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Township hall funding revisited

Voters could have voice in bond effort

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Voters might get a chance to weigh in on the new township hall, two years after it was purchased and moved into.

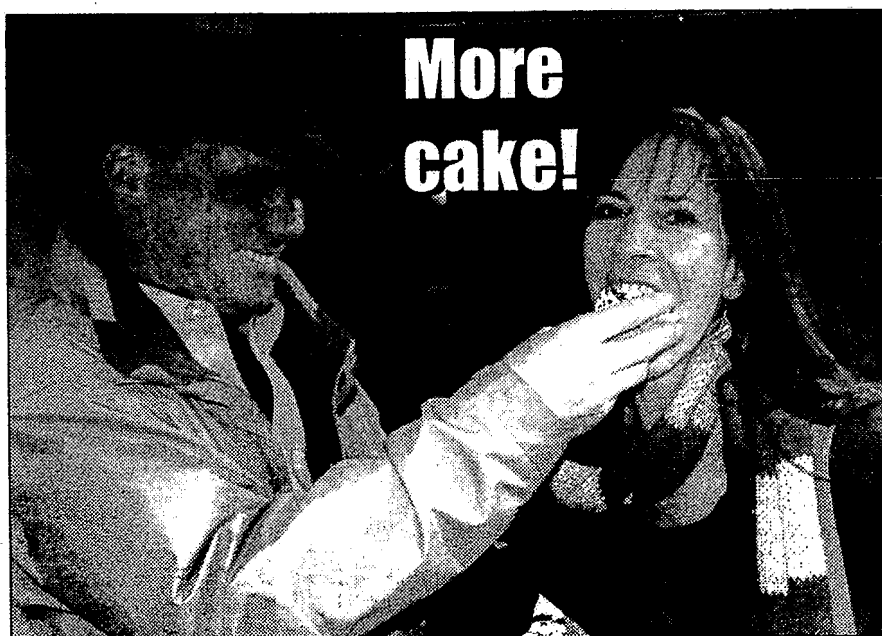
If Independence Township files an application with the state to issue bonds, residents would have 45 days to file a petition to put the issue to a vote.

"If that 45-day period elapses, then there is probably another three months until the bonds are issued," said Paul Wyzgoski, of Dickenson Wright, bond council for Independence Township. "The biggest time consuming item would be to get approval from the Department of Treasury to issue the bonds."

The township is considering use of bonds, borrowing money from investors, to repay a \$2.7 million "loan" from the water and sewer fund. The board used the loan to pay for a new township hall in 2008.

Michigan Department of Treasury considers the loan to be an internal service fund deficit, and requests a "deficit elimination plan."

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More cake!

Brad Martin gives Cindy Stanaback a cupcake to try from Village Boutique, during downtown Clarkston's Strolling Retro Cocktail party on Saturday. Please see 19A for more. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Seeking stories of Dr. O'Neill

Julie Johnson, retired nurse, remembers not one dull moment working with Dr. James O'Neill in the 1960s.

"He treated whatever the problem was — a wound that needed stitching, a bone that needed setting, or a developmental challenge in the family that required counseling," Johnson remembers. "It was always a fascinating learning experience for me."

For nurse Sandy Johnson Barts, Dr. O'Neill was the example on which she based her nursing career.

"Dr. O'Neill handled what came through the door," Barts said. "Perhaps this is the reason I have remained an emergency and

trauma nurse for 33 years."

In his 50th year treating Clarkston's bumps, bruises, and injuries much more serious, *The Clarkston News* and Clarkston Medical Group are collecting memories like these.

We want to tell his story, and for a story like this, we need a special section — we'll publish one this summer. To fill it, we need stories and pictures from his patients, co-workers, friends, family, all those he helped.

Send your stories to jolsen5520@gmail.com, fax 248-625-8938, or drop off at Clarkston Medical Group, 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, Ste 100, attn Jaimee.

— Phil Custodio

Discussion delayed on budget cuts

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A year ago this week, a \$13 million school budget deficit stunned school board members and residents.

Not this year — Clarkston School Board's Jan. 24 meeting was canceled by board President Steve Hyer.

"There are no budget recommendations at this time, so delaying the conversation will not impact our process or time line," said Hyer in an email, Jan. 21.

Board members disagreed.

"I was very surprised that the Jan. 24 regular board meeting was canceled," said board Treasurer Rosalie Liebling. "We, as board members, were not contacted and asked whether we felt the meeting should be canceled or not."



Hyer

The board could have discussed long- and short-term district goals and strategy, technology updates, bullying, and many other issues, said board Secretary Joan Patterson.

"I thought we had a lot to do," Patterson said. "The more times we can meet and discuss updates, how to set up the district, all of these important pieces, the better."

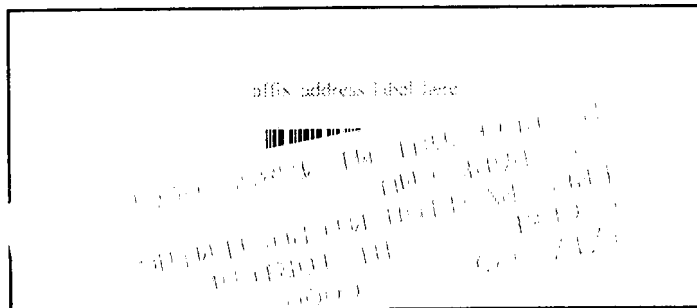
Hyer said the cancellation was also due to the absence of Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

"In this case, because our new superintendent was unable to attend and there were no pressing action items needing board approval, it seemed that canceling made the most sense," Hyer said.

Rock is in Washington D.C. this week, attending the Leadership Institute for Legislative Advocacy conference hosted by ASCD, formerly Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

"Having a budget discussion without Dr.

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Eye screening for kids

Clarkston Area Lions Club's Project Kidsight offers free vision screening to children 6 months-5 years old.

Volunteers use a PediaVision digital camera to take pictures of children's eyes.

"It replaces a Polaroid camera - we would send photos to the hospital and it would take weeks to get results," said Chris Savage, Project Kidsight coordinator.

The new screening program reports results within five seconds - "Pass" for no vision problem detected. "Refer" means the child should be seen by an eyecare specialist. The Clarkston Lions purchased the camera, which cost almost \$10,000, using local donations through White Cane Sales and other fund raisers.

"Community support is amazing," Savage said. "This is a very generous community."

Screenings are set at Clarkston PTA Family Health and Fitness Expo at the Clarkston Community Education building, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb 5; and Independence Township Library, 1-4 p.m., May 21.

"We hope to offer lot more screenings," she said. "Any time a bunch of kids are there, we want to be there."

For more information, call 248-975-6072 or check www.clarkstonlions.org.

45 clerk resumes surprise board

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Deadline passed, 45 people are in the running to be appointed replacement Independence Township Clerk for the next two years.

"It was very surprising. I am glad we have a committee that's going to review them and weed out the ones that aren't qualified and narrow it down for us," said Supervisor Dave Wagner. "It's impossible for the township board to interview 45 people. We should have an opportunity to find someone who's very, very qualified."

The township board voted unanimously, Jan. 18, to approve a five person "selection committee," longtime municipal attorney Jerry Fisher, Zac Bell, Beverly McElmeel, Joe Wauldron, and Karen Manvel.

Trustee Mark Petterson, who voted against the idea of a committee at the prior meeting, said he voted in favor this time because of Fisher.

"I know Jerry Fisher has been a long standing member of this community. He was our municipal attorney and is an outstanding attorney," he said. "He's forgotten more than any of us will ever know."

Petterson still believes candidates should be narrowed down by board members.

"How hard can it be," he asked. "This is

not that difficult, in fact it's very easy. I think the board just needs to get together and pick the top five and leave it at that."

He's also concerned about the process being "fair." Wagner gave out resumes to board members he received prior to the Jan. 11 special meeting. Petterson said all resumes should have been handed out at the same time, after the Jan. 19 deadline.

"We should have never been given that list last week," he said. "We should have never chomped at the bit."

At the Jan. 18 meeting, Petterson asked when the names of candidates would be released to the public. Trustee Neal Wallace said he didn't think the Freedom Of Information Act prohibiting anyone from getting the names. However, Township Attorney Steve Joppich said there was one exception under the law.

"If any of the candidates requested confidentiality, until the point of the interviews, the township can maintain that confidentiality only if it has been requested in writing," Joppich said.

Trustee Dave Lohmeier asked if they should call the candidates and ask if they want their name kept confidential.

"If I was submitting my resume for a position, it's not something I would think I

need to do," Lohmeier said.

Joppich said the township doesn't have to, but Wagner said he would have Deputy Supervisor Rick Yaeger call all candidates to see if they wanted their names made public.

"Once you get to the interview process it does have to be in public," Joppich said. "If they're going to proceed with the interview, they'll have to be willing to accept it will become public information."

Petterson disagreed.

"I want all those names out right now to the public, this is not just a job and they're (the board) treating it as just a job," he said. "This is a political position with statutory duties within our community."

Selection committee report is set for Feb. 1. Township board will interview candidates, Feb. 8 and 15.

The board officially accepted Clerk Shelagh's VanderVeen's resignation at the Jan. 18 meeting on a 5-1 vote. Lohmeier voted "no," saying he was "concerned" about the ad concerning the position.

"It seemed to be the perception a lot of folks were looking at this as more of a clerk job than the clerk job. I think we could have been a little bit clearer," he said. "My concern is whether we gave enough time for everybody to be aware of it."

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State Rep. Eileen Kowall and Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton meet with constituents, 12-1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, at Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway.

"I encourage my constituents to attend my office hours and share their state or local concerns that I can take to Lansing," said Kowall, R-Waterford Township. "My monthly office hours give everyone a chance to meet with me in a convenient location."

No appointment necessary. For more information, call 866-334-0100 or e-mail EileenKowall@house.mi.gov.

Kindergarten info

Clarkston Community Schools is holding their Kindergarten Information Night on Feb. 3, 7 p.m., Clarkston Junior High Performing Arts Center, 6595 Waldon Road.

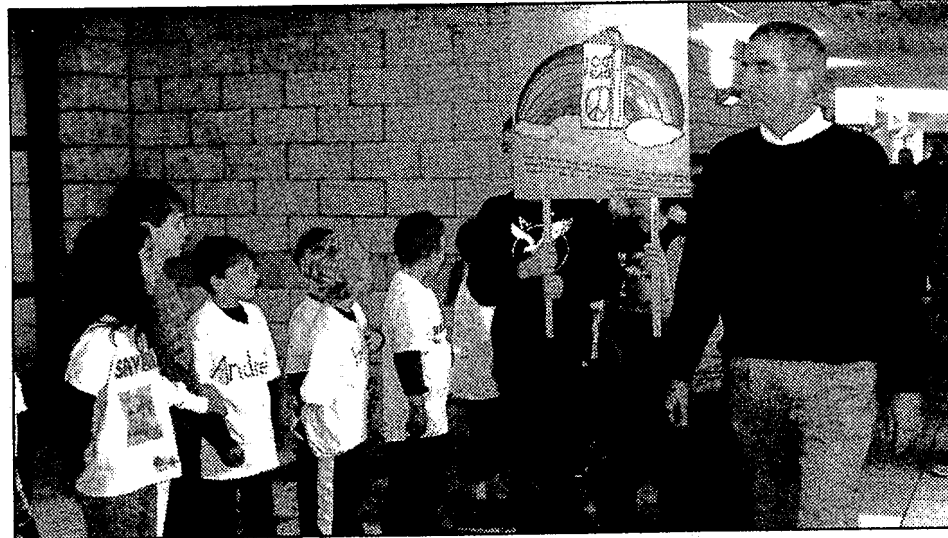
Kindergarten registration begins Feb. 7. Registration packets are available at each elementary school, Administration Building, Early Childhood Center, and online at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us - click on "Parents."

Beginning Feb. 7, completed registration forms can be turned in to the secretary at each child's school.

Children turning 5-years-old on or before Dec. 1, 2011 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

CCS will continue to offer two options for parents of kindergartners in Fall 2011 - Full-Day Kindergarten and Young Fives Kindergarten.

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Principal Chris Turner leads students at Independence Elementary's Peace Walk.

Marching to remember

Independence Elementary students honored the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with their annual Peace Walk, Jan. 14. Students were led by Principal Chris Turner through the hallways to the music of "We Shall Overcome."

Dr. King's "I have a dream..." speech provided the inspiration for each classroom to create a poster representing their "dream" for Independence.

Ideas included: "We have a dream that our class will shower each other with kind-

ness," "Be the change you want to see in the world. We promise to be that change," and "We have a dream that we will be safe and kind, and see the best in others."

During an assembly, students shared posters and viewed a class presentation on Dr. King's life. The celebration closed with a short skit by students depicting respect for each other and their school.

"I think it's great because it can help make our school a better place. It can change our actions," said Cole Campbell, first grader.



Students display posters about Dr. Martin Luther King. Photos provided

Paying dues

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

This year's dues for membership in Southeast Michigan Council Of Governments were almost too rich for Springfield Township.

Three of the seven-person Township Board voted against the \$1,550 membership in the regional planning organization.

"I was hesitant last year," said Treasurer Jamie Dubre, at the Jan. 13 meeting. "I can't support it again, it's too much."

Trustees Dave Hopper and Judy Hensler joined Dubre in voting against it. Hopper said much of the information provided by SEMCOG is available free on the Internet.

"I don't see much benefit to the township, for \$1,550," he said.

In favor were Supervisor Mike Trout, Clerk Laura Moreau, and trustees Dennis Vallad and Roger Lamont.

Membership benefits, such as federal and state grant application help, expertise on transportation, safety path, and information technology, and training workshops, outweigh the cost, Trout said.

"This will be increasingly important as we explore ways to implement our pathways project (along Davisburg Road from Dixie Highway to Davisburg)," Trout said.

SEMCOG helped the township get a grant for an Oak Hill Road paving project, and also provides the township with a seat during regional planning discussions, he said.

Trout is also a member of SEMCOG's Transportation Advisory Committee.

"It keeps me in contact with the organization and others with whom we need to associate for road projects and funding," he said. "This involvement also provides valuable information and insight into emerging transportation issues, management techniques and resource opportunities that can help Springfield Township improve transportation conditions for residents and visitors."

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Actor healed, Christmas show goes on

Christmas is long past, but First Baptist Church of Clarkston has a special reason for a reprise.

The church drama group's second showing of "Outside the Christmas Box," Dec. 11, was canceled when Hank, a 10-year-old lead actor, was hit by a car while crossing Holcomb Street following the Holiday Lights Parade in downtown Clarkston.

"Hank rode the float and could be heard shouting out the invitation to come to Sunday's performance," said the Rev. Dan Campbell, First Baptist Church.

After the parade, Hank, his mother, two sisters, and a few others decided to walk rather than ride the church van, Campbell said.

"As they were getting ready to cross Holcomb Street, he thought the road was clear and darted out into the street and was struck by a vehicle," he said.

Hank injured his head and spent the next

couple days in intensive care.

"Just two days later he came home from the hospital with no permanent damage," Campbell said. "Doctors are calling him the miracle kid. The type of injury he sustained could have easily caused severe brain damage and even death."

In the six weeks since the accident, he has almost completely recovered.

