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\$6.3M coming in school cuts

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Cutting the budget leads next Monday's Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education meeting.

The board already directed administration to cut \$6.3 million from 2012 and 2013 fiscal years to balance the budget.

Governor Rick Snyder proposed cutting \$470 per pupil in his 2012 budget proposal on Thursday. Retirement costs will also go up \$230 per student, up to \$6 million in cuts.

"We have not yet had the chance to dialogue on this issue as a board but our administration is already planning for any possible scenario the state can throw at us," said Board President Steve Hyer, adding the board has previously discussed not to jump every time Michigan throws a new number out. "It is unfortunate and unfair that the governor is proposing to balance the state's budget on the backs of our children."

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's vision for the best education for Clarkston students remained unfazed by the news.

He thought back to a young boy he met on Kindergarten Information Night on Wednesday who will attend Clarkston this fall.

"To the young boy and his parents, the name of our governor, the amount of funding provided by the state of schools and the priorities of the state set forth in budget proposals don't matter," Rock said. "The only thing that matters is the quality of his educational experience in Clarkston."

He added Clarkston Community Schools will overcome any obstacles and find a way to get each student ready for whatever lies ahead for them.

"We will move forward with our budget process and the board's stated parameters," Rock said. "We must be flexible as the state will not have a finalized plan until well past the due date for our budget approval."

On Feb. 14, the board announced where cuts will come from.

For 2011-2012 fiscal year, they aim to cut \$3.5-\$4 million from human resources, staff or programs, elementary spe-
 Please see School Budget on page 10A



Making magic

Fairy Godmother, Mason Van Gieson, turns a pumpkin into a carriage in Clarkston High School's performance of Cinderella on Thursday. Please see page 19A for more. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Art of the deal

Compromise scheme complicates clerk vote

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

The third time wasn't a charm in the search for a new Independence Township clerk.

No one was picked at the Feb. 17 special meeting, the third deadlocked meeting in as many days. Board members and residents were surprised, however, by what Joan Patterson, clerk candidate, had to say during public comment.

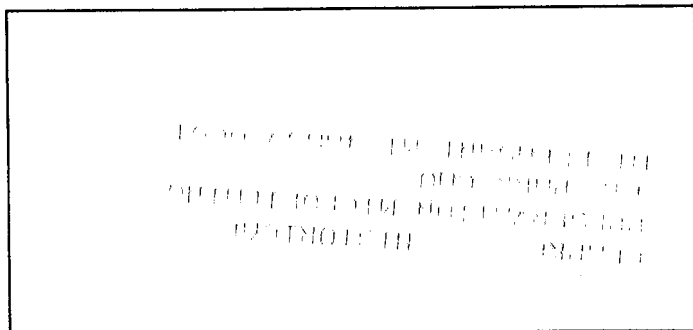
Patterson said she was approached by township Treasurer Curt Carson and Joan McCrary, also a candidate for clerk, to consider removing her name from consideration. Instead, she would get the job of deputy clerk and McCrary would be appointed clerk.

"The points made in the discussion were that they thought I did not have the experience necessary to be clerk and that I could learn under her (McCrary) direction as clerk for the balance of this term and then run for the office during the next election," Patterson said. "I was somewhat surprised with the interview by Mr. Carson, but thought it was part of the vetting and the



Trustee Larro Rosso and the rest of the Township Board tried three times unsuccessfully last week to pick a clerk. They were to try again last night. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Funds repaid

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

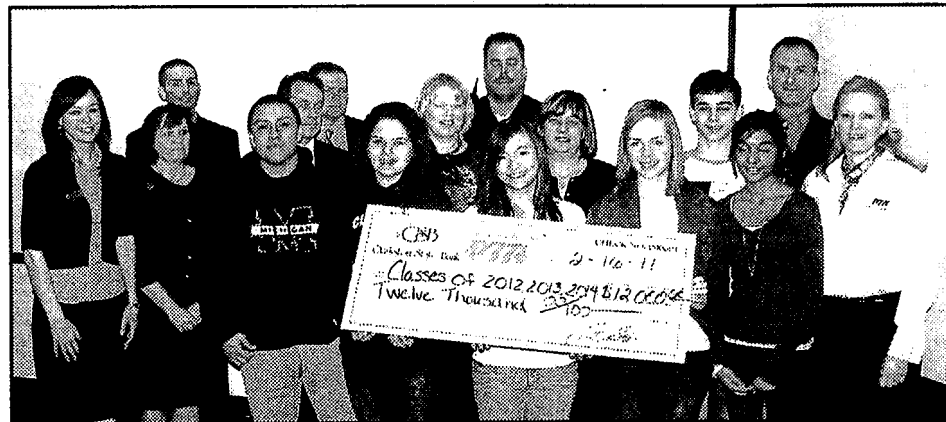
When Sashabaw Middle School Parent Teacher Association officers found discrepancies in their financial records in 2008, volunteers spent more than a thousand hours unraveling an elaborate, multi-year embezzlement scheme.

It took awhile, but the money is now repaid to Clarkston students and parents.

"It's been nearly three years since this started and we're all excited for the students to have these funds," said Patti Hayes, president of SMS PTA, Feb. 16. "From the beginning, it was the position of our Board of Directors that most of the restitution money will go back to the kids from whom it was stolen."

Diane Weller, former Clarkston PTA treasurer, pled guilty in September 2009 to embezzling about \$27,000 from SMS and Pine Knob Elementary PTA groups. Terms of the plea agreement included full restitution to the schools, minus a \$250 insurance deductible and some minor fees.

"It was a devastating revelation, but through the efforts of an entire community we are here today to finally give that money back to the students for whom it was originally intended," said Andrea Schroeder, president of Clarkston High School PTA.



Clarkston students gather with school administrators, PTA officers, deputies, and Clarkston State Bank officials to receive a ceremonial check for \$12,000. The students attended Sashabaw Middle School during the years when money was stolen from their PTA account. Photo by Phil Custodio

Sashabaw Middle School received \$16,700 in restitution. The PTA calculated how much would have been spent directly on student programs, and voted to give that amount back to the classes involved. It was about \$4,000 for each class, \$12,000 total. The remaining \$4,700 goes to staff, school, and PTA programming. PTA is donating the funds to technology devices for classrooms.

Pine Knob parents voted to use its \$9,500 in restitution funds for scholarships for high school seniors who attended PKE - two \$300 scholarships each year through 2017, about \$4,200.

The rest will go to long-term emergency

fund, media center, classroom supplies, physical education equipment, and technology including laptops and microscopes.

Schroeder thanked Oakland County Sheriff deputies, county prosecutors, Clarkston State Bank, Clarkston Community Schools administration, and other community members who helped the PTA through the discovery and legal process.

Hubble is still paying restitution to the court to reimburse the PTA's insurance company. She's still on probation and must repay the full amount by August 2013. If she doesn't pay in full, felony embezzlement charges will be reinstated.



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Briefly

Nominations open for community awards

It's time to nominate Clarkston's "unsung heroes" for this year's Community Awards.

Categories are Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, Adult/Youth Volunteer of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Community Beautification/Preservation, Community Enhancement, and Community Collaboration/Team Effort.

Download nomination Forms at www.Clarkston.org. Nominations are due March 31.

Awardees will be honored at Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m., May 19, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Tickets are \$10.

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

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American Legion Post 63 is collecting coupons for troops overseas and their families.

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The post also collects care package supplies, including snacks, books, CDs, and other items.

"We received some incredible thank you letters from our soldiers and so have decided to continue sending supplies rather than just waiting for a holiday to do that," said Peg Roth, post member.

For more information, call 248-625-9912.

Clarkstonites on county parks panel

Gerald Fisher of Clarkston was recently elected chairman of Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission. J. David VanderVeen of Clarkston was also elected secretary for a seventh term.

Fisher has been a commission member since 2009, and will serve as chairman until Dec. 31, 2011. He replaces Pecky D. Lewis, Jr., chairman for 18 years.

Robert Kostin of Clarkston is also a member of the commission.



Trustee Neil Wallace makes a point, as Trustee Mark Petterson listens. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Proposal leaves bad taste with trustees, public

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familiarization process that had been requested by the board. I was very surprised when Joan accompanied Curt for what I thought was an interview."

After some thought, the suggestion seemed odd, and friends said she should come forward and let it be known.

"I have told Mr. Carson I am not interested in the job of deputy clerk," she said. "Though the board has an option to select from a number of qualified candidates, I continue to believe I am uniquely qualified to fill the position of clerk for Independence Township and intend to continue to put my name forward for consideration of the position."

Carson didn't see anything wrong and called it "a creative solution to eliminating the deadlock" between the board.

"I thought it was a great idea, it was an idea to find a solution," Carson said. "Regardless, it would have had to be presented to the board if the parties were interested and it would have been up the board to make any kind of decision, no different than the position we're in now."

Both Carson and McCrary recall Patterson being "very excited" about the idea and open to it.

"We asked her (Patterson) if she'd be interested. Nobody was asking her to get out of the race," Carson said. "That was never even discussed because first the board has to agree to appoint McCrary and it still has to be brought up and discussed in the meeting. If there is no interest, there is no interest."

Trustee Larry Rosso called it "backroom dealing at its worst."

"I can't believe he was part of such an exercise. That is despicable, that is close to as a sleeze as I could ever imagine," said

Rosso, adding Carson was a man he "respected" and whose company he "enjoyed." "This is what I do not like about backroom dealing in politics. I have always stood for the idea of all open and honest transparent decision making in government," Rosso said. "If deals are going to be made they're going to be done here."

Trustee David Lohmeier didn't understand how Carson could not see it as something wrong.

"I am absolutely ashamed at how this board has behaved," Lohmeier said. "You can't offer somebody a position that's compensated in exchange for something. She is a school board member, she's a public official today. I can't believe you don't get this."

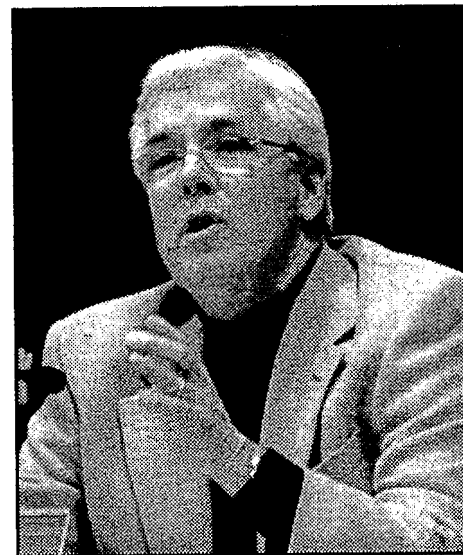
Trustee Mark Petterson, who was unaware of the matter until Patterson spoke, said he was "taken back by it" and considered it "somewhat shady," but also understood it a bit, too.

"I'm not going to say it's OK to try and break a deadlock," Petterson said. "But I can also see a little bit where Mr. Carson was coming from in a way that it does sound somewhat like a good idea to have both candidates in there, either Joan Patterson or Mrs. Pallotta or any combination of the two."

Carson said he had also talked with current Deputy Clerk Paula Heenan prior to the meeting so "she would not be surprised" when the topic came up for discussion.

"I also told her Mrs. Patterson was not interested and so therefore nothing was happening and I said it may be coming up and I want you to be aware of it," he said. "I don't want you to get excited or freak out over it."

Heenan said Carson talked to her about five minutes before the meeting, but she didn't understand what he was saying.



Treasurer Curt Carson explains his position.

"He makes it sound like we had a big powwow and I fully understood everything and no, I didn't," she said. "I think he was just throwing it out there to see what I thought when in reality it (the meeting between Carson, McCrary and Patterson) already happened. I really was blindsided about it."

Carson said it was unfortunate "a positive thing had to turn into such a negative thing."

"That's really disappointing," he said.

McCrary agreed and said she talked with an attorney and found nothing "illegal" about the situation.

"It's the way people meet and try to make solutions," she said. "In my heart I know Curt and I were doing the right thing, trying to solve the problem."

A fourth meeting to talk about the clerk was set for Tuesday, Feb. 22. Check Clarkstonnews.com for results.

