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## Country's set a-Blazer

Springfield Township resident Justine Blazer's talent for country music, demonstrated here in *The Clarkston News'* Main Street studio, landed her in the top two in a national Battle of the Bands contest, and a trip to Austin, Texas. See page 7A for story and pictures. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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# Locals walk their way for a cause

The 3-Day Walk team Sole Sisters, Finish or Bust, has come a long way to achieving their goal, but still have a long way to go – 60 miles, in fact.

"I'm really excited about it," said Jenny Swiatowy of Clarkston. "My heart is so full. It's difficult to ask people for money in these economic times, but their generosity has been incredible."

"It's overwhelming, a great cause," said teammate Toni Alder of Waterford.

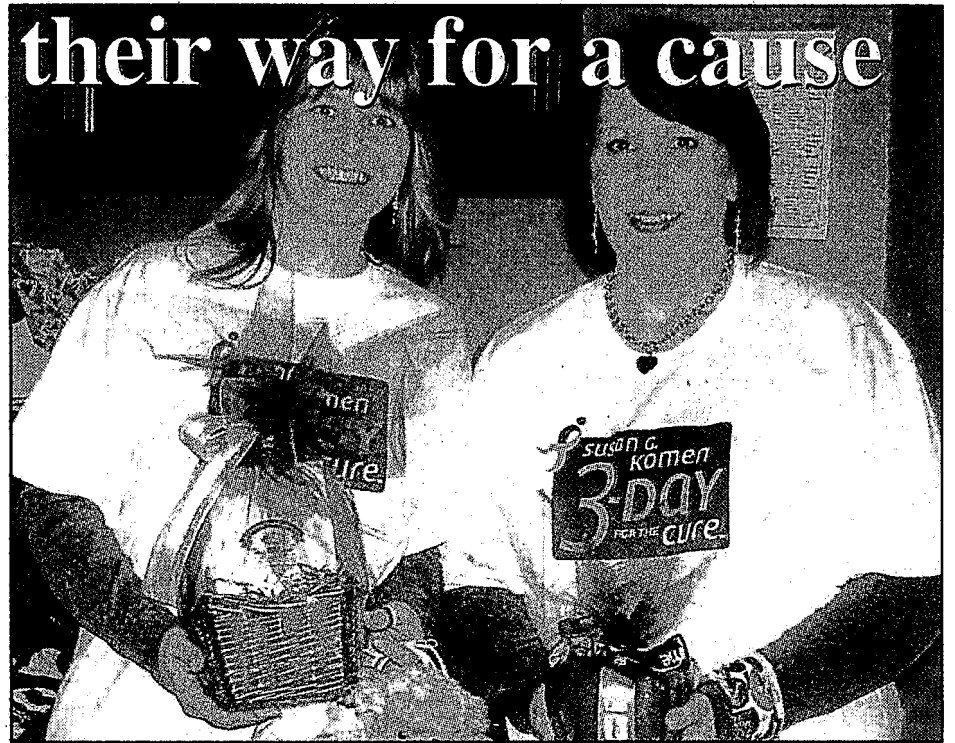
Swiatowy and Alder teamed up with Margie Fujarski of Waterford, Angie Ladetto of Waterford, and Linda Seng of Clarkston for the fund raiser for breast cancer research and local education programs. They work together to collect pledges, sponsors, and donations, and will join thousands of men and women in a three-day, 60-mile walk, Aug. 12-14 in Detroit.

"This is a wonderful cause," Swiatowy said. "My mother in law and my aunt are breast cancer survivors."

"I have a friend in Ohio who was diagnosed five years ago, so I got involved in one-day walks," Alder said. "My friend Jenny joined and asked me to join too."

It's the first 3-Day for Swiatowy, Alder, and Seng – the third for Ladetto and Fujarski. "They said we'd be exhausted but so glad to have participated," Swiatowy said.

They train 2-4 days a week, 3-4 miles at a



Sole Sisters, Finish or Bust teammates Toni Alder, left, and Jenny Swiatowy at their fund raiser at McPhee's, with items donated by local businesses and friends. Photo by Phil Custodio

time at local malls and schools.

"We'll walk outside when the weather improves," Swiatowy said.

They hosted a fund raiser, March 1, at MacPhee's restaurant on M-15, raising more

than \$650. They plan more this spring and summer.

For more information, check "Sole Sisters! Finish or BUST" on Facebook or The3day.org, or call Alder at 248-212-5351.

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Independence Township firefighters respond to a fire on West Washington Street, March 1. Photos by Trevor Keiser

## Apartment fires were preventable

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Last week's apartment fire on Washington Street was caused by human error, said Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk. That's typical for fires he's seen, Ronk said.

"None of it's been building problems, just the people who live in the building left something unintended or whatever," he said.

On March 1, firefighters were dispatched to the Clarkston Corner Apartment on W. Washington Street. Ronk said no one was living in the apartment where the fire occurred.

"We had transported a guy a week or so ago to the hospital, an elderly gentleman and the family was moving his belonging out," he said.

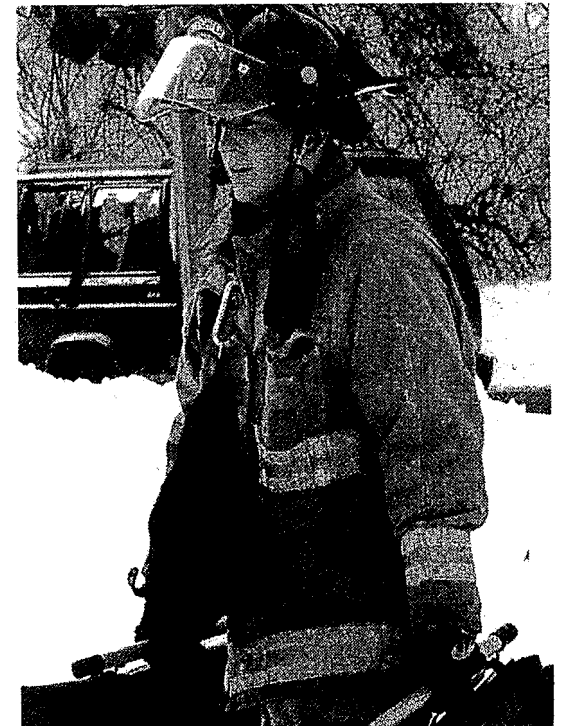
The apartment had a water leak on the outside wall that damaged drywall and some electrical outlets. While fixing that, maintenance staff moved the stove and refrigerator for cleaning.

"When they slid the stove out, I'm pretty sure they bumped one of the burners on top," Ronk said. "When they got ready to leave, they set a whole bag of tools on top of the stove."

The main damage was mostly due to smoke; however, the fire got into the kitchen cabinets.

Ronk noted the apartment and one above it had no smoke detectors. Two others had detectors but no batteries.

"We went through the whole place before we left and checked out all the detectors and made sure they had batteries and installed detectors in apartments that didn't," he said. "I kind of got on management about making sure that's a done deal. Had this fire happened at night, it could have been a different story."



Firefighter Paul Clements .

Ronk said people should learn the importance of not only having smoke detectors and also fresh batteries in them, and making sure appliances are not left on.

"We've had kitchen fires where they just leave the pan on the stove and it does the same thing," he said. "You don't put things on top of the stove that don't belong there."



Firefighters Shaun Fitzpatrick and Ron Bray work on a firehose.



## Optimist Club honors inspirational students

Clarkston Area Optimist Club honored students for living the Optimist Creed to make the best of themselves and inspire others, at their Youth Appreciation Breakfast, March 2 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. In front from left are awardees T.J. Craven and Kelley Fitzpatrick, both Clarkston Junior High students, Clarkston High School student Megan Wertheimer, Sashabaw Middle School student Delaney Brown, high schooler Ryan Treece, middle schooler Matthew Covert, and Amanda Ejups, high school student. In back from left are presenters Gary Kaul, Clarkston High School principal, junior high Principal Adam Kern, Optimist Jeff Reed, and middle school Principal Todd Bidlack. Not pictured are awardees Tevin Belvins, Clarkston High School student, and Renaissance High School students Samantha McLendon and Bryan Ales, because they were busy testing. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



Mrs. Gillam's Kindergarten class show off their new hats, with parent, Marcie Lemieux. *Photos submitted*



Five-year-olds twins Lucie and Annie Lemieux wear matching outfits.

## Kids wearing hats

Springfield Plains Elementary Kindergarten students in Mrs. Gillam's class celebrated Dr. Seuss Day on March 1.

For the special day, Ruth Powers, grandmother of students Lucie and Annie Lemieux, made the infamous red and white *Cat in the Hat* hats for the students.

Parent Marcie Lemieux delivered them to the excited students and read *Cat in the Hat* to them.





From left, Brian Johnson, Dr. Tim O'Neill, Heather Roeser, and Theresa Fabrizo enjoy some conversation.



From the left, Terri and Dr. Shivajee Nallamotheu, Norman Pardo and his wife, Jill Mitchell, and Don and Jennifer Engle smile for the camera. *Photos by Trevor Keiser*

## Hearts for Lighthouse

Hundreds of community-minded Clarkston residents filled the home of Jim and Audrey Tanner of Springfield Township at the Open Your Heart fund raiser for Lighthouse North, Feb. 17.

This was the second year the Tanners hosted the annual event, the largest fund raiser of the year for Lighthouse Emergency Services on Sashabaw Road.

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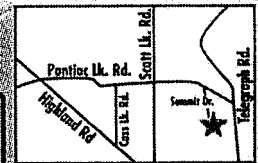
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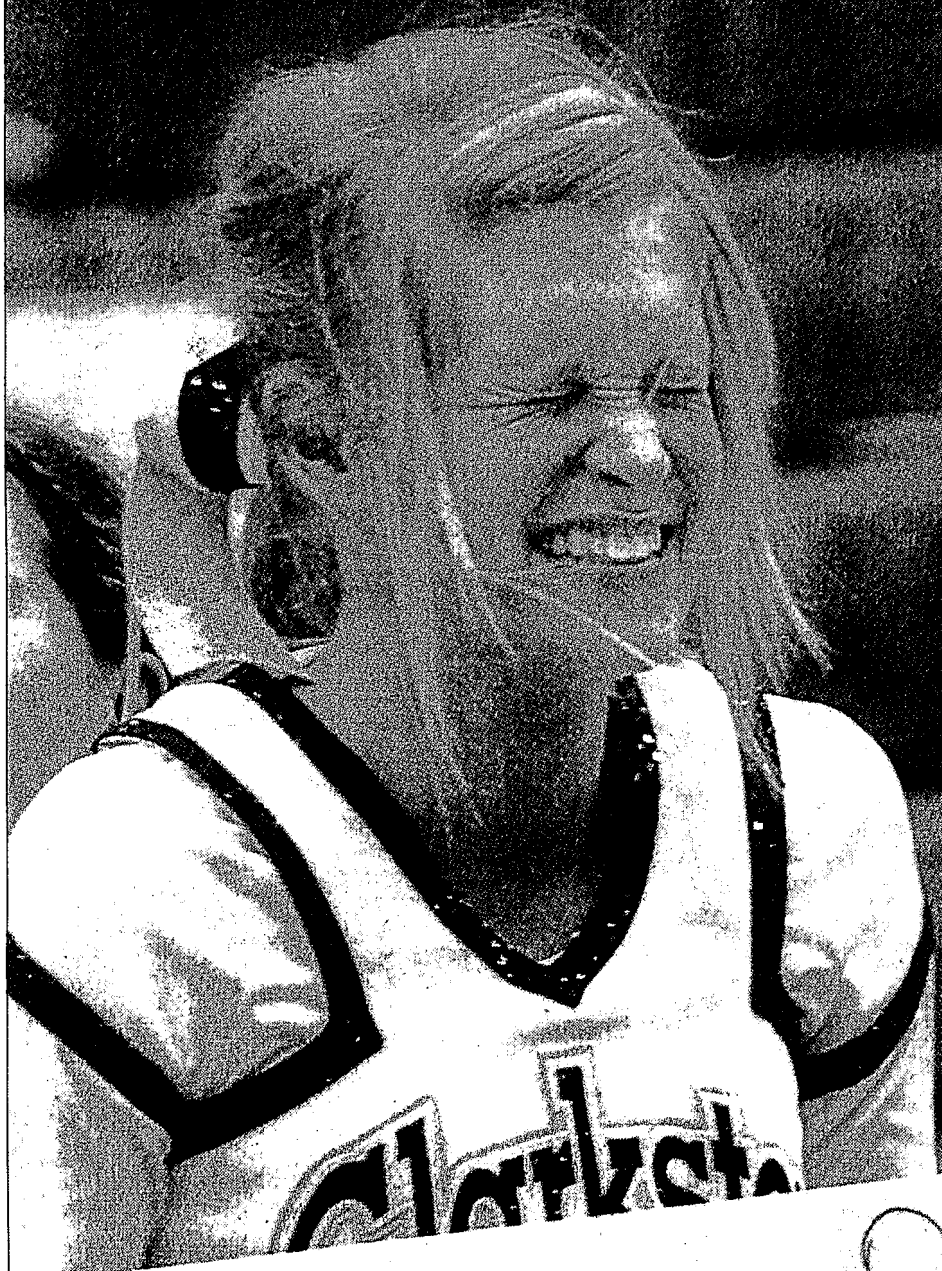
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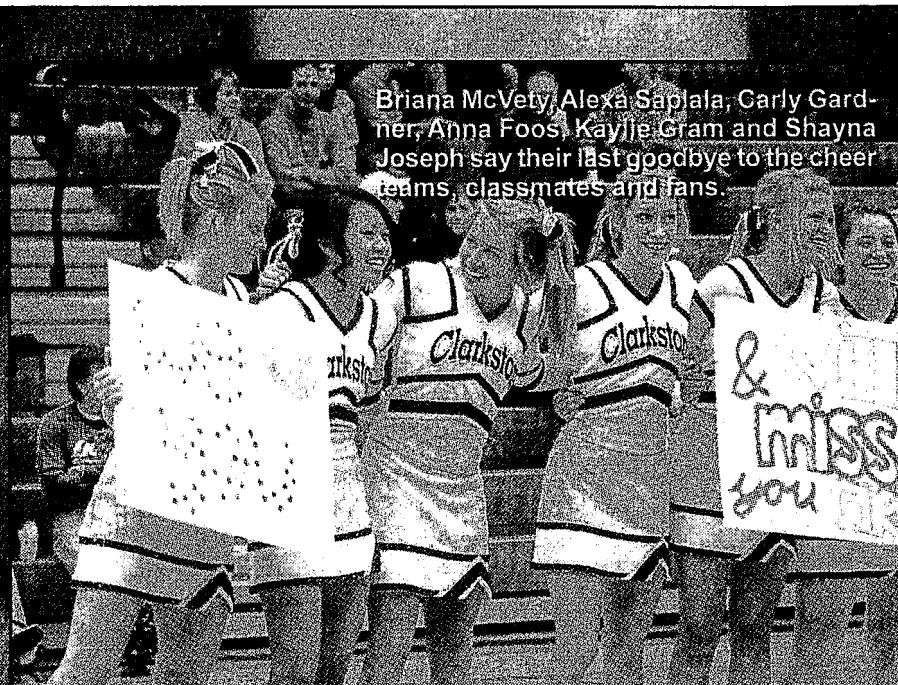


# Final show

Clarkston High School Seniors from the Varsity Pom Pom and Varsity Competitive Cheer teams performed for the last time during the basketball team's half-time on March 1.