"Recently, Hank asked his mom if they could perform the play again," Campbell said.

The church, 5972 Paramus, plans to honor his request by performing the Christmas drama on Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m.

"In support of him, we would like to invite the many well-wishers and concerned citizens of our community that heard about the accident to come out and see him and the rest of the cast perform," Campbell said. "Your heart will be moved."

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— Phil Custodio



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"It's tremendously successful — 32 pages a month," she said. "My plan is to replicate that success in Clarkston. This is a wonderful

opportunity for any business no matter what they do."

Lucas, in the advertising industry since 2007 and sales since 1987, grew up in Detroit and moved to Clarkston in 2008.

"I love the area and the people in the community," she said. "I have family here. I love the restaurants and social events around town. I try to go to every single one."

She joins the *Clarkston News* to work with local businesses and launch the *Big Deal*, first edition set for Feb. 23, deadline for new advertisers, Feb. 7. Enter to win free landscaping from Landtec in the inaugural edition.

"This is a great opportunity to join the team," she said. "The *Big Deal* is a great addition to what we're doing with the *Clarkston News* and *Penny Stretcher*. It's something totally different and unique."

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— Phil Custodio

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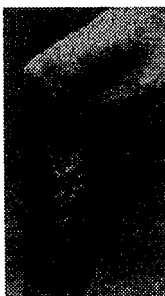
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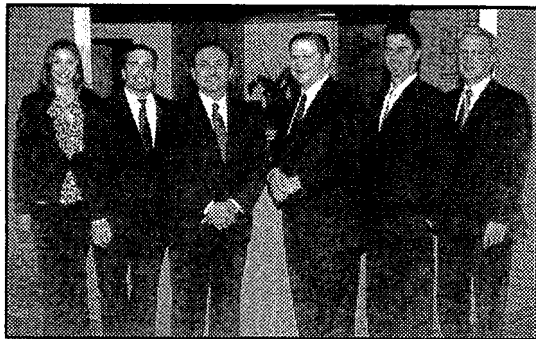
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Why have your Wisdom Teeth Removed?

Bacteria that causes gum disease may exist in clinically significant numbers in and around non painful wisdom teeth and cause damage before symptoms let you know that something is wrong. Impacted wisdom teeth can contribute to a variety of problems, including infection, damage to neighboring teeth, tooth decay, receding gums, loosened teeth, bone loss and tooth loss. Research suggests the bacteria surrounding wisdom teeth may contribute to systemic health problems, including diabetes, heart disease, and kidney disease. Other studies have found that gum disease in expectant mothers is strongly associated with a greater likelihood of preterm and low birth weight babies. It isn't wise to wait until your wisdom teeth start to bother you. Summit Oral Surgery strongly recommends that to prevent future problems, wisdom teeth are removed by the time that patient is a young adult. Researchers have found that older adult patients may be at greater risk for the development of disease, including periodontitis, in the tissues surrounding the wisdom teeth and adjacent teeth. In addition, the longer wisdom teeth remain in your mouth, the more likely they are to cause problems. When they do, these complications may be more difficult to treat in older patients and, may affect your general health. To schedule an appointment, please contact us. Summit Oral Surgery is now open in Clarkston to meet all of your Oral and Facial surgical needs.



Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Past beckons

I was getting nostalgic for the past leading up to the Clarkston Strolling Retro Cocktail party held on Saturday.

As the mind wandered from hats to dresses to shoes leading to sounds of typewriters pounding out letters fiercely as rolled by, I became swept away, finding myself in one of the comic strips from when I was a kid – Brenda Starr.

Or the black and white classic of "His Gal Friday" with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell – the classic fashion.

Yes, both involve a strong female reporter. I have always been drawn to movies and television shows based on the media. What can I say – I need to take a break.

But the nostalgia fades as I stare at my laptop computer. Ah, sweet technology and though I am not a fan of the erupt force of text messages as a conversation, I do like technology.

I gaze upon the newest items at Best Buy, letting my fingers smooth over the newest cell phones, cameras and eReaders.

Even listening to my mp3 as I type out stories on Monday deadline – I remember. Do you remember? The big bulky cassette player, the hours it took to go through other tapes to find songs and make a mixed tape. Eight track players and record players – I know we had both while I was growing up. But the cassette player was my life. I didn't trust the portable CD player when it came along, in fear it would scratch my CDs.

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Yes, I get nostalgic for the simpler times but the mp3 player brings me back in.

But I can still think about how it was, (puts on black fedora hat and chooses Bobby Darin on the player).



Line long for Obamacare waiver

By U.S. REP. MIKE ROGERS

Here is one of the secrets that Washington hopes that you don't notice about the new \$2.6 trillion health care law. If you don't like the law's slew of new mandates and taxes on families, doctors and employers, you can get an exemption.

If you don't want the government picking your family's insurance plan and your doctor, you can opt out. If you don't want to pay higher premiums and watch your health care costs skyrocket, you can get a free pass.

How do you receive an exemption to the job-killing health care law? It's simple: all you have to do is become politically connected. Beginning last fall, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius began awarding waivers to unions and corporations that couldn't comply with one of the law's countless new mandates.

But if the law is so great, shouldn't it apply to everyone?

Here's how it happened. Many employers provide workers with "mini-med" health plans, which is low-cost insurance with higher deductibles and smaller annual limits. It's not full coverage, but for millions of hourly workers it's better than being uninsured. Companies complained to Sebelius that they would have to drop this coverage because it doesn't meet the health law's unreasonable requirement that all plans include comprehensive benefits.

Some of the administration's closest allies – including 43 unions – were quickly told that they didn't have to comply with the law. The latest count is that 222 unions and corporations have been granted waivers to portions of the health care law by President Obama's health secretary. The list includes names like the Service Employees International Union and McDonald's.

More mandates are scheduled to take effect this year that will make it even harder for

businesses to afford the coverage that they currently offer. When it's all said and done, HHS is expected to release more than 30,000 pages of new regulations that will create an impossible compliance task for employers and families alike.

This charade is the clearest indication yet that the health law has failed to live up to the president's

often repeated promise that if you like your health plan, you can keep it. That promise has already been broken for workers with mini-med plans, and millions of other small business health plans will soon be deemed "unacceptable coverage" in the eyes of HHS bureaucrats.

I believe every American deserves an exemption from the health care law, not just political friends of the Obama administration and Fortune 500 companies.

That is why I support repealing the law and passing commonsense reforms that lower costs for everyone and put families in charge of their health care, not the government.

Make no mistake, most people won't be lucky enough to get an exemption from the secretary of HHS.

Families in Michigan are still asking "how does the health care law impact me?" Well, the unfortunate truth is that by 2014, every American will be required by law to carry government-designed health insurance plans that will cost at least \$2,100 more than current plans. Choice and competition in health insurance will be severely limited. Doctors and hospitals will be handcuffed by new federal mandates. And without a waiver from every new mandate included in the law, most Americans will find that government-run health care is not "reform."

We can and must do better.

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers is a Republican representing Michigan's 8th District. Rep. Rogers wrote this for the Jan. 18, 2011 Detroit News edition.

Viewpoint

PTA appreciation for school board

Dear Editor,

January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month, a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. On behalf of the 2,700 PTA members in Clarkston, we wish to convey our appreciation to the Clarkston Community School Board of Education for its leadership and stewardship of our school district.

Our board of education, and the hundreds like it across the state, enable us to have local control of public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture

and circumstances. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children—what they learn, who will teach them and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms. The inclusive process used to identify and recruit our new superintendent is one example of how our school board listens to parents.

Thank you to Clarkston Community Schools Board President Steve Hyer, Vice President Sue Boatman, Treasurer Rosalie Lieblang, Secretary Joan Patterson and trustees Barry Bomier, Elizabeth Egan and Cheryl McGinnis for your service to our school district, children and community.

*Kelli Horst, president
Clarkston PTA Council*

Letter to the editor

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Search for new school superintendent begins" Clarkston School Board went with Michigan Association of School Boards to lead the search for a new chief. Trustees supported a national search, to avoid excluding anyone. Trustee Barry Bomier said he was looking for a candidate who thinks globally and acts locally.

"Seniors have a new ride" Comedian and Detroit native Tim Allen donated a van to Lighthouse in Pontiac, allowing the non-profit organization to send the van it replaced to Lighthouse North in Independence Township. They planned to use it to help seniors with doctor visits.

"CHS senior selected for U.S. Army band" Brianna Williams was picked to play flute for the U.S. Army after an audition with recruiters.

25 years ago - 1986

"The boom has started, only started" Population of Independence Township was expected to double by 1996, directly attributed to a large influx of new, high-technology business in Oakland County. Springfield Township population was expected to grow by 50-60 percent.

"Should we kill killers?" Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson wanted to put capital punishment up for a vote, organizing a petition drive. His view was execution was just retribution for first-degree murder, while opponents said it wouldn't work and was against their beliefs.

"Village players reach their goal" After 23 years, Clarkston Village Players were happy to install indoor plumbing in Depot Theater. Previously using an outhouse, then portable toilets, the theater group raised funds for about eight years to pay for the project.

50 years ago - 1961

"Theater Group becomes reality" The newly formed Theater Group of the Village Friends of Art was a smash hit. Forty theater fans, chaired by Nicholas Rossano, met to discuss the future of the group.

"Scouts hold Klondike Derby" About 250 scouts in the Manito District staged their first Klondike Derby. Teams of 4-8 boys pulled Eskimo-type sleds of their own construction over a mile-long course, with Scout Skill Stations along the way.

"Clarkston local" Mrs. Bonnie Donofrio entertained 20 guests at a Stanley Breakfast, Thursday morning.

'My Teacher's Name is Grief'

"... But grief is even more. It's a teacher if we let it be, and a good one. We can actually learn a lot from the sadness that we feel sometimes, not when we're in the middle of grief, but later with time when we feel a little less sad."

--Madeleine Miehls

Every once in a while the Big Kahuna in the sky sends someone my way that keeps me on the light side of the road. The other day was one of those days.

Orion Township resident, Madeleine Miehls e-mailed me out of the blue ... something like this: "Hi -- I just wrote a book, who do I talk to at your newspaper to let folks know?"

Usually, ever the delegatin' dude, I pass off stuff faster than the staff can catch. But, this e-mail piqued my interest. I selfishly kept the e-mail to myself and contacted her. (One day when I grow up I wanna' write a book and publish it, so I try to interview as many authors in the hopes that something will rub off on me. By the way, it ain't worked so far.)

So, Madeleine drove up to my Oxford office and dropped off a copy of her book, *My Teacher's Name Is Grief*, and quickly left.

What a wonderfully simple book. Or is it simply wonderful? I think "yes" on both

accounts.

It looks like a children's book, with big pictures and a few paragraphs on each of the 21 pages. But, it is not. It is a book of hope for anybody who has lost someone they loved. In Madeleine's case, when she was 16, her mom died of cancer. In 2003, Gerald Cormier husband of 13 years and the father of her daughter (Emily) passed away.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

She struggled. She grieved. "You think when something like that happens (spouse passing), people will be there for you all the time to help you. To do things for you, but that is not always true ... you find yourself all by yourself ... you have to make the effort to open the door and walk out," she said.

And, towards the end of 2004, she got out and started to attend meetings for folks struggling with the loss of their spouses, WidowedFriends.org. Which led to hosting grief workshops at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lake Orion. And, then something happened.

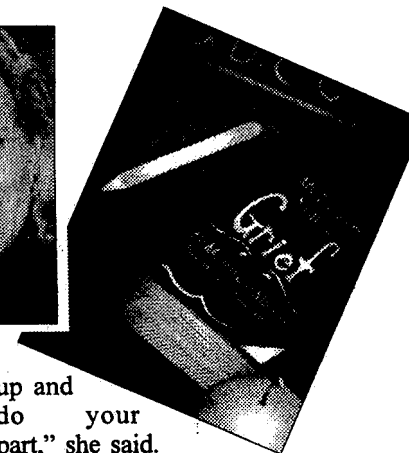
"After a while I got tired of hearing everybody's struggles and I got sick of hearing me talk about it, too ... more like I saw how far I'd come and after a time I grew weary of reliving grief again because I was finally living again."

One night she gave an hour speech on the "task that grief gives you." When she finished up, a nice older lady gave her a nudge. "You should write a book."

And she did. Self-published it, as a matter of fact.

"I think the biggest take-away in all of this is, life is what you make it. And it's okay to wallow for a time but you still need to get out of bed. Time doesn't stop though we might want it to. So you choose what you want in life and work hard to make it happen.

And you will find there are naysayers. 'It can't be done.' 'Oh, I don't like your book because it's too dark.' Yep, I've had some people say that to me. 'Don't work out too much or you'll get too skinny.' My advice, ignore it all and ignore the voice in your head, too. In fact, *that* voice is our worst enemy. It's the one that says, 'It can't be done.' It can be done, if you show



up and do your part," she said.

I don't think the book is dark. I think it is full of hope. I will let as many folks read this book who want it, but if you want your own, head on over to the Celtic Cove in downtown Lake Orion and get your own copy. (Or you can go on-line to Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com -- but I always prefer to support local businesses first.)

Madeleine is now working on her second book, *The Book of Mom*.

"It's for my daughter -- lessons every girl should know about," she said.

She has a radio interview planned for early February. For more about Madeleine, you can visit her website at www.WriteSideofBusiness.com.

Brain's dry; Have to rely; On stories past; Everlast

(This is a repeat of a Jottings from 1956 - You may have missed it.)

During my tour of duty in the Navy we were in an amphibian group. Specifically, we were in a 4-man crew (all 19-year-olds) on a LCVP, Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel.

It was a 36-ft landing craft designed to hit beaches, lower the front ramp and deliver man or machine to battles.

There were 24 of these boats aboard a ship, USS Woodford, AKA 86, and we were somewhere around Guam in the Pacific.

Anyway, we painted these square, flat-bottomed barges almost continually, a beautiful Pacific blue. Then we'd paint names on the side with a large X on the front of the ramp to identify us.

This particular day, after the Japanese had surrendered, we decided to paint a few words on the inside of the 5-foot x 7-foot ramp.

It read:

IS THIS TRIP REALLY NECESSARY?

We thought it was a huge joke and all our buddies laughed.

Before the paint was dry an order came over the

loud speaker to lower our boat into the water.

So, down came the boom and hook to hoist our boat over the side.

We, in the boat, just got situated in the water and were looking up to the rail where our shipmates were rocking and rolling at our attempt at humor.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

That's when we saw our captain, Winston Folk, on the bridge.

HE didn't laugh.

Our boat was brought back aboard ship, and we four in the crew were assigned various painting chores and additional watches from midnight to 4 a.m.

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Recently Gov. Snyder released the salaries of his appointees; directors, counsel, communications, etc. They range from \$100,000 for the director of communications to \$250,000 for the budget director.

Pay for his staff cannot be compared to counterparts on the Granholm staff because Gov. Granholm refused to reveal pay scales in the governor's office.

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* Sticking with the past for a moment longer, did you notice how many and how frequent the commercials for dating were aired between the holidays? Besides E. Harmony.com there was Christian Dating for Free.com, Plenty of Fish.com and Christian Mingle.com.

