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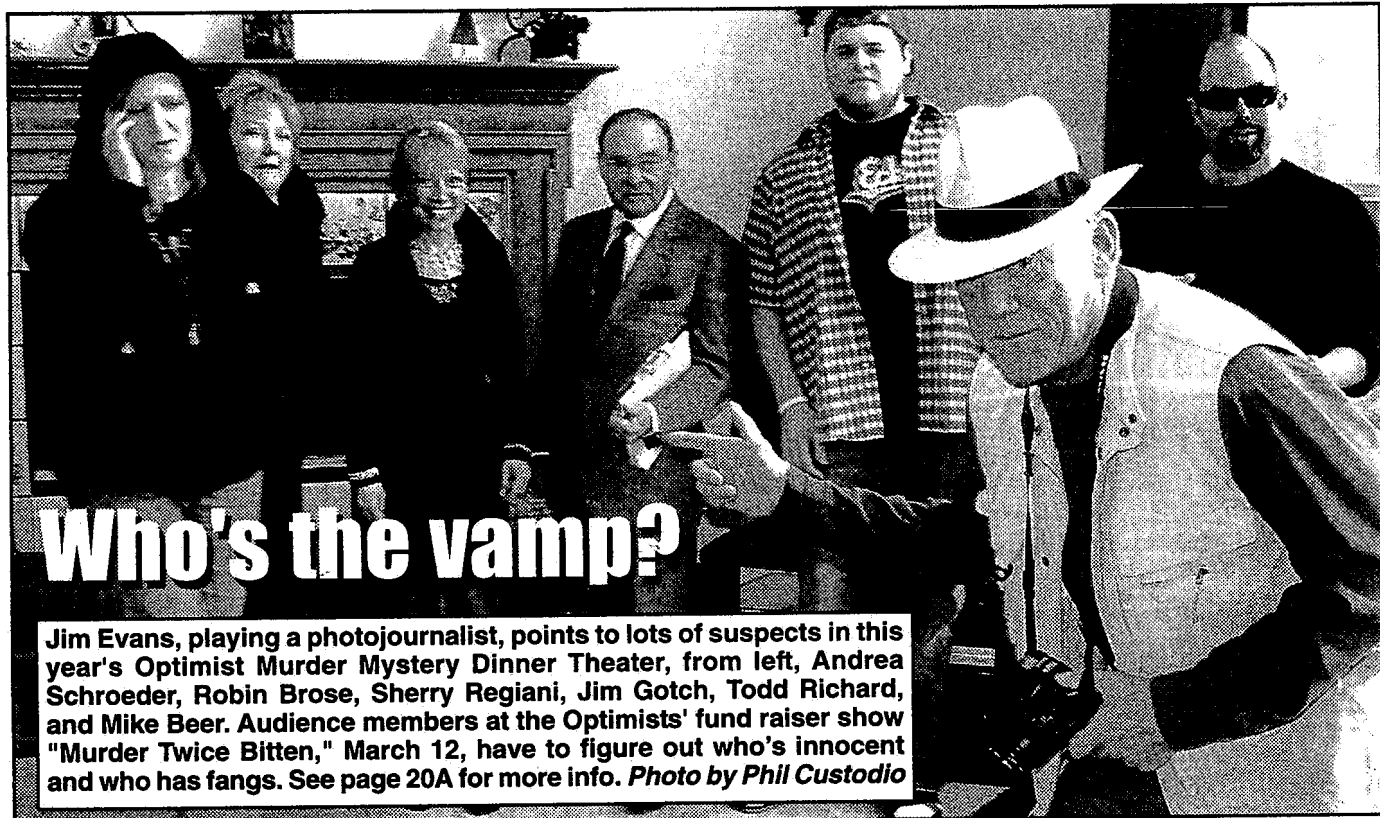
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Who's the vamp?

Jim Evans, playing a photojournalist, points to lots of suspects in this year's Optimist Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, from left, Andrea Schroeder, Robin Brose, Sherry Regiani, Jim Gotch, Todd Richard, and Mike Beer. Audience members at the Optimists' fund raiser show "Murder Twice Bitten," March 12, have to figure out who's innocent and who has fangs. See page 20A for more info. Photo by Phil Custodio

Optimistic outlook on Deer Lake

BY TREVOR KEISER
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Not only is the community stepping forward to help save July 4 fireworks and events, but also to keep lifeguards and swim lessons at Deer Lake Beach.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club offered up to \$20,000 if the township can match it.

"When we heard about the possibility of closing the beach for the summer, not having lifeguards at the beach, we had a board meeting that talked about some of the abilities of what we could do to help in that situation," said Tom Middleton, Oakland County commissioner and Optimist treasurer.

Middleton said board of directors approved the matched-donation proposal unanimously, and presented it to membership with no opposition. Members must still vote on it, though.

Treasurer Curt Carson, also an Optimist member, said "it's great" when an organization donates for a particular cause, such as Optimists' Friendly Forest last year, but not necessarily for operations.

"Down the road I think that's sort of a slippery slope," he said. "Here we're trying to run these operations, we can't afford them. So we're going to charitable organizations to run our operations monetarily."

Trustee Mark Petterson was also grateful for the money, but feels the club "is doing the job government should be doing."

"We should be funding this ourselves, but they're stepping up to the challenge because they realize our fund balance, we couldn't manage to find the money for it," Petterson said. "We had all kinds of other things we needed to buy and that's a shame."

Parks and Recreation Director Ken Elwert made it clear the department wasn't seeking out help from the club, but instead

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Parents urge caution in teacher-cut plan

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston teachers bear the brunt of budget cuts, with \$4.9 million out of \$6.3 million slated for the classroom.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock presented a portion of the cuts for the 2012 fiscal year, part of his two-year plan to balance the district's budget to the school board, Monday.

Pamela Koczak, a Bailey Lake Elementary parent, said she was concerned with class sizes, especially with 34 students in one fourth

grade classroom.

"The teacher is not able to get to know them," Koczak said. "Secondly, 34 bodies in one classroom is confining. Students are underserved and teachers overworked. Keep it simple and support what we know."

The plan does not take into consideration Gov. Rick Snyder's budget plan to cut \$470 per student. With 8,085 students, the plan would mean another \$3.8 million cut for Clarkston.

Rock said he will wait until state funding is

finalized and make adjustments then.

Administrators will meet with Clarkston Education Association and other district labor groups on Wednesday to work out classroom cuts. However, cuts for instructional aide, clerical, and other non-classroom personnel are detailed in the plan.

The plan for 2011-2012 includes cutting elementary instructional aide hours by 38 percent, saving \$159,000.

Jessica Cameron, Independence Elementary
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Setting the record straight on Hubble

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

When longtime reader Barbara Blachura read the Feb. 23 edition of *The Clarkston News*, she was brokenhearted.

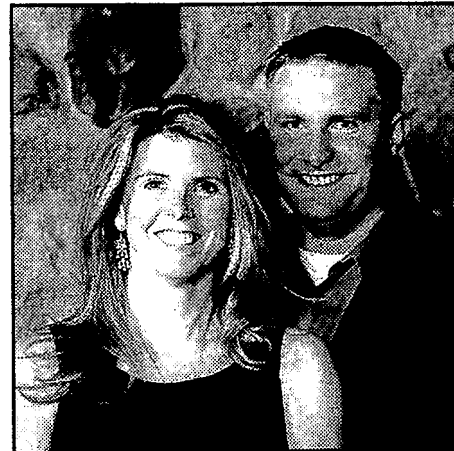
The story "Funds repaid" mistakenly implied her daughter, Independence Township resident Mary Hubble, is paying restitution on money embezzled from Clarkston parent teacher associations.

Nothing could be further from the truth. "I was hurt," Blachura said. "It made it look like she had done something and she didn't. She's such a good person."

The error was inadvertent. As reported in the story, Diane Weller pled guilty to steal-
 ing about \$27,000 from Sashabaw Middle School and Pine Knob Elementary PTAs – the last paragraph of the story should have said "Weller is still paying restitution to the court..."

Several members of the community called and stopped by the *News* office to stand up for Hubble, including her pastor, Father Christopher Maus, St. Dan Catholic Church.

"Mary is a very distinguished member of the church – as her pastor, I know it caused a lot of personal distress," Maus said. "She has a good heart – she does so much for the community."



Mary Hubble, with her husband, Craig

Hubble leads St. Dan's Vacation Bible School, and volunteers for several religious education committees and programs for young people, he said.

At Clarkston United Methodist Church, she works in the office, coordinates events, publishes newsletters and bulletins, and greets people coming in for help at the church food pantry, said Annette Siminski, director of children's ministry.

"When people come in for assistance, the first person they see is Mary – she helps

make them feel comfortable," Siminski said. "She does a lot for the church as a volunteer, community leader, and servant."

Hubble was key to unraveling the em-
 bezzlement scheme, said Andrea Schroeder, president of Clarkston High School PTA.

"Mary was on the PTA board before I was – her institutional memory was critical to go-
 ing back and understanding what happened," Schroeder said. "We went through every single check. One day, we were there for three hours."

Hubble got involved with PTA just as Sashabaw Junior High transitioned into Sashabaw Middle School, about five years ago.

"That was a tough time to step into a lead-
 ership role, but she did it," Schroeder said. "It's a critical time for students, and also for parents. They're used to their elementary schools. They've been there for six years. She helped guide them through it."

She also hosts tailgate parties for Wolves fans at Clarkston High School football games, and helps out with Clarkston Chiefs, cheerleading, and other youth programs.

"She is one of those moms who pays at-
 tention, helps all the time, steps up and makes it better," Schroeder said. "It's so good to have parents willing to step up."

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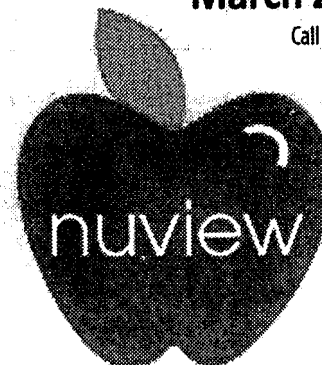
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Briefly

Mardi Gras

St. Daniel Catholic Community hosts Mardi Gras Family Dance and Party, 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 8.

The family event, on the last day before Lent starts, includes D.J., dancing, face-painting for the kids, hot dogs and chips, and paczki, traditional Polish custard- and fruit-filled doughnuts, for dessert.

Admission is free, donations accepted. For more information, call the Faith Formation Office, 248-625-1750.

Sale for moms

Mom 2 Mom Sale for Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 5, at Davisburg Elementary, 12003 Davisburg Road.

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Girls State

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63 of Clarkston seeks junior-age girls interested in attending Girls State.

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Deadline to apply is March 8. For more information, call Amy Laboissonniere at 248-892-1203 or check www.michalaux.org.

Community steps up to Fourth challenge

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Just a few weeks since Clarkston Community Church put out their community challenge to raise \$10,000 to save July Fourth events and fireworks, the community is stepping up to the challenge.

"It's pretty amazing because we haven't really banged down any doors or anything yet, people are just coming out and showing this is important," said Ken Elwert, parks and recreation director for Independence Township. "I hope this continues for a little bit and if we get enough community support, we'll have it all organized by the end of April."

Clarkston Medical Group said they'll donate \$1,000 to help the July 4 celebration continue.

After reading about the challenge in the *Clarkston News*, Graphic Wizard owner Edwina Burkett, who's lived in the township for 20 years, decided to "support the community in hard times." Graphic Wizard joined the challenge by printing "Save Independence Township Fireworks" T-shirts

and will sell them for \$10 each. All proceeds will go towards July 4.

On the back of the T-shirt is a list of sponsors including The Graphic Wizard, A New Leaf Flower Studio, TNR Disposal Service, Lakeview Food Basket, Clarkston Taxi & Limo, Spectrum Printing, Lil' Peoples Place, and Clarkston Community Church.

