sparse because they died before I was old enough to ask questions or know more about the war.

I just know the details left behind in a book my grandma started filling out - "When Grandma was a Girl."

As I continued to listen my imagination grew as Harold DeForest described what the medics had to do in the field. They had to get the guys out if they were pinned and do what they could at an aid's station.

I could picture grandpa driving the ambulance and grandma tending to wounds both doing what they could.

As for my other family legacy - my other grandpa was in the Navy - but that's another story.

Hope you are enjoying the Olympics and from what I have read and seen in little pieces, a great hockey game between neighbors United States and Canada.

We are still without television at home - so no I didn't see it. It's okay the internet has a new story every few minutes.

Though it was weeks ago I am still thinking about New Orleans winning the Super Bowl - now that was a great game.

For those missing your television shows - I hear less than a week to go until the Olympics ends on Feb. 28.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

A dual obituary One for what was, one for hope

In July, 2006 an artist approached me with the idea of painting a mural on the side of 5 S. Washington St. What a great idea, I thought. Dress up the corner. Bring in some wholesome images -- a slice of Americana right here in Clarkston.

I toured entire towns where the businesses were muralized. Usually there were paintings of working people, but not always.

I had good thoughts, and one stipulation. I love the front of *The Clarkston News* building-- the brick and the arches, its design -- and I asked that it be reproduced on the side. (That, and a picture of me and my dog.)

Some money changed hands and we were off with my two thoughts and her imagination.

Disapprovals soon came, but how many ever unanimously approve art? Beauty and art are all in the eye of the beholder. The artist and I talked, she with passion, me with wonder . . . wondering how long and with what result?

She convinced me she knew where she was going and that people would be pleased when she was finished.

By 2009, I'd had it. I ordered her off the wall. She pleaded, "Give me this weekend to come up with a plan."

I liked it and rehired the artist. Six months later she had to point out to me where the "new look" was. The "new" look was hidden behind other images, "new" imaginations.

I had asked her one time, "Will I ever see the end?" She -- naturally -- scoffed.

This month I got an infection. I was hospitalized for a week. During that time and through recovery days thereafter, my thoughts were dominated by the mural.

I had to end it. Last week I notified the artist. This week the public.

With this notice to you comes my feelings of regret that I imposed something on so many people against their will.

When the weather warms, I will have the wall returned to its pre-mural status.

I am sorry I upset so many people, and I'm sorry we'll never know what might have been. I wish the artist a good life.

Please enjoy *The Clarkston News*.

*Jim Sherman, Sr. owner
Clarkston News building*

Student has school reform ideas

Dear Editor,

My name is Carter Zielinski and I am a student at Sashabaw Middle School.

I recently talked to my bus driver about the budget cuts in Clarkston school district and how this might lead to lay offs.

I think this is sad that teachers and staff of Clarkston schools are getting fired because of budget cuts.

There are other ways to save millions of dollars. For example the school district could rent out school gyms to local programs. Also if everyone who worked for the school dis-

trict would take a 5 percent pay cut, this would help save millions of dollars.

Also I read online that teachers have the lowest out of pocket insurance cost. The regular man pays about 20 percent of their health insurance. The teachers pay a lot less. If teachers pay 15 percent more towards their health insurance, this will save the school district thousands of dollars.

I think it's time everyone pitched in to keep our schools the best we can be!

*Carter Zielinski
Independence Township*

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1995

"CHS forensics team makes strong debut" Students Chas Claus, Heather Schmidt, Anthony Knakal, John Klender, Steve Hyer and other team members took on almost two dozen neighboring school districts in forensics, oratory competition.

"Kids go on an odyssey of the mind" Clarkston Elementary students Angie Regiani, Casey Bolten, Michelle Aenlle and classmates on 10 local teams competed against students from other school districts at a regional tournament.

"Arts, health, phys. ed. Improvements planned" Clarkston schools considered an ambitious plan reversing years of cutting programs. They would restore elementary-school fine arts, health, and physical education programs.

25 years ago - 1985

"Soldier shoulders big obligations" Independence Township native Raymond Funck helped defend the skies of West Germany as a sergeant with the U.S. Army. He was a fire-control specialist wielding Hawk, Nike-Hercules, and the new Patriot missile systems.

"Octogenarian's memories of 'the Dixie'" C. Wesley Tindall shared 83 years of memories of Springfield Township, such as paving Dixie Highway in the 1920s. The highway received its name after it was paved in recognition of it being a road leading to the South, or Dixieland, Tindall said. Before, it was called Saginaw Trail or Saginaw Turnpike.

"Computer club serves all levels of expertise" Elizabeth Prudden opened the Slipped Disk Computer Club of Clarkston, equipped with a full bank of Commodore and Apple computers.

50 years ago - 1960

"Insect infested noodles found" Detection of infested egg noodles led to seizure of 13,000 pounds of the product throughout the area, which was traced to a Milwaukee manufacturer.

"DeMolay Chapter names Sweetheart" Paulette Eitter of Clarkston was elected Sweetheart of the Year by Cedar Chapter, Order of DeMolay. The senior at Clarkston High School was active in Y-Teens and forensics.

"4-Hers have an active weekend" The Happy Helpers 4-H Club met at the Taylor home on M-15, making plans to clear an ice rink on Flemings Lake. They also worked on their leather project for display at Bob's Hardware.

Lead schools from the front

Dear Editor,

Upon looking at the proposed reductions in the Clarkston Schools budget, the significant cost reductions would be obtained by reducing staff positions.

It appears that the wage and benefit increases that the staff received in their present contract are too much for the budget to handle. Are union members willing to make concessions to keep their colleagues employed?

Is the administration willing to show leadership by taking a 10 percent pay cut,

similar to those taken at economically stressed companies?

The administration should also dismiss those that are on contract before dismissing direct employees.

I hope that those in leadership, administration and union, will step up to make the hard choices to sacrifice in areas that do not effect the students. This should be done as a first step prior to student programs and staff being cut.

Steve Hyde
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

State Rep. Kowall responds to letter writer

Dear Editor,

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a state representative is meeting with constituents and working together to help them solve their problems.

I believe so much in providing excellent constituent service that I hold regular district office hours where I talk with constituents about state issues so that we can work together, cut through government red tape and get results. With the help of my dedicated office staff in Lansing, I have been able to resolve hundreds of constituent problems and concerns.

Occasionally, the issues are highly complex and require additional research before an answer is obtained or a resolution is reached. Most reasonable people understand this. At a recent office hours I had a rare experience where this was not the case -- an individual was not satisfied to wait for a researched and thorough answer to his highly complex question that he informed me he pulled off of some website.

It's unfortunate that this individual then felt compelled to write a letter to the editor of this newspaper criticizing me for not giving him immediate satisfaction ("Reader finds

state rep. lacking," Feb. 17). As a result, the readers of this newspaper could have the mistaken impression that I am not responsive to the needs of my constituents. That is simply not true.

I'm not a flippant person. I much prefer to do my due diligence and give out correct and well thought-out information. I believe much of the problems we've had in Lansing over the past few years are because legislators have gone off "half-cocked" and haven't thoroughly considered the implication of their actions.

I would like the readers of this newspaper to know that I will continue to do my best to provide them with excellent constituent relations, and I welcome the opportunity to help them in their dealings with state government. I am always happy to meet one-on-one with people who cannot attend the office hours or have more extensive issues to discuss. To set up an appointment, please contact my Lansing office toll-free from Oakland County at 866-334-0010, from outside Oakland County at 517-373-2616 or by email at eileenkowall@house.mi.gov.

Eileen Kowall
State Representative, 44th District

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Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road
248-623-5400

Thanks for CAYA help

Dear Editor,

Clarkston Area Youth Association would like to take this opportunity to thank the students of the Clarkston High School National Honor Society for their generous support of the CAYA and the Mentors Plus Program.

The students of the NHS were able to collect \$2,721.02 in pledges for a Bowl-A-Thon, Saturday, Feb. 6, at Cherry Hill North Lanes in Clarkston. Special thanks to the top pledge earners Jordan Halloway with \$79 and Austin Yarger at \$75. On behalf of the Clarkston area families we serve, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

Board of Directors

Hey, let's save money (wink, wink)

Don't slug me.

I'm gonna' say something that will make some of your heads turn unhealthy hues. Take a deep breath . . . let it out . . . relax, breath and . . .

"Every problem is really an opportunity waiting to be taken advantage of."

No, I am not my evil twin brother, Ronny Kumbaya Sunshine Rush. I am still the pure-as-the-drive-snow and ever-virtuous Donald There's-RainCloud-Out-There-Somewhere Rush -- sometimes known as Donny Downer or Don "I'm A Conspiracy Waiting To Happen" Rush. Regardless of moniker, if asked, folks here at work will tell you often times I philosophize about problems and opportunities (if only mockingly).

Maybe I should not be such a mockster.

The other day I received an email from the Martin Waymire Advocacy Communications group, headlined: **Communities could save money on public notices under new legislation.**

Yep, there are some in your very own state legislature (and I am sure right here in your very own locally elected governments) that are going to use the state's financial woes to trample on the public's right to know. By the way, you dear readers, are "the" public.

It's nothing new. Disgruntled public officials have long sought to get out of their responsibilities of running public notices in print -- in particular in newsprint. I understand. No body likes to feed the dog that bites them. It's human nature, and since public officials are human, it's easy to see why they would want to pull public notices from newspapers -- newspapers routinely spank public officials round little tushes when we catch them with their pants down.

Each time some brainiac in Lansing brings up banishing public notices from newspapers under the guise of "saving" taxpayer money, other common sensical Lansing types have thwarted the actions. But, that was then -- now we are in the midst of an economic nightmare and some elected officials are making our problem their opportunity.

From the press release: "Michigan communities could save money with legislation introduced today that would allow them to issue public notices on-line instead of in print publications. The measure . . . would improve the effectiveness of public notices given that market demands and cost-cutting measures are forcing media outlets to supplement/replace traditional newspapers with on-line e-news.

"This is a chance for the legislature to save the taxpayer some money while creating greater transparency in government," said Dan Gilmartin, CEO of the Michigan Municipal League.

"The city of Romulus budgeted \$25,000 for public notices in 2009 and spent \$20,000.

"Local communities . . . are doing everything we can to tighten our belts, protect jobs and save taxpayer dollars -- and this proposal will help communities save money," said Romulus City Clerk Ellen Bragg. "This legislation is a step in the right direction, especially in these tough times when all local communities are struggling . . ."

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

In a word, cowdung. The cynic in me cries out: Saving taxpayer dollars is a red herring! This measure only entrusts governments to do what is right and post their notices on their websites without any checks (not to mention balances). By a show of hands, how many trust their government?

I called the Michigan Press Association and talked to director Mike MacLaren. Besides telling him he needed a haircut, I asked about this new Lansing proposal by Rep. Doug Geiss (D-Taylor). First he swore, then he apologized for the lapse of etiquette, and then relayed this story

"In Trenton last year, we tried to get a copy of proposed ballot question that was supposed to be on their Web site. We wanted to read the ballot language. It wasn't there! We called them and they ended up having to fax it to us. The thing is, they paid somebody \$60,000 a year to administer their site and they couldn't get it to work."

"I think some legislators may have lost sight that public notices are legal documents. Try going into a court of law with a website as evidence."

He also left me with this thought:

Jeopardizing public oversight and right to know is too high a cost to pay. These notices often deal with matters affecting home values, special assessments or fees for local residents or small businesses. Newspapers are a fair and independent source to ensure the public is informed about these important government notices.

Running public notices is not a money-making venture for us at this newspaper. We charge FAR below what they are worth, because they are so important. We also publish them on-line and we encourage local governments to post them, too.

For the record, I am going to post other reasons why this proposal sucks on our website.

If you have an opinion on this, please let me know. Email don@dontrushmendon.com

Students have a 'ball' during class

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Third-grade students at Andersonville Elementary have traded their four-legged chairs for something more curvy.

They are now using stability balls, also known as a yoga or exercise ball. After a few weeks they have already noticed a difference.

"It's very relaxing," said Anthony Bermaulen, from Angela Comp's class. "A regular chair hurts your butt but not the yoga

ball. Also, you have better posture with your body."

Jeremy Cavallo, Isabel Halloway and Karli Keilitz agreed.

"I am not slouching and I am more attentive," added Keilitz.

The third-grade teachers had seen articles on schools in different districts using yoga balls and looked into it.

They wrote a grant and asked for their PTO to look over and vote on approving it.

"We have very generous parents," said Comp. "I can't say enough good things about the yoga balls. For our kids it helps to get the wiggles out, helps their core muscles, improves their handwriting and helps them to focus better."

Cavallo did notice his handwriting getting better.

Carol Barber has noticed a difference in a few of her students' behaviors after using the yoga ball.

"One has a really tough time focusing and he has been doing a lot better," she said. "Another didn't want to give up his chair but started to like it. He could move and get up without the noise of the chair. It helps them move and helps with their thought process."

The students have also done well following the rule - keeping both feet on the ground and no throwing or kicking the balls.

They are not allowed to bounce on the balls unless it is bounce time - time teachers allotted if the students are good and they have a few extra minutes during the day.