* I had some left-over beef, so I shared it with Shayna. I've always been amazed at how fast dogs can chew and swallow, so I tested ma'dog. It took her four chomps to chew and swallow one piece. I compared it to me. It took me 56 chomps. Where's her enjoyment and my thank you's?

* I've been told many adults at church and funeral services can become quite annoyed by the younger generations' continual use of iPods at these times. Seems out of place to me, too.

* The first public product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At the time, the most known player on the market was the Victorola, so they called themselves Motorola.

* Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, WHY do we have inflation and high taxes? Same thing for deficits?

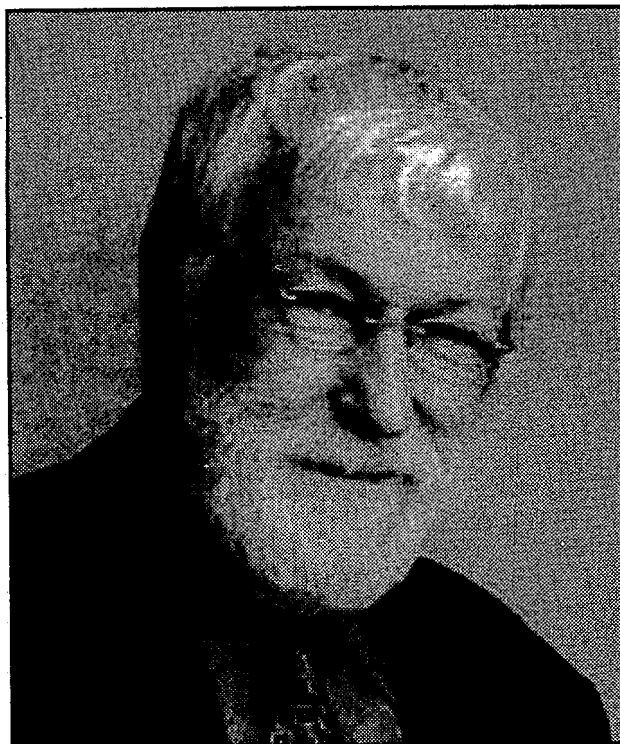
Happy New Year from Clarkston Medical Group!

We're very proud to announce that 2011 marks our 50th Anniversary! That's right, in 1961 our founder, Dr. James O'Neill, opened his practice. There's been a tremendous amount of change, both in Clarkston 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, my father, attended a one-room schoolhouse near the badlands in Williston, North Dakota. When he was only 16, he boarded a train for Minneapolis to begin college because, "there was no more they could teach him" in that little schoolhouse. In Minneapolis he attended St. Thomas College, and after just three years was accepted to the 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 of America! He also met my mother, Mikel. They started a family that would grow to include six children and 14 grandchildren.

After medical school, my parents moved to Detroit so that my father could train at Henry Ford Hospital specializing 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 -- this after much urging from doctors



Dr. James O'Neill, M.D.

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 farm-

house 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, share your stories!

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.**

Here is one of my stories...



Dr. Tim O'Neill

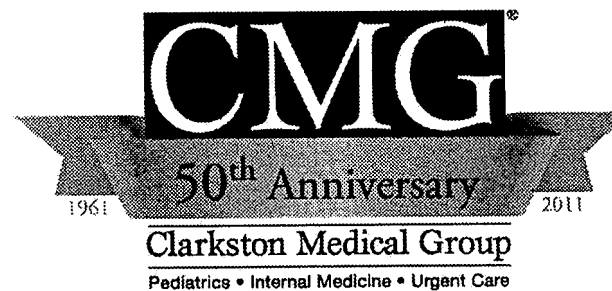
Growing up as the youngest son of Dr. O'Neill and then joining him in practice, I have quite a few stories of my own! One that always sticks with me occurred when I was only seven or eight years old. In those years, people came to our home at all hours of the day or night if they were sick or injured. 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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Public Safety

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

Misplaced trust

An Independence Township teenager lent his video game system to his friend, a 16-year-old Pontiac boy, who sold it at a used-game store, Jan. 1, with the help of an 18-year-old Independence Township man. The 16-year-old is also suspected of taking another video game system, iPod, and wallet, and selling them too.

A Waterford Township woman helped her friend, a 58-year-old Independence Township man, rent a car by putting it on her credit card, Dec. 6. He said he needed it for a weekend, but hadn't returned it by Jan. 3, when she filed a police report.

Unemployment headaches

A 56-year-old Independence Township woman called for unemployment benefits, Jan. 7, but was told she was ineligible. Record showed she was employed in Illinois, but she said she never worked in that state. She suspects her Social Security number was stolen and used to get someone a job.

A 40-year-old Brandon Township man working in Clarkston is under investigation by the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth for illegally claiming unemployment benefits, Jan. 10. He is accused of taking more than \$10,000 in unemployment insurance and not reporting earnings.

Driver on drugs

On the lookout for a reckless driver on Sashabaw Road, 2:15 a.m., Jan. 14, a deputy watched a car leave the roadway, run through four front yards, and hit a mailbox, before getting run off the road himself. The deputy spun around and stopped the car, driven by a 55-year-old Brandon Township man, at Pine Knob Road. He was arrested for reckless driving and driving under the influence of drugs.

Wrong plate

A deputy noticed an SUV with a license plate registered to a Jeep, and pulled it over at Sashabaw and Maybee Road, 12:31 a.m., Jan. 15. The driver, a 20-year-old Brandon Township man, and passenger, 22-year-old Bloomfield Township man, had a 12-pack of beer and two airsoft pellet pistols. The driver's had a restricted operator's license, though. He was cited for violation of his license restriction, improper plates, and no proof of insurance.

Lost control

A driver trying to pass on I-75 in two inches of snow lost control, bounced off a guardrail, and hit a tree, Jan. 15.

A deputy found a car in a ditch, lights on and engine running, at Clarkston Road and Snow Apple Drive, 1:47 a.m., Jan. 16. The driver, a 25-year-old Independence Township woman, unsteady with slurred speech, said she was returning from a friend's 50th birthday party. With a .160 preliminary breath test, she was arrested for drunk driving.

Warrant for ice fisherman

A neighbor called police to report three vehicles parked at a vacant house, 3:57 p.m., Jan. 17. They were owned by an ice fishing expedition, and the property's owner was among them. However, a member of the party, a 41-year-old Waterford man, had a Friend of the Court warrant and was arrested.

Couldn't hold it

A deputy patrolling Dixie Highway stopped a car exiting a business after hours, 9:49 p.m., Jan. 18. The driver, a 45-year-old Waterford Township man, said he stopped because he had to urinate, choosing the closed business to do his business. He also had a suspended driver's license for reckless driving, and received a misdemeanor citation.

Bomb-threat robber

Police are hoping store surveillance video help them capture a suspect who used a bomb threat to rob a local pharmacy.

The suspect is a white man, 40-50 years old, about 5 feet, 5 inches in height, slender build, short brown hair, no facial hair. He was wearing prescription-type glasses, green jacket, and green camouflage baseball type cap.

Charges could include possession/delivery of a possible bomb with intent to terrorize and threaten, a five-year felony and/or \$3,000; and armed robbery, a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

According to police, a suspect approached the Krogers' pharmacy department on Sashabaw Road at Maybee Road, 6:20 p.m., Jan. 20. He placed a package on the counter, said it was a bomb, and demanded prescription pain-killer medication.

Employees gave the robber what they had and the man fled the store, leaving the package on the counter and threatening to detonate it remotely when police arrived.

Employees called police and evacuated the store. Responding deputies assisted in the evacuation and set up a perimeter around the property.

The package was contained in an open plastic bag, and looked credible enough to call for Michigan State Police Bomb Squad.

Bomb Squad officers from Northville Crime Lab looked at the package and decided to inspect and disassemble it re-



Store video captured this image of the suspect.

motely using a robot. Finding the device wasn't explosive, they took it to sheriff's department crime lab for analysis.

A county K-9 police dog unit tracked the suspect from the store east to a nearby subdivision, ending on Everest Street north of Maybee Road.

Also, a deputy's car out of Springfield Township assisting at the scene caught fire, at 6:50 p.m. It was an electrical fire inside the engine compartment. Deputies disconnected the battery and extinguished it.

The store reopened at 10:25 p.m.

Anyone with any knowledge of this case are asked to call 1-888-TURN-1-IN, 888-887-6146.

Burglar escapes in chase

A deputy patrolling Dixie Highway, 5:10 a.m., Jan. 19, stopped to check on a car parked in front of a business. As she pulled up, a man jumped out through a plate glass window, put his hands up, but then jumped in his car and sped off, the deputy in pursuit. Another deputy joined in the chase, but lost the suspect near Dixie and Williams Lake Road. He is described as a black man, 19-25

years old, wearing red pants and dark hoodie, driving a four-door, older green sedan, possibly a Grand Prix. The store reported 15 cartons of cigarettes stolen.

A suspect matching the description is on video stealing 200 packs of cigarettes and some vodka from a Dixie Highway restaurant in Springfield Township, 4:51 a.m., Jan. 19. Entry was through a broken-out front door.

— Reports compiled by Phil Custodio



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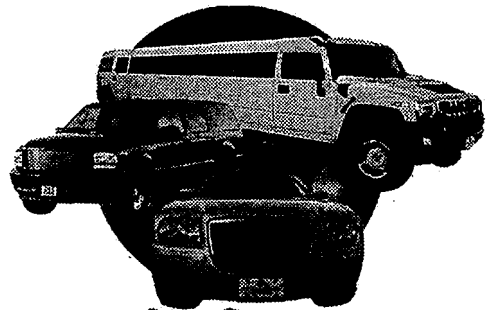
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Awards honor 12 teachers

Clarkston Community Schools honored 12 employees for the First Quarter Employee Recognition Awards at the Board of Education meeting, Jan 10.

First-quarter awardees include, in back from left to right, **Jody Sebring**, art teacher, Pine Knob Elementary; **Melissa Skyarce**, Instructional Aide, Clarkston Elementary; **Kim Chadwell**, media tech, Clarkston Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary; **Michelle Laing**, 3rd/4th grade teacher, Springfield Plains; **Tim Berkquist**,

head custodian, Andersonville Elementary; **Thomas Evans**, day custodian, Clarkston High School; in front, **April Killewald**, first grade teacher, Bailey Lake Elementary; **Kaki Gove**, physical education teacher, Sashabaw Middle School; **Jeanne Webster**, Math Instructional Aide, SMS; **Pat Kent**, physical education teacher, SMS. Not pictured, **Amy Morris**, Kindergarten teacher, Bailey Lake and **Jeanie Lamreaux**, social studies teacher, Clarkston High. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Trustees to revisit bylaws

Continued from page 1A

Rock's perspective and leadership during this time of change seemed less than optimal," Hyer said.

The board could have discussed district Finance Committee's recommended budget reductions, as well as budget parameters showing if it doesn't make further reductions, the district will run out of fund equity by 2013, Lieblang said.

"Unfortunately, we still have over a \$6 million deficit that must be solved," she said. "As treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, I believe it is important for the board to provide clear direction to the administration on any expected budget reduction amount as soon as possible."

Also, the district is planning a community survey in early February - Jan. 24 was the board's last chance to discuss the survey before it happens.

"I was hoping the board would have the opportunity to identify topics that we would like to collect some additional information on," she said. "While it would be nice to have the superintendent at all of our board meetings, sometimes it isn't possible. We have had board meetings in the past without the superintendent present."

Other board business included policy readings and approvals, and reviewing December financial information, she said.

"Our Finance Department worked very hard to get the December Financial Reports ready for this meeting," Lieblang said.

However, due to a minor surgery, the district's business director was out for most of the week, Hyer said.

"It seemed that rushing to get all the materials in place in order to have a quality discussion was not possible," he said.

Board Vice President Sue Boatman said the district Policy Committee needs to revisit the bylaw on canceling a regular meeting.

"It is my belief that best practices would not allow for one board member to have the power to cancel a meeting," Boatman said. "Under a worst case scenario, someone might cancel a meeting to avoid having a topic brought up in public. While that is not the case in this situation, with board discussion, the entire board would have been made aware of the many agenda topics that were ready for discussion on the 24th."

According to existing bylaws, regular meeting can only be changed by a board resolution.

"I consider a meeting cancellation to be a change," Lieblang said. "I'm disappointed that one person made the decision to cancel the meeting without any input from the rest of the board."

Hyer pointed out district bylaws state school board must have at least one board meeting per month, which was accomplished Jan. 10.

The board's next regular is Feb. 14, and budget reduction recommendations are scheduled to be presented to the board at its Feb. 28 meeting. The school board meets at 7 p.m. at Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

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Clarkston heads into OAA Red battle against Dragons

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers secured second place in the OAA Red on Saturday night after they closed game against Rochester United with a 3-1 win.

"I am happy with their win," said Clarkston Varsity Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier about the boys' performance. "We didn't play bad, we didn't play good - we played mediocre."

Rochester United grabbed control of the puck from the face off but it was short as the Wolves took the puck into their opponents zone.

They continued to lead in the fast paced game taking shots on goal, aiming to be the first on the scoreboard.

Senior Adam Matynowski passed the puck to junior Brad Pizzey. He fired his shot onto the net, putting it in with three minutes left in the first period.

"I got really excited," said Pizzey, after Clarkston took the lead. "I thought that was going to be the clincher to get the team rolling. I came out real hard to set the tempo for the game."

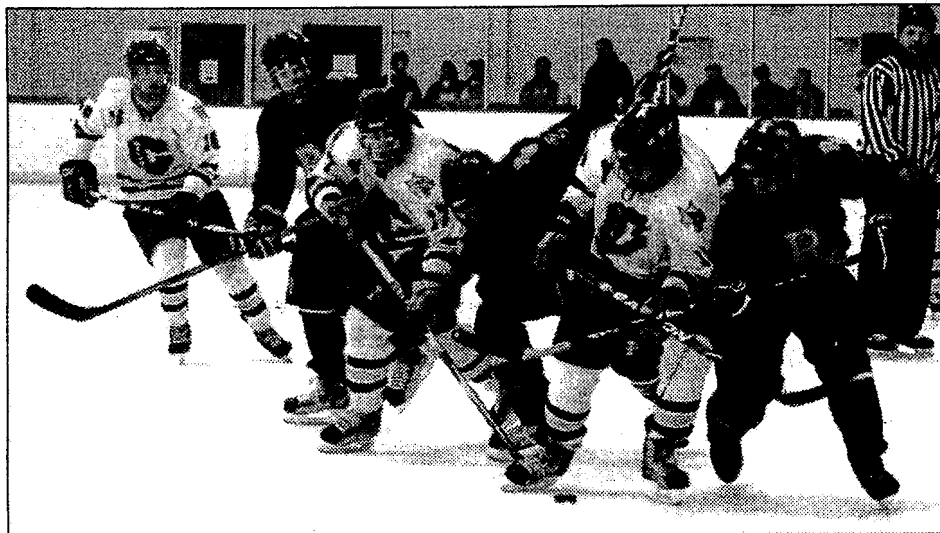
The Wolves made 11 attempts on Rochester United's net in the second period, but neither team was able to score.

Coming into the last period Dillon Drayer took the first attempt, only to have it caught in the air by goalie Ian Mercer.

