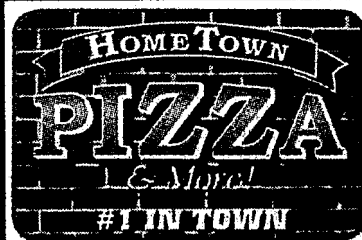


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In front from left, Andrea Butler, Emily Roan, and Steve Carpenter, along with Sacha Cardamone, with the Clarkston "C" painted on his face, Connor Giroux, Mike Schwartz and their classmates cheer on their Wolves basketball team. Students fill "The Jungle," set of bleachers on the south side of Clarkston High School gym, every game.

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Julie Lamphier of Attuned Mind, in her first visit with the Coffee Club, networks with Cindy Crandell of Nuview Nutrition. Photos by Phil Custodio

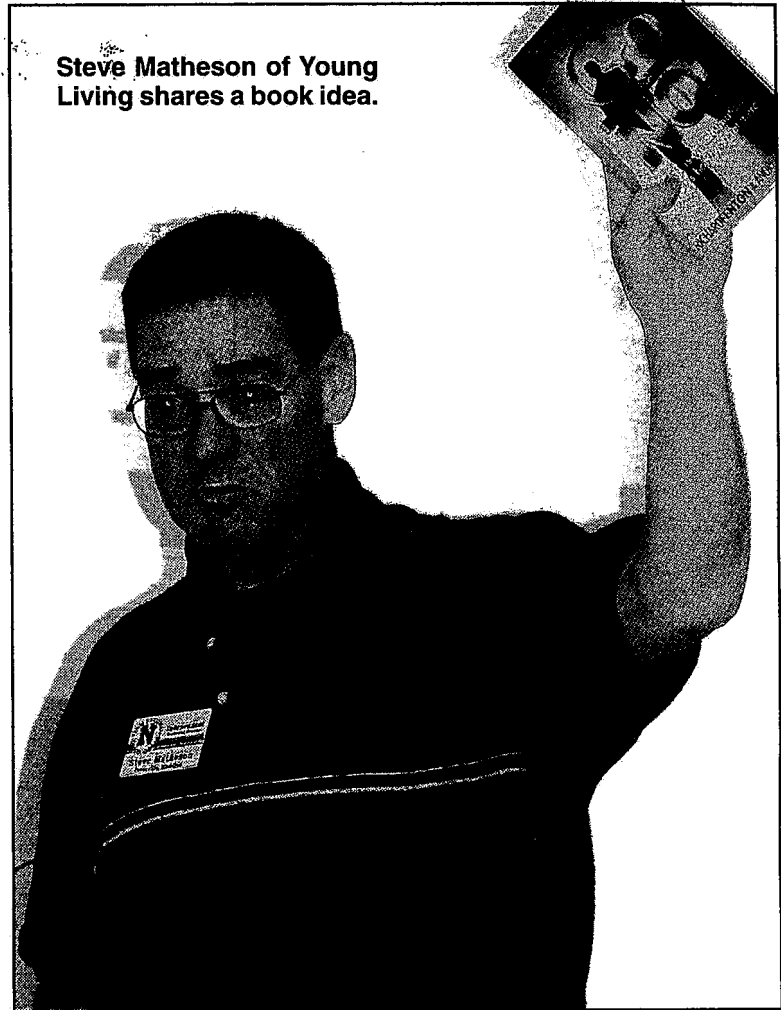
Ideas flow at Coffee Club

It's a new year, and *Clarkston News'* Coffee Club is back in action.

Local business folks meet to share ideas, tips, and suggestions, such as how to use a cell phone camera for a quick and easy insurance inventory, opportunities for community service, and even a favorite book, all over a cup of coffee.

The networking group meets at 7:30 a.m., Thursdays, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. No dues, attendance quotas, or coffee mug required, although many bring their own.

Steve Matheson of Young Living shares a book idea.



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Meeting schedule OK'd

Independence Township Board will have fewer meetings this year.

Trustee Neil Wallace and Deputy Supervisor Rick Yeager proposed a schedule of two meetings a month. Last year, the board had three meetings a month.

The board will have additional special budget meetings for review of individual department budgets later in the year.

The board voted 6-0, Jan. 4, to approve the new budget schedule. Treasurer Curt Carson was absent.

Mobile clerk's office

The Oakland County Clerk's Mobile Office heads to the Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20.

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New Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ken Elwert tours downtown Clarkston with Clarkston Retailers' Group member Peggy Roth, meeting with business owners and residents. Photo by Phil Custodio

Hope for parks and rec

New director looks to rescue programs

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

According to Ken Elwert, Independence Township's new parks and recreation director, Fourth of July and other special events have a chance at life.

"I think the difficult thing is figuring out what's really important—the core value for our community and our department," he said. "I've heard from quite a few residents already in my first three days here."

He's looking for partnerships with community groups for some, while scaling back others. Elwert said there is also a little "wiggle room" in the budget.

"For instance, I'm not going to be taking healthcare from here because my wife has healthcare, so we can bring some of that money back to help out with some of this too," he said. "It's very clear we won't be able to restore all of it to the level residents are used to."

His hands are tied to some extent, and he understands the future is going to be

tougher.

"In fairness to the board, communities are struggling with this all over the state," he said. "It's going to get more difficult in the next couple years at the government level. There is no doubt about that."

Elwert will present proposals for Deer Lake Beach to Township Board, Jan. 18.

"Some of this is really a policy call and some of it isn't. Deer Lake has a very different situation than the special event situation and statewide most beaches don't have lifeguards anymore," he said. "That's just a fact. I don't have a dog in the fight one way or the other."

Insurance companies tell them they're better off without lifeguards, which is why the state pulled lifeguards 10-15 years ago, he said.

Elwert said the department, especially the recreation side, has an "excellent reputation statewide" and he doesn't want to do anything to "diminish that with the community."

"It's a draw to this community I think," he said. "I'd love to see it back the way it is, but I don't have the answer yet on day three."

Elwert said his first full-time staff meeting

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Party like it's 1969

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston returns to the days when business meant cocktails, ladies in flowery dresses, fedoras and three-piece suits for the men.

Hosted by the Clarkston Retailers Group, downtown Main Street will be transformed into a Retro Cocktail Party, Saturday, Jan. 22, from 6-9 p.m.

"Our Retro Cocktail Party and wine tasting is going to be a blast," said Shari Schultz, owner of Clarkston Flower Shoppe, 7150 N. Main Street. "We're making the end of January something to look forward to. Stop in to your favorite place to shop, or one you've never been in, and enjoy a little flair of the 1960's."

The event is free—donations will support Lighthouse North. Downtown business people invite folks into their establishments, for free refreshments and snacks.

"We're transforming our 1901 building into a club straight out of the TV show, 'Mad Men,'" said Liz Andre-Stolz of Parsonage Events, 6 East Church Street. "We're serving up the Rowdy Redhead cocktails and fried corn cakes, fresh potato chips and braised shortribs with red raspberry barbecue sauce. While you're there, Church Street Studios will be snapping outta' sight retro pix of all our guests. It's going to be a gas!"

Union General, 50 S. Main Street, offers buckwheat blinis topped with smoked salmon and creme fraiche, Pigs-In-A-Blanket house-made beef and pork smoked links wrapped in crisp puff pastry and served with South Carolina mayo, and Bloody Mary martinis.

"We're calling our selections for the evening, 'Blinis, Weinies and 'tinis,'" said Ann Stevenson, owner.

At the north end of downtown, Clarkston Flower Shoppe and the Birdfeeder offer Bellinis and Manhattans, serving fondue and shrimp cocktail.

"We will have a blackjack table and feature live entertainment from singer Tom Mazzaro, bringing a little Vegas flair to Clarkston," Schultz said. "He will

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State steps in on hall plan

Trustees upset with information gap

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When township Supervisor Dave Wagner worked out a deal with the state to avoid a \$500,000 penalty, trustees had no idea.

"None of us knew about any of that," said Trustee Mark Petterson. "They've been very good at keeping us (the four trustees) in the dark."

Trustee David Lohmeier found out about it after asking about a \$65,000 payment to auditors Plante Moran.

"I don't think we were ever going to find out about this unless we accidentally stumbled across it like we did," Lohmeier said. "He (Wagner) continues to not inform the board on things he should be informing the board about."



Petterson

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water and sewer funds. The new loan would have a lower interest rate—they pay five percent back to water and sewer.

Working with township auditors, he estimates a savings of \$160,000-\$170,000.

"It will assist the general fund by doing this. We're trying to find ways to benefit the township," he said. "Here is another perfect way to benefit the township by a restructured loan. That's my job to look at all these things and see if there are any other avenues."

Finance Director Susan Hendricks said the township pays around \$308,000 a year for the reimbursement, in principal and interest.

"It would be good if we were able to get our money back. I think it would kind of improve relations with residents because we get calls

all the time thinking our rate increases are due to that, they're not really," said Director of Public Works Linda Richardson. "We're just trying to play catch up for doing so poorly on raising rates on a regular basis."

Wagner meets with auditors and bond council this week, and

there will be further discussion at the board's Jan. 18 meeting.

"As far as individuals on the board saying they don't like the way the letters written. Are they auditors? The auditors are the ones that told us we could do this, so the auditors are the ones that are helping us with the situation," Wagner said. "They are our experts, not a trustee."

Lohmeier said he took "exception" to some of the things written in the Nov. 28 letter, including the "looming deadline, which is why the board couldn't go after bonds in the first place."

"There is nothing in the purchase agreement that indicates there were any deadlines that wouldn't allow us to do the normal course of financing, which would be bonding," he said. "He (Wagner) sent the letter to the state on behalf of the township on commitments that we would do and what our plans were and we haven't sent a plan in place to look at bonding in the building even if you can do it."

Petterson agreed and called it "disappointing."

"Letters sent like that states the whole township board, so to speak," he said. "It gives all of our views and that's not all of our views."

However, Petterson noted he won't make "prejudged misconceptions," until he knows all the facts.

Trustee Larry Rosso was surprised the letters were written without board knowledge as well, but he also felt they were necessary.

"There wasn't anything else that could be done," he said.

Wagner says there was no need to inform anyone else at the "particular time" about letters he exchanged with the state between last July and November.

"When these letters come in, we just simply handle them as part of the day-to-day operation," he said. "Until we have all the answers together, then we were going to inform the board as to what's going on."

Michigan Department of Treasury sent a letter to Independence Township regarding its decision to borrow \$2.7 million from water and sewer funds for the new township hall.

The loan put funds in deficit, which is against state laws calling for balanced budgets. According to state law, the township has 90 days to file a "deficit elimination plan" with the state.

"Basically it's a plan the local unit develops to address the deficit, and they have up to five years to do it," said Terry Stanton, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Treasury. "The township has sent in some information and that is currently under review."

If no plan is submitted within 30 days, the state can withhold 25 percent of the township's state shared revenue. The township expects about \$2 million from the state this year.

Stanton said withholding the state shared revenue is "always a possibility, but at this point doesn't appear to be necessary."

"I can't obviously rule that out at some point in the future," he said.

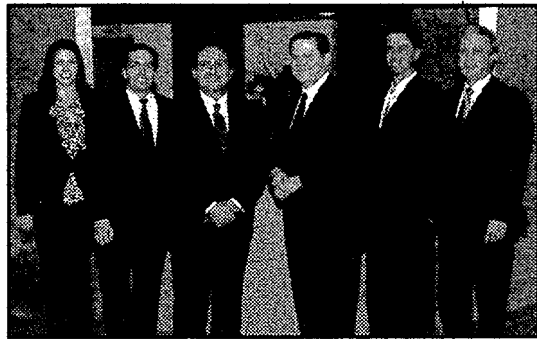
According to Wagner, the township's plan is to take out another loan to reimburse the



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Treating Facial Injury

Common types of serious facial injuries treated by oral and maxillofacial surgeons are fractures of the lower jaw, upper jaw, teeth, palate, cheekbones, or eye sockets. Because these injuries can affect your sight and the ability to breathe, speak and swallow, treatment often requires hospitalization.

The oral and maxillofacial surgeon treats facial fractures in much the same way an orthopedic surgeon treats a broken arm or leg. The broken parts of the bone must be lined up (reduced) and held in position long enough to allow them time to heal. This may require six or more weeks of healing depending on the patient's age and the fracture's complexity.

When maxillofacial fractures are complex or extensive, the oral and maxillofacial surgeon will surgically expose the bones and using a combination of wiring or plating techniques, reposition the fractured portions. The type of technique used by the surgeon depends on the location and severity of the fracture. Where a break has occurred in the upper or lower jaw, for example, metal braces may be fastened to the teeth with rubber bands or wires used to hold the jaws together.

Patients with few or no teeth may need dentures or specially constructed splints to align and secure the fracture. During the healing period when the patient's jaws are wired shut, a nutritional liquid or pureed diet will be prescribed in order to keep the patient in good health

while the injury heals. Special instructions and prescriptions for medication may also be given to the patient before leaving the hospital.

As is often the case with trauma, patients who sustain facial fractures have other medical problems as well. The oral and maxillofacial surgeon is trained to coordinate the treatment for these conditions with other doctors or specialists as needed.

Don't Treat a Facial Injury Lightly

While not all facial injuries require hospitalization, a good rule of thumb is not to take a facial injury lightly. Every facial injury affects an area of the body that is critical to breathing, eating, speaking and seeing. Even in the case of a moderately cut lip, the expertise of the oral and maxillofacial surgeon is indispensable. If sutures are needed, placement must be precise to avoid scarring and to bring about the desired cosmetic result.

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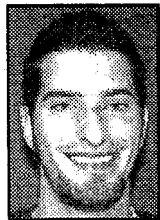
Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

News Week

Last week was a busy news week for me at the *Clarkston News*. Monday was a typical late night, little sleep deadline night, which led into Tuesday night "fun" at the Independence Township board meeting.

Actually it was rather calm and I was thinking they were going to end the night in peace at about 9 p.m., but then it happened. A topic came up which stirred emotion not only in board members, but me as well.



I heard four key things: Letters from State Treasury Department; Possible 25 percent state shared revenue loss; Trustees didn't know about it; and TOWNSHIP HALL.