The shirts can be purchased at Independence Township Parks and Rec, 6483 Waldon Center Drive; The Graphic Wizard, 4728 Clarkston Road; Lakeview Food and Basket, 4710 Clarkston Road; A New Leaf Flower Studio, 4783 Lakeview Boulevard; and Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

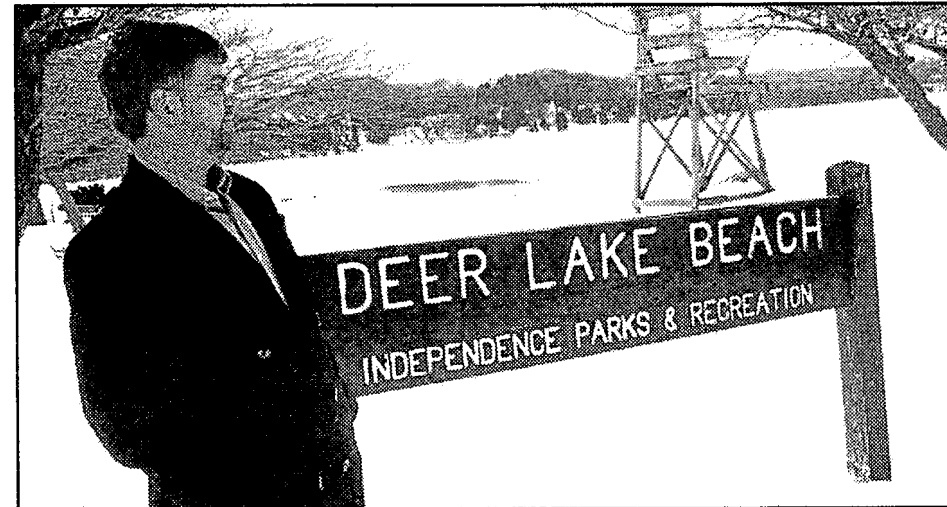
"It's basically a kind of tradition that would nice to be kept around and we do work with the township as well," said Jennifer Czech, a worker at Graphic Wizard. "It's just nice to give back and help out."

For more information, check www.itpr.org or call 248-625-8223. Donations can be mailed to 6483 Waldon Center Dr. P.O. Box 69 Clarkston, MI 48347.



Kaitlin Craig and Krista Barney model the "Save the Independence Township Fireworks" t-shirts. Photo provided

Township approves \$20,000 match for beach



Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ken Elwert overlooks Deer Lake Beach. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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the community group felt strongly enough about the "lack of this program" to fund it.

He also agreed it would not solve structural problems in the budget for future years.

"However, it does give me a year to actually look at the operation over the year and be able to make recommendations based on some time just looking into numbers and talking to staff," Elwert said. "I was floored when Mr. Middleton walked into my office a few weeks ago and said 'this is what's on the table.' It's just phenomenal."

The board voted unanimously to approve the township's match of \$20,000. The funds come from the supervisor's budget, specifically the salary of an administrative assistant not yet hired.

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At left, Nancy Cale, Mission Outreach team member, and Pastor Amy Mayo-Moyle prepare for Clarkston United Methodist Church's March Madness Scavenger Hunt. Photo by Phil Custodio

Hunt is on for food donations

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Teams of community activists will spend the last day of winter scouring the Clarkston area for food donations.

"It's a food scavenger hunt for Light-house," said Pastor Amy Mayo-Moyle, Clarkston United Methodist Church. "We hope this becomes an intergenerational thing, to connect us together and help do some good."

March Madness Scavenger Hunt, 3-6 p.m., Saturday, March 19, starts at the church, 6600 Waldon Road. The event is free and open to all.

Participants can sign up as individuals or teams of 8-10 members. Each team gets a neighborhood assignment in Clarkston or Independence Township, collecting canned and boxed food, toiletries, diapers, laundry and dish soap, and other items.

Residents can give donations to teams as they go door to door, leave them on their porches, or drop them off at the church.

The church hosts a post-scavenger hunt

celebration, with refreshments and award ceremony.

"We'll have prizes for fastest, slowest, most 'yes,' most 'no,'" said Mayo-Moyle, who organized similar scavenger hunts with local Brownie troops and other youth groups. "It'll be a time for celebration, food, prizes, and fun."

The scavenger hunt is one of several community projects by the church.

Clarkston United Methodist's youth club volunteers to help neighbors in need shovel snow off their driveways and sidewalks.

In summer, church groups volunteer at Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac. The church also offers transportation, food pantry, and other services.

"We really believe in living out our faith," Mayo-Moyle said. "It's our mission to help everyone on a daily basis, to try to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world."

Scavenger hunt registration starts March 6 at the church, continuing until the event. For more information, check Clarkstonumc.org or call 248-625-1611



Independence Elementary first graders display the 155 DVDs they collected for Children's Hospital. Photo provided

Music for friends in need

Independence Elementary first-graders collected 155 DVDs and \$361 during their "Ty'd with Love" benefit concert on Feb. 10.

The students, together with first-graders from Springfield Plains Elementary, are collecting donations for the Children's Hospital for their Academic Service Learning project.

They put the DVDs in groups of ten and counted them along with the cash donations.

Then, they wrote thank you notes to their parents for coming to the show and for the donations.

So far the students have raised \$4,600 for the ASL project and are working with a so-

cial worker at the hospital to find out the greatest needs.

"We will generate a list," said Anne Duffy, Independence Elementary, first grade teacher. "The students will decide and vote on items from the list that they would like to purchase and donate to the hospital."

As part of the ASL project the Independence Elementary students write to their penpals at Springfield Plains, which is holding the next benefit concert.

For information, please see www.TydwithLove.weebly.com or *The Clarkston News*' Jan. 19 edition, "Kids reach out to help youngest patients."

\$6.3 million in school cuts

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Independent kindergarten teacher and Clarkston resident, opposed the cut.

"Safety and instruction are the issues," Cameron added. "Instructional aides are needed. Allow us to keep doing what we are doing. I know it is a business, but know the impact on all of our younger children."

Students need to be watched every moment and directed or they will lose their focus, she said.

Administration costs are expected to drop \$20,000 as two elementary principals retire this year. The savings will be in the replacements' salaries.

More staff cuts will come in secondary clerical positions, eliminating two 42-week positions, from Clarkston High School and Sashabaw Middle School, saving \$61,109.

Elementary-school cuts also include three media specialists, as well as part-time music and art teachers, totaling \$227,800.

These programs will still continue with rearranging of staff at the schools, said Shawn Ryan, Deputy Superintendent.

International Baccalaureate at Clarkston

High School faces \$820,000 in cuts, including software and technology purchases, teaching supplies, field trips, textbooks, and training. The IB program currently has 60 students.

Cuts to transportation include fewer bus stops and supplies, no doubling back, and gas money for extracurricular field trips such as band and choir camps, for a total of \$55,000.

Reducing bus stops was a safety concern for driver Mike Morris.

"Why do we have to be cut before you know what you are going to get from the other groups," said Morris. "I think it is a little premature. We had no input at all. I am sad to hear about the cuts because of the negotiating last year."

Bus drivers accepted a \$302,942 cut last year.

Financial director Bruce Beamer said transportation cuts are needed as gas prices increase, and positions would not be cut but hours probably would.

Rock will also meet with Northern Oakland County Superintendents to discuss shared services, he said.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Tragedy of errors

Appointment of Independence Township's new clerk should not have been this hard.

Township Board appointed a blue-ribbon selection committee specifically to screen out unqualified candidates. The township board lauded all three finalists, praising the committee's good job.

So when it came to appointing a new clerk, it should have just been a matter of who made the motion first. Whoever it was for, Joan Patterson, Joan McCrary, or Barbra Pallotta, should have then been approved – how can you vote against a candidate you're on record as saying is qualified to be clerk?

It turned out board members considered some candidates more qualified than others, holding firm, voting repeatedly against candidates they didn't like over the course of three meetings, before breaking the deadlock last week.

Sad.

Government budget problems at federal, state, and local levels reminds me of a Ponzi scheme, but a quick Wikipedia check shows it probably isn't.

Ponzis require a central schemer, like Bernie Madoff. Government budget problems have been going on too long for that.

It's not a bubble either, another type of scam – that's what caused the real estate and foreclosure mess. Bubbles can be based on the "greater fool" theory, though, each fool relying on a bigger fool to keep things going, which may be onto something.

Robbing Peter to pay Paul? That's what union protestors in Wisconsin are asking for. Just raise taxes.

Pyramid scheme sounds close, relying on an unrealistically high rate of return and a steady flow of new money to pay previous investors.

With the growing number of government retirees and less money to pay for new employees, it's getting a bit top heavy – inverted pyramid scheme?

I apologize to Mary Hubble and her family and friends for last week's blunder, putting her in the embezzlement story. Her name was in archived stories on the subject, got mixed into my brain, and popped out in the exact wrong place.

Lots of people want me to fall on my sword for this, including my boss. I'll do better next time, if I'm still here.



Parent doesn't like board's example

Dear Editor,

Let me see if I understand this correctly. Three candidates were finalists for the interim Independence Township clerk – Ms. Joan McCrary, Ms. Barbra Pallotta and Ms. Joan Patterson.

With the Township Board deadlocked, Treasurer Curt Carson and McCrary approached Patterson and offered her the position of deputy clerk, a position that was already occupied by Ms. Paula Heenan.

After Patterson took the high ground both legally and ethically by informing the board, her reward was to lose the clerk position to

Pallotta, while McCrary and Carson have faced no penalty as a result of their action.

It remains to be seen whether action is taken with regard to Carson or McCrary but if it is not, can someone help me think of a way to explain this to our young people, especially those who may be considering a public service career? How will this influence their perceptions? And when they become our future leaders, how will this guide their decisions? Perhaps the board doesn't care; but as parents, we should.

Lawrence Matta
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Clerk search destroys voter's trust

Dear Editor,

Mrs. Joan McCrary has long been a community servant. I have a difficult time believing these political shenanigans from her.

Division on the current board is significant in this action to gain political control. Honestly, does this really have anything to do with what you people really believe your public wants to see?

Don't you have anything better to do with your time, that we pay for, than to run around this town making deals? Do you not listen to us, the public? Stop the behind-the-door meetings. If you spent your time doing your jobs and less time on your own agendas, this township would be in better hands.

I can definitely see at least three new people on the board after the next election. You can't really think the public is going to accept how you are spending our tax dollars trying to influence other employees' livelihood. Shame on you, Joan McCrary and Curt Carson.

I can see that I misplaced my votes in the last couple elections on at least three of you.

Should this prove to be true, I can only say you have lost the trust of many, many people in this community.

Now we will see the denials and accusations begin at the board meetings, instead of solving township problems.

A breath of fresh air has been shown by Mrs. Patterson for bring honesty to these proceedings. The truly best qualified for this job are the two candidates not thinking they could manipulate, behind closed doors, the will of the people.

Mrs. Paula Heenan showed us all what a gracious and good employee she is. How dare they play with her life in this manner. You have now destroyed any trust the public ever had in you as elected officials if this accusation comes to bear.

Sue Greene
Independence Township

Praise for Patterson's personal integrity

Dear Editor,

Though she wasn't appointed clerk, we now know we have a person of exemplary character in our community, Joan Patterson.

Patterson, a Clarkston School Board member, should be recognized by all for her honesty and integrity. She is indeed a pillar of the community!

Publicly exposing the facts surrounding the private meeting in which Treasurer Curt Carson and clerk candidate Joan McCrary offered Mrs. Patterson a salaried township position to bow out of consideration for clerk took an extreme amount of bravery. This is what we hope and expect our leaders to do.

What we don't expect from our leaders are sneaky, underhanded attempts to try to eliminate candidates on procedural technicalities. And when that failed, Carson and McCrary tried brokering a secret backdoor deal by of-

fering Mrs. Patterson compensation, deputy clerk job, to bow out.

Mr. Carson's backdoor dealings have brought an inexcusable black eye to the community and has put a cloud of suspicion over the treasurers office.

Township residents expect our treasurer to be someone that we can trust with our money. Someone with the same honesty and integrity as Joan Patterson.

Mr. Carson still says he didn't do anything wrong. So, if he doesn't know right from wrong when appointing a clerk, then we can't trust him to know right from wrong when controlling our money. Mr. Carson should resign, and do so immediately! We no longer trust him.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Powell
Independence Township

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"City revises historic district ordinance" Clarkston adopted a revised historic district ordinance, adjusting to new state guidelines. The new rules created a new appeals process, permits for exterior work in the district, and sign restrictions.

"Superintendent search process begins, with final hiring in July" Working with a consultant, Clarkston School Board set its schedule to interview candidates for superintendent. The board agreed to set salary at \$100,000, and would publicize names of candidates who made the interview list.

"CMS shines with awards" Clarkston Middle School Principal Vince Licata received top honors at local and county levels, recognized by teachers and parents with an Employee Recognition Award and Oakland County Middle School Principal of the Year.

25 years ago - 1986

"Village to fine parents if kids drink" Clarkston joined Independence Township in its quest to limit drug and alcohol abuse by minors. Village council adopted an ordinance to hold adults responsible for liquor served to minors in their home.

"Recess is for kids" A large snowfall created a perfect day for playing in the snow. Brian Oppman, David Brown, Katie Colosino, and Renee VanKlaveren were among the children at Clarkston Elementary trying out the teeter-totters.