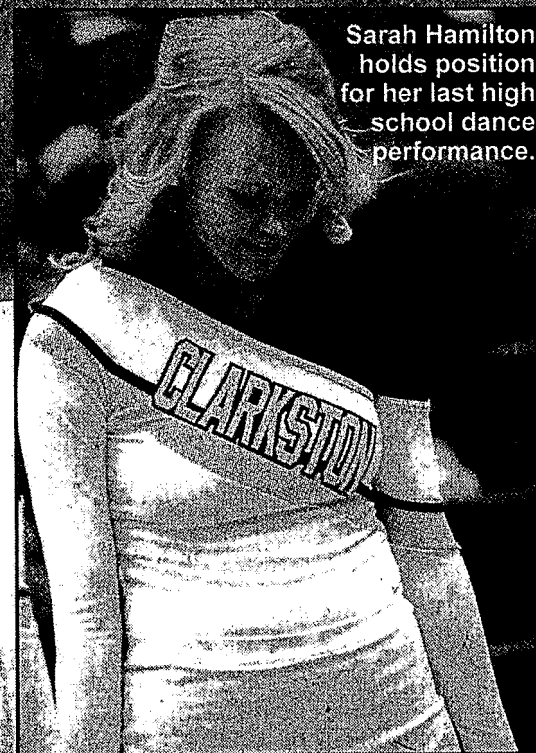
Kaylie Gram smiles through sadness and excitement.



Briana McVety, Alexa Saplala, Carly Gardner, Anna Foss, Kaylie Gram and Shayna Joseph say their last goodbye to the cheer teams, classmates and fans.



Danielle Reynolds, Brooke Bachusz, and Maddison Boewe dance to "Goodbye to You."



Sarah Hamilton holds position for her last high school dance performance.





Justine Blazer plays her guitar in the ClarkstonTV.com studios of *The Clarkston News*.

# Star Blazer

## Singer gets national stage in video contest

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Country music singer Justine Blazer is heading to the Live Music Capital of the World, and her fans helped send her there.

"I am so honored and blessed to have such wonderful fans who took the time to vote for me," said Blazer, who lives in Springfield Township. "I truly appreciated the support."

She entered her music video "New Country Beat" in the Dodge Ram Battle of the Bands music video contest a month ago "on a whim," she said.

For about a month, fans voted online once a day on hundreds of videos from around the country.

Voting ended Feb. 13, and her video landed in the Top 10, at number seven. Dodge then picked it as one of the Top 2 finalists, awarding Blazer and her band a trip to Austin, Texas, March 18-20.

"It was the most amazing news I had received in a long time," she said. "They are flying my entire band out there."

They perform on March 20 at Rodeo Austin for a crowd of about 25,000 people. Top prize is \$5,000 and a chance to represent Dodge Ram in advertising and promotions. Runner-up wins \$2,500.

"Austin will be a new experience," Blazer said. "I'm going to learn from it. I'm grateful for the opportunity."

The rodeo won't be the biggest crowd she's sung for. She sings the National Anthem at professional sporting events around the country. Kicking off a Buffalo Bills game a couple years ago, she sang before 75,000 cheering football fans.

"But this is an original song with my band," she said. "I'm a little nervous. It's different, more exciting."

She has worked with her band, singer-guitarist Kerry Adams, bassist Rick Jacoby, Mark Sutton on drums, John Lang on pedal steel, and Don Whyte on sax and keyboards, for about three years now.

"They're great," she said. "I've stuck with these guys for a while. They're really good, so experienced. They bring the project to a whole new level."

She grew up in Canton with her parents, Cindy and Tom Blazer, and sister, Genevieve Mason.

She has been singing since she was about 3 years old, nurtured by her parents, who enrolled her in singing classes and provided lots of encouragement.

She remembers going to summer concerts at Pine Knob Music Theater in Independence Township, now DTE Energy Music Theater.

"It would take an hour from Canton," she said. "Now, it's right here."

The family lived in Nashville, Tenn., for several years, where she recorded a three-song album at age 13.

"Country is my music of choice. I love it, it's so much fun," said Blazer, a fan of country artists Patsy Cline, Martina McBride, Faith Hill, and Reba McEntire, Judy Garland, and other strong female singers.

Pursuing her music career, she also lived in New York City, learned to play acoustic and electric guitar, and the harmonica, and traveled the country, performing with Lonestar, Terri Clark, Kathy Mattea, and Jason Aldean, Motown blues band The Miracles, and other artists.

She recorded "Just a Justine Christmas" in 2004, "Passion in Me" in 2005, "Red, White and Blue" in 2008, and "Welcome to My World" last year. She has been nominated for 15 Detroit Music Awards and won the Detroit Blues Challenge in 2007.

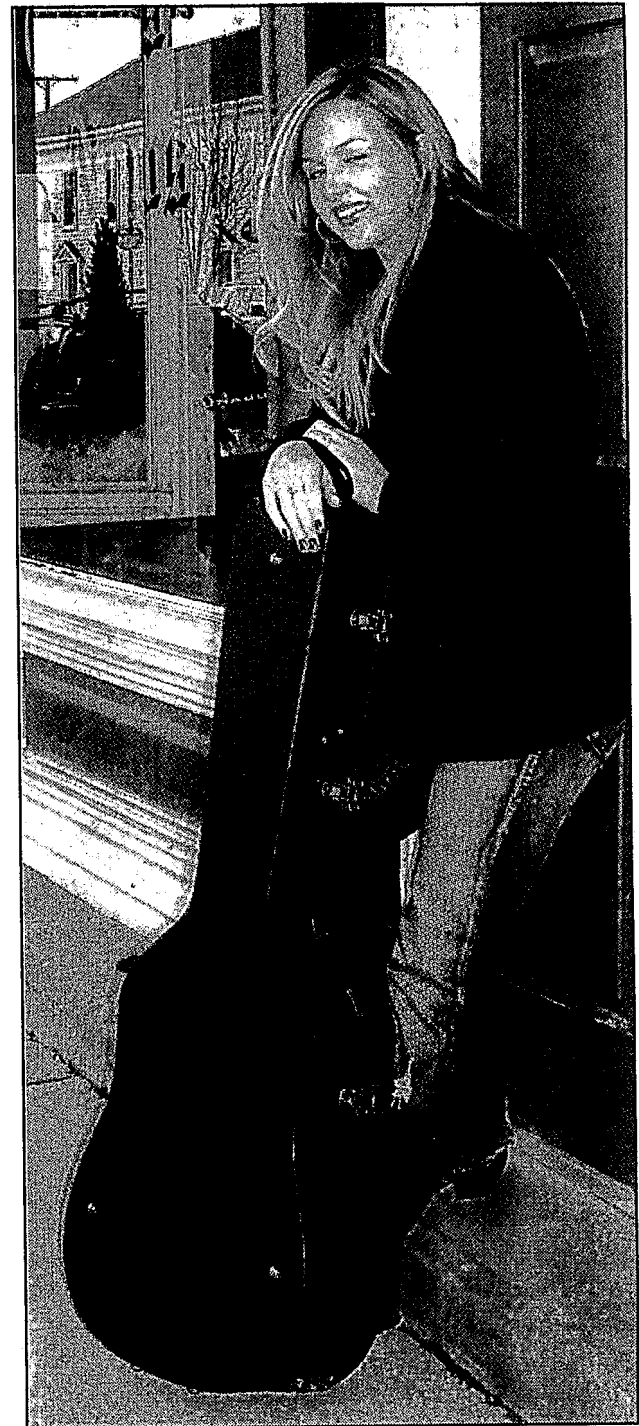
She moved to Springfield Township a year and a half ago from Ann Arbor.

"I wanted something comfortable and cozy," she said. "This is my home base, a great community. There's more of a small town feel here, and lots of lakes - there are no lakes in Canton."

She also enjoys the area's music scene, with DTE, Kid Rock, and its many live music venues.

"It's fun up here," she said. "It's different, a lot of people love country music and classic rock. There's definitely a lot of interest."

She and her band rehearse 1-2 times a week and perform 3-4 shows a week all over Michigan, as well as Ohio, Indiana,



Blazer's ready to take her country music sound from downtown Clarkston to Austin, Texas. Photos by Phil Custodio

and other states. With writing new songs, recording albums, and publicity, it's a fulltime gig.

"It's been pretty consistent," she said. "We're releasing new singles and working with a new manager in Florida to open up opportunities to get up to the national level. So far, I've been very fortunate."

Local venues include Pine Knob Ski Resort, Buck Shots, Mesquite Creek, and Sportsmen's Great Northern Grill, 5864 Dixie Highway, where she will perform, 6 p.m., Thursday, March 10.

For more information, check [www.justineblazer.com](http://www.justineblazer.com). She is also featured in this week's Phil in the Blank web show, where she sings her song "Lost and Found," at ClarkstonTV.com.

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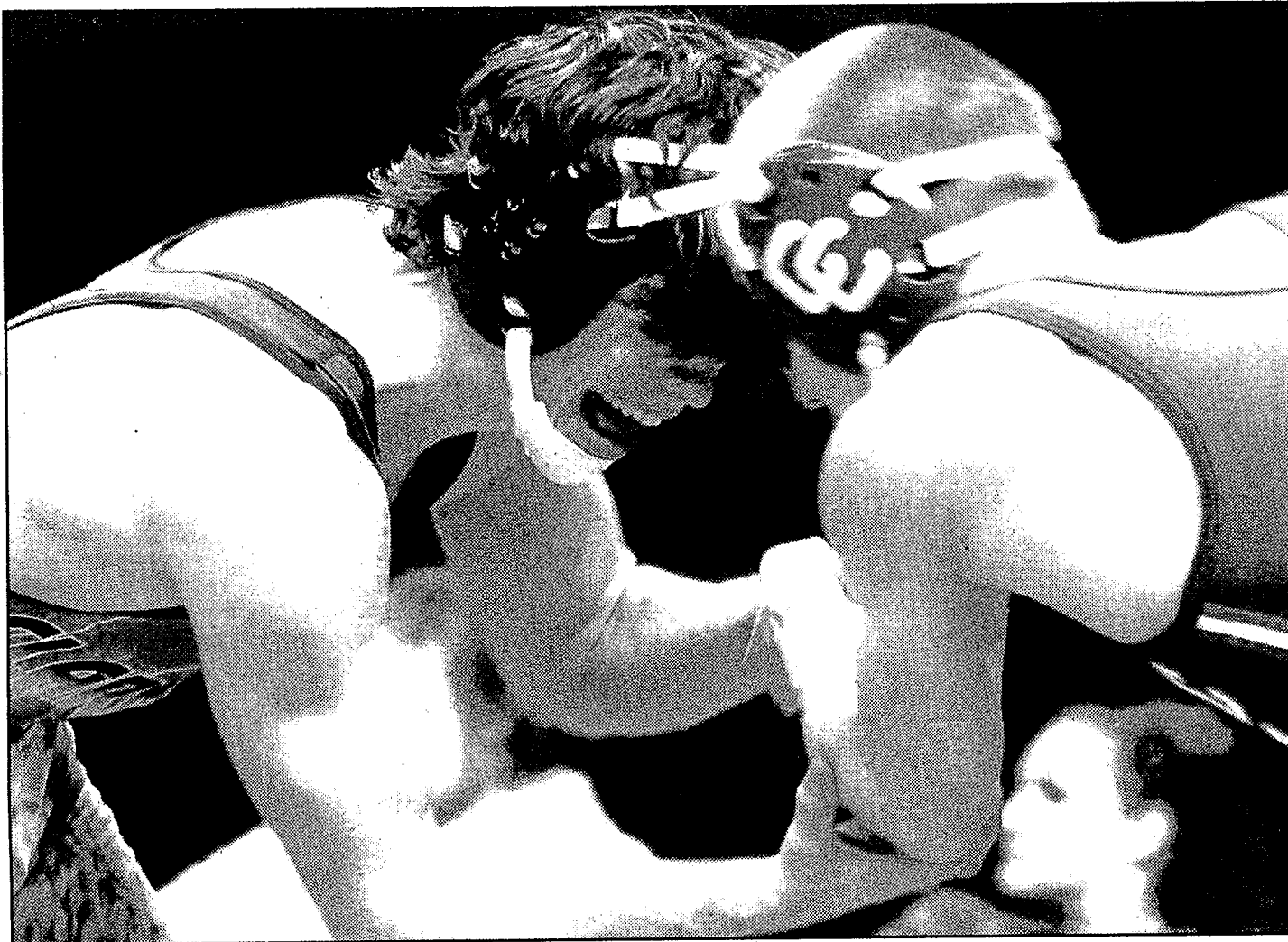
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## Fighting for the state title

Jeff Sloney grapples with Logan Marcicki of Detroit Catholic Central at the MHSAA Wrestling Individual State Finals for the 130-pound weight class. He lost, finishing with the state runner-up title. See page 10B for story and more pictures. Several Clarkston teams earned trophies this week – see inside for more! Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Tax rolls still falling

### But assessor sees rebound coming

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even though tax revenues are still sliding to the negative, Independence Township Assessor Beverly Shaver believes “the big slide is over.”

“We’re going to eventually even out and go up,” Shaver said.