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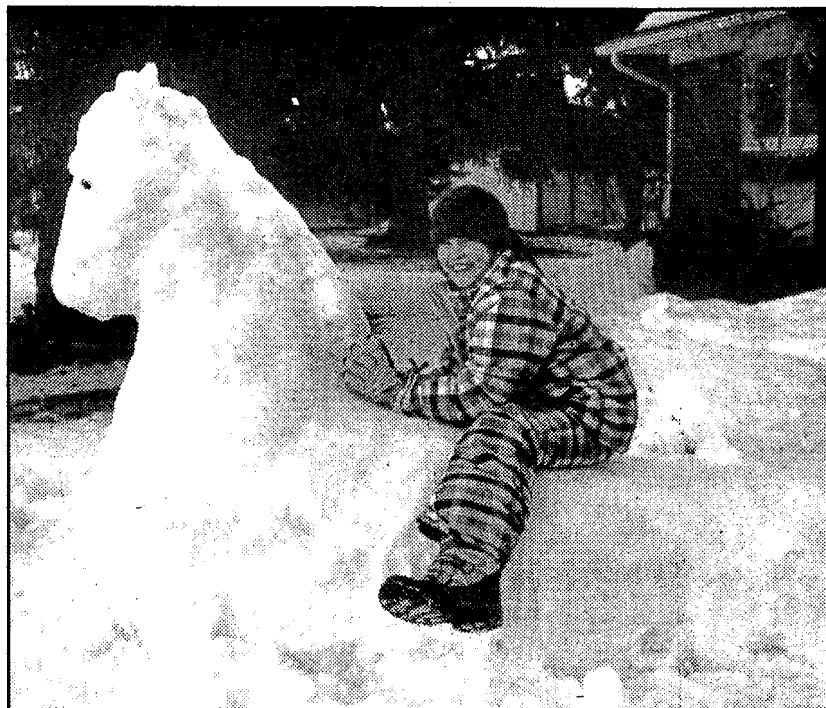
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From left, Jacob, Noah and Josh Peterson of Independence Township took advantage of warmer weather and better packing snow last week to make a giant snowman.



Sierra Aguilar of Independence Township and her mother, Angela Avery, made this snowhorse in the front yard on Valentine's Day. The idea was based on the book, "Snow Rider." Photos provided

Snow's back after brief break

Temperatures in the 50s last week melted almost all the snow in Clarkston, but Sunday's storm brought more.

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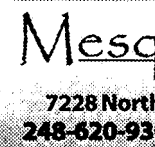
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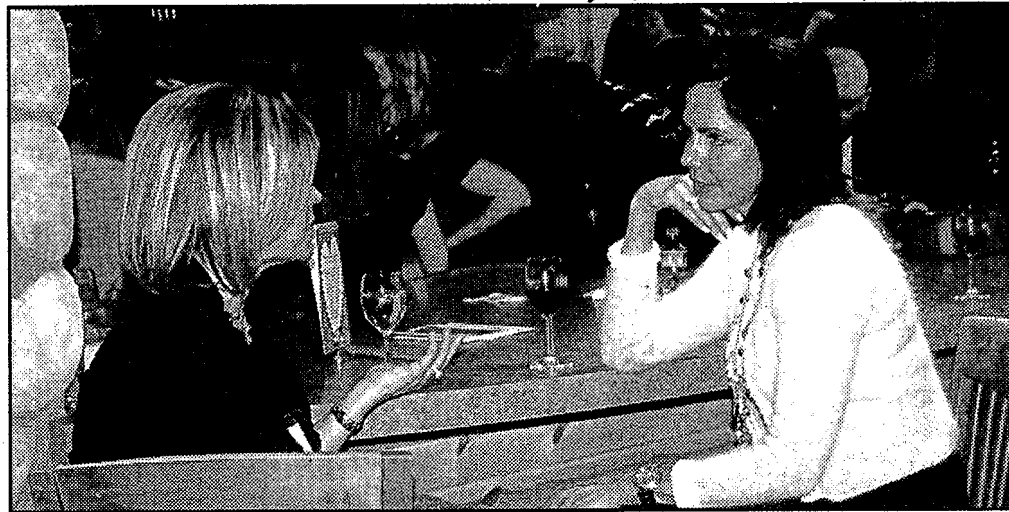
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Brittany and Heather Hourigan serve drinks with a smile.



Cindy Vella and D'Ann Colombo, in deep conversation.



Jimmy Tanner talks with Danny Bologna.

'Open your heart'

The annual Open Your Heart fund raiser for Lighthouse North proved once again a success at the home of Jim and Audrey Tanner, Feb. 17.

The evening included various entrees and desserts from area restaurants, while guests enjoyed conversation and laughter with each other.

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Hosts Andrea and Audrey Tanner smile for the camera.

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Dismayed

I came into work last Thursday angry and furious that after a regular board meeting and two special meetings Independence Township board still had not appointed a new clerk and now (Thursday night) we were having yet another special meeting.

However, I left Thursday's meeting no longer angry, but completely dismayed because I had just witnessed the worst township board meeting to date.

Not only did they not make a decision and board members infighting was at all time low, but it was also let out Treasurer Curt Carson in attempted to break the "deadlock" between the candidates Joan McCrary, Barbra Pallotta, & Joan Patterson in a manner that is questionable.

Carson, who believes McCrary to be the best candidate for clerk, asked her if she were made clerk would she consider bringing Patterson on board to be deputy clerk. McCrary thought it sounded like a good idea, so the two met with Patterson and discussed the issue.

Patterson stood before the township board Thursday night to disclose the meeting had happened and that after thought and consideration she was not accepting the offer. She was "shocked" such an offer would be made.

I applaud Mrs. Patterson to do the right thing and come forward.

Both Carson and McCrary don't see anything wrong with the proposal. Well, I don't care any way you look at it. It stinks and it does come off as a "backroom deal,"

Even if to make such an offer is not illegal, there is a question to ethical and moral integrity of it, which to me far outweighs legal law.

I heard Mrs. McCrary say to one of the residents during a break in one of the meetings, "The other two just aren't qualified for the job... I am qualified and I am the best choice for the position." Well, I am sorry Mrs. McCrary, while I do believe your 16 years of does speak for itself, and that you would do a fine job. I do think the other two candidates ARE qualified to do the job. Do each of them have some learning curves? Of course, but are they qualified and capable? You betcha. If they weren't they wouldn't be in the top three.

Another special meeting to appoint clerk was held Tuesday, check www.Clarkstonnews.com to see update.



Reader wants look into clerk offer

Dear Editor,

Independence Township Treasurer Curt Carson should resign because of his efforts to use taxpayer funds to influence the vote of another elected township official.

According to now public information, on Feb. 16, Carson met with clerk candidate Joan Patterson at Mrs. Patterson's home. Carson unexpectedly brought clerk candidate Joan McCrary along, and offered Patterson the currently-filled position of deputy clerk under McCrary if she withdrew her name from consideration.

The hope by Carson and McCrary appears to be that township Trustee Larry Rosso would vote for McCrary to be clerk if he knew Patterson, his first choice, would become deputy clerk. Carson and McCrary said Patterson could run for clerk after McCrary retired, supposedly in 2012.

Once Patterson wisely exposed this backroom deal at the Feb. 17 meeting, Carson claimed he was just trying to negotiate a "compromise," even though Carson admitted publicly he never discussed with Rosso what he thought of his and McCrary's job

offer to Patterson.

At the Feb. 17 meeting, Deputy Clerk Paula Heenan was visibly upset as she learned that her position had been offered by Carson and McCrary to Patterson. Later Heenan received a standing ovation from the crowd as she quietly responded that she just wanted to continue as deputy clerk.

There are serious legal issues involved when one elected official, Carson, along with a former elected official, McCrary, offers public funds in the form of job compensation to another elected official, Patterson, to influence the vote of still another elected official, Rosso.

There should be no place in Independence Township government for even the hint of political corruption. What a shame that Joan McCrary would jeopardize her reputation by participating in "McCarsongate."

Curt Carson should resign and the Township Board should immediately request an investigation to determine if any laws were broken by the actions of Carson and McCrary.

*Henry S. Woloson
Independence Township*

Call for quiet at high school musicals

Dear Editor,

Whatever happened to, "sit back and enjoy the show"? I think theatre etiquette has become lost in the explosion of electronic devices, and so it was during the performance of Cinderella at Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center last Saturday evening.

Before the play began, an announcement was made to turn off all cell phones, and other electronic devices, and please don't text during the performance.

However, the person seated in front of

me, for whatever reason, felt he was an exception to the rule, and he repeatedly videoed various scenes with his video device. The glare from the tiny bright images on his viewer kept distracting me from the play, and while the performance was one of the best I have seen at Clarkston High, I was not able to "sit back and really enjoy the show."

Thanks, I just had to sound off to someone,

*Fred Hofer
Independence Township*

Gov. proposes too many school cuts

Dear Editor,

I am appalled by Gov. Snyder's proposed cuts in education of up to \$470 per student.

This means that for each and every classroom of 30 students, they will slash an unbelievable \$14,100! This will be the cut in every classroom in every school district in Michigan!

This will probably mean many programs will be cut in each and every school and class sizes will increase immensely as well as other

unimaginable changes. I thought that in this global economy, the goal was to raise the standards in our schools so our children could compete.

Taking this amount of money away from schools will devastate them. I guess the governor wants to change his nickname from "One Tough Nerd" to "The Only Tough Nerd!" Are you scared for our children? I am.

*Margaret M. Junker, grandmother of four
Independence Township*

Clarkston Medical accepts Fourth challenge

Dear Editor,

All of us at Clarkston Medical Group would like to do our part and pledge \$1,000 to see that our great Fourth of July Celebration continues. We've gone through some very difficult times over the last decade and events like this are important to preserve as they

help maintain the strength of our community.

Please join in us in following the lead of the Clarkston Community Church to help ensure that our Fourth of July tradition goes on.

*Dr Tim O'Neill, president
Clarkston Medical Group*

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Fall bond issue likely for new school" School board reached a consensus to request a bond to construct a new elementary school. Increasing student population meant 10 more teachers and portable classrooms that year.

"King Roger, Queen Jeanie" Clarkston High School let off some winter steam with its Snowcoming games. With a "Camelot" theme, Jeanie Lamreaux and Roger Bower were crowned queen and king. Students wrapped each other in aluminum foil, built castles out of marshmallows, and competed in tug of war and other games.

25 years ago - 1986

"Adults will be blamed if minors drink" Adults were the focus of a new ordinance aimed at controlling drinking and drug abuse among minors in Independence Township. It made adults responsible for liquor or drugs served to minors at house parties.

"Schools won't sponsor trips" Clarkston schools Superintendent Milford Mason said the district doesn't sponsor overseas travel by students due to the threat of terrorism. The superintendent said that includes restrictions on fund raising by students.

"Henry Ford's Clarkston connection" Henry Ford purchased a farm off Holcomb Road north of Deer Lake around 1935, where employees tested the new Ford tractor. An "experimental farm," they grew soybeans and other food. Visitors from around the world came to Clarkston to learn about the tractor and its accessories.

50 years ago - 1961

"Sheriff's patrol gets emergency breathing tubes" Emergency mouth-to-mouth breathing tubes became standard equipment in deputy patrol cars, donated by Keith Hallman, Clarkston druggist. The Resusitube, made of soft, flexible plastic, was inserted into the victim's throat to open the airway.

"B&PW combine fashions and cards" The Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women's club planned a fashion show, "Introduction to Spring." Featured were casual daytime wear to evening "high fashion." It also included a card party.

"Clarkston locals" Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jyleen spent the previous Tuesday in Lansing. Mrs. Jyleen went shopping, while Mr. Jyleen attended a board meeting.

With an eye to the news around and around

Just a heads up . . . in case you hadn't noticed, it snowed.

* * *

So, did anybody else think there are other reasons why the Tampa, FL kid isn't doing good in school, other than his own academic proficiency? If you haven't heard, a Florida couple had their son walk around in public with a sign stating his rather low grade point average. His GPA is 1.22.

And, while that isn't wonderful, something is keeping the lad from achieving even academic averageness and it might be his parents. According to the news report, the parents have tried, "everything to get their 15-year-old to shape up academically. They've offered help, asked to see homework, grounded, lectured him and confiscated his cell phone."

And, now they have added humiliation to their regiment. I think ye-old pointy dunce hat should be given to the parents, so they can walk with their son. Maybe we can send him a t-shirt with arrows pointing left and right and under that, "I'm with dumb and dumber."

I don't know, maybe I am acting like

the parents, and rushing to an opinion without knowing all the facts.

* * *

Technology is both cool and scary. Just read this weekend about the Japanese's plan to send a "humanoid" robot to the International Space Station. I know, robotics in space is not a new endeavor, but wow, the practice is really picking up.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Get this: "Researchers behind the project say the 'bot would have a number of attributes to make it a valuable crew member.

For example, they say, it would never have to sleep--so it could keep watch when the flesh and blood astronauts are in dreamland."

That sounds good, but wait, it goes way, beyond that.

"And then there are its conversational skills, which would make it a lively companion for those lonely spacefarers. 'We are thinking in terms of a very human-

like robot that would have facial expressions and be able to converse with the astronauts,'" JAXA's Satoshi Sano told the Associated Press."

JAXA is Japan's equivalent of the United States' space agency, NASA. JAXA stands for Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency. JAXA plans to have these humanoid robots up there in space by 2013.

What grabbed my attention was the stated benefit of space-bots, "lively companions" for those lonely astronauts. These things will have facial expressions and be able to "converse" with astronauts?

By the way, NASA plans on sending up its own robot helpers this week. Robonaut 2 is a "humanoid" maintenance bot.

What is interesting about Robonaut 2, is not that it has facial expressions nor can make lonely astronauts, well, not lonely -- what is interesting is that General Motors is involved with the program.

I think it is cool that GM is involved with cutting edge robotics and space, cause that means we all have neigh-

bors who are involved with cutting edge robotics and space.

Robonaut 2, also goes by the name R2 -- paying homage to George Lucas' *Star Wars* series.