"Plane crash kills CHS principal" Students and teachers were stunned when they learned their principal, John Kirchgessner, was killed in a midair small plane crash above Oakland-Pontiac Airport.

"State contest calls CHS homecoming queen" Jackie Roberts, Clarkston High School homecoming queen, was chosen to be a state finalist in Michigan's Homecoming Queen selection.

50 years ago - 1961

"Wolves down Broncs in thriller" For his outstanding achievement in the first overtime period in the game with Holly, and for the glorification bestowed upon Clarkston High School as a result of his dead accuracy at the foul line, the Clarkston News proclaimed Feb. 17 to be "Ron Walter" day, in honor of the inspiring star forward.

"A plea for white goods" The Clarkston Service Branch of The Michigan Cancer Foundation needs discarded white shirts and sheets for use as surgical dressing for cancer patients in the area. Volunteers made the dressings and distributed them free.

Sometimes it's good to remember and smile

This column was from early in the year of our Lord, 2003. I've been going back and looking at past columns to put 'em in book form, and this one made me smile. Hope it makes you smile, too. -- Don

Since I was a young collegiate student-type of individual, the debate has raged in regards to the influences the media has on younger and more impressionable youths.

"That kid drank 27 gallons of milk and died of Bovinetummyacheitis 'cause he saw it in a movie."

"No he didn't. No one ever told him he could drink that much milk and live. He was just stupid."

"No he wasn't. He would still be alive today if only those evil, money-grubbing movie producers had not shown a similar situation in their danged movie, *Mad Cow 2 -- Lactoserous Returns*."

"It isn't Hollywood who is supposed to watch kids. Where were the parents . . . ?"

Etcetera,
Etcetera,
Etcetera.

During those thrilling days of yesteryear, in between binge drinking on the

weekends and defending the honor of Ronald Reagan from numerous attacks of those more left-leaning (and far less informed) students than myself, I thought the premise of blaming the media for everything was, in a word, ridiculous.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

In two words: Poppy and Cock.

And, in three words: No smackin' frackin' way!

I can still remember the debate/discussion in an ethics in journalism class.

"Balderdash!" I would self-righteously rant (I don't 'rant' -- do I?). "Just because Ozzy Osborne sings (if that's

what you call it) about suicide, doesn't mean he's to blame when some knucklehead of a kid offs himself . . ."

People are not sheep. People have brains.

They know what is right and what is wrong, I emphatically argued. With all the vim and vinegar I could muster, I would demand to be heard: People are not mind-numbed robots! They can think

for themselves. They are individuals, and individuals are responsible for their own actions -- don't blame some ominous bogeyman as the scapegoat.

Of course this was a time when MTV was still in its infancy, before it became the slick, violent and politically bent network it has now become. Regardless, up until this past Sunday, for the 20 years or so I have thought about it, I was righteously indignant towards the idea of blaming the media for society's ills.

Like I said, until this past Sunday, when I saw my little, almost three-year-old son Sean, running around the kitchen table like some sort of possessed midget, (excuse me, dwarf . . . ummmm . . . little person . . . well . . . vertically challenged individual). What transformed our angelic, blond-haired, blue-eyed lad into a lunatic?

The answer: Domino Dots.

Specifically, the television commercial introducing Domino Dots (those little bits of pizza dough, rolled into a ball and baked in cinnamon and topped with a nice sugary white icing). In this bit of cinematic magic, the giant dough balls, as big as elephants, roll and bounce down a hilly suburban street. In front of the

Domino Dots stampede is a lad, running full-tilt bogey proclaiming, "Incoming! Domino Dots are coming!"

I don't know how many times young Master Sean has seen this commercial - it can't be too many -- but it has affected him. I brought home two medium Domino pizzas and a box of Dots. Five-year-old Shamus, reader of everything written, joyously informed the household, "Poppy got Domino Dots! Poppy got Domino Dots!"

And that set off Sean. That's when the little Dr. Jekyll turned into a wee Mr. Hyde, flailing his arms above his rocking from side-to-side head, "Incoming! . . . blah, blah, blah!" (The blahs, are my words.)

So, I have revised my stance on the media. The media can and does wreak havoc on young and impressionable minds. My son is proof. He was once a regular kid. Now, after watching a television commercial he is a Domino Dot Head.

Lord, help us all.

Comments for the over-opinionated writer who has obviously read too many 'conspiracy by the left' books can be made to: don@shermanpublications.org

That new car smell is sickening to others

We always loved our new-car smell. I've owned a lot of new cars of various models over the years.

Loved the smell. However, the approval was not unanimous. Of course, few things are.

But, nowadays car-makers are engineering out that new car smell. And, for good reason.

A good friend realized a year or so ago that "new car smell" was causing her, at times, to lose track of her destination, though she'd be driving on very familiar streets.

She tried reasoning, and even went to Mayo Clinic for tests. They found no allergies. Her reasoning lead to exchanging air. Perhaps fresh would help.

And it did.

For months now, she cracks the windows when driving, and leaves them all the way down in her garage.

Today, some auto makers use product testers and "smell jurors" to select products and materials that don't contribute to that special scent once coveted by we new car buyers.

Everything from brake pedals to car seats, steering wheels to sealants, dashboards to running boards and carpets are sniffed.

With so many chemicals used in processing parts and

materials there are a lot of smells. Some have to affect people, like my friend. Thus, auto makers -- like other, lawsuit-sensitive producers -- have become conscious of potentials injuries.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

A couple years ago environmentally-friendly Martha Stewart discussed the literal "soup" of chemicals, such as arsenic and formaldehyde, in car's interiors.

European and Japanese car makers were quicker to get more serious about the indoor, in-car pollution than the American makers.

Today, they are into the challenge.

By the way, those pine tree hangers on your rear view mirror rarely work with their mixture of essences, perfumes, alcohols and solvents.

Did you notice this President's Day was no different from all the others when it came to promoting it with pictures? Let me know if you saw any President's Day sales or stories that showed any president besides George Washington and Abe Lincoln.

I guess all the others are unworthy, too controversial

or or just never caught on like George and Abe.

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You should have been to our party the night the conversation turned to getting rid of skunk odors.

The first suggestion was to spread charcoal briquets on a tarp or something near the odor. The charcoal acts as an absorbent.

This suggestion quickly evaporated when Marge said she always heard douche did the trick. Bathe your dog or whatever in douche and the smell is eliminated.

Marge even gave us the trade name, but I'm not going to check that out. I do have limits, you know.

However, I did ask some dog-people about this cleanser and they confirmed it works.

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Heard these Lexiphiles? When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

When smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

A dentist and manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

Show me a piano falling down a mine-shaft, and I'll show you A-flat miner.

Police were called to a day care where a 3-year-old was resisting a rest.

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Public Safety

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

Power equipment theft

Someone broke into a storage barn and stole power equipment, Feb. 14, in the 4000 block of Walden Road.

Copper taken

A home inspector found a small section of copper pipe taken from a foreclosed house in the 4000 block of Parview Drive, Feb. 14. A garage access door was kicked in.

Third time drunk driver

A 55-year-old Waterford Township man was found passed out behind the wheel, 4:52 p.m., Feb. 16, off Maybee Road. He told police he drank a half pint of vodka at home and was on the way to the supermarket. With a preliminary breath test of .356, he was arrested for drunk driving, third offence.

Unemployment fraud

An Independence Township woman filed for unemployment benefits, Feb. 16, but found someone had already filed in her name in Wayne County.

Driver with drugs

After stopping an 18-year-old Independence Township man for speeding on Clintonville at Mann Road, 12:37 a.m., Feb. 16, a deputy noticed a plastic bag filled with nine white pills on the floor next to the driver's seat. The driver said a friend gave him the pills, a prescription opiate. He was arrested for drug possession.

Burglaries

Someone broke into a church on Sashabaw Road, Feb. 16, and ransacked it, damaging file cabinets and office machines.

Burglars used large rocks to smash through a glass door at a Dixie Highway pharmacy, Feb. 18. Eight deputies responded to clear the facility before pharmacists could check for stolen property.

Burglar scare off

When an employee of a Michigamme Road business arrived for work, Feb. 18, her car's headlights shone on a man wearing a dark sweatshirt and dark jeans, opening the driver's door of a company van. The man ran away.

Marijuana possession

As part of a theft investigation, deputies stopped by the Westview Road home of a 44-year-old Independence Township man, 2 a.m., Feb. 18. When approached, the man smelled strongly of freshly burned marijuana and had a quarter ounce of the drug in his car. He was cited for possession of marijuana.

Smoker may have started fire

Investigation continues into a Springfield Township fire, Feb. 19. Three apartments were damaged in the fire in the Blue Water apartment complex, two extensively, causing about \$500,000 in damages. Springfield Township firefighters put out the fire with assistance from Independence Township, Groveland, North Oakland, and White Lake departments. No one was seriously injured, though one firefighter was treated at the scene for exhaustion. The fire started at the back of one of the apartments, and investigators are looking at a cigarette as possible cause.

Home break-in

A Sashabaw Road resident got a voicemail from his bank, Feb. 19, regarding use of his credit card. When he got home, he found his front door wide open, back patio door smashed, and house ransacked, with several valuables taken.

Domestic abuse warrant

Deputies were on the lookout for a pickup truck in connection with an assault and battery involving a gun. They found it at Sashabaw and Pelton roads, 10:36 a.m., Feb. 20. The driver, a 50-year-old Waterford Township man, was unarmed, but had a domestic violence arrest warrant, second offence, out of 51st District Court. He was picked up by Waterford police.

Driving with 16 convictions

A deputy stopped a car with a torn license plate tag, 4:15 p.m., Feb. 21, at Maybee and Clintonville roads. The driver, a 36-year-old Clarkston man smelled strongly of alcohol and had a preliminary breath test of .389. He said the test was inaccurate, though, because he had just taken a swig of vodka just before he was stopped. Record check showed he had a felony warrant for aggravated assault out of Macomb County, five convictions for open intoxicants, nine for driving with suspended license, two other alcohol-related convictions, and was on parole from Michigan Department of Corrections. He was arrested for drunk driving, third offence, suspended license, and open bottle of vodka.

Hacker theft

A 12-year-old Independence Township boy called his mother, 5 p.m., Feb. 23, after finding someone hacked into his Xbox Live account and made charges on her credit card. The boy said he couldn't sign onto his account using the video game console, used a computer to log on, and found someone changed the password and charged items to the card.

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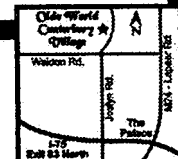
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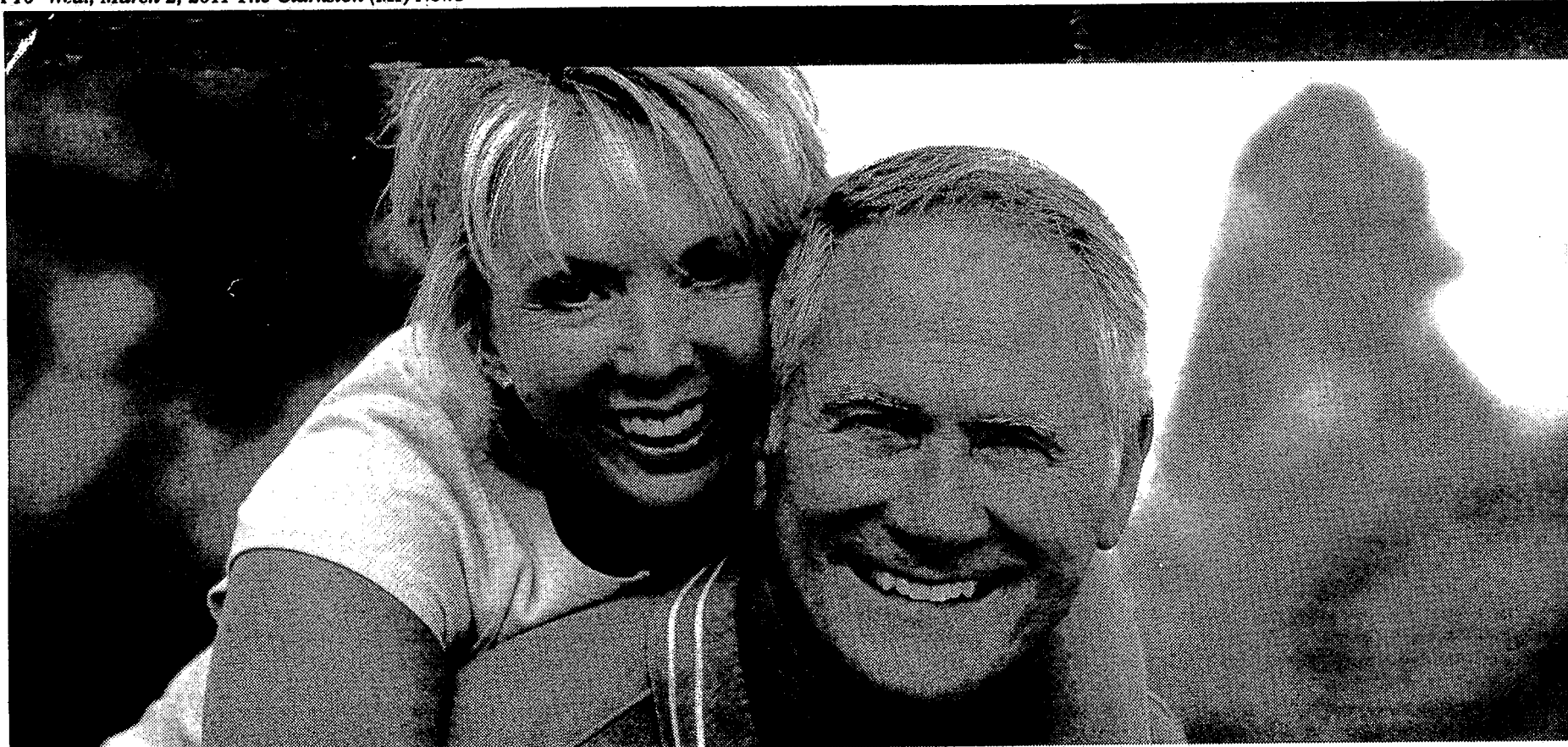
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Two more foes down

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Coming off of a slow second quarter and North Farmington's stalling techniques the Wolves fought back to win their eighth consecutive win.