Rochester United tied the game with a goal from Tim Minotas, 48 seconds into a power play.

They attempted one more after winning puck control at the face off and Wolf Troy Fasseel blocked the shot.

The boys brought it back into Rochester United's territory and the ice began to heat



Nate Lowell and Connor Hughes battle with Rochester United for puck control. Photo by Wendi Reardon

up with six minutes left in the game.

Wolves kept putting shots on the net when two of their opponents were sent to the penalty box.

After a brief timeout at Clarkston's bench with 5:43 to go, the boys came back with another approach.

They passed the puck back and forth on the outside with two offense players placed close at the net. The Wolves slowly drew their opponents defense out of the net.

Poised in front of the net Adam Larkin passed the puck to Drayer on the right side of the goalie and out of harm's way.

One swift move from Drayer's hockey stick put the puck in the net with 5:30 left in the game, bringing Clarkston back into the

lead. Pizzey also assisted on the power play goal.

Chad Wotton made another attempt on the net a minute later and the boys kept looking for gaps to shoot the puck through to score. The Wolves had another shot when Rochester United was one man down - out on another penalty.

Less than four minutes to go, Austin Morse added the third goal and secured the win. Macario Torres and Pizzey assisted.

"It put us over the top," said Pizzey. "We really played hard."

"Our power play at the end of the game was excellent," Krygier added. "Our special teams won the game. Our special teams on the other end lost us the lead. We tied it up

and our special teams came through. I am happy with their win. The last six minutes we worked the puck pretty well. We played how we should have."

The boys made 33 shots on the net and Fasseel had 17 saves for the night. The win gives the boys a 8-4-1 record.

Now the focus is on Lake Orion on Saturday with practice against Howell in their Wednesday game.

"Now we need to win against Lake Orion to be tied for first or take first," said Krygier, adding they will know more when Orion plays Farmington, also tied for second, on Thursday.

Krygier anticipates it will be a heated game against the Dragons.

"We usually get a huge crowd," he said. It is their senior night. I think it is going to be a very electric, upbeat atmosphere. It is going to be a very emotional game. As far as I am concerned we need to take the emotion out of the game."

Clarkston's plan is to stick with what they have been doing, making sure they outwork and put pressure on the Dragons.

"Orion is going to be a tough game," said Pizzey. "We can do it. They are going to come out hard because we are rivals."

The game is also Clarkston and Lake Orion's Annual Youth Hockey Night. Free admission for kids wearing their team hockey jersey.

Activities between periods include chuck-a-puck and a hockey shoot out for prizes. Fans can also tour the Wolves' and Dragons' locker rooms.

The game is Saturday, 8 p.m. at Detroit Skate Club, 888 Denison, Bloomfield Hills.



JV Lady Wolves; back row, Jordyn Hutchinson, Katie Chadwell, Taylor Beach, Kayle Sherwood; middle row, Makenzie Clark, Haley Durrant, Sydney Hasselbach, Haley Daugherty, Coach Mike Greve, Paige Reed, Carly Giroux, Patrice Matthews, Laney Robinson; front, Kaitlyn Catania. Photo provided

Athletes of the Week

Soaring above the rim

The Clarkston High School Girls JV Basketball team have led the court during the first half of the season.

They currently have 11 wins and have only lost one game.

"We've been playing pretty well," said Mike Greve, head coach.

Among the talented roster of 14 are

three freshman, nine sophomores and one junior.

The team's next home game is next Thursday against Troy-Athens at Clarkston High School's gym.

They play at Southfield-Lathrup on Friday and at Southfield next Tuesday.

JV games begin at 5:30 p.m.

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Patient finds peace of mind at Lake Orion Family Dentistry

When Lake Orion resident Judith Truscott told her former dentist that local anesthesia didn't numb her mouth like it should, he said he understood. He said he'd dealt with patients with similar problems, and everything would be fine.

Judith wasn't so sure. In fact, she has a major fear of the dentist, and her next appointment would involve a root canal. She put her fears aside, though, and went to her appointment.

After the procedure, her dentist pushed up his surgical mask, looked at her, and said it had been a long time since he'd had to administer that much anesthetic. Judith wasn't surprised.

"I told you so," she said as the dentist flagged her chart for future reference.

Judith wasn't satisfied. Afterward, she avoided dental work for years. She had her teeth cleaned and attended regular checkups, but would not undergo the dental work she needed. Judith knew her oral health was deteriorating, yet did not know how to overcome her fears.

"I had a major fear of the dentist," she said.

But as a registered nurse, Judith also knew that avoiding dental work could put her overall health at risk. She understood the link between poor oral health and heart attack, stroke, and other serious systemic problems.



Dr. Brad Greenfield and the team at Lake Orion Family Dentistry offer quality, innovative care in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

"To be so afraid that it keeps you from taking care of your health is horrible," she recalls. "If you do not have a fear, you can't understand it. I was so apprehensive before I found Dr. Greenfield that I would cancel an appointment three times and just never get the work done."

When Judith found Dr. Greenfield at Lake Orion Family Dentistry, her fears were put to rest. "He listened to me and explained my treatment options, what he wanted to do, and why," Judith said, noting she felt in control of her treatment plan with no pressure. "Then I met with Karla, the nurse anesthetist at Dr. Greenfield's office, and she was excellent. Wonderful!"

In addition to an inability to numb with local anesthesia and an intense fear of dental procedures, Judith also suffers from acute asthma. She asked questions most people don't know to ask, and Karla provided the answers and explanation Judith needed.

After much discussion, Judith, Karla, and Dr. Greenfield determined that two sessions of dental procedures would be required. Judith requested that the milder phase of treatment be completed first, and Dr. Greenfield was pleased to comply. Karla would administer IV sedation to relieve Judith's anxiety during treatment.

"I felt nothing, and I remember nothing," said Judith. "There was no pain, no fear."

Dr. Greenfield used CEREC, a new technology that incorporates CAD/CAM technology for one-visit, permanent, ceramic dental crowns. Judith had two CEREC crowns placed, along with a dental filling, during her first visit.

The procedure took just a short period of time. Afterward, Judith had no anxiety about the second phase of her treatment plan, which was scheduled just a few weeks later.

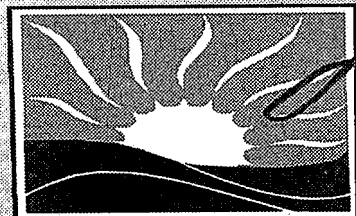
During the second appointment, Karla administered IV sedation, and this time, Dr. Greenfield placed three crowns and performed laser periodontal treatment.

"There was no bruising, no pain, not even at the injection sites," Judith said. "In fact, I left the next day for a six-week Florida vacation."

Judith ranks her experience a 12 on a scale of 1 to 10.

"I was a basket case when I came in," she said. "They really made me feel good; they are very attentive. I never feel like a number at Dr. Greenfield's office, and my hygienist, Ronda, is wonderful."

Judith has referred her son and daughter-in-law to Dr. Greenfield, and she hopes he can help others who are in her situation, filled with fear and in desperate need of dental work to restore and protect their health.



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Cagers unravel Raiders

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Nick Tatu led Cagers in their victory over North Farmington Friday night, handing them their first loss in the OAA Red.

He scored six 3-pointers and a basket to put 22 points on the board in the 66-35 game.

"He shot the ball well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife.

The boys led throughout the entire game, posting 33 points during each half - a difference from their loss to Pontiac (67-51) on Jan. 18.

"Our North Farmington game was ten times different than it was on Tuesday," said Fife. "As good as they were on Friday, they were just as bad against Pontiac. We showed them on the DVD how they played on Tuesday."

Fife noticed the differences in the boys - mentally, physically, their work ethic and their energy.

Marcus Harder put ten points on the board and Matt Dellinger had nine points against the Raiders.

While the boys outscored every quarter while they were at North Farmington, in Pontiac they couldn't grab the lead through-

out the entire game.

Clarkston was only seven points behind going into halftime, a deficit they could come back from. Instead, Pontiac's Jamarea Samples made three consecutive field goals at the beginning of the second half and leading the Phoenix's 16-4 run on the Wolves.

Tatu and Max Collins scored two 3-pointers in the game. Tatu contributed 12 points to the game and Collins had 11.

Mitch Baenziger put eight on the board.

The split week put the boys at an overall record 5-5 and 3-2 in OAA Red.

Fife explained the team is still finding their place and their identity.

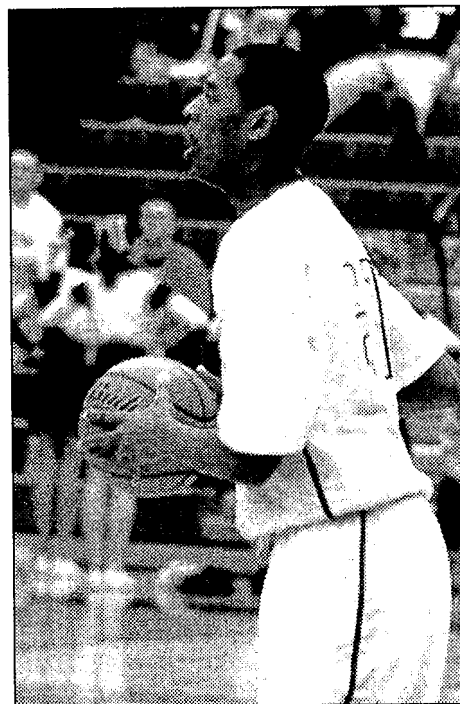
"They struggle when they are out of their comfort zone and they don't know how to get back into their comfort zone," he added.

The boys had four practice sessions to get into the zone as they head to West Bloomfield on Thursday. The Lakers have only lost one game in the league so far.

"They have played us tough over the years," said Fife. "But we have to look out for us rather than worry about them."

The boys are back home next Tuesday.

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



Marcus Hardy contemplates an action plan against defense. Photo by WR

Kenny leads Lady Wolves to 5th consecutive win

BY GABE COMOS

Special to The Clarkston News

Delaney Kenny is following in her older sister's footsteps while Kaleigh is busy playing college basketball for Findlay University.

Delaney, the starting point guard for the Lady Wolves, now in only her sophomore year, scored a career high 17 points in the 36-33 win over Rochester Adams, Jan. 18.

"I think we were a little cocky coming into this game after beating them by over twenty points last year, but with a team effort we came out of this game with a good win," said Delaney.

Delaney, who has been a top scorer on the squad, has helped her team to a season considerably better than last year.

"Delaney brings a ton of energy to the floor. When she's in the game the speed really picks up and the girls tend to play well around her. She's a leader and motivator," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk.

The Wolves have won six straight games and have improved their record to 8-4 on the season - a significant improvement compared to last year's five-win total.

"This season is really progressing well, we're making good strides. We already have more wins than last season. The team is happy, and most importantly everyone is focused and has a drive to win," said Wasilk.

Tuesday's low scoring affair was one of the many close games the Lady Wolves have

had this season.

The Wolves had good ball control throughout the first half. This, along with good defense, gave Clarkston a 26-17 lead going into halftime.

Adams guard, Jessica Lang, had 12 points in the first half to lead her team. Delaney also had 12 first half points.

Coming out of the locker room, the Wolves scoring began to slow down. Adams also had nothing going for them in the third quarter either, as there was only a combined 11 points between the two teams.

Adams, however, made up for lost ground in the fourth quarter. After being down nine at the half, the Lady Highlanders fought back to come within three points with just two minutes left. Following a missed opportunity to tie the game the Wolves got the ball back.

Kenney was fouled on with 30 seconds left. After missing both free throws, Adams picked up the rebound and attempted another three-pointer but missed.

Anna Manilla's rebound for the Wolves was followed by a Clarkston turnover.

The Highlanders had the ball with eight seconds left. Adams inbounded the ball to Lang, who attempted one fi-

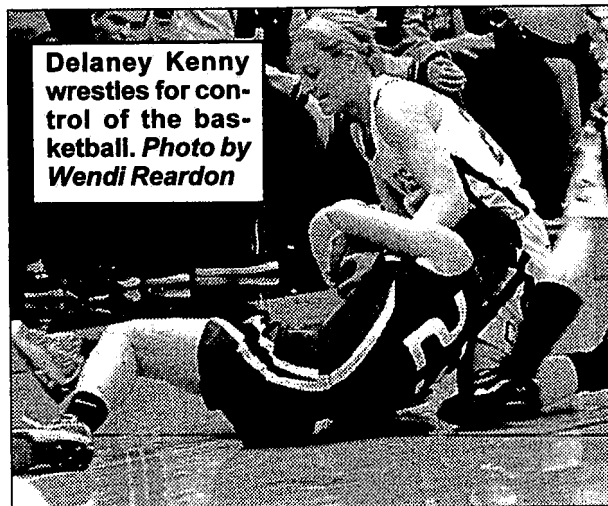
nal three-pointer but came up short and the Wolves prevailed.

Lang led her team in scoring ending the night with 18 points. Delaney had nearly half her team's points finishing with 17. She was two for five from the free throw line.

Lindsey Reppuhn also contributed six points for the Lady Wolves.

"It was a grind it out win," said Wasilk. Adams did a nice job defending us throughout the game. We seemed to struggle with the scoring aspect in the second half. But, we played well and with good defense we found a way to win."

Clarkston heads to Southfield-Lathrup on Friday and Southfield next Tuesday.



Delaney Kenny wrestles for control of the basketball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Stelpflug secures spot at state finals

BY NICK LOOMIS

Special to The Clarkston News

Birmingham Groves beat Clarkston in easy fashion Thursday night 74-115, however, senior Ken Stelpflug once again qualifies for Division I time by an incredible 12 seconds in the 500 meter freestyle.

Stelpflug has made states in both his sophomore and junior years for the same race, so to him, it was nothing special.

"Before a race, we try to psych each other up to get prepared for the event," said Stelpflug.

During every event, swimmers not participating in the race cheered their fellow teammates until the very end, even if they came in last to show how close of a team they were.

Another highlight of the night for Clarkston was their freshman diver Joey Zendejas, brother of state champion Jordan Zendejas.

Divers take part in six rounds where they total up all their scores for each round.

After the second or third round, Zendejas was virtually a round ahead of his opposition for the rest of the competition.

Joey's older brother Jordan currently holds the school record for diving.

"My brother taught me most of my techniques, and someday I hope to break the school record," said Joey.

Even with Zendejas and Stelpflug racking up dominating victories, Clarkston couldn't get many more points out of the rest of their team.

Though, captain Stelpflug is a senior this year, the swim team looks promising for years to come.

They have all but four swimmers returning next year including future four-year swimmers in Kyle Inch, Patrick Bemis and Steven Nelson.

"We have to focus on each event, and use our experience to our advantage," said junior Kyle Inch.

While it seems swimming is not usually the first sport of choice for athletes in Clarkston, the people dedicated to the sport can certainly make it a good choice for anyone who tries it.

The Wolves competed against Walled Lake Northern on Tuesday and head to Lake Orion on Saturday.

The boys last meet is next Tuesday at Royal Oak as they get ready for Oakland County Meet, Feb. 4 and 5.

Township wants bonds to repay loan

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"It's not unusual a municipality would issue bonds and use some of the proceeds to reimburse itself," Wyzgoski said.