Shaver projects \$1,294,424,000 taxable value for 2012, down about four percent from the current 2011 estimate of \$1,349,901,940, made before the tax Board of Review meets this month.

“The Board of Review may have some money they’re going to take away depending on how many protests we have,” she said. “This number is not written in stone yet.”

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Shaver also estimated tax revenue would fall another three percent in 2013, to \$1,255,591,000.

“I also went to 2013 just for added benefit so the board can see where the economy is going,” She said.

Shaver said her numbers are not based on anything black and white. She just listens to what the county projects.

“County projections are for all of Oakland County, you’re talking Hazel Park to Rose Township,” she said.

“There is no way you’re going to  
*Please see Downturn on page 20B*

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Siblings Sheila McLeod and Ray Burdett share a family portrait with Clarkston Junior High School students. The negative for the portrait was found after the photography shop was bombed. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Telling it like it was

Sheila McLeod of Clarkston was 3-years-old when England entered World War II on September 3, 1939.

She shared her stories from her youth on Feb. 24 along with her brother, Ray Burdett of Haslett, who was 9-years-old at the time their lives changed.

They were two of the special visitors invited by Clarkston Junior High School for their seventh annual USO day.

Some speakers spoke about fighting in the war while McLeod and Burdett discussed what it was like to be a child on the home front, living 20 miles from London.

"War is a terrible thing," said Burdett, shar-

ing his memory of walking down a road after a bomb hit a family of nine and seeing the remnants.

Every one had a gas mask, McLeod added, even their baby sister, who was born days after England joined the war.

She remembered saying goodbye to friends as people lined up two by two to leave the country, each carrying a gas mask.

They spent nights in a bomb shelter, listening to the radio and sirens.

"Everyone in our family lived," said McLeod. "Our mom was thankful every night we were still together."

- Wendi Reardon

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### First step OK'd for Sashabaw facility

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Independence Township Board voted unanimously, March 1, to approve first reading of an amendment to allow Pine Knob Corporate Center for Medilodge of Clarkston to build it.

### Open audition

Clarkston Village Players host open auditions for "Incorruptible," a comedy, Sunday, March 20, 6:30 p.m., and Monday, March 21, 7 p.m., at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road.

For more information, call 248-625-5848.

### 40 Days returns

The 40 Days for Life vigil returns to Independence Township, March 9, on Sashabaw Road south of I-75.

Pro-life advocates from local churches and communities plan to gather peacefully daily through April 17 in front of a Sashabaw Road women's clinic, which offers abortion services.

The facility is also home to the pro-life Birth Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, which opened earlier this year.

The campaign also includes 40 days of prayer, fasting, and community outreach. For information, check [www.40daysforlife.com/Clarkston](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Clarkston).

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Stephanie Vo, owner of Clarkston Village Bake Shop, prepares a batch of paczki dough.

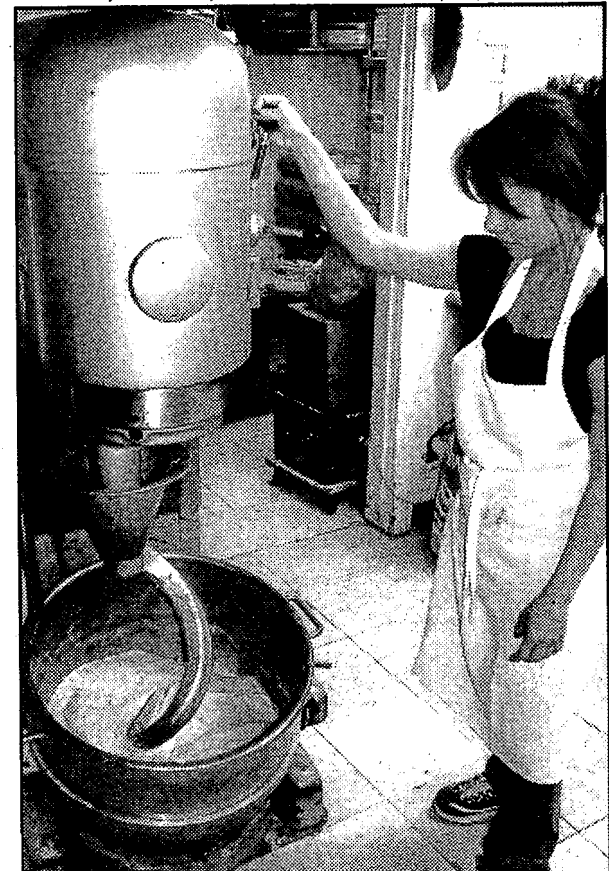


The glaze goes on while the paczkis are still warm.

## Path to Paczkis

Mardi Gras is a busy time for bakers. Clarkston Village Bake Shop on downtown Main Street made about 4,500 paczki pastries of all sorts to satisfy demand for one last indulgence before Lent.

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The shop uses a giant mixer to beat the dough.



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The little girls were running as fast as they could to report that Angelo had fallen down a hill and hurt himself bad and he told them he was dying. We knew Angelo was a story

teller; we didn't take it to heart even though the little girls were crying and so believing that their brother and cousin was dying. We could hear Angelo in the distant crying out - "I'm dying, I'm dying". I walked out to see what was really happening, saw blood and called Angelo's Mom to come help me. She passed out seeing the blood.

We got Angelo in the house and called Dr. O'Neill. He said bring him to the clinic and I will meet you there. I had to call my other sister to help me because her twin would look at the blood and faint! We got Angelo up to Dr. O'Neill's and he stitched him up. Guess while the kids were sliding down the hill there must have been some glass; sliced his leg from the ankle to the knee. It was very deep. We chuckle today over that episode... Angelo's

scar was a perfect zigzag up his leg. But the most important part was Dr. O'Neill never turned us away. He was always available and took care of us. He loved our children as his own. I'll never forget bringing my own tiny baby in, she was so ill. I remember Dr. O'Neill holding her and taking her around in the office showing her off and saying "Isn't this the cutest baby you've ever saw?" Kissing her and tenderly comforting my crying baby.

She had double hernia's at 6 weeks old. He showed me what to do till she could have the required surgery to correct it. As a little girl she was so proud telling every one she had hernies...kids, what they don't say!

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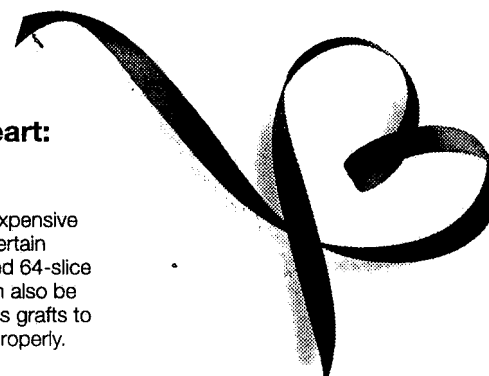
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From left, Manny Alalouf, Andrew McLatcher, Emily Leopold, Regan Havens, Ben Helgeson, Ryan Hopper, and Emma Martin feel the spirit of friendly competition. The students are members of Team Rush except for Leopold and Martin, who are Notre Dame Prep students.

## RUSH robotics score Entrepreneurial award

Team RUSH finished 12th out of 38 in the qualifying rounds and sixth in the playoffs, March 4-5 at the Michigan FIRST Robotics District Event at Kettering University in Flint.

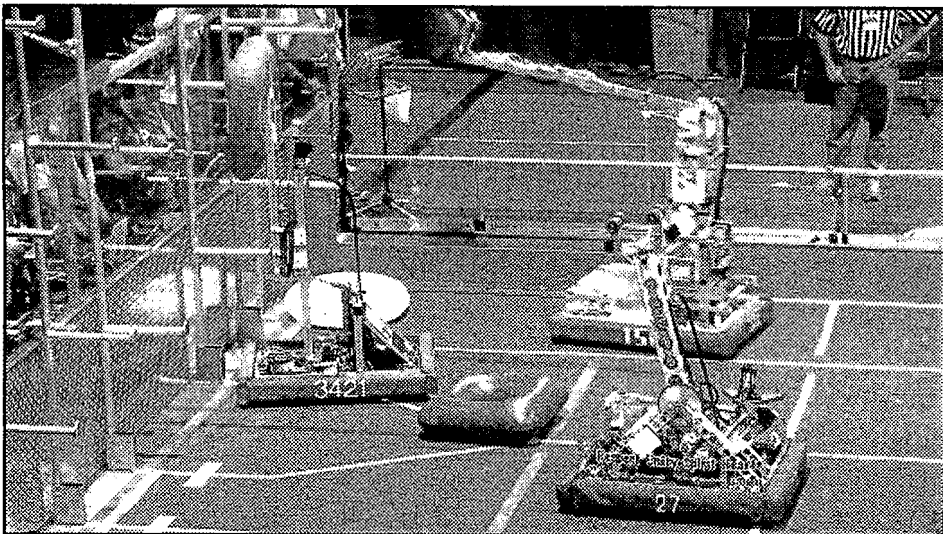
The team won the Entrepreneurial award through its organizational skills, enthusiasm, and commitment to achieving goals, but not the Chairman's award, said Kyle Hughes.

"The team was very disappointed but will be back next year even stronger," Hughes said.

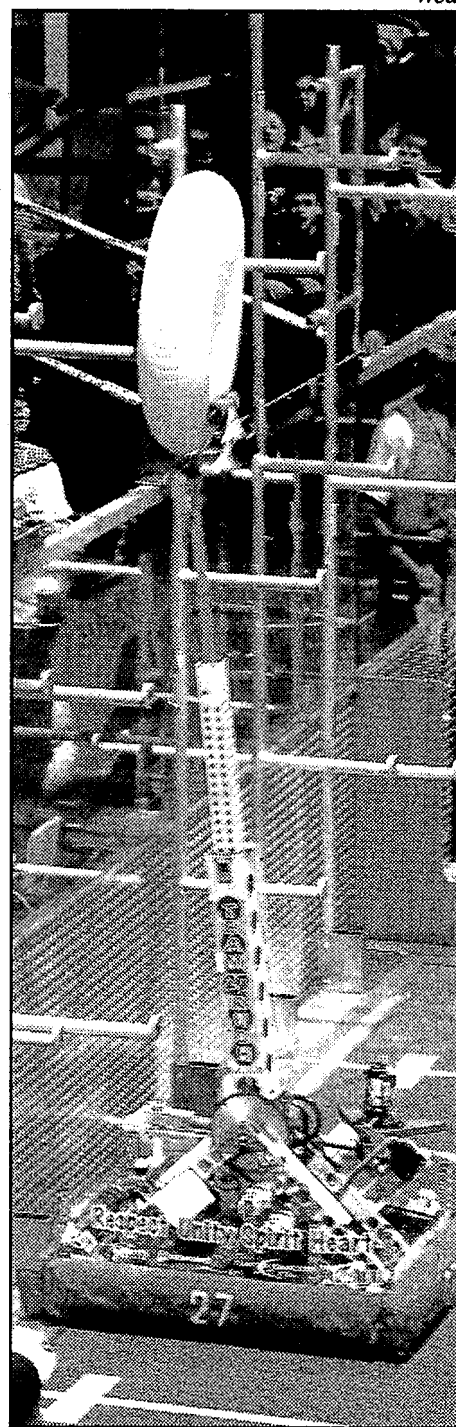
"Someday we will be world champions. In the meantime, we will continue to do what we do, which is to try to inspire the world to explore math, science and technology."

The game this year involves inner-tubes, circles, triangles and squares. Six robots compete at once, racing on the field to place the tubes on rungs of various heights for points.

For more information, check [www.teamrush27.net](http://www.teamrush27.net).



Teams maneuver their robots around the field during a match.



The Team RUSH robot extends to full height for maximum points. Photos by Phil Custodio

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Wolves win big

By flipping the pages of this week's *Clarkston News*, you might notice a trend in sports – it was a spectacular week.

I will start at the Palace of Auburn Hills where five of Clarkston's six qualifiers finished as All-Staters in the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals.

Senior Matt Vandermeer ended his high school career as state champ in the 171-pound weight class, defeating Detroit Catholic Central. Seniors Jeff Sloney finished as runner-up in 130-pounds and Mike Henige won fifth place in his first trip to the Palace. Check out the story for more. As for Scott Devos, Ethan Frick and Nick Vandermeer, next year will be huge for them. I see more great things coming from them.

Next, Girls Varsity Basketball, or as we now call them District Champs, hit snags during both district games against Fenton and Grand Blanc. They fought through deficits and tough defense blocks to pull through. The last time the Lady Wolves won districts was Nov. 2005, which was also in the same Brandon High School gym as the girls played in last week. It could be the gym, but...the Lady Wolves have proved since the beginning of the new year they work great together as a team. Keep it up, girls! The road to Breslin Center in Lansing is yours.

Up next, Boys Hockey, which also beat Grand Blanc but also a mercy win against the Flint Kearsley-Holly Hornets in Pre-Regionals. Then, another win over Bay City for the Regional crown, 5-4. Freshman Jack Viazanko was in the net for all three games, senior Troy Fasseel stepped in for a period against Grand Blanc.

The Boys Varsity Ski team raced to their best finish for the State Finals on March 7, runner up. Next year, championship looks good with all of the boys returning.

Now, Boys Varsity Basketball. Yes, basketball fans I left the esteemed Wolves last. I wanted to make sure you knew about the other Wolves.

The season started with a few hiccups and as the season progressed they kept getting tougher, climbing to the top in the OAA Red and leaving the two league losses in the past. On Friday they put their league record at 12-2, taking the OAA Red title.

Kudos to all our Clarkston athletes!



# The Clarkston News Viewpoints

## God's work found in community news

Dear Editor,

I read the Feb. 23 edition of *The Clarkston News* with some dismay.

Backroom dealing in attempting to fill the township clerk's position was bad enough, but to also read a story about embezzling from PTA funds ("Funds repaid," page 2A) made me feel like I was reading the "Big City News."

The only thing I'll say about the clerk's debacle, and other local political issues, is that Independence Township voters are responsible for making themselves aware of the candidates' positions and histories and vote accordingly in our next election cycle, as some of our local leaders have not made themselves so responsible.

But on the embezzling issue, I noted the name "Hubble" at the end of the story. I was puzzled because I did not recall having seen it earlier. I reread, still could not find an earlier reference and concluded it was an error. I figured we'd see some correction in the next issue.