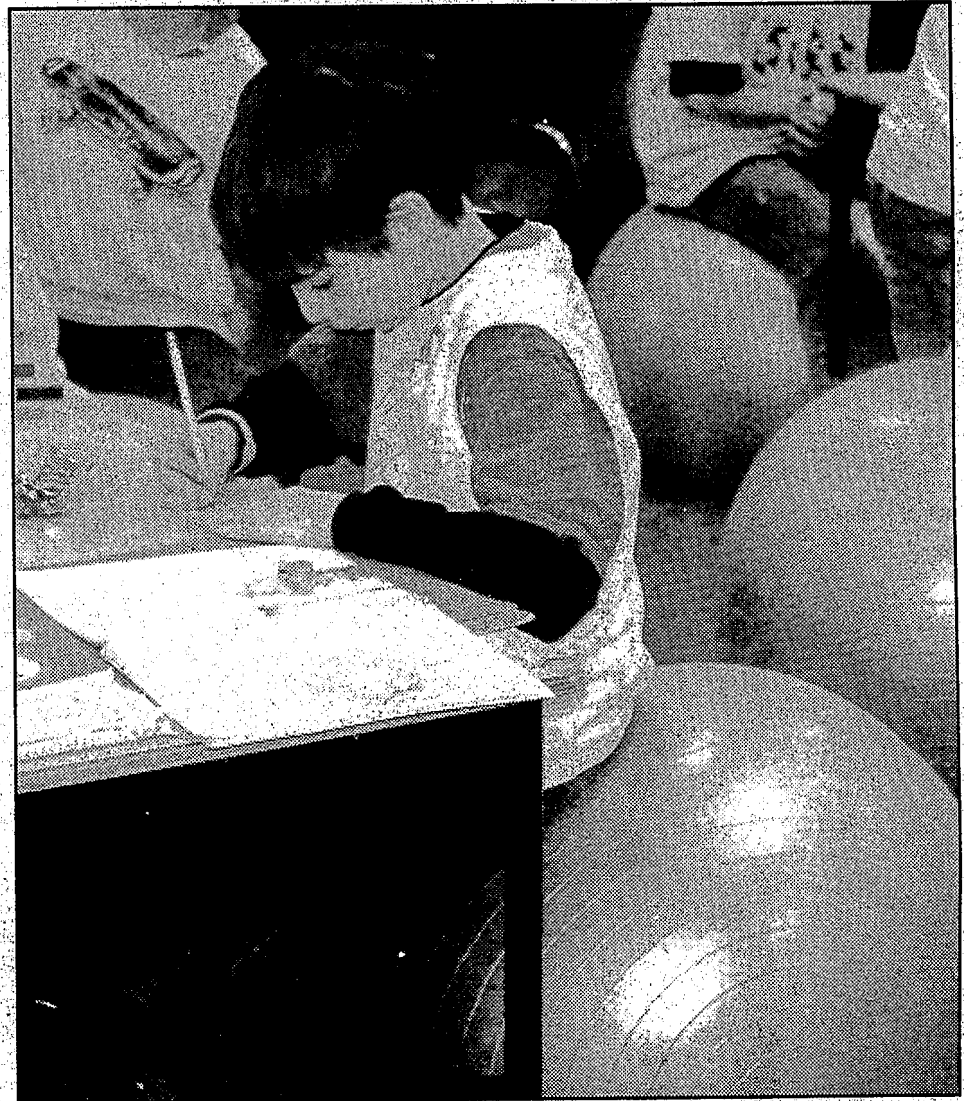
"They really enjoy having bounce time at the end of the day," said Comp. "They are responsible with them."

Each class began with one ball for the students could get used to sitting and using it during class time.

Comp immediately saw the difference while students were using the practice ball.

"They seemed more engaged," she said.

The grant asked for 90 yoga balls - 75 for students, six for staff members and a few for



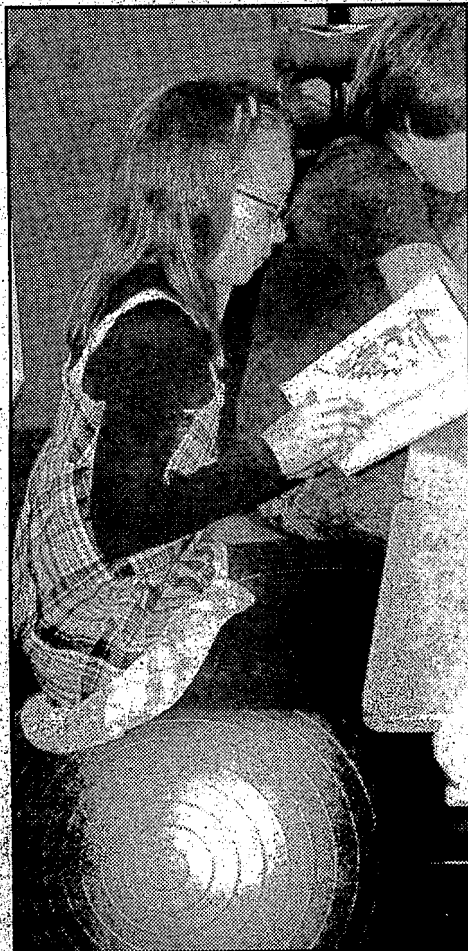
Nathan Locher finds it easier to concentrate sitting on a yoga ball. Photos by Wendi Reardon

classroom volunteers. They had five extras and gave them to their first grade book buddies.

During their research they found doctors supporting the use of yoga balls because balancing on the ball requires more focus and

promotes blood and oxygen flow in the body. The flow leads to increased brain stimulation to help the students stay alert.

"They are excited we are doing this and maybe more classrooms will go this way," said Comp.



Karli Keilitz reads a book while classmates finish their math test.

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Public Safety

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

Too many distracted drivers

A 19-year-old Independence Township driver looked down to change the radio station and didn't notice a car in front, 3:07 p.m., Feb. 3, at Ortonville and Deer Ridge, until she was too close to stop. No one was injured in the crash, and she was cited for dangerous driving.

Dropping her cell phone on the floor near her feet, a 17-year-old Independence Township driver bent down for it, 3:50 p.m., Feb. 8, at Walters and Waldon roads. When she looked up, she saw traffic in front had stopped and she rear-ended a car. She was ticketed.

Approaching the Dixie and White Lake intersection, 10:56 p.m., Feb. 13, a 77-year-old Independence Township driver got distracted and drove into the car in front of him. He was ticketed.

A 59-year-old Livonia driver looked away from road near Sashabaw and Pelton, 1:24 p.m., Feb. 14, and didn't see a pickup truck in front stop to make a left turn. She rear-ended it at 45 mph, without touching her brakes. Both drivers were injured but declined medical attention. She was ticketed.

Looking out his side window, a 21-year-old Waterford driver didn't notice the car in front stopped at a red light at Dixie and White Lake, 3:12 p.m., Feb. 14. He hit it, sending its driver to the hospital. He was ticketed for dangerous driving.

Mobile home arson

Independence Township firefighters and deputies responded to the 2000 block of Mann Road for a mobile home on fire, 1:55 p.m., Feb. 10. A maintenance man reported the fire and used his plow truck to clear a lane to the home so firefighters could reach it. Investigators found footprints leading to another house and attempt to set it on fire too, so are investigating it as arson. No injuries reported.

Illegal immigrant pulled over

A deputy on patrol, 7:05 p.m., Feb. 12, near Dixie and Waterford Road, noticed a car's license plate light out and ran it through Law Enforcement Information Network. Seeing the driver had a suspended license, he pulled him over. The driver was a resident of Mexico in the United State illegally, with two warrants for driving with suspended license and no insurance, and at least two deportations. He was jailed until pick up by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

More illegals found

Stopping a car for making a rolling stop, 5:15 p.m., Feb. 12, at Greenview Drive and Alpine Way, a deputy found three citizens of Mexico, none in the United States legally, all residents of Waterford. The driver said he had been in the U.S. for 20 years, the others, 10 years. Immigration officials were contacted.

Valentine's shoplifter

A shopper picked up three cases of beer, put them in a cart, walked out the Sashabaw Road store, put them in a tan Dodge Neon, and drove off, 5 p.m., Feb. 14. The suspect is described as a white man, wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, dark blue jogging pants with vertical white stripes on the legs, white tennis shoes with black tips, black soles, and black heels.

Smash and grab

The front passenger side window was smashed out of car and glove box opened, Feb. 17, in the 4000 block of Ennismore Drive.

Car break-ins on Sashabaw

Someone smashed out a car's driver's side passenger window and stole a purse, 5:15 p.m., Feb. 16, in a parking lot in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road. A pickup truck's window and minivan passenger side window were also broken out, with another purse stolen.

Stolen plate

An SUV owner said someone took the handicap license plate off his vehicle, Feb. 17, while parked at a Lancasterhill apartment.

Trespassing ice fishers

A 29-year-old Holly man and 29-year-old Independence Township man were cited for recreational trespassing for ice fishing without permission, 4:04 p.m., Feb. 18, in the 5000 block of Oak Hill Road. They said they thought the pond was on Consumer's Energy property, but didn't stop to check to see who owned it at the nearby house.

Man killed in crash

A 69-year-old Waterford Township man was killed in a rollover car crash, 7:01 p.m., Feb. 20, on northbound I-75 just east of Sashabaw Road. Independence Township firefighters responded to the scene, extinguishing flames engulfing the car and extricating the driver. Michigan State Police is investigating.

— Reports collected by Phil Custodio

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Ready to make a difference

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston graduate Nicolas M. Hedtler is preparing for a life of helping people, starting with those most in need of it.

He helped out at Camp Hope, a bereavement camp for children near Frankenmuth, this past summer.

"I lost a good friend in March," said Hedtler, 21, son of Deborah and William Walters. "I was upset, but these kids lost a parent. I can't imagine what that's like. I wanted to be there to help."

It was an amazing experience, he said.

"I didn't expect the children to be as open as they were," he said. "They shared stories and experiences about their parent or grandparent, cried with you - it was an extraordinary experience."

This May, the 2006 Clarkston High School graduate travels to Cambodia for a two-and-a-half week Study Abroad trip, led by Maureen Tippen, nursing professor at University of Michigan-Flint.

"The trip correlates with my profession," said Hedtler, a first-year nursing student at

UM-Flint, working fulltime at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint. "We'll talk to parents and children, perform health checks and assessments, treat wounds."

The trip with the non-profit International Academic Service Learning group costs almost \$2,000 plus airfare, which means he could use some help. To donate or for more information, call him at 248-770-8747 or email nhedtler@yahoo.

He plans to donate any extra funds to Cambodian orphanages.

"A dollar is tremendous there," he said. "I plan to make the most of the trip."

It's something I won't have too many opportunities to do."

This will be his first trip overseas.

"I'm excited," he said. "I'm looking forward to it. It's for a good cause - something I'm passionate about."

For more information on the program, go to www.umflint.edu and click on International Center, Study Abroad programs.



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Cox talks business with chamber

Attorney Mike Cox, who is running for Governor, spoke at the Clarkston, Waterford and Pontiac Chamber Breakfast on Feb. 19 at the Fountains Golf and Banquet Center. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

History from those who fought

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident Catherine Reeve described the Andersonville shelters the England government build for safety.

She was describing to Clarkston Junior High School students her experience during World War II as an 11-year-old during the London Blitz.

She remembered her father waking her up and saying the country had gone to war.

"It was a scary time," she said.

Other witnesses and World War II veterans also share their experience, like local residents Leigh Bonner and Ray DeFiore.

Both were just teenagers when the United States joined the war.

The students spent up to four weeks learning about the war and listened the diverse stories and experiences everyone had.

"We bring in the speakers for a variety of reasons," said Brian Zezula, history teacher. "From the interaction with older members of the community to the literary aspect of hearing first person oral narratives."

Most importantly to know it was real and it did happen.

Bonner, on his third annual visit to the school, talked about his days as a pilot.

"I hated every minute of it," he admitted. "But I was glad I was there."

Mike Angelo and Harold DeForest visited the junior high for the first time and talked about the different experiences they had while in different locations.

DeForest spent most of his time battling in a hot climates while Angelo was cold in Europe.

Angelo shared his memories about being in a POW camp and how he and other prisoners were treated.

"I wasn't treated bad," he said. "But wasn't treated well - just like anything else."



Howard DeForest, left, and Mike Angelo describe their World War II experiences to Clarkston Junior High students. Photo by Wendi Reardon

He learned quickly anything could be bartered with cash. Cigarettes were \$1 in the camp and 20 cigarettes would buy a loaf of bread.

When he was captured he had to hand over all of his personal valuables and equipment. As he walked away, he remembered his girlfriend's photograph was still in his wallet.

He turned around and dug through the pile while Nazi guards watched him. He grabbed his wallet and \$40 he left in it.

"It got me two loaves of bread," he said. "They gave us soup but I just think they ran carrots through water."

Angelo escaped the camp through paying attention to his surroundings.

"We didn't have much time to plan what we were going to do," he admitted. "They changed their areas around a little bit and it messed us up."

One day the guards took Angelo and a

few other prisoners out of the camp and into the open.

As they were walking along a curvy road they decided to do something simple. They decided one of them would pretend to be sick.

They distanced themselves away from the guards walking slower and paying attention to where they were. When they saw the back of one guard they took their chance and headed into the woods.

"We took off and ran until we were absolutely pooped," he said.

Both Angelo and DeForest were hit by shrapnel - Angelo in the arm and DeForest in the finger, which was taken off.