I flinched in my seat and thought to myself, "oh no, not another Township Hall issue. Isn't this dead horse beaten enough yet?" Apparently not, because everytime I think all matters concerning the purchase of the new building are over, something else comes up. That's OK, though, because I consider all these big debatable topics as job security (for more information, read the story on page 4A.)

Just when I thought I had enough news on my plate for the week, I found out Wednesday Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen decided to resign. I certainly wasn't expecting that, five days into the new year and half way through her term.

Those who have read my previous columns know I have come down pretty hard on Mrs. VanderVeen in the past. Though I have not always agreed with every decision she has made or every statement she has said, I still feel bad she is resigning.

The only time I agree someone should resign from their position is if it's for health reasons, they can't do the job, or they just simply aren't doing the job.

I may not have always liked the cost of everything, because I felt there was a cheaper way to accomplish the same thing, but I did like the ideas she implemented that saved time.

For example the "paperless agenda" that gets e-mailed every two weeks. It's easier to store a PDF file than find room in a filing cabinet.

Whether it be more for personal or more health related, I wish Mrs. VanderVeen well in her future days.

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Call for council to keep resolutions

Dear Editor,

Happy New Year to *The Clarkston News* and good luck to columnist Don Rush in keeping his resolution to only write uplifting and positive thoughts.

With that in mind, I would like to recommend a new year's resolution for Clarkston City Council. Abide by the resolutions you approved in the past and if you can't, create better ones.

You know the ones I'm talking about, like the Nov. 24, 2008 resolution to have all information in writing and included in the information package so that the council and public can be informed on what is to be discussed at public meetings.

Last year was full of information handed out during the meeting, seldom given to the public, and numerous items discussed under the "City Manager's Report" that it seems no one but the city manager knows about until the city manager speaks.

Then there is the ongoing budget confusion about whether the city can spend more money than appropriated in the budget. Both the June 24, 2010 budget resolution and Oct. 12 amendment resolution said they were approved "per the attached report" which was a detailed line item budget.

Even though presented and approved by the council at a line-item level, you continue to spend more money than you have appropriated and sometimes from line items that have no appropriation at all.

I wonder where all that additional money comes from? By the way, there is no longer a police department so it makes little sense to

keep charging things to that budget.

Perhaps as important an issue is what really constitutes a decision by our City Council and what happens if everyone ignores them like you do with charter provisions, ordinances and even just plain old statements that things will get done?

What about those seven reserved parking spots at 3 E. Church that it seems only the three part time DPW employees are allowed to use?

At last year's Dec. 6 city council meeting, the city manager said he had directed the DPW director to take care of this and open up four of the seven parking spots. On New Year's Eve, when you could barely drive through the parking lot, these spots were still posted as CITY VEHICLES ONLY - TOW AWAY ZONE and were all empty.

We are all very happy knowing the city has decided every part time DPW employee should have two prime downtown parking spots, and one to spare, especially on evenings, weekends and holidays when they are not working.

We would never want them to walk any further than they have to, unlike the shoppers, visitors, residents, taxpayers, and other law abiding citizens who no doubt drive somewhere else when they can find no convenient downtown parking in the Village of Clarkston.

Happy New Year to the City Council and City Officials. How long will we all keep our resolutions and promises this year?

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

Letter to the editor

Thanks for helping with holiday meals

Dear Editor,

During the holiday season several businesses prepared and donated special meals for our homebound seniors who may not otherwise have had a home cooked meal on the holiday.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the following Clarkston businesses:

Deer Lake Athletic Club for the traditional Thanksgiving Day Feast; Autumn Ridge

Assisted Living for the wonderful Christmas Day meal; Mr. B's for providing the New Year's Day Celebration meal; and Jack Harrington who volunteered his time to deliver all of the holiday meals.

We are grateful to be part of such a caring community. Thanks for making our homebound seniors holiday very special.

Barbara Rollin
Ind. Twp. Senior Adult Activity Center

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"New school will come in on budget"
Cutting six classrooms shaved over \$600,000 and 6,500 square feet from the new Clarkston High School. The project was over budget due to escalating construction costs, architects said.

"Open for business" The Clarkston Union opened for business on Main Street. The restaurant retained many vestiges of its former use as a church, including several pews adapted into booths and stained glass windows.

"Clarkston kids tops in state quiz bowl"
Clarkston Elementary Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl Team members B.J. Cooper, Adam Richard, Casey Bolton, Peter Boissonneau, Lauren Trager, Melanie Lauer, and Jeremy Zito scored the highest in the state among fifth graders in the national competition.

25 years ago - 1986

"1986 growth predicted" Michigan was being hailed as the "comeback" state for growth and development, with Oakland County paving the way. Independence Township planners predicted recession slack in residential development would be taken up with completion of several dormant subdivisions.

"Jr. Miss ready for state finals" Dana Hocking was set to compete for Michigan Junior Miss title. She planned to perform a jazz dance routine to Phil Collins' "Don't Lose My Number." A Clarkston High School student, she was elected secretary of her senior class.

"Bus stop fortification" Young neighbors Brian Weil, Daniel Weil, Brad Ryerse, Alan Cohoon, and James Cohoon spent two hours building a snow fort on Flemings Lake Road. The structure included a peek hole so they could wait for their school bus in relative warmth.

50 years ago - 1961

"Tournament preliminaries Saturday night" Clarkston pugilists Jess Vess, Jim Manning, Frank Richmond, Chuck Saunders, Roger Jenks, Bert Montross, Charley Wolfe, Mike Ockerby, joined dozens of boxers from around the area to train for State Golden Gloves Tournament.

"Fire department has active year" The 24-man Independence Township Volunteer fire Department had two stations, at Sashabaw and Orion, and on Church Street in Clarkston. Under the leadership of Don Beach, they made 177 runs in 1960.

"Clarkston locals" Mrs. Bertha Henrikson of South Dakota flew here to spend 2-3 months with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Cobb.

Thoughts on 'adulthood'...

Every once in a while, even your hero (that would be me) gets behind the proverbial eight ball. Things stack up; the weather's too cold, the days too short. I think I need a three day weekend soon . . . too bad Martin Luther King isn't just a holiday for those with government jobs.

So, when those things conspire against me, as your hero, I always have a backup plan. The Plan B I pulled from my superhero utility belt is a column that is not really a column.

I owe this week's evil-bustin words to one Grayce Warren. Some may know her as the longtime music teacher at Clarkston High School. Others won't know her at all, cause she retired a "few" years back. Let's put it this way, she's been around the block enough times, that a few times ago she tried to teach me piano whilst I was a high school student.

She sent the following thoughts on Adulthood, that I think every young person should read.

* * *

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your

computer history if you die.

2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.

**Don't
Rush Me,**



**A column by
Don Rush**

4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.

5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?

6. Was learning cur-sive really necessary?

7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.

8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.

9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.

10. Bad decisions make good stories.

11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just

aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection . . . again.

13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.

14. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

15. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.

16. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lite than Kay.

17. I wish Google Maps had an "Avoid Ghetto" routing option.

18. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.

19. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?

20. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!

21. Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets dirty. Pants never get dirty, and you can wear them forever.

22. Sometimes I'll look down at my watch three consecutive times and still not know what time it is.

23. Even under ideal conditions, people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey -- but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from three feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

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24. The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

Thank you, Grayce, but I still think that last thought was uncalled for!
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Caption This! (or pick your favorite remark to go with my mug)

1. His mother was frightened by an owl at birth.
2. A psychic told him his colors.
3. He just learned the hand really is quicker than the eye.
4. Does your face hurt -- cuz it's killing me.
5. This guy will do anything for a little sympathy.

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I won't go so far as to make it a New Year's resolution, but I promise to quit blaming Barack Obama for everything I don't like.

Furinstance, with my extra exposure to the soon-to-be mandatory curly, mercury light bulbs, I just automatically assumed it was this administration's order.

Alas, no.

It wasn't even his party. This bill was introduced by and pushed all the way by Michigan Congressman Fred Upton (R) of St. Joseph.

Then ex-president George Bush signed the damned thing. Why? The bulb is made with mercury in China. There's a warning label that calls for 10 cleanup processes when one breaks.

We can't have a mercury thermometer, because if it breaks everything is contaminated with death producing mercury.

And, the requiring legislation passed by a huge majority. We realize the Chicoms want to kill us, but our electeds, too?

What a country?

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There was a time not so long ago when the publishers of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* sent newspapers their annual edition. When they quit, I quit reading it.

Then, for Christmas I got the 2011 edition. Of course I turned directly to the weather forecasts. (Don't we all get some kind of inner glee when we find the weather predictors wrong?)

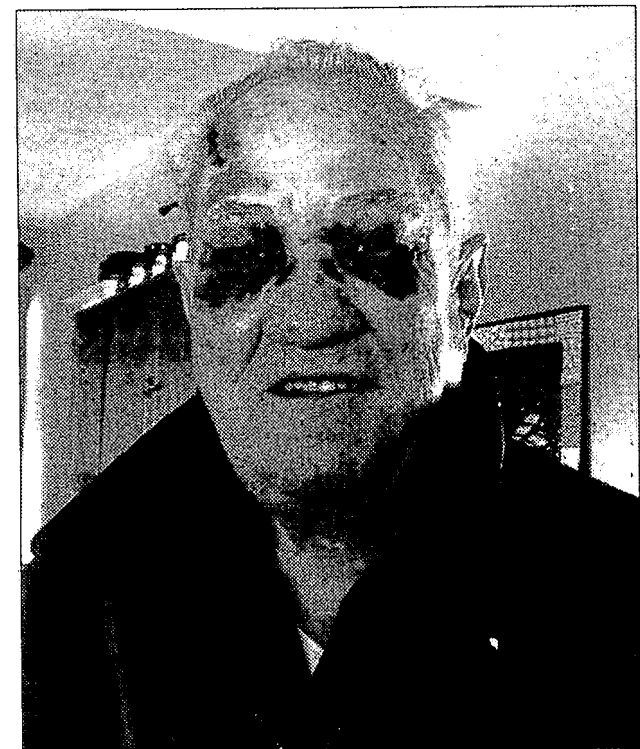
Well, the forecast for the lower Great Lakes, which includes Buffalo, Syracuse and Rochester, New York, as well as lower Michigan for December 8-29, 2010 was: sunny, then rain, seasonable, precipitation four inches.

Now, let's think back. Snow fall in the New York cities. I remember it ranged from six to sixteen feet and it was very cold. Snow plowers didn't or couldn't move. They got it right for Michigan, though.

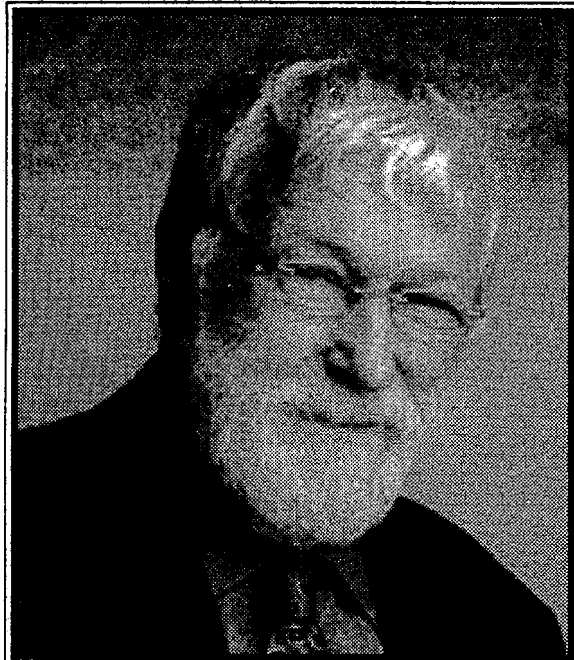
Love it!

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The rooster does lots of crowing, but it's the hen that delivers the goods.



Don't ask and I won't tell what happened.



Dr. James O'Neill, M.D.

Happy New Year from CMG!

We're very proud to announce that 2011 marks our 50th Anniversary! That's right, our founder, Dr. James O'Neill, opened his practice in 1961. There's been a tremendous amount of change, both in our town and in the field of medicine, but one man's mission of caring for this community has grown into an entire organization of people committed to your health.

Dr. O'Neill literally attended a one-room schoolhouse near the badlands in Williston, North Dakota. When he was only 16 years old, he boarded a train for Minneapolis to begin college because "there was no more they could teach him" in that little schoolhouse. Once in Minneapolis, he attended St. Thomas College, and after just three years, he had met the requirements to be accepted to St. Louis University School of Medicine.

In 1958 at the age of 23, he graduated at the top of his class and became the youngest physician in The United States. He also met my mother, Mikel, and they started a family that would eventually grow to six of us children and 14 grandchildren.

After medical school, my parents moved to Detroit so that my father could train at Henry Ford Hospital and specialize in pediatrics. As his residency neared its end, he and my mother were recruited by many small communities, but in 1961, they decided on Clarkston after much urging from Drs. Bullard and Naz. They gave him a bench in a hallway, a broom closet for supplies, and one exam room. My parents settled into the old Ford farmhouse and the rest, as they say, is history.

To give you perspective on what has happened over the last half of a century, we've had ten presidents, the US population has nearly doubled, and we've rid our country of small pox and polio, the latter of which Dr. James O'Neill survived as a child.

We need your help!

Over the next year, we're going to celebrate our organization and its success as well as tell the story of our founder. Because our success has come from people like you trusting CMG for their healthcare needs, we're asking for your help to tell the story of Dr. James O'Neill. We know there are a lot of great "Dr. O'Neill stories" in the community, and we hope you will submit them so we can publish them in our quarterly newsletter, as well as in The Clarkston News. Whether they're touching or humorous, please take the time to submit your story and if it's chosen, we'll send you a gift card as a way of saying thanks. Please use the form below to submit your stories.

One of my stories...