I do not know Mary Hubble or anyone in

her family and I certainly cannot speak to what pain, embarrassment, consternation, etc, this error may have caused, but as I read the correction article ("Setting the record straight on Hubble," page 2A, March 2), the thing that struck me was that many people who do not know Mary now know there is a very kind, caring and giving person in our community willing to do God's work—and by that, God gets the glory.

Romans 8:28 tells us:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Certainly it is not good that Mary Hubble was inadvertently tied to embezzlement, and it is entirely appropriate that Phil Custudio apologized and corrected the error in print.

Perhaps Mary Hubble and her family have endured some distress, but from my perspective, this is one small example that shows God knows what He's doing.

*Robert Krouse  
Independence Township*

### Letters to the editor

## Thanks to community for Fourth support

Dear Editor,

Thank you Clarkston Medical Group for pledging to contribute \$1,000 to the Clarkston Community Church-Community Challenge to continue the Fourth of July Festival of Fun at Clintonwood Park.

Way to get the ball rolling!

For those that are not aware, because funding for special events through the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department was cut this year, Clarkston Community Church issued the community challenge to donate up to \$10,000 for every dollar of matching funds the community donates.

To make this event happen we need to raise \$10,000 by April 15.

Another new option to make this event

happen is from The Graphic Wizard, who organized a "Keep the Spark in the Park" campaign. T-Shirts are available for \$10 each to support this campaign, with proceeds going to support the event.

Shirts can be purchased at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation office as well as at The Graphic Wizard, Lakeview Food Basket, Spectrum Printing, Lil' Peoples Place, Clarkston Community Church, and New Leaf Flower Studio.

For more information about donations or sponsorships visit the website at [www.ITPR.org](http://www.ITPR.org) or call our office at 248-625-8223 and ask for Ken or Kelly.

*Ken Elwert, director  
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## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1996

"Intelligent fun" Sashabaw Middle School Odyssey of the Mind teammates Shannon Feel, KC Kerby, Jonathon Shanks, Robert Koch, and Michael Fischer put their problem-solving skills to the test in regional competition.

"At the top of the heap" No one was better than Clarkston senior Joe DeGain, who took first place in the 189-pound division at state finals. He was Clarkston's first-ever undefeated wrestler, with a 52-0 record.

"Right here, right now" Clarkston Young Optimist Club members Stacey Mercado and Derek Bannasch won first place in the Optimist's Oratorical Contest. With a theme of "Now if the Time," Mercado stressed physical fitness and exercise, while Bannasch called for a return to love.

### 25 years ago - 1986

"Ronk anticipates needs of Independence" Township Supervisor Frank Ronk predicted major commercial or office developments along the Sashabaw Road corridor into the 1990s, as well as continued, orderly growth throughout the township.

"Todd heats home with wood stove" Todd Guerin was only 15 years old, but used his tinkering skills to connect a wood stove to his home's furnace and chimney, as well as rewire each room to allow heat to flow. The modification cut the family's heating bill to zero. He also chopped the wood himself for the stove.

### 50 years ago - 1961

"Village Players select first play" The newly organized Village Players selected the comedy "Two Blind Mice" as their first show. Led by manager Nick Rossano, the acting company was busy casting roles and getting ready behind the scenes.

"Wolves are still victorious" Historians witnessing Clarkston High School's district finals basketball game agreed that Clarkston's literally crushing victory over Birmingham was gotten in considerable respect in the same manner as Sitting Bull's when the chief and his tribe massacred "rival" General Custer and the boys in blue in 1886.

"Revealed freeway plans" The state open bids for construction of Michigan's first six-lane freeway in a rural area. Contracts were for 12.6 miles of Interstate 75 from Holcomb Road north to Evans Road. Cost was estimated at \$9 million. They planned six lanes because of anticipated growth in the area.



# This weekend, 'spring forward' or else!

It may seem abrupt, but the start of "summertime" will be here this weekend. It seems a rather stark contrast to this week's forecast, issued by the National Weather Folks out in White Lake. Here's what I see leading up to springing forward into Daylight Savings Time, Sunday at 2 a.m.

Wintry Mix.

Rain & Snow.

Snow.

Lows in the mid 20s.

Of course, Sunday it's 'sposed to be sunny and 40, so maybe they're onto something.

For those older folks, like me, springing forward in March seems early. It was always an April thing. One of the president Bushes signed into law making it earlier. It is all moot to me, we all only get 24 hours a day to do good, no matter what the law says.

One reason I love the internet is I can ask questions and get quick answers. And, just like when folks ask me a question and I give a quick answer, it is understood said quick answer may or may not be correct.

So, I did a little internet "research" (I think the key word there was, little) and here are some things I found about

Standard Time and Daylight Savings Time.

## Blame Ben

According to legend, the idea of daylight savings time was conceived by America's first and foremost brainiac, Benjamin Franklin.

## Don't Rush Me



## A column by Don Rush

This legend was verified for me at the website, [www.webexhibits.com](http://www.webexhibits.com). The idea came to Ben (and I quote), "during his sojourn as an American delegate in Paris in 1784, in an essay, *An Economical Project . . .*"

I have checked, and yes, this is after he flew his kite during a lightning storm, by about 30 years.

## Big 'oops' in Indiana

Up until 2005 only about 16 percent of the counties in Indiana observed Daylight Savings Time. A state comprised of stubborn, rebellious spirits, Indianians however are frugal. The state made the switch to Daylight Savings Time after being convinced by doing so, they would

save (collectively) \$7 million in electricity costs each year.

And, here is what's interesting to me (again I will quote the Exhibit website), "Now that Indiana has made the switch, however, researchers have found the opposite to be the case. Scientists from the University of California, Santa Barbara, compared energy usage over the course of three years in Indiana counties that switched from year-round Standard Time to DST. They found that Indianians actually spent \$8.6 million more each year because of Daylight Saving Time."

The reason, when the first study saying folks would save money on electricity was conducted (40 years earlier), most folks didn't have air conditioning in their homes. Oops.

## And, in Michigan . . .

Prior to November 18, 1883, the time of day was a local matter -- based on the sun, a big central clock maintained by the town jeweler, or the predominant local church. There were no time zones. Time zones came with the advent of the railroading industry.

Here is Detroit's take on the whole thing (again, according to the quick answer I got on the internet).

"Detroit kept local time until 1900, when the City Council decreed that clocks should be put back 28 minutes to Central Standard Time. Half the city obeyed, while half refused. After considerable debate, the decision was rescinded and the city reverted to sun time.

"A derisive offer to erect a sundial in front of the city hall was referred to the Committee on Sewers. Then, in 1905, Central Standard Time was adopted by city vote."

I was heartened to see, historically, Detroit City Council was ahead of the curve on all matters local 100 years ago, as they are today.

## Run, don't walk

And, one last thing about Daylight Savings Time, "... a 2001 study by researchers at the University of Michigan, found that 65 pedestrians were killed by car crashes in the week before DST ended, and 227 pedestrians were killed in the week following the end of DST."

In other words, if you are walking, stay off the roads for the next two weeks until drivers can adjust to the time change.

Send comments to [Don@shermanpublications.org](mailto:Don@shermanpublications.org)

# Going from crashes to brain loss, etc

I've often wondered how many cars Ford, GM, Chrysler, etc., build and destroy before they get to a showroom.

We didn't hear of crash testing when Henry Ford and Walter Chrysler were getting started, but we didn't hear "Call Sam" commercials much, either.

Today crash testing is a must. One such company that does a lot of crash testing in Auburn Hills. One of their workers enlightened me about some testing on the Volt.

That's GM's mini-car that the White House is practically forcing companies to manufacture. Since I believe in letting the marketplace decide what car we should buy, I know little about the Volt.

But, I think it's battery/gasoline powered vehicle that I don't think I would fit in and if I did, I couldn't get out.

As I understand it, the Volt's high voltage battery disengages when crashed, thus passengers aren't killed by the electric shocks.

However, those attending the wreckage should wear masks because of the toxic fumes that are emitted.

In car crash tests front end, rear end and side crashes are required. That's four cars.

Then there are electronically outfitted dummies in the

car which can cost multiple thousands. They, of course, can be refitted and used again, so some expense is saved.

The Auburn Hills plant isn't the only one banging cars into immovable barriers. There are hundreds of things to test in a car. That's not counting the driver, whose testing is not rigorous.

## Jim's Jottings



## a column by Jim Sherman

messages to the unhearing and returning after seemingly accomplishing nothing.

Crittenton Hospital's *Wellspring* magazine says if we're considering laparoscopic (I call it fat removal) surgery, we should get our BMI index in order.

*Wellspring* writes: To get your BMI number multiply your weight in pounds by 703. Then divide that number by your height in inches, squared.

I weigh 250 pounds and am 76 inches high.

That puts my BMI at, 31.2. Which makes me feel pretty good. Those of us who have a number 30 or higher are considered obese. Being only 1.2 over 30 puts me at the comfort level.

Scientist, researcher Dr. Joe Tumac spoke to Oxford Rotary about alzheimers. Pen in hand, I took notes because I can't remember too good. He said the disease only started drawing much attention in the 1980s.

He had little good to say about statins (a class of drug used to lower cholesterol levels); there being only 30 percent benefit.

Four signs of alzheimers are memory loss, withdrawal, B-12 deficiency and depression. I can relate to all but withdrawal. My ego won't let it in.

He said we lose two percent of our brain a year. He didn't say if it goes faster for men over 76 inches. Dr. Tumac emphasized the need to exercise. He also said the brain is 70 percent cholesterol.

The message he left us with is: "Cholesterol is needed for the brain -- keep an eye on fat."

# Wolves win league title, head into playoffs

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers closed their regular season claiming the OAA Red league title after scoring two more wins in the league.

They stepped closer to it after their last home game on March 1 against West Bloomfield with a huge 66-24 win.

"Coming in here the last night for senior night you are always worried about your kids," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "I am happy for the win."

Even though they had one more to go in the league he was satisfied with being 11-2 in the OAA Red.

"We dug ourselves out of a hole to be in competition to win an outright league championship," he continued. "It is pretty sweet for us and the program."

The boys came back from holiday break with an uncharacteristic record 5-5 and 2-2 in the league.

The pace changed after facing rivals Pontiac on Jan. 18 and they lost 67-51.

"Talking to them doesn't always work," said Fife, so he showed them the video of the game, letting them critique their physical and mental effort.

"I think that struck a nerve. They saw who they were and that's not who they wanted to be," said Fife. "Pontiac has never beat us as bad as they beat us. It was good experience not just for me but the kids took it for themselves. It was like it was black and white in front of them."

From there the boys never looked back, winning nine consecutive wins to bring them to the top of the OAA Red going head to head with heavy hitters league rivals Southfield,

Pontiac and West Bloomfield for the title.

Senior Marcus Hardy got the game started with a basket and assisted Nick Tatu in his field goal, putting the boys 5-0 just over a minute into the game.

Clarkston continued to accumulate points from Hardy, Tatu, Mitch Baenziger and Matt Rodgers until the quarter ended, 20-8.

They continued to rise on the scoreboard adding 13 points and keeping the Lakers only to five points.

The boost allowed players from the bench to get into the game and add points for the team.

"It was good," said senior Stacey Murray. "It gave all of the seniors a chance to play in front of our fans and our parents."

Murray closed the night with a 3-pointer with 45 seconds left to go in the game.

Hardy led with 14 points and Tatu scored 12. The boys beat Southfield-Lathrup, 50-45. The Wolves came back from a 26-21 deficit from the first half.

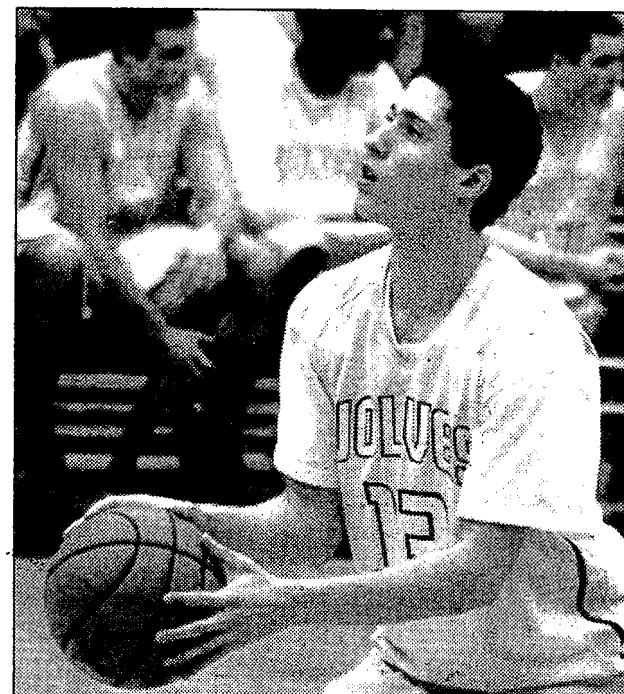
Hardy led the boys with 14 points. Tatu added 13, including two 3-point shots.

The boys played their first game in district playoffs on Monday night and defeated Fenton, 68-42, putting their record at 16-5.

They continue on Wednesday night at Fenton High School against Holly, 8 p.m.

"We need to have a strong defense, work the ball around, not get full of ourselves and play up to our competition," said Murray.

Fife added all teams going into playoffs start back out at



Jordan Dasuqi lines up for a free throw shot against West Bloomfield. Photo by Wendi Reardon

zero wins and losses.

"Everybody has a fresh start and anything could happen," he said. "We prepare for that and prepare mentally."

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**Teens caught with car full of loot**

Five teenagers face burglary charges in connection with several thefts from cars in Independence Township.

A Chapelview Drive resident reported several teenagers walking down the road with their car following, checking parked cars and mail boxes, 4 a.m., Feb. 27. A responding deputy found a car matching the description at Clarkston Road and Main, and stopped it at Washington Street.

The car was found to be filled with six teens, including three males from Waterford Township, 19, 18, and 17 years old; a 17-year-old girl and 14-year-old boy, both from Waterford Township; as well as an 18-year-old White Lake Township man.

Lt. Dale LaBair, Independence Township sheriff's substation, said the group is

typical of opportunistic thieves looking for unlocked cars.

"I'm glad we caught them," LaBair said. "We get enough of that. I hope this puts a lid on it for a while."