"It was an experience I had, but I wouldn't want to do it again," said DeForest. "We had some rough times and we had some good times. I was fighting for my country and I figured it was right to support my country."

Calendar of events

Free Blood Pressures, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Feb. 25, info on hypertension and other health issues with Oakland County Community College nurse students. Senior adult activity center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231

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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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.

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, Wednesdays, March 3-April 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. \$42/seven weeks. Drop in, \$4. 248-625-8231.

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Land purchase to expand Independence Oaks

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Independence Oaks is set to become the largest Oakland County park, pending purchase of a 186-acre parcel.

"We're thrilled," said President Sue Julian, president of North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, which is contributing \$16,000 to the purchase. "It's been our number one target in Independence Township, and now it's under protection and preservation. We couldn't be happier."

Also paying the property's \$2.836 million purchase price is \$1.74 million from Oakland County Parks, \$945,000 from a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant, rental income from three residences on the site for the next six months, and potentially a grant to the Carls Foundation through a partnership with Ducks Unlimited.

The NOHLC donation comes from Independence Township residents, Julian said.

"It's a special environment we wanted to protect for the wildlife and water quality," she said. "It at the top of the watershed - it's a very important piece of property."

Transfer of the addition, expanding Independence Oaks to 1,274 acres, should be complete by the end of March, said Oakland County Parks Executive Officer Dan Stencil.

"We are beyond pleased to add this jewel to our system and to be able to preserve it for generations to come," Stencil said. "This acquisition has been of interest to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission for a long time."

The property on the Upper Bushman Lake is a priority 1 natural area for conservation, he said.

"This acquisition will allow for the preservation of nearly 1,000 acres of contiguous habitat in the headwaters of the Clinton River," Stencil said. "The Upper Bushman Lake property also has a hardwood-conifer swamp which is rare in the state. Walking this land, you really get the feel that you are in northern Michigan."

The pristine property, including a 31-acre

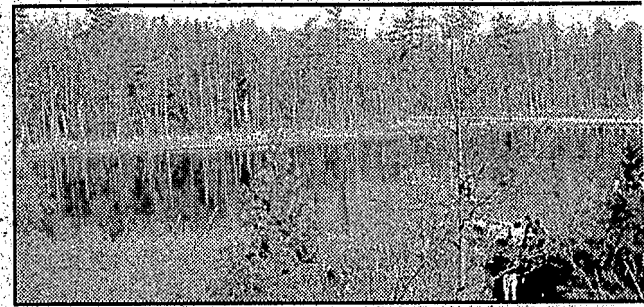
lake, is northeast of Independence Oaks, bordered by Sashabaw and Oak Hill roads.

Plans include trail use, fishing, kayaking, camping, trapping, cross-country skiing, and snowshoes, he said.

"There is a lot of interest from the public in outdoor adventure programs and heritage sports such as fishing and hunting, backcountry camping, a high ropes course and archery, canoeing and kayaking. These programs need to be made accessible to people of all abilities," he said.

"We will welcome public input in our master planning process. Staff will also analyze the potential impact of proposed recreation opportunities on the natural resource base of this property."

Public use should be available this fall. For more information about Oakland County Parks, check DestinationOakland.com.



The property includes a lake and fen.



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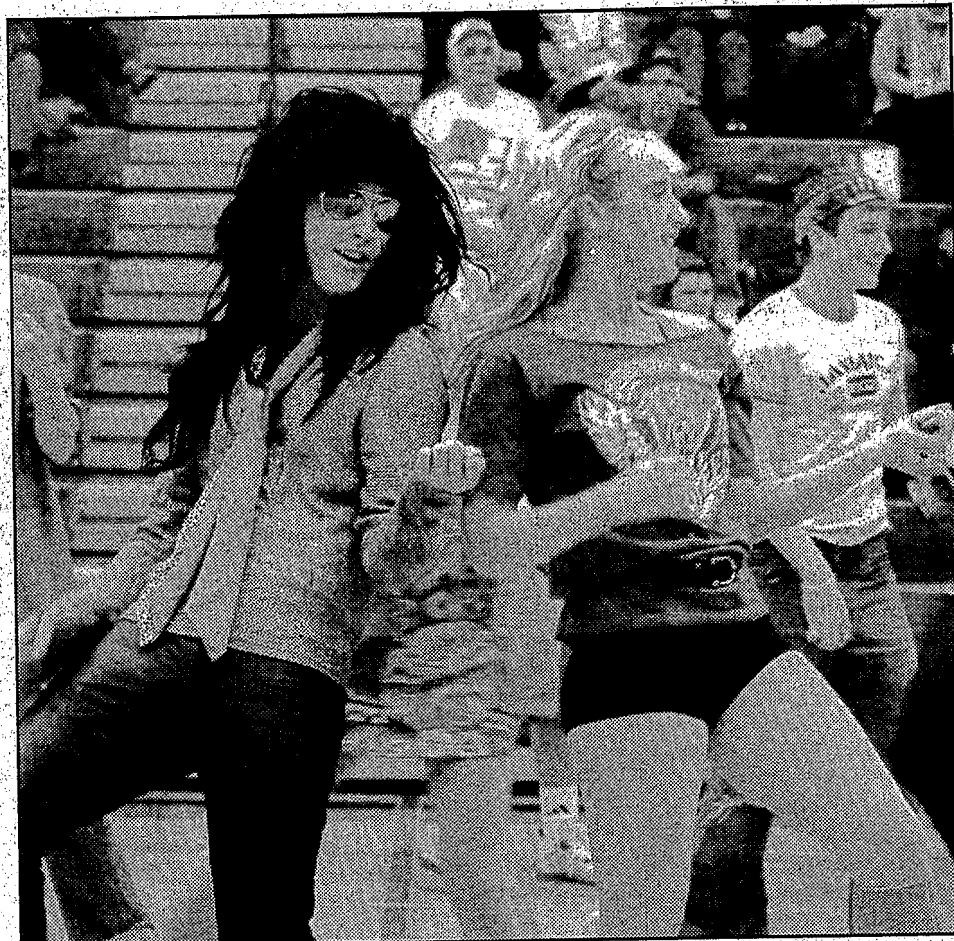


Andrew Miller and Emily Jackson have fun entertaining in the seventies style.

Just time to dance

The Varsity Pom-Pon team danced along to Beyonce's "Single Ladies" during their half-time performance on Feb. 11.

The the music changed to N*Sync's "Bye Bye Bye" and their male counterparts joined in for the annual boy/girl dance.



Ryan Allor and Kylee Haase rock out eighties style. More photos are online at www.ClarkstonNews.com. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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Wolves seek to regain OAA Red crown in next league games

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Following last week's loss, long-time Wolves Varsity Basketball Coach Dan Fife is looking for the answers on how it happened.

The boys headed to Southfield last Friday to break the three-way tie for first place in the OAA Red league, with the Bluejays and Southfield-Lathrup.

To the disbelief of many Clarkston fans - the Wolves dropped out of first place after losing, 63-58.

"It's something we need to figure out," said Fife, after the weekend. "Some of the things we are doing at this time we shouldn't be doing. We are challenging the system."

The first half was a slow start for the boys as they went into break behind, 34-15. A challenge that came after Matt Kamieniecki sat out for most of the half after receiving two fouls before the second quarter began.

"We went through the motions and Southfield got to a quick start against us," Fife explained.

During the third quarter the boys kept Southfield to only 11 points while they doubled their points and brought them up to 30. When the clock started the final eight minutes of the game, the boys were ready to put the pressure on.

Fife called for a full-court press defense making Southfield lose control and giving the Wolves a chance to score.

"Everytime we would respond, they would respond," said Fife. "We played pretty well to stay with it."

But the boys couldn't pull ahead and ended the game four points shy from a tie - to

put the game in overtime.

Kamieniecki led with 26 points - a game-high.

Fife mentioned it could be concentration the boys are lacking in explaining the loss.

"Concentration is the key," he said. "Another is being ready. When we don't come to the game ready to play, we mess with the Basketball Gods. We can't afford to do that. The basketball teams we play are too good to do that against. We just have to figure it out and go forward."

The boys beat West Bloomfield on Feb. 16, 61-28.

Kamieniecki led with 14 points and Marcus Hardy add 11 to the board.

The boys played Rochester Adams on Tuesday.

They head to North Farmington on Friday and Avondale next Tuesday.

"This week is a tough week," said Fife. "They should be at this time of year. It's getting down to crunch time and we need to be ready to play. The mistakes, careless mistakes or not being ready is messing with stuff and we can't afford to do."

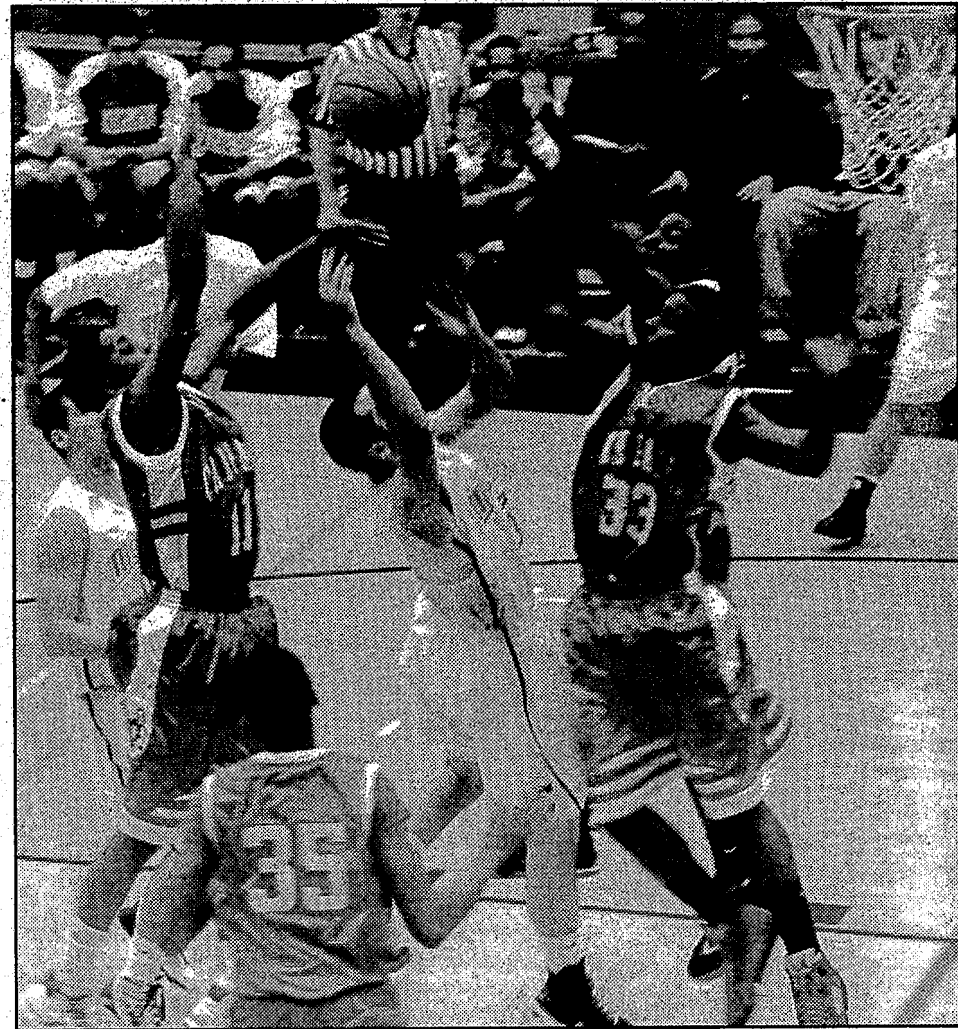
But he added it wasn't the lack of trying from the team.

"They are trying - it just hasn't worked out for them," he said.

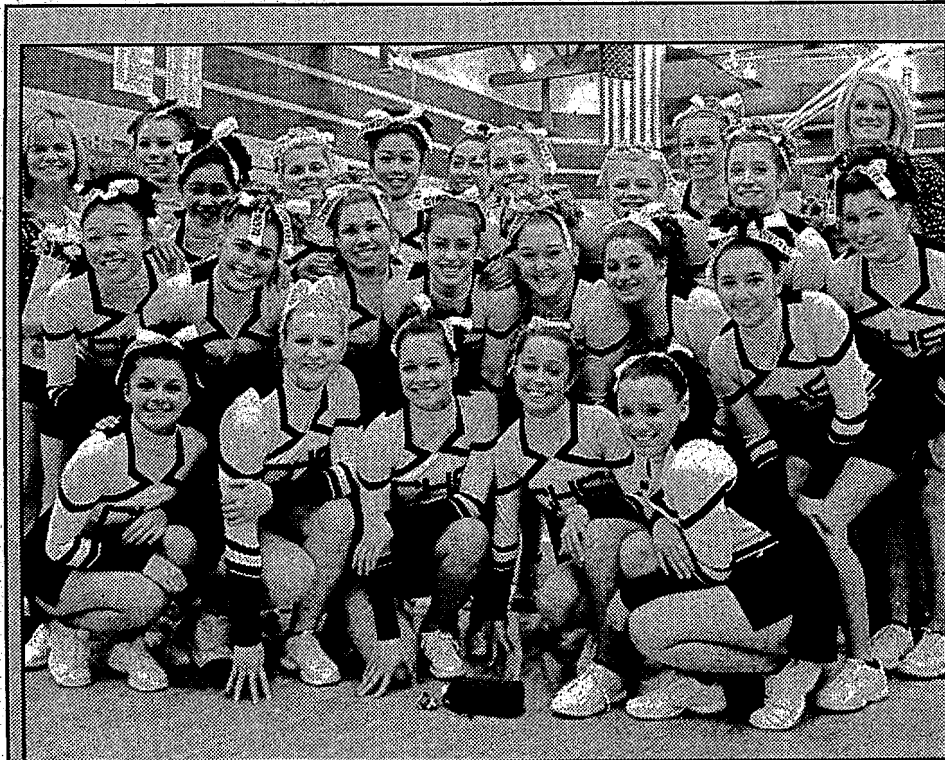
The team has four more games of the regular season before they head into district play-offs - beginning the week of March 8.