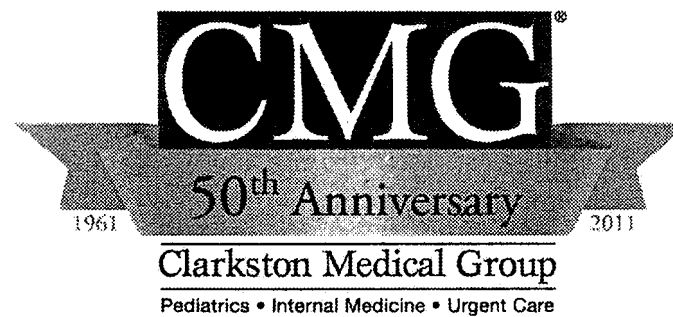
Growing up as the youngest son of Dr. O'Neill and then joining him in practice, I have quite a few stories of my own! One that always sticks with me occurred when I was only seven or eight years old. In those years, people came to our home at all hours of the day or night if they were sick or injured. That was just the way it was for our family. Oftentimes I would sneak downstairs into our back kitchen and watch him treat patients. Late one night, first one, then another bloodied teenager showed up at our back door to get their faces and knuckles sewn up. Turns out they'd gotten into a fight at Pine Knob with each other! My father very calmly got them to shake hands, made them some coffee, and sewed them up before lecturing them on staying out of trouble and not getting into fights.

We've come a long way since that little white table in our back kitchen, but the mission still remains the same; to take care of our community!

We hope you and your family will be healthy and happy in 2011!



Dr. Tim O'Neill, D.O.
President, Clarkston Medical Group



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Student suspended for web threat

An 18-year-old Clarkston High School student was suspended indefinitely in connection with a threat made on Facebook, Jan. 5.

Investigation revealed the student, a Springfield Township resident, posted "I want to kill everyone at Clarkston High School" on the social networking website, Wednesday evening.

Facebook friends' parents saw the message and notified authorities, said Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of Oakland County Sheriff Independence Township substation.

The student was jailed overnight, then released. A threat warrant was submitted to county prosecutor but was denied, LaBair said.

"We held him over night until things could be sorted out," LaBair said.

Deputies interviewed the student and checked his home for weapons.

"We didn't find the means to carry out the threat in his house - hopefully it was idle talk," he said. "But who knows. We wanted to take a closer look and cover all the bases."

This was the teen's first contact with law enforcement.

"We've had no dealings with him before," LaBair said.

The school was deemed safe and secure for school to continue as normal, according to Clarkston Community Schools.

"We are proud of our students and parents for continuing to do the right thing by alerting school or proper authorities of potential safety concerns," said Heidi McClain, superintendent's office.

- Phil Custodio

Public Safety

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

Utility thefts

A spare furnace, lawn mower, and pizza oven were discovered missing from a shed and outdoor storage, Dec. 20, in the 4000 block of Sashabaw Road.

A utility trailer was taken from a driveway in the 2000 block of Mann Road, Dec. 21.

Vehicle break-ins

The passenger side rear windows of five SUVs were broken and the vehicles' navigation systems removed, Dec. 26, in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway.

The right rear passenger window of an SUV was smashed and navigation system stolen in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, Dec. 29.

Drunk driver

A 38-year-old Independence Township woman was driving with a 39-year-old Orion Township man, 1:15 a.m., Jan. 1., when she wanted out of the car because he was driving drunk. She called a 40-year-old Independence Township man, her estranged husband, and he picked her up. Driving her home, they saw the Orion Township man leaving. The man later came back and pounded on the door, saying he just wanted to talk to her, and the couple called police. The Orion man was arrested for drunk driving.

Burglary

Someone used a rock to break into a Dixie Highway pharmacy, Jan. 2.

Just wants to 'talk'

A 21-year-old Clarkston woman locked herself in a bathroom as a 21-year-old Clarkston man pounded on a sliding glass door to the home, with her friends calling police, 10:30 p.m., Dec. 30, in the 2000 block of Mann Road. Dating off and on, the woman let the man borrow her car, but he didn't return it in time. She found him passed out in the driver's seat with engine running, and she reached in and took the keys. He woke up and chased her to a friend's house, saying he needed his stuff from the car. He was gone when deputies arrived, but kept calling her cell phone. Speaking to police, he said he just wanted to talk to her.

Tax fraud

An Independence Township man reported someone filed tax form 1040 using his name and Social Security number with the IRS and received a refund. The fraudulent return listed his Independence Township street address, but gave his city as N. Miami Beach, Fla. The IRS notified him he owed them fines for erroneous claims, and reported it, Jan. 3.

Stolen car

A car was taken from the 5000 block of Columbia Street, Jan. 3. The owner wasn't sure if the vehicle was locked. A broken piece of plastic from its ignition housing was found in the driveway.

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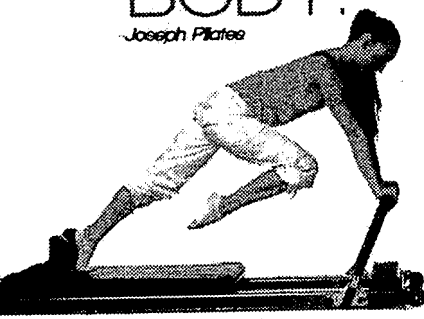

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Gray, Erin
Gross, Kaley
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Hamilton, Caitlin
Harris, Angela
Haven, Louise
Helgeson, Jan
Holloway, Jordan
Jones, Kyle
Kitchen, Allison
Luibrand, Kelsey
Massar, Michael
McCarty, Megan
McCue, Adam
Messick, Emily
Morley, Breeann
Patel, Ronak
Reeves, Allie
Rice, Emily
Russell, Zandra
Sementkowski, Jonah
Senko, Danielle
Sims, Jake
Smiley, Chloe
Stevenson, Natalie
Traver, Kayle
Wang, Michael
Weiss, Taylor
Wertheimer, Megan
Williams, John

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Abrams, Edward
Allan, Mary
Andree, Robyn
Andres, Krista

Bautz, Justin
Barker, Haley
Bell, Samuel
Berg, Ashley
Bette, Alisa
Bice, Lauren
Boergert, Stephanie
Bonzheim, Christian
Bulan, Benjamin
Bush, Amy
Caine, Victoria
Campbell, Michael
Canada, Christopher
Chamberlain, Melissa
Davis, Taylor
Dayer, Dillon
Duberg, Kaisie
Dumas, Megan
Ejups, Amanda
Emery, Taylor
Fantin, Lindsey
Getty, Jason
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Goryca, Jamie
Grainer, Morgan
Gregor, Nicolette
Hall, Connor
Hallman, Rawley
Hardy, Erica
Herrera, Ryan
Huffman, Amanda
Kelley, Jeremy
Kersten, Jarrett
Krausman, Katherine
Larouque, Deidra
Lee, Weston
Maccollman, Drew
Martin, Lee
Messing, Jacob
Moloney, Anna
Morrison, Rhea
Morse, Austin
Murray, Stacey
Nacy, Michael
Nardone, Shelby
Newman, Jennifer
Noel, Chelsea
Paul, Rachelle

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Acavedo, Roceisela
Aguayo, Nickolas
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Altene, Sarah
Anderson, Benjamin
Anderson, Gabrielle
Arden, Robert
Atwell, Emma
Bailey, Kelsey
Garver, Travis
Balkany, Whitney
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Blaszowski, Lauren
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Bonner, Lauren

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Burger, Brian
Burkhardt, Danielle
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Catalano, Ryan
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Cochran, Courtney
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Dawes, Zachary
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Elson, Miriam
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Fitzgerald, Alexander
Fleming, Zachary
Fos, Anna
Fox, Matthew
Furman, Michael
Garcia, Natalie
Garten, Gidget
Garver, Travis
Gervin, Alicia
Gibson, Eric
Gildner, Alec
Gildner, Brent
Gill, Nathan
Gilmer, Ashley

Gohl, Scott
Gosztyla, Andrew
Green, Tyler
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Hamilton, Sarah
Hanel, Ashley
Harvey, Caitlin
Hendershott, Breana
Henige, Michael
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Hoyt, Jacob
Hudson, Melissa
Hughes, Connor
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Jackson, Mackenzi
Jameson, Jamie
Jamieson, Robert
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Johnson, Danielle
Johnson, Jessica
Johnson, Samantha
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Joseph, Shayna
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Knox, Emily
Landis, Alyssa
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Larkins, Nathan
Lawson, Brittany
Loomis, Nicholas
Lowe, Brooke
Lucas, Kristina
Maes, Elizabeth
Magidsohn, Rosemary
Paola
Malace III, Larry
Maldonado, Raphael
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Marchiando, Carley
Mark, Lindsey

Maurer, Jonathan
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McCleskey, Zachary
McCord, Michael
McEntee, Erik
McEvilly, Lauren
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McInally, Nicholas
McMahon II, William
McVety, Brianna
Mead, Sarah
Meharg, Marcy
Meyer, Kimberly
Michalak, Andrea
Miller, Jessica
Miller, Riley
Millikan, Ryan
Mistavich, Andrea
Moore, Stephanie
Moraw, Halle
Moultrup, Mark
Mullany, Steven
Mullen, Tabitha
Olsen, Sierra
Olson, Amber
Opie, Jennifer
Osler, Lindsey
Palmer, Jason
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Parker, Grace
Parkhill, Courtney
Peterman, Dallas
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Peterson, Benjamin
Phillips, Brett
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Post, Caitlyn
Pridemore, Dylan
Quinn, Alexander
Quinn, Lindsey
Rajala, Joshua

Reynolds, Danielle
Romanowski, David
Sakalian, Alexandra
Saplala, Alexa
Schroeder, Margaret
Song, Ethan
Sims, Phillip
Siwicki, Vince
Stoney, Jeffrey
Smigelski, Garrett
Smith, Aaron
Stahl, Whitney
Steckler, Travis
Stefanic, Bryce
Stevens, Amy
Stolnicki, Michael
Stringer, Katelin
Stusek, Jordan
Terry, Brandon
Thompson, Kevin
Tomei, Taylor
Torode, Antonius
Turkington, Sean
Turner, Hillary
Ulrich, Allison
Underwood, Ashlee
Vanbuskirk, Ryan
Vandekerckhove, Sara
Vansickle, Samantha
Viavanko, Claire
Walker, Barbara
Walter, Brandon
Ward, Erin
Ward, William
Weller, Robert
Wesierski, Alexa
Wilder, Mackenzie
Wilks, John
Wojciechowski, Brandon
Wright, Aaron
Wright, Megan
Wung, Krysta-Marie
Youngert, Alexander
Zalobsky, Mark
Zezula, Elizabeth
Zielinski, Payton

**JUNIORS
4.0**
Anderson, Erika
Bacher, Jessica
Ballough, Kristina
Blust, Kathleen
Chase, Chelsea
Cole, Julie
Culver, Michael
Dahl, Nicholas
DeCoster, Tyler
Dumais, Andrea
Frame, Hannah
Friend, Lindsey
Gargas, Evan
Gruebnaue, Kyle
Gustafson, Amber
Holcombe, Ashley
Hubregsen, Abigail
Kerr, Geena
Mahoney, Rebekah
McCallum, Sarah
Pawlik, Spenser
Plont, Stephen
Redman III, John
Ross, Nathaniel
Salada, Andrew
Settling, Alyssa
Shahly, Eric
Shutty, Noah
Spytman, Alyssa
Torres, Nadia
Vileneuve, Courtney
Wilson, Allyson

3.9 - 3.7
Adams, Reece
Allard, Anthony
Brozovich, Kaitlin
Burnham, Stephanie
Byrne, Daniel
Campbell, Ashley
Campbell, Christie
Campbell, Sueann
Castillo, Erin
Ferguson, Madison
Genoa, Joseph

Students honored for first trimester academics

Gozdor, Christopher
Hastings, Megan
Hawkins, Emily
Helmkey, Tawnee
Henke, Christina
Herkness, Jenna
Hickey, Samantha
Huber, Grant
Inch, Kyle
Jarvis, Amelia
Keller, Sarah
Keusch, Amanda
Kincaid, Jordan
Kirby, Caitlin
Kociszewski, Hailey
Kornas, Jacob
Kotcher, Kendall
Leichtman, Megan
Leuchman, Gianna
Manssur, Rachel
McCallum, Kelli
Ming, Jessica
Moreno, Jessica
Nastasa, Dimitrie
Niezgoda, Angela
Nowak, Erika
Pierce, Rachel
Plummer, Christine
Prada, Adriana
Punches, Joshua
Pytel, Rachel
Richards, Alex
Riggs, Andrew
Rodewald, Lauren
Rumbold, Tyler
Schultz, Eric
Seguin, Bryan
Shutty, Jacob
Skinner, Zachary
Smith, Grace
Smith, Kelsey
Sowers, Joshua
Spindler, Gabriella
Stawara, Allison
Stevenson, Kelsey
Tack, Eric
Thierbach, Alexander
Toth, Samantha
Trimmer, Victoria
Vedrody, Andrea
Watts, Casey
Wicks, Trevor
Wozniak, Amy
Young, Isaac
Zeder, Hanna

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Adams, Lindsey
Addis, Morgan
Angel, Zachary
Austin, Joshua
Ayoub, Laura
Baenziger, Mitchell
Bale, Melanie
Barta, Alexander

Bedell, Melanie
Bedenis, Logan
Belovender, Bradley
Bemis, Patrick
Berti, Eric
Billington, Charles
Billups, Brian
Blaga, Brianna
Blenc, Alex
Blythe, Danielle
Bradley, Justina
Bragan, Kaitlyn
Brand, Jake
Britting, Christian
Brown, Mitchell
Bruderick, Adam
Budzinski, John
Buesching, Adam
Bush, Davis
Butterfield, Ryan
Buttino, Allison
Checkowsky, Chad
Comos, Gabriel
Compagnoni, Christopher
Cooke, Cathryn
Coolay, Kelliann
Corazza, Daniel
Cornell, Bradley
Cotcher, Hayden
Covault, Madison
Croteau, Jasmine
Cunningham, Cassidy
Currao, Alyssa
D'Andrea, Alyssa
Daros, Curtis
Dallinger, Matthew
Dallinger, Stephanie
Demattia, Nicholas
Devos, Scott
Dickey, Christopher
Diemer, Robert
Dixon, Riley
Ducharme, Devon
Dulyn, Alana
Eccleston, Lindsay
Ferer, Mikayla
Finn, Zachary
Fisk, Jeffrey
Flaishans, Zachary
Flynn, Cody
Francis, Megan
Frost, Chad
Garbe, Denise
Garland, Allison
Geimer, Zachary
Gembores, Christopher
Giola, Justin
Gleiss, Mende
Glowski, Rachel
Gohl, Adam
Goss, Joseph
Gotaas, Garret
Greene, Sean
Gresock, Sara
Haines, Justin

