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Ramp riles residents

Group formed against Clintonville to I-75 idea

BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A suggested traffic "relief valve" off interstate I-75 in Independence Township has some residents in an uproar.

Neighbors formed the group Independence Residents Against Clintonville Expansion, IRACE, to protest any entrance ramp onto the highway near the intersection of Maybee and Clintonville roads.

"We are deeply dismayed that Supervisor (Pat) Kittle is actually going ahead, spending money on a 'this is just a concept' feasibility study, without having discussions with the people first," said resident Mike George in a letter to the Independence Township Board.

The township supervisor said the study is free.

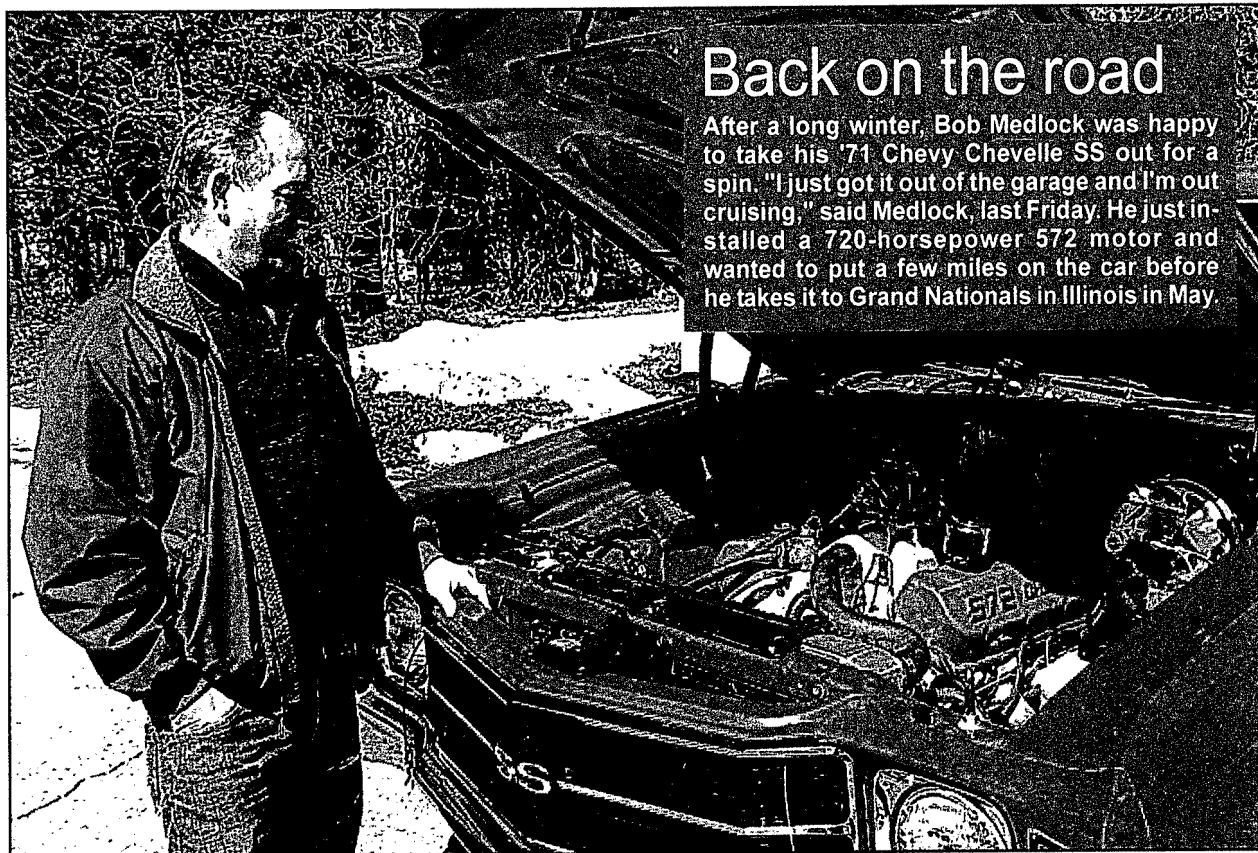
The entrance ramp would curb back-ups on Sashabaw Road that have occurred for decades, Kittle said.

"This congestion is not just limited to concert nights at the DTE Energy Theatre – it often occurs at peak rush hours in the morning and evening," he said.

The growing population of Independence Township, now at about 36,000 residents, is part of the reason for heavy congestion in the area, he said.

If the ramp is installed, commuters would no longer have to drive to Sashabaw Road to get on the expressway – drivers would have an additional option.

Please see Ramp on page 32



Back on the road

After a long winter, Bob Medlock was happy to take his '71 Chevy Chevelle SS out for a spin. "I just got it out of the garage and I'm out cruising," said Medlock, last Friday. He just installed a 720-horsepower 572 motor and wanted to put a few miles on the car before he takes it to Grand Nationals in Illinois in May.

School board members focus on operations

Part 4 on Clarkston schools' new five-year Strategic Plan is on its third focus area, Operations.