The games on Friday and Tuesday begin at 5:30 p.m. with the JV game, varsity follows.

The freshman team hosts North Farmington on Thursday at 4:30 p.m., Clarkston Junior High School.



Tyler Scarlett reaches past Oakl Park to score during the boys' last home game on Feb. 11. Photo by Wendi Reardon



Clarkston Varsity Cheerleader pose after their meet. Photo by Laura Colvin

Athletes of the Week

Strong voices, strong cheers

Clarkston fans showed their spirit as they supported their Varsity Cheerleaders during the MHSAA District meet on Saturday, Feb. 20.

In Lake Orion's gymnasium the girls tumbled and cheered, showing off their talent to get the crowd revved during the basketball season.

The girls didn't score enough points to move on to the regional competition next week but can be found courtside cheering on the

Boys Varsity Basketball team.

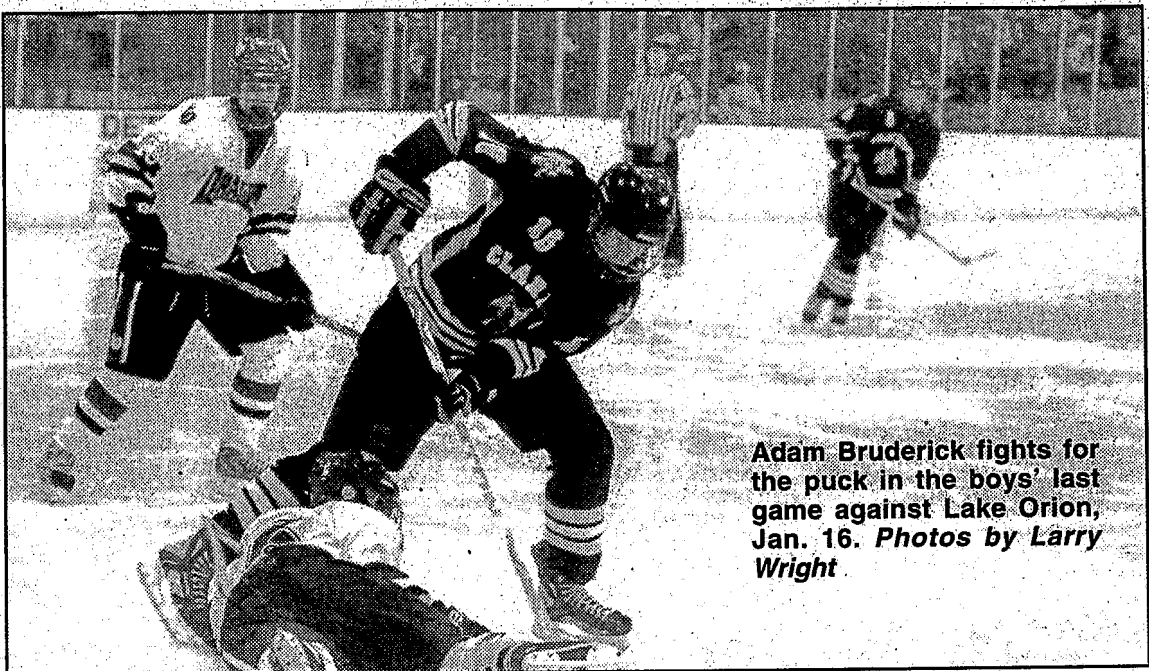
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Dillon Drayer leans to stop offense.



Adam Bruderick fights for the puck in the boys' last game against Lake Orion, Jan. 16. Photos by Larry Wright.

Wolves make Dragon stew on Senior Night

BY JEFF TURNER

Special to The Clarkston News

After falling to Lake Orion earlier in the season, the Clarkston Wolves hockey team knew they would need a better performance Saturday night to come away with a win over their arch rival.

The Wolves delivered, riding a four goal streak in the first period to a 5-3 win.

"We won the game in the first period," Wolves coach Bryan Krygier said. "(Lake Orion) beat us in the second period, and we just had to hold on in the third. We played really well in the first period. That was the difference."

Saturday's win was extra special for the Wolves, as it came on Senior Night. The Wolves honored their six seniors between the first and second periods.

"It's always nice to have our (traditional Senior Night) meal after a win," said Krygier. "It's better for the players and families that way."

The Wolves started strong as seniors provided three of their four first period goals.

Senior Jon Graham got on the board first,

deflecting a shot by Chad Wotton past Lake Orion goalie Dominic Juncuj to give Clarkston a 1-0 lead.

The Wolves continued to put pressure on as senior Adam Frank extended the lead to 2-0 a minute later. Frank took the puck at center ice, deked an Orion defender, and backhanded a shot past Juncuj.

Lake Orion quickly countered, scoring a power play goal to cut the Clarkston lead to 2-1.

The Wolves took the lead back with 2:48 remaining in the first period as Brad Pizzey scored off a centering pass from senior Sean Hancock.

Playing shorthanded, Clarkston senior Jack Schlau delivered one of his three assists on a centering pass to Frank, who tapped it in to give the Wolves a three goal cushion, 4-1, after one period.

The Wolves offensive assault continued in the second period. A power play shot from the blue line led to a scrum in front of the net. Eventually Dillon Drayer slapped the puck in the net to give Clarkston the 5-1 lead.

Lake Orion goals by Dan Blascak and Nick

Balavich, 81 seconds apart, to cut the lead to 5-3 going into the third period.

The Dragons had early opportunities in the third. A Clarkston penalty less than three minutes into the period gave Lake Orion an opportunity to cut the lead when Clarkston goalie Alec Gildner made a strong save to maintain the two goal cushion.

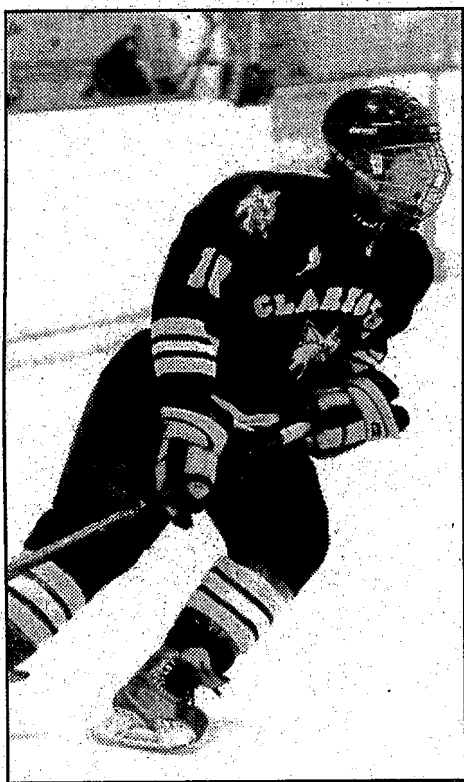
For the rest of the game, Lake Orion controlled the play, but couldn't manage any serious opportunities.

"Our first line played well tonight, they moved the puck and did lots of good things," said Krygier. "Our second line came alive as well tonight, and we got two good goals out of them."

"All in all, this win gives us confidence, which is important going into the playoffs," he said.

The Wolves insured themselves a fourth place finish in the Oakland Activities Association with the win.

Clarkston opens the playoffs with a pre-regional game against Grand Blanc on March 2. The game is at the Detroit Skate Club and starts at 5 p.m.



Brad Pizzey rushes to the puck.

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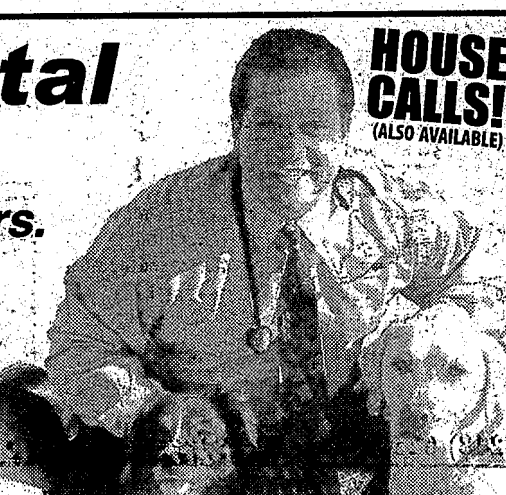


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Grapplers move on to state finals

Matt Deitz, Evan King, Zac Roberson and Jeff Sloney are making a return visit to The Palace of Auburn Hills.

They guaranteed their spot for the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals after placing in the top four in their regional meet at Howell.

Matt Vandermeer is joining them for the competition after placing in third in the 171-pound weigh class. He defeated Ryan Erps from Pinckney, 6-2. Deitz finished first place in his 140-pound weight class. He pinned Portage Central's Adam Fahs, 2:22 into the match. King (160), Roberson (112) and Sloney (125) took third place posting defeats over their competition.

King scored two points on William Royster from Kalamazoo Central. He kept Royster to only one point.

Both Roberson and Sloney kept their opposition to zero points. Roberson scored seven points on Hartland's Ross Kantola, and Sloney scored four on Devin Boria from Milford. Deitz and King will make their third appearance to the finals, set for March 4-6.

Clarkston took down North Farmington in the MHSAA Team Regionals, 50-9.

But in their next battle they lost to Hartland in their quest to make it to the state finals, 42-19. Matt Deitz (145) put the boys on the board after posting a victory over Jordan Franklin, 12-3.

Next to score was Evan King (171) in a defeat over Matt Ostermiller, 8-3. Matt Vandermeer continued from King's momentum as he took on Nick Long in the 189-pound weight class. He took him down with 1:14 remaining in the last period. The team finished their season with a 22-8 record.

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Hooper has knitted mittens, hats, scarves and men, women, and children in need for several years.

"She is like the Energizer Bunny - Evelyn just keeps going and going," said Ivy Lee Reinhardt, legion auxiliary. "Her volunteer service hours just keeps adding up and I am sure they will keep doing so for years to come."



Copper Rizzo (Left) speaks with Attorney Bob Kostin. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

Rizzo run for state senate

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After seeing his family's 40 year business forced out of state due to taxes and regulation, Rochester Hills native Copper Rizzo (R) decided to run for state Sen. Mike Bishop's seat.

"Almost my whole family now has been forced to leave this state to seek employment, that's been painful to watch and to be honest it's ticked me off," Rizzo told the *Clarkston News*. "That was really my passion to get involved in government and with Senator Mike Bishop."

For the past five years Rizzo has worked with Bishop in a variety of capacities, including working in the legislative office to "help guide legislature through the process," constituent relations, and also ran Bishop's district office.

"He (Bishop) has served our community, our county, our state, I think with honor and integrity by always showing up for work, being a man of his word, standing up for his core values and beliefs," he said. "I think he's someone we all can look up to, I'm certainly

proud to call him a mentor."

At age 25, Rizzo said he is not looking to be a "career politician," but he is looking to make some changes because he is tired of the "Lansing insider" games among politicians and lobbyist, as well as the sense of "entitlement," that politicians use to jump from one seat to the next.

Coming from a small business family, as well as owning a small business of his own, he said fiscal responsibility and community involvement was "drilled" into him at a young age. Spending is one of the major issues he sees facing the state.

"We have more money going out then coming in, that doesn't make sense," he said. "First thing we need to do is take a good long look at the way we spend just like everyone's done in our (personal) budgets and our businesses."

With Michigan having the second highest paid legislature next to California, Rizzo noted he is an advocate for part-time legislature.

"They basically work part-time hours now and get paid full-time dollars," he said.