Hall, Abbey
Hamlin, Hannah
Hardy, Stephanie
Harris, Kyle
Hartman, Lauren
Havens, Rachel
Hefty, Taylor
Henney, Jordan
Hershey, Lucas
Heuserman, Andrew
Hicks, Anastasia
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Hokanson, Katherine
Hurd, Sarah
Jacobs, Samantha
Jerolemon, Timothy
Jochum, Sam
Johnson, Allyson
Johnston, Dakota
Jones, Jaren
Kamieniecki, Alan
Kessman, Nicole
Kilmer, Jenna
Kistner, Matthew
Klebba, Austin
Kolic, Kelsey
Koracz, Daniel
Kornell, Bradley
Kritzman, Amy
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Kyles, Bre'ana
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Lewis, Morgan
Lightfoot, Madison
Linehan, Thomas
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Lussenhop, Madeline
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Marchelletta, Anthony
Martin, Joseph
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Mee, Stephen
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Patel, Sharvil
Ray, Michael
Riemenschneider, Kelsey
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Trask, Tyler
Weller, Bethany
Williams, Jennifer
Wung, Alexis

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Caine, Alexander
Canada, Drew
Chaney, Elizabeth
Colombo, Craig
Daly-Seiler, Conor
Dickerson, Rachel
Dodd, Lauren
Drawing, Austin
Ebbeling, Amanda
Eberle, Kayla
Fos, Haley
Freeman, Destanee
Fritz, Adam
Gertz, Samantha
Gipe, Kathryn
Grego, Mary
Guiga, Adam
Gupta, Natasha
Helgeson, Benjamin
Holloway, London
Hundzinski, Courtney
Johnson, Lauryn
Kamp, Kendall
Kelly, Catherine
Kojima, Bridget
Larkin, Adam
Linehan, Mallory
Lohmeier, Olivia
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McFadden-Keesling, Sophia
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Bauman, Garrett
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Bentler, Paige
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Bogges III, David
Boston, Mackenzie
Bowman, Natalie
Bradley, Angela
Brantley, Annette
Buckbee, Kathryn
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Cach, Kendra
Carter, Logan
Catania, Kaitlin
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Chesney, Mitchell
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Clark, Mackenzie
Compagnoni, Katlyn
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Cummings, Amy
Damico, Jenna
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Dasugi, Jordan
Davis, Stevie
Dhir, Ekta
Dicea, Alex
Diemert, Michael
Divilbiss, Jr., James
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Genter, Alec
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Gieske, Michelle
Giola, Adam
Girard, Maia
Graham, Molly
Gravenstreter, Faith
Graves, Joelle
Green, Lee
Grinding, Wyatt
Grogan, Jennifer
Grush, Jacob
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Hall, Christian
Hamann, Matthew
Hamilton, Ryan
Harrison, Alexandria
Hartman, Abby
Havens, Regan
Hawley, Marissa
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Hensel, Jacklyn
Hernandez, Anthony
Holsbake, Lance
Huffman, Kyle
James, Sadye
Johns, Adam
Johnson, Danielle
Joyce, Tyler
Kenny, Delaney
Kesteloot, Sarah
Kirby, Kyle
Kneisel, Evan
Kostin, Shay
Kowal, Alexander
Kuhn, Shelby
Kuruville, Joshua
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Wolves put chink in Knights' armor

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Nick Tatu opened the game against Oak Park with a pair of three pointers on Friday night.

Another shot from outside the arc from senior Matt Rodgers put the boys at nine while the Knights remained at zero.

Keeping the momentum for the remainder of the game wasn't hard as the Wolves kept adding more points, ending the game 77-37.

"It was a step for us we needed," said Tatu about the boys second win after three losses. "Tonight was a big step for us. We were able to move the ball and get our offense going and play a good defense. We started off beating St. Mary's. It was a good game for us against a good team. Then, we started slowly decreasing after losing to Carman-Ainsworth."

Dan Fife, long-time Wolves Boys Varsity basketball head coach, hopes it is a small step in the direction the team needs to go after losing three consecutive games.

The boys went into the second half leading 46-22 and they kept denting the Knights' defense.

With 4:15 left to go for the night, Mitch Baenziger sunk his basket putting the boys at 74-34 - activating the running clock.

A three pointer from Wolf Stacy Murray and two points from Knight Antoine Jones ended the game at 77-37.

"It was good for the morale of our kids to get us going," he said. "We had a tough week."

The Wolves first game coming off break led them to Southfield's gym, where they controlled the game for the first three quarters.

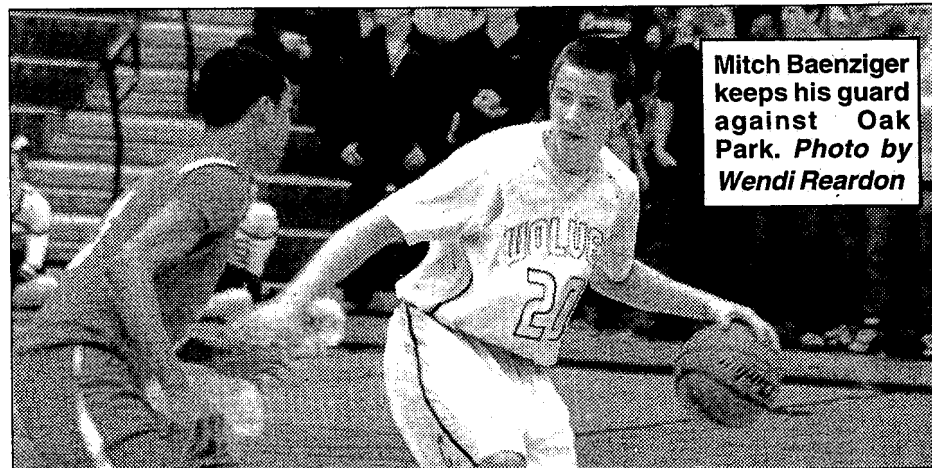
The tides began to turn with four minutes left in the game when the Bluejays went on a 18-2 run.

Layups from Mitch Baenziger and Nick Tatu kept the gap small but fouls against Clarkston sent their opponents twice in the last 30 seconds for four shots, ending the game 63-60.

"We played better against Southfield," said Fife. "Our intensity was higher than it has been but we found a way to lose along the stretch. Good teams find a way to win down the stretch when the heat is on."

"We weren't able to finish the game," said Tatu, adding it was a good game for the boys.

"They helped us because they showed us what teams are going to do. They are going to turn up the heat against us and we are going to have to be able to match it. With Southfield being one of the best teams in the state I don't think we are going to be matched



Mitch Baenziger keeps his guard against Oak Park. Photo by Wendi Reardon

up better than they are. No team is going to bring the heat like they did."

Tatu led during both games, scoring 14 points on Southfield and 27 on Oak Park with six field goals against the Knights.

"Tatu shot the ball as well as you can shoot it," said Fife.

Also, leading the board against Southfield were Jordan Dasuqi with 13 points and Marcus Hardy with 11.

Hardy scored 15 against Oak Park.

"It was his best game," added Fife. "Offensively and defensively. He played the ball

the way I wanted it to be played."

Clarkston faces a busy week playing four games within seven days.

"We will find out a lot about ourselves next week because there is no rest - all good teams," said Fife. "I am anxious to see how we play."

"Keep on going. Keep working hard," added Tatu. "We can't step back."

The boys head to Farmington Harrison on Thursday night, then the Horatio Williams Freedom Classic on Saturday, and to Pontiac next Tuesday.

Athlete of the Week Sloney slants for wins

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Jeff Sloney is continuing to leave his mark on Clarkston Wrestling for his final season.

He placed second in his 130-pound weight class during two tournaments, Tournament of Champs on Dec. 30 and Oakland County Meet, Dec. 22.

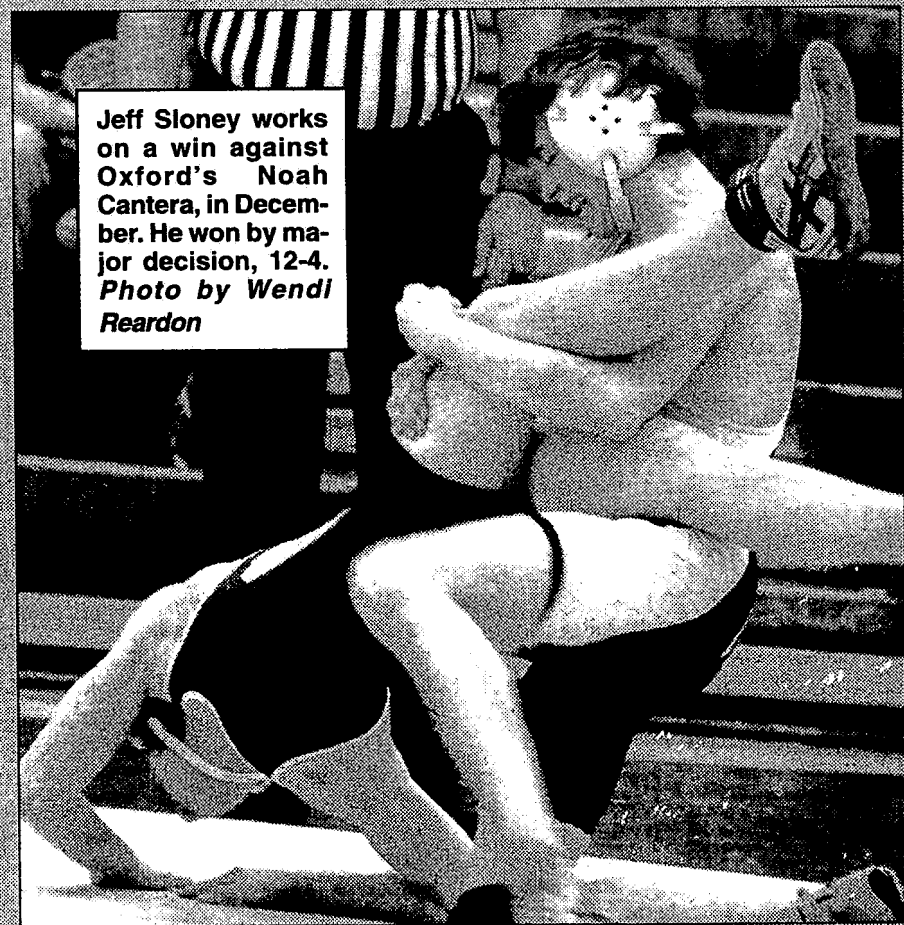
"He has wrestled great all year," said Wolves' Varsity Wrestling Coach Andy Auten. "He struggled when going up a weight class but has wrestled very well and pinned the guy from Logan Marcicki from Detroit Catholic Central two times this year."

He lost to Joe Rendina of Dundee, ranked

17th in the nation, for second place in the Tournament of Champs, 15-2. On his way to the final round he beat returning state champ Jordan Bosma of Hesperia, ranked first in 135-pound in Division 4. He won the the semifinal round 9-3 and beat Marcicki in the quarterfinals.

"He may drop down to 125 pounds and that could help him out even more," said Auten.

Besides aiding his team with wins, Sloney is working on making his third appearance at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling final; his previous visits he made All-State finishing in the top eight. Sloney is currently ranked third in Division.



Jeff Sloney works on a win against Oxford's Noah Cantera, in December. He won by major decision, 12-4. Photo by Wendi Reardon


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Lady Cagers on fire with three-win streak

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves sunk their first two wins of the new year last week against Chippewa Valley and Pontiac.

"I was pleased with how they played," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk. "They are getting better on the defensive and offensive ends. They are getting comfortable playing with each other on the floor."

The girls began the week with a 51-41 win at Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley.

"Overall I was very pleased with how we shot from the free throw line," said Wasilk. "We played a nice floor game. We were in control the entire game."

Clarkston outscored Chippewa Valley in two quarters. Both teams scored 10 in the second quarter and Chippewa Valley outscored by two in the last quarter.

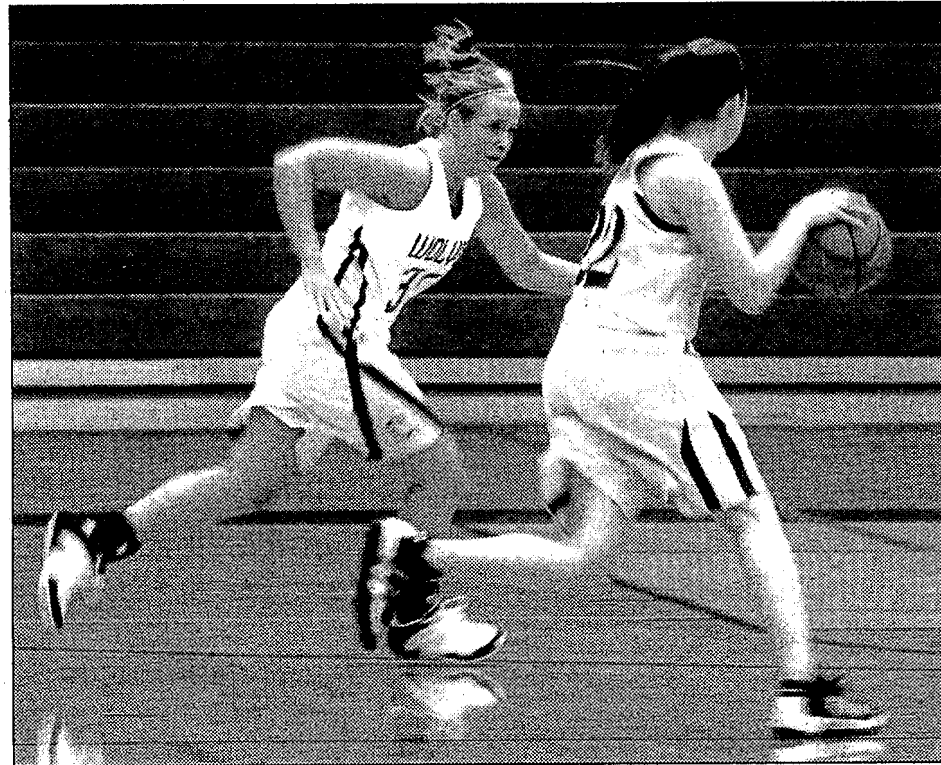
But the Wolves held a five point lead going into the last half and scored seven more points against their hosts opening the second half.