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The Strategic Plan's third focus area, Operations, is all about school buildings, grounds, busing, equipment, and everything else needed to make the district run.

"Now that we have a Strategic Plan, it provides a standard process for us to understand the district's needs from a priority perspective and to consciously plan how to fund

these needs during the budget process," said board President Rosalie Lieblang. "Rather than determining how to spend the money after the budget is allocated, we want a rolling 2-3 year plan with priorities across the district."

Administration presented a list of Critical Administrative Priorities at Monday's school board meeting, including more teachers to lower class size, technology, and up to \$800,000 in capital projects, such as parking lots and building upgrades.

"The next step is to create our operational

plan for the 2014-2015 year, then build the budget to support the plan," Lieblang said.

"The school board has responsibility for oversight of the spending of taxpayer's money and resources – the public expects the school board to be involved," said board Treasurer Joan Patterson.

The strategic plan provides the board with a prioritized technology and operations list by year, which it didn't get before, Lieblang said.

"Previously, the board would approve a

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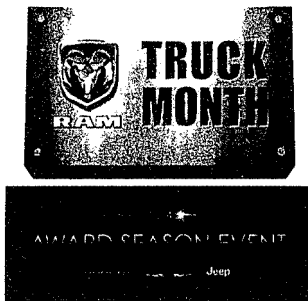
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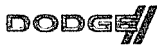
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Latest in laser therapy beats swelling, pain at Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery

When Sharon Kozlowski, 72, of Waterford had surgery on her left knee, post-operative recovery was a problem.

"There was a lot of swelling and I was in a lot of pain – I couldn't get around," Kozlowski said.

Fortunately, Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery in Clarkston had a way to help – MLS Laser Therapy.

MLS Laser Therapy is a state-of-the-art breakthrough in restoring patient mobility. It uses specific wavelengths of light with a strong anti-inflammatory, anti-edema effect on tissues exposed to the laser. Painful conditions accompanied by swelling or inflammation benefit from this technology.

She read a brochure about the laser treatment and asked her physical therapist about it.

"I thought, why not try it," she said.

"The center is proud to be on the medical technological forefront by offering MLS Laser Therapy," said Dr. Shivajee V. Nallamothu D.O., F.A.O.A.O., of Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery. "We have invested in the very best technology as a key component of our continuing quest to offer you the finest in health care."

Photons of laser energy penetrate deeply into tissue and accelerate cellular reproduction and growth. As a result of exposure to the MLS Laser, the cells of tendons, ligaments and muscles repair themselves faster. As inflammation is reduced, pain subsides very quickly. In simple terms, laser energy kickstarts the healing process, thereby speeding recovery.

Unlike some pharmacological solutions, there are no known negative side effects. Laser therapy is cleared by the FDA and is safe and effective.

Like most patients, Kozlowski reports no sensation at all while receiving laser therapy.

"You don't feel any heat at all, you don't feel anything," she



Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery Tech Brenda McIsaac demonstrates the MLS Laser Therapy.

said. "The staff is very professional."

Treatments average eight minutes. MLS Laser Therapy is fast acting, and many patients in high levels of acute pain experience relief after the first or second treatment.

"After the third treatment, I noticed the swelling decreasing and it hasn't come back," said Kozlowski, who received five treatments. "It's like it was before – my knee's fine now. It helped a lot. I'd recommend it to anybody. It worked for me."

Over 90 percent of patients experience positive results after the third treatment, with the average course of treatment being

7-10 sessions. In many cases, by the third or fourth treatment, swelling is greatly reduced and there is a rapid relief of pain. The effects of MLS Laser Therapy are cumulative; therefore, expect to see improvement as you proceed through your Treatment Plan. Chronic conditions can be controlled with regular treatments. Acute conditions usually subside quickly, typically within one phase of treatments.

It is critical that once you start, you complete the course of treatments recommended by your doctor or symptoms are likely to reoccur.

MLS Laser Therapy effectively treats tendon and ligament injuries; soft tissue injuries; muscle strains and tears; sore muscles and joints; degenerative joint conditions; neurological pain; chronic non-healing wounds; general pain; musculoskeletal disorders; pre and post-surgical treatment; anti-inflammation applications; and specific neurological conditions.

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Briefly

School makeup days

With 10 snow cancellations this school year, Clarkston Community Schools added some makeup days. Classes will be in session through Tuesday, June 10, officials said.

Thursday, June 5, was formerly a half day but now will be a full day of school. Full days are also planned on Friday, June 6, and Monday, June 9. The last day of school, June 10, will be a half day.

Six snow days are allowed by the Michigan Department of Education. Proposed state legislation, HB4295, would allow for fewer make-up days. The bill passed in the state House of Representatives, but is still pending in the Senate.

No change is planned to the schedule for high school seniors.

Walk request tabled

Clarkston City Council tabled a request, Monday, by city resident Belinda Belcher to have a fund-raising walk downtown on May 4.

Belcher said her 13-year-old son has Ring Chromosome syndrome. The walk would support research into the rare disease.

City attorney Tom Ryan said before the city council approves the event, she must obtain an insurance policy protecting the city.