Here's some verbiage from the official Robonaut webpage (<http://robonaut.jsc.nasa.gov>):

"(Robonaut is the) first dexterous humanoid robot in space, and the first US-built robot at the space station. But that will be just one small step for a robot and one giant leap for robot-kind.

"Initially R2 will be deployed on a fixed pedestal inside the ISS. Next steps include a leg for climbing through the corridors of the Space Station, upgrades for R2 to go outside into the vacuum of space, and then future lower bodies like legs and wheels to propel the R2 across Lunar and Martian terrain."

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Oh, and in case you didn't know . . . it's less than a month to the official start of spring -- not that it does us any good right now.

Comments for Mr. Donald Rush can be e-mailed to: don@shermanpublications.org

Think the order for light meant flashlight?

The flashlight was invented about 1898, according to my encyclopedia. Notice I didn't have to go to the internet to find that fact.

Also, notice I still refuse to capitalize the word internet. If there was an outernet would it have a capital O?

My attention this week on the flashlight comes from the exposure it is getting on my tv shows . . . NCIS, CSI and Law and Order.

The shows are my only addiction, except for golf, baseball, football, chocolate shakes, Fox news, evening cocktail, morning oj, and, well, you get the idea.

Cops and robber stories, cowboy and Indian movies and Tarzan shows were an addiction in my growing up years. They worked in daylight.

The big difference in today's mysteries and yesterday's is the flashlight. The flashlight has shortened script writers jobs and lessened the need for show settings.

Now, writers can put a flashlight in a good gal or guys hands and use up 15 minutes of show time in every hour show as they pretend to search hideouts, sewers, attics and closets, which also are pretend.

The western heroes of yore would go in dark or

low lit places with their guns drawn, find the culprits and rarely get shot. Script writers had many more minutes to fill.

Today, the flashlight search is an extreme stretch for television viewers' imagination. Of course, if there is one thing we tv viewers have it's an extreme imagination.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

My *Britannica* didn't say who invented the flashlight, but I'll bet that nerdy Tom Edison made it possible.

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I've bought a few Lotto tickets in my life, but never did it enter my mind I was helping pay for Michigan's school children's education.

I was gambling for bucks.

I was against having our state promote gambling (that's it isn't it?) to finance education in the first place. And, all it did is give legislators the opportunity -- which they jumped at -- to move money out of the education budget and into some other project.

Today, Michigan is promoting gambling (Lotto) heavier than ever. It's teaching school kids the "true"

budgeting experience. Bet on it.

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This goes back several years. There was a sharp, jokester-type gal in our clan, Elizabeth (Liz) Baldwin. I did a lot of hunting and fishing with her husband (Pansy), and every trip she'd sneak a picture of herself in his duffle

She did off-the-wall stuff, like putting a note on the ceiling over their bed: "Kiss Mrs. Baldwin Goodnight."

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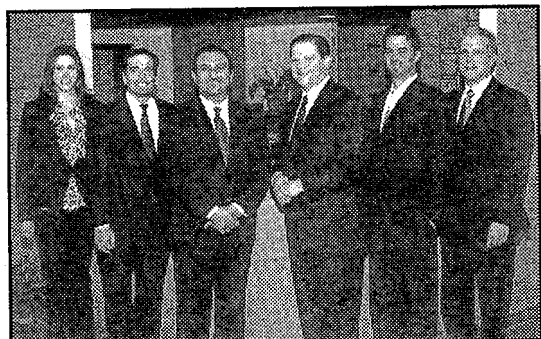
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Top speed of a chicken in full gallop is nine miles per hour. Bet you didn't know that.



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Studies have also shown that the death rate from oral cancer is about four times higher for cigarette smokers than nonsmokers. It is also widely believed in the medical field that the heat generated by smoking pipes and cigars irritates the mouth and can lead to lip cancer.

While those considered high risk for developing oral cancer are heavy drinkers and smokers, younger patients who use smokeless tobacco and snuff are also being diagnosed in significantly growing numbers. In addition, HPV infection has been noted in tongue cancers in young patients, some of whom are not smokers.

Early Detection and Treatment Provide a Better Chance for Cure

Summit Oral Surgery recommends that everyone perform an oral cancer self-exam each month. If you are at high risk for oral cancer — smoker, consumer of alcohol, user of smokeless tobacco, or snuff — you should see your general dentist or oral and maxillofacial surgeon for regular oral exams.

If the surgeon agrees that something looks suspicious, a biopsy may be recommended. During a biopsy, your oral surgeon will remove a piece of the suspicious tissue and send it to a pathology laboratory for a microscopic

examination that will accurately diagnose the problem. The biopsy report not only helps establish a diagnosis; it also enables the doctor to develop a specific plan of treatment. In many cases, treatment is preceded by obtaining special imaging studies such as a positron emission tomography / computed tomography (PET/CT) scan.

Perform a Self-Exam Monthly

Using a bright light and a mirror:

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- Look and feel inside the lips and the front of gums
- Tilt head back to inspect and feel the roof of your mouth
- Pull the cheek out to see its inside surface as well as the back of gums
- Pull out your tongue and look at all of its surfaces
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- A mass or lump in the neck

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Springfield Township firefighters responded to a residential fire in the 7000 block of Blue Water, 8:51 p.m., Feb. 19. There were no reported injuries. Photo provided by Andrew Dubats, video at ClarkstonTV.com

Public Safety

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

Drunk driver

A 54-year-old Flint man found himself sitting in a ditch, 4:16 p.m., Feb. 8, at Clement and White Lake roads. He told police he was driving to an alcohol treatment center in Springfield Township, waved at a postal delivery person, and went into the ditch. With a strong odor of intoxicants and slurred speech, he had a preliminary breath test of .261. He was arrested for drunk driving, third offense.

Stolen copper

Eighty-five feet of copper pipes was taken from a foreclosed home in the 5000 block of Chestnut Hill Drive, Feb. 9. No forced entry found.

Caught on video

When a 17-year-old Rochester boy reported theft of his goggles, 7:20 p.m., Feb. 10, at Pine Knob Ski Resort on Sashabaw Road, the manager checked video surveillance. He found video of the theft and passed out a description. Employees found the suspect, a 17-year-old Waterford Township boy, on the slopes, and called police. The suspect said he thought the goggles belonged to his brother. However, video showed him picking up the goggles from the owner's backpack, dropping them on the floor, then picking them up again. He was cited for theft.

Taking out the trash

Someone emptied a trash can and took a full recycle bin from an Ellis Road home, Feb. 10. A white pickup truck with an open bed filled with recyclable items was reported in the area.

Thief caught

A Sashabaw Road restaurant drive-thru employee saw three teenagers near his vehicle, 3:06 p.m., Feb. 13. When he saw one of the teens enter the car through the passenger side door, he yelled at them and called out for help. A coworker ran into the parking lot and chased them, catching one. The 14-year-old Independence Township boy identified the other two, a 15-year-old and 18-year-old, also of Independence Township. The 15-year-old said he saw an iPod in the car, tried the door, found it was unlocked, and took the device. The iPod was recovered, and the 15-year-old was arrested for theft.

Warrant

A 55-year-old Pontiac woman was stopped for expired tag, 4:25 p.m., Feb. 15, on Dixie Highway. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance, and no registration on person. She was handed over to West Bloomfield Township Police on a misdemeanor warrant.

Phone theft team

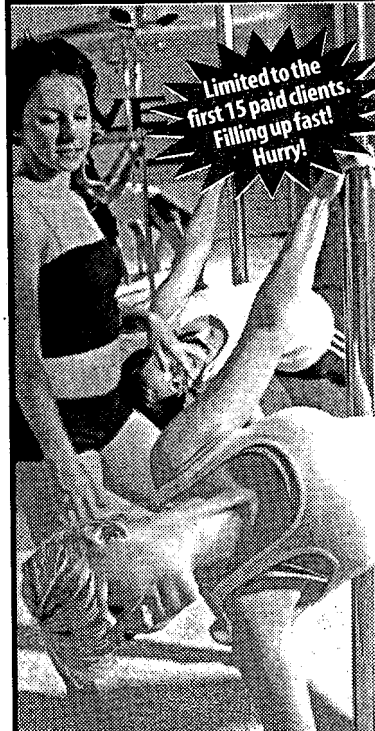
While helping a customer, another customer took a cell phone from its display at a Dixie Highway store, 9:28 a.m., Feb. 15. The two customers, who were working together, were described as in their early-mid 20s, dark complexion, possibly Middle Eastern. One wore blue jeans and a light gray hooded sweatshirt; and the other, blue jeans, black coat, tan knit hat, and glasses.

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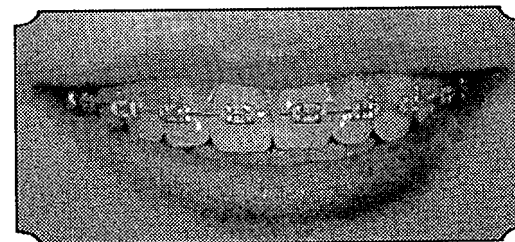
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School budget details, Feb. 28

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cials, secondary clerical, International Baccalaureate spending, transportation, instructional aides and miscellaneous.

Based on projections for 2012-2013 fiscal year, the district is considering cuts in secondary school teaching staff, staff and programs, human resources, shared services, sinking fund, technology/renovation bond, general fund support of community education and drivers education. They are aiming for \$2-\$2.5 million in cuts, Rock said.

Kathy Noble, first-grade teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary, asked the board to spend some of the district's fund balance of about \$7.8 million.

"I have heard stated several time in the last couple of years Michigan is in the perfect storm situation," Noble said. "Since it is called the rainy day fund I think it needs to be considered."

She said Clarkston's programs have their benefits, but teaching students to read, write and grow socially outweighs them.

"I know this is a dollar sense for you," she said. "But it is common sense for teachers like me who are passionate to get students to learn."

She added class sizes need to be reasonable, about 25 students per class, to help teachers teach and students learn.

"An effective teacher is the best resource the students have," Noble said. "Help us be the best effective teachers we can be by keeping the class sizes manageable."

The next board meeting is Feb. 28, 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Spring weight restrictions

Seasonal spring weight restrictions on non-all-weather roads take effect, 6 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23. The restrictions limit how much trucks can carry on the roads to minimize damage during spring thaw.

The restrictions do not affect passenger vehicles, only commercial trucks.

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Auto-Lab owner Lou Gallo, right, and Scott Boslet, service manager, call on the Big Deal to get the word out on their business. Photo by Phil Custodio

Big Deal makes biz stand out

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ing through www.ClarkstonNews.com and www.BigDeal2011.com.

Gallo has been in the automotive business since he was 14-years-old.

"My dad was a mechanic," he said. "Service is top notch. We do it all - you name it, we do it."

Auto-Lab was located at Andersonville Road and Dixie Highway for about 20 years, and moved to its current location in 2007.