The girls had another task during their game – they had to keep Chippewa Valley from shooting three pointers.

"They do a great job with three point shooting," said Wasilk. "We pressured them. They had a tough time shooting. We did a nice job taking away their three pointers."

They only had two get past the Lady Wolves.

Lindsey Reppuhn led with 15 points, making eight at the free throw line and a field goal. Delaney Kenny added ten to the



Megan Hastings runs to block an opponent from making a shot. Photo by Wendi Reardon

board and had three steals and five rebounds. Megan Hastings scored seven points.

Tori Trimmer had eight rebounds.

The girls beat their OAA foes Pontiac High School last Thursday, 48-46.

"It was a toughness win," added Wasilk. Clarkston held onto the lead going into

the second half with 26-15 on the scoreboard.

The Lady Phoenix came back posting 18 points on the Wolves and kept them to only scoring five in the third quarter.

The girls still had eight minutes to take the lead. For the girls in blue, they only needed the last minute for them to secure a

win. Reppuhn was sent to the line after being fouled on. She connected four straight free throw shots in the final moments putting the score where it would remain, 48-46.

"The girls responded with a late Pontiac rally," said Wasilk. "Pontiac took lead by three we responded making some big shots and making some big plays down the stretch. I was pleased with how they played."

Reppuhn led the game with 15 points, scoring three field goals during the night.

Hastings added nine points and three steals and Christina Jokisch had eight for the night and five rebounds. Both scored a 3-pointer.

Anna Manilla had six rebounds.

The girls handed Troy their first loss in the OAA on Monday night, 46-31. Putting Clarkston 5-4 overall and 4-4 in the league.

The Lady Wolves rallied 15 points in the first quarter setting the pace for the game and put 11 more on the board at the end of the half.

Defense put up the blocks and kept the Colts down to 15 points during the first three quarters.

Manilla, Hastings and Christina Jokisch added eight points each in the game. Kacy Robinson scored seven points.

The Lady Wolves take on their Lake Orion rivals on Friday night at home and host Rochester Adams next Tuesday.

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

"We are very excited about the rest of this year," said Wasilk, adding they have a lot of depth on this season's team and everyone contributes.

"We look to big things this week."



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Wolves pin Carman-Ainsworth for win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers split their dual meet last Wednesday, beating Flint Carman-Ainsworth and falling to Rochester for the first time in 25 years.

Senior Matt Vandermeer got the night rolling in the boys 43-30 win over Carman-Ainsworth, winning the first match with a fall 4:53 against Tae Pendelton in the 171-pound weight class.

Mitchell Manns (215) was the next to put points on the score when he pinned Eris Bradley with a fall half way through his second period putting the score at 12-6.

Brett Foltz (103) added six with a fall, seven seconds left in the second period. Cameron Wilkie (119), Jeff Sloney (130) and Marc Bosnack (135) also ranked up the points with pins. Matt Wright (112) scored 11 points on Devincent Cook and Micheal Henige (160) won by major decision, 18-5, to close the first meet.

The boys went on to lose to Rochester, 39-25. Vandermeer put the boys on the board first winning by major decision, 10-0, against Jameson Joyce in the 189-pound match.

Scott Devos (185) added six with a fall 1:33 into his matchup against Fabion Villaloss keeping the boys in the lead.

After a series of losses, Cameron Wilkie

(119) put a few more points on the board with a 6-1 win.

Jeff Sloney's pin in the 130-pound weight class put Clarkston two points within Rochester but another series of losses unfolded, putting the Falcons into the lead 30-19.

Kyle Broughton (145), Henige (160) and Chris Calvano (171) kept the boys afloat with the last three wins for the night.

"We did pretty well," said Coach Andy Auten. "We had too many guys out but the guys that wrestled did a good job."

Two of the standouts included Henige and Calvano. Henige moved up to the 160-pound weight class to beat Cody Devoe, from Rochester, 5-0. Devoe is currently ranked

fourth and Henige holds the sixth spot.

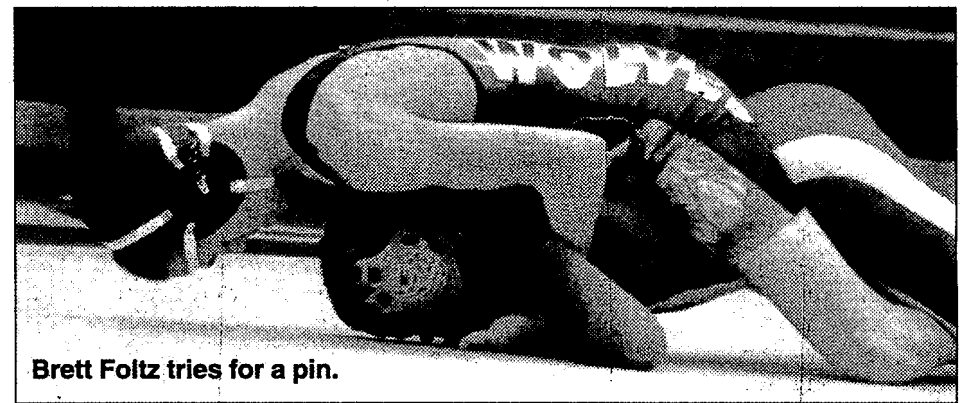
Calvano moved up from the B Team to help the varsity team and wrestled the 171-pound, also moving up from his 152-pound weight class.

He went up against Rochester's Matt Waskiewisz, ranked seventh in the state. He lost 5-3 after competing for three rounds.

"He had a great match and wrestled very well," said Auten.

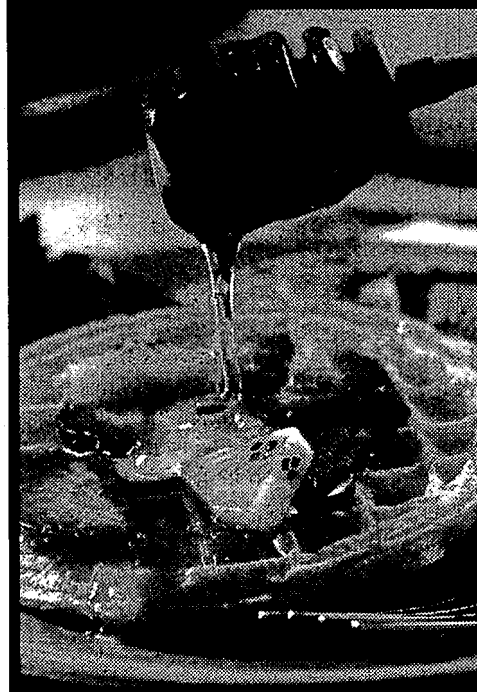
Auten explained some of the starting lineup were missing because of illnesses or injuries.

The boys head to Carlson on Wednesday for a Quad meet and Detroit Catholic Central on Saturday for their Super Duals.



Brett Foltz tries for a pin.

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OJ movie a behind the scenes look that will keep you watching

Local man produces documentary questions media coverage

By Don Rush
Assistant Publisher

In October of last year, Springfield Township resident Mark (Norman to his friends) Pardo was inspired into action. Actually he got mad, mad at a "stupid TV show."

As he watched Oprah Winfrey interview former Los Angeles homicide detective Mark Fuhrman, Pardo knew he had to make his move and finish his movie.

"I couldn't believe Oprah was trying to rehabilitate Mark Fuhrman's image. I got mad at Oprah," he said recently. "I always knew I was going to make an OJ movie, but I was going to wait a while."

Life happens and he put together a little over two hours of footage into a documentary called, *OJ Simpson: The American Cover-up*. Pardo has over 70 hours of Simpson footage from when he worked as Simpson's manager/promoter (1999 until the entertainer was arrested in 2007 for armed robbery and kidnapping).

In the documentary, Pardo, a generally jovial individual with a southern Florida accent, shows a side of OJ Simpson's life not many have seen -- a raw look at the celebrity going from town to town, from "gig to gig" making money, signing autographs, doing radio interviews and opening nightclubs.

Much of the footage is taped from the back seat of a moving car, some at airports and hotels. From the experiences with OJ, Pardo has come to a conspiratorial view of the American media.

"I was with OJ. People loved OJ. They wanted their picture with him, they wanted his autograph. And, whenever I saw what was on TV it was always people protesting -- that's not what I saw," he said.

Through the documentay Pardo raises the question about the media and race in America that can be summed up by OJ, when he opined on new coverage of him-

self, "How do you know it's not true?" Pardo goes even further, "You basically have two men who control the media -- one is liberal and one is conservative and whatever they do, it is to make money. My experience with the media as OJ's manager was when they wanted a live interview, they really just wanted a scripted interview. They wanted you to fit into their script. And, when you didn't, they'd turn off your mic(rophone). It isn't right. I want someone in the middle who is just gonna give me the news. It got to a point that I wouldn't let anybody know where we were going to be until the morning we were going to be there. I didn't want the media to know."

Throughout the documentary, OJ tells what he thinks about the murder of his wife, Nicole, and Ron Goldman, how the media handled it, about growing up, mixed in with outbursts at Pardo.

"When you watch, you can see I am trying to get OJ going. I wanted people to see him -- all sides of him. This is OJ, basically in his own words. We were going to do this movie. Then he was arrested in Las Vegas. Then we were going to do the movie when he got out. But, that could be in 33 years," Pardo said.

Pardo believes the timing of OJ's trial in Las Vegas, hurt him.

"When OJ was sentenced, that was only a few weeks before the November election in which Barack Obama would be elected President of the United States. The media needed a guilty black man to offset their positive coverage of Obama. What you didn't see at OJ's trial was Al Sharpton or Jesse Jackson or the Black Panthers all coming to show their support. They couldn't. OJ knew that. He knew he was the sacrificial lamb so Obama could get elected. And, OJ went along with it."

OJ Simpson: The American Coverup is produced by TMI Pictures, in Detroit. TMI



Springfield Township resident Mark "Norman" Pardo shares a laugh with OJ Simpson in a scene from Pardo's upcoming documentary. Photo provided.

is short for Too Much Information. Pardo said TMI is getting ready to produce another movie about the holocaust.

"We are not afraid to show people information and let them make up their own minds, not just about OJ, but about how things really work, American politics and the American media."

Pardo said he will take *OJ Simpson: The American Coverup* to the Cannes Film Festival this spring. A private screening is planned for noon, Feb. 5.

For more information or to schedule another screening, call 248-625-4893. To view the movie trailer, go to TMIpictures.com.

So, what is OJ like?
"OJ is ornery. You'll notice in the movie that everything is OJ's way ... but at the same time, he does what

everybody tells him to do."

What really happened to Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman?

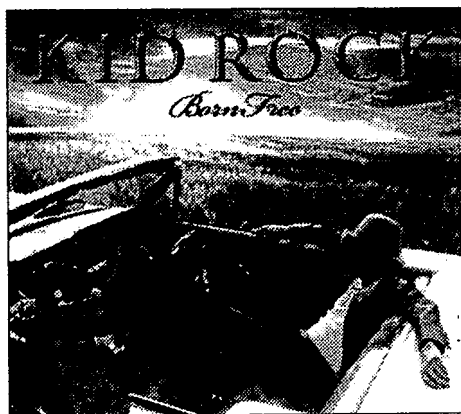
"OJ told me, that I didn't want to know what happened that night. He always told me, 'Let it go.'"

Did OJ confess in the presence of his old promoter, Mike Gilbert?

"No way. In his own mind, he doesn't believe he did it. I got him good and drunk and asked. No way, he would confess. He doesn't believe it"

Is Mark Fuhrman a racist?

"In the movie, continually, we have quotes from Mark Fuhrman where he used the 'n' word. These are all documented. Why Oprah would want to rehabilitate his image is beyond me."



Independence Township resident Kid Rock's latest CD is *Born Free*.

Happy Birthday, Mr. Ritchie, aka Kid Rock

This coming Monday, Jan. 17, is not only Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It is also the birthday of one of the area's most noteworthy residents.

Since Robert J. Ritchie has done much for the area (frequenting local businesses; making donations for different civic projects; and even using footage of the area in recent music videos) *The Clarkston News* wishes Kid Rock a Happy Birthday!

Ritchie was raised just over the eastern border of Oakland County, in Romeo,

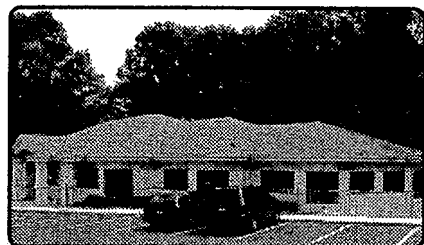
Michigan. He was born on Jan. 17, 1971, and has become known worldwide as a singer-song-writer, showcasing definite blue-collar, Midwestern sensibilities.

We conducted some "investigative" internet "journalism" and found Jan. 17 is a date with more than its fair share of celebrity birthdays. See if you recognize any.

Ben Franklin -- 1706
Al Capone -- 1899
Rock Hudson -- 1925
Eartha Kitt -- 1927

James Earl Jones -- 1931
Maury Povich -- 1939
Muhammad Ali -- 1942
Andy Kaufman -- 1949
Jim Carrey -- 1962

Kid Rock's latest album (CD, to youngsters) is called *Born Free*. His clothing line, "Made In Detroit" is available at Chi Chi La La Boutique in Clarkston. (oh, and Kid ... when you wanna' come in to the *CNews* office for an interview, give us a call, 248-625-3370!) -- Don Rush



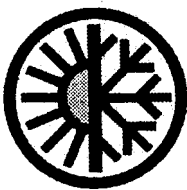
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Township clerk steps down

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After six years and half way into second term of office, Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen decided to step down.

"Due to personal and health reasons, I will be resigning my position as clerk effective January 10, 2011," VanderVeen said in an e-mail to fellow board members, Jan. 5.

Supervisor Dave Wagner was "very distressed" when he read the clerk was resigning her position. He said VanderVeen was "leaving as she came in, a real professional."

"I know she won't reconsider, but she's going to be sorely missed. She has done more for this township than has been done in many, many years, not to say the previous clerk wasn't loved and did magnificent things too," Wagner said. "But Mrs. VanderVeen has done an excellent job."

Trustee Larry Rosso agreed it will be a "great loss to the board."

"She's going to be very difficult to replace," he said. "She's really a wonderful person to work with and she's going to be missed."