Belcher said she was unsure of where to obtain the policy, but would check into it and come to another meeting.

Scrapbooking crop

The First Congregational Church of Clarkston hosts a Scrapbooking Crop fund raiser on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

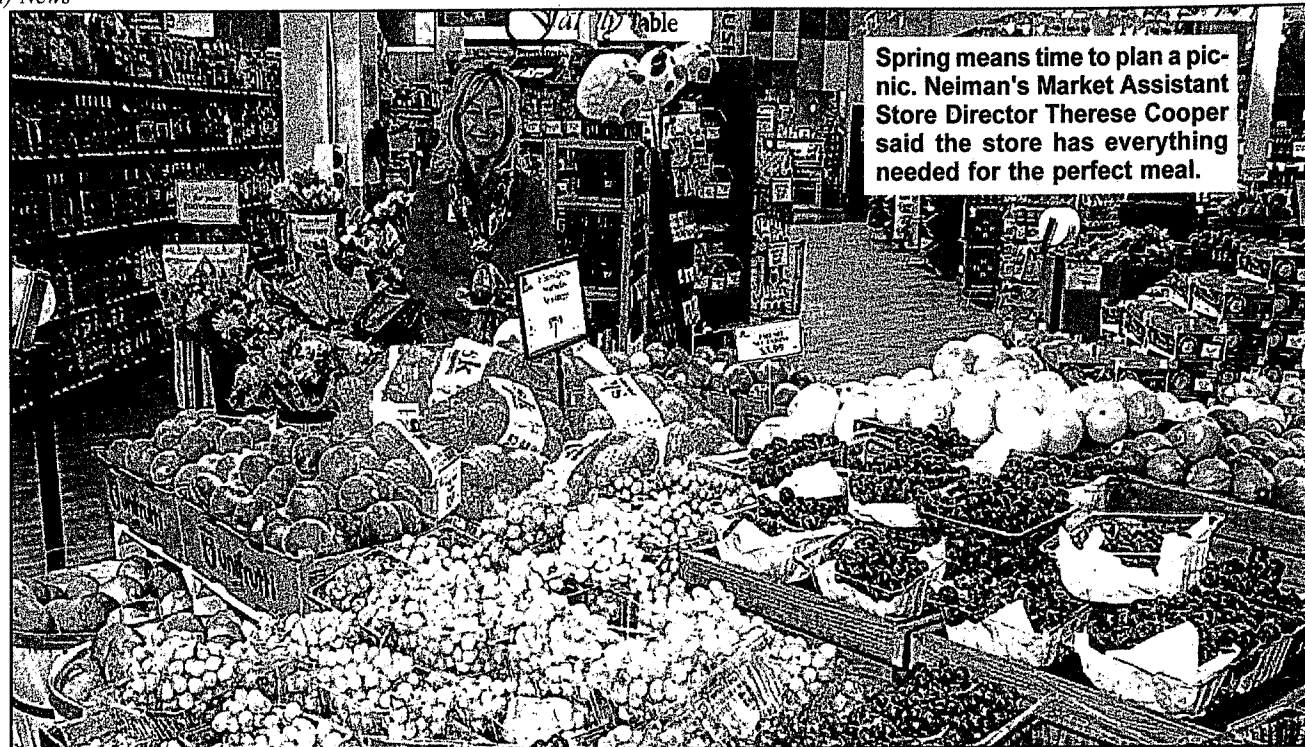
Registration is \$40 to the event, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks along with a goodie bag and prizes.

Registration deadline is March 24. For more information, call the church, 5449 Clarkston Road, at 248-394-0200.

Correction

The entry for The Breakie Bunch in the "Honor Roll 2014," pages 18-19, March 19, should have listed its address as 4440 Walton Boulevard in Waterford.

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Spring into town

Old Man Winter may still be trying to break the record for snowfall, but it's still spring in Clarkston.

That means the return of some warmer weather, sometimes at least, and color to replace the drab gray and white of winter – at least in local businesses.



Time for ice cream. Tonyea Vanpatten serves up the yummy treat at the Clarkston Dairy Queen.



Christina Calka of Village Fashion Boutique helps customer Mary Randolph update her wardrobe to look fresh for spring. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

Dock ordinance amendment moves forward

Independence Township resident Rob Namowicz said waterfront property owners should be wary of an ordinance amendment in the works.

"Your waterfront property rights are in jeopardy," Namowicz said. "The number of boats, docks, rafts, jet skis and hoists and how you can use them will be dictated by township building officials."

Independence Township Board of Trustees approved first reading to amend the township's wetlands and watercourse ordinance during their March 4 meeting.

The township's attorney, Steve Joppich said the amendment was in relation to temporary docks installed in waterways.

Joppich said the township's ordinance is being amended to mirror Michigan laws regulating structure and items in watercourses.

Residents who want to put in temporary, seasonal docks are required to apply for a permit.

"If a resident has a temporary dock they are supposed to be coming into township to get a permit," the attorney said.