Clarkston continued to climb on the boards adding 18 more points until the final buzzer ended the game with a win 37-22.

"It was a good win," said Dan Fife, long-time Wolves boys varsity basketball coach. "That game challenges your mental toughness. It challenges your focus. It challenges your concentration."

The boys were led by six points with two minutes left in the first quarter.

Nick Tatu shot a 3-pointer with 1:46 left on the clock. After defending against North Farmington the boys brought the ball back down the court where Tatu scored on a basket 29 seconds later.

Mitch Baenziger added two more points before the quarter closed, 17-5.

The next quarter was scoreless for the Wolves as North Farmington stalling the ball movement from getting out of their offensive zone. With every movement on offense, Clarkston reacted on defense moving in.

"It was one of those plays we had to keep our patience on defense," said Baenziger. "We had to keep everything in front of us and not let them get past us. We did a good job on posts. They ended up not scoring on us."

"Every game you haven't seen something is good for you," Fife added. "It prepares you for more. There hasn't been a game we haven't seen something new. We can work on those things."

North Farmington only scored two points, adding on to their previous five points.

The Raiders opened up the second half gaining seven points and Clarkston struck back, scoring to build on the momentum of Tatu's 3-pointer.

Baenziger added seven points and Rodgers added a 3-pointer before the fourth quarter closed.

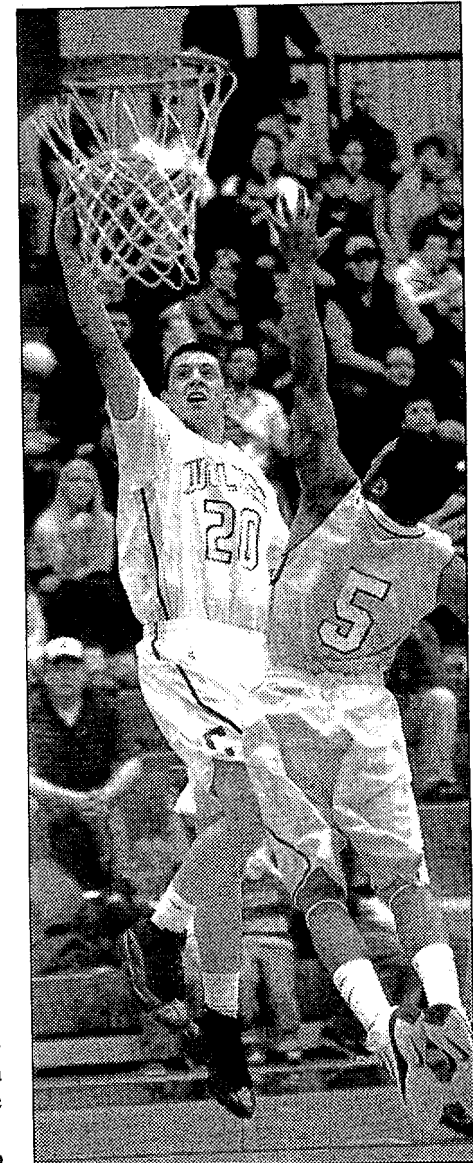
"Our movement was good and our ball movement was good," said Fife. "We had plenty of opportunities for our kids. We were moving with our head."

Baenziger led the team with 12 points. Tatu added eight and Max Collins had seven.

"Mitch was outstanding," Fife said. "The best he could play. He controlled our team like a point guard should."

The boys played West Bloomfield on Tuesday night and head to Southfield-Lathrup on Friday night for their last game of the regular season.

"Lathrup has always been a good place for us to play," said Fife.



Mitch Baenziger jumps past North Farmington. Photo by Larry Wright

The boys beat Southfield-Lathrup recently and won 82-53 on Feb. 22.

The Chargers were two points behind halfway through the third quarter, 36-34 but the distance quickly grew when Tatu scored two field goals to finish the quarter. Rodgers scored on two more opening the final quarter.

The drive continued as the Wolves scored a total of 34 points against the visiting Chargers in the final eight minutes.

Tatu led with 28 points and scored six 3-pointers.

They break for the weekend before facing Fenton in the first round of MHSAA District playoffs at Fenton High School, 8 p.m.

"North Farmington gave us something else to look at," said Baenziger looking ahead to finals. "In districts some guys might try to pounce us. It gives us good practice against good teams like that."



Athlete of the Week

Powerful finish at meet

Ashleigh Allen swam her way to first place in January.

The fifth-grader from Independence Elementary finished in 1:17.42 in the 100-yard breaststroke for the finish during the Mid-States 14 and Under All Star Championships at Indiana University against the top swimmers in the nation.

"She did great," said mom, Lynn. "She was very pleased on how she turned out. It was a great experience for her."

Ashleigh was one of the chosen swimmers to represent Team Michigan for the 10 and under age group. She is one of the top four in the state for her age group for each of her chosen events.

"It was fun traveling to a different state to swim," said Ashleigh. "I made a lot of new friends that I now see and swim against at local meets. I would love to do it again next year."

She competed in eight events at the championship including two relays. She finished third in the 50-yard breaststroke and the 200-

yard individual relay; seventh in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle and 13th in the 100-yard butterfly.

Ashleigh was a natural in the pool beginning as a baby and began swimming competitively for fun when she was 4-years-old. At the age of age she started competitive USA swimming.

She also plays tennis, dances and is in gymnastics.

"Swimming is her favorite," said Lynn. "First or last place it doesn't matter. She just loves it."

"We are very proud of Ashleigh," said Lynn, dad, Michael, and little sister, Meghan. "Her hard work, dedication, great attitude and good coaching are showing great results in the pool."

The Mid-States Quad meet is an All-Star meet with Team Michigan, Team Indiana, Team Kentucky and Team Lake Erie/Ohio.

This was the first year for Team Michigan.

—Sports Writer Wendi Reardon


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Ski

The Boys Varsity Ski team brought home a souvenir from the state meet in Marquette on Monday - a runner up trophy.

The boys finished with 81 points for second place. Traverse City Central won the championship with 62 points.

They took third place during the 37th Annual Southeastern Michigan Ski League Championships on Feb. 22.

Grand Blanc took first place, scoring 64.5 and Cranbrook scored 76, 11 more than Clarkston, to take second.

Lance Holesbeke led the boys during the Slalom race, finishing in first in the time of 44.83.

Ryan Callahan took eighth and Grant Huber finished in tenth.

Huber led in the Giant Slalom, finishing fourth and Holsbeke tied for 12th.

The boys lose one senior, Mark Zalobsky, the rest will be back next year to add a championship trophy.

Girls Basketball

Lady Cagers finished their regular season with two wins last week.

They beat Lake Orion rivals on Friday night, 46-34.

Their final 15 points in the last quarter sealed the Lady Dragons fate and gave the hosts their 11th loss in the OAA Red.

Anna Manilla and Delaney Kenny led the team, posting 12 points each.

Megan Hastings added eight to the board and scored on two 3-pointers.

The girls beat Davison on Feb. 22, 38-30.

Kenny led with 11 points, scored one 3-pointer and went 4-4 at the line. Hastings scored eight points. Hastings and Lindsey Reppuhn made two field goals for the night.

The girls finished the regular season, 15-5, 11-5 OAA Red.

They received a bye for the first round of districts and play Fenton on Wednesday night, 7:30 p.m. at Brandon High School.

Bowling

The girls varsity bowling team finished as MHSAA Regional Champions on Friday.

They scored 3,520 to take first place, 16 ahead of second place Lakeland.

Individual qualifiers for states are Stephanie Lavelly, in second place; Erika Nowak, in fifth; and Alice Meyer in ninth.

The girls head to Battle Creek this Friday and Saturday for the state finals.

Overtime loss ends Wolves' senior night celebration

BY NICK LOOMIS

Special to The Clarkston News

Every varsity hockey senior wants to make the most of their limited time left on the ice, but after last Wednesday's performance against the Waterford Mott Corsairs, Clarkston players were disappointed.

The Wolves had a heartbreaking loss 45 seconds into overtime, getting beat 4-3 after they worked to tie the score back up in the third period.

Clarkston has eight seniors on their roster this season, including four-year varsity player Austin Morse.

"Going into tonight, we were trying to pump up the seniors because it was our last game," said Morse.

The seniors on the team know they have to set examples for the underclassmen both on and off the ice.

"I try to be a leader and motivate everyone both verbally and by working hard," said senior Connor Hughes, who has been on

varsity for two years.

When the puck dropped to begin senior night, both teams came out playing solid, aggressive defense.

They seemed to be evenly matched throughout the entire first period with constant back and forth action during the opening period.

Neither team converted on the few potential scoring chances they had, leaving the game tied 0-0 going into the second.

Clarkston seniors were honored between the first and second periods, which appeared to set emotions high from that point on.

But in the second period, the Wolves struggled to keep Mott out of their zone.

Senior goalie Troy Fasseel kept Clarkston in the game as long as he could with a number of miraculous saves.

However, at the 8:09 mark, Mott finally scored, giving them a 1-0 lead. Then, a minute and a half later, Mott put in another goal, making it 2-0.

Thirty seconds after Mott's second goal, Sophomore Adam Larkin avenged the two goal eruption from the Corsairs, scoring a goal for Clarkston, putting them back into the game 2-1.

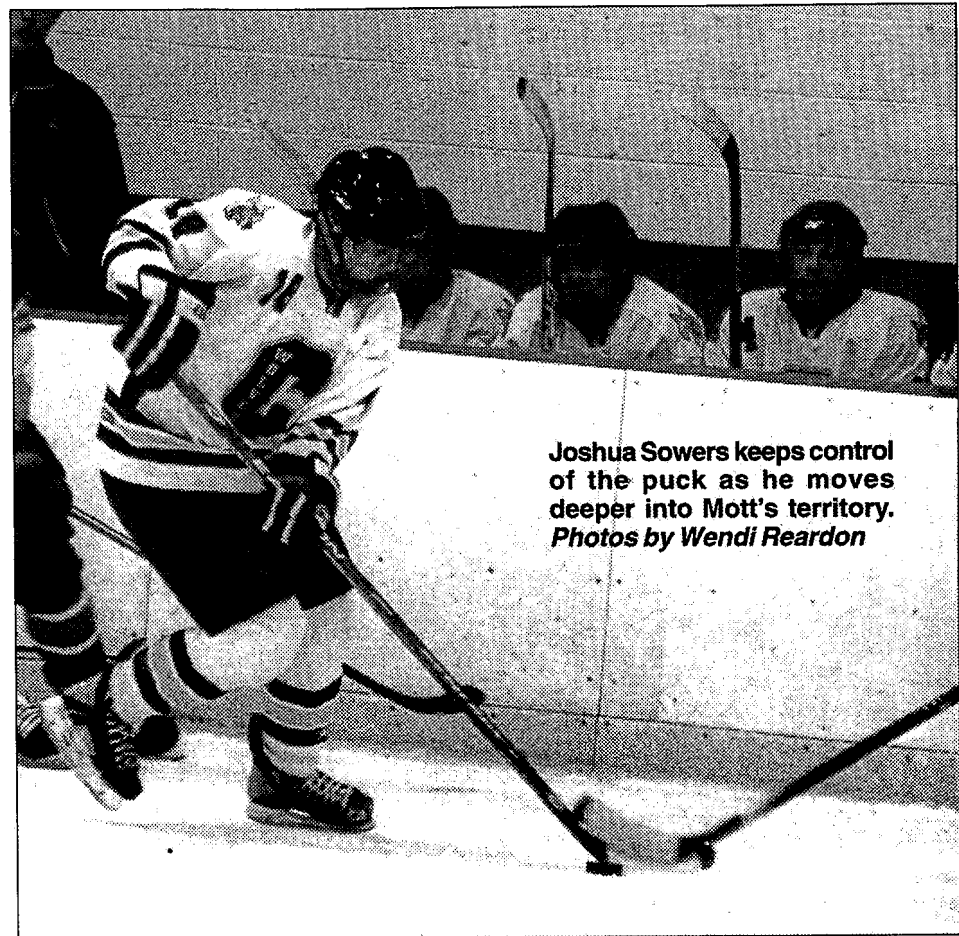
Not forty seconds later, Mott scored yet another goal making the game a 3-1 contest going into the third.