Trustee Neil Wallace asked Township auditor representative Les Pulver of Plante Moran where the previous township board went wrong when creating the deficit.

Pulver said the state "might have fine tuned their interpretation as to what constitutes a deficit."

Trustee David Lohmeier asked Pulver if the refinancing using bonds was Plante Moran's idea. Pulver said it was a "roundtable discussion" of a "variety of options" between Plante Moran, the township Finance Director Susan Hendricks, Treasurer Curt Carson, and Supervisor Dave Wagner.

Issuing bonds is one of only option for satisfying state requirements, Pulver said.

"Not many other units (municipalities) would have used this technique to borrow money from the DPW (Department of Public Works) funds," he said.

Wyzgoski agreed it was "very uncommon."

According to a Sept. 4, 2008 letter to the township, Plante Moran said using the "internal service fund" approach to borrow

money from the DPW funds could have "a minor undesirable impact," which "would likely result in an 'unrestricted net assets deficit' in the internal service fund, and would necessitate the filing of a deficit elimination plan to the State Department of Treasury."

Lohmeier said the entire issue could have been avoided had the township bonded from the very beginning when they first bought the hall.

"At some point somebody is going to write a book on this as a case study of where to go wrong when making a purchase, one of the chapters is going to be incremental responsibility," he said. "Nobody did everything wrong, but everybody did a little something wrong."

Carson said he wasn't going to "second guess" the previous board's actions.

"I hate playing the blame game here," he said. "We got a situation in front of us, the state has sent us a letter and they've made a request and now we have to address it."

Wallace said it's their "obligation to second guess the previous board."

"We do not want to be making those same kinds of mistakes," Wallace said.

Wagner said the township was paying about \$170,000 a year for the building, as well as \$120,000-\$130,000 to repay the sewer and water fund.

"Now we have an opportunity if we bond to not have that second payment, which would indeed help the general fund out immensely," he said.

Wyzgoski said the township does not meet federal regulations for the bonds to be tax exempt, which will result in a higher

interest rate.

"There are rules against using bond proceeds to reimburse a municipality for expenditures for a project," he said.

Trustee Mark Petterson was concerned it was going to be difficult to issue municipal bonds because according to Wyzgoski, they would have to either be preapproved by the state Department of Treasury, earning "qualified status," or submit an application with the state.

Since 2004, the state denied all of the board's qualified statements. The board can still issue bonds. It's just a "different process," Wyzgoski said.

"You have to submit the bond authorizing resolution and an application for treasury approval," he said. "It's not uncommon because there are a lot of municipalities in the state that don't have qualified status."

The process to get the bonds would start with a public notice of intent to issue bonds, approved by township board by resolution.

The notice includes the maximum amount of bonds to be issued, and purpose of the bonds.

Residents have 45 days to file a petition to put the issue to a vote, requiring signatures of 10 percent of registered voters.

The township board voted 5-1 to authorize Pulver along with Deputy Supervisor Rick Yaeger to contact the state "to explore with the state other potential options for eliminating or fixing this particular problem (the deficit)" and report back to the board as promptly as possible. Carson voted "No."

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Bowling

The Varsity Boys Bowling team finished fourth overall in the Oakland County Championship on Saturday.

"I was extremely pleased," said Coach Rodney Pierson. "Had this been Regionals, they would have qualified for States. I am very impressed with bowlers stepping up to the challenge and gaining confidence with every match."

The boys previously took first in the Grand Ledge Bakers Tournament and second in the Lakeland Invitational.

Eric Wagner bowled a 731 series for three games and had a 259.

Nick Cooper leads the league in average with a 224.

The girls team lost to Waterford Kettering in the quarterfinals, 301-280.

Erika Nowak bowled a 545 series and Stephanie Lavelly bowled a 531. Danielle Hopkins had a high game of 226.

Wrestling

Five grapplers were undefeated last Wednesday while the team split their duals.

Cameron Wilkie (119), Chris Calvano (152), Michael Henige (160), Matt Vandermeer (171) and Scott Devos (285) helped aid the team with points against Avondale and Rochester Adams.

The boys beat Avondale, 46-27. Wilkie, Henige, Vandermeer and Devos scored big with pins and Calvano won by a major decision.

The boys lost to Rochester Adams after winning five weight classes, 39-23.

Calvano scored on a fall 3:35 into his match against Ben Hart and Vandermeer won on a technical fall, scoring 18-1 on Jordan Gowmer.

They have a dual meet on Wednesday at Rochester against West Bloomfield and Lake Orion.

They compete in the Oakland County/Macomb County duals on Saturday, set to begin at 9 a.m.

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New draft for 90 N. Main

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dick Carlisle of Carlisle & Wortman will develop a "special land use" plan for 90 N. Main Street, after input from city planners.

Clarkston Planning Commission members said they want a plan with "teeth," to enforce Historic District ordinance.

"I want to make sure everything is there black and white to protect the village - I'm not representing a business or anybody else," said Commissioner Thomas Goldner, Jan. 20. "I want to see the government here be safeguarded because litigation of the past has drained our treasury."

Special-use permit would give the city more authority to attach conditions, Carlisle said.

"Those conditions have to be reasonably related to the health safety and welfare so you could as a special land use legally establish conditions on the property," he said.

The property would still be under the Historic Overlay District, but it would allow use of the property under residential zoning.

Commissioner Robert Hahn wasn't so certain about the control granted through special-use permit.

"How much control do we want? We're not communist. We want these guys to make a living. They want to turn a profit on the building," Hahn said. "I'd even like to see it loosened up even a little bit more."

Goldner said it's up the owners to make a living off the building and the commission to set the "ground rules" for what's allowed and not allowed.

Jeff Leib, attorney representing building owner Bob Roth and Ed Adler said the last thing his client's want is litigation.

"We wanted to come up with a development plan that made sense for them, made sense for the community and was not confrontational with the community," Lieb said.

Roth said the meeting went well.

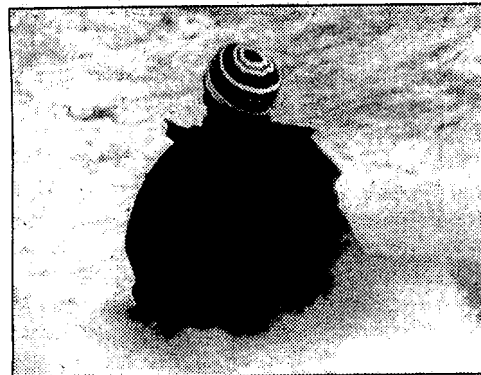
"There were a lot of concerns, but over all I think we're moving ahead," he said after the meeting. "The process sometimes takes a long time and it's the only thing I'm concerned about. It's already been over two years, but they at least had a meeting and we finally talked about it."

Previously Adler and Roth said they saw the building being used for architects or engineer offices, or studios of some sort.

Carlisle said he would try and get the plan to city council prior to their Feb. 7 regular meeting.



Sam Head looks to the camera as he sleds by.



Cody Viers loses his sled on the way down.

SLED FUN

Students of Pine Knob Elementary enjoyed a day of sledding recently at Indian Springs Metro Park sled hill.

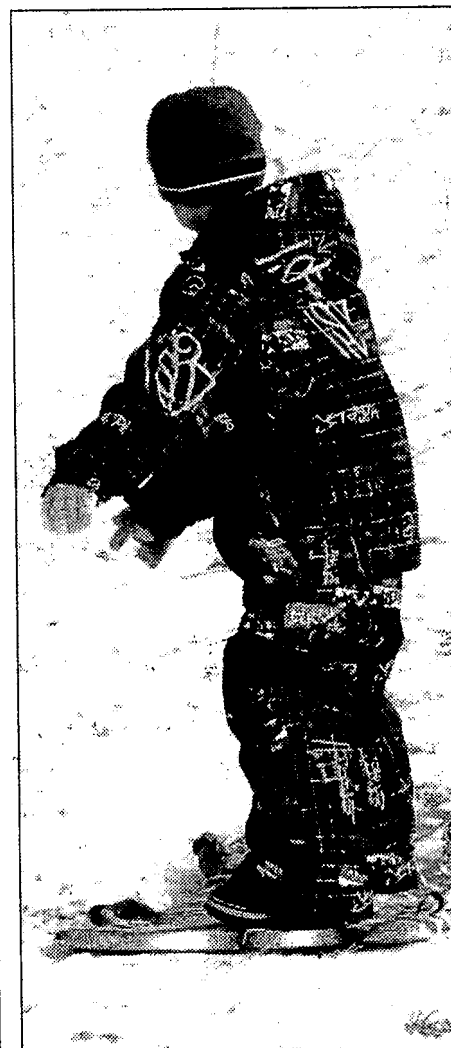
Parents reminisced about their childhood days as they watched their children make their way up and down the hill.

Tim Horton's hot cocoa was provided to add a little extra warmth to the snowy fun day.

Photo Story by Trevor Keiser



Kirkland MacGuire and her little sister Kendall line up for hot cocoa.



A sledder uses his snowboard for downhill transportation

Yo-yo tricks teach

Laughter ensued in Springfield Plains Elementary's gym as the students followed the adventure of Ned.

During the assembly, Jan. 14, the students learned Never give up, Encourage other and Do your best, also known as NED - the character's name.

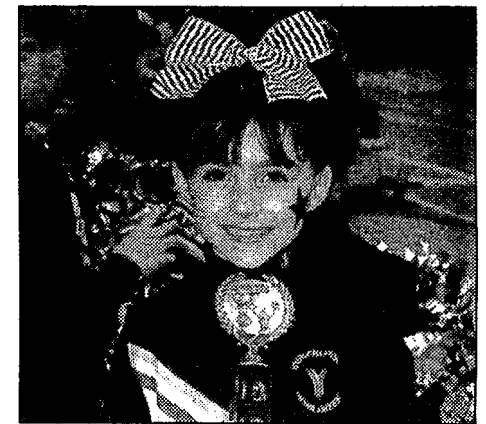
Along the way Ned learns he was doing wrong thing and had the wrong attitude. He learned how to be respectful and how to fix his attitude.

Thrown into the story were yo-yo tricks to help the students remember the lessons from the story.

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Second-grader Trey Hutchons shares with Ned's friend, Gary, a champion never gives up.



Spirited Helm

Clarkston resident, Ashlyn Helm, along with her Brandon Cheer Team, took second place in Division II, Small Group at Young Champions State Cheer Competition in Grand Rapids Michigan on Jan. 22.

Their cheer team qualified to compete at state level after placing second at the Eastern Michigan Regional Cheer Competition held at Macomb Community College in December.

This is Ashlyn's second competitive win at state level over the past year. Last June, Ashlyn and her Clarkston/Holly team, won third place in Division II mid-size groups when they competed at YC's Spring State Cheer Competition. Congratulations!

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**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
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1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:31 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
 3. Roll Call: Present: Carson, Wallace, Rosso, Lohmeier, Petterson, Wagner
 Absent: VanderVeen
 There was a quorum
 4. The Agenda was approved as submitted
 5. The Public Forum opened at 7:33 and closed at 7:34
 6. The Consent Agenda was approved with the removal of item (b) the Check Run.
 7. Approved Gerald Fisher as the municipal attorney member of the Citizens Selection Committee with respect to the Clerk replacement process.
 8. Approved the resignation of Shelagh VanderVeen as the Independence Township Clerk.
 9. Approved the selection of Zac Bell, Bev McElmeel, Joe Wauldron, and Karen Manvel to the Citizens Selection Committee for the Clerk replacement process
 10. Approved waiving the normal accounts payable procedure to expedite the processing of the payments to the contractors performing the EECBG projects, with the understanding the Treasurer's Office will not release the checks until the individual projects have been completed.
 11. Approved Check Run with the removal of the CIA Board/MDOT meeting payment until further explanation of the bill.
 12. Approved sound variance for the Waterford Hills Road Racing Historical Vintage Automobile Race for the weekend of July 29, 30 and 31.
 13. Approved authorizing Les Pulver and Rick Yeager to work together to contact the State to further explore options with regard to the Deficit Elimination Plan.
 14. Approved setting the Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions.
 15. Approved establishing the beginning date for the Board of Review to be March 9, 2011.
 16. Approved the appointment of Susan Aulgur, Henry Hogan, and Ricky Henry to the Board of Review for a two-year term.
 17. The motion to put the review of the police millage projection, revenues and future costs and determine contract adjustments, if necessary, on the next regular meeting Agenda failed.
 18. Approved the reappointment of Joe Wauldron, Deborah Froehlich and Ronald Ritchie to the Planning Commission, for a three year term
 19. Approved the appointment of Jill Palulian and Alan Aulgur to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term.
 20. Ken Elwert gave an overview regarding Deer Lake Beach and Special Events for Parks and Recreation.
 21. The motion was approved for Board members to attend the MTA conference.
 22. Rick Yaeger, Deputy Supervisor, gave a presentation on fund balance.
 23. The 2010 Year-End Budget Performance Review was tabled until the next Board meeting
 24. Closing Statements by Board Members.
 25. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.
- Published: 1/26/2011

Story ideas?