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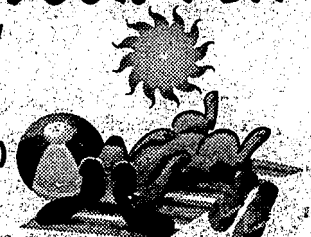
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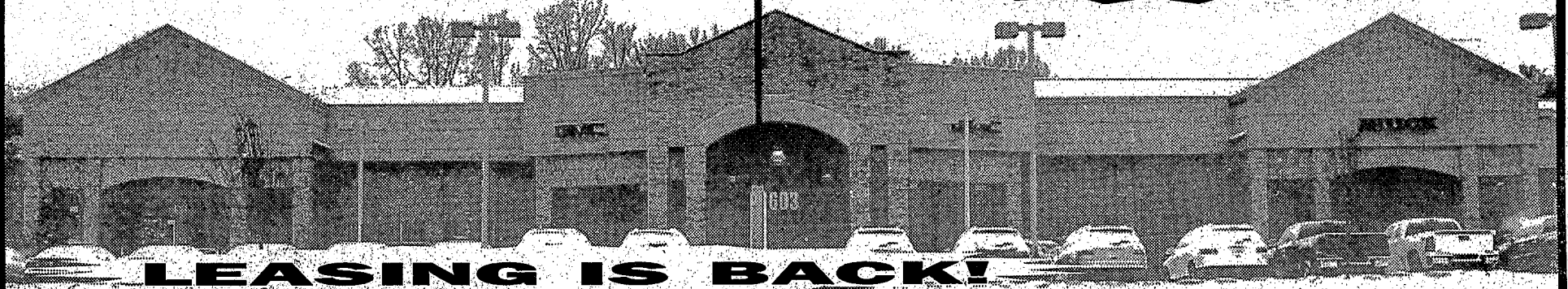
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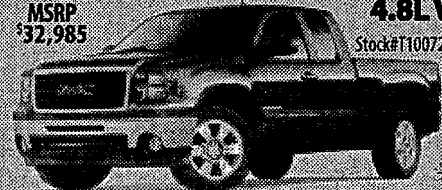
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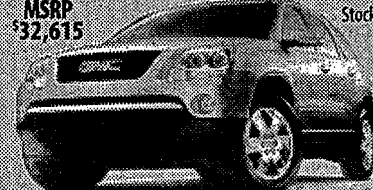
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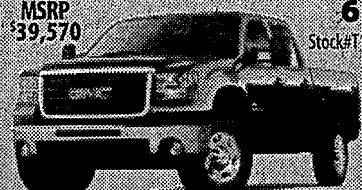
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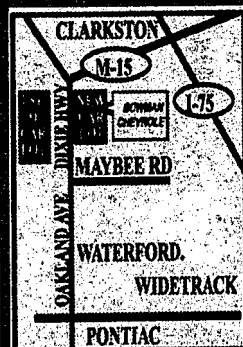
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"Hockey."

— Jeannetta Carter



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— Dan Rogers



"Ice skating."

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By Trevor Keiser

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Father-son team taking truck to show

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

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Fortunately, it was only a dry run, a week before the show.

"The stanchions aren't heavy enough — fill them with birdshot," said Larry Smith of Clarkston, who owns the truck with his son, Jake.

The father-son team will show the custom truck at the 58th Annual O'Reilly's Autorama, Feb. 26-28 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"I think it's great," said Jake, 19. "It's something I've always wanted to do."

Jake's grandfather found the truck in Florida about three years ago.

"We flew down to look at it — it was in pretty rough shape, but the body was solid," said Larry, owner of S&L Auto Body and Paint of Clarkston.

"I love trucks — trucks are fun," Jake said. "They go fast and look cool."

They replaced the motor, transmission, and front suspension, and restored original badging and woodwork in the bed. Paul Anderson of Clarkston completely restored the interior.

"I think we'll do well," Larry said. "I'm happy with it. The truck speaks for itself."

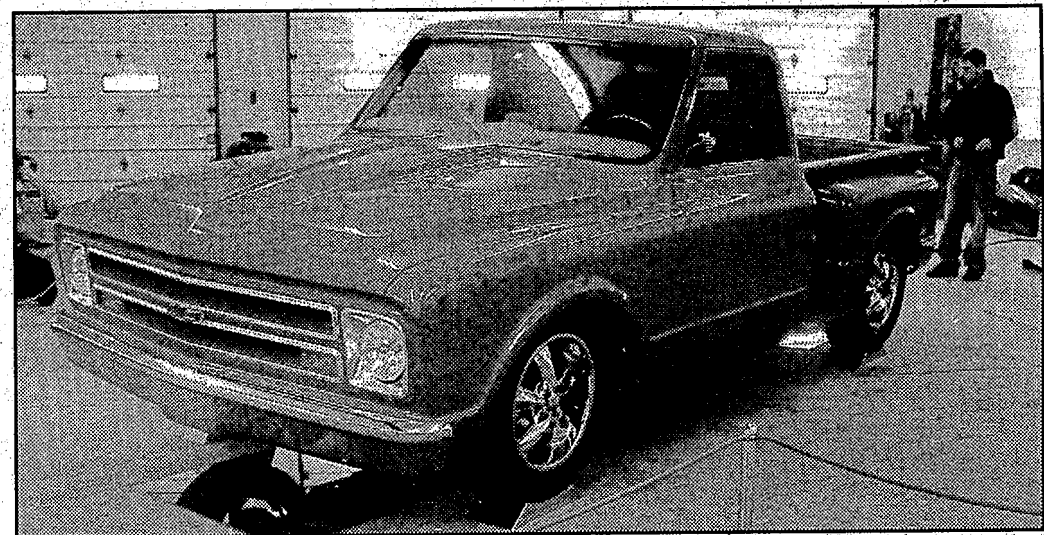
The 58th Annual O'Reilly's Autorama, presented by Meguiars, features more than 1,000 exhibits of chopped, channeled, dumped and decked hot rods, custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles of the past and present.

The show is open 12-10 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26; 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27; and 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 29.

Tickets are \$18/adults; \$5/children 6-12 years; free/children 5 and under. For more information call 248-373-1700 or check www.autorama.com.



Jake Smith, left, and his father Larry Smith restored a 1967, blaze red Chevy pickup, putting a few final touches on it for its car show debut this weekend. Photos by Phil Custodio



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Around Town

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.

Meet and Greet, Oakland Singles, 6 p.m., Feb. 24, Mesquite Creek Andiamos, 7228 N. Main Street. 248-620-9300.

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.

Open auditions, Clarkston Village Players' "Almost Maine," 7 p.m., Feb. 28 and March 1, Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Road. 248-684-8514.

Office hour, State Rep. Eileen Kowall with County Commissioner Tom Middleton, 12-1 p.m., March 1, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 866-334-0010.

St. Patrick's Day Warm-Up Party, 5-9 p.m., March 11. Corned beef, cabbage dinner, live Irish music by Inis-Ceol. \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. 248-623-0444.

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.

Singles Dance, Bethany North Oakland, 8-12 p.m., March 13. \$12. St. Daniel Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park. 248-891-8938.

Sportsmans Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., March 14. \$2; under 12, free. Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. 248-623-0444.

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.

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.

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Preschool info at Mothers and More expo

Clarkston Area Mothers and More sponsor the 2010 Clarkston Preschool Meet and Greet and Early Childhood Expo, 7-8:30 p.m., March 1, at Everest Academy, Girl's School, 5935 Clarkston Road.

The annual community service event showcases more than 25 area preschools as well as other organizations offering services for preschool-age children.

"I think Mothers and More hosting the Clarkston Preschool Expo is a wonderful opportunity for parents to receive a lot of valuable information about local preschools in one evening," said Lisa Marion, director of Clarkston Early Childhood Center. "Having various preschool options in one arena allows centers to showcase their program and highlight the qualities that make them exceptional."

Parents can collect information in a fair-like setting, speak with school and organization representatives, and prepare for spring open house visits. Admission is free, and children are welcome.

"The Meet and Greet is an authentic opportunity to dialogue with professional educators about your child and their development," said Bette D. Moen, director of Cedar Crest Early Childhood Center.

Mothers and More is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy.

For more information, call Amie Moore at 248-507-4839 or ClarkstonClub@gmail.com.



Amie Moore of Clarkston Area Mothers & More with Sandra Squiers-LaLone of Oakland Christian School-Clarkson Campus.



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I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch "Desperate Housewives", and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. I tell people that simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines, where a little at a time it gets blown back into your home.

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, which is like a shop vac that you would vacuum out your car with inside the back of a van, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. truck mounted equipment at www.americanpowervac.com.

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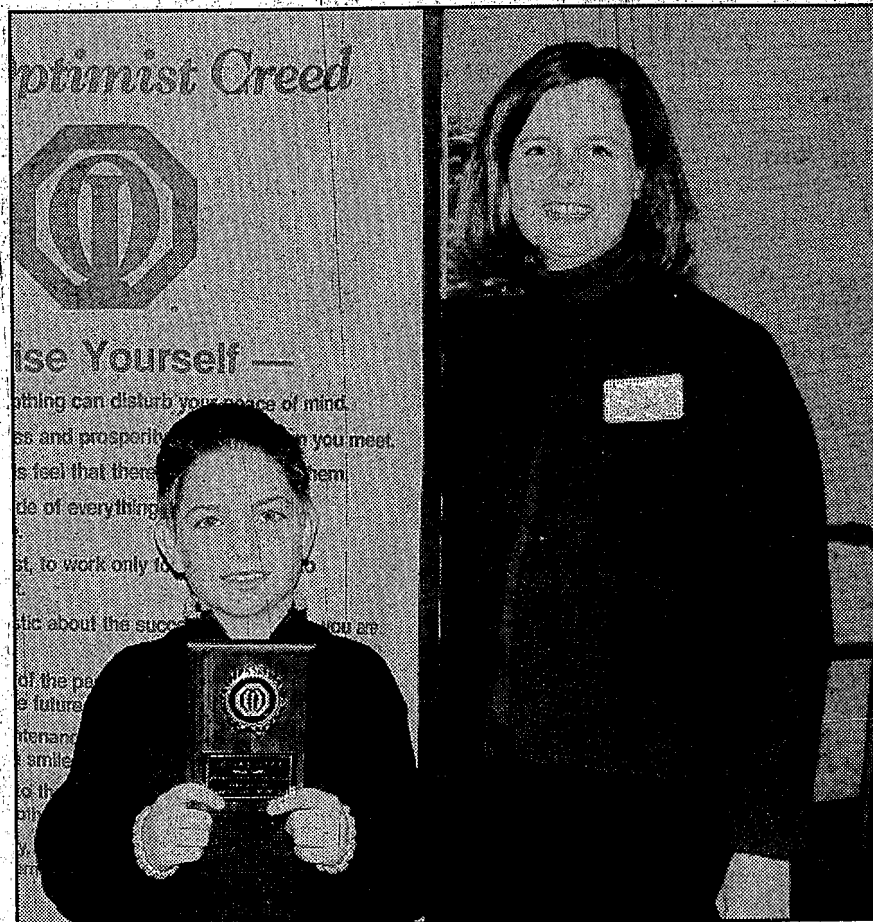
many companies with inadequate equipment, advertising cheap prices in coupon books, that it gives people a false sense of what the job's worth. The average price to clean your air ducts correctly with the right equipment ranges from \$399 to \$599+ depending on the size of your home. Any company who charges per register or who has "\$99 Whole House Specials" are companies you want to avoid. American Power Vac, Inc. is family owned. You

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Milestones



Students achieve success

Clarkston Area Optimist Club honored Jonah Raleigh with its February Student Citizen of the Month Award. Accepting with Raleigh at the Feb. 3 Optimists meeting were his parents, Tony and Karen Raleigh, Dylan Raleigh, his brother, and his principal, Dana Pennanen of Clarkston Elementary, at right.

Serving the county...

J. David VanderVeen of Clarkston was re-elected as secretary for a sixth term on Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Clarkston residents Gerald Fisher and Robert Kostin are also on the parks commission, managing the 6,500-acre county parks

system.

Oakland County Commissioner Thomas F. Middleton of Clarkston was recently honored for perfect attendance in the 2009 session. He is one of three out of 25 county commissioners with perfect records.

Got a Milestone to share?

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Religion

Examine the status quo in society, soul

I had the honor of traveling to Cuba during the first week of February. It was an exciting and eye-opening experience.

When we arrived at the parking lot, it was filled with cars from the 1950's; you would not believe what good shape the cars were in. Most of the actual importing of cars and trucks ended with the revolution in 1959, so even the trains were vintage.

Having grown up in the Clarkston area in the late 50's and early 60's, the scenes I witnessed from the balcony of the house in the small town where we stayed made me feel like a kid again.

I have been to poor, free market countries and have seen the need to work hard in order to survive, but this was quite different. The problem in a government-regulated country is not just the lack of money, but also the scarcity of goods. Even if you have money, as we did, getting a hold of basic necessities like food is quite a chore. When communist systems in

the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe fell apart in the late 1980's, the Cuban people were very optimistic that they would see changes as well.

The Soviet Union had provided billions of dollars every year in order to prop up the Cuban economy.

Unfortunately, the changes made simply brought more suffering to the Cuban people—reaching even unbearable proportions in those days!

I had the opportunity to meet many people, even communist party members, who were doing their best to help their fellowman, but the system just cannot sustain the people.

The thing that intrigued me the most was how the country has maintained the status quo with all the suffering.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

Since most of the world has acknowledged the need for free market opportunities, it is beyond me how a person like Fidel Castor can stubbornly hold his people in such bondage. He has made such a reputation for himself as the man who stood up to the United States; he would rather maintain his reputation, despite the suffering of millions of people.

What a cruel ending for their so-called revolution that began with the highest of goals. Even when the ideas proved unfruitful, they remained loyal to their ideals for personal status, rather than to be humble and make the necessary changes for the people. Yet, how common this has been throughout human history.

When Jesus Christ came into the world, He faced that same condition within the religious community. The people were suffering and the leaders simply wanted them to buckle down and adhere to their traditions, rather than face the reality of the need for change.

Because they resisted change for their own benefit, Jesus warned them that when the changes did come, the cost would be much more severe for them than if they had simply been willing to listen and learn from the voice that God had sent them.