Clarkston went into the third skating hard, hoping to make senior night one to remember.

"Going into the third period, we wanted to go out there, hit them and put up some goals as quickly as possible," said junior Brad Pizzey.

The Wolves did just that – the first power play of the period for the Wolves resulted in a goal scored by Pizzey after an assist from senior Dillon Drayer.

With the score now 2-3, Clarkston wore Mott down by keeping it in the Corsairs' zone for almost the entire period. Clarkston tied the game up at 3-3 with 5:42 remaining in the period when sophomore Zach Goatee



Joshua Sowers keeps control of the puck as he moves deeper into Mott's territory. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Chad Wotton prepares for Waterford Mott offense.

snuck a wrap around goal in on the Corsair's goalie.

With two minutes to go, Mott appeared to turn on the jets, but goalie Fasseel made several impressive stops for the Wolves, which sent the game into overtime.

"We weren't going to change the gameplan going into overtime because it worked so well in the third, we were hoping it would work for us in the end," said Morse.

In overtime, Mott retaliated from Clarkston's dominating third period by putting the puck in the net only 45 seconds in, winning the game 4-3 and ruining the

Wolves' senior night.

Fasseel finished the game with 22 saves and the Wolves made 37 shots on the net.

The boys lost to Rochester United on Saturday night, 4-1. The lone goal was scored by Brad Pizzey in the second period.

Clarkston made 40 shots on the net and goalie Alec Gildner had 18 saves.

The Wolves played Grand Blanc in the first round of Pre-Regionals on Tuesday night, check www.ClarkstonNews.com to see who moves on to play Flint Kearsley on Thursday.

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Grapplers ready to dominate state finals this week

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Six grapplers are counting down the hours until they step onto the mats at the Palace of Auburn Hills for the MHSAA Individual State Finals this week.

Sophomore Nick Vandermeer (135) will lead the pack wrestling, in the second bout in the starting weight class, going against Riley Hanson from Detroit Catholic Central.

For his first trip he qualified at Regionals after finishing in second place.

"I am scared a little bit about what's going to happen and a little shell-shocked," he said. "I am excited about it and I am hoping to place."

Also, making their first appearances in finals are senior Mike Henige (160), juniors Scott Devos (285) and Ethan Frick (215).

"I am excited I finally get my chance to get there," said Henige. "I have a good seed going into the state meet from regionals. It should set me up good to wrestle some good competition off the bat."

Devos and Frick also shared their excitement as they got ready for the match.

"I set goals for this season to go to regionals and wrestle as best as I could," said Frick, explaining he didn't expect to make it this far. "I am psyched - I met my goal and kept going placing for states."



Clarkston Wrestlers, from left, Nick Vandermeer, Michael Henige, Ethan Frick, Matt Vandermeer, Scott Devos and Jeff Sloney. Photo provided

Seniors Jeff Sloney (130) and Matt Vandermeer (171) return after finishing as All-State last year.

"I am pretty confident this time," said Matt. "I am expecting to make it to finals and win it."

He added what will help is the off-training he did after last year's finals by wrestling during the summer and by not playing football in his senior year.

"Pretty much since I was six I was training for my high school career and this is it," he said.

"They all have a good shot of placing," said Coach Andy Auten. "A few of them have

a good shot at winning."

While the Wolves are looking to place in the top eight to make All-State or to win, they are also looking forward to the competition.

Nick has a possibility to go up against Jack Weissend from Carman-Ainsworth and avenge his 10-4 loss from earlier in the season.

Henige has his sights on Detroit Catholic Central's Andrew Erickson after beating him in the Oakland County and losing to him in the Tournament of Champs.

"I am pretty hyped to wrestle him," he said.

"Matt could see Adam Gros from Lake

Orion in the finals again," said Auten. "He wrestled him in finals at districts and regionals and beat him both times. He has beat him quite a few times and I expect him to beat Gros again."

Matt is also looking forward to go against a Detroit Catholic Central foe, Kevin Beazley, after beating him at the Oakland County meet, 5-0.

The first rounds for the Wolves are as follows: Nick Vandermeer against Riley Hanson, Detroit Catholic Central; Henige against Troy Root, Howell; Matt Vandermeer against Matt Franklin, East Kentwood; Frick against David Pope, Monroe; Devos against Brandon Midcalf, Saginaw Heritage; and Sloney against Tyler Kuch, Bay City Western.

"Pope is one of the top four in the state," said Frick. "It is probably going to be my hardest match for the night and the tournament."

The first round begins at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, following the Grand March, set for 2 p.m.

The tournament continues through Friday and Saturday, championship round at 4:45 p.m.

Check Wolfpack Update on www.ClarkstonNews.com to see how the Wolves are doing in the tournament.

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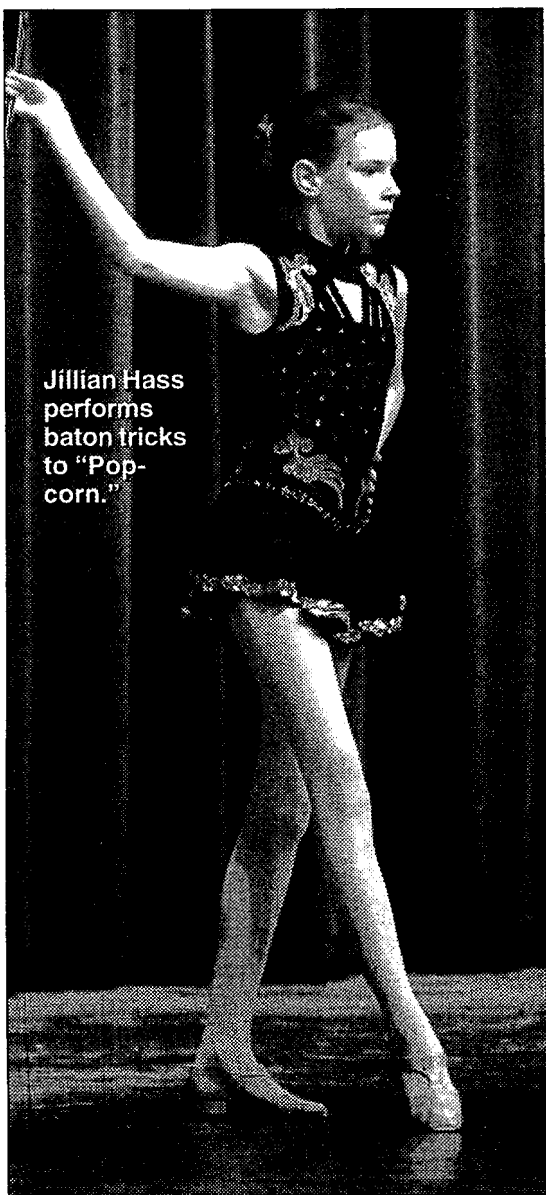
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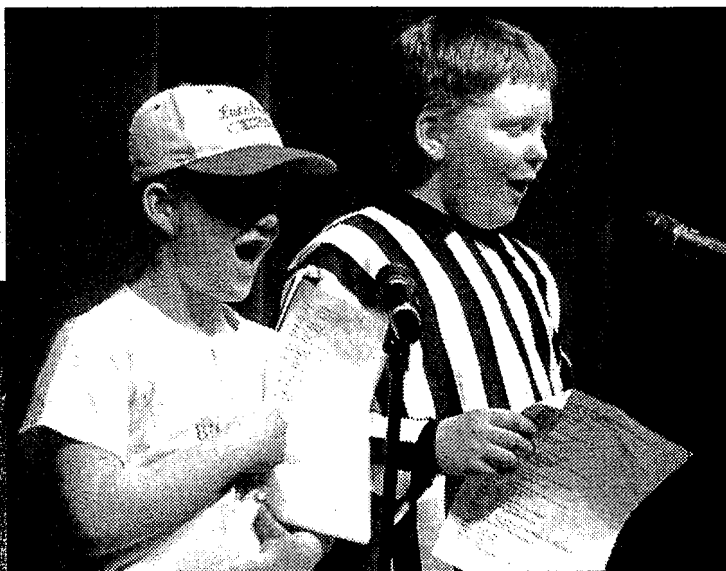
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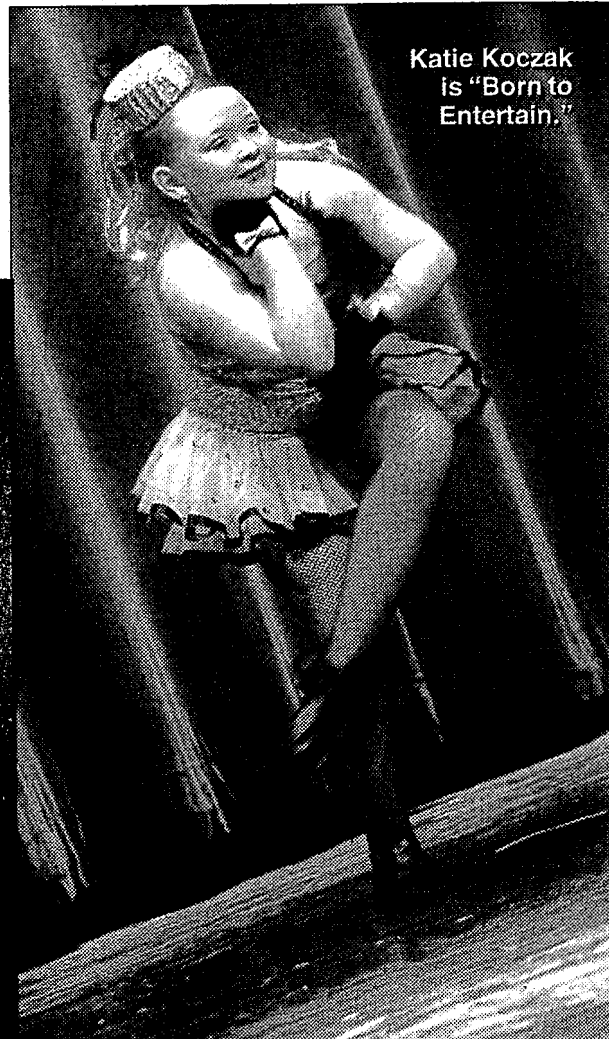
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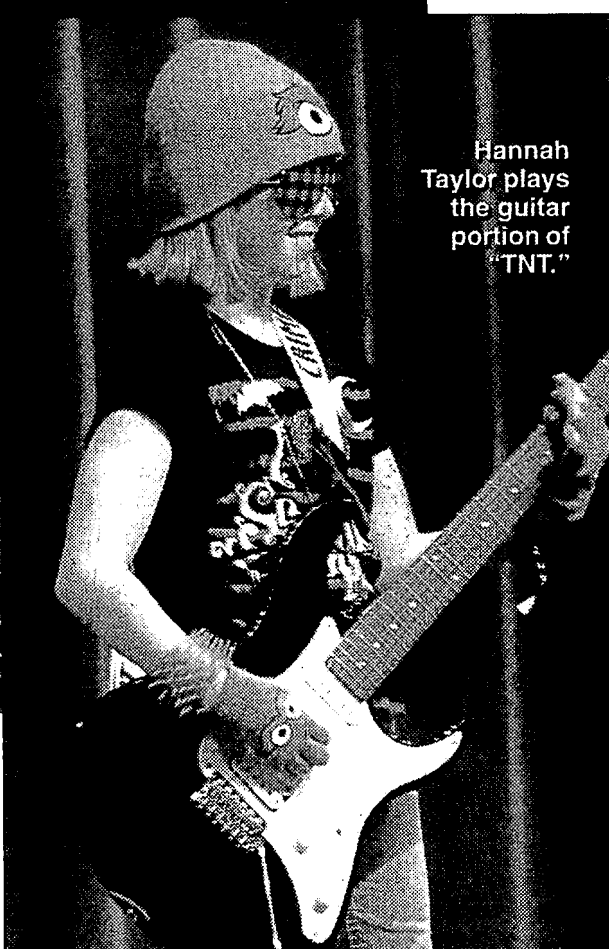
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Jessica Greatorex sings "Magic."