In the past two years, Independence

Township has received many complaints regarding seasonal docks. Joppich said there are a lot of seasonal docks in the township, but not a lot of permits.

Namowicz added the proposed ordinance change will make removing debris from your culvert or weeds from your beach a ticketable offense. He also encouraged property owners to get involved in the issue and contact township officials to express opinions.

Another reading of the ordinance is scheduled at the next meeting, April 1.

— Andrea Beaudoin



Volunteers pack boxes full of goodies for American soldiers overseas. Photo provided

Volunteers send love to soldiers overseas

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's American Legion Post 63 Ladies Auxiliary hosted a packing party on March 7 to send care packages to American soldiers serving overseas.

About 60 boxes were packed full things like of snacks, toiletries, magazines, books socks, hard candy and many other items. Volunteers picked items laid out on large tables to pack the boxes.

"There was just a ton of stuff to put in the boxes," said volunteer Peg Roth. "The kinds of things our soldiers cannot get through military bases."

High energy snacks easily loaded into backpacks are appreciated, said Annie Germic, who organized the mission to collect and send the items.

Germic said the Ladies Auxiliary at Post 63 sends packages about four times a year and ships around 10-12 boxes to one local soldier so there is plenty to share with friends.

"We send boxes around Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving," she said.

One soldier told her he took all the boxes to a common area to open so everyone could dig in.

Roth said the original goal was to fill 20 packages, but thanks to donations, the group was able to send over 40 more packages than

the original goal.

Packages were sent to several locations including Afghanistan, Korea and Okinawa.

Residents and local businesses helped collect items to be included in the packages. Clarkston Brandon Credit Union as well as several branches of Huron Valley Financial helped by placing boxes in their branch offices.

Roth said a collection drive at CBCCU helped tremendously.

Donna Bullard, CBCCU and volunteer for the entire mission, said her son Rockwood received several care packages to share with his unit when he was serving in Afghanistan.

Bullard said he received the package at Christmastime. Rockwood, affectionately known as Rocky, is an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Senior Airman in the U.S. Air Force.

"It's great getting things from home you can't get otherwise, and knowing there's people at home supporting what we're doing," he said.

Rocky was appreciative of the packages,

so when he came home, he visited the volunteers to thank them and discuss his experience serving overseas. The auxiliary has been sending the packages since 2008.

During the first year, Germic said Clarkston Community Schools got involved and held contests to compete against each other to see who could collect the most items.

"The response was overwhelming and we were able to send 200 boxes the first year," she said.

The next packages will be sent near Independence Day. If you would like to help, or have the name of a member of the military who would like to receive packages, contact Germic via email at mrsbigguy@comcast.net.

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Winter tough to beat

The days are slowly getting longer...and so is winter in Michigan.

There were a few days of 40-degree weather which seemed to boost the "spring is coming, spring is coming" excited cries. But the next day back down to under 30-degrees and snow.

This is why I carry a sweatshirt wherever I go. My relatives on the west coast don't understand why I carried a sweatshirt around Las Vegas in the desert, in the middle of July.

I have been trained. It is the Michigan native mentality - be ready for anything.

I didn't carry around the sweatshirt during the entire trip. It was with the suitcase. Did I need it during that particular trip? No, not really. I did need an umbrella since one of the few times it rained in the desert, I was there. (They can blame me - the Michigan girl brought rain and humidity.)

Be ready for anything - I have a plastic storage bin in my vehicle right now with the warm sports gear - gloves, scarves, hand warmers, toe warmers, and leggings.

During the fall, it was umbrellas, sweatshirt, extra pair of sneakers and ponchos which actually worked out when I chose the coldest, rainiest day to visit Cedar Point last October. For spring, well for spring it is the winter and fall gear. Though this may be the first spring I am leaning towards buying snow pants. I haven't worn snow pants since I was in elementary school.

Clothing wise I am ready for the spring season - it's just the snow won't let it happen. It is covering the softball and baseball fields and slowly melting off of the bleachers at Clarkston High School stadium.

Last year it was the rain plaguing the softball and baseball fields, this year it is the snow and the chilly weather. I keep checking my weather app on my cell phone to check when we will break out of the coldness and see the snow continue to melt away.

It will. It will melt and spring sports can play. People can be outside again. I, just like my last column, am still counting down until the string of warm days to walk outside for more than a few minutes.

I am ready to be active outside and go on adventures even if it is just at a park.

Come on, warmth, fight your way through!



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Solve water problems with cascading waterfall

Dear Editor,

I'd like to clarify and expand on some of the comments in the article related to the Mill Race ("Delayed repair could be costly," March 19).

The broken pipe leading to the sinkhole on the Christea property did so because of sediment build up from the streets. The hardness of our water here added deposits, eventually causing the pipe to be unable to manage the flow entering it and it broke. This is what happens at your house, sans the sediment, as a result of hard water.

This could have been prevented if proper protections were introduced early enough. I warned Clarkston City Council members the issue will eventually present itself, albeit possibly in a different manner, if they installed the pipe the way they did without installing available protections. They ignored me and now we have an issue.