Items found in the car include car chargers, ear phones, sunglasses, CDs, flashlights, watches, keys, gift cards, black bag, pills of unknown type, boots, skis, snowboard, bags of coins, gloves, hats, and a shirt.

All were arrested, booked, and released except for the 14-year-old, who was released to his mother.

Deputies found footprints down Chapelview and Snow Apple Drive and into several driveways. Investigation continues.

- Phil Custodio

**Public Safety**

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

**Online account hacked**

An Independence Township resident said his Pay Pal account was hacked, Feb. 25, with \$3,090 transferred from a checking account to the online account. He closed the accounts.

**New tech against thieves**

A Saginaw man lost his cell phone at a Sashabaw Road store, but used the phone's GPS capability to track it down to an employee's house in Waterford Township, Feb. 25. Deputies recovered the phone from the employee, a 51-year-old woman, who said she found it near the store's bakery department and kept it.

**Busted with marijuana**

A deputy watched a 23-year-old Orion Township man assemble a cigarette while parked at Sashabaw and Waldon roads, 12:48 a.m., Feb. 26, and stopped him as he pulled out onto Sashabaw. The cigarette tested positive for marijuana and was confiscated.

**Bullets taken**

Someone took CDs, gloves, coins, flashlight, crash helmet, and a 50-round box of 9mm ammunition from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 7000 block of Clement Road, Feb. 26.

**Stolen jacket**

Someone took a jacket from an unlocked automobile parked in the driveway in the 6000 block of Ascension Street, March 1.

**Metal theft**

Four tires with aluminum rims were taken from a Pine Knob Road business, March 3.

**Illegal gets to stay**

A deputy stopped a 42-year-old Rochester Hills man for driving through a stop sign, 8:50 p.m., Feb. 28, on Hunters Creek Boulevard. The man had an expired driver's license and said he was a Mexican citizen and has been in the United States illegally for 17 years. Deputies called Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which said he can't be deported under current policy because he had a wife and three children in Rochester Hills. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and running the stop sign.

**Prank gone bad**

Police responded to a report of a man firing a pistol, 12:35 a.m., March 1, in the 2000 block of Mann Road. Deputies set up a perimeter, but found nothing going on. A resident said he was being pranked probably by someone he offended online.

**Drug bust**

Springfield Township and K-9 deputies found some suspected marijuana pipes and material, 12:02 a.m., March 4, in the 7000 block of Bluewater near Dixie Highway.

Call *Crime Stoppers of Southeast Michigan* at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or *Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE*, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.

# Five grapplers finish All-State at state finals

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Matt Vandermeer threw his hands in the air as he faced his family and friends sitting in the north end of the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Through six minutes he had scored one point on Detroit Catholic Central's Kevin Beazley on an escape. It was what he needed to become State Champion in the 171-lb weight class at the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals in Division 1.

"It feels so good," he said after leaving the mat on Saturday night, after three days of matches. "I have wanted this for so long."

He scored during the second period and admitted it was difficult to keep Beazley from trying or taking the win.

"I kept moving," Vandermeer added. "I

knew what he was going to do and kept blocking it."

He remained undefeated during the tournament beating Matt Franklin from East Kentwood, with a technical fall at 3:56; Will Royster, Kalamazoo Central, 8-2; and Vince Tkac, Brighton, 11-1.

"Thanks to Ty Foltz," he added to his teammate and captain who missed out on the season from a football injury.

Senior Jeff Sloney also competed in the championship round and took runner-up after a 5-0 loss to Logan

Marcicki, Detroit Catholic Central, in 130-pounds.

He won three matches previous to the final, beating Bay City Western's Tyler

Kuch, 5-0; Roseville's Kirk Wawryzniak, 3-1; Davison's Terry Turner, 4-3.

Senior Mike Henige ended his first and last visit to the finals with a fifth place finish.

"I am overwhelmed," he said after his win over Rochester's Cody Devoe, 9-4. "I wanted to place. After losing in the semifinals I needed to come out strong."

After starting on Thursday with a 2-0 win against Howell he explained he began slow.

"I wasn't really used to the Palace atmosphere," he added. "The second period I got more comfortable and started wrestling better. Once I got the reverse I knew I could ride him out."

He won two more before losing to Holt, 7-6 in the semifinals.

"I thought he was going to win," said Coach Andy Auten. "He lost by one point that was a tough one."

He lost one more to put him in the running for fifth place.

Junior Scott Devos finished in fourth place with a fall 12 seconds into overtime against Romeo's Adam Bennett, in 285-lb weight class.

"I am pretty happy with my place," he said. "I wrestled as hard as I could and he is a good guy. He is a senior so he has a couple of years on me."

Sophomore Nick Vandermeer finished in eighth place, ending with a lost to Oxford's Mike

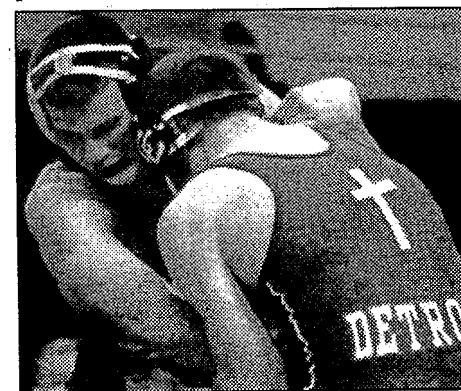
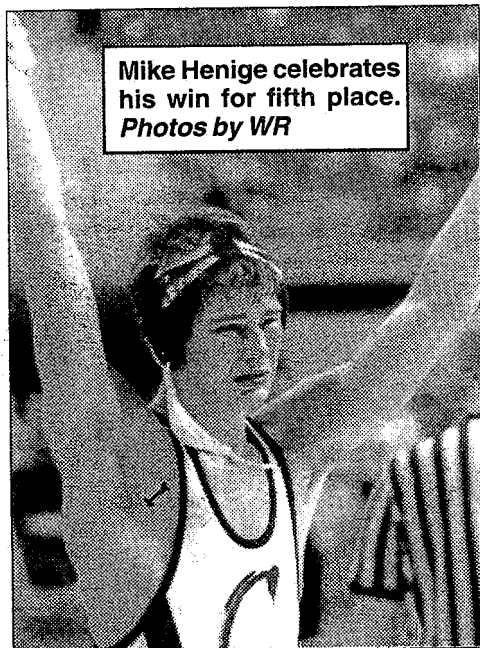
Thomas in the 135-pound class.

He began the tournament with a major decision win over Detroit Catholic Central's Riley Hanson, 10-0.

"It was a pretty close drawn match," he said.

Junior Ethan Frick lost his first two matches in the 215-pound class, ending his year.

"He went up a weight class," said Auten. "He wrestled a really good wrestler the first round. I was hoping he would come back and win a consolation match or two to place. It didn't happen. Next year hopefully he will be bigger and actually at 215 pounds and place."



Matt Vandermeer battles for first place.

## Athletes of the Week McInally signs with Butler

Nick McInally is set to trade in his Wolf for a Bulldog, signing to play football with Butler University of Indianapolis, Ind.

"I was really impressed with Butler," McInally said. "They have a great campus and the coaches are really good guys."

"We are so excited," said his mother, Jennifer McInally, at his signing ceremony, Feb. 23. "This is a big day. Nick worked really hard, academically and athletically to get to this point."

One challenge Nick overcame: he skipped fourth grade, so he's always been a bit younger than his teammates.

"He's competed against kids two years older than him his entire life," said his father, Matt McInally. "I'm impressed he has been able to achieve what he has, how he's managed to come through. I'm happy for him."

Nick also earned a four-year academic scholarship to Butler, Matt said.

"Football is nice, but academics are most important," he said.

Nick was named a team captain his senior year at Clarkston High School, playing offensive tackle and defensive tackle.

"It hasn't been too different size wise, but at college, it will be a whole other ball game," Nick said. "I'll push through it, overcome it with my work ethic. I give credit to the (Clarkston High School) coaching staff. They made me the person and player I am today."

Credit's especially due to Head Coach Kurt Richardson, said Dan Fife, Clarkston athletic director.

"Coach Richardson makes sure players are grounded and focused as a team all the time, not as individuals," Fife said.

Nick enrolled at Clarkston High School as a 10th grader and fit right in.

"It says a lot about the community and the kids that he made such a successful adjustment," Fife said. "It's not easy to move into a new school and make new friends. I'm proud of him."

— Phil Custodio



Nick McInally, in middle with the hat, with family, friends, and teammates at his college football signing. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Clarkston High School's Boys Varsity Ski team celebrates their season, Feb. 28. Photo provided

# Racers top state finals with second place

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

With a score of 81 points, the Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team took the runner-up spot in the MHSAA State Finals on Feb. 28.

"It was fantastic," said Mike Foyteck, head coach. "It was a great way to end the year."

The boys finished 18 points behind Traverse City Central, who took first place with 63 points. Traverse City West took third with 100 points followed by Marquette, Grand Blanc, Brother Rice, Detroit Catholic Central, Lake Orion and Brighton.

Junior Brent Vanitallie led the team in the Slalom race, finishing in eighth and 10th in the Giant Slalom.

"He had a fantastic season," said Foyteck. "He ended up winning the slalom at regionals and ended double medals in the state meet which is fantastic."

Teammate junior Grant Huber also grabbed a medal for his sixth place finish in the Giant Slalom.

For the Slalom, Ryan Callahan finished 14th; Alex McIntosh, 16th; Lance Holsbeke, 26th; and Nathan Rodgers, 50th.

Finishers in the Giant Slalom were: Callahan, 12th; McIntosh, 14th; Holsbeke, 23rd; Huber, 34; and Evan Trout, 60th.

"They have a lot of experience," said Foyteck about the entire team. "The state race is a big race. They get a lot of

pressure on them or put it on themselves to do well. They progressed each week further and further in the right direction."

The focus going into the finals in Marquette was to ski clean from the top to the bottom of the slope.

"I wanted everyone to finish because there is always going to be a problem," he added. "Like Grant had to go back and hike to make the gates. We race to finish."

The team's success comes from the amount of training they have.

"A lot of the kids train with Pinnacle Racing," said Foyteck. "They get a lot of gate time and that is the biggest difference right there."

All of the racers come back next year and Foyteck and the boys are already looking forward to the season.

"It should be pretty interesting," said Foyteck. "I think their focus is we know we have an opportunity to win a state meet. Our focus is going to be consistent racing and preparing for the last race of the year which will be the state meet."

He also looks forward to new team members who are just as fast.

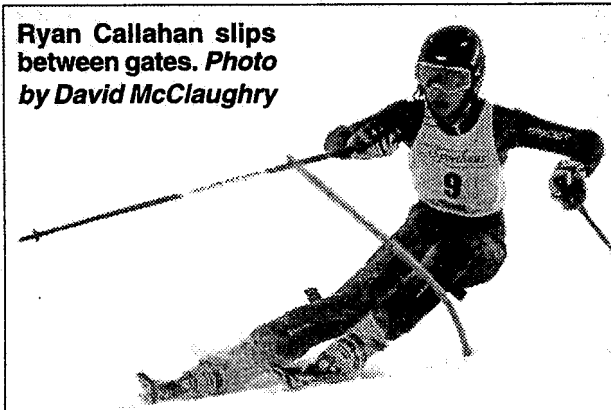
"It is my job to keep them focused, keep them grounded and keep them moving forward," Foyteck added. "It is a relatively short season but it ends up to be a long one sometimes."

It is the first time since the program started in 1968 the team has placed so high, in previous years they have taken third and fourth.

"It is a huge accomplishment," said Foyteck.

The state runner up finalists for 2011 are: freshmen Ryan Callahan, Tyler Sajan, Benjamin Schuster, Nicholas Smart; sophomores Lance Holsbeke, Alex McIntosh, Jacob Streng; juniors Grant Huber, Jack Lorimer, Ian McClaughry, Dimitrie Nastasa, Nathaniel Rogers, Evan Trout and Brent Vanitallie with senior manager Mark Zalobsky.

Ryan Callahan slips between gates. Photo by David McClaughry



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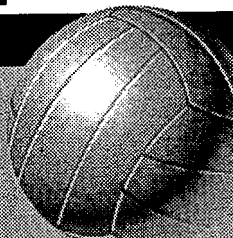
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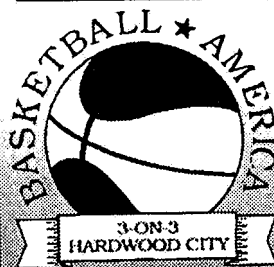
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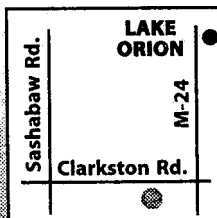


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John Neyland of Clarkston grabs a handful of canceled stamps at the "Stamp Scramble" during a meeting of the Motor City Stamp and Cover Club, Feb. 27 in Dearborn Heights. Neyland, an avid stamp collector, looked for stamps for his collection at the meeting and at the Michigan Stamp Club's, MichPex 2011 last weekend at the Sokol Center in Dearborn Heights. Photo provided by David L. Malhalab



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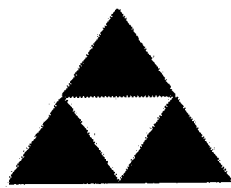
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## Treating and Preventing Facial Injury

*Facial trauma refers to any injury to the mouth, face and jaw. Most facial injuries are caused by a sports mishap, motor vehicle accident, on-the-job accident, an act of violence or an accident in the home.*

### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Treat Injuries to Teeth, Mouth, Jaws and Facial Structures

At the hospital, the injured patient will be seen by several medical personnel, one of whom will probably be an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Some smaller traumatic events can be taken care of in the office. Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are specifically trained to repair injuries to the mouth, face and jaws.

### Treating Facial Injury

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

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

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

Patients with few or no teeth may need dentures or specially constructed splints to align and secure the fracture. During the healing period when the patient's jaws are wired shut, a nutritional liquid

or pureed diet will be prescribed in order to keep the patient in good health while the injury heals. Special instructions and prescriptions for medication may also be given to the patient before leaving the hospital.

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

### Don't Treat a Facial Injury Lightly

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

### Prevention – the Best Policy

Because avoiding injury is always the best policy, oral and maxillofacial surgeons advocate the use of automobile seat belts, protective mouth guards, and appropriate masks and helmets for everyone who participates in sports or athletic pursuits. You don't have to play at the professional level to sustain a serious head injury.