Taylor Leonard aids her sister with drums in AC/DC's classic "TNT."



Hannah Taylor plays the guitar portion of "TNT."

People Poll

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Gov. Rick Snyder proposes \$1.2 billion in state cuts.

What do you think?

"Obviously we have to make cuts. But the industry going up is the film industry. I understand it costs the state money but they want to be here. To turn them away seems foolhardy."



- Chris Bruce

"I like most of them. I don't agree with film industry and getting rid of the tax break. I don't agree with taxing elderly pensions. All and all he has a good plan and is doing the right thing to get the state out of debt."



- Jerry Tatu

"I don't think it's fair to children and grandchildren to walk into debt. He is a businessman and knows what he is doing."



- Carolyn Pender

"Overall, it's needed. Specific to the film industry, it's still new - wait before getting rid of tax breaks. Still, it comes down to you can't spend money you don't have."



- Rick Pender

By Wendi Reardon

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At left, Barbara Pallotta gets sworn in as new Independence Township clerk by Deputy Clerk Paula Heenan while, from left, trustees Neil Wallace and Mark Petterson, along Supervisor Dave Wagner, look on. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Clerk Pallotta ready to get to work

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After four meetings of "still no clerk," the crowd stood and cheered in standing ovation as Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner gave the deciding "yes" vote to name Barbara Pallotta as interim clerk and end the four-meeting stalemate.

"When Wagner said 'yes' I could not believe it," Pallotta said. "Now that I'm here and can see how much stress has been put on this staff, it was the right decision because they couldn't

go until August without a clerk. He did the right thing for the community and staff."

In the spirit of compromise, Wagner changed his vote in the last three meetings from Joan McCrary to Pallotta.

"We couldn't wait six more months. There are so many things that go on up there people don't even begin to know and there wasn't going to be any budges from anybody," Wagner said. "She (Pallotta) is doing a real good job and the employees like her."

Pallotta was born in Redford Township,

where her mother still lives in the same house they bought the year Barbara was born.

"I have five brothers and one sister," Pallotta said. "I lost one brother in 2005 to cancer. That was one of the most traumatic things in my life."

She has two children from her first marriage, Ryan, who lives in northern California, attending graduate school at St. Mary's studying creative writing. Her daughter, Erin, lives in Los Angeles and works at a Borders bookstore.

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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.

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.

Office hour with Rep. Eileen Kowall and County Commissioner Tom Middleton, 12-1 p.m., March 7, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 866-334-0100.

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.

The Infinite Loop investment seminar, 6:30 p.m., March 8, Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main Street. Hosted by Mike Ratliff of Edward Jones Investments. 248-627-6707.

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.

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Around Town

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

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.

ADHD: Where do we go from here, seminar by EnGedi Counseling, March 21 and 25, Winship Building, 7183 N. Main Street, Suite L. Topics: parenting child with ADHD, what about medications, coping skills. \$10/person, \$15/couple. RSVP required, 248-425-9138.

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. April 18: Ed Barry, SCORE counselor, and Matt Sherwood, VETBIZ counselor. 248-625-4580.

Weekly meetings

Monday

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street

at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. March 7: Jim Adams talks about Rotary Youth Leadership Awards for high school leaders. Dinner included, \$10. 248-625-6736.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

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

Tuesday

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

Co-Creating Healthy Families, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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

Breast Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Everest Collegiate High School girls basketball players receive their Catholic League Sectional Championship Trophy. Photo provided

Mountaineers league champs in first year

In its first year, Everest Collegiate High School girls basketball team won its Sectional Championship for 2011.

The team of two juniors, three sophomores, and six freshman earned the trophy at Catholic League Tournament Championship finals at University of Detroit Mercy, Feb. 20.

With an 8-1 league record, the Everest

Mountaineers tied with Sacred Heart Academy of Bloomfield Hills. Their larger margin of victory put them over the top.

Everest Collegiate junior forward Mary Smith was named to the league's All Academic team; freshman guard Angelina Mastromatteo and freshman forward Mary Jo Allen were named to the All Catholic team; and junior forward Julianna Mastromatteo

and freshman guard Megan Lutinen were named to the All League team.

Coach Erin Hearn was named "Coach of the Year" in the Intersectional Division.

The Mountaineers will play in Michigan High School Athletic Association Girls' State Tournament play-offs, March 2.

Founded in fall 2008, the school graduates its first class in spring 2012.

Local students make Central's Honors List

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes Clarkston students Ryan Alexander, Keera Allen, Jonathan Arcobello, Katherine Bailey, Scott Barker, Jonathan Bauer, Angela Bollini, Derek Booker, Johann Britting, Jonathan Brown, Andrew Cabaj, Melinda Cabaj, Krista Cassisi, Meredith Clark, Jennifer Coates, Elizabeth Crawford, Lauren Culver, Rebecca Culver, Anne Drolet, Melanie Dunnigan, Scott Ehlke, Kathryn

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God invites us to come in out of the cold

It has, with the exception of our recent warm spell, been a cold winter, has it not?

John Updike writes, "Cold is an absence, an absence of heat, and yet it feels like a presence – a vigorous, hostilely active presence in the air..."

He goes on to talk about cold as if it is a person, saying Cold works against us, freezing our water and creating slushy road conditions.

Cold fights us – keeping car engines locked up, and forcing us to wear additional layers of bulky garments, adding expense to our existence as we try to keep our homes warm.

Then Updike writes, "Cold generates a code of shelter and warmth: the fireplace hearth was, before central heating, the center of the house, the place where all the family members gathered. A burning crackling log fire still smacks of hospitality and festivity."

He says Cold creates "visual poetry:" icicles hang on eave edges, frosty stars are painted on window panes, and intricate six-sided snowflakes fall gently to earth.

Still, Cold challenges us.

It reminds us that if we are alone, on

the outside, Cold is ultimately an unfriendly and dangerous place.

We use the phrase "left out in the cold" to speak of one who is excluded, unwelcome, or no longer necessary.

When our bodies are cold, they instinctively seek warmth. When our core temperature gets too low, our body functions slow, and mental confusion occurs as hypothermia sets in.

Yet God creates us with an instinct to seek warmth. Even penguins understand that when the temperatures drop too low they have to huddle together, creating warmth at the core.

Then, as those on the inside get warm, they rotate to the outside, each member of the family taking their turn being warmed by the flock, then providing warmth for those who have been out in the cold.

There are a lot of people out there in the cold: people who feel like they don't belong; people who feel like they have no real purpose; people who have been

burned by life and retreated to some safe have that keeps them cut off from others.

We all know some of those people, don't we?

They are out there, and they are growing in number as the world around us becomes more and more unfriendly and inflexible.

People are forced to take sides politically, socially, and even with regard to matters of faith.

Maybe you are one of those folks who has been forced to the sidelines. If you've lost your job, or your family, or your friends, or your health, or your faith, hold on!

There are people in this world who will work their way to the outside of the flock; people who watch for those who are out in the cold and invite them in to get warm.

These people are followers of Jesus Christ. These people are not concerned with keeping their place secure.

People who follow the Jesus Way are connected to the One who laid his very life down for us, so we claim no place in this world as our own.

At least, that's the way it should be.

We are called to continue the mission Jesus claimed as his own: to preach good

news, to proclaim freedom and release from oppression, and to tell the world that God's favor rests upon them (Luke 4:18-19).

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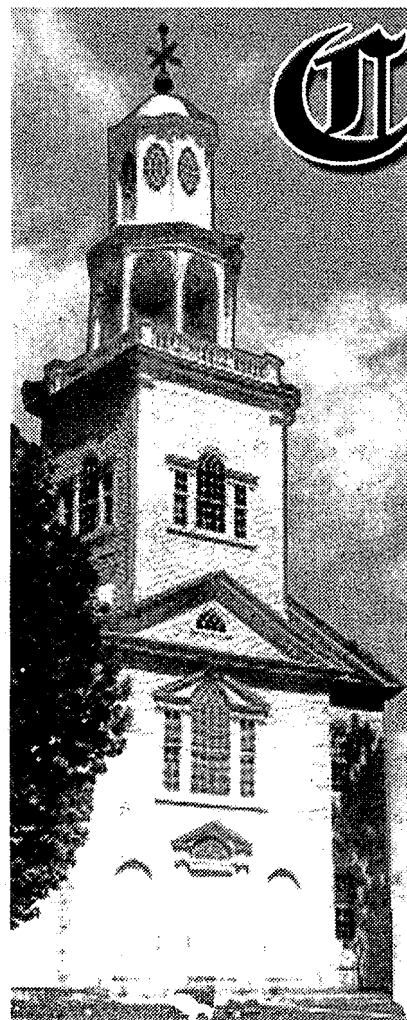
Come on in, chilly penguins, what have you got to lose, besides frostbitten flippers?

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Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm
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Playwright Patience Beer, left, and Robin Brose review the script.

Vampire mystery

Vampires take the stage at this year's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, hosted by Clarkston Area Optimist Club.

"Murder Twice Bitten," a Patience Beer original production, tells the story of a desperate manager of an oil-ravaged Gulf Coast resort. When he organizes a Vampire Weekend to boost business, he gets more than he bargains for.

"When everyone assembles, all sorts of things are going to happen," Beer said. "Everyone is encouraged to come in their best vampire, traditional to modern, Dracula to Twilight."

Doors open at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 12, Paint Creek Country Club, 2375 Stanton Road, Lake Orion. Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m., entertain-



Optimist cast members Jim Gotch, left, and Mike Beer go over their lines. Photo by Phil Custodio

ment follows. The evening includes silent auction, 50-50 raffle, and open bar for beer and wine.

Admission is \$60, half tax deductible. Order deadline is March 5.

The annual fund raiser

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Schooled on tricks of the video trade

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Senior Ivan Blade sunk the camera into the pool at Clarkston High School as his classmates held their breath and went under the water.

After a few moments, they came back out and Blade pulled the camera back out, safe and dry in its sealed plastic bag.

As many wonder about how movies film scenes underwater, the Media Video Production class taught by Scott Banks was learning and experiencing it first hand.

"They are good kids doing cool stuff," said Banks, explaining the class is divided by groups and experimenting with different ideas and how to convey them using video. "I show them technology and how to use the equipment."

Some of the ideas involve skits and performing special effects in front of the green screen sharing space with the school's television studio.

"Being in the class and around the equipment has helped," said Blade, from Banks' fifth hour class. "Before the class I hadn't done anything like this. I had never done visual design or used the editing programs. Anything I can do now is a result of taking this class."