The stormwater permit the city holds requires a 25% reduction of sediment discharged into the system and currently the efforts are nothing more than a pencil pushing exercise.

There are cost effective products on the market that can help reduce the amount of sediment that enters the system. Look up Dandy products and Silt Savers to familiarize yourself with a few.

However, there is another way to address the sediment and the current issue, that is also much more cost effective, not to mention beautiful. "Daylight" the pipe.

With the proper permissions, a tiered, cascading waterfall with an infiltration based reinforced by geotextiles for stability, can be installed. Lined with native flowering plants,

whose roots additionally add stability, the flowing water would also pick up oxygen for a healthier river habitat, while dropping out sediment before it enters the mill race. Native flowers are not only beautiful, but add to the habitat created by the rain garden in Depot park.

This could be amended with terraced grass pavers and picnic tables. Add in a few fruit bearing plants and trees and you create an oasis. The additions could be added in over time so the cost would be spread out. And the design, installation and maintenance would all be more cost effective for the city and taxpayers. Oh, and did I mention there are many local experts I am certain would be delighted to help? This would create work for many locals.

In addition, if the city were to partner with local universities and school district, possibly even the township, and use this as an outreach and education opportunity in partial fulfillment of their requirements under their stormwater permit, which the township and school district also have, it would benefit them all and they might even be eligible for funding, since this is what is being promoted by the Federal EPA and the State DEQ, not to mention SEMCOG. Oh, and the International Commission on the Great Lakes too.

The city is planning on using outmoded methods without the consideration of newer, less expensive, more river friendly approaches. If the public is interested in a better way to do things that contributes to placemaking while saving their hard earned tax dollars, I encourage you to speak up.

Tammie J. Heazlit
Independence Township

Thanks to community for help during difficult time

Dear Editor,

Our family was touched by the generosity shown by the families of Clarkston Community Schools. Considerable funds were received with the intention of helping with the difficult battle of pancreatic cancer and chemotherapy treatments. Children in the schools expressed heartfelt thoughts by decorating "get-well" notes, that truly meant so much to both my husband and me. The thoughtfulness of the community along with the constant words of encouragement lifted our spirits every day. The funds that were received covered a significant portion of my husband's treatments, and for that we are forever grateful.

In late February, I received an unexpected check from the Cancer Center to reimburse us for the chemotherapy treatments! I had previously promised that I would pass these

funds forward if we were reimbursed in any way. As promised, all of the monies you gave will go straight to help another victim of pancreatic cancer fight the battle.

Although Benny lost his fight against pancreatic cancer in August of 2013, the chemotherapy kept him with us so that he could achieve his goal to meet our new grandson. We were not able to travel to meet him with Benny's frail condition, but Jake was able to meet his GrandDaddy just weeks before he lost his battle with cancer.

Thank you, Clarkston community for your loving care. Your generosity not only blessed our family, but will bless another family.

With grateful hearts,

The Family of Benny Reed
- Mary, Laura and Ben

Mary teaches music at Andersonville and Springfield Plains Elementary schools.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"City's zoning ordinance becomes law" It had taken 26 years and a lot of long hours but the city of Clarkston finally had its new zoning ordinance. The new ordinance was an update and upgrade from the original city ordinance, first adopted in 1973. The new ordinance passed 6-0.

"Therapy dog works wonders on senior citizens" Sometimes all it takes is a cold, wet nose. Least that was what Clarkston resident Carolyn Place found out when she began taking Major, her seven-year-old black Labrador Retriever to visit her mother at a nursing home in Waterford. Major became top dog as he cheered up the senior citizens living there.

"City office gets new face" Marcy Rotondo joined the city of Clarkston offices. Though at the time she didn't have a title, she did clerk-type work for the city including minutes research, opening mail, typing and answering phones.

25 years ago - 1989

"Bond fails by 55 votes" Voters narrowly defeated a \$1.5 million bond issue that would cover the costs of relocating the Independence Township central fire station to the former Hosler Pontiac property on M-15. With seven percent voter turnout, the issue failed by 55 votes, with 471 yes votes and 526 no votes.

"Lawsuit filed over recycling" A much publicized plan to locate a cardboard sorting facility in Independence Township was in the hands of a circuit court judge. R.J. Hoffman Management, Inc. filed a suit against the township two weeks after the planning commission voted unanimously to withdraw a special permit previously granted for the 10-acre sorting facility proposed for White Lake Road.

"Meet Cricket, the 3-pound celebrity dog" At two-years-old and a whooping three pounds, Cricket wiggled her way not only into the hearts of her owners Howard and Karen Schwartz but the hearts of other people. Cricket would go with Howard every day to his work - Clarkston Veterinary Clinic on Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

50 years ago - 1964

"Mauti leaves coaching" Dom Mauti coached his last basketball game for Clarkston High School with an overall 155-73 record. He coached for 12 consecutive years in different sports. He planned to devote his efforts into being an athletic director and assistant principal at the senior high school.

A nation founded by geniuses, run by idiots?

A long time ago, in my early newspapering days, I took an interest in Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois.