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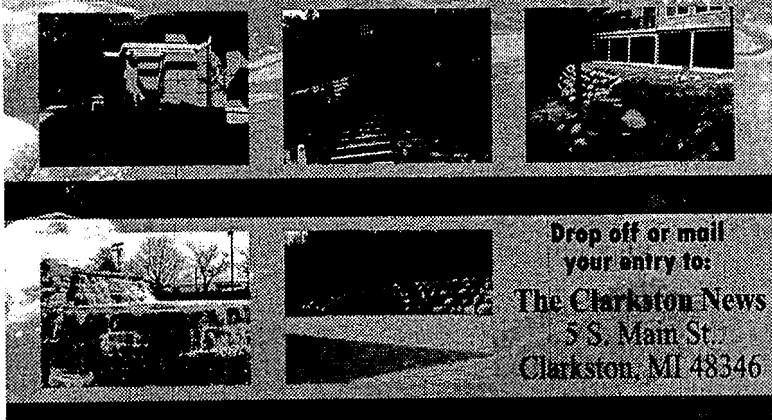
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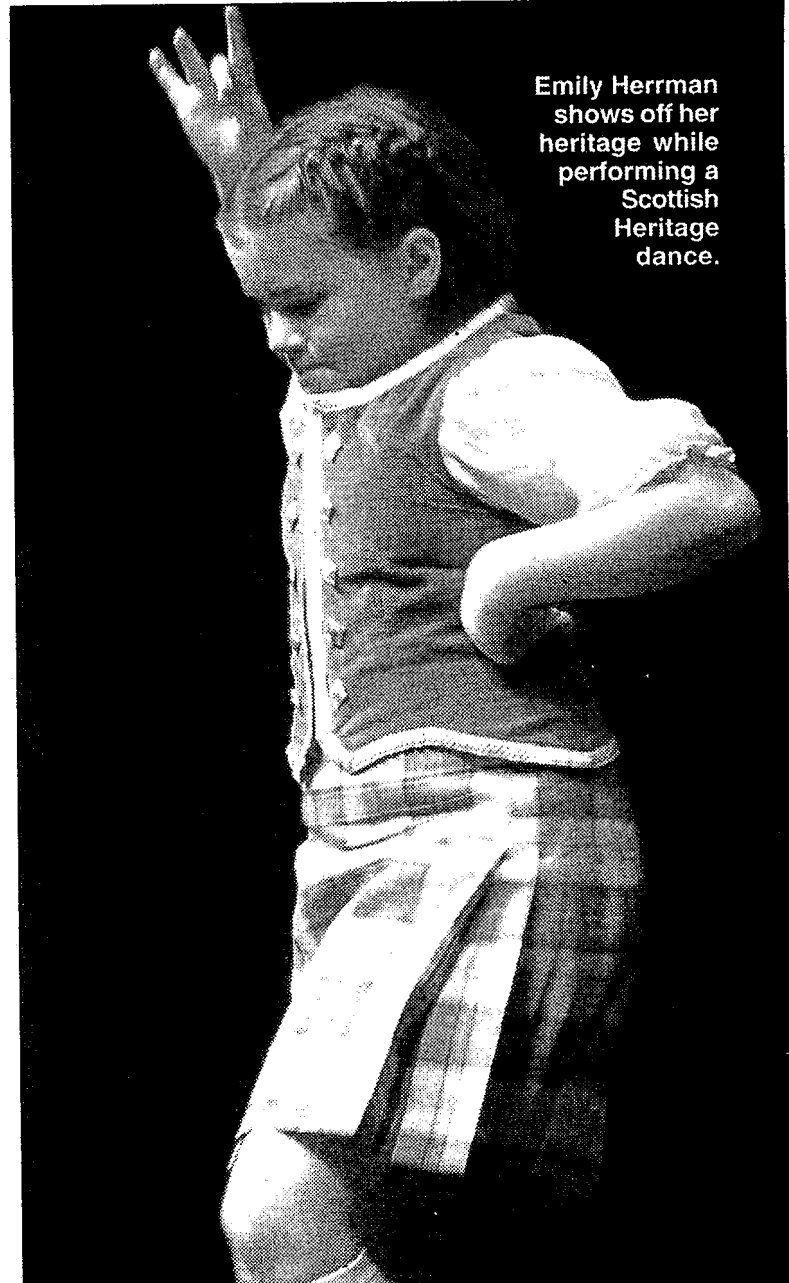
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Kindergarteners sing "Down By the Bay," opening the talent show.

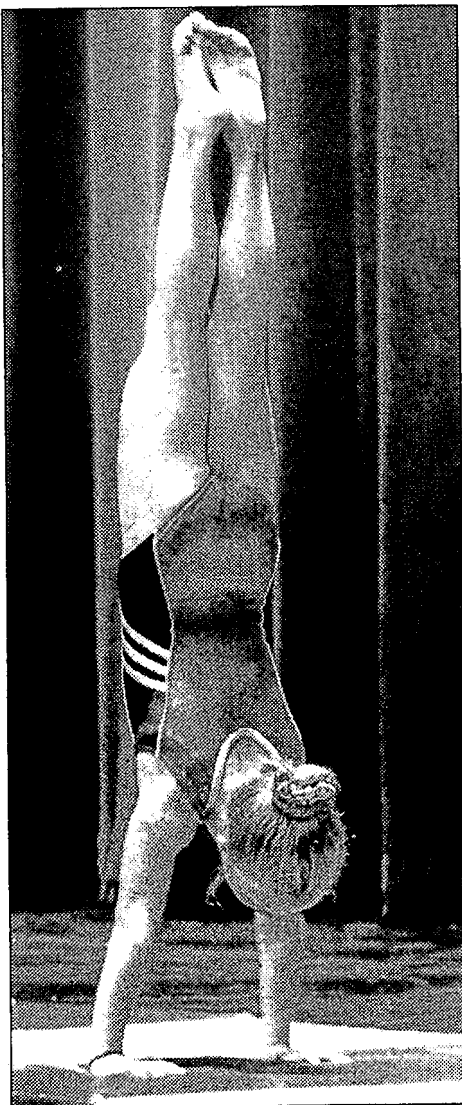


Emily Herrman shows off her heritage while performing a Scottish Heritage dance.

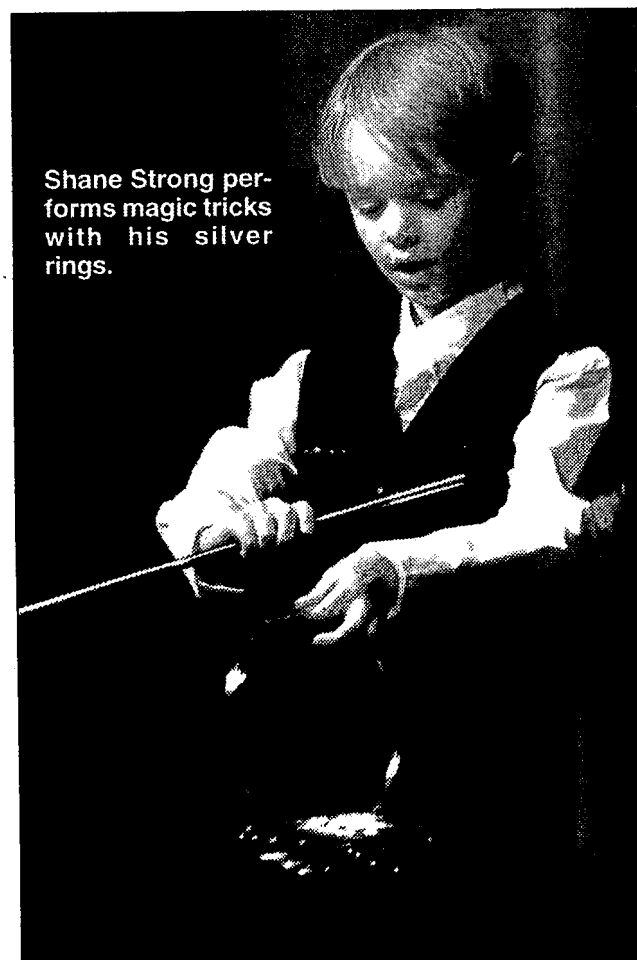
Clarkston's Got Talent

Singing, magic tricks and dancing were just a few treats from Clarkston Elementary's talent show on Feb. 11.

Even Principal Dana Pennanen and the staff took to the stage, dancing to the "Cha Cha Slide."



Claire Doty walks on her hands while maintaining great balance.



Shane Strong performs magic tricks with his silver rings.



Fashion is our talent! From left, Clare Catallo-Werner, Reese Meehan, and Claire McCullough pose in clothing and accessories they created. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Hockey

Icers beat Birmingham United on Saturday night in the OAA tournament, 4-2.

Austin Morse was the first to put the Wolves on the board, 10:18 into the first period.

Adam Bruderick and Macario Torres added two more goals in the next period and Adam Seel sealed Clarkston's win in the final period.

Goalie Jack Viazanko made 32 saves and the team made 31 shots on Birmingham's net.

The boys lost to Stoney Creek the previous night in overtime, 4-3.

Brad Pizzey, Dillon Drayer and Morse scored on three shots as the team made 40 shots on the net.

Troy Fasseel had 23 saves in the net.

The boys tied their first game in the week against Livonia Churchill, 2-2.

Pizzy and Drayer scored for Clarkston.

The boys put 14 shots on goal and Fasseel saved 33 shots for the night.

The boys host Waterford Mott on Wednesday in their last home game in the regular season, 5:30 p.m. at Detroit Skate Center.

Wrestling

Six grapplers continue on to the state finals after finishing in the top four spots at MHSAA Individuals Regionals on Saturday.

Jeff Sloney (130) and Matt Vandermeer (171) are returning to the finals after becoming regional champs. Mike Henige (160) is also making an appearance after becoming champion.

Sloney beat West Bloomfield's Anthony Thompson in a major decision, 13-1 while Henige defeated Chad Hunt from Hartland, 10-6.

Vandermeer took on cross-town rival Adam Gros from Lake Orion to win 3-0.

He is joined by his brother Nick in the finals trip, who took second place after being pinned by Anchor Bay's Larry Rybarz in the 135-pound weight class.

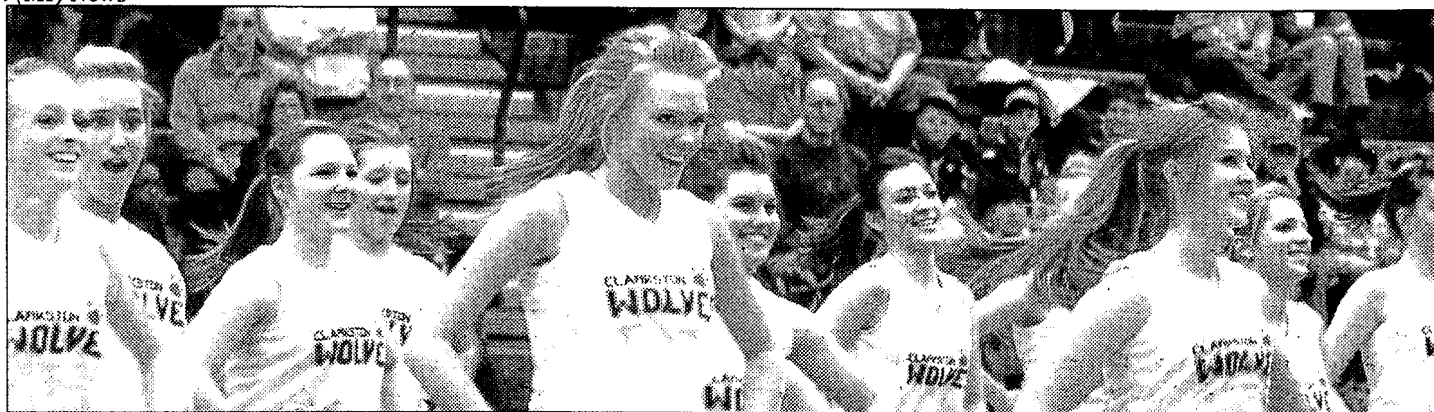
"Nick wrestled great coming in second after finishing district in third," said Coach Andy Auten. "We did better at regionals than we did at districts."

Scott Devos (285) also took second place after a loss to Adam Bennett from Romeo.

Ethan Frick placed in fourth after a loss to Lakeland's Alex Sokoll in the 215-pound weight class after the overtime period end, 3-1.

The boys lost to Hartland in the MHSAA Team Regionals on Wednesday in the final round, 48-15. During the semifinal Clarkston beat West Bloomfield, 56-11. The two meets put the team's final record at 21-10.

"Things did not go as hoped," said Auten, explaining they moved wrestlers up.



The Clarkston High School Varsity Dance team moves and grooves to a hip-hop blend of songs during their performance on Feb. 18, when Boys Basketball hosted Pontiac High School. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

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Wolves snip Phoenix midflight

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Mitch Baenziger nailed a field goal with 2:28 left in the third quarter to give Clarkston a one-point lead over Pontiac.

Senior Marcus Hardy added two more points to give the Wolves more edge going into the final quarter.

Anticipation grew as the Phoenix slipped farther away from the lead until the buzzer sealed Clarkston's seventh consecutive win, 60-48.

"We weren't ready for the pressure they put on us last time we faced them," said Hardy, referring to the Wolves loss to them in January, 67-51. "This time around I was trying to focus on moving around and staying active. We handled their pressure pretty good and it was more of a game where we got into the creases making them chasing us around."

Pontiac opened the game with a 3-pointer which junior Nick Tatu responded to with his own to put Clarkston on the board.

Another 3-pointer from Tatu put

Clarkston in the lead a few minutes later.

Matt Dellinger and Hardy's baskets added to the lead until Pontiac caught up with 2:07 left in the first quarter. They tied the score at ten points.

Hardy scored again with 1:55 to go to get the lead back. Matt Rodgers added a three point shot to the score 40 seconds later.

Baenziger added one more basket before the quarter ended, 17-14.

The boys continued to add more to their score as Pontiac steadily caught up until they pulled themselves into the lead with 1:05 left in the half.

"It seemed like the game was all spurts," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "We would be up, they would catch us. They would be up, we would catch them."

Max Collins attempted one last shot before the half ended with a field goal. The ball swayed away from the rim and the net, ending the half four points away from the lead, 32-28.

The next half opened with the Wolves scoring on free throw shots and Rodgers sinking a three pointer four minutes in.

Clarkston continued their hold on the board going on a 14-point streak.

The Phoenix quickly got back into the game, closing in on the Wolves' lead and could have found a way past the home team.

With 1:30 left to go in the game and Clarkston holding the lead 49-47, Pontiac fouled on Hardy sending him to the line for two. He nailed both.

Seconds later teammate Baenziger was at the line also for two as the both teams watched closely.

Baenziger took a deep breath before walking up the the line and putting the two shots through the hoop.

More foul trouble from Pontiac kept Clarkston going to the line on four more trips, scoring seven out of eight throws. Two came from Hardy, two from Tatu and three from Baenziger.

Hardy led the night with 21 points, Baenziger added 15 and Tatu with 12.

The boys head off against North Farmington and West Bloomfield in their next set of home games and a chance to clinch the OAA Red title.