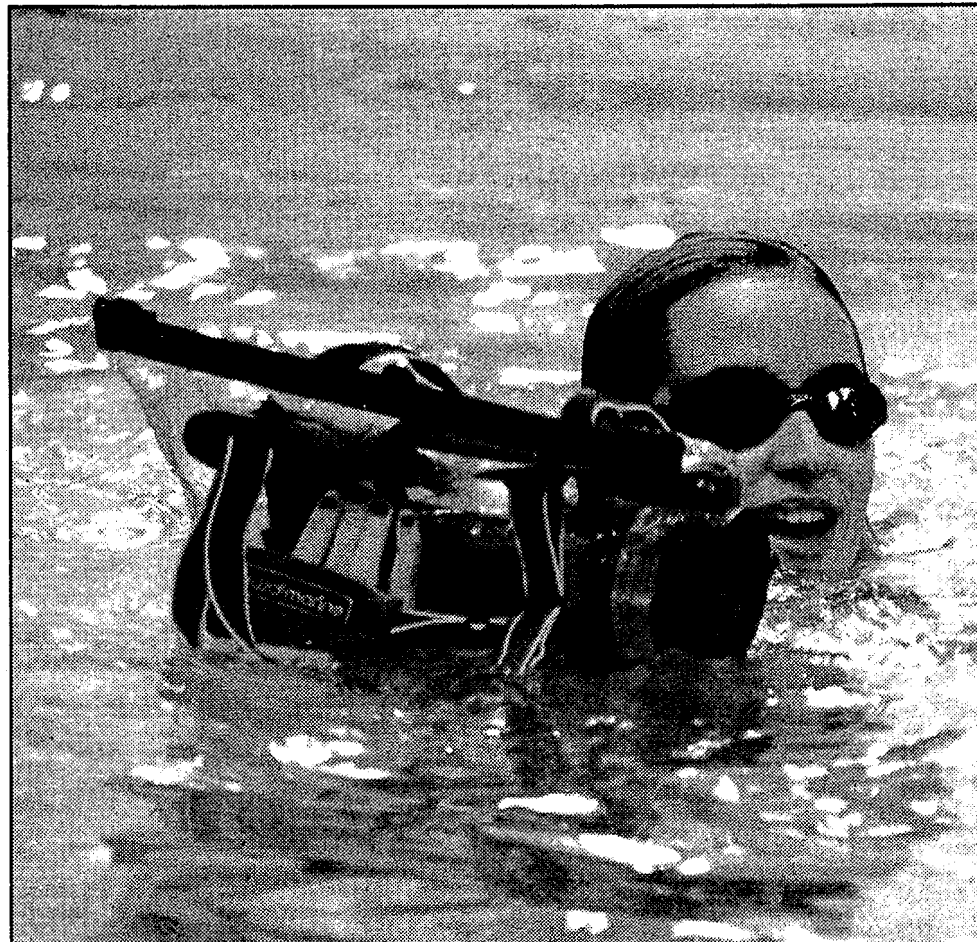
What he can do is take 5-10 hours of film and cut it down to a piece four minutes or less.

He created a water conversation Public Service Announcement complete with effects and a professional look. He also interviewed three people for a piece on diversity.

While he was helping classmates with camera work, senior Barbara Walker was in one of the editing rooms with her group putting together a piece, "My Blackberry is not Working," from a BBC skit about a man taking a Blackberry to the fruitstand because it's not working.

"We basically made it as a skit to work out some camera angles," she said. "It is practice. We are basically editing, cutting and putting all the clips together for a 2:05 segment."

The video production and television classes also shoot morning announcements, commercials for the high school's clubs and organizations, and short pieces.



Kylee Haase prepares to film a student as he jumps into the Clarkston High School pool. Photo by Wendi Reardon

"Each group might make segments to put into the basketball bit like interviewing the coaches and the players. They put it in during halftime," said Banks. "Instead of just letting the camera run and just watch people walk around."

Banks teaches the students what they need to know in the real world.

"I don't want to focus on basic skills because these kids are smart enough and learn quick," he said. "Everyone should be challenged all the time."

"It's not a textbook-based class," Blade added. "You aren't just working with a template and copying what someone else has done. I can be creative and make the videos I could potentially get paid to make."

Blade is looking at going into video production after he graduates.

"I have a friend who took media classes here and he is a professional now. He has worked for the Big Three and all kinds of people," he added. "His stuff is just ridiculous. He can do anything."

New clerk

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"Originally when she went out there she was working for *Hot Rod* magazine, but with all the economic problems *Hot Rod* magazine filed bankruptcy, so they no longer exist," Pallotta said. "She is still making it out there and planning on going to grad school. I miss them - they're my 'Michi-goners.'"

Pallotta said she went back to work after her divorce, working for the City of Novi as a clerk typist.

"The clerk in Novi actually ended up in Troy and called me to work with her. That's how I landed in Troy (as deputy clerk)," she said.

After 14 years of being divorced, Pallotta said she finally "stopped being a gypsy" and her "whole life changed" when she married her current husband Steve in 2007 and settled in his hometown of Independence Township.

With the marriage, she gained a stepdaughter Kym, son-in-law Jason, and two grandkids, Skylar and Kody.

As far as future goals, Pallotta said she intends to run for Independence Township clerk in 2012. Her first order of business was heading a department staff meeting this past Monday.

"I asked the girls to give me a list of responsibilities and list they're behind on," she said. "So we can address that first and foremost."

Having the chance to finally work in the community she lives in is "better than I could have ever wished for."

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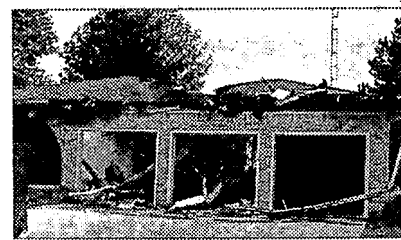
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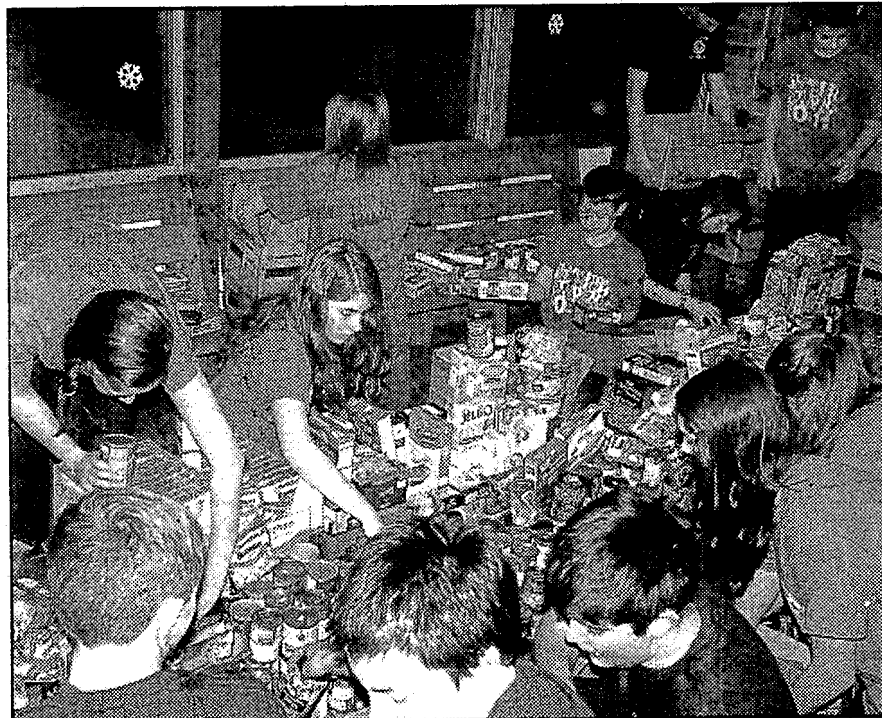
Clarkston Junior High Leadership and Junior Optimists students collected almost 2,000 non-perishable food items for Lighthouse. Photos by Phil Custodio

Food for Lighthouse

Clarkston Junior High School students collected 1,850 items and \$820 for Lighthouse North in their week-long Souper Bowl food drive.

Clarkston Junior High Leadership class, led by teacher J.C. Padlock, and junior high Optimists Club worked together on the project.

First-hour classes competed to see which could donate the most. The winner was Janet Thomas' class, earning an Extreme Makeover Classroom Edition, with gift certificate donated by A+ teacher store. Students delivered the food to Lighthouse, Feb. 17, using shopping carts donated by Best Buy.



Students box up donations for delivery to Lighthouse.

Winter gardening

Gardeners in the winter spend their time dreaming of the ideal garden.

As I look out the front window, I see grey sky, a foot of snow on the ground, and the beginning of a shrub border. I see shrub branches, rose stems, and the stems of perennials I never cut down in the fall poke out of the snow. I really need to add some evergreens to the border as well as adding a shrub here and there to fill in the design.

Home grown



Mary Pellerito

On the other side of the shrub border is empty space where I am going to start work on a native prairie. For now, it is white space but my gardener's eye sees a prairie alive with birds, bees, and butterflies.

The vegetable garden is coming along. I need to order heirloom seeds and get my seedling table and light set up downstairs.

I read an article in a British magazine about creating a potager, which is a french term for an ornamental kitchen garden. The goal of planting a potager is to make the vegetable garden aesthetically pleasing. My vegetable garden is planted with raised beds and wide rows. I want to start incorporating fruit trees, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, and flowers with the vegetables, herbs, and salad greens that currently grow in my vegetable garden to create my own potager.

This winter I realized that I am not a houseplant aficionado.

My succulents are doing fine. I'd like to use them collectively to create a living design. Right now they are scattered in separate pots throughout the house. The daffodils I started indoors have not flowered. I'm going to need to move them to the seedling table so they get their fill of light and warmth. I received an orchid as a gift. The directions said to add three ice cubes a week to the pot. I've been doing that, and it keeps blooming. The Christmas amaryllis bloomed a month late. The red blooms are gorgeous and are still in full bloom.

To be honest, I like the look of houseplants when they fill up the porch in the summer. Even though I have them clustered on a few tables inside, they seem to be biding their time until they can be outside in the fresh air. I can relate.

Mary Pellerito can be reached at mary.pellerito@gmail.com



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Obituaries

David K. Leak, 78

David Keith Leak, 78, of Suttons Bay passed away Feb. 21, 2011, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Mr. Leak was born on March 18, 1932, the son of Keith and Helen (Rassmuson) Leak. A 1949 graduate of Clarkston High School, Dave graduated from Albion College in 1954 where he met his future wife, Sally Stormer, who survives. Dave and Sally married on June 21, 1953, in Mt. Pleasant.

Dave was an enthusiastic life-long golfer and worked for Federal Mogul Corp. for 32 years as a corporate executive. He was beloved by his family for his sense of humor and his great generosity.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, Dave is survived by his sons, Brian (Herma) and Scott (Jeannine) Leak; grandchildren, Nicholas (Jera) Donner and Anneke Leak; loving siblings, Keith (Mary Ann) Leak and Carolyn Birtsas; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Keith Leak.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, and/or to the Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Please share thoughts and memories with Dave's family on their online guestbook at www.record-eagle.com/obituaries. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay.

Vicki Langenmayr, 66

Vicki Sue Burley Langenmayr of Airmont, N. Y., died Feb. 21, 2011, at age 66.

She was born Jan. 3, 1945, in Pontiac, Mich., to Gerald and Grace (Squires) Burley. Vicki was a retired teacher from Ramapo High School. She is survived by her beloved sons, Matthew (Nicole), Todd (Kristen), and daughter Kristen Langenmayr; six cherished grandchildren, and a devoted sister Fayann Burley Choquette (Robert).

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Kenneth and her parents.

Vicki grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1963.

A funeral mass was Feb. 24 in Upper Saddle River, N.J. Donations can be made in Vicki's memory to ALS-MDA.org.



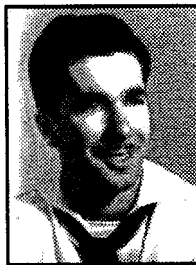
Carl C. Roselli, 90

Carl Carmen Roselli of Clarkston passed away Feb. 21, 2011, at age 90.

He was the loving husband of Juanita for 40 years; father of Carmella (Pete) Scaglione; grandfather of Joseph Dakroub Jr. and Jennifer (John) Fulton, John and Christopher Scaglione; great grandfather of Kate and Jack Fulton; brother of Elmer (Anna), Frank (Lila), Angela (Charles) Laflin and Joanne (late Robert) McCaslin; brother-in-law of Ila (Roy) Murphy; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Mr. Roselli retired from General Motors in 1983. Carl served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral Service was Feb. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Lighthouse. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Leon Sawyer, 89

Leon Sawyer, "Tom," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 22, 2011, at age 89.

He was preceded in death by his lovely wife Doris. He was the devoted father of Claudia Hansen of Florida and Bruce (Carole) Sawyer of Clarkston; grandfather of Chris (Jessy) Sawyer, Sarah (Adam) Hawk, Jason (Carrie) Hansen, Kent (Kate) Hansen; great grandfather to Devin, Sammie, Stephanie and Lorelei.

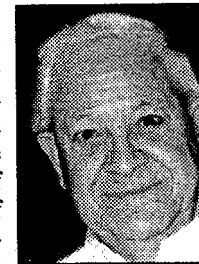
Mr. Sawyer worked at General Motors for 35 years plus served as a volunteer firefighter within the company. He was a proud World War II veteran who served in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

He volunteered at the Clarkston Senior Center for over 10 years and enjoyed coaching little league baseball.

In Leon's younger years he liked co-piloting airplanes and was involved with a quarter-midget racing team. He was a fierce competitor who held many state gold medals for his efforts in track and field during his years at Bloomfield High School. He even won the *Detroit Free Press* spelling bee in 1933.