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## People Poll

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"Bread. Summer is coming and I need to lose weight."

- Anita Turnbull



"I'm going to give up sweets. They're bad for you."

- Kevin Turnbull



"I'm going to give up grieving for a loved one."

- Gloria Louise Drenkhan



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By Trevor Keiser

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## 31 years of making Clarkston safe

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After 31 years of service as an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy, Sgt. Paul Bidinger is trading in his gun and badge for golf courses, grandbabies and family time.

"I'm just glad he's retiring, it will be nice," said Rhonda Bidinger, Paul's wife. "I look forward to having him home after 31 years and the stress will just melt."

Family, friends and coworkers gathered at Independence Township Sheriff's substation on March 4 to celebrate Paul's retirement.

"Today was exceptional, we have the best community in Clarkston and Independence Township and we're supported by the community," Paul said. "My coworkers are top notch people and for them to come out to make this day special for me is beyond my wildest dreams."

He also noted he loved working with Independence Township Fire Department Chief Steve Ronk and the rest of the firefighters.

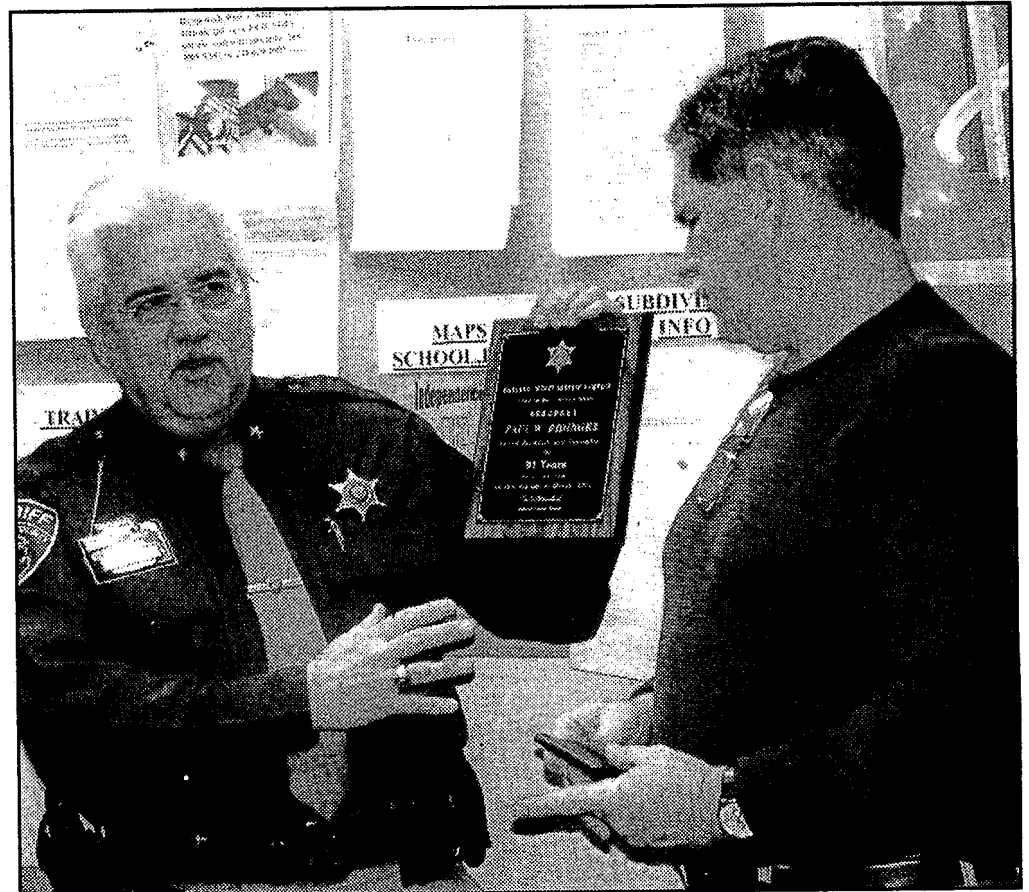
"Independence Township Fire Department is the top fire department in Oakland County," Paul said.

Under Sheriff Mike McCabe said he received an e-mail from Bidinger the night before, thanking the Oakland County Sheriff Department for letting him be employed with them and how great the sheriff's office is.

"I wish we had 1,200 employees like Paul, the guy is a class act," McCabe said. "You never hear him complain, he looks for solutions for things, he's the constant professional and we're going to miss him tremendously."

Capt. Doug Molinar agreed Bidinger was "one of Oakland County's finest."

"He's a great commander, he's well liked, he's done a great job," Molinar said. "It will be a big loss for the sheriff's office and I'm sad to see him go."



Under Sheriff Mike McCabe presents Sgt. Paul Bidinger with his retirement plaque.  
Photo by Trevor Keiser

Township Supervisor Dave Wagner said Paul will be missed in Independence.

"He's one of those people who you say 'no one is irreplaceable,'" Wagner said. He's such a good person."

Independence Township Substation Commander Dale LaBair, who's been a personal friend of Paul's for over 30 years, agreed.

"Paul's been out here for 10 years plus and done an excellent job. He's the go to guy for us and the one who spearheaded all of our local events and did all that stuff," LaBair said. "He's going to be a tough guy to replace. I got a good kid who is going to replace him, but he's got some big shoes to fill and he knows it."

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**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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**Relay for Life of Clarkston Planning Committee**, 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.

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**Mind & Body:** Cardio Boxing demo, sample class, 7-8 p.m., March 16, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Learn health benefits for all ages with local fitness professional Kakan Garcia. Registration required. 248-625-2212.

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, 7 p.m., March 17, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Speaker: O'Brien Robertson, Social Security and Medicare program specialist. 248-762-3800.

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**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.

### Weekly meetings

#### Monday

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

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**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.

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

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**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.

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**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.

### 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.

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**Needlework Night**, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome.

Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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**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.

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

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**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. March 15 speaker: Sheila Wintle, Wintle Quilt Works. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

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

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**H.O.P.E.**, Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

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

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

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

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

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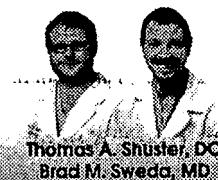
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Chelsea Niemiec, featured in *Metro You*.

## Cover girl

Gracing this month's cover of *Metro You* magazine is a familiar face, Chelsea Niemiec.

Niemiec, marketing director at Everest Collegiate High School/Academy in Independence Township, was chosen for the March Bridal issue.

She talks about how she met her fiancé, Dan Ghesling, a varsity football coach for Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the proposal during a football game in October and details about the upcoming July wedding. A dancer since she was 4, Niemiec also teaches dance moves to the Everest Academy varsity cheerleaders and St. Mary's mothers.

Check [www.MyMetroYou.com](http://www.MyMetroYou.com).

## Benefit performance

Spotlight Dance Center hosts Movement with Heart, a benefit performance for the family of Bruce Clifton of Clarkston, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, March 11, at Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Avenue off Sashabaw Road.

Hors d'oeuvres, raffle, and silent auction are 7:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 suggested donation. Clifton passed away unexpectedly, Jan. 19, at age 58, leaving behind a wife and two children. For more information, call Kristen or Wendy at 248-625-9030.

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# Let God lead the way this season of Lent

Last weekend my son was in a regional robotics competition with his high school robotics club.

This is his second year and knowing how much fun the competitions are, I bravely offered myself as a volunteer at the event.

All that incredible teenage energy helped carry me through two very long days.

The high level of cooperation between schools and the absence of the malice shown at so many sporting events is very inspirational.

Although they may not have taken home a trophy, every student in the competition was truly a winner.

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Having played sports in high school and college, my standing joke for the weekend was that these kids were having way much more fun and without the concussion or broken bones.

Ash Wednesday, March 9, begins the 40 days and 6 Sundays of the Lenten Season, a Season of preparation for the Resurrection Experience on Easter Sunday.

Our theme for Lent this year is Let Go & Let God. God will do for you what you cannot do for yourself.

Conversely, God will not do for you what you can do for yourself. As the saying goes, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."

Praise God for perfect health and live a healthy lifestyle: eat right and get exercise.

Praise God for perfect relationships and be a good partner: get off the couch and relate.

Praise God for the perfect employment and be the perfect employee: love the job you have and you will have the job you love.

Praise God for abundant finances and do what work is yours to do.

Praise God for peace of mind and meditate on the Divine Presence.

Praise God for Divine Guidance and take the next right step, and the next and the next.

We know that God will take care of us. And we have our part to play on God's team.

Just as my son has his role to play on his robotics team. Just as the athlete has their role to play in their sports team.

Each is dependent upon the other team

members playing their parts. We let go of the outcome and let God do its mighty work in and through us. We have our part to play.

Our Master Teacher told us to ask, seek and knock.

"For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:8)

We must do our part. It does no good to simply have faith, to wish and hope and wonder. We must do what is ours to do.

"Faith without works is barren." (James 2:20)

When we let go and let God, we release our need to control the outcome knowing that the Divine Will for us is greater than our own selfish wills.

We release our need to know and trust that at the right time we will be shown. We live in an attitude of gratitude for all the great gifts that are now present in our lives.

The gifts of life, of love, peace and harmony, health and wholeness, prosperity and abundance are ours by divine inheritance.

We let this Divine Energy carry us through each day one day at a time.

Have an awesome Lent. I'm pullin' for ya. *The Rev. Matthew E. Long is pastor of Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center.*

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

## In our churches...

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

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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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**P.A.T.H. - Pray And Things Happen: Spiritual Tools for Enhancing Life and Living.** Thursdays, 7 p.m., Peace Unity, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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Sat. 6:00 pm  
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**CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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(248) 625-2311  
website: www.ddiebaptist.org  
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Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA  
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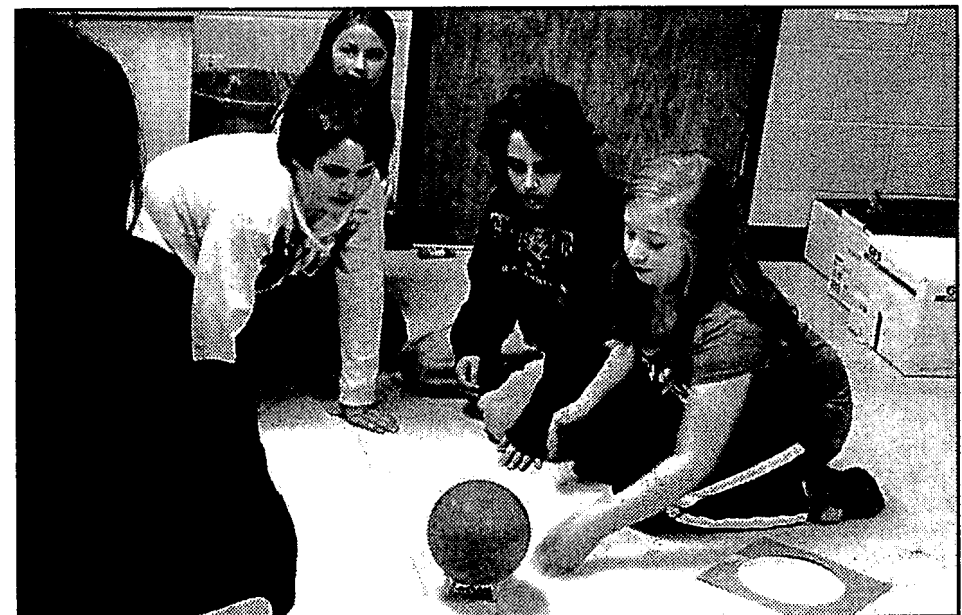
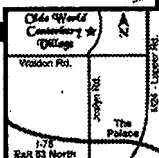
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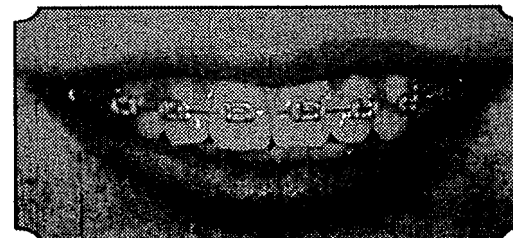
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# District domination

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Megan Hastings stood at the line with 14.6 seconds remaining in the MHSAA District Championship game on Friday night at Brandon High School.

The Lady Wolves held the lead going into the second half of the game against Grand Blanc. Foul trouble against the Lady Wolves had the Lady Bobcats within a few points to tie or take the game.

With less than a minute to go, senior Lindsey Reppuhn was sent to the line for two, after scoring both it gave the girls a 41-38 lead.

A basket from Grand Blanc brought them within one.

Hastings took her two free throw shots, scoring on one earning her cheers and clapping from the Clarkston bench and fans, winning the game 42-40.

"The last five minutes were very nerve wrecking," said Hastings. "Everything you do is clutch and every play you have to make sure you don't make stupid fouls. Those free throws at the end for me and Lindsey were big."

"I am proud of our girls," smiled Tim Wasilk, head coach. "The character and the toughness they have showed. The togetherness showed. It is a great group of kids and we have enjoyed success together."

The last district win for the girls was in 2005 before they changed from fall to winter season.

"We were at Brandon High School," said Wasilk. "It was set up the same way,

we got a bye and won two games. Maybe it is something about this gym."

The girls went on a 10-2 run at the end of the first quarter to maintain the lead, 15-6. By half time they had a 10-point lead, 21-17, with eight of the Lady Bobcats points from free throws.

Shereta Brown scored 15-17 for free throws, causing trouble for the Lady Wolves.

"She is a great player and we tried to contain her as much as we could," said Wasilk. "We knew she was tough and their defense did a great job on us."

Hastings matched Brown's 17 points with the same amount, with three 3-pointers. Delaney Kenny scored nine points.

The girls defeated Fenton on Wednesday night, 38-31, grabbing the lead with three minutes left to go.

"We were a little nervous and jittery. It was our first district game and it showed," said Wasilk about going into half time behind 21-10.