Treasurer Curt Carson, who was out of town, said he was saddened by the news.

"I will do everything I can to maintain stability on the financial floor," Carson said.

Trustee David Lohmeier said if it's not health related, he'd love VanderVeen to change her mind.

"But if its health related as she said, you can't push someone beyond what they're physically capable of. She's got to make the decision that's in the best interest of her own health," Lohmeier said. "It's a huge hole to fill."

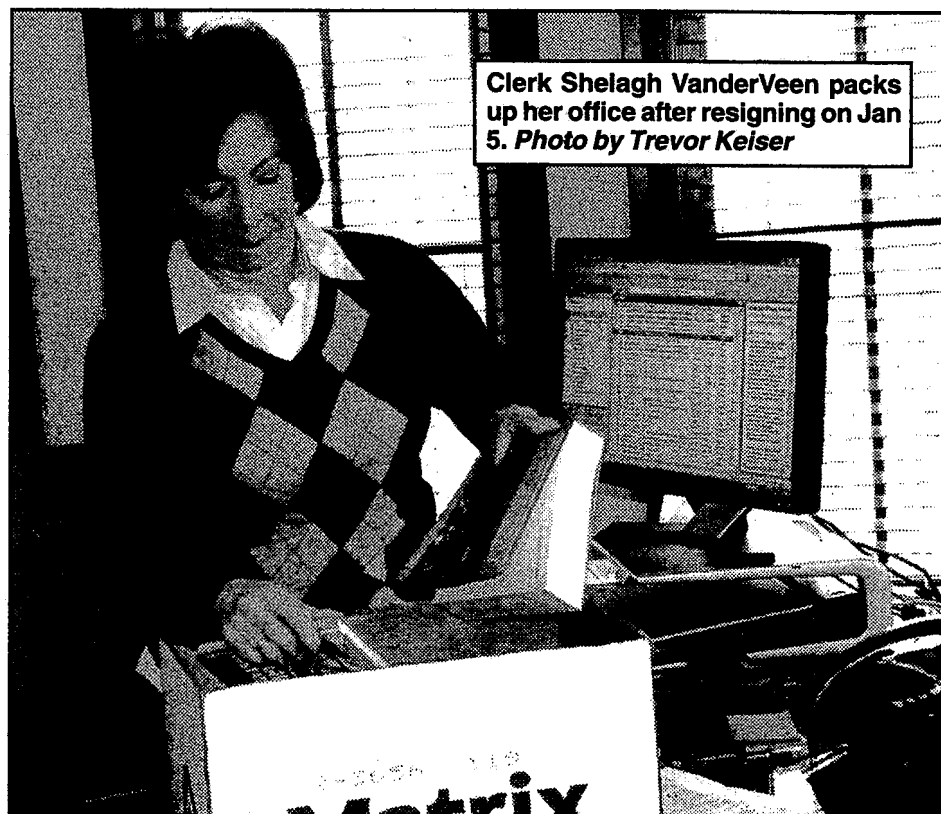
VanderVeen would not comment any further as to reasons why she was leaving, but she did recall some accomplishments she was proud of during her time in office.

When she was first elected in 2004, VanderVeen remembers taking a little tape recorder to meetings in order to do the minutes. With the help of Clarkston Public Access Coordinator and Program Director Andy Reish, the township purchased recording equipment that recorded clearly everything board members said, and had the capability to e-mail it.

"That's when we had the audio portion of the meeting delivered to all the board members," she said. "We (also) could send it to our court reporter, our minute taker and she actually to this day does the minutes from that audio."

VanderVeen was also very happy when the township went to the "paperless agenda" and was able to e-mail board packets as well.

"When I first came in, we would have to get ready for the meeting. We would put together 11 packets for the board. We'd had



Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen packs up her office after resigning on Jan 5. Photo by Trevor Keiser

to collate everything, we'd have to put in all the check run, which sometimes to this day runs 284 pages, just for the check run," she said. "Then we'd get that all together, put a big paper clip on it, put in an envelope and have to take it and hand deliver it to everybody's home."

Wagner agreed that was one of the VanderVeen's "milestones," which got them into the 21st century.

She said the two most important functions of the clerk are elections and record keeping. She can sleep easy now knowing records are kept safely electronically as well.

"There are years and years of accumulated records out in that pole barn and nobody really knows what's out there. When it came to finding records, it was like 'who has that?' Rita Heady (project manager for the records retention program) has done a great job," VanderVeen said. "She's organized the pole barn and cleaned it up."

Though not completely where they want to be concerning record keeping, she believes they're heading in the right direction and eventually they'll get there.

"All the things we do now, save so much time," she said. "We just take it for granted and that's all right."

Even though she took some heat for it, VanderVeen is "pleased about getting a human resource professional."

"Carol (Gabris) negotiating the contracts, helping with the benefits, helping with the hiring, firing, and discipline. We don't have

to worry whether we're doing the right thing any more, whether we're following the law - she's a professional," she said. "I think it's nice the employees can go and ask questions without having to deal with board officials, but it's somebody separate."

Lastly, VanderVeen's proud of the new Township Hall.

"This is going to be something that's going to be here long after both of us (she and Wagner) are gone," she said. "It's a beautiful facility. It works well for all the workers and residents."

Going forward, VanderVeen wants to spend more time with grandchildren, family, and friends. As far as future advice for the next clerk, she encouraged them "not to be influenced by what they hear or read."

"Come in with an open mind and willingness to work with everyone," she said. "I've always done what I thought was best for our township."

VanderVeen still has things she'd like to see happen, which Wagner has promised to bring to the board.

"I think they're good ideas," he said.

According to state law, the township board has 45 days from the date of resignation to appoint a new clerk. If they do not appoint within that time, it will go the Oakland County clerk, who will call a special election to fill the vacancy.

The board scheduled a special meeting, Jan. 11, to discuss the resignation. Check Clarkstonnews.com and the Jan. 19 edition for details.



The Clarkston High School Marching Band parades through London. Photo provided

London sticks with parade marchers

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

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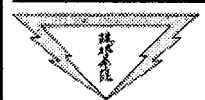
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Parks director wants public input

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next week will include talk about their core mission. In the meantime he has been meeting with staff members individually for about 30-60 minutes to get a feel for where they're at.

"In all the interviews I have done so far, the one common theme is everyone here puts in 110 percent - they value the services we provide for the community," he said. "There is something about the recreation field that does that."

He credits Recreation Supervisor Kelly

Hyer for "managing to keep everything together" in between directors.

Elwert lives in Lapeer along with his wife Amy. They are now "empty nesters," as their son Kaleb is studying at Michigan Tech. He got both his Bachelor's and Master's degree in parks and recreation from Michigan State University. He has been in the field about 13 years.

Prior to coming to Independence Township, he was parks and rec. director of Lapeer County. Experience before that

includes City of East Lansing recreation coordinator/ aquatics coordinator, MSU extension, recreation planning for Roscommon County, and park ranger for U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in North Dakota. While doing his graduate work, he helped the Clinton-Huron Metropolitan Authority with surveying their master plan.

Ken said he welcomes input from residents.

"The more opinions we get, the better, both at the board level and talking to me."

Retro Party set Jan. 22

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entertain our guests with music from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, etc. He even takes requests!"

Rudy's Market, 9 S. Main Street, and Clarkston Mills Mall host a wine tasting. Artichoke Interiors, 2 E. Washington behind the Masonic building, offers artichoke themed appetizers and non-alcoholic champagne.

"Discover your design personality by taking a fun home decor style quiz," said Dawn Jacobs, owner. "There will be a raffle for 'e-designed' rooms based on quiz results."

Meeting monthly, the retailers group organized the party to promote downtown Clarkston.

"The Clarkston Retailer's Group has really tried to bring a unified presence of My Clarkston Buy Clarkston to this community," Schultz said. "We join each other to promote each other's businesses and to discuss ways we can continue to create local events in our town. The suggestions generated from a meeting are terrific. Each retailer brings their own talent and ideas, we inspire each other."

"The timing is perfect for this event," Jacobs said. "Just when the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, people will be able to get out and leisurely stroll through our quaint village and enjoy a no pressure, unique shopping and entertainment experience."

The event is on Artichoke Interiors' first day of business, she said.

"I can't wait to meet everyone," she said. "I am thrilled to work and live in a town that gives back."



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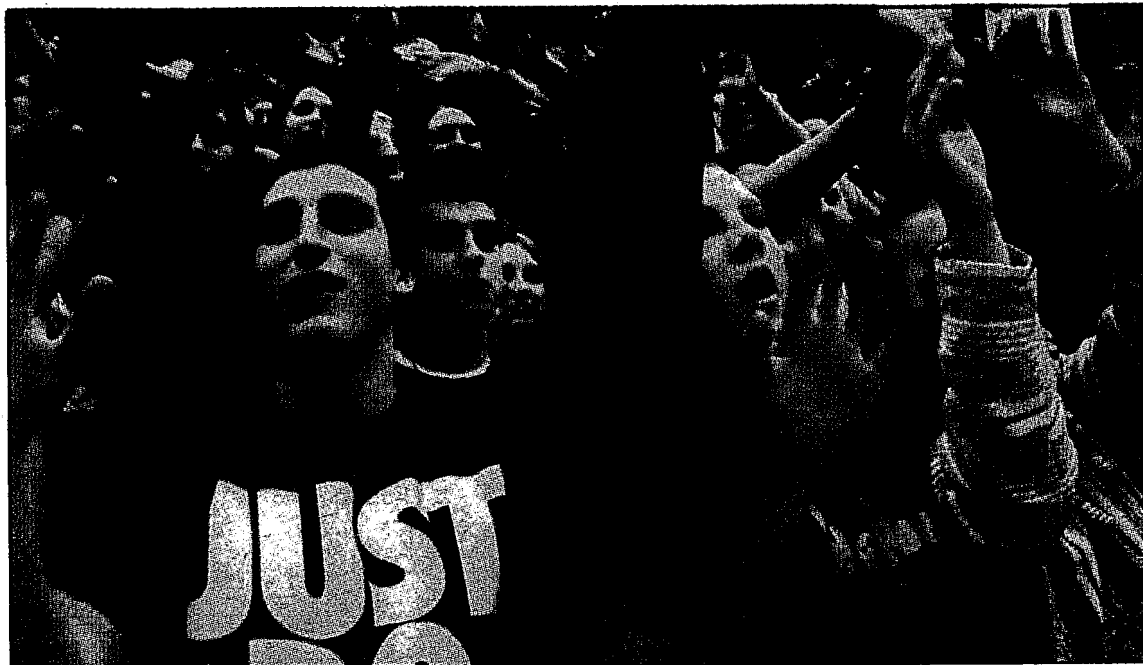


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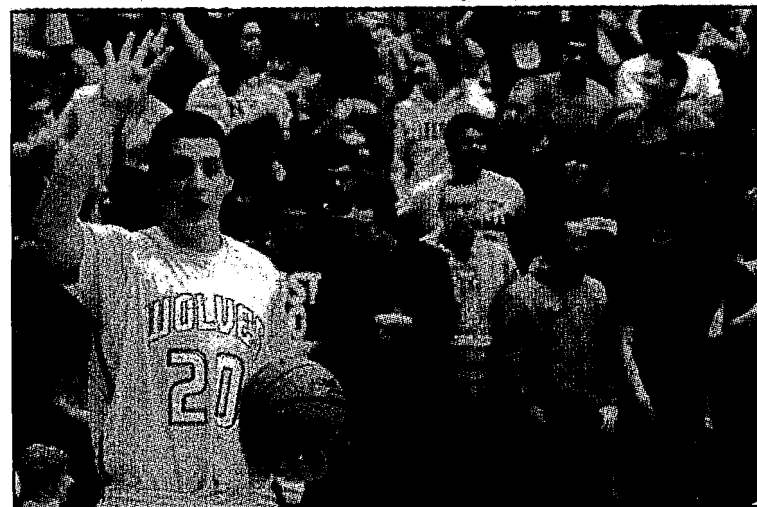
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Sean Calvano, left, and classmates try to wave an Oak Park free throw off course.



Kevin O'Grady, left, and Ryne Jones share a laugh with Wolfie, Clarkston mascot.



Mitch Baenziger signals his teammates at Friday's game.

Cheering for the win

Clarkston High School Varsity Basketball enjoyed a resounding, 77-37 victory over Oak Park High School, Friday, thanks in no small part to encouragement and cheers from a gym filled with fans.

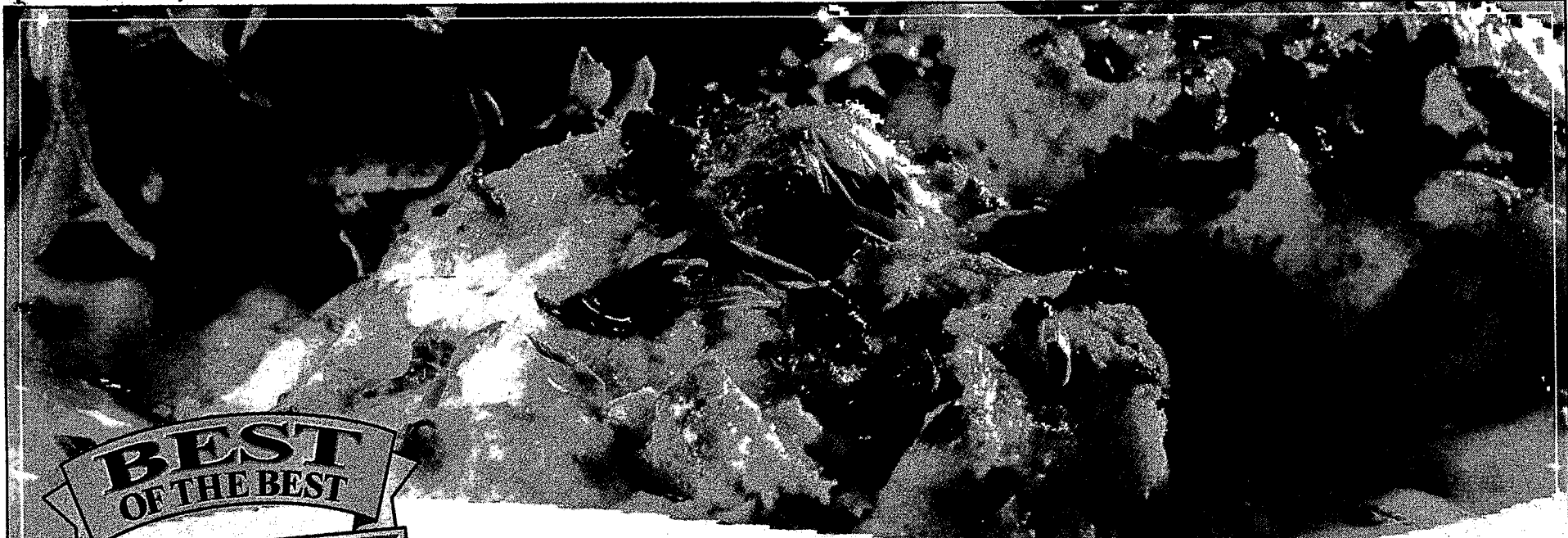
Especially enthusiastic were students filling The Jungle, south bleachers of the gym, closest to the cheerleading squad.