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Clarkstonnews@gmail.com,
 or call 248-625-3370

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
 PROBATE COURT
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate**

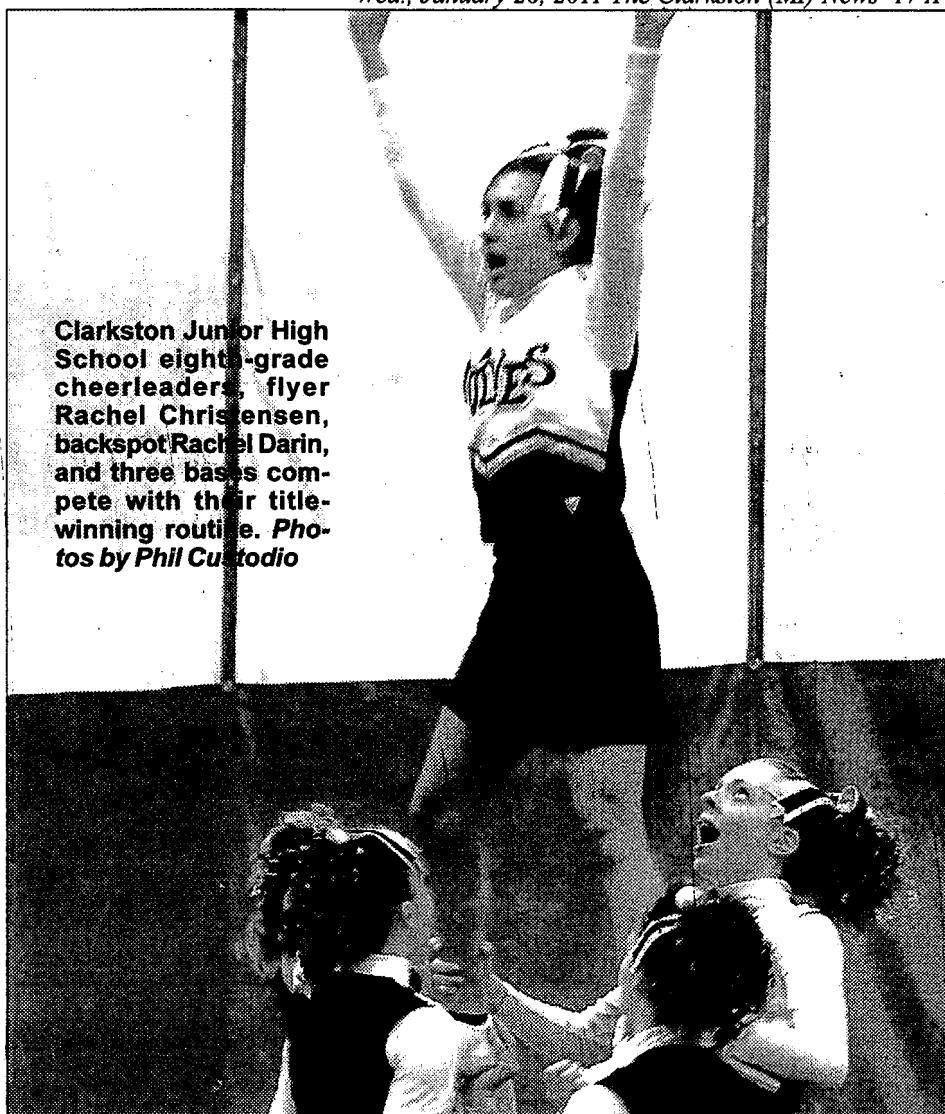
Estate of Stephen Chester Cieszkowski. Date of birth: 3-2-88.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stephen Cieszkowski, who lived at 2641 Fairway Ct., Rochester, Michigan died 1-24-08.
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Theresa Cieszkowski, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Charter Township of Springfield

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
 BOARD MEETING
 JANUARY 13, 2011
 SYNOPSIS**

- CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Trout
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Add New Business #5, Ridgewood Tri-Party Invoice
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
CONSENT AGENDA:
- a) Approved Minutes: November 29, 2010 Budget Workshop and December 9, 2010 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$305,515.20
 - b) Accepted December Treasurer's Report
 - c) Received December 2010 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Fire and IT
 - d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$135,232.99
 - e) Authorized Clerk to execute Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County for Ballot Layout and Programming Services
 - f) Adopted Resolution 2011-01 designating and recognizing the Springfield Township Park Commission as the intended and appropriate entity for operation, management and stewardship of Springfield Township's recently acquired 71.6 +/- acre property known as Wilderness Estates (P.I. # 07-21-101-008) located between Andersonville and Clark Roads
 - g) Authorized Treasurer to transfer \$100,000 from General Civic Center Capital account to unallocated General account, transfer \$25,000 from unallocated General account to the General Road account, and transfer \$25,000 from the unallocated General account to newly established Building & Equipment account
 - h) Received Communications and placed on file
- PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
OLD BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Credit Card Policy amendment - Approved policy amendment and adopted resolution
 2. Wilderness Estates property encroachment - Authorized attorney to draft notification to property owner requiring removal of encroachment within 6 months
 3. Clinton River Watershed Council 2011 Annual Membership Dues - Authorized payment of 2011 dues
 4. Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) 2011 Annual Membership Dues - Authorized payment of 2011 dues
 5. Ridgewood Tri-Party Invoice - Authorized payment of \$1800 from tri-party funds and \$1800 from road fund provided that Road Commission of Oakland County provide a detailed project closeout report
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nancy Strole, 11990 Davisburg Rd, complimented Board on how it handled the property encroachment issue. On behalf of Springfield Site Action Committee, Ms. Strole thanked the Board for acquiring the Wilderness Estates property.
- ADJOURNMENT:** 8:08 p.m.
 Publish: 1/26/11
 Laura Moreau, Clerk



Clarkston Junior High School eighth-grade cheerleaders, flyer Rachel Christensen, backspot Rachel Darin, and three bases compete with their title-winning routine. Photos by Phil Custodio

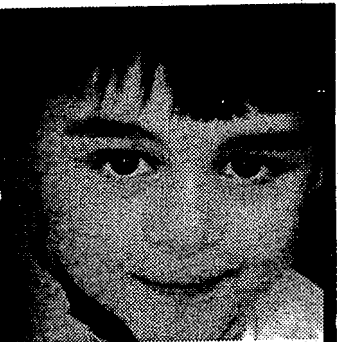
Leading the way to trophies

Clarkston seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders brought home first-place trophies, Jan. 22 at the Davison Cheer Competition. They hope to make it three for three, Jan. 29 at the MHSAA competition in Grand Blanc.



From left, cheerleaders Marisa Jacobs, Hannah Wilson, and Brianna Callahan, Sashabaw Middle School seventh graders and teammates earned first-place.

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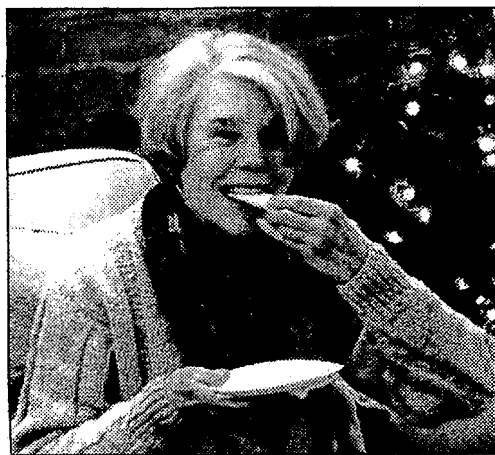


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Mike Kenerfon gets a glass of wine, supplied by Rudy's Market.



Elizabeth Wagner takes a bite of tasty pizza .



Rich Hansen smiles with his fiancée Tara Roth.



Janis Newton and Sandy Mulvihill enjoy a ladies nite out together.

Party, 60s style

Downtown Clarkston was a happening place Saturday night as folks strolled in and out of downtown businesses enjoying food and drinks of the Retro Cocktail Party.

The event was hosted by Clarkston

Retailer's Group as a fundraiser for Lighthouse North. Over \$2,000 was collected for the non-profit organization.

Each business had a unique theme and "specialty drinks" with various foods and snacks to offer.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



The crowd enjoys a friendly Black Jack game.



Tom Mazzaro sings 1960 classic tunes.

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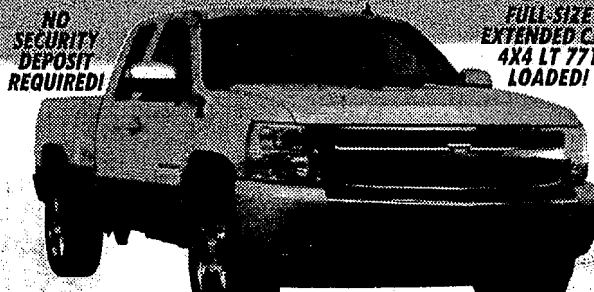
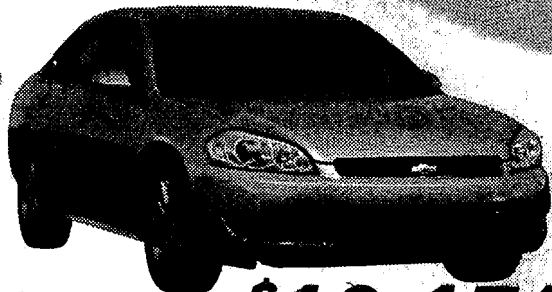
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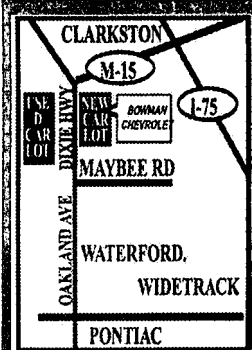
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People Poll

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What did you like about the 1960's?



"Voyos and Hula hoops."

- Cindy Stanaback



"Camaro SS."

- Tom Arcobello



"The clothing."

- Kim Arcobello



"Roller skates and Hawaiian seat bikes."

- Mary Martin

By Trevor Keiser, on location at the Retro Cocktail Party in downtown Clarkston last weekend

The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

Kopp shares Buddhist way of life

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Working in construction, Independence Township resident Mark Kopp moved frequently. A martial arts student, that meant a new dojo almost every year.

"I got a lot of experience in many different arts," said Kopp, 30. "I developed the best practices of all different sensei, taking what works best for me."

He plans to share what he learned in a new class, Buddha Fitness, offered through Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

The six-week class includes Japanese kneeling style meditation with

emphasis on proper posture, movement, and breathing.

"Lots of people don't breath correctly - that's the most important thing I learned in life," said Kopp, who grew up with asthma. "I was breathing with my chest instead of the diaphragm."

It also includes full-body workouts with some Karate-do exercises, but no competition or fighting.

"This is not about fighting, it's for defense against life," he said. "You won't learn how to fight off a mugger. Modern times call for modern warriors. The battle isn't physical, it's spiritual."

Students should expect to work hard, no excuses accepted, he said.

"Plan to sweat," he said.

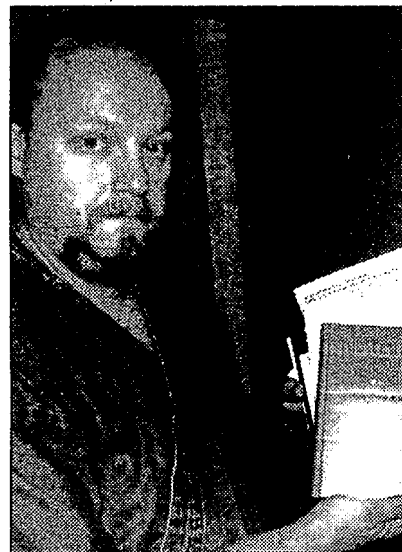
Kopp grew up in Ortonville and moved to Independence Township from Royal Oak a year and a half ago.

He studied Zen Buddhism after graduating from Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management Technology, in 2002. Living in Royal Oak, he studied ShitoKan with Dr. Jerry Aiello for four years.

"I hate gyms. I joined a gym and never went," he said. "In martial arts, it's not the same thing over and over. It's dynamic, practicing with other people. It keeps you on track and motivated."

Classes are three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m., at Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Sessions start Jan. 31, March 14, and April 25, \$60 for residents, \$70 for non-residents, and \$50 for 50 and up.

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Mark Kopp brings his studies of Buddhism to Independence Township. Photos by Phil Custodio



Kopp demonstrates a breathing technique.

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Mind & Body: Swan For Life Cancer Foundation, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 26, learn about food choices to prevent cancer and help with cancer survival. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

The Decorator, English comedy farce, Clarkston Village Players, Jan. 27-29. 248-625-8811.

Annual Meeting, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 29, Lookout Lodge, Waterford Oaks. Free. Guest, Sen. Mike Kowall; speaker, Julie Stoneman, Heart of the Lakes.

Becoming Indigenous: From Preservation to Regeneration, 7-9 p.m., Feb. 2, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. Email mdbrueck@gmail.com.

Mind & Body: Reiki, 7-8 p.m., Feb. 2, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Learn how Reiki can promote balance and healing for physical and emotional health. 248-625-2212.

Super Bowl XLV Party, 5:30 p.m., Feb. 6, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Feb. 8. Topic: "Valentine's Day," led by a Bereavement Counselor from Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Yoga, The Workshop, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 12, Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$40 per person. Senior Yoga Instructor Zeek Vincent of Vegas Hot Yoga. 248-620-7101.

Relay for Life of Clarkston Planning Committee, 5:45-6:45 p.m., Feb. 16, March 16, April 13, May 4, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Relay, May 21-22. 248-625-9182.

Around Town

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



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 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.

Afternoon 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.

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.

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.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$5 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with ad-
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Around Town

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justment and coping. Caregivers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

YoungAtHeartActiveAdults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

Friday

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

Creative Writing Workshop, Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m., Jan. 21-Feb. 25. \$12 per person. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Saturday

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



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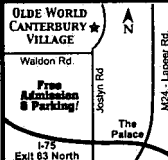
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Banker-Sullivan

Larry and Barbara Banker of Lake Barrington, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marni, to Rick Sullivan, son of Carolyn Sullivan and the late Richard W. Sullivan of Plattsburg, Mo.

Marni is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Michigan State University. She is employed as an account director with OgilvyAction in Chicago.

Rick is a graduate of Mason City High School, Iowa, and Drake University. He is a Strategic Marketing Consultant in Chicago.

The couple will be wed in April 2011.



Marni and Rick

Students achieve success

Quinn Dabrowski, senior at Clarkston High School, was nominated for this year's Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award.

She was selected based on dependability, service, leadership, self-control, ability to assume responsibility, and patriotism.

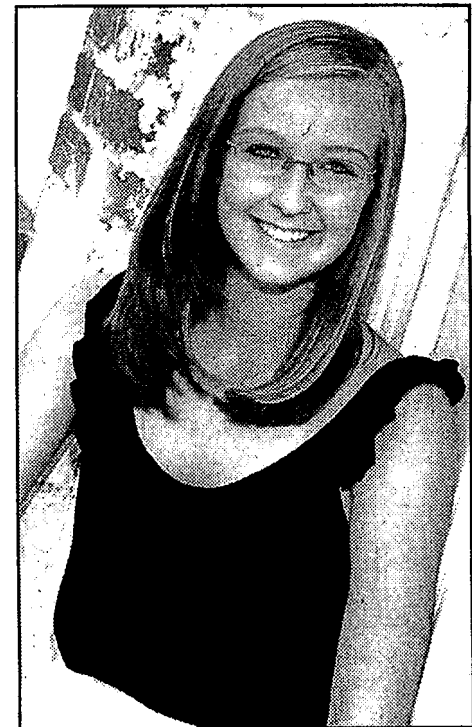
Jennifer Cusumano Breen of Clarkston completed her Masters of Art in Teaching Reading and Language Arts from Oakland University. Breen is currently teaching in the Waterford School District as a third grade teacher.

Clarkston students **Luke Platte**, **John Vanderveen**, and **Rachael Whitmore** were named to the Dean's List for first semester, 2011 academic year at Hope College.

Named to the Dean's List for fall 2010 semester at Michigan Technological University were Clarkston students **Nathan Gramlich**, Computer Engineering; **Andrew Hanson**, Computer Engineering; **Bryan Haslinger**, Electrical Engineering; **Michael McKean**, General Engineering; **Kathryn Miyamoto**, Comm and Culture Studies; **Robert Pizzey**, Biomedical Engineering; and **Miranda Thompson**, Civil Engineering.

Lindsey Lee McCormick of Clarkston earned a Master of Science degree, Fall 2010 at Mississippi College.

Emily McIntosh, Denison University student from Clarkston, is studying off-campus for the spring 2011 semester. McIntosh, a member of the class of 2012, is studying with the School for International Training program in Madagascar and majors in English litera-



Quinn Dabrowski

ture at Denison.

Clarkston students **Keith Bohlinger**, majoring in Architecture, and **Alan Killewald**, Civil Engineering major, were named to Dean's Honor Roll at Lawrence Technological University for the Fall 2010 term.

Shelby Schulte, daughter of Sheri and Ken Schulte of Clarkston, made the Dean's List at Michigan State University for the fifth consecutive time. She also studied abroad in Spain this past summer. She plans to teach Spanish and English upon graduation.

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Religion

Make change happen for nonviolence

When major events happen we tend to look for someone to blame. Once we've found someone to blame, we think our work is done and then we can get back to normal.