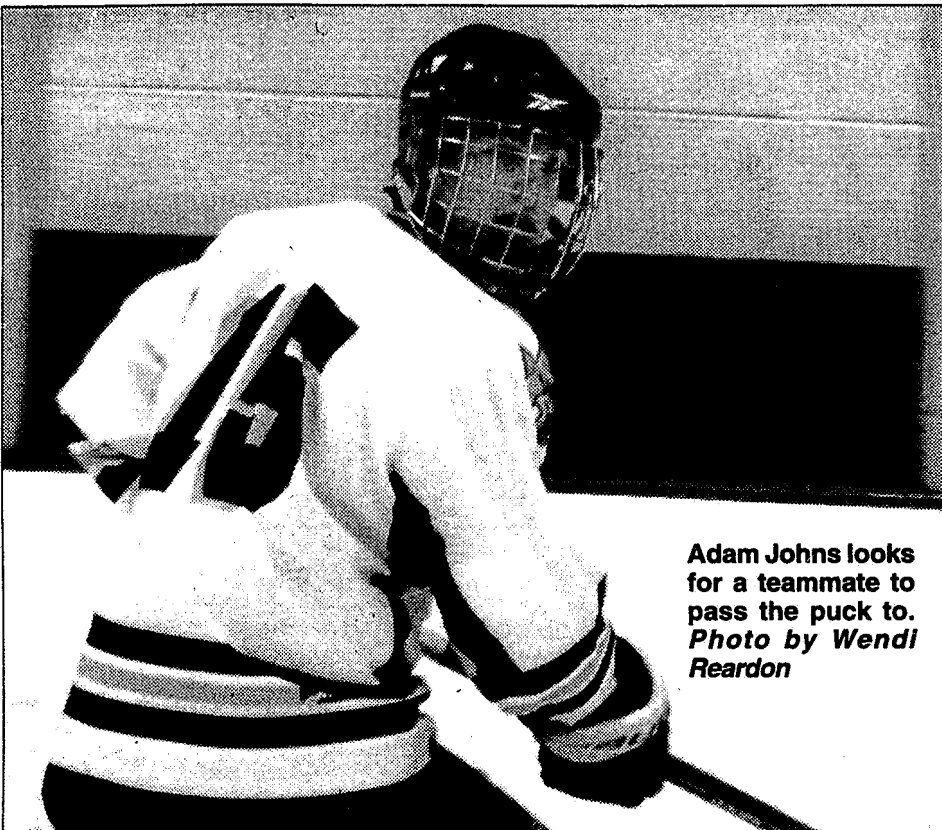
"We play tremendous the second half," he continued.

Kenny led the girls with 12 points, five rebounds and two steal. Hastings added ten points to the board and had four assists and two steals.

The girls played Flint Northwestern on Tuesday night in the first round of Regionals and went in with a 17-5 record.

The winner moves on to Thursday night's championship game at 7 p.m.

"We have to play hard and keep our nerves down because this is our first regional game for all of us," said Hastings.



Adam Johns looks for a teammate to pass the puck to. Photo by Wendi Reardon

# Wolves rule Regionals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers hoisted their MHSAA Regional trophy in the air on Saturday at Perani Arena in Flint.

They defeated three teams on their way to the claim the honor, the most recent was against Bay City with a 5-4 win.

Dillon Drayer started the game off with a hat trick in the first period.

Brad Pizzey added his goal in the second period to further the lead.

Adam Larkin scored on a power play to seal Clarkston's winning fate as Bay City only scored once in the second period.

The Wolves spent their time in the last period holding onto their lead putting up defensive stops. Bay City only scored three in the final period.

Before going in the Wolves were ready.

"It's a big game," said sophomore Nate Lowell. "We have to come out strong and play our best."

The boys made 24 shots on the net and freshman Jack Viazanko had 21 saves. Pizzey and Macario Torres had three assists each for the night and Larkin had two.

Viazanko was in the goal on Thursday night for his 8-0 shut out against Flint-Kearsley Holly.

"I am glad we got through it and got some goals," said Coach Bryan Krygier. "We played well. We moved the puck well. I wanted to make sure we did and didn't play down to their level. I am glad the guys stepped up."

Drayer also had a hat trick in the mercy win against the Hornets, beginning three min-

utes into the game with an assist from Pizzey and Larkin on a power play.

His next one came with 9:19 remaining in the period as Clarkston kept putting the pressure on Kearsley, with another assist from Pizzey and Torres.

With 2:41 left Austin Morse passed the puck to Joshua Sowers and he took position in front of the net for the third goal. Another goal with six seconds left from Larkin ended the period, 4-0.

"We came out with a little more energy," said Lowell. "We scored more goals and we have been more motivated."

The boys kept the pressure on the Kearsley's net and scored two more each period, two from Morse and two more from Larkin.

The final goal was from Morse ending the game with 6:43 left in the third period.

Viazanko had seven saves in the net and the boys made 41 shots on the goal.

"We had a good effort," added Lowell. "It was good to see us come out strong."

For the first round of Pre-Regionals, the boys beat Grand Blanc, 5-3. Two goals came from Pizzey, one each from Torres, Connor Hughes and Adam Bruderick. Viazanko had 13 saves and Troy Fasseel had four.

The boys move on to the Quarterfinals on Thursday to take on Novi (21-5-1) at the Perani Arena in Flint, 6 p.m.

The winner moves to the semifinals on Friday. They will play the winner of the Lake Orion/St. Clair Shores match up, 6 p.m. The finals are Saturday, at 6 p.m. Both games are at the CompuWare Arena in Plymouth.



Anna Manilla slips past Grand Blanc's defense Friday night. Photo by Larry Wright



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# Students' success

Central Michigan University's December 2010 graduates include Clarkston students **Scott Ehlke**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; **Susan Fritz**, Bachelor of Science; **Tiffany Grubbs**, Master of Arts; **Tiffany Harding**, Bachelor of Science; **Lindsay Hultman**, Bachelor of Science; **Jolene Lacasse**, Bachelor of Science; **Dustin Markwood**, Bachelor of Science in Education; **Mitchell Miller**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; **Caitlin Mozer**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; **Michael Smith**, Bachelor of Science in Education; and **Anne Snyder**, Master of Science in Administration; and Davisburg students **Stephanie Deneau**, Bachelor of Applied Arts; and **Michael Giannetti**, Bachelor of Science.

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**Benjamin Parker** of Clarkston has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester in the Villanova School of Business. Parker is a sophomore.

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**Autumn Touchstone**, daughter of Joseph and Kimberly Touchstone of Clarkston, was named to the Dean's List of Georgetown University for the 2010 fall semester. Autumn is co-captain of the Georgetown Hoya's track and field team.

## Downturn starting to level, Shaver says

Continued from page 1B

compare Hazel Park to Rose Township. They couldn't be further apart"

Shaver takes the average projections provided by the county and makes them "closer to what she feels the activity here is doing."

She also researches home sales by interviewing local realtors and reading as many articles concerning the economy she can "get her hands on."

"With all that information, this is the number I feel comfortable applying for 2012," Shaver said. "Even though it's still a negative number, it's a positive number because it means this spiral and dive we're taking is starting to even out."

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## Patricia J. Burke, 83

Patricia J. Burke (Frazier) of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Mattoon, Ill., passed away March 6, 2011, at age 83.

She was the mother of Lori (Dr. Daniel) Maxwell of Lake Orion; grandma of Eve (Matthew) Prost of Indiana; preceded in death by her husband Thomas, parents William and Martha Frazier, sisters Marjorie Wilson and Joan Davidson.



Memorial service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Troy, where friends may visit directly at the church 9:30 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to P.O.H. Riley Foundation. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Melissa Coppersmith, 24

Melissa C. Coppersmith of Clarkston passed away March 3, 2011, after a long battle with kidney cancer at age 24.

She was the wife of Matthew LaFave; daughter of Donald and Kimberly; sister of Jeffrey (Kelly) Greene; aunt of Morgan and Emily Greene and Emily, Lela, Hannah, and Brian Huff; granddaughter of Bonnie Faught; daughter in law of Barbara and Randall LaFave; aunt of Kali Phillips; also survived by many family and friends. Melissa graduated with honors from Clarkston High School Class of 2005.



Funeral service was March 8 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Anna Ellixson, 91

Anna Ellixson of Clarkston, formerly long-time resident of Waterford Township, died March 6, 2011, at age 91. She was born March 31, 1919, in Columbus, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her husband Audrey. She was the mother of Robert (Sharon); grandma of Lisa (Brian) Sholte and Lori (Robert) Hopp Jr.; great grandma of Brianna, Sarah, R.J., Reagan, Reese and Ryanne; and sister of Doris Roosa.



Funeral service Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday 6:30-9 p.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

# Obituary

## Richard H. Guella, 72 Charles G. Jenks, 76

Richard H. Guella of Clarkston passed away March 1, 2011, at 72 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Helene; beloved father of Theresa (Mark Minnucci) Sullivan of Massachusetts and Jeffrey (Martha) Guella of Lake Orion; beloved brother of Audrey (Robert) Englehart; special grandfather to Kelly and Justin Sullivan and Christian and Matthew Guella.



Richard, his wife and son own and operate their own financial planning and insurance agency - Applied Benefit Strategies. Mr. Guella was a veteran of the US Army.

Visitation was held at **Coats Funeral Home** - Clarkston. A funeral mass was March 5 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland - Mercy Place Clinic. To send a private condolence to the family go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries).

## Hardy E. Hess, 81

Hardy E. Hess of Cadillac, formerly of Clarkston, passed away March 1, 2011, at age 81.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth. She was the mother of Deborah (John) Sherman, Garrett (Lori) Hess and Barbara (Edward) Armand; grandmother of six; great grandmother of three.

Mrs. Hess was a very active member of the Church of the Resurrection, serving in the choir, Altar Guild, Hospitality Chairman and Chairman of the Cycle of Prayer. Hardy also was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cadillac, Mich.

After a stroke October 2004, she resided at Autumnwood of McBain a nursing home located in McBain, Mich.

Visitation was March 4 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was March 5 at Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Church of the Resurrection, St. Mary's Episcopal Church - Cadillac, Mich., or Autumnwood of McBain - McBain, Mich. Online Guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Charles G. Jenks, "Chuck," of Clarkston passed away March 2, 2011, at age 76.

He was the childhood sweetheart and husband for 60 years of Ruth (Berry); father of Chuck Jr. and Rick; also survived by four grandchildren and five great grandchildren; brother of Geraldine Eichbricht, Bob (Rosemary) and Ed (Mary); preceded in death by six sisters and three brothers.



Mr. Jenks retired from Price Brothers, White Lake. He enjoyed building pop can model planes, woodworking and restoring tractors.

Funeral Service was March 5 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association of Michigan. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Dolores Johnson, 81

Dolores M. Johnson of Waterford, formerly of Metamora and Clarkston, passed away March 4, 2011, at age 81.

She was preceded in death by her husband John O. She was the loving mother of George (Debra), Mathew (Dalphine), and Denise Geyer (Johnson); also survived by six grandchildren and three great grandchildren; sister of Gwendolyn Webber, Marjorie Western, the late Loretta Kukuk, Ronald Washburn and Edward Washburn.

Mrs. Johnson retired from General Motors and co-owned J&D Birdland with her husband. Dolores also worked at the Elks Club in Pontiac for several years as a waitress then assistant manager.

She loved being a wife and mother and meeting new people, no one was a stranger for long.

Funeral service was March 7 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Elizabeth Theryoung, 99

Elizabeth M. Theryoung of Clarkston passed away, Feb. 28, 2011, at age 99.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer. She was the mother of Ron Theryoung; grandma of Jill (Dan) Gard and Robin Theryoung; mother-in-law of Sylvia Theryoung.



Visitation was March 3 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to Lions Club. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Shelley Wade-Syron

Shelley Eveann Gray Wade-Syron passed away, Feb. 16, 2011. She was born Sept. 16, 1952, and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1970.

She is the daughter of Janice Gray, formerly of Clarkston. She leaves three children, Michelle Wade of Waterford, James David (Jay) of Avon, Ohio, and Molly Wade of Valrico, Fla.; three grandchildren: Kiara Wade, Cammie Wade, and James David Wade Jr.; brother, George Miller of Delaware, Lynn Quayle of Florida, Ron and Nancy Gray of Michigan, and Tammy Gray of Florida.

Shelley worked a number of years at Havenwick Hospital in Auburn Hills, but left the job she loved three years ago to go to Florida and care for her mother.



## Jennie J. Ward, 87

Jennie J. Ward nee Jackson of Lake Orion, formerly of Clarkston, passed away March 1, 2011, at 87 years of age, finally reunited with her beloved husband Dr. James B. Ward, DDS who died June 9, 2008.

She was the loving mother of Janis Ney of Lake Orion; treasured grandmother of Daniel Ney. Mrs. Ward was a secretary for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of the US Government in Rockville, Maryland.

Jennie and James loved photography, travel, enjoyed good food, and had a zest for life. They took great pride in their many friendships that dated back to their youth. Jennie and her husband James were deeply cared about by their many close friends and family.

Arrangements entrusted to **Coats Funeral Home** - Clarkston. To send a private condolence go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries).

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at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

Obituaries continued on page 22B

## Michael Miller Sr., 61

Michael A. Miller Sr. of Clarkston passed away March 4, 2011, at 61 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Pat for 38 years; dear father of Michael A. (Kristy) Miller, Jr., Christy (Jeff) van Solkema, Mark Miller, Sara (Kevin) Baker, Jenny Miller and Matt Miller; beloved brother of Mary Skinner; treasured grandfather of Ava and Collin.



Mr. Miller was the co-owner of Leading Edge Logistics in Troy. He was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church.

He was an animal lover, enjoyed gardening, collected baseball cards and books, was an avid traveler, outdoorsman and softball player.

Michael was a dedicated father and husband and an accomplished businessman.

Visitation was held at Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston. A funeral mass was March 8 at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to ALS of Michigan or Angela Hospice.

To send a private condolence to the family go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries)

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

#### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6493 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear 2011 year assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty exemption requests on March 11, 14, 15 & 18 from 9:00am through 11:00am, on March 10 & 16 from 1:00pm through 4:00pm, and on March 9 & 17 from 5pm through 8pm.

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

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at [www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f\\_2658\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf) and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing Department, PO Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347. It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should be attached.

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

Sincerely,  
Beverly Shaver, MAO  
Independence Township Assessor

Published 2/16, 2/23, 3/2/11

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#### SUMMARY MINUTES

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

#### JANUARY 24, 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 Rittler  
Moved by Roth supported by Inabnit, "That the Agenda be accepted as presented." Motion carried.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Hunter to accept Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Bisio requested items A and B (minutes of 12-13-2010 and 1-10-2011) be removed for further discussion.