The Wolves still had a three-way tie after knocking Pontiac out of the running for first place. West Bloomfield and Southfield share the spot.

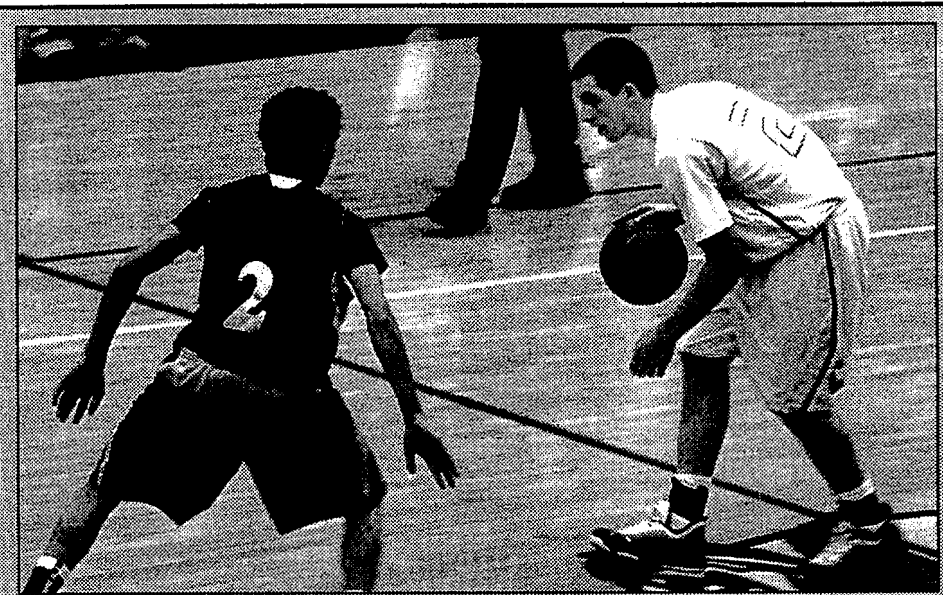
"Everybody's still in it," said Fife. "Anybody can beat anybody. Everybody's got four games left and we all still play each other. We stil have to take care of business."

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

Join the Wolves after their home games for a slice of pizza, a cookie and a pop. All for the low cost of \$3 - in the high school cafeteria.



Marcus Hardy jumps to score against Pontiac. Photo by Larry Wright



Athlete of the Week Baenziger fulfills dream

BY GABE COMOS

Special to The Clarkston News

Every Saturday during basketball season, young aspiring basketball players ranging from 7- to 14-years-old attend the McGrath Basketball Camp run by the varsity boy's basketball team head coach, Dan Fife.

Junior point guard Mitch Baenziger was one of them - dreaming of playing on the varsity team when they got into high school.

Baenziger began his love for basketball at 10- years-old and has cherished it ever since.

"I began playing for fun at Basketball America and McGrath but as I got better I moved on to the Clarkston Scrappers (an AAU program), then of course to middle school basketball and so on," said Baenziger.

Baenziger said he is proud to be placed in such an important role for Clarkston as the starting point guard for the Wolves.

"There's a lot of tradition behind Clarkston Basketball, a lot of people in the community attend our games and support the team. I feel honored to be the starting point guard and I hope to have a great year," said Baenziger.

"There are a ton of expectations that go along with playing for Clarkston Basketball. Thus far, this season we have not lived up to those expectations and this is disappointing to me and my team. Hopefully in the next few games we can turn things around and get back on track," Baenziger stated.

Baenziger's older brother, Jon (a 2009 Clarkston grad), played under Fife for two years on the varsity team.

"It's nice having a role model that knows what I go through. My older brother gives me advice and support along with the rest of my family," said Baenziger.

When the winter season ends, Baenziger will play AAU basketball for R.E.A.C.H., a team based out of Detroit.

Baenziger said that AAU basketball brings a different atmosphere to the game than high school does.

Baenziger is also a quarterback on the varsity football team, a tough task in itself.

"I had a lot of expectations prior to this football season, but due to an unfortunate injury, I wasn't able to play much except for three games. Hopefully I can stay healthy next year," he said.

Not only does Baenziger excel in athletics, he is also very strong in the classroom. He is enrolled in the CSM Tech program, a rigorous 4-year curriculum focusing mainly on math and science.

"I get a lot of homework and it ends up being a long night after practice, but for the most part I can keep up with my studies," said Baenziger.

Baenziger hopes to play basketball in college, another goal he's had for a long time, and has received letters from Division I schools.

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Senior Reppuhn leads in last home game

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers celebrated the last home game of the season last Thursday honoring parents and their lone senior player, Lindsay Reppuhn.

In return, the 5'5" starter opened the game against Pontiac with a 3-pointer and led the team to a 39-29 victory.

"It was an awesome game," said Reppuhn. "Everyone contributed and everyone played really well."

"It was our fourth game in seven days and we really challenged the girls to play with a lot of toughness," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team. "We had some spurts we played extremely well and shot some baskets and had nice plays. We played with a lot of toughness."

Reppuhn and Delaney Kenny added five more points on the board before the Lady Phoenix scored their first basket.

Clarkston defense continued their strong attacks and held Pontiac's Meisha Smith and Beonna House back as they

led into halftime, 23-12.

"We focused mostly on them because Smith can get to the basket and House is their all-around scorer," said Reppuhn. "We knew what to expect a little more. We knew they would come out hard because we already beat them by two points."

Lady Wolves continued their dominance in the second half to get their second win against the Phoenix.

"We stuck with our game plan defensively and got the stops we needed to," said Wasilk.

"Megan (Hastings) played really well," Reppuhn added. "Anna (Manilla) played a great defense and everyone was cheering. It was so much fun to play."

Reppuhn scored 15 points. Hastings contributed nine points and Kenny had eight.

The girls beat Southfield on Feb. 15, 56-22 to put their overall record 13-5 and 10-5 in OAA Red.

Sophomore Erin Davenport led the team with 27 points and seven steals.

Manilla added ten point.

The girls play the last game of the regular season on Friday night as they head to Lake Orion, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the JV team.

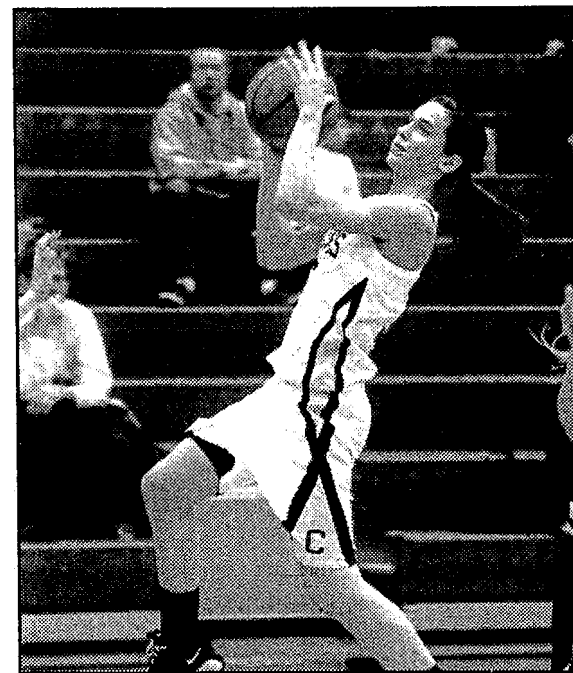
"Orion played extremely tough last time," said Wasilk. "We squeaked one out last time at home. Hopefully we can take care of business."

"I just want to beat them more than last time," add Reppuhn. "The team played well and kept them under 40 points but it is always a team we want to come out and beat. We didn't come out as strong as we should have. We definitely want to come out strong this time and hand it to them."

The Lady Wolves head into district playoffs next Wednesday where they will play the winner of the Brandon/Fenton game.

The girls play at 7:30 p.m. at Brandon High School.

"We have a lot of confidence and we play really well when we have a lot of confidence," said Reppuhn.



Anna Manilla moves in for a basket. Photo by Larry Wright

Wolves offense on fire against Farmington Hills in OAA Red

BY NICK LOOMIS

Special to The Clarkston News

Clarkston varsity boy's basketball team erupted for a big win over the Farmington Hills Harrison Hawks on Feb. 15.

Led by junior point guard Mitch Baenziger and senior forward Marcus Hardy, Clarkston took a big lead early and never looked back in their 59-33 win in the OAA Red.

"I thought the team played really good, our defensive pressure especially," said Baenziger.

The Wolves were getting between passing lanes, and were on a fast break for what seemed like the entire game.

Almost every shot put up appeared to go in for Clarkston.

"Our coach always tells us, a good defense leads to good offense and that's what happened on the floor tonight," said Hardy.

Clarkston took over the game early by sinking open three point shots and getting to the free throw line.

Farmington Hills Harrison had no answer for the Wolves' great help side defense as the Hawks were merely struggling to get the ball into the paint.

Clarkston, led by Hardy's inside involvement was too much for Harrison to handle, as Clarkston led 15-4 after the first quarter.

"I feel like my rebounding and defensive presence are the best qualities I bring to this team, basically just being a factor inside the paint," said Hardy.

In the second quarter, Clarkston utilized their bench players as much as possible, including seven point boost by sophomore Jordan Dasuqi.

Starting point guard Baenziger helped to keep the Wolves on top of their game.

"I feel like controlling tempo is a really big part of the game and when you're the point guard you can control everybody else," said Baenziger.

Baenziger had four of his fourteen points in the second quarter to go along with several assists. Six players scored for Clarkston in the second quarter, which provided the Wolves with a 34-17 halftime lead.

Clarkston opened up the second half with the intent to get the ball inside to Hardy.

"If I don't get the ball enough on the offensive end, I won't get upset about it. I'll call for it, but if it's not there, then it's not there," said Hardy.

Hardy scored seven of his twelve points in the third.

Whereas, Clarkston's offense was explosive to start the half, they also held Farmington Hills Harrison to only three points for the quarter, leading 50-20 after the third.

About midway through the fourth quarter, the Wolves cleared their bench. Led by sixth man Matt Rodgers, Clarkston continued to play solid defense until the end of the game.

"We're a fast paced team that tries to push the ball as much as possible," said Rodgers.

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Food program OK'd for kids

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Board of Education approved pilot implementation of the Blessings in a Backpack program, Feb. 14.

"Families don't struggle with food Monday through Friday," said Bruce Martin, Andersonville Elementary principal, the school testing the program. "They struggle with food on weekends and during holiday breaks."

The program provides non-perishable food for the weekend for students on the free and reduced lunch programs whose families wish to participate.

Meijer's partnered with the district to provide six meals for the weekend at \$2.25 per meal. The meals are easy to prepare in case the children have to prepare their own food.

"Each child gets a backpack on the weekend to help them have food at home," Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock added. "Other Oakland County school districts are doing it. It has been a very successful and a very positive thing."

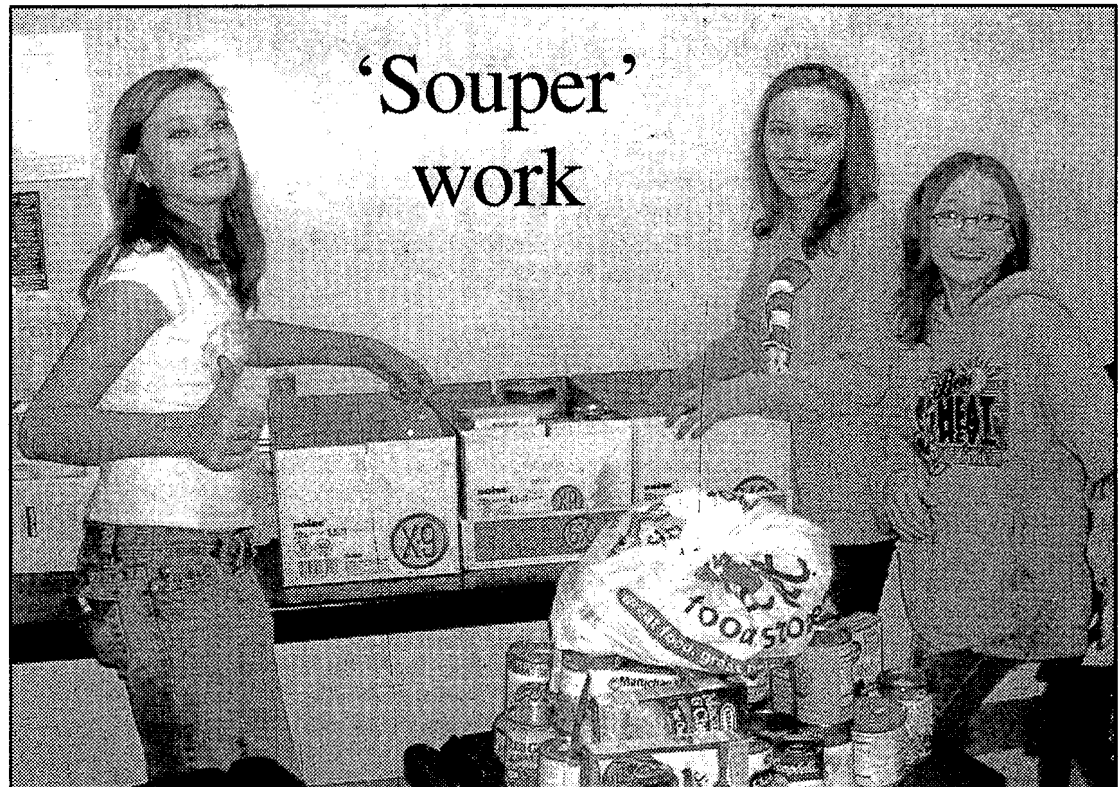
Rochester Community Schools, Avondale School District and Clawson School District also offer the program. It is also used in over 150 school districts in 20 states.