He was minority leader of the US Senate.

His low voice and slow delivery speeches were like magnets to me. Too many politicians today speak fast, double talk, over talk and otherwise seem to have a word competition going with themselves.

Dirksen had a mellow delivery of well-chosen words.

Here's one I saved from 1968. I think it was tv reporter Harry Reasoner who asked Mr. Dirksen about his stand on liquor sales. What he said was the greatest avoidance to a 'gotcha' question I'd ever witnessed.

"You asked me how I feel about whisky. All right, here is just how I stand on this question.

"If when you say whisky, you mean the devil's brew, the poison scourge, the

bloody monster that defiles innocence, yes, literally takes the bread from the mouths of little children; if you mean the evil that topples the Christian man and woman from the pinnacles of righteous, gracious living into the bottomless pit of degradation and despair, shame and helplessness; then certainly I am against it with all my power.

"But, if when you say whisky, you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine, that is consumed when good fellows get together that puts a song in their hearts and laughter on their lips and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean Christmas cheer; if you mean the stimulating drink that puts the spring in the old gentleman's step on a frosty morning; if you mean the drink that enables a man

Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman, Sr.

to magnify his joy, and his happiness and to forget if only for awhile, life's great tragedies and heartbreaks and sorrows, if you mean drink, the sales of which pours into our treasuries untold millions of dollars, which are used to provide tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf, our dumb, our pitiful aged and infirm, to build highways hospitals and schools, then certainly I am in favor of it.

"This is my stand. I will not retreat from it; I will not compromise."

Don't you love it?

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I'm going to close with an observation of Jeff Foxworthy:

"If an 80-year-old woman or a 3-year-old girl who is confined to a wheelchair can be strip-searched by the TSA at the airport, but a woman in a burka or a hijab is only subject to have her neck and head searched -- you might live in a nation founded by geniuses but run by idiots."

One more from Jeff Foxworthy:

If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government regulation and intrusion, while not working is rewarded with Food Stamps, WIC checks, Medicaid benefits, subsidized housing and free cell phones--you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

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A charity roast of Jim Sherman, Sr., is Saturday April 12, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$70 each or \$130 a couple. Seating is limited to 250 and includes your choice of three meal options, prime rib, bone-in pork loin or salmon fillet. Cash bar at 6; dinner at 7 p.m. The roast is at Boulder Pointe Conference Center, 1 Champions Circle in Oxford. You are encouraged to mail checks and dinner choices to the Rotary Club of Oxford, PO Box 347, Oxford, NIT 48371.

Record, schmecord. I am done with snow.

So, here we are. We're a few days away from April First (no fooling) 2014, and you know what? I still hear some freaks (and I state that lovingly) who want three more inches of snow, so we can "break the record."

This winter season Mom Nature and that nasty Old Man Winter hooked up and dropped nearly 100 inches of snow upon our heads, and homes, and yards and sidewalks and driveways and . . . you get the picture. We have a lot of snow and I for one am done with snow.

Snow be gone.

Bye.

See ya.

Get the heck out of here and don't let the door hit you on the keister as you leave.

I don't want any more snow. I do not want to break any snowfall records. One of the arguments I've heard in favor of another three inches of the white stuff goes something like this: "We need to break the record because if we don't all that snow means nothing. We're so-o-o-o-o close."

Balderdash and poppycock! Three more inches of snow only means we had three more inches of snow. Bah! Humbug!

For those who want to know, as of Monday, the National Weather Service folks in White Lake say the official mostest snow in the Metro Detroit Area was 93.6 inches, set back in the winter of '80-'81. That's 1880-1881.

Locally, I say we're over the 93-inch mark. I can tell

because by the time we're done with winter I am either gonna' have Popeye forearms or tennis elbow. I've shoveled a lot of snow. Oh, I also know because the last big snow we had the Detroit area had about five inches -- Mt. Holly had 9.6 inches.

How much snow is 93 inches? Divided out, it equals seven and three quarters feet. Wanna' know why I'm gonna have tennis elbow or Popeye arms, try shoveling almost eight feet of snow. It's hard.

In mid-December 2010, I wrote about how much snow I shoveled after one storm. It went like this:

"For fun, I wore my pedometer while I shoveled. By night's end I had shoveled the same patch of cement five times, and had shoveled over 2,500 steps. Assuming there are 2.7 feet per step, let's do some easy ciphering.

$2,500 \times 2.7\text{-feet} = 6,750$

A mile is 5,280 feet.

Now let's do some calculator math, $5,280\text{ feet (one mile) divided into } 6,750 = 1.278\text{ miles.}$

Okay, I will admit it: I was feeling sorry for myself when I wrote that, but that snow spurred me into action. By the next winter -- the winter of 2011-12 -- I had saved money enough to buy my first snow blower! I rationalized the purchase because I was getting older, and I didn't want to die shoveling snow.

In all its fire-orange glory, I used the snow blower once that winter. The winter of 2012-13, we had about a foot of snow and I used it once, just because I could. Before this winter started, I had a feeling deep, down in my gut that we were going to get soaked in with snow. And, I was happy about it.