I believe that we are living in such a time in our country today. The world has changed, but our leaders are not willing to lay aside the old mindsets and face the new era. Isn't it sad that the state of Michigan is in the same position during this recession as we were during the recession of 1978-82? Why are we always at the bottom, except with our unemployment rate, which is at the top?

Jesus made a profound statement to His contemporaries. He said, "Wisdom is justified by her children." In a practical manner, we should all regularly look at our lives and ask the question, "Is this working?"

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church.

In our churches...

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

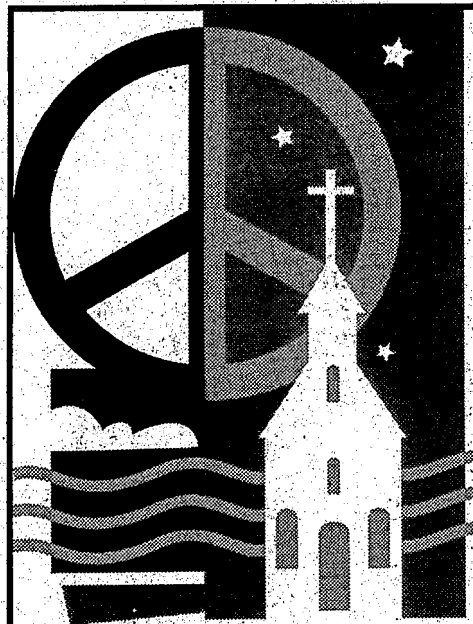
Seder Dinner and program, 5:30 p.m., March 6, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Rabbi Glenn Harris leads the dinner program. \$15/person, \$40/family. Free childcare. Tickets available at church until Feb. 28. 248-625-1611.

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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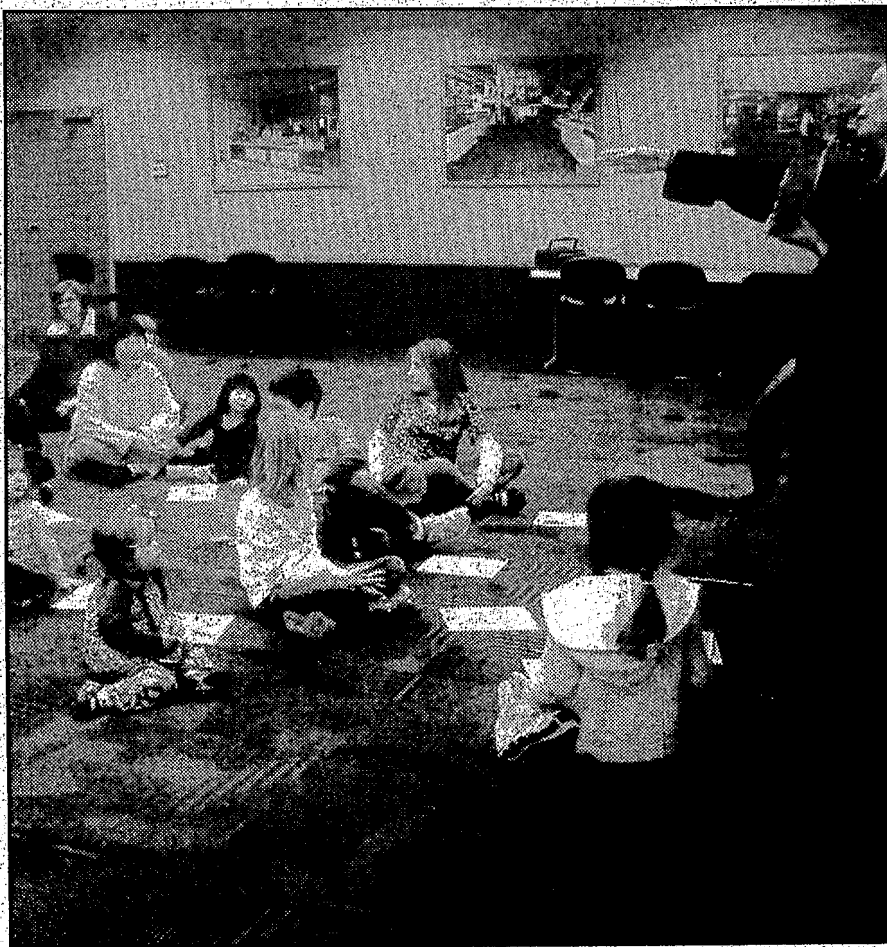
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Children of all ages enjoy Valentine stories read by "Miss Andrea" at the Independence Township Library's Valentine Party, Feb. 8. They played a Valentine BINGO game and assembled Valentine crafts and cards while enjoying cookies and punch. *Photo provided*

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everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

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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.

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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

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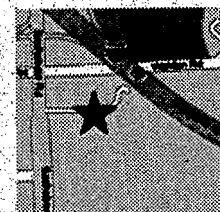
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BIZ

Salon honored

Randolph's Salon of Clarkston, owned by Scott and Mary Randolph, recently was named to the Salon Today 200 by Salon Today magazine, a top business publication for salon and spa owners.

Randolph's, honored in Advanced Education and Marketing category, is one of 200 recognized in the magazine's January/February issue.



Scott and Mary Randolph, surrounded by staff at Randolph's Salon of Clarkston. Photo provided

Should I convert to a Roth IRA?

This is a perplexing question many investors are asking themselves in the wake of recent tax law changes. Should an individual take a distribution from an existing IRA and roll it over (i.e., convert it) to a Roth IRA? A good question, but not so fast. The answer is much more complicated!

Beginning this year and thereafter, the long standing \$100,000 Adjusted Gross Income limit has been eliminated, opening up the possibility of conversion to many more taxpayers. To sweeten the pot, the IRS is allowing (for conversions in 2010 only!) an election which can be made to defer the tax liability from 2010 and spread it out equally in the 2011 and 2012 tax year. If this election is not made, the taxes will be recognized in the year of the conversion - 2010.

Before taking the plunge, there are a number of interesting factors which need to be considered. Conventional wisdom suggests that most taxpayers expect to be in a lower tax bracket when they retire. Sound advice based on this assumption would suggest deferring taxes to the greatest extent while working and distribute the dollars as taxable income during retirement at a lower bracket.

Not so fast! Consider the following questions. What is the likelihood of higher marginal tax rates in the future? Will current deductions for dependents, business expenses and mortgage interest still be available to offset retirement income? What's the likelihood of working into retirement? Is the objective of the IRA to

accumulate assets for heirs?

There are also several other considerations beyond the scope of future tax rates. The age of the individual electing to convert from a traditional IRA to a Roth is important because the advantage of tax-free distributions from the Roth is leveraged by the length of time the dollars can grow. This advantage generally decreases as age increases.

Another factor of note is that, unlike traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs are not subject to the Required Minimum Distribution rules. This can be an important benefit should the retiree not need a planned distribution from the IRA to maintain standard of living.

In summary, there are many variables in the traditional vs. Roth equation that should be evaluated on a situational basis. There is no simple formula that spells out a clear decision. An individual's IRA strategy should be integrated with their overall financial and estate plan to achieve optimal results. For many people, the guidance of a professional financial advisor will be a critical aspect in making the decision that is right for them.

James B. Kruzan, CFP® is a Registered Principal and Branch Manager for Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., Fenton and Clarkston.

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A column by James Kruzan

Business News

Mike Vigh of Clarkston was born in Windsor, Canada, and played soccer professionally in Canada, Hungary, and Malta. He now teaches indoor youth soccer at Waterford Hills Court, 6110 Dixie Highway in Independence Township.



Vigh

"It's more than soccer. We build team work, camaraderie, healthy lifestyle," Vigh said. "Soccer's good for any size, and works on all physical attributes: coordination, speed, agility, stamina, strength. It helps you excel in all sports."

He played soccer with Oakland University from 1983-1986, beating Michigan State University when he was a freshman.

His Off the Wall soccer program at Waterford Hills includes indoor training using raquetball courts, using tennis nets to teach ball handling skills. Call 248-961-8444.

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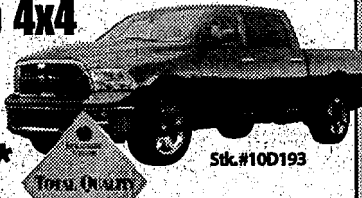
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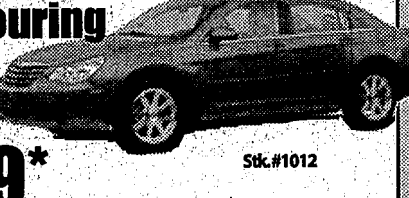
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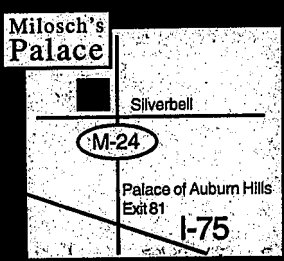
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Obituary

Alan W. Peterson, 70

Alan W. Peterson of Clarkston passed away, Feb. 16, 2010, at age 70.

He was the loving husband of Mary; preceded in death by his first wife Joan Peterson; father of John, Bill and Heidi (Dave) Driscoll; stepfather of Bill Herzfeld; grandfather of Blake, Alec, and Claire Driscoll; brother of Lynn (Kim) Schneider and the late Wayne Peterson; son in law of Helen Sakalian; brother in law of Harold (Michele), Joe (Kristina), Philip (Kelly), Marty (Lori), Leo (Angie) Sakalian, Jackie (John) Judge, Sandy (John) Mulvihill, and MaryAnn (Doug) Schires; special uncle of Keith and Nicole, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Feb. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Feb. 19 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with Rev. Robert McGrath officiating, Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Home Fur-Ever Animal Rescue. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Charles F. Johnson, 86

Charles F. Johnson, "Deacon Chuck," of Waterford, passed away, Feb. 21, 2010, at age 86.

He was the husband of Kathleen for 64 years; father of David (Mary Anne Kummer) Johnson of Rochester Hills and Nancy (James Pequignot) Kerton of Ohio; grandfather of five; great grandfather of three; brother in law of Milton (Catherine) Sakorafis and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Johnson was an elementary teacher at Waterford Village for 22 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, for 60 years, having served as church organist for 18 years and deacon for 27 years.

Service of Transference, Wednesday, 2 p.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, where Deacon Chuck will lie in state at church, Wednesday, 2-8 p.m. Scripture service, Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the church. Mass of the Resurrection, Thursday, 12 p.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Church. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations to Our Lady of the Lakes Church or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Karen B. Wydra, 70

Karen B. Wydra of Clarkston passed away, Feb. 17, 2010.

She was born Oct. 18, 1939, in Lackawanna, NY, to Robert and Lila (Ball) Branch. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank T. Wydra II. She was the mother to Denise B. Wydra and husband Gary Warstadt of Needham, Ma.; Sheryl L. Wydra of Clarkston; and Frank T. Wydra III and wife Sandra (Reynolds) of Bingham Farms, Mich.; grandmother of Emma K. Brennan-Wydra of Needham, Ma., and of Frank T. Wydra IV, Nicholas J. Wydra, and John M. Wydra of Bingham Farms; twin sister of Karol Jolley of Texas and sister of the late James A. Branch.

A nationally recognized photo-realist painter, Karen inspired her students, shared laughter with her friends, and gave joy to her family. We will miss her.

Prayer service was Feb. 21 at Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Feb. 22 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.



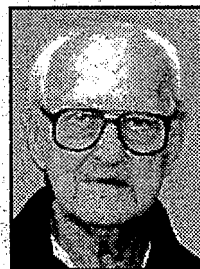
Joseph R. Herska, 95

Joseph R. Herska of Novi passed away, Feb. 18, 2010, at age 95.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary, brother John Hrcka and his sister-in-law Mayella. He was the brother of Millie; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Herska enjoyed hunting, golfing and taking walks. He was a successful real estate agent.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Family services have been held. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Michael N. Swiastyn, 48

Michael N. Swiastyn of Waterford passed away suddenly, Feb. 19, 2010, at age 48.

He was the son of Patricia and the late Michael; life partner for 26 years of Debi Steele; father of Matthew and Kristina Steele; papa of Gavyn and Kyel; brother of Kerry (Jeff) Baker, Mark, Jon, Ann (Russel) Hawes, Stephen (Lisa); and also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Feb. 23 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Fern Marie Race, 87

Fern Marie Race (Hutchins) of Davisburg, formerly of South Lyon, passed into eternal life Feb. 15, 2010, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Blair and brothers Alvin and Russell Hutchins. She was the mother of James (Marge) of South Lyon, Sue (the late James) Koslosky of Clarkston and David B. (Rita) of Florida; grandma of David S. Race, John (Kari) Race, Kristen (Michael) Gargano, Michael (Lori) Koslosky, John (Cheryl) Koslosky, Cathleen (Steven) Nelson, and Ken Race; great grandma of Benjamin, Cameron, Jacob, Jenna, Jessica, Daria, Jake, Caroline, Luke, Justine, John, and David; sister of Mary Jane Johnston; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Race was a faithful and active member of First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon for over 65 years. She retired as secretary for South Lyon Schools.

She enjoyed reading, playing bridge and traveling. She took each grandchild on a trip "anywhere in the world" for their high school graduation.