Blessings in a Backpack is intended to help students focus, reduce behavior issues and increase test scores.

"When Dr. Rock came on, he was very interested in the program and interested in having it in the district," said Martin. "We are very excited Andersonville Elementary is the first place to start and work out the kinks."

The program involves a committee of volunteers, guiding the process and looking at coordination and funding. Funding includes raising \$100 per student before the program can begin, for \$50,000. Another \$50,000 must be pledged for the second year. The district is responsible for storing the food and volunteers will stuff the backpacks.

The Board approved it in a 7-0 vote. For more information, check blessingsinabackpackmi.org.



Sashabaw Middle School Junior Optimists Emma Whaley, vice president, Secretary Hannah Grindling, President C.J. Hughes, and classmates collected 210 canned and non-perishable food items during their Second Annual Souper Bowl of Caring. The Junior Optimists collected items Jan. 20- Feb. 3, to donate to Lighthouse North for their food pantry. Photo provided

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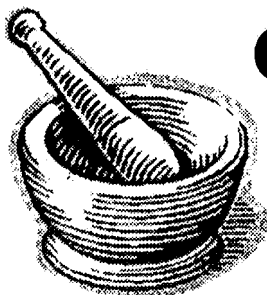
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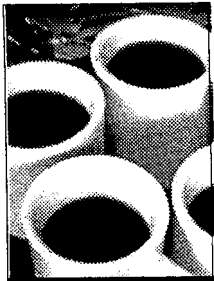
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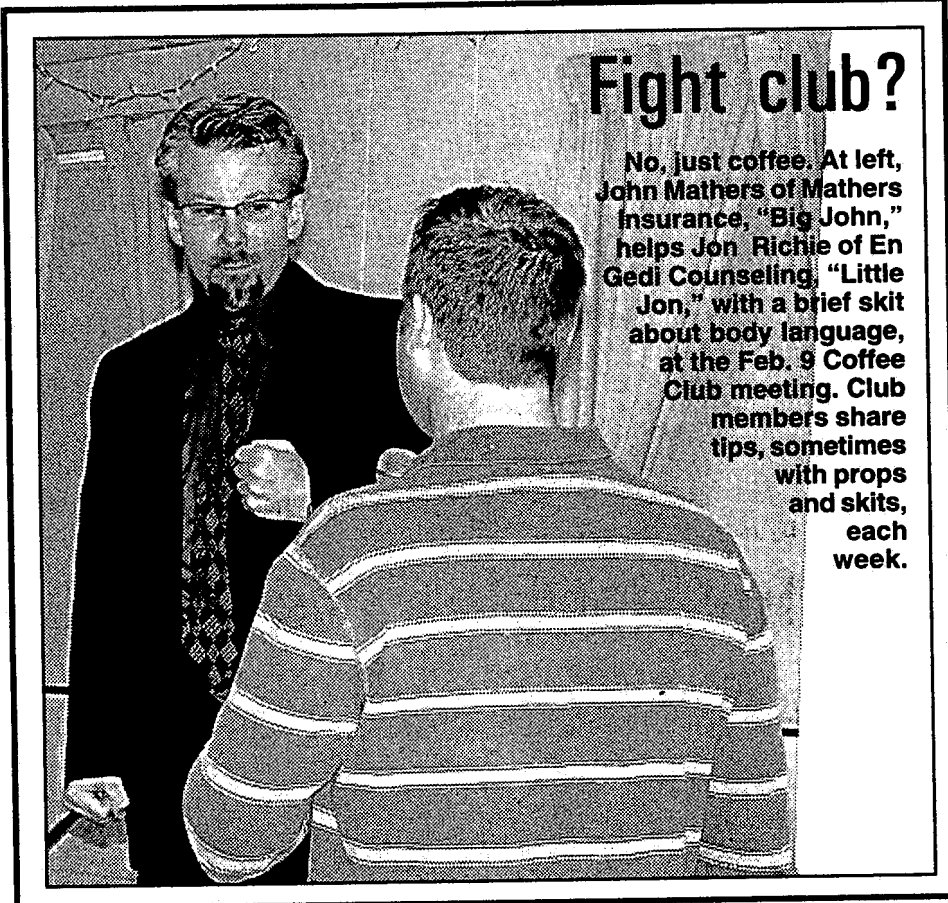
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No, just coffee. At left, John Mathers of Mathers Insurance, "Big John," helps Jon Richie of En Gedi Counseling, "Little Jon," with a brief skit about body language, at the Feb. 9 Coffee Club meeting. Club members share tips, sometimes with props and skits, each week.

Royal Diner's open 24-7

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The former Ram's Horn and Nick's Country Oven on Dixie Highway is now The Royal Diner.

It was bought by brothers Martin and Paul Gojcay, who have been in the restaurant business in metro Detroit for over 20 years.

"They've renovated the building, made everything brand new," said Elizabeth Foglesong, "It's contemporary, but modern."

Foglesong, night manager at the restaurant, said over 70 percent of the employees are former of employees of either Ram's Horn or Nick's, including herself.

"We're like a family here," Martin said. "We have an excellent crew."

Martin and his family have lived in Independence for past seven years. The diner offers a variety of breakfast, lunch and dinner items, including Greek, American, and Italian.

"Food's really great, fast friendly service, servers are all really professional and on their



Martin and Paul Gojcay, Royal Diner owners, and family. Photo by Trevor Keiser

toes ready to go, very polite," Foglesong said. "We're always ready to accommodate everybody."

With the restaurant being open 24/7 and offering free WiFi, Foglesong said they see a lot of college kids at night time.

The Royal Diner is located at 6450 Dixie Highway. Call 248-620-3333

Keys to debt management

Debt can be a valuable and useful component of an individual's finances, if used efficiently and in moderation. But there are certain "keys" an individual should consider:

- **Liquidity Is Key.** Keeping the proper amount of liquid assets is vital to managing the current level of your debt. It is the lack of liquidity and cash flow to manage the debt that hurts individuals financially.

- **Keep Debt Service Predictable.** Try to avoid repayment schedules that require the debt to be repaid all at once at a future point in time, such as balloons. If adjustable-rate financing is used try to negotiate interest-rate caps on your debt balance.

- **Do Not Accelerate Debt Payments.** Not until you have sufficient liquid savings and pay off non-deductible interest debts first. Then only pay down your debt if you are fully funding your retirement plans.

- **Try To Have Interest Deductible.** Slash those non-deductible credit card balances as much as possible. Consider using second mortgages, business loans, etc. to keep interest debt deductible.

- **Hold Debt Service Payments at Less Than 25% to 33% of Gross Income.** Generally, if you are exceeding this range your progress is outside safe limits. Try to renegotiate terms to get fixed payments at the 25-33 percent level and do not acquire additional debt.

- **Use Credit Cards Only As A Convenience.** Do not use credit cards to finance long-term purchases or items you cannot currently afford. Save for those items.

- **Protect Your Credit.** Personal credit is extremely important – don't abuse it! Make payments on time. Establish good credit history early. Use credit cards in moderation. If in trouble, be proactive and talk to your bank or credit card company as soon as possible to work out a repayment schedule.

- **Pay Cash for Purchases.** Don't finance or use credit cards unless it is absolutely necessary. Set a goal of paying cash for purchases. "Delayed gratification" is a financially sound concept to follow.

- **Review Debts Annually.** Make sure your debts are as efficient as possible. This means making sure interest rates you're paying are low and competitive given changing market conditions. Also, check out the option of refinancing if it will save you money.

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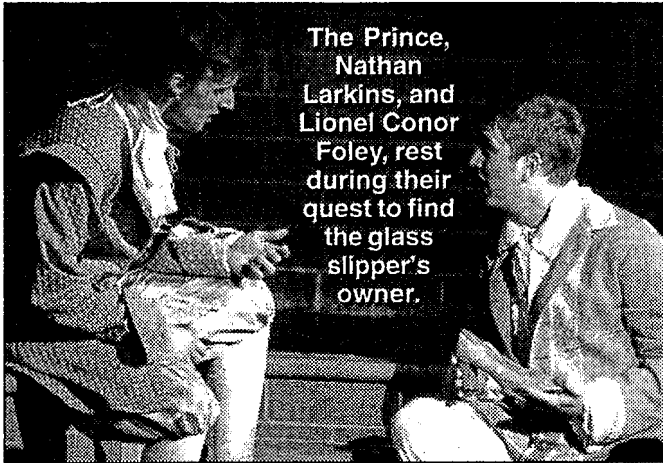
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Stepmother, Stephanie Burnham, and Lionel, Conor Foley.



Cinderella, played by Taylor Smith, and her Fairy Godmother, played by Mason Van Gieson, ride in the pumpkin carriage to the ball.



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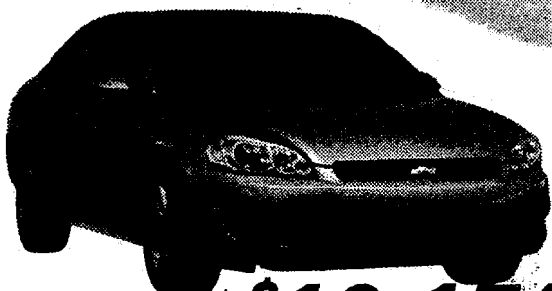
Prince Christopher prepares to try the glass slipper on Cinderella's foot. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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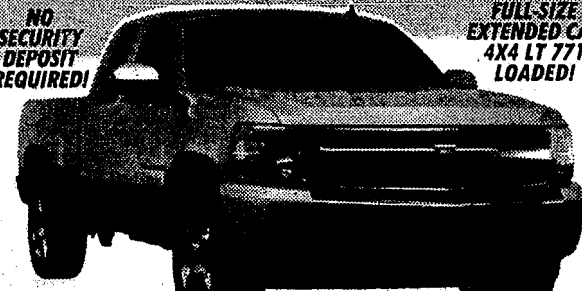
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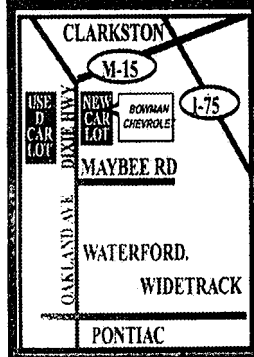
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Who deserves an Oscar?

"The King's Speech' (for Best Picture). I thought it was pretty awesome. I really enjoyed it - it was worth seeing."



- Julie Lamphier

"True Grit' (Best Picture). The girl who played the 14 year old (Hailee Steinfeld) and Jeff Bridges they were phenomenal. They really pulled me into the story."



- Nancy Gutelius

"True Grit' Jeff Bridges did an outstanding job. I like it better than the original with John Wayne - I know that's sacrilegious. It's a great movie."



- Steve Frasher

"Diane Lane and 'Secretariat' (though snubbed at the Oscars). I like the horse racing scenes."



- Bill Gibbs

By Phil Custodio

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Speaking out for the dogs

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

With a business degree and 10 years with General Motors, Pam Sordyl of Independence Township had no experience with activism before 2007.

"I wanted to go on one of those vacations where you go work on a farm - that sounded cool," said Sordyl, 40. "I found one in Michigan."

The farm was also an animal-advocacy group, and ran a sanctuary for animals. They advocated against factory farming and other practices.

Their message hit home for Sordyl.

"I wanted to get involved, but not with farm animals," she said. "I thought I'd start with dogs."

In 2007, she signed up to participate in a protest against puppy mills, commercial kennels designed to maximize breeding.

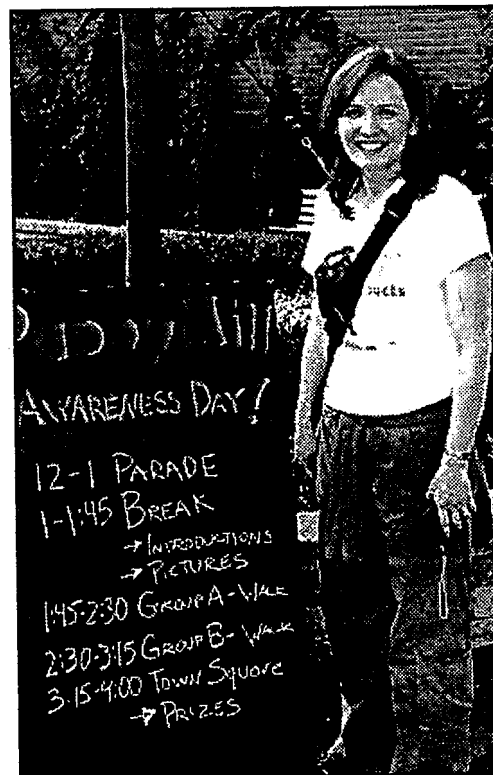
"It was exciting," she said. "I thought, 'what am I doing out here on the road with a sign? Is it effective? Is it reaching people?' But I felt the need to do something."