Wolves alumni Chris Wasilk enjoys the game with his sons Keegan and Jaiden. Photos by Phil Custodio



Students in The Jungle enjoy a ride on the roller-coaster cheer, waving their hands in the air. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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Thoughts on new state, federal gov't now seated

"Wheels turn slow, as always. If you expect overnight change, you won't get it."



- Rob Schroeder

"I just hope they make some changes - smaller government, improved budgets."



- Don Turner

"If they keep their promises they made, that would be a good thing. I'm very optimistic."



- Dean Farner

"I expect good things to come from the House of Representatives and the new governor. I feel their heads are in the right place - hopefully, they'll stay there."



- Gary Zirwes

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The 1991 Clarkston Wrestling team and Coach Scott Strickler, center, share memories during their reunion. Photo provided

Together again, after all these years

BY WENDIREARDON
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Music began and broadcasted throughout the gym, sounding a familiar tone for the 1991 Clarkston High School Wrestling team.

It was AC/DC's "Thunder Struck," the song the State Champions would listen to as they warmed up on the mat.

While the music played during a brief break in the midst of the Clarkston and Lapeer East meet, Dec. 22, former Wolves' Head Coach Scott Strickler walked down the bleacher steps and into the middle of the mat.

From the southeast door emerged wrestlers and managers from the 1991 team. They formed a circle around Strickler before they presented him with a 20-year reunion plaque.

"We wanted to remember our coach and recognize his contributions in making us great sons, husbands and fathers," said Tony Miller, now defensive coordinator for the Wolves' Varsity Football team. "Most of all, for making us better people."

Twenty-nine wrestlers and four female managers were part of the champion team. They faced the number one ranked team, Temperance

Bedford, for the title. They beat them 36-27, winning seven of thirteen matches - five of them with pins.

They not only defeated the odds, but walked away as champions and ready to face any challenge.

Twenty-three wrestlers and Strickler headed to Fountains later and shared memories and where their paths led.

Six months after winning the state title, Strickler married his biggest fan. They have two children. His oldest is on the Lapeer East wrestling team.

Strickler lives in Lapeer and is the director of probation for 41B District Court in Clinton Township. He officiates in high school wrestling and has officiated at MHSAA Team State Finals.

"There isn't a time I walk into the arena at the finals I don't flashback to 1991," he added.

The moment has stayed with him throughout the years and ranks as one of the top five moments of his life, behind getting married and the birth of his children.

"As a coach, one can only hope they are able to make a small impact on a young person's

life," Strickler mentioned. He added after the reunion, the 1991 staff accomplished the hope.

Still in Clarkston, former grappler Jerry Anderson remembers the bus ride to Battle Creek, listening to the Beastie Boys.

"The whole team was having a blast," he continued. "It carried over onto the mats as our storybook season finished with one of the biggest upsets in wrestling history. We never talked about the outcome of that match before it took place. We just went out there and took care of our business - in other words 'we just did it.'"

Anderson learned discipline, how to set goals, how to be accountable, to reach for the stars and anything is possible.

"I also learned it is good to give back to the sport of wrestling," he added. He is involved with the wrestling program at Rochester Schools.

He and his wife, Heather, have two children, Brooke, 5, and Hunter, 3. He works at Superior Electric.

Miller remembers watching Temperance Bedford walking through the Kellogg Arena, thinking they were disciplined and focused.

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Healing Through Art, 3-4 p.m., eight weeks, starts Jan. 20. Free drawing class for those touched by cancer. Drawing I series with Pamela Palmer of Artist's Apprentice. No experience needed. Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe. RSVP by Jan. 17. 248-922-6606.

Mind & Body: Secrets for Smart Shopping, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 19, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Learn about nutritious, healthy choices at the grocery store.

Birthday celebration, with Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Jan. 20, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Celebrate everyone's birthday with a cake decorating demonstration, white elephant gift exchange. 248-620-3255.

The Decorator, English comedy farce, Clarkston Village Players, Jan. 20. 248-625-8811.

Tracy Kash Thomas, jazz vocalist, 7 p.m., Jan. 21, Peace Unity Church's Coffee House, 8080A Ortonville Road. Free. Donations accepted. 248-625-5192.

Free Concert, Gratitude Steel Band, 1:30 p.m., Jan. 23, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Enjoy the tropical sounds and audience participation - a fun event for all ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. 248-625-2212.

Weekly meetings

Monday

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

Around Town

A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do

Clarkston



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. 248-507-4839.

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.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-6736.

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.

Morning Line Dancing, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.

Tuesday

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., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 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 for Adults 50+, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., two hours, \$3; Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., three hours, \$4. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. All skill levels welcome. 248-625-8231.

Evening Country Line Dancing 50+, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., Community Room, Clarkston Specialty Healthcare, 4800 Clintonville Road. \$40 per person for eight weeks. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

Pickleball, all levels welcome, equipment provided, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Sponsored by Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center. 248-625-8231.

Wednesday

Dinner and Euchre Evening, third Wednesday, Jan. 19-Feb. 16. Prizes awarded to first-, second-, third-place winners. \$10. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 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.

Thursday

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.

Travel program, second Thursday, 6-7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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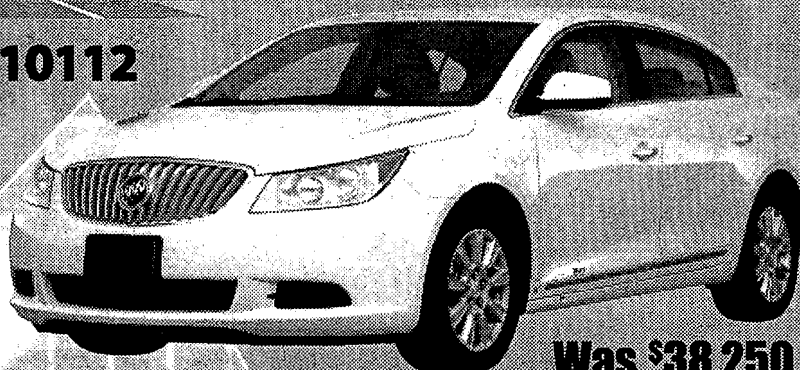
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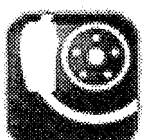


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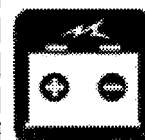
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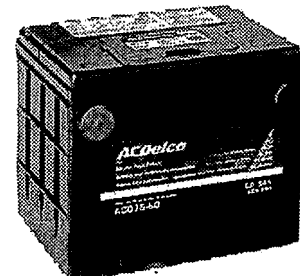


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Religion

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Heading into the New Year, there are many positive signs that we are starting to come out of the great recession of 2008.

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The election of a new governor and legislature gives us a little more encouragement of possible change to better our situation. In times like this, it is interesting how predictable people can be in their response to the situation. As a pastor for 32 years, I have observed this in the problems that people face individually. Some people always seem to have a positive outlook, where others tend to see things from a more negative point of view. Some see the glass half full, while others see it half

empty. How do you see life? The more important question then becomes, "Who do you look to in order to help you navigate your response to the situation?"

I have found that most people tend to gravitate to people like themselves.

We naturally feel most comfortable being around people like ourselves. Negative people tend to rally around negative information, while the positive people do likewise, looking for those who will reinforce their feelings. The problem with this scenario is that we easily become influenced; being carried with our situations, rather than making the sound decisions that will give us the ability to manage our situations and bring the most positive outcome.

As I read both political and economic writers these days, I see people who can only see one side of life, advocating for solutions without a real solution. In Bible times, they had watchmen upon the walls of the city to keep people aware of impending danger.

The prophet Isaiah said, "Watchmen, Watchmen what of the night? The day comes and also the night." The word of the Lord is that we should always keep a balanced view, observing both the positive and the negative. We should also keep an open mind, without being motivated by fear or other underlying natural instincts. Our underlying natural instincts will usually hinder us from making wise choices based upon all the information of the time. These responses will also have the tendency to cause us to make short-sighted decisions, rather than the long-term decisions that will enrich our lives.

This is what I like about being a Christian. When I became born-

again, I became aware of a whole new side of life: my spiritual side. My spiritual side comes from God, so it certainly is outside of my normal response. Whenever I face a situation, my natural inclination is my immediate response.

However, when I allow my spiritual side to kick in, I become balanced; with this poise, I can make the best decisions for my life. Through the Spirit of God, I can find the peace necessary to respond with logic rather than emotion; with God's guidance and His Word, I can receive the council necessary to walk in wisdom. For many people, this may sound simplistic, but after 56 years of living I can say, "the proof is in the pudding." It has worked for me and I can see how it has worked for many others. Could you use some help navigating the difficult waters of this time? Get to church this Sunday Morning and allow yourself to hear an alternate voice!

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

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Obituaries

Lewis Benfield Jr., 86

Lewis C. Benfield Jr., 86, of Davisburg, died Jan. 1, 2011, at Manistee Medical Care Facility in Manistee, Mich., after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Benfield was born on April 18, 1924, in Riverdale, Mich., to Ella Mae (Hardy) and Lewis C. Benfield, Sr. He was the youngest of six children. His parents and siblings all preceded him in death.

Lewie served in the US Army and was stationed in Berlin at the end of World War II. In 1951 he married Lois Jean Nichols and settled in Davisburg.

He was a gifted craftsman and cabinet maker, and he served as Springfield Township Building Inspector for over 25 years. He enjoyed fishing in Ontario with his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed early morning visits to the "coffee table" with several of his good friends.

He attended First Baptist Church and participated in prayer meetings at Hope Alive Assembly, both in Holly. He is survived by Lois Jean Benfield of Traverse City; his sons Rex (Kristin) Benfield of Free Soil and Ned (Lin) Benfield of Traverse City; grandchildren, Jay Benfield (Christine Darcy) of Stafford, Va., and Daniel and Elia Benfield of Traverse City. His great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Zachary, Joshua, and Matthew Benfield all reside in Virginia and nieces and nephews include Nancy Cummings of Florida and John Young of North Carolina. Lewie is also survived by his dear friend Connie Gilson and by his best buddy and partner in adventures, Roger Pratt.

Funeral services were Jan. 7 at the **Dryer Funeral Home**, Holly, with Pastor Robert Fish officiating. Military honors and burial will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oakdale Christian Academy, 5801 Beattyville Rd., Jackson, KY 41339.

For online obituary, www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Robert G. Clay, 88

Robert George Clay of Waterford, formerly of Shelby Township, passed away, Jan. 6, 2011, at age 88.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara. He was the father of Dan Clay; grandfather of Emily and Andrew.

Bob graduated from Mackenzie High School Class of 1942. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Funeral service was Jan. 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Dorothy P. Johnson, 99

Dorothy Pearl Johnson of Elm Haven Manor, formerly of Clarkston and Berkley, passed away, Jan. 5, 2011, at age 99.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur and son Douglas. She was the loving mother of Joan (Larry) McCormick, Gwen (Mike) Hairabedian, and Pamela (Mike) Morris; also survived by eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and a great great grandson; mother in law of Louise Johnson and Grace Johnson.

Memorial Service, Saturday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, where friends may visit at the church from 12:30 p.m. until time of service.

Inurnment Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home** - Cremation Services, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Lighthouse or Grace Centers of Hope.

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Joyce M. McKinlay, 84 Shelley M. Pittman, 46

Joyce Mary McKinlay of Waterford passed away, Jan. 5, 2011, at age 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband John Paul, her sons John, Chuck and Craig, her grandson Bradley and her brother Paul. She was the mother of Janet (Don) Heverly; grandmother of Stephen, Dianna, Nicole and Donald; great grandmother of Jade, Amelia and Bradley Jr.; also survived by special family Linda and Eric Bruckner and children Kerri, Ashley and Kyle. Joyce loved children and music. Special thanks to the staff and friends at Lourdes Nursing Home.

Funeral service was Jan. 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, St. Clair. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Lourdes Nursing Home. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Shelley M. Pittman, age 46, of Buford, Ga., formerly of Waterford, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 19, 2010. God granted Shelley grace and strength through many courageous battles during a long illness. God Bless the doctors and her nurses in Georgia that believed in her.

She accomplished several goals, one major victory, to be free of the ventilator after 5 1/2 years. Shelley was a graduate of Oakland University. She had a care giving heart and loved people. She had an outstanding sense of humor and a unique way of lighting up a room when she entered.

She enjoyed spending time with her many friends, biking, camping, shopping, and kayaking. We all know that she loved her boxer Abby.

Shelley is greatly missed by her Mother, Beverly Pittman of Buford, Ga.; father, Richard (Sandra) Pittman of Traverse City; brother, Dennis (Lisa) Pittman of Waterford; sisters Debra Sweet of Ann Arbor, Ann Marie (Chuck) Thompson of Marietta, Ga.; a loving aunt to Kristin, TaMara, Taylor, Zachary, Jacob, and Kingston (great nephew).

Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**-Cremation Services, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Jack A. Spicer, 63

Jack Angelo Spicer of Auburn Hills passed away Jan. 3, 2011, at age 63.

He was the loving husband of Rose for 30 years; beloved father of Gina Paladino, Jacqueline Spicer, and Jason Spicer; grandfather of five; great grandfather of four; brother of Herman Spicer and William (Gloria) Spicer; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Spicer retired from General Motors after 35 years of service. Jack was a lifetime member of the Waterford Harley Owners Group.