Last October, I took out the snowblower, checked the

plug, started it up and made sure everything was working properly. All systems were a "go."

When the snow started falling, sometime around Christmas 2013, I went out and tried to start the snow blower. Nothing. I tinkered, and I tinkered and I tinkered some more. I pulled on the starter cord and pulled on the starter cord and pulled on the starter cord until I could pull no more.

Nothing. I shoveled.

I took out the spark plug and got a new one. Nothing. Starter fluid worked for about three seconds. I shoveled. I tried it one more time on the third snow and it wouldn't start. I put it away in the enclosed porch and covered it up with a blanket. I shoveled the rest of the winter.

According to one source, a cubic foot of snow can weigh between seven and 15 pounds (fluffy to packing snow). And by the end of February I was pitching that stuff up and over my shoulder. Towards the back of my driveway, it's about 30 feet wide. There was a snow pile there over my head tall and about nine feet wide.

Along the sidewalk I shoveled (if I include my neighbors to both sides, which I normally try and do) about 300 feet. The snow trench here was almost chest high. It got so bad, that whilst shoveling, in my head the stupid, Brothers Gibb sang, "Staying Alive."

So, when somebody asks me if I want more snow -- for any reason, record my answer as, "only when Hell freezes over."

If you go on-line to this newspaper's website, you can see what this season's snow has done to my snow shovels. Be prepared. It ain't purty.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Community helps stock Lighthouse with PB & J

A food drive to collect jars of peanut butter and jelly to stock the shelves of the Lighthouse in Clarkston was a sweet success.

Clarkston resident and parent who guides her children to raise money for good causes, Beth Kirchner created "Spread the Love" with Lighthouse Pantry Manager Greg Lewis and volunteer Heather Roeser.

Now in its second year, last year 225 jars of America's favorite delicious and nutritious sandwich spreads were collected for hungry families. This year 1600 jars were collected thanks to many elementary schools, businesses and churches in Clarkston.

Schools throughout Clarkston collected the jars, and Haviland elementary in Waterford also participated.

Organizers are hoping to ultimately collect way beyond 1600 jars.

The drive is not over yet although it was supposed to end at the end of February. Two local churches will continue collecting donations through March.

Anyone who would like to donate jars of PB & J can drop them off at Clarkston United Methodist Church or Clarkston Presbyterian Church.

When "Spread the Love" kicked in February, Lighthouse Chief Development Officer Priscilla Perkins got students excited about the drive at a pep assembly at Independence



Elementary.

Lewis said PB & J is an ideal food to stock in the food pantry to help feed struggling families. Peanut butter is a food packed full of protein, and along with its partner jelly, is an easy meal to make when kids get home from school.

Lewis said the demand for help has been great since the foreclosure crisis in 2006.

"There is a great need in the community," he said. "There is a tremendous need in Oakland County."

In addition to help with food, the Lighthouse provides other emergency services like

help paying rent and utilities. Lighthouse also provides housing for homeless women and children, job skill training and childcare services. To contact Lighthouse call 248.620.6116 or visit their website at www.lighthouseoakland.org

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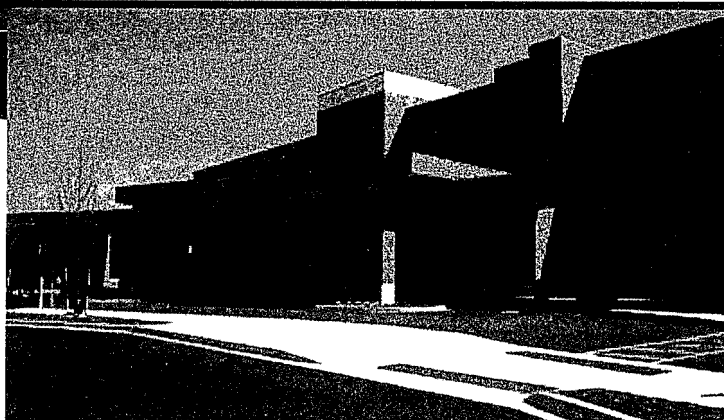
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Deputy Mark Mackie of the Springfield Township substation said although it may be tempting to drive a little faster now that it's spring and getting warmer outside, drivers should think twice. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Snowboard swiped

A ski instructor left his snowboard outside while he was on break in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road, 7:30 p.m., March 9. When he went back for it, it was gone.

Expired driver

A deputy ran the license plate of a vehicle in front and found it was expired, 9:04 p.m., March 9, on Dixie Highway at M-15. The driver, a 63-year-old Clarkston man, was cited for driving with an expired license and registration.

Friend suspected in theft

A 56-year-old S. River Road resident reported to police, March 10, clothing, bedding, and other items were taken from her home by a friend she allowed to stay there while she was in jail. She discovered the lost property after evicting the other woman, and didn't know where she moved to. A deputy advised her to file a civil complaint.