Motion amended to accept Consent Agenda with minutes of 12-13-2010 and 1-10-2011 removed.

Motion Passed.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Hunter, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 council meeting with the following two amendments:

1. To have the Clerk insert public comments and summarize them (if possible). If it is not possible to summarize, then at least state "who" made the public comments.

2. And to have the Clerk delete the phrase "paragraph added by Council Member Bisio" and use standard font.

Motion Passed.

Motion by Bisio, supported by Brueck, to approve the draft of January 10, 2011 minutes with the corrections/additions he proposed in his memo.

YEAS: Bisio, Hunter, Inabnit

NAYS: Luginski, Hargis, Roth, Brueck

Motion Failed.

Motion by Hunter, supported by Inabnit to adopt the "Proclamation in Recognition of the Military Community Covenant".

Motion approved.

Resolved by Bisio, supported by Hargis to, "Approve of the Extension of the Medical Marijuana Moratorium".

Roll. Yeas: Bisio, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, Roth

Nays:

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit "That the meeting be adjourned". Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned 8:26 at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Howe  
Clerk/Treasurer

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on March 1, 2011, the Board authorized a First Reading of a First Amendment to Ordinance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, as follows:

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### COUNTY OF OAKLAND

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

#### ORDINANCE NO. 83A-11-01

#### FIRST AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

#### CREATING

#### PINE KNOB CORPORATE CENTER PLANNED

#### UNIT DEVELOPMENT

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 83, as amended, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, being Chapter 50 of the Independence Charter Township Code, for the purposes of providing amended regulations and criteria applicable to certain portions of the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCES AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1 of Ordinance

On June 6, 2006, the Township Board of Trustees adopted the Ordinance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development (the "Original Ordinance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD") as a map and text amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The Township has been requested and has determined to amend certain regulations and criteria applicable to the Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD. Accordingly, in order to incorporate the amendments into the Original Ordinance Creating Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD, Section Two of said Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

This amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is approved subject to, and all development and use of the Property shall be subject to and in conformity with the following:

1. Chapter 50, Article II, Division 22 of the Independence Township Code of Ordinances, as amended.

2. The PUD Plan (as defined in the Development Agreement, as amended, listed below) for the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, as revised as of the date of the First Amendment to the Ordinance Creating the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, and only as approved by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees on the date of adoption of said First Amendment by the Independence Township Board.

3. The Development Agreement for the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, dated June 19, 2006, and recorded at Liber 37795, Page 823 Oakland County records, as amended by the First Amendment to said Development Agreement.

4. The Conservation Easement for the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, preserving all wetlands, as modified, on the Property and shown on the approved PUD Plan.

5. All Easements, Covenants and Restrictions approved by the Township.

6. Any and all conditions of the approval of the Independence Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission pertaining to the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development as reflected in the official minutes of such meetings.

7. All applicable Independence Township ordinances.

8. Recordation with the Oakland County Register of Deeds office of an affidavit by the owner of the Property prior to commencement of construction and prior to the sale or lease of any portion of the Property, containing the legal description of the entire project, specifying the date of approval of the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development and amendment thereto, and declaring that all future development of the Property has been authorized, restricted and required to be carried out only in accordance with the Ordinance Creating the Pine Knob Corporate Center Planned Unit Development, as amended. Such an affidavit shall be recorded with the original approval of the planned unit development and any subsequent amendments to such approval.

Section 2. Severability.

Section 3. Savings.

Section 4. Effective Date.

Section 5. Enactment.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

Published: 3/9/2011

#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 15, T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the North-South ¼ line of Section 15, also being the centerline of Sashabaw Road located N. 00°14'07" E. 329.62 feet from the South ¼ corner of Section 15, T4N, R9E; thence continuing N 00°14'07" E. 792.44 feet along said North-South ¼ line and the centerline of Sashabaw Road; thence N. 89°27'17" E. 60.00 ft; thence N. 00°14'07" E. 200.00 ft. to the centerline of Clarkston Road; thence N. 89°27'17" E. (recorded N. 89°45'01" E.) 1253.98 ft. along said centerline of Clarkston Road; thence S. 00°09'48" E. 1006.45 ft (recorded as 1006.88 ft.); thence N. 89°56'04" W. 1320.87 ft. to the point of beginning. Containing 29.95 acres subject to the rights of the public over the Westerly 33 feet for Sashabaw Road and the Northerly 33 feet for Clarkston Road. All subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CLARKSTON

#### NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE

#### FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City of the Village of Clarkston  
The City Council meeting originally scheduled for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 15.

City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15  
7:00 P.M.  
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CLARKSTON, MI 48346

Kimberly F. Howe  
Clerk-Treasurer

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

#### MARCH 1, 2011

1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Wagner, Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Wallace

Absent: Rosso

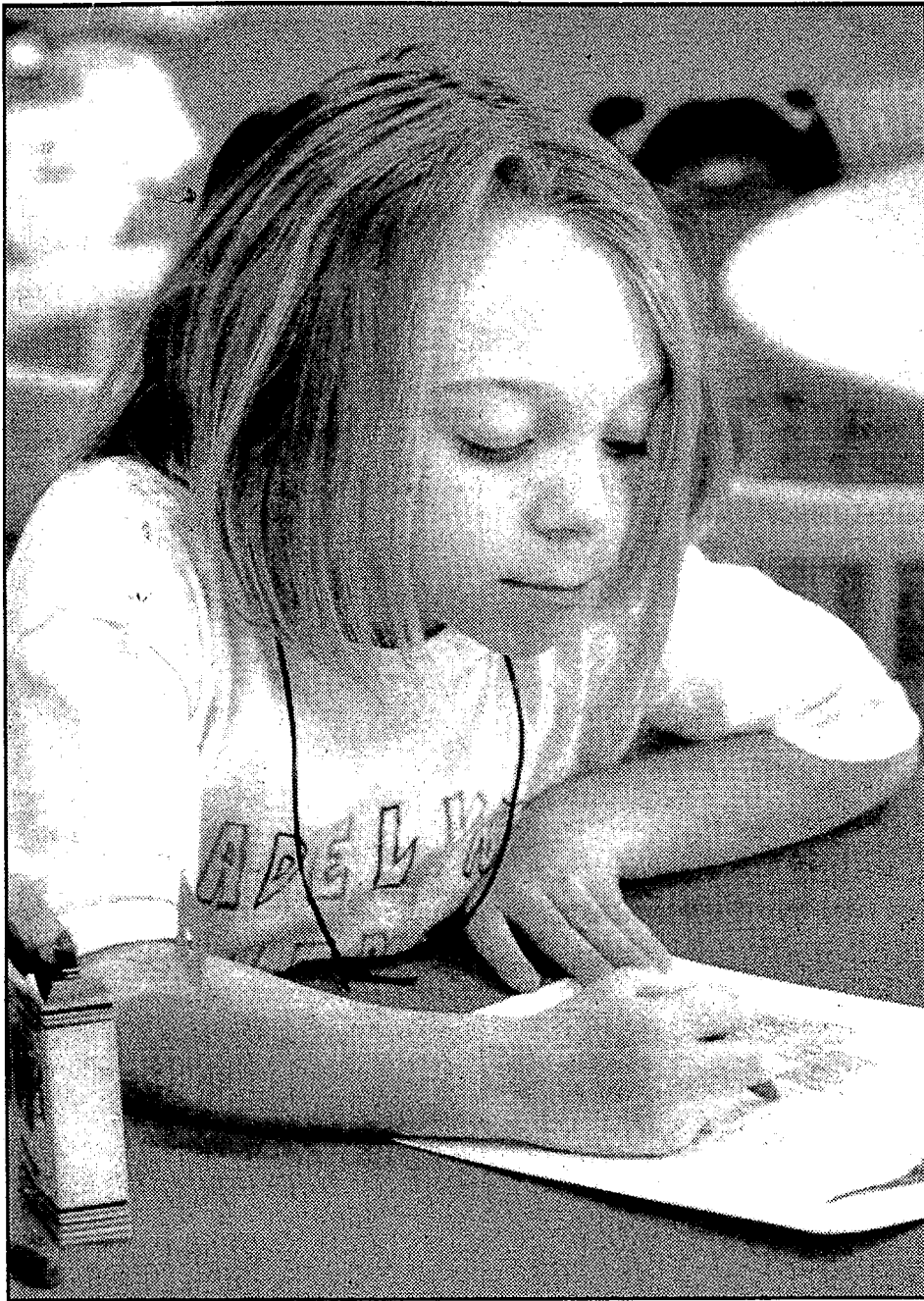
- There was a quorum.
4. The Agenda was approved, as amended.
  5. Approved Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss Fire Union Negotiations, employee matter and possible discipline and pending litigation.
  6. Returned to Open Session at 7:47 p.m.
  7. There was no comment during Public Forum.
  8. The Consent Agenda was approved:
    - a. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2011 and Special Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2011
    - b. Accounts Payable Check Run
  9. New Business:
    1. Approved First Reading of an Amendment to the Pine Knob Corporate Center PUD for Medlodge of Clarkston
    2. Approved BS&A financial management system software at the price presented contingent upon a five (5) year payment term and additional upgrades as required.
  11. The meeting recessed at 9:17 p.m.
  12. The meeting reconvened at 9:23 p.m.
  13. New Business: (cont'd)
    4. Received and reviewed 2012 tax and other revenue projections from the Assessor.
  14. 7. Discussed Monthly Budget Update.
  15. 3. Discussed short and long term priorities regarding services offered and
    6. Discussed and begin formulating Township wide priorities.
  16. 5. Directed DPW staff to prepare and provide a formulation of water and sewer rate recommendations or any adjustments made to rates.
  17. 9. ZBA appointment recommendation failed.
  18. 8. Board discussion regarding missing Township equipment.
  19. Closing Statements by Board Members.
  20. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Barbara A. Pallotta  
Township Clerk

Published: 3/9/2011

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**Madelyn McLean colors a picture of the Blarney Castle in Ireland during her visit to Ireland and the United Kingdom. Photos by Wendi Reardon**



**Angel Veloz wonders what a sample of maple syrup from Canada tastes like.**

## World travelers

North Sashabaw Elementary students visited countries around the world, March 3. The day started with the Parade of Nations. Then they visited Canada, Peru, United Kingdom, Ireland, Morocco, Ghana, Russia, Egypt, and Madagascar, learning about languages, arts, foods and currencies.

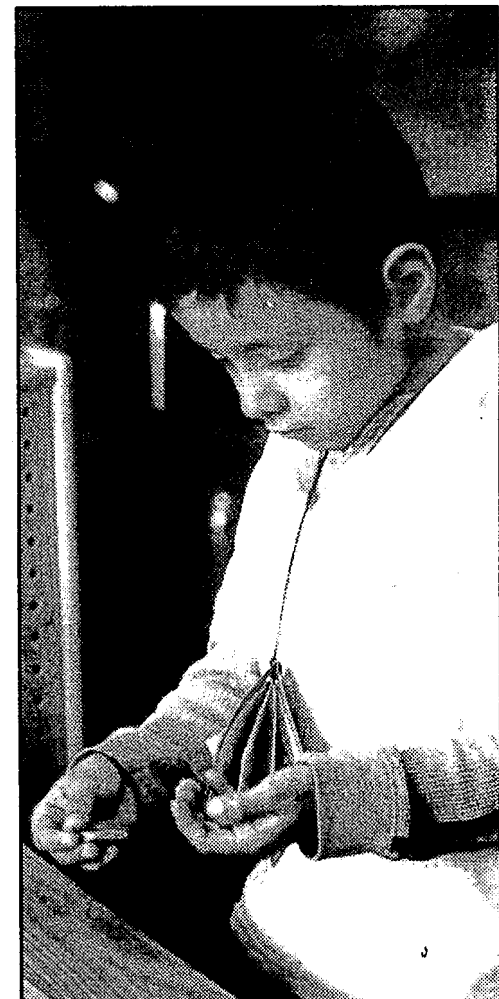
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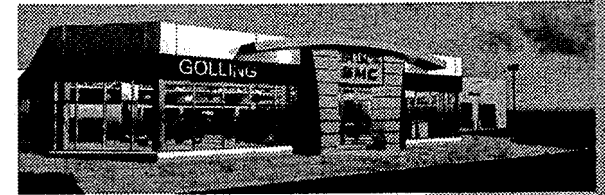
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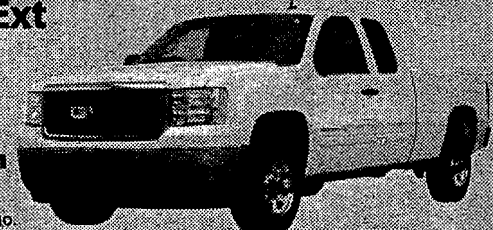
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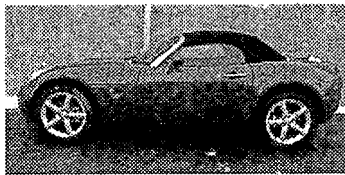
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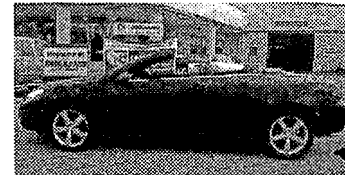
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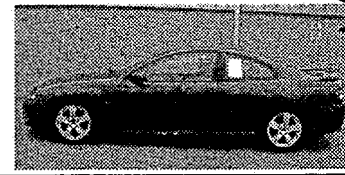
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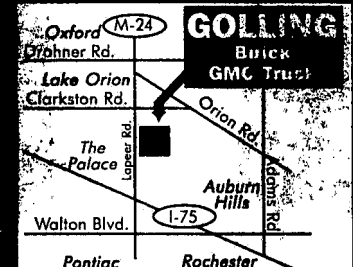
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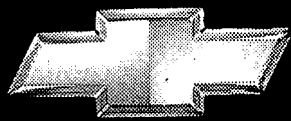
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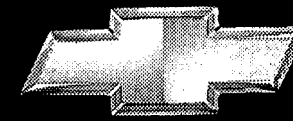






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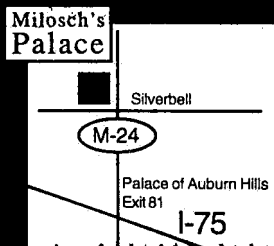
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