We see this at work around the recent shootings in Tucson. There are a lot of fingers pointing in a lot of different directions. And for every finger pointed away from us there are three pointed back at ourselves.

One thing I do know, we cannot write this off as God's will, "It is not the will of my father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." (Matthew 18:14) "It is the father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

It is a call to awaken to a new level of possibility.

Yes, this was a senseless, tragic occurrence and the guilty party(s) should be held accountable for their actions. And, with an understanding of group dynamics and systems theory, I know that we have an opportunity for real change. "Repent, (think again with a new level of understanding) for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2)

This is a Teachable Moment: a traumatic moment filled with emotion that catches our attention and begs us to question our under-

standings and preconceived notions of reality. Why did this happen? How do we stop this from happening again? Why can't we all get along? What do we need to change and what can we change to foster harmony? These are some of the questions that we need to answer for ourselves.

The answers are not as simple as some would have us believe. Gun control? Sure it would be great to keep the guns out of the hands of the violent and insane, but it would not be a good idea to take guns away from law abiding citizens. No one politician, individual or group's rhetoric can be blamed. We all share responsibility for creating the negative mental soil within which the seed for this event germinated. Every thought of anger, blame, shame, selfishness, greed, etc., adds to this negative mental soil.

A child that acts out can only truly be understood and treated within the family system that supports him or her. Dysfunctional families such as a workaholic father and an over-

protective mother, or a myriad of other destructive, obsessive or compulsive behaviors, are directly related to a child's acting out. The answer is simple but not easy. The system must be healed in order for the individual to be healed.

In this Teachable Moment we have an opportunity for real change, a call to unity. Will we arise to the occasion, or will we simply go back to sleep and let "them" handle it?

You can "be the change you wish to see in the world" (Mahatma Ghandi). Right now you can search your heart and mind to purge the negative, destructive thoughts and emotions, and replace them with positive, nurturing, empowering, divine ideas and feelings. And, you can join with others in supporting the growth in awareness of the interdependent whole.

Sunday, Jan. 30 is the beginning of The Season of Nonviolence. This is a 64-day period dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities. See www.agnt.org for more information.

In the words of the song "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

Matthew E. Long is senior minister at Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor
Matthew Long

In our churches...

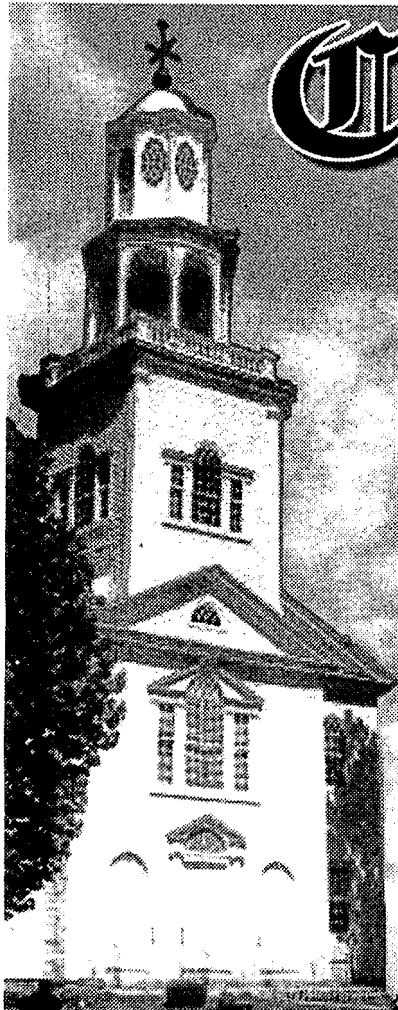
Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, safe, fun place where children ages 5-12 learn to understand their feelings, express emotions appropriately, feel better about themselves, and make friends with other kids who understand what it feels like when parents get divorced. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 12-week session starts Jan. 11. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

See In Our Churches, page 10B

Church Directory



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Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Nursery Available! 9:00 & 11:00 am
Religious Education: 625-1750
Mother's Group, RCIA,
Scripture Study, Youth Group

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
(248) 394-0200
Fax: (248) 394-2142
Rev. Doctor Martin Hall
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
Dream Keepers Youth Group
Bible Study
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Youth Groups 6-12
Wednesday 6:30 pm
www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

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Pastor: Rev. Cynthia A. Garman
Sunday 8 am & 10 am
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www.clarkstonepiscopal.org
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Sat. 6:00 pm
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Preschool: 3-4 years old
Preschool: 620-6154

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
248-625-1611
Website: clarkstonumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:15 am & 6:11 pm
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DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-2311
website: www.dixiebaptist.org
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA
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& Adult Bible Study
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CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston
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248-623-1224
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www.ClarkstonFMC.org
Wednesday 7 pm
Youth & Adult Ministry

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5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-3380
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www.peaceunitychurch.org

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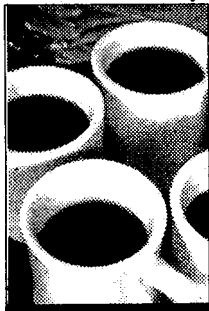
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c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry
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(248) 625-1323
Home of Oakland Christian School
Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Dan Whiting, Geoff Black
Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am
Nursery Care at all services
Wednesday: Children's Ministries
6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday: Youth Ministries
5:00-7:00 pm
www.clarkstoncommunity.com



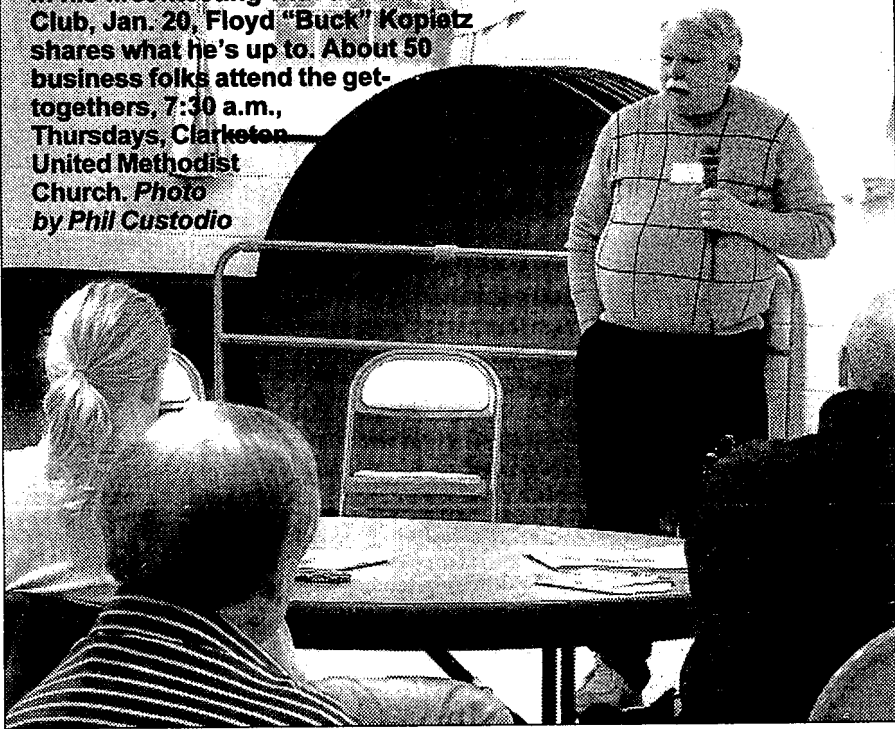
Clarkston Coffee Club

News about and for local business folk

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Networking at the Club

In his first meeting with the Coffee Club, Jan. 20, Floyd "Buck" Koplitz shares what he's up to. About 50 business folks attend the get-togethers, 7:30 a.m., Thursdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church. Photo by Phil Custodio



Business achievements

Sarah Sutherland recently joined the staff of Pink the Salon, 7151 N Main Street, #205.

"I have always had a passion for doing hair," Sutherland said. "I have had years of additional education and hands-on training in both hair cutting and color."

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Patti Gilman, agent with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel Real Estate, was awarded the North Oakland County Board of Realtors' 2010 Distinguished Service Award.

"I'm extremely honored



Sutherland



Gilman

that a client and NOCBOR would recognize the way I do business," Gilman said. "I'm happy to be part of an honor that recognizes those of us who put others before ourselves."

She is a long time resident of the Clarkston area and a graduate of Clarkston High School, with over 15 years Real Estate experience.

Heather Uballe has been named director of operations for Save On Cars & Trucks, a new monthly publication in southeast Michigan.

Prior to joining Save On Everything, she was an account and project manager at Innovative Media in Madison Heights. She lives with her hus-



Uballe

Team up for financial future

Many investors rely upon financial advisors to help them manage their investment portfolio. Ideally, the financial advisor and investor should work together, as a team, to find the right investments and make informed decisions to help meet investment objectives. Below are some keys to developing a partnership with your financial advisor.

Review investment objectives. Your financial advisor will help define your investment objectives, but he or she needs your assistance to do a thorough job. Think through your objectives before your next meeting. Your participation and feedback will greatly aid your financial advisor in formulating a strategy that fits your unique goals, timeline and risk tolerance.

Ask questions – be an informed investor. Be sure you fully understand the investments recommended for your portfolio. If you don't, it's your responsibility as an investor to let your financial advisor know you need more information. Don't be afraid to ask questions about your financial advisors recommendations and advice, after all they're your investments!

Understand the risks with each investment. It's important to fully understand the risks in every investment you own and the reasons why the value of your investments may rise and fall. Your financial advisor can help explain the risks involved with each type of investment, and your questions will help make sure nothing is overlooked. If you don't completely understand the

risks associated with your investment, ask more questions until you do.

Meet regularly to review your portfolio. Use these meetings to your advantage, go over your current investments, their performance and evaluate other investment opportunities. Regularly scheduled meetings with your financial advisor are a good time to inform him or her about significant changes in your life that may require shifts in your strategy. Also, major changes in the economy or new tax laws should also prompt a review.

Raymond James



A column by James Kruzan

Maintain up to date records. Make sure your confirmations and account statements are reviewed and saved in a safe place. These documents help you monitor your investments on an on-going basis and will be useful come tax time. When you come across something you don't understand, ask for assistance from your financial advisor. The key is being an informed investor and keeping good records will aid you in this task.

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

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Community papers still strong

Communities served by community newspapers continue to demonstrate heavy reliance upon their local papers for news and information. Seventy-three percent say they read a local newspaper at least once a week.

Readers also say they read most or all of their community newspapers (78 percent), and of those going online for local news, 55 percent found it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 17 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or Google, and 26 percent for the website of a local TV station.

The results are reported by the National Newspaper Association, which has just completed its fifth readership survey on the patterns of community newspaper readers. Working with the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism, NNA tests reactions of people living in smaller communities served by local newspapers.

Since 2005, NNA has done research on how people read and what they think about their local newspapers. Results have been fairly consistent over the years, though the surveys have focused more tightly on small communities during the five years. For the 2010 survey, readership for towns with news papers that have circulations of 8,000 or less were sampled. The community size has not significantly affected outcomes. The surveys show that community newspapers have remained popular.

The early data indicate that the positive findings are consistent with the earlier surveys: 73% of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.

Those readers, on average, share their paper with 3.34 persons.

They spend about 37.5 minutes reading their local newspapers.

78% read most or all of their community newspapers.

41% keep their community newspapers six or more days (shelf life).

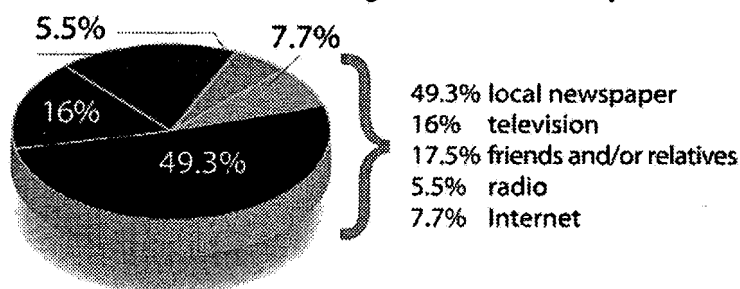
62% of readers read local news very often in their community newspapers, while 54 percent say they never read local news online (only 9 percent say they read local news very often online).

39% of those surveyed read local education (school) news very often in their newspapers, while 67 percent never read local education news online.

30% read local sports news very often in their newspapers, while 67 percent never read local sports online.

35% read editorials or letters to the editor very often in their newspapers, while 74 per-

Where do readers get local community news?



cent (nearly three quarters) never read editorials or letters to the editor online. PUBLIC NOTICE Even though state and local governments are debating the best way to transmit public notice, those readers surveyed said newspapers remain the best way to receive such notices: 75% think governments should be required to publish public notices in newspapers, with 23 percent reading public notices very often in their news papers.

71% have Internet access in the home, but 66 percent never visit a website of a local government.

Of those with Internet access at home, 89 percent have broadband access.

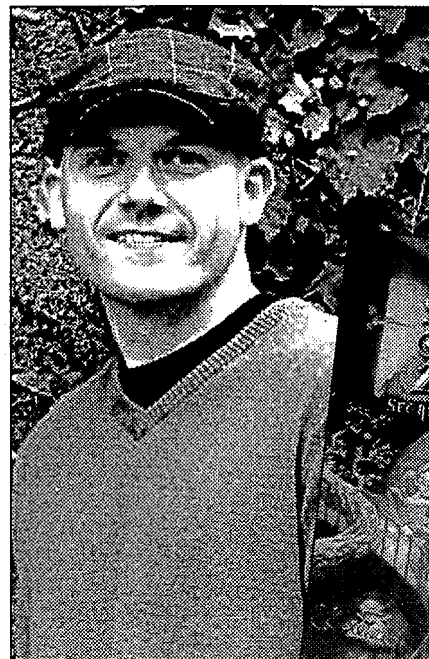
The local community newspaper is the primary source of information about the local community for 49.3 percent of respondents. The next best source runs a distant second: friends and relatives for 18 percent of respondents and TV, 16 percent. Readers are nearly seven times more likely to get their local news from their community newspapers than from the Internet (7.7 percent). Less than 6 percent say their primary local news source is radio.

Watch for additional information, charts and presentations from the survey in future issues of Publishers' Auxiliary and on NNA's website.

The 2010 survey was based on 670 telephone interviews completed with residents that lived in areas where the local newspapers had a circulation of 8,000 or less in the U.S. in August and October 2010. This sampling methodology differs from the survey conducted in 2009, which was based on 500 telephone interviews completed with residents that lived in areas where the local newspapers had a circulation of 15,000 or less. Because of this new methodology, the 2010 survey had the highest percentage of non-daily newspaper readers (66.2 percent), compared to previous years. This may explain the reduction in the percentage of visits to newspaper websites (from 63 percent to 55 percent) between the two years (2009 and 2010) as the number of non-daily newspapers that have a functional website serving small towns and cities may be lower than that of daily newspapers.

In the 2010 survey, cell phone numbers were included in the sample, compared to landline numbers only in the past four years. As a result, the average age of the 2010 respondents (51.2) was younger than those in previous years (56.1).