Funeral service was Jan. 7 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Samuel Halsey, 93

Samuel Halsey of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 10, 2011, at age 93. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Please call the funeral home 248-625-5231 for further information.

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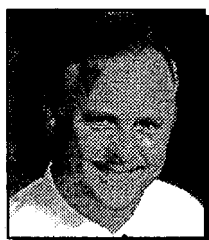
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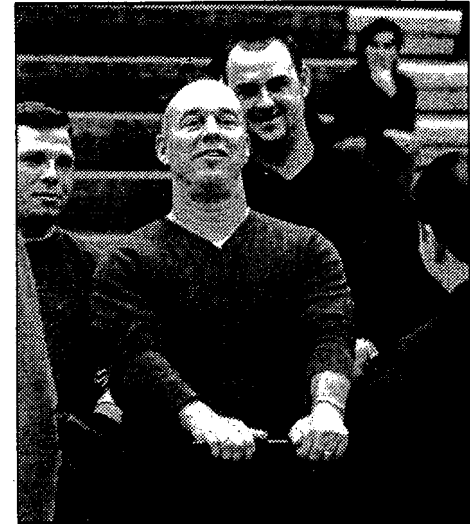


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Wrestlers surround Coach Scott Strickler at Clarkston High School gym, Dec. 22. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Champs pass on lessons

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faces," he thought back. "After they walked by us, our coach came up into a group and said, 'no one expected you to be here and no one expects you to go out there and upset the number one team in the state of Michigan, but I want you to go out there and have fun, enjoy the moment, and let's see what happens.' I have said a number of times, this accomplishment is a memory that no one can take away, a feeling that never stops, and a story that we can't tell enough."

Miller uses the experience while coaching gridiron gang on the Wolves' Varsity Football team, tell them to relax, go onto the field, and have fun.

"I often tell the kids nothing comes for free in America – you must work harder than anyone else if you want to be the champion," he said. "I often point to all the state championship banners in the gym before we take the field, and I ask our kids to put one more up there."

Miller lives in Clarkston with his wife, Michelle and two sons, Zachariah and Jackson.

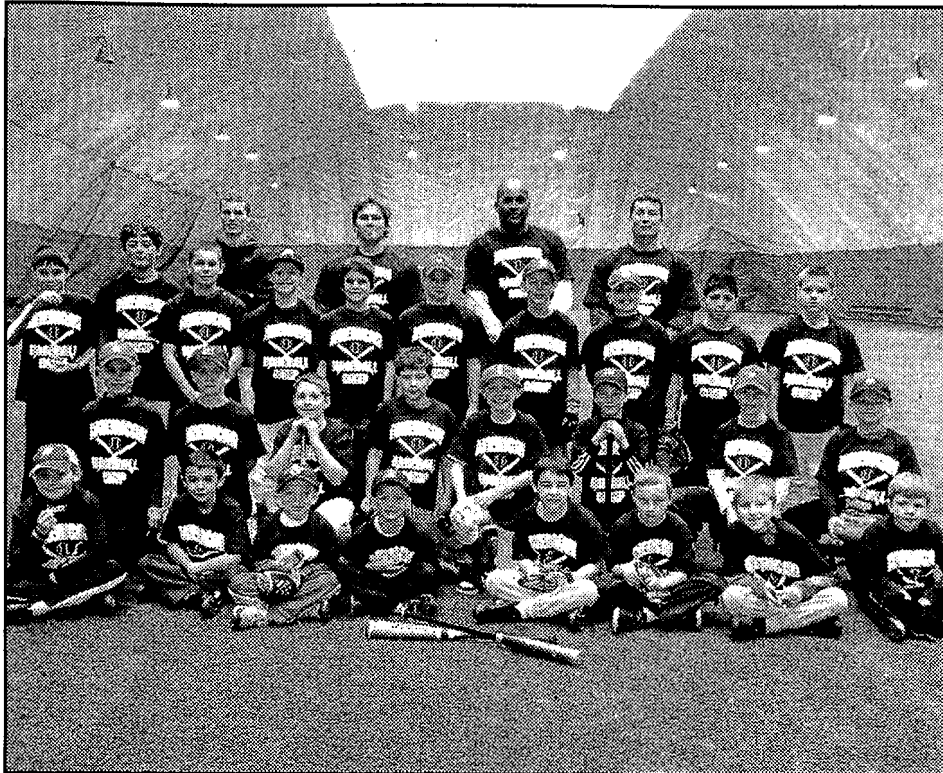
Brian Davis also remembers the fun the team had and pride he felt winning for the parents, fans, school and the community.

"We worked extremely hard, but we had fun," he said. "It started with a great group of guys, great coaches and supporters."

Davis learned life is much more about the preparation, the time leading up to the moment, than the actual moment.

"You get what you deserve and we had worked the hardest so we deserved to win," he proudly said.

He has three children with wife Alice in



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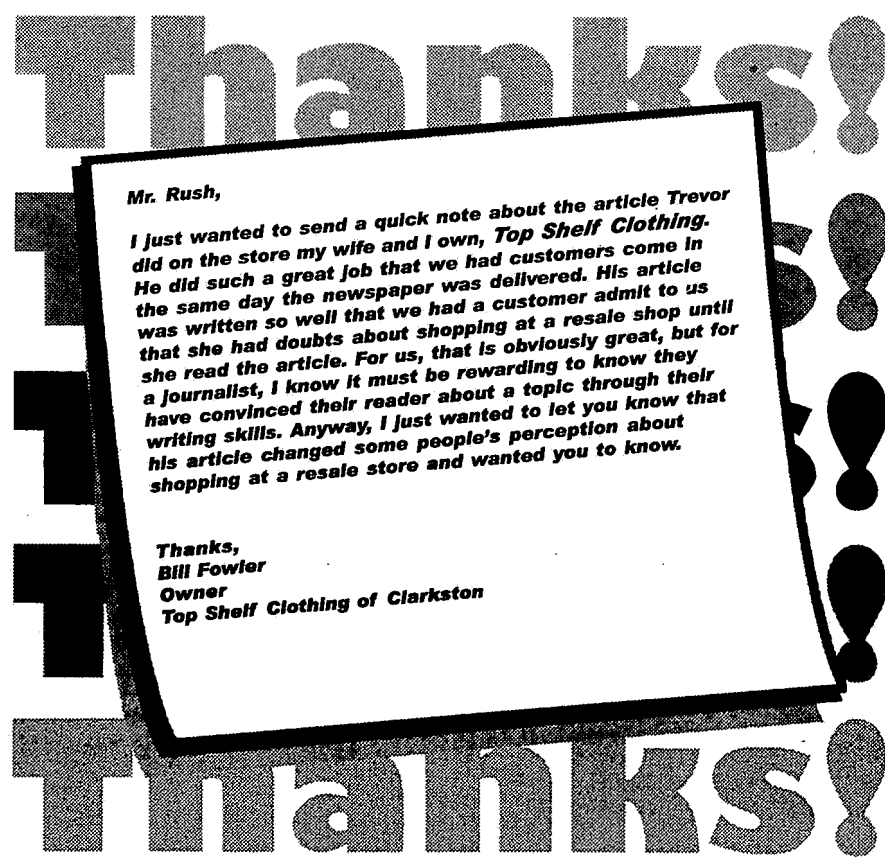
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Owner
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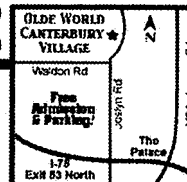


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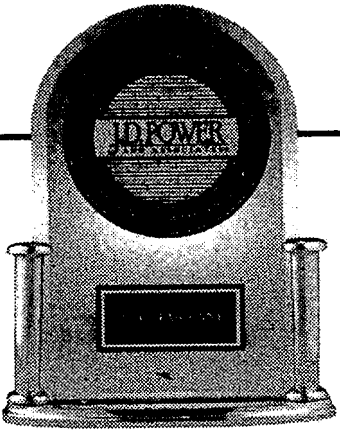


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Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Guests always welcome. 248-620-3255.

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

Tell Us About Your Travels program, second Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Jan. 13, Guam; Feb. 10, African Serengeti, Zanzibar, Kilimanjaro; March 10, Amsterdam, Anne Frank House, Rhine River Cruise, Germany, and Alsace, France; April 14, Ireland and Scotland; May 12, Amazon and Costa Rica. 248-625-2212.

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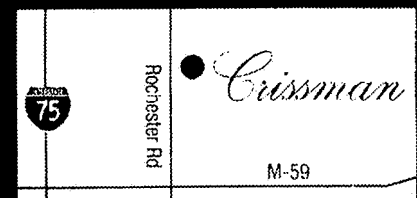
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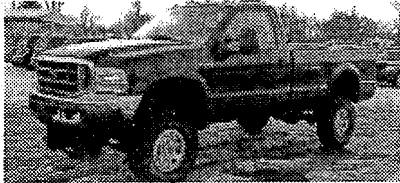
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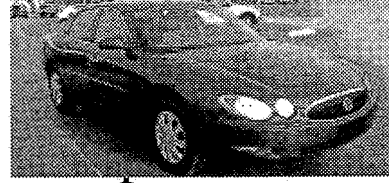
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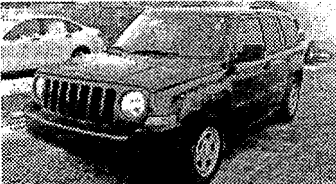
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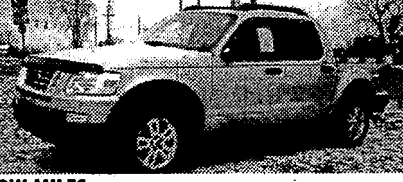
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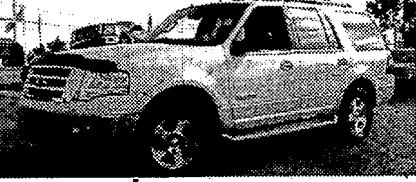
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FILE NO: 2011-333, 958-DE

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FILE PC #2010-006

Shamsul Haque, Petitioner
REZONING REQUEST

From: Office
To: C-1

Intended Use: Commercial
Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-30-176-001
Common Description: 4.88 Acres
North West side of Dixie Highway,
(Dixie Hwy & Foster Rd.)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

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FILE PC #2010-005


Daniel Deremer of JW Design, Petitioner
Representing The Meditodge Group
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO AMEND PUD AND FINAL SITE PLAN TO ALLOW PHASE ONE TO BE A 100 BED SKILLED NURSING HOME
In accordance with the Ordinance, Article III, Division 22, Section 50-770.
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Case #11-0001 Modern-Craft Homes, Inc., Petitioner for Hinkley, Thomas and Kathleen
APPLICANT REQUESTS 10' SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 AND VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE IV, SECTION 50-918 (4) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE (ON LOT LINE) ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD 4603 Ennismore Dr., R-1A Woodhull Lake Sub., Lot 9
08-34-386-019

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: **Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** At the Independence Township Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan, 48347 to consider the following:

FILE PC #2010-007

Kimberly Robertson, Petitioner
Learning Center
REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL For Group Day Care
Article III, Division 2, Sec. 50-172
In accordance with Sec. 50-848 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances
Special Land Use Request: Group Day Care (Learning Center)
Parcel Identification Number: 08-21-251-025
Common Description: 6162 Flemings Lake Rd North-side of Flemings Lake Rd R-1A Zoning .91 acres

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

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FILE NO: 2011-333, 957-DE

Estate of LOUISA E. SPENCER. Date of birth: 6/10/1934.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LOUISA E. SPENCER, who lived at 1168 Wabasso, Walled Lake, Michigan died December 6, 2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Eric Spencer, 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.
ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Eric Spencer
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Waterford, Michigan 48328 Beverly Hills, MI 48025
(248) 682-8800 (248) 723-5236

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE JANUARY 4, 2011

- 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, Wallace, Rosso, Lohmeier, Petterson, Wagner
Absent: Carson
- The Agenda was amended adding Green Triangle - EECBG Grant and Accounts Payable Check Run of December 20, 2010.
- The Public Forum opened with citizens addressing the Board and closed at 7:37 p.m.
- Approved awarding the bid contract for removal and replacement of front entrance door/side light and windows at the DPW maintenance building to B & B Glass for \$10,770.00.
- Discussion of NOTA service to Independence Township with no action being taken.
- Approved 2011 Meeting Schedule with changes, as outlined in the Board Budget and Financial Review Schedule.
- Approved five days of vacation for Ken Elwert.
- Approved 2011 Depositories Resolutions for Treasurer.
- Approved Contract for Records Management with Rita Heady.
- Approved Minutes of November 9, 2010 with changes.
- Approved Minutes of December 13, 2010 with changes.
- Approved Minutes of December 14, 2010, with changes.
- Approved Minutes of December 7, 2010 with changes.
- Approved Accounts Payable Check Run, with removal of Plante Moran payment.
- Approved Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation at 9:08 p.m.
- Came into open session at 9:49 p.m.
- Closing Statements by Board Members.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 1/12/2011

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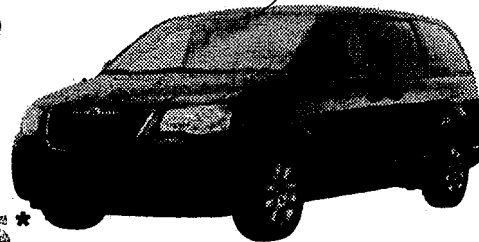
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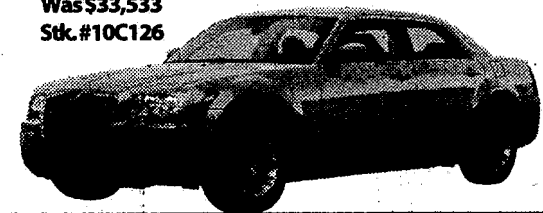
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Mo. Was \$33,533
Stk. #10C126

Sale Price

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2.4L 16V dual VVT engine



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Stk. #10B216

36 mo. Lease

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Mo. Sale Price **\$10,998***

2010 Dodge Journey SE

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2.5L Dual VVT engine



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36 mo. Lease

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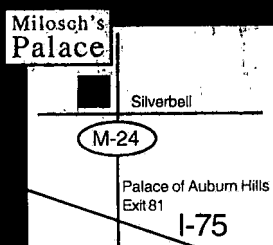
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