Her next step in 2008 was to form her own group, Puppy Mill Awareness, using the website meetup.com.

"Meetup is a website to get people together, share information, and discuss issues," she said. "It's similar to Facebook. You can use it to get together for a wine tasting, anything. I used it for this."

Now with 369 members, the group protests at dozens of pet stores across the area, lobbies local and state government, produces and distributes leaflets, writes letters, and shares stories to get the word out.

"It's so rewarding," she said. "I feel I have an impact on the welfare of animals. We can't rescue every dog, but we can try make things



Pam Sordyl of Independence Township, at a Puppy Mill Awareness Day. Photo provided

better for many dogs."

As the group's leader, she had to learn how to talk to the media, especially television news.

"When we started, I had everyone else talk to the TV reporters," she said. "But last year, I started talking to them. I rehearsed a lot, and then they used the part where I stuttered."

She was more relaxed the second time, she

said.

"It turned out nicely," she said. "It takes practice. I have to educate myself with the facts - do my homework."

Her research showed several puppy store owners had no experience in the pet business.

"Unfortunately, with the economy, businesses go downhill and people open puppy shops with no background in selling dogs," she said. "They're not breeders."

Their efforts helped shut down an Australian Shepherd breeder near Lansing for poor living conditions for dogs, with a sentence of two years probation; pet store in Ingham County, owner sentenced to two years probation with ban on animals; Westland pet store after five months of protests every Saturday; backyard puppy mill in Mt. Morris for selling sick dogs; and a dog flipper in Macomb, sentenced to 20 months in jail.

They know they can't close every puppy-mill supplied store, so they also work to educate the public.

"It's cool to protest, but it should be the last resort - the goal isn't to close the shops, it's to stop them from selling puppies," she said. "Educating the public is the most effective way to create change and improve the lives of millions of breeding dogs in commercial kennels."

They created a Michigan Kennel Study with the Humane Society of the United States, Michigan Pet Store Hall of Shame Watch List, and sick dog checklist and complaint form.

"The big concern is where the dogs come from - the conditions for breeding dogs, the mothers," she said. "There are no Michigan puppy lemon laws to protect consumers, but

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Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Feb. 25, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$6. All you can eat spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, Italian garlic bread. 248-625-8231.

What's Left is Food, Holistic Health and Food Workshop, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 26, 37 N. Holcomb Road. Led by Cathy Shap, holistic health coach. \$60. 248-707-6049.

Carrick house concert, Miss Tess & the Bon Ton Parade with special guest Spencer Mulder, 4 p.m., Feb. 27. Vintage jazz, blues, country, folk. \$10 donation. 248-394-0113.

How to Deal with the Sandwich Generation, discussion with Kathy Gleason, family therapist, 7 p.m., Feb. 28, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Kick Off Party, American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Clarkston, 6 p.m., March 2, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-663-3476.

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Around Town

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

Native Bees, 7-9 p.m., March 2, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Topics: common wild bees in Michigan, how to promote and attract bees to home garden. Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter. Free. 248-625-7597.

Stand Strength Team, 2 p.m., March 5, Clarkston Community Education, 6300 Church Street. Spiritual message through feats of strength. \$5, free for children under 3. 248-625-1611.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages, 7 p.m., March 8. Topic: "What Grief Looks Like." Led by bereavement counselor from Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Free, walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Genealogy workshop, with Sashabaw Plains Daughters of the American Revolution and volunteer genealogists, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 13, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free, but register at 248-625-2212.

Asset Protection Using Trusts free seminar, 6:45-8 p.m., March 15, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Henry S. Woloson, estate planning attorney, and Michael Spillum, licensed insurance agent. 248-625-6736.

Relay for Life of Clarkston Planning Com-

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

Weekly meetings

Monday

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. Feb. 28: Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ken Elwert on budget and special events. \$10. 248-625-6736.

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.

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

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.

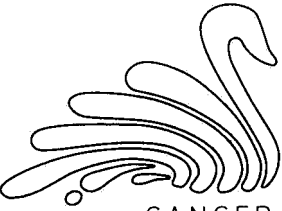
Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. \$4 drop in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston on 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Got Beads, share love of beads and beading, second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Wednesday

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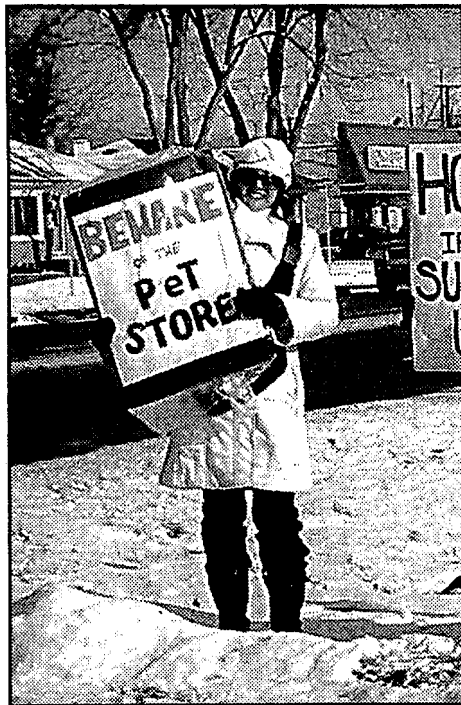
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Pam Sordyl pickets a pet store despite the snow. Photo provided

Activist fights puppy mills

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there are many things that can be done." Pet stores take advantage of people, especially those offering mixed breed "designer dogs."

"The dog could have a lot of problems," she said. "There are so many dogs in shelters, and cheaper too. It feels good to rescue a dog - I don't know why anyone would pay \$1,200 and not even have papers."

The group also participated in Humane Lobby Day in Lansing, Disaster Animal Response Training with HSUS in Huron Valley, Puppy Mill Awareness Day Protest at Genesee Valley Mall in Flint, and other events.

Lobbying efforts focus on bills recently introduced in Lansing to license and regulate large-scale commercial breeding in Michigan. The proposals would limit breeders to 50 intact dogs, and set standards including veterinary care, no wire floors, rest between breeding cycles, and regular exercise.

She and her husband, Patrick Portell, moved to Clarkston from Flint about four years ago.

"He's very supportive of my work - he loves animals," she said.

They have three dogs, Marty, a foster dog from Huron Valley Humane Society, Leroy Brown, a stray found on side of road, and Maggie, rescued at the farm.

For more information, check www.meetup.com/puppymillawareness.



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Milestones



At left, Jeff Reed, Clarkston Optimist president, and Sashabaw Middle School Principal Todd Bidlack present the Optimists' January Student Citizen of the Month award to seventh grader Hannah Grindling. *Photo provided*

Students achieve success

Clarkston students Sydney Nagi, Ryan Chalou, Jordan Clark, and Garrett Knappe were named to the Fall 2010 Dean's List at Adrian College.

Brittany Lynn Rodgers of Clarkston was named to the Miami University president's list, with a 4.0 grade point average for first semester 2010-11. Devon Ann Lawrey of Clarkston was named to the Miami University dean's list.

Clarkston students Emily McIntosh, class of 2012, English literature major, and Marissa Ortiz, class of 2012, majoring in English literature, were named to Denison University's fall 2010 semester dean's list.

Jordan Szaroletta, daughter of Laurel and Patrick E. Szaroletta of Clarkston, was named to the Dean's List of Emory College for the 2010 fall semester.

Clarkston students Molli Simpson, sophomore majoring in Finance; Lauren Fortner, freshman majoring in Language Arts-Elementary, daughter of Dave and Denise Fortner; Taylor Damavoletes, freshman majoring in Visual Communication; daughter of Kim Shelton; and Brittany Thompson, junior majoring in Business Administration, daughter of Mark and Beverly Thompson, were named to Spring Arbor University's Fall 2010 Academic Honors List.

Stephanie Brundage of Clarkston was awarded the President's List Award by Clearwater Christian College in Clearwater, Fla., for scholastic achievement during the 2010 fall semester.

Brundage is a 2009 graduate of Lake Orion High School and the daughter of John and Sheri Brundage of Clarkston. She is a sophomore Mathematics Education major.

In our country's service...

Navy Airman Apprentice Ian A. Ferguson, son of Kimberly A. Ferguson of Clarkston and James A. Ferguson of Rochester, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Ferguson

completed a variety of training including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Ferguson is a 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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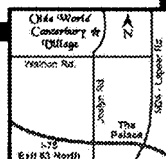
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Religion

In a world filled with turmoil, trust in God's promise

It seems that the world is in turmoil.

People throughout Northern Africa and the Middle East are rising up over the totalitarian regimes that have controlled them for many years.

Additionally, we have concerns in our country regarding Egypt because the former regime was pro-American in policy. The same is true in Bahrain.

Libya's leader was at one time on the forefront of terrorism, and if there were a regime change in Iran, it certainly would not be a negative for us or anyone else for that matter.

With everyone wondering where this is all going, I believe it is very important for all of us to remind ourselves that the world is never just out of control.

The scriptures tell us that God rules in the armies of heaven and in the armies of men. Of course, this does not mean that every war is instigated or controlled by God, but it does tell us that God watches over the affairs of men to keep His purposes moving forward.

Many prophets of old have foretold of turmoil in the areas surrounding Israel. In the end, God has ordained that this will be

where God will fully manifest His glory in the affairs of men.

Many people claim to have a full understanding of God concerning these events, but my experience has been that they prove to be wrong more often than right.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

Throughout history, we have always claimed to know what God wants done and we are always quite helpful (in our minds) getting God's plans implemented.

This was true even at the time of Christ. Even the people who crucified Jesus Christ thought that they were doing God a favor.

Before His meeting with Jesus Christ and the call to be one of His disciples, the Apostle Paul persecuted the Christian church to the point of consenting to the murder of Christians, all the while thinking He was doing God a favor.

If we really want to do God a favor, we would get out of His way—not help Him clean up the world.

What we can do, however, is to proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom of God. According to the scriptures, this Gospel is the declaration that our God reigns. While man seems to always be messing things up, God is the redeemer of man.

In the Bible, the word redeemer is one who pays for the mistakes of others. God pays for our mistakes, but wouldn't it be better if we would allow Him to do His work and actually help Him in His endeavor?

While God's job is to rule the world, our job is to announce His reign to the world. If we would take our rightful place, we would also come to a place of rest where we would cease from our own labors and simply watch God do the real work.

In truth, this is the goal of the Christian walk. In the Old Testament, the people of God were in bondage as slaves in the land of Egypt.

God sent Moses to bring them out of Egypt and take them to the Promised Land, which was foretold to be a land of great blessing.

When the children of Israel came to the Promised Land, it was inhabited by giants; fear of the giants convinced them that God

had set them up for disappointment.

The children of Israel refused to go into the land and rebelled against their leader, Moses.

In the Bible, God said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

The people of God could not see God offering them rest. Why? The children of Israel were looking at the giants, not the promise of God.

When God makes us a promise, we do not have to make it happen—that job belongs to God. All that we are called to do is believe God and make the announcement of His reign.

Simple plan isn't it? Unfortunately, we spend our time trying to take control of our world and other people; in the end, we miss both the promise and the rest that God has for us.

The Word declares in Hebrews 4:9-10, "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His."

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

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Obituaries

Ray W. Butler, 99

Ray W. Butler of Clarkston, formerly of Roscommon and Drayton Plains, passed away Feb. 17, 2011, at age 99.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gertrude and son Richard; loving father of Dwayne Butler; father in law of Joyce Butler; grandfather of 6; great grandfather of 14.

Mr. Butler retired from Pontiac Motors as a tool and die maker. He was a Mason.

Funeral service was Feb. 21 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Robert E. Cobb, 76

Robert E. Cobb of Ortonville passed away Feb. 18, 2011, at age 76.

He was the husband of Lesa; father of Rickie, Ron (Leah), and Phyllis (Rich) Vest; also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mr. Cobb served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Pontiac Motor, and enjoyed hunting and riding his ATV.

Funeral service was Feb. 22 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Military Honors to follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Donna Cumberworth

Donna J. Cumberworth of Clarkston passed away suddenly, Feb. 12, 2011, at age 64.

She was the loving wife of Bill for 34 years; beloved mother of Jeff (Kelly) Cumberworth; step-mother of Mike (Laura) Cumberworth, Carol Reekwald, and Teri (Robert) Green; proud grandmother of Kylin, Steven, Jon, Rob, and Jacob; sister of Robert (Marge) Chambers.

Funeral service was Feb. 25 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



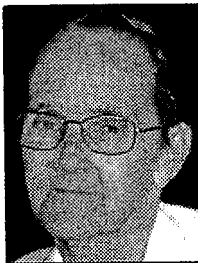
Homer R. Draper, 69

Homer R. Draper of Clarkston passed away Feb. 14, 2011, at age 69.