Visitation was Feb. 19 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial service was Feb. 20 at Phillips Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Local arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Compassus.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



John A. Mickus, 76

John A. Mickus of Clarkston passed away, Feb. 19, 2010, at age 76.

He was the husband of Patricia for 49 years; father of Tom (Mary) of Royal Oak and John of Florida; grandfather of Zach, Amanda, and Christopher; brother of Don (Sharon) of Arizona, the late Algird, and like a brother to John (Joan) Wisely.

Mr. Mickus was a history enthusiast, especially Egyptian history. He enjoyed traveling, fishing and his grandchildren.

Prayer service, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 3-8 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, followed by military honors. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Healing Hearts meets March 9

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.

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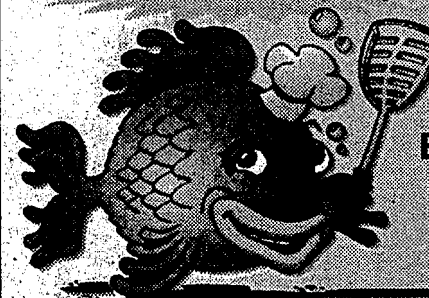
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Meijer donation restocks Lighthouse

Meijer, Inc. donated nearly \$3,000 in gift cards to Lighthouse of Oakland County to help the non-profit stock its emergency pantry for clients across the area.

Meijer's and Lighthouse partnered together to help residents in local communities for several years.

The donated gift cards came from a combination of Meijer customers through the retailer's "Simply Give Holiday Program" and from the store.

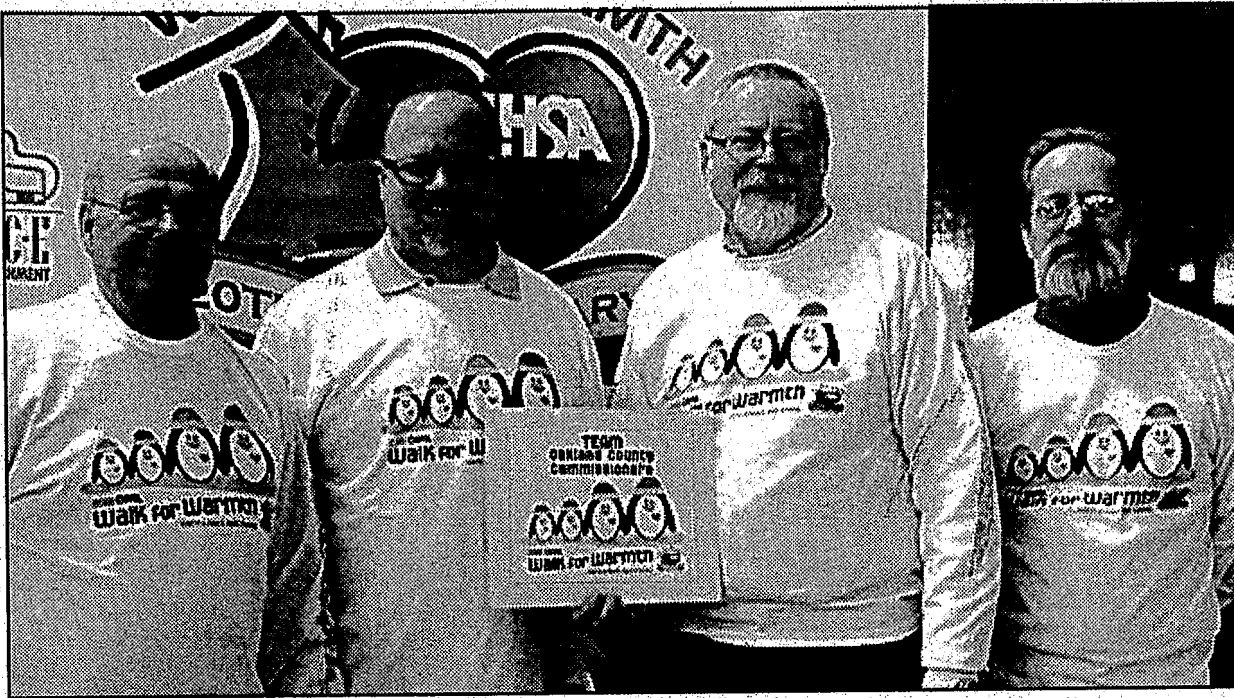
The nearly \$3,000 in gift cards were provided to Lighthouse between last October and the end of January.

"Meijer has been an invaluable partner to us and they really understand what it means to give back to the community in and around Oakland County," said Lighthouse President and CEO John Ziraldo.

"As a Michigan-based company they understand that many people in this area just need a little help on their way back to independence and self-sufficiency."

The gift card donations allows Lighthouse to be more flexible in meeting the needs of its clients, particularly for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Independence Township, which provides food, clothing and personal items to area residents as a first step toward helping them achieve self-sufficiency and personal success.

"It's great because when our pantry gets low on one or more items we can take the gift cards and stock up on what we need," Ziraldo said.



Walking for those in need

Oakland County commissioners, from left, Thomas F. Middleton, Jim Runestad, Bradford C. Jacobsen, and Jim Nash, along with Commissioner David Coulter, not pictured, join more than 1,000 walkers as Team Oakland, at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Feb. 7. They helped raise funds for Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency at the 20th annual Walk For Warmth.

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Remediation and Redevelopment Division
Southeast Michigan District Office
27700 Donald Court
Warren, Michigan 48092

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A
PLAN FOR INTERIM RESPONSE
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(Comment period March 1, 2010 to April 1, 2010)
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources
and Environment (MDNRE) received a proposed Interim
Response Designed to Meet Criteria (IRDC) for the
Columbiere Center site located at 9075 Big Lake
Road, city of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan.
Contamination at the site was caused by a leaking
underground storage tank (UST) containing #5 fuel oil
used to fuel the boilers.

This notice is provided according to the require-
ments of Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the
Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act,
1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.20101
et seq. or the Part 201 Rules, 1990 AACRS 299.5101
et seq., to notify interested persons that the DNRE has
received the proposed plan for the IRDC. This notice
is provided to allow for public comment prior to final
action on the proposed plan.

This notice is also intended to provide a brief sum-
mary of the proposed interim response plan and to
offer an opportunity for public review and comment
prior to final action on the proposed plan.

Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00
p.m. on April 1, 2010. The DNRE will carefully con-
sider and address significant public comments before
a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

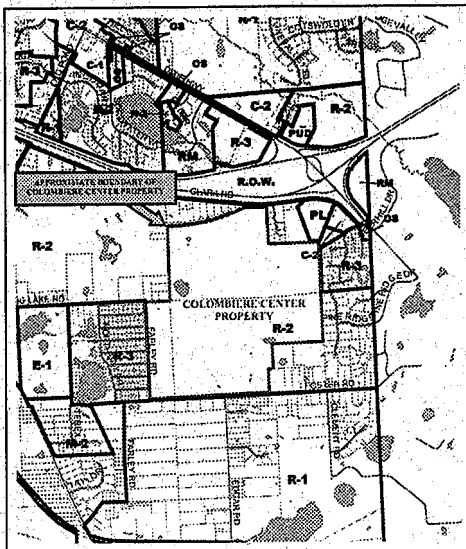
Contamination associated with the UST release
has been restricted to an area measuring approximately
80 feet by 120 feet by 38 feet deep, and has been
isolated in this area for over ten years. The proposed
plan includes monitoring of soil and groundwater on the
site for an additional ten years to determine if contami-
nants remain stationary. It also includes the place-

ment of a restrictive covenant on the property that will
prohibit the disturbance of the soil and construction of
wells in this contaminated area. A permanent marker
identifying the contaminated area and summarizing
the use restrictions will be installed in this area.

A copy of the complete IRDC is available for
review at the DNRE Southeast Michigan District Of-
fice during normal business hours. It is also available
at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston
Road, Clarkston, Michigan. This review period will not
be less than 30 calendar days from the date of this
publication.

Comments should be addressed to:

Richard Berak
Michigan Department of
Natural Resources and Environment
Remediation and Redevelopment Division



PUBLIC NOTICE
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OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**THIS IS A NEW LOCATION FOR THE
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

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

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

A resident or nonresident may protest to the Board of
Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed
"Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is
available on line at [www.michigan.gov/documents/
14035f_2658_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf) and at the Township Assessing De-
partment at the address indicated above. This form should
be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing De-
partment, 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 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and
the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classi-
fications. Please note that taxes are levied against the
Taxable Value.

Sincerely,
Beverly Shaver, CMAE 3
Independence Township Assessor

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2010-327,636-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of James A. Kreger. Date of birth: January 25, 1943
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James A. Kreger, who
lived at 8051 Perry Lake Road, Independence, Michigan died December
26, 2009.

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

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2010-327, 569-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of IVAN F. HUNT, DECEASED. Date of birth: 5/23/1912
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, IVAN F. HUNT, DE-
CEASED, who lived at 3611 Samuel, Rochester Hills, Michigan died
June 20, 2009.

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

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**NOTICE OF DAY OF
REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS
GARNER DRAIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special assess-
ment amounts and the apportionment of costs of lands
within the Garner Special Assessment District for main-
tenance of the Garner Drain will be available for review
on March 18, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the
Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Of-
fice, One Public Works Drive, Waterford, MI 48328.

This special assessment will be levied on the 2011
winter taxes for properties located within the Garner
Drainage District, described as those properties lo-
cated in Sections 10 through 15, 21 through 28 and 33
through 36 in the Township of Rose, Sections 1 through
4 in the Charter Township of Highland and Sections 1,
8, 19 and 30 in the Charter Township of Springfield.

Therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons,
owners and persons interested in the above described
lands, and the County Clerk of Oakland County, Board
of Oakland County Road Commissioners, Charter Town-
ship of Highland Supervisor, Township of Rose Super-
visor and the Charter Township of Springfield Super-
visor are hereby notified that the time and place afore-
said and at such other time and place to which said day
of review may be adjourned, the apportionment for
benefits and the land comprised within the Garner Special
Assessment District will be subject to review.

The owner of any land in the special assessment
district or any city, village, township, district or county
who may disagree with the apportionment of benefits
may appeal the apportionment within ten days after
this day of review of apportionments by making an
application to the Oakland County Probate Court for
appointment of a Board of Review, as provided in
Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code (Act 40 of the
Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended).

The County of Oakland will provide necessary rea-
sonable auxiliary aids and services. Persons with dis-
abilities needing accommodations for effective partici-
pation in the review should contact the Oakland
County Water Resources Commissioner's Office at
least one week in advance of the meeting to request
mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE
REQUEST FOR VARIANCE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

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

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

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

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: 2-24-2010

PUBLIC NOTICE
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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346
BOARD OF REVIEW
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS

MARCH 2, 2010
6:00 PM

The Board of Review organizational meeting will be held
at the City Offices on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 for infor-
mation only.

No Appointments will be taken
No Appealing assessment

Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk-Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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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 Equaliza-
tion 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

**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 appoint-
ments:

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 1.0000

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. Slevers, CMAE III
Chief Assessor, Springfield Township

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Around Town

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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.

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.

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.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Carson, Lohmeier, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson, Wagner
Absent: None

- There was a quorum.
- The Agenda was approved adding item number 7, Reconsideration of millage and CIA.
 - The public was given an opportunity to address the Board.
 - The Minutes of January 19, 2010 were approved under the Consent Agenda and the Accounts Payable Check Run was moved to the end of the meeting.
 - A Pre-Audit Meeting was presented by Joe Heffernan and Les Pulver from Plante/Moran Audit Partners.
 - Approved motion to participate with SMART's Transportation Grant - Specialized Services.
 - Postponed approval of Information Systems Policy.
 - Approved Blanket Approval of Michigan Tax Tribunal Disbursements.
 - Board Meeting Minutes discussion.
 - Approved payout of vacation to terminated employees.
 - Approved motion to begin investigation of amendment to CIA regarding Library and Police millage.
 - Approved Accounts Payable Check Run including Vadim and with the exception of Dell and Triumph Telecom.
 - Approved motion to go into closed session on labor contract negotiations update.
 - Approved extension of Blue Cross benefits to end of February for terminated employees.
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeer,
Township Clerk

Published: 2/24/10

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

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS, is hereby amended to read as follows:

WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM (WECS) shall mean any structure such as a wind charger, windmill, or wind turbine that converts wind energy to a form of usable energy.

- Private WECS shall mean any WECS that is accessory to a principal dwelling or use located on the same zoning lot, is designed and built to serve the needs of the principal use and that provides power to an electric utility's grid as a function secondary to supporting electricity to the principal dwelling.
- Commercial WECS shall mean any WECS that is designed and built to provide electricity to the electric utility's power grid as an ongoing commercial enterprise.

ARTICLE XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 16.10 - Exception to Height Limits is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 16.10 - Exception to Height Limits: No building or structure shall be erected, converted, enlarged or structurally altered to exceed the height limit hereinafter established for the district in which the building is located. Exceptions shall be subject to the following provisions:

- Roof structures for the housing of elevators, stairways, tanks, ventilating fans, or similar equipment required to operate and maintain the building, and fire or parapet walls, skylights, towers, steeples, stage lofts, and screens, flagpoles, chimneys, individual domestic radio and television aerials, energy conservation devices, roof-mounted Wind Energy Conversion Systems, water tanks, or similar structures may be erected above the height limits herein prescribed. However, no such structure may be erected to exceed by more than fifteen (15) feet the height limits of the district in which it is located; nor shall such structure have a total area greater than ten (10) percent of the roof area of the building; nor shall such structure be used for any residential purpose or any commercial or industrial purpose other than a use incidental to the main use of the building.
- Public communication or public utility microwave towers shall be subject to the provisions of section 16.09.