Chick adventures return



enjoy it. "Any kid in the world can associate with a magical zoo in their backyard. It is a simple neighborhood and simple kids - it is excessable in a fantasy world. There is nothing that is going to change in 20 years. The story will be there ready for another generation."

Chick enjoys his own adventures visiting elementary schools and has already visited over 80 in the last three years.

"I love going to the schools," he said. "It is a joy to me to visit the kids. I never thought it would be so much fun being able to connect with the audience."

"I have met a lot of cool people along the way," Chick continued. "It has been nice connecting with childhood. All the periods of my life in elementary school were the best - having the

silly, crazy imagination. Going back to the schools and seeing the kids like that takes me back to my childhood."

He wrote the first book from what he remembered from childhood and was happy to see though time has passed the kids haven't changed.

"The heart of childhood is still the same," Chick smiled.

He also receives great feedback from the students and teachers along with letters, emails and pictures.

"The kids that have read it - dug it," he said. "It is a really good fit for grades 3-6 and the chapters are short - which they like."

His three biggest fans, his children, have added their own ideas and will be included in future books. Chick added his oldest, Ella, will probably have more ideas for him as she gets older.

The Secret Zoo can be found on Facebook and at www.SecretZoo.com.

"It is a great way to communicate," said Chick. "It is a real good tool for us."

Plus, for every 25 people liking the Facebook page, a person is randomly picked to receive a free copy of the book.

The Secret Zoo, originally self-published by Second Wish Press in 2007, was re-released by Greenwillow Books, a division of Harper Collins Publishing, in hardcover, June 2010.

"They are really good people," Chick added about the new publisher. "They care a lot about books and kids. It all worked out."

The book release party and signing is on Feb. 19 at Rendezvous Caffe and Espresso, 5577 Highland Road in Waterford, from 12-3 p.m. Secret Zoo is available at bookstores and for the Kindle on Amazon.com, Feb 1.

BY WENDIREARDON
Staff Writer

Noah Nowicki and his sister, Megan, along with their two friends Ella and Ritchie are back with another adventure in Secret Zoo, Book 2 Secrets and Shadows, by Clarkston resident Bryan Chick.

The exciting adventure, set again at Clarksville City Zoo - next to the kids' neighborhood, begins February 1.

"It begins at the exact spot it ends in book one," explained Chick, adding the mystery component continues in the second book and answers questions from the first book.

"It is the same sort of fun and goofiness. There is mystery, there is adventure, there is fun," he said.

The Action Scouts are invited to become part of the Secret Society and work as crossers going between the two worlds.

The adventure for the scouts is learning their new role, exploring the new world and facing difficulties along the way.

Chick introduces a new group of characters to the scouts and the readers - the Descenders.

"They are like young teenagers living inside the Secret Zoo," he added. "They team up with the scouts. Descenders would be like their older siblings and brings a brand new fantasy component to the story. It's fun."

Along with exploring their new world, Chick added it also sets the stage for later books. The third book is set to be released in December and he is working on the fifth book.

"I see the series being 12-15 books," he said, as the Action Scouts adventures continue more ideas and scenes spring along the way.

"The scene is like a movie in a book and they can visualize it," he said on why kids

Faded Ink

G. Bruce Clifton, 58

G. Bruce Clifton of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly, Jan. 19, 2011, at age 58.

He was the beloved husband of Anne for 19 years; loving father of Haile and Brian Clifton; brother of Tom, Keith (Mary), Rod (Teresa), Doug (Glenda), and the late Mark Clifton; preceded in death by his parents Ona and Thomas Clifton. Mr. Clifton enjoyed spending time in the outdoors and duck and goose hunting. He was an avid MSU fan.

Visitation was Jan. 23 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorial Mass was Jan. 24 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Ducks Unlimited. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Leonard Cybul, 89

Leonard Cybul of Clarkston passed Jan. 21, 2011, at the age of 89 while wintering in Osprey, Fla.

Mr. Cybul was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Elaine Norine (Kopernick) Cybul, who passed on Dec. 27, 2005. They were married Nov. 20, 1943, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn, and longtime members of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.



Born Dec. 11, 1921, to Polish immigrants Stanley and Hellen (Lewandoska) Cybulski of Linesville, Pa., he had three sisters, Verna (Carole) Wilson, Marie (John) Urbanick, and Lucille (Irv) Glink, all preceded him in death. He is survived by his four children, 13 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

He is the father of Carol (Fred) Strine of Holly, Mich.; Melanie (Michael) Nemeec of Leesburg, Fla.; Brian Cybul and Marina Mantovania of Katy, Texas; Melissa (Stephen) Seed of Osprey, Fla.; grandfather of Michael Borum, Michelle Borum, Kimberly (Dan) Durgan, Matthew (Amy) Strine, Jennifer (Scott) Seidel, Jeremy Nemeec, Jeffrey (Neesha) Nemeec, Megan Cybul, Nicole Cybul, Shannon Cybul, Stephen Seed, Jr. (Kortney Smallwood), Heather (Steven) Nelson, and Nicolas Seed; great grandfather of Amy (Brian) Kenny, Katherine Borum, Kyle Strine, Allison Seidel, Caitlyn Seidel, Emma Nemeec, Cole Smallwood, Eli Seed, and Andrew Nelson; and great great grandfather of Faith, Grace, Josiah, and Eve Kenny.

Rosary Service is Jan. 28, 6 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Friends may visit, Friday, 3-7 p.m. Funeral Mass, Saturday, 11 a.m., Our Lady of the Lake. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery following. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to American Heart Association, American Asthma Foundation, American Cancer Society, or Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Verba J. Feekart, 88

Verba J. Feekart of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 20, 2011, at 88 years of age.

She was the wife of the late Fred Feekart; loving mother of Terry Feekart of Pontiac and Michael (Clancy Caruso) Feekart of Pontiac; beloved sister of Wilma (Don) Ferguson; treasured grandmother of Emily (Dr. Brandon) Martinez and Dr. Mary (Brett) Manifold; great grandmother of Ellienne Martinez and Reese Manifold.



Mrs. Feekart was the past president of the Hospital Auxillary at Pontiac General Hospital. She was very active in various PTA's. Verba was also a member of the Waterford Garden Club. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church for 29 years.

A memorial service was Jan. 24 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Waterford. Arrangements were entrusted to **Coats Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church. To send a private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Rhea Feldpausch, 103

Rhea Feldpausch of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 22, 2011, at 103 years of age.

She was the loving wife of the late Ferris for 74 years; dear mother of Marie (Hoyt) Jones of Oxford and Betty (Frank) Pfeiffer of Clarkston; grandmother of Dale (Elizabeth) Pfeiffer, Colleen (Paul) Wirries, Patricia (Greg) Chevrier, Theresa (Don) Chambers, the late Michael, and the late Kathy Jones; nine great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren; also survived by her sister Mona Smith, half sister Thelma Stittle, sister in law Marcella Stringham, and brother in law Kenneth Soule. In addition to her husband and two grandchildren, she is preceded in death by her brother Harvey Stringham and sisters Verna Soule and Alice Hendershot. She was a long time member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clarkston.



Funeral service was Jan. 25, St. Trinity Lutheran Church. Private entombment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Family received friends Jan. 24 at **Coats Funeral Home**, Waterford. Memorials to St. Trinity Lutheran Church or an organization of donor's choice. To send a private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Carol A. Furman, 70

Carol Ann Furman of Clarkston passed away suddenly at 70 years of age.

She was the loving mother of Kenneth Furman and Kelly Lynn Furman; treasured grandmother of Ryan Michael Furman; beloved sister of Ruth (Paul) Lund and Linda (Charles) Rockwell; also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews; best friend of Janet Noble.



Ms. Furman was retired from 52-2 District Court in Clarkston.

A visitation was Jan. 25 at **Coats Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Elton Swindlehurst, 69

Elton S. Swindlehurst, "Elton Swindell," of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 19, 2011, at 69 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Marilyn for 52 years; dear father of Elton Duane (Gale) Swindlehurst of Clarkston, Dan (Debbie) Swindlehurst of Oxford, and Colleen Chupa of Lake Orion; beloved brother of Gary "Buddy" (Jean) Swindlehurst, Sharon (Edward) Magee, Daryl (Diane) Swindlehurst, the late Gerry Auvil, and the late Billy Lee Swindlehurst; special grandfather to Duane, Alyssa, and Alexa Swindlehurst and Connor and Jesse Chupa. Mr. Swindlehurst owned three gas stations in Pontiac, two Gulf stations and one Union 76 station. In addition, he was the owner/operator of Swindell's Towing and in 1976 added Statewide Towing, along with his son Duane. Elton drove race cars at the Mt. Clemens Raceway.



Funeral service was Jan. 24 at **Coats Funeral Home** - Clarkston. Interment followed at Perry Mt. Park Cemetery, Pontiac. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer. Private condolences may be sent to the family by going to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Frank Tersigni, 67

Frank Tersigni of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, passed away, Jan. 17, 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer, at age 67.

He was the husband of Jeanie; father of Nicholas Tersigni and Gina Taylor; grandfather of Nicholas and Lauren Tersigni, and Andrew, Marissa, and Madison Taylor; brother of Joseph (Shirley), Mary Ann (the late John) Roy, Peter (the late Shirley), Teresa (James) McEnrue, Maria "Micki" (Ronald) Wells, Nat (Connie), Carolyn (Richard) Meyers and Victor; also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins; preceded in death by his parents Natale and Caroline Tersigni and brothers John and Thomas.

Mr. Tersigni enjoyed fishing. Funeral services were held at Englewood, Fla. In honor of his service to our country, Frank was buried at Sarasota National Cemetery, Fla. A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Local arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home** - Cremation Services, Clarkston. Donations envelopes will be available at the service. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Jack K. Webster, 95

Jack K. Webster of Sterling Heights passed away, Jan. 18, 2011, at age 95.

He was born in Leeds, England. He was preceded in death by Marjorie, "Margie," his wife for 60 years, and granddaughter Dawn. He was the father of Jack of Trenton, Howard (Carole) of Clarkston and Michael (Peggy) of Livonia; grandfather of Jack Frederick (Cindy), Anne (Bill) Hutchinson, Kevin (Sherri), Allison (Travis) Pavlat, Ryan (Kristy) and Heather (fiancé Alex Bobo); also survived by 14 great grandchildren.

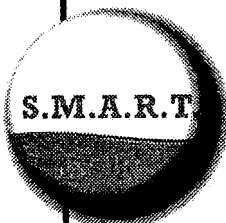
Mr. Webster retired from General Motors after 25 years of service.

In accordance with Jack's wishes, no services will be held. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**-Cremation Services, Clarkston.

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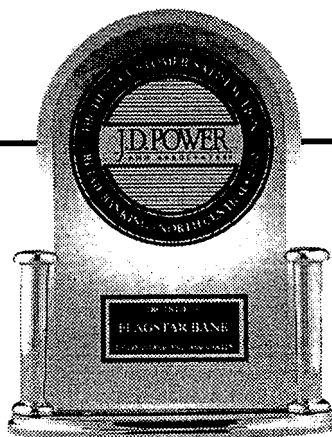


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Kenneth E. Wood, 68

Kenneth Everett Wood, 68, of Clarkston, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 in Goodrich, Mich., following a short illness.

He was born June 7, 1942 in Pontiac, Mich., to the late Willis and Charlotte Wood. He married Sheila Ann (nee: Koza) Podorsek on Dec. 18, 1999 in Burton, Mich.



Mr. Wood was employed at General Motors for 38 years. He enjoyed playing Euchre at the Clarkston Senior Center where he was a member for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years Sheila Ann Wood of Clarkston; two sons Kenneth (LaDonna) Wood, Jr. of Wisconsin and Michael Wood of Goodrich; one daughter Karen (Kevin) Lovell of Goodrich; two step-sons Anthony Podorsek and Terry (Naomi) Podorsek both of Nevada; one step-daughter Laura (Dean) Scott of Illinois; five sisters Barb Schell, Bev Collins, Shirley Davis, Carol Narsh and Virginia Wood; three brothers, J.R. (JoAnn) Wood, Tom (Paula) Wood and Rick (Sharon) Wood; 10 grandchildren, Barbara (Dustin) Marcicki, Dakotah, Parker, Nicholas, Michael, Robert, Scott, Courtney, Mary Rose and Deborah; also survived by three great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son Gary Wood and one sister Charlotte Razaska.

A private family service was held. Memorial contributions are suggested to Genesys Hospice, 7280 S. State Rd., Goodrich, MI 48438.

Arrangements were entrusted to Coats Village Funeral Home, Ortonville.

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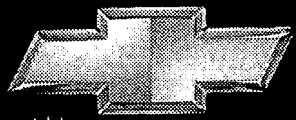
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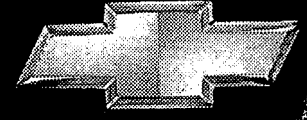
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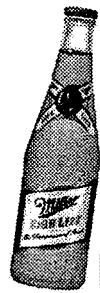
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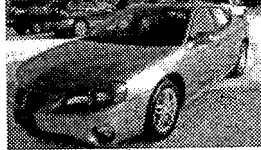
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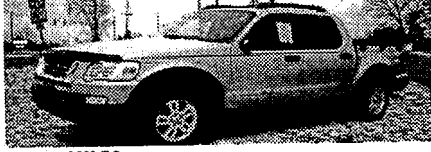
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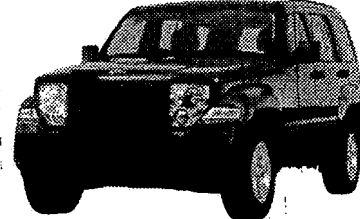
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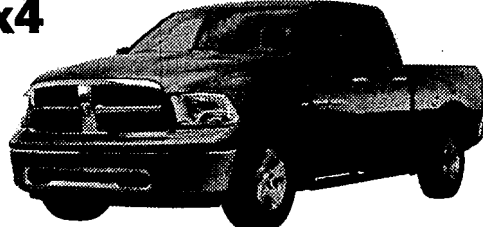


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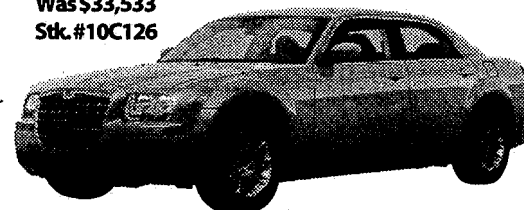
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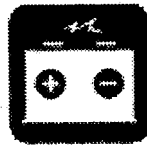
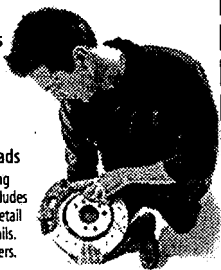
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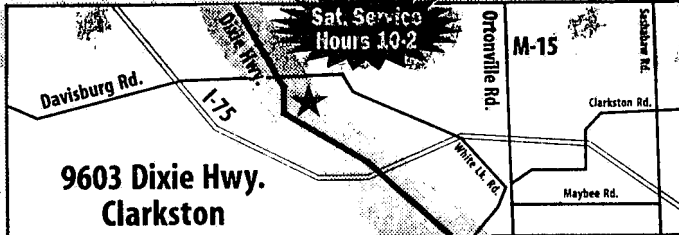
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