He was the loving husband of Judy; wonderful father of James (Krista) Risch, Erica (Jurgen) Witte, Paul (Tara) Draper, Mark (Betty) Draper, Joyann (Tony Bressen), and Kate (Frank) Worthington; grandfather of many; brother of Sarah (Jack) Noblit, Lloyd Draper, and Mary Turner. He was a great friend to all.

Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston.

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Marie E. Galbraith, 85

Marie E. Galbraith (McDonald), longtime resident of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 13, 2011, at age 85.

She was the wife of Charles for 60 years; mother of Carol (Donald) Zimmerman of Clarkston, Mary Galbraith of Virginia; grandmother of Ryan (Ashley), Kira, Erica, Charles (Rachel Rosengarth), Michael (Chandra) and Richard.

Mrs. Galbraith was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

Funeral service was Feb. 17 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hospice.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Paul F. Gross, 79

Paul F. Gross of Clarkston passed away Feb. 21, 2011, at age 79.

He was the dear husband of Carol; father of Paul Jr. (Paula), Matthew, Charles (Sara), Ronald (Ann), John, Sharon Halberstadt and James (Lori); grandfather of 15; great grandfather of 15; brother of Gary (the late Darla), James, J. Bernie (Nancy), Barbara (Wayne) Helm and the late Ronald (Darlene).

Memorial visitation Thursday, 3-5 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. Private Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Restoration Fund or Michigan Animal Rescue League.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mark P. Moultrup, 67

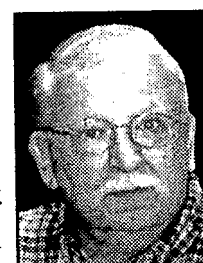
Mark P. Moultrup of Clarkston passed away Feb. 17, 2010, at age 67.

He was the loving father of Marie (Ron) Mench, Margaret (Rick) Hodges, Mary (Jeff) Cook, Katie (Colin) Weston, Patrick Moultrup, Jeff Moultrup and Mark Moultrup; Papa of 11; brother of Marybeth (Bob) Dorman, Anne (Marty) Conzemius, Margie (Rich) Truscello, Matt Moultrup, Dan (Maureen) Moultrup, and Dunc (Shelly) Moultrup.

Mr. Moultrup enjoyed hunting, fishing, going up north and spending time with his family.

Memorial Service was Feb. 19 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family for the future education of Mark.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Nelda E. Wegman, 80

Nelda E. Wegman (Sartell) of Milford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away, Feb. 16, 2011, at age 80.

She was the loving wife of Roy Wegman for 33 years; preceded in death by her first husband Marquis Sartell; wonderful mother to Richard Sartell, Kathleen Sartell, Debra (Darrell) Hawthorne, Diane (Michael) Tynan, Paula Wegman; 12 grandchildren.

She retired from Clarkston Community Schools in 1986. She loved bowling, crocheting, St. Patrick's Day and was a member of the Waterford Eagles Aerie #2887.

Funeral service will be private. Visitation was Feb. 18 at **Coats Funeral Home - Waterford**. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Hospice. Private condolences may be sent to the family by going to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO: 2011-334, 623-DE

Estate of Paul John Schudlich a/k/a Paul J Schudlich. Date of birth: 6/1/1937

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Paul John Schudlich a/k/a Paul J Schudlich, who lived at 8835 Andersonville Road, Clarkston, Michigan died 2/10/2009.

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

2/10/2011
Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Stella D Schudlich
6480 Citation Drive 8835 Andersonville Road
Clarkston, MI 48346 Clarkston, MI 48346
248/625-0600 248/625-3879

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON PUBLIC NOTICE
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346

2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

City of the Village of Clarkston will meet
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011,
Organizational Meeting 6:00p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011, 1-4:00 p.m., 6-9:00p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011, 1-4:00 p.m., 6-9:00 p.m.
For appointments: Call Oakland County Equalization Division Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, Extension 81862. Those without an appointment will be served on a first come, first served basis. The Board of Review for the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City offices.

Kimberly F. Howe
Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: 2/23, 3/2/11

PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Charter Township of Springfield Board of Review will meet at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan for the purpose of hearing appeals for the year 2011 assessments.

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

Board of Review Hearings

The following dates and times are scheduled for appointments:

Tuesday March 8, 2011: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 9, 2011: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday March 10, 2011: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday March 11, 2011: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday March 14, 2011: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 15, 2011: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 16, 2011: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The following dates and times are scheduled for review only (no appointments):
March 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
March 9, 17 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tentative Equalization Ratio: Real & Personal 50%
Tentative Equalization Factor: Real & Personal 1.00000

Property owners may also appeal by sending a letter to the Board of Review at Charter Township of Springfield, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350. All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 16th, 2011. Representatives must submit written authorization from the property owner to protest on their behalf.

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

Vicki L. Sievers, MAAO III
Chief Assessor, Springfield Township
Publish: 2/16, 2/23 & 3/2/11

PUBLIC NOTICE
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CLARKSTON CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON LEGAL NOTICE

Take notice that the City of the Village of Clarkston City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 at 7:00pm Monday, February 28, 2011; for the purpose of hearing public comment on the re-allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds in the approximate amount of \$8,000 for each of the following program years: 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The City of the Village of Clarkston Council will consider any public comments to this matter at this time. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments. Contact the City office at 248-625-1559 for further information or special services.
Kimberly F. Howe
Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: 2/23/11

PUBLIC NOTICE
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CLARKSTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE No. 129
INDEPENDENCE TWP FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM MARCH 7, 2011, 7:00 P.M.
6500 CITATION DRIVE
CLARKSTON, MI 48346

A public hearing will be held to consider an amendment to the Zoning Code, Ordinance No. 129, by adding ARTICLE IX, HL-HISTORIC LIMITED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT to the Zoning Code.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available at the meeting or found at www.villageofclarkston.org
Kimberly F. Howe
Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: 2/23, 3/2/11

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence 2011 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear 2011 year assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty exemption requests on March 11, 14, 15 & 18 from 9:00am through 11:00am, on March 10 & 16 from 1:00pm through 4:00pm, and on March 9 & 17 from 5pm through 8pm.

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your assessed value, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. The Assessed Value represents 50% of market value. **Appeals are for the 2011 tax year only.** An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2858_7.pdf and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing Department, PO Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347. It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should be attached.

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2011 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Sincerely,
Beverly Shavar, MAAO
Independence Township Assessor
Publish: 2/16, 2/23, 3/2/11

Around Town

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Dinner and Euchre Evening, third Wednesday, Jan. 19-Feb. 16. Prizes awarded to first-, second-, third-place winners. \$10. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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.

Young At Heart Active Adults, 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.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE FEBRUARY 15, 2011

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Present: Carson, Wallace, Rosso, Petterson, Wagner, Lohmeier
Absent: None
There was a quorum.
- The Agenda was approved as presented.
- Approved Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.
- Returned to Open Session at 7:25 p.m.
- The Public Forum opened at 7:27 p.m. and closed at 7:28.
- The Consent Agenda was approved:
a. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2011
b. Accounts Payable Check Run
- The three Clerk Candidates addressed the Board.
- Members of the audience were given the opportunity to speak regarding the Clerk position, beginning at 7:40 p.m. and ending at 8:14 p.m.
- There was a five minute recess at 8:15 p.m.
- Meeting resumed at 8:19 p.m.
- Board discussion and vote on Clerk's position.
- Approved setting Special Meeting for Wednesday, February 16, 2011, to appoint a Clerk.
- The Motion to direct Township Attorney to draft Petition language for snowplowing certain streets in Thendara Park Subdivision failed.
- Approved Motion to have the Township attorney look into possible options for avoiding Township liability for snowplowing certain roads in Thendara Park Subdivision.
- Presentation of Financial Management Software from BS&A.
- Approved the 2011 Budget Amendments to fund and operate Deer Lake Beach, including swimming lessons, the Special Events, including 4th of July fireworks, contingent upon receipt of donated funds, with the source of funds being the Administrative Assistant in the Supervisor's Department that has not been filled to date.
- Discussion regarding Budget process.
- Reviewed Monthly Budget as of January 31, 2011.
- Closing Statements by Board Members.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:45 a.m.

Paula Heenan
Township Deputy Clerk
Published: 2/23/2011

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, second Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m. March 10: Amsterdam, Anne Frank House, Rhine River Cruise, Germany and Alsace, France. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, 248-625-2212.

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.

Saturday

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

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.

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

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

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road: 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

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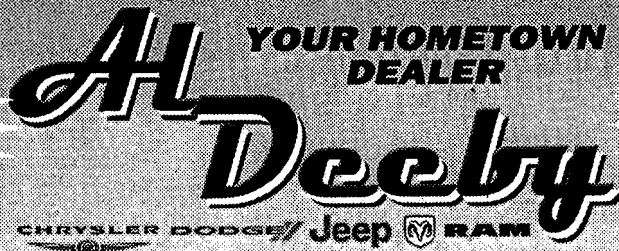
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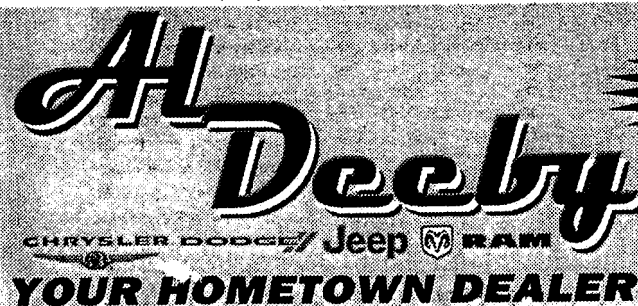
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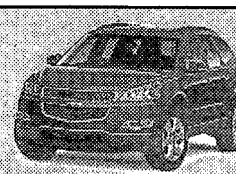
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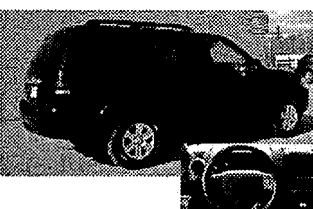
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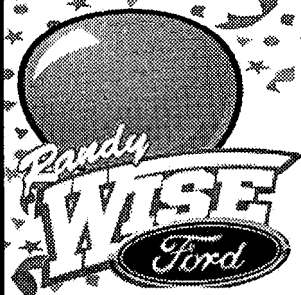


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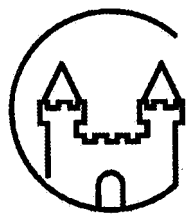
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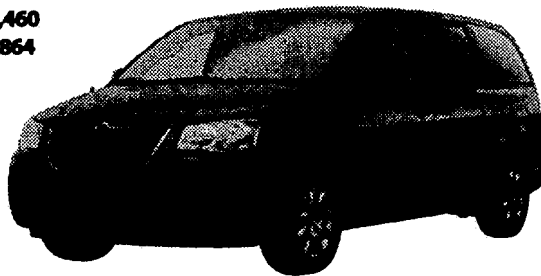
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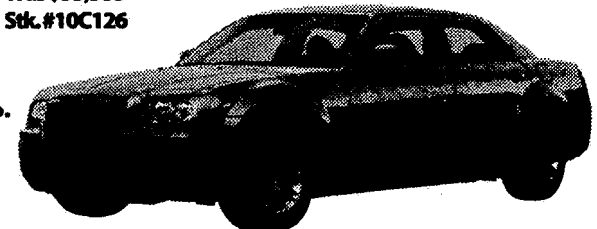
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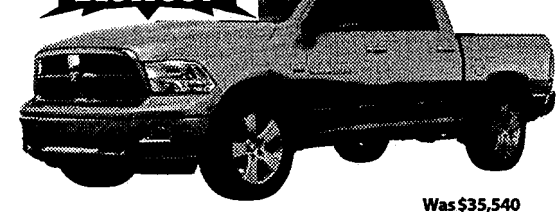
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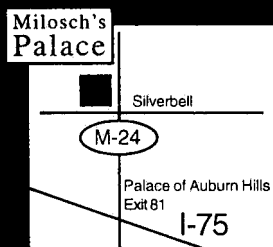
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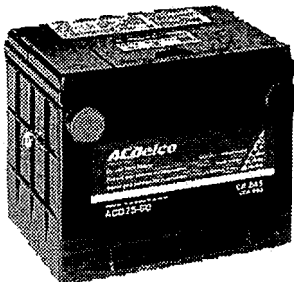


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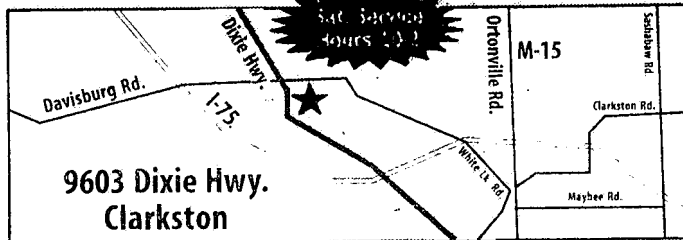
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