ARTICLE XVI - GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 16.27 - Wind Energy Conversion Systems is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 16.27 - Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

- Intent - It is the intent of Springfield Township to permit the effective and efficient use of Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) by regulating the siting, design, and installation of such systems to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In no case shall this ordinance guarantee the wind rights or establish access to the wind.
- Approval Required - Except where noted in this Section, it shall be unlawful to construct, erect, install, alter, or locate any WECS project within Springfield Township unless:
 - For a private WECS, A permit is obtained from the Township.
 - For a commercial WECS, A Special Land Use has been obtained pursuant to Section 18.08 and this section.
- General Standards - The following standards shall apply to all private and commercial wind energy conversion systems in Springfield Township:
 - Design Safety Certification. The safety of the design of all private and commercial WECS structures shall be certified by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Michigan and reviewed by the Township. The standard for certification shall be included with the permit applica-

tion. If approved, the Professional Engineer shall certify that the construction and installation of the private or commercial WECS project meets or exceeds the manufacturer's construction and installation standards, and any applicable State and Federal regulations.

- Controls and Brakes. All commercial WECS structures shall be equipped with manual and automatic controls to limit rotation of blades to a speed not to exceed the designed limits of the WECS. The Professional Engineer must certify that the rotor and overspeed control design and fabrication conform to applicable design standards. No changes or alterations from certified design shall be permitted unless accompanied by a Professional Engineer's statement of certification. Brakes are not required for a private WECS.
 - Setbacks. All private and commercial WECS structures must be setback from property lines at a distance equal to or greater than one and one half (1.5) times the height of the structure, measured from the base of the structure to its highest point, including any blades.
 - Climb Prevention. All private and commercial WECS structures must be protected by anti-climbing devices such as:
 - Fences with locking portals at least six (6) feet high;
 - Anti-climbing devices twelve (12) feet from base of pole; or
 - Anchor points for guy wires supporting tower shall be enclosed by a six (6) foot high fence or shall be located within the confines of a yard that is completely fenced.
 - Interference. All private or commercial WECS structures shall be designed and operated to minimize or mitigate interference with existing electromagnetic communications, such as radio, telephone, microwave or television signals.
 - Noise Levels. The noise level for either a private or commercial WECS structure shall comply with the standards set forth in Section 17.03 - Noise.
 - Signs. Use of the WECS shall be limited to conversion of wind energy to a form of usable energy and shall not provide any other function, including signage for purposes other than safety.
4. Additional Standards for Commercial WECS Structures - The following additional standards shall apply to all commercial wind energy conversion systems in Springfield Township.
- Color. Towers and blades shall be finished in a permanent non-reflective neutral color that is approved by Springfield Township or otherwise required by law.
 - Compliance with FAA. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the appropriate FAA permits for the WECS structure, or to obtain a determination of no significant impact to air navigation from the FAA.
 - Warnings. A visible warning sign of High Voltage shall be required to be placed at the base of all commercial WECS structures. The sign must have at a minimum six (6") inch letters with 3/4-inch stroke. Such signs shall be located a maximum of three hundred (300) feet apart and at all points of site ingress and egress.
 - Annual Inspection. Every commercial WECS structure must be inspected annually by an Authorized Factory Representative or Professional Engineer to certify that it is in good working condition and not a hazard to the public. Such records shall be submitted to Springfield Township and considered a part of the continuing special use permit.
 - Liability Insurance. The owner or operator of a commercial WECS structure shall maintain a current insurance policy with coverage limits acceptable to the Township to cover installation and operation of the WECS project. The amount of the policy shall be established as a condition of special use permit approval.
 - Security. The application shall include a description of security to be posted at the time of receiving a building permit for the facility to ensure removal of the WECS when it has been abandoned or is no longer needed, as provided in section 4. In this regard, the security shall be in the form of: cash or irrevocable letter of credit.
 - Removal. A condition of every approval of a commercial WECS structure shall be adequate provision for removal of all or part of the facility by users and owners upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:
 - When the WECS structure or portion of a structure has not been used for 180 days or more. For purposes of this section, the removal of equipment, or the cessation of operations shall be considered as the beginning

of a period of non-use. The applicant shall notify the Township upon cessation of operations or removal of equipment.

- Upon the occurrence of one (1) or more of the events requiring removal, specified in paragraph (1) above, the property owner or persons who had used the facility shall immediately apply or secure the application for any required demolition or removal permits, and immediately proceed with and complete the demolition/removal, restoring the premises to an acceptable condition as reasonably determined by the Township.
- If the required removal of a facility or a portion thereof has not been lawfully completed within sixty (60) days of the applicable deadline, and after written notice, the Township may remove or secure the removal of the facility or required portions thereof, with its actual cost and reasonable administrative charge to be drawn or collected from the security posted at the time application was made for establishing the facility.
- Ecological Impact. The Township may require a study to be conducted by a qualified professional, such as an ornithologist or wildlife biologist, to determine any potential impacts the commercial WECS structure may present to migratory birds, bats or any other species.
- Ancillary Structures and Uses. Approval of a special land use under this provision does not extend to any accessory structures or uses to the WECS. All other such accessory structures or uses must be a lawful land use and meet all applicable requirements of the ordinance.

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 2-24-2010

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

In the matter of Douglas Edward Hunt, Deceased
TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:
whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: a hearing will be held on March 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Moore for the following purpose(s): (state the nature of the hearing):

Petition for Probate and/or Appointment of Personal Representative, Testimony Interested Persons, Acceptance of Appointment, Notice of Appointment and Duties of Personal Representative, Notice Regarding Attorney Fees.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Douglas Edward Hunt, who lived at 31 Hillside, Pontiac, MI 48326 died 1/6/2010.

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

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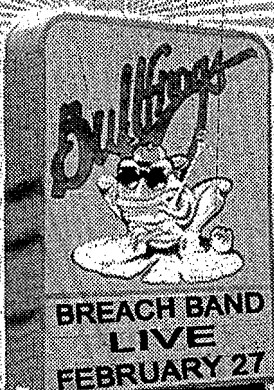
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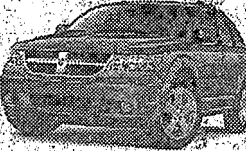
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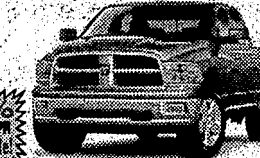
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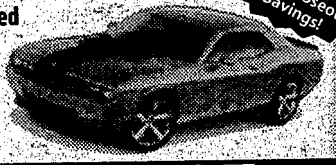
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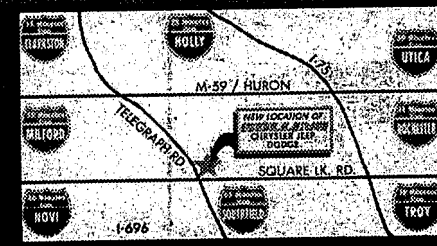
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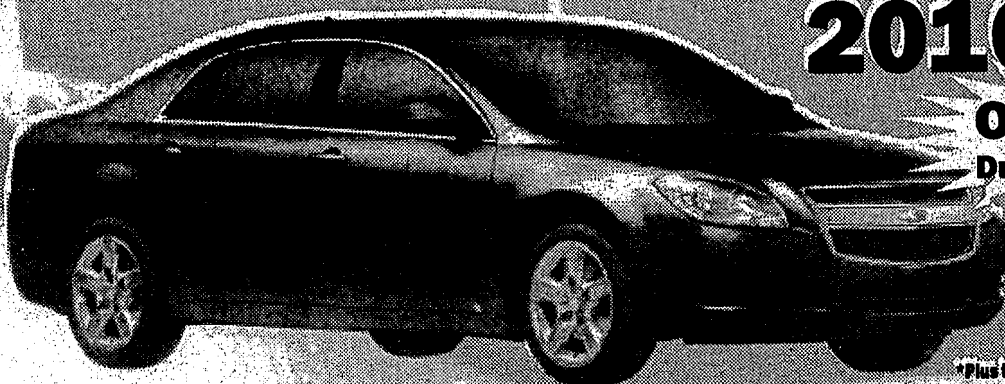
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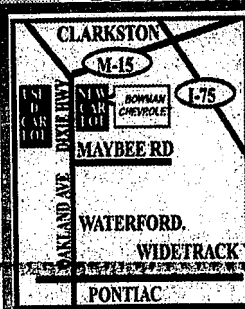
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2006	Chevy	TRAILBLAZER 4X4	P6911	Silver	38K	\$13,988	2007	GMC	SIERRA 1500 CLASSIC	P6979	Blue	25K	\$23,988
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2006	Pontiac	SILVERADO 1500	10235A	Red	98K	\$15,988	2007	Chevy	SILVERADO 1500 4X4	P6993	Silver	16K	\$23,988
2006	Pontiac	TORRENT	P6941	Blue	7K	\$16,588	2007	Chevy	AVALANCHE 1500	10400A	Silver	33K	\$25,988
2006	Jeep	WRANGLER	P6977	Red	36K	\$16,988	2008	Saturn	AURA	P6996	White	29K	\$13,988
2006	Chevy	EQUINOX	P6969	Silver	8K	\$16,988	2008	Pontiac	G6	P6938	Blue/Gold	6K	\$15,988
2006	Chevy	TRAILBLAZER EXT 4X4	P6912	Silverstone	15K	\$17,988	2008	Chevy	MALIBU	P6982	White	16K	\$15,988
2006	Chevy	SILVERADO 1500	P6975	Black	32K	\$22,988	2008	Chevy	MALIBU	P6971	Blue	34K	\$15,988
2007	Pontiac	G6	P6929	Black	46K	\$ 9,988	2008	Saturn	AURA	10121A	Ocean	6K	\$15,988
2007	Chevy	COBALT	P6956	Silver	24K	\$ 9,988	2008	Chevy	MALIBU	P6986	Gray	24K	\$15,988
2007	Pontiac	Grand Prix	P6927	Silver	48K	\$10,988	2008	Chevy	IMPALA	P6987	Gray	24K	\$15,988
2007	Chevy	HHR	P6957	Black	24K	\$11,988	2008	Saturn	VUE	10174A	White	20K	\$15,988
2007	Chevy	HHR	10365A	Silver	38K	\$11,988	2008	Chevy	SILVERADO 1500	P7000	Blue	23K	\$23,988
2007	Chevy	IMPALA	P6965	Maroon	15K	\$13,988	2008	Chevy	SILVERADO 1500	P6960	Cherry	14K	\$24,988
2007	Chevy	IMPALA	P6967	Blue	14K	\$13,988	2009	Pontiac	VIBE	10113A	Platinum	8K	\$13,988
2007	Chevy	MALIBU MAXX	P6968	Gray	29K	\$13,988	2009	Chevy	IMPALA	P6983	Red	16K	\$15,988
2007	Chevy	IMPALA	P6976	Black	13K	\$13,988	2009	Chevy	MALIBU	P6973	Silver	29K	\$15,988
2007	Chevy	IMPALA	P6982	Blue	16K	\$13,988	2009	Chevy	MALIBU	P6975	White	31K	\$15,988
2007	Chevy	TRAILBLAZER 4X4	P6925	Blue	46K	\$14,988	2009	Saturn	VUE	P6937	Gold	31K	\$17,988
2007	Chevy	IMPALA	P6985	Tan	9K	\$14,988	2009	Saturn	OUTLOOK	P6991	Silver	16K	\$26,988
2007	Chevy	EQUINOX	P6994	White	35K	\$14,988	2010	Chevy	IMPALA	P6950	Silver	25K	\$16,988

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Spectators cheer the Boomers Bar-sponsored reindeer on to a win.



Jack and Hope Mason roll the giant dice, determining the outcome of a race.



Lynne Swayne, attending with her husband Tom, holds up the winning 50/50 ticket, worth about \$550.



Highrollers Wendy Neideck and Damien Evans dressed the part at the Reindeer Races.

Night at the races

Three lengths ahead of its nearest competitor, the bug-eyed reindeer racer appeared to have the contest well in hand.

Perhaps slowed down by the tire tracks across its neck and hindquarters, the Clarkston Auto Body-sponsored, roadkill-themed racer had trouble closing the deal, as other reindeer narrowed the distance.

With a roll of the dice, the decidedly nerdy PC Miracles reindeer, dressed in glasses, khaki pants, white button-down shirt, and tie, closed to a single length behind.

Finally, after much cheering from spectators, dice rollers came up with a number "two," good for a Clarkston Auto Body win at 3-1 odds — another race come to a close at the Reindeer Races fundraiser, Feb. 20, for Christmas in Action.

"It was great fun for everybody," said Diane Midgley, president of Christmas in Action of Oakland County, Clarkston Area. "It went really well. Everyone was busy making donations and having a good time."

Fourteen local businesses and community groups decorated the wooden, wheeled reindeer, and raced them down rows of tables, as determined by the roll of oversized dice.

All proceeds go to Christmas in Action, volunteer group providing free home repairs to qualified, low-income seniors or handicapped homeowners on April 24.

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