Leon loved cars, sports, gardening, euchre, fishing, hunting, walking, reading, music, and playing his saxophone. He was a kind soul who loved sharing jokes and humorous stories and we will miss him dearly. Thank You Dad and Mom for your tender and inspirational parental guidance, for our happy and healthy home, and for your wealth of love. We love you more.

Funeral Services were held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



In our churches...

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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.

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

City of the Village of Clarkston will meet
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011,
 Organizational Meeting 8:00p.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,
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 the Village of Clarkston will meet at the City offices.
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
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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 As-
 sessor on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 9:00 am.
The Board of Review will meet for public hear-
ings at the Township Hall Board Room located at
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to
hear 2011 year assessment appeals of value, classifi-
cation 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 as-
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 ment with the March Board of Review. The Assessed
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 form is available on line at [www.michigan.gov/docu-](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/140351_2658_7.pdf)
[ments/140351_2658_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/140351_2658_7.pdf) and at the Township Assess-
 ing 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 Shaver, MAAO
 Independence Township Assessor
 Publish: 2/16, 2/23, 3/2/11

Around Town

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

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
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 amend-
 ment 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

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 appoint-
 ments:
 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

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

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

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

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Edu-
cation, cancer support group for people with
any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3
p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston,
Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive.
Emotional support and education to help with
adjustment and coping. Caregivers, family,
and friends are welcome to attend with the
cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-
6248.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
CLARKSTON
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski
 followed by the pledge of allegiance.
 Roll: Present - Luginski, Brueck, Bisio, Inabnit,
 Roth, Hunter, Hargis
 Absent-
 Others Present - City Manager Fitter,
 City Attorney Ryan
 Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit, "That the Agenda
 be accepted as presented." Motion carried.
 Moved by Brueck, supported by Roth, "That the Consent
 Agenda (as amended) of December 6, 2010, be ac-
 cepted as presented." Motion carried.
 Moved by Hunter, supported by Bisio, "That the Draft
 Minutes of December 13, 2010 Council Meeting be
 accepted, as corrected". Motion carried.
 Moved by Brueck, supported by Bisio, "That the Cash
 Disbursement Report be accepted as an informa-
 tional report as presented, with future feedback ex-
 pected regarding questions about the Carlisle/
 Wortman and Seymour Stone expense entries".
 Motion carried.
 Moved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit to "Accept and
 File the Constable Report, as presented". Motion
 carried.
 Moved by Brueck, supported by Hargis to "Approve the
 appointment of Eric Haven to the Planning Commis-
 sion". Motion carried.
 Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit to "Accept the
 following new members to the Finance Committee:
 Joe Luginski, Chair,
 Richard Bisio, and
 Kimberly Howe
 and to accept Stephen Hargis as the Council Liaison
 to the Planning Commission". Motion approved.
 Resolved by Hargis, supported by Hunter, "That the City
 of the Village of Clarkston sell the Dodge Police Car
 as soon as possible".
 Roll. Yeas: Bisio, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski,
 Inabnit, Roth
 Nays: None
 Resolution Adopted.
 Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit, "That the meeting
 be adjourned". Motion carried.
 The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kimberly Howe
 Clerk/Treasurer

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays,
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speak-
ers, musical performances, field trips, holi-
day parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Com-
munity Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly mem-
bership, \$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.

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

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, second Thurs-
day, 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.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with pa-
tients, hold their hand, listen to stories, per-
sonal care, or just be there. Two hours a week
or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Re-
tired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-
1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, com-
panionship-type to visit and provide emo-
tional support for patients living with termi-
nal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior
Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+,
opportunities at hospitals, cultural institu-
tions, food pantries, schools. 248-559-1147
ext. 3427.

Community events?

Tell us about them at
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 or 248-625-3370

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Ad-vertiser,
Penny Stretcher,
The Citizen

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www.clarkstonnews.com

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030 WANTED

LOOKING FOR Repairable cars/ trucks. Up to \$5,000 cash paid. Quick pick up. 810-724-7847, 810-338-7770. I1LZ134

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Call Kelly anytime- 248-338-0852

WANTED: OLD motorcycles, minibikes, ATVs and mopeds. Running or not. 810-338-6440.

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HAY GRASS ALFALFA MIX, round \$45, square \$3.50. 248-627-6003 Delivery. I1ZX284

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PREMIUM FIREWOOD- Ash, \$55-facecord. Free Delivery. Oxford/ Lake Orion area. 810-834-2072. I1L134

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PIANO LESSONS FOR NOW, Passion Forever. Experienced Instructor. Masters in Early Childhood Education. \$20 per 1/2 hour. Lynette: 248-628-4249. lketeyian@gmail.com I1L132

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PREVIOUSLY OWNED LAWN and garden tractors, snowblowers, farm tractors, and also repairs. Buying and selling. 810-397-2944. I1ZX274

090 AUCTIONS

EXPRESS MINI STORAGE 2121 Lapeer Rd., Oxford Announces the sale of: Unit #75 leased by Aaron Pender, Misc. boxes, mattress & dryer. Unit #197 leased by Heather Miller, Washer, dryer, mattress, boxes. Unit #199 leased by Josh Polan, Toys & boxes. Unit #207 leased by Barb Summers, Bike, mattress & misc. boxes. Unit #292 & 341 leased by Christina Neill, Misc. boxes, vacuum, furniture, ladder. Unit #307 leased by Tim Freytag, Toys, ladder & boxes. Unit #322 leased by Jaiahm Mazara, Couch, mattress & boxes. March 19, 2011 at 10:00am. Each unit sold as a whole. Cash Sale Only. 248-628-0004 L132

SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS WED. MARCH 9TH, 2011 2:00 PM 1-800-PACK-RAT 315 W. Silverbell Rd. Suite 190 Lake Orion, MI 48359 248-276-2358

Unit #705889 Henry Marten- Household goods and items. Unit #705946 Christopher Shannon- desk, chair, couch and household items. Unit #705991 Lorraine Falconer- Bedroom set, garage items, household goods. Unit #803841 Blanca Phan- Clothes and household items. Unit #D01560 Norlena Brown- Outside furniture and household items. Unit #803642 Linda Bryant- Sams Bedroom furniture and household items. L122

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FREE: 1986 copyright Encyclopedia, full set, to good home. 248-969-0150. I1L131f

COFFEE TABLE, \$10. End tables, \$10. 248-499-2803. I1C342f

110 GARAGE SALE

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DO YOU SEE A ☺ OR A ★ NEXT TO AN AD? Check our classifieds on-line for a photo or a Google map. Oxfordleader.com I1L19-ftdh

HUGE MOM2MOM SALE! Lake Orion Methodist, 140 E. Flint. Saturday, March 5th, 9am-1pm. Entry for \$1. Early birds- \$2. at 8:30am. Strollers after 11am. I1L122

ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

will be hosting their 3rd annual Rummage Sale! In order to make the sale successful we need donations from the community. Items to donate include household items, children's toys, clothing, jewelry, electronics, furniture, books, DVDs, shoes, games, and other miscellaneous items. Bring your items to Rochester Adams High School on Friday, March 4th from 8am-3pm. The Rummage Sale will be held on March 12th in the Rochester Adams High School cafeteria from 8am-12noon. L131

MOM2MOM SALE SATURDAY, March 5th, 9am-noon. Good Shepherd Church, 1950 S. Baldwin, Lake Orion. Find awesome deals on gently used maternity & kids' clothes, toys & baby gear. \$1 entry benefits MOPS. Call Catherine, 248-628-9849 or ctwaymaster@att.net. I1L122

ESTATE SALE: PREVIEWS/ Sales 2005 Bald Mountain. Saturdays 8am-2pm or by appointment. 248-693-9456. I1L132

GARAGE SALE- INDOORS! Wednesday through Saturday, 9am-5pm. New Beginnings Baptist Church, 985 N. Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion. I1R131

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CRAFT SHOWS- DAVISON H.S. April 16-17, October 15-16, December 3-4. Canterbury Village June 25-26. Goodrich H.S. December 11. For space, 810-658-0440, 810-658-8080 or visit smetankacraftshows.com. I1LZ114

130 HOUSEHOLD

BLUE EARLY AMERICAN Sofa, 7ft. \$70; Matching chair, \$50; Oak glass coffee table, \$45; Oak drop leaf table, \$25. All \$175. 248-891-8989. I1L132

AMISH LOG HEADBOARD and queen pillow top mattress set. Brand new- never used. Sell all for \$275. 989-923-1278 I1CPM1

BROYHILL YOUNG GIRLS Bedroom set includes desk, chest, and dresser with mirror, \$250. Light pine with flower decal. \$250. OBO. 248-391-1562. I1L132

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SOLID BRASS 15 light chandelier, 36" wide by 30" high, \$75. Blue & white Tiffany style leaded glass hanging shade, \$75. Solid oak antique jelly cabinet, \$250. Sherrill sofa, chenille neutral fabric, like new, cost \$3,800, \$2,500 obo. Ethan Allen solid cherry entertainment center, mission style, fits up to a 40" TV, excellent condition, paid \$5,000 asking \$3,500. 248-922-9660 moving. I1C332

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COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

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Oakland County Flea Market

2350 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford 248-858-5495 Saturday & Sunday Through March 13 Saturday 6:30am-2pm Sunday 9am-4pm The rest of the year Sundays Only C342

FLEA MARKET- Antique Show, Jackson Fairgrounds (indoors/ heated), 200 W. Ganson, Jackson, MI, March 4 and 5 (Fri. 11am-7pm), (Sat. 11am-5pm). Admission \$2. Free parking. 1,000s of items. 517-784-7750 I1CPM1

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PASTY SALE- March 19th. Howarth UMC Church. 550 E. Silverbell. \$3.75 each. Call or email for order form: howarthumc@att.net or 248-373-2360. I1R132

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Include BILLING NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER and a DAYTIME NUMBER where you can be reached to verify placement and price of ad. Fax numbers are:

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 - *THE LAKE ORION REVIEW 248-693-5712
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- For additional cost add THE CITIZEN 248-627-4408 LZ8tf

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Full/ Part-time
Afternoons/ Midnights
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L132

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immunization clinic; clinic assis-
tant for clinic programs (medical
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rience preferred). Send applica-
tion (resume preferred) to Lapeer
County Health Department, 1800
Imlay City Road, Lapeer, MI
48448 Att: Susan Gronsky by
Monday, March 14, 2011.
L131

CLARKSTON SENIOR LADY
needs part time experienced
caregiver coming from a close
surrounding area. Nursing home
experience a plus. Please only call
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!!C342

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!!L131

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day pay available, room for ad-
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Monday thru Friday. Apply in per-
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ston, MI 48346. !!C342c

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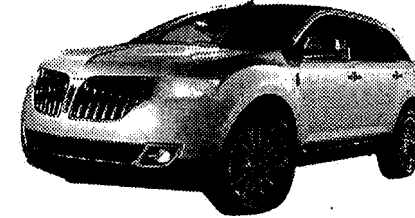
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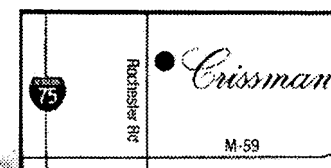


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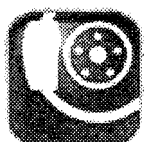
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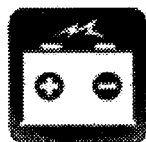
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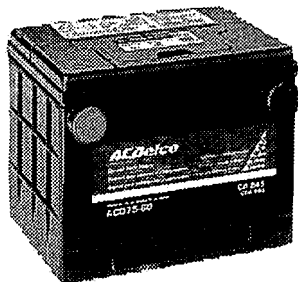


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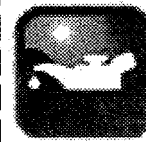


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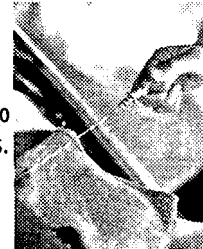
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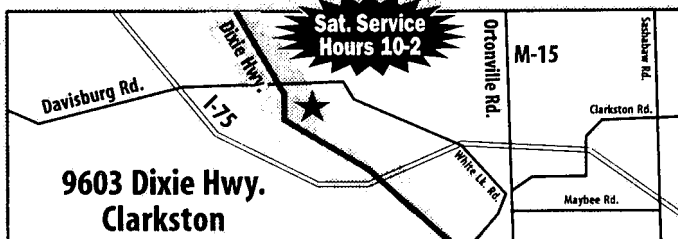
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