Median man sought

Deputies were dispatched to I-75 at Sashabaw on a report of a man walking in the median of the expressway trying to flag vehicles down, 4:54 a.m., March 11. They checked both north and south bound I-75 from Dixie Highway to Baldwin Road but didn't find anything.

Car fire

A Flint man was on I-75 near Sashabaw Road when he smelled burning rubber, 5:42 p.m., March 17. He pulled over and got out to check on it, and the car burst into flames. Independence Township firefighters put it out.

Suspended licenses

A 38-year-old Macomb man was stopped for an expired plate on Sashabaw Road at I-75, 5:31 p.m., March 16. He was cited with driving with a suspended license and the expired plate.

A deputy stopped a 32-year-old Flint man for driving 35 mph in a 50 mph zone on Sashabaw Road at I-75, 9:49 p.m., March 16. The driver was cited with driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

House fire

A neighbor called Independence Township Fire Department to report a house on fire in the 7000 block of Clintonville Road, 2:46 a.m., March 18. When firefighters arrived, the house was totally engulfed. Officials located its owner and found it had been vacant for 5-6 years. Investigation continues.

Arrested for shoplifting

A Clarkston area couple pulling into the parking lot of a convenience store in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway watched as a man ran out the door to a car carrying a 12-pack of beer, with a store employee in pursuit, 11:50 p.m., March 19. They asked if the man stole the beer, and the employee said he had. The witnesses followed the suspects' car and called police with its license plate number. Deputies tracked the vehicle's owner to a home in Holly and, using store video, identified the suspect as a 19-year-old Madison Heights man. The 12-pack was recovered, and the suspect was cited with retail fraud.

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Clarkston's Sporting News

This Saturday ..

Clarkston High School Boys Lacrosse
hosts Northville beginning at 11 a.m.

Ready to hit the field

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves tested out their skills last Thursday with a scrimmage against Brother Rice as they prepare to open the season this week.

"It went well," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team. "We weren't totally ready given the weather conditions outside. We have been on a full field for a total of four to five hours. Brother Rice has been on a full field for two hours a day since March 10. All things considered I thought we did very well."

He added the boys have been practicing and conditioning inside and finally made it outside to practice last Wednesday.

"We are a little behind the curve on that one," he said. "But we are strong with returners so we will be able to hold our own."

The boys are planning to hit the field this week for their three planned games since the turf is clear.

They opened against Eisenhower on Tuesday at home.

"They play well," Kaminskas said. "They have some pretty good returners from last year. They are certainly more together than they were last year. Right now they have the jump on us because they have been outside for ten days."

But it is the game planned for Thursday at Detroit Catholic Central the Wolves are looking forward to playing since they have never played the Shamrocks.

"We were going to play each other three years ago," Kaminskas said, adding it was cancelled due to lightning.

He added it will be a good game for both teams.

"We probably have some of the most parallels to each other," Kaminskas explained. "Out of all of our competition we are probably as close to them as they are to us as far as skill set, number of returners. It is probably the biggest game we are looking at before spring break."

Besides being close to them with skill set the Wolves have not seen the Shamrocks in action since their opposition has not played yet.

They also haven't seen their Saturday competition, Northville, in action but will know more with Northville and the Shamrocks play each other this week.

Kaminskas added the Wolves strengths going into this week are their transitions and their attack.

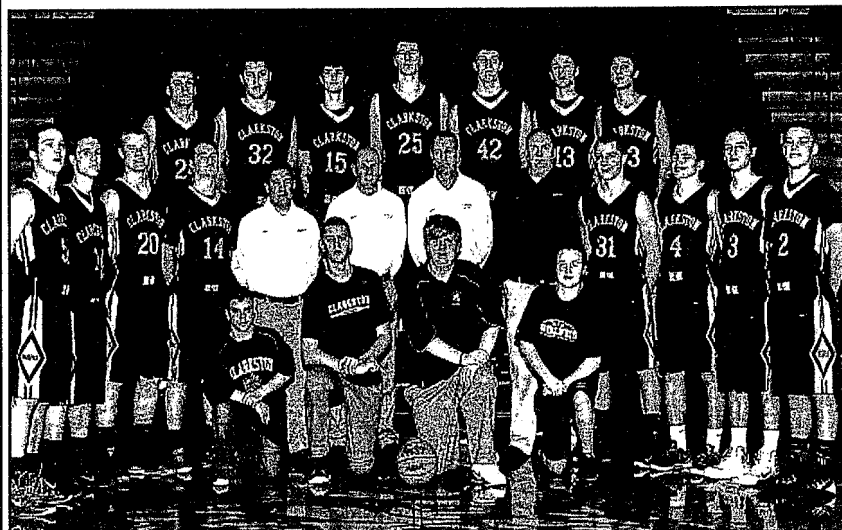
"Our transition is going to do extremely well for us," he explained. "We haven't really changed our plan of attack. We are going to try to out run and gun our opponents, get down the field faster than they do, and rely on our athleticism and our skill."

The boys head to Detroit Catholic Central, 27225 Wixom Road in Novi, on Thursday. They play at 7 p.m.

They host Northville on Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m.; and Haslett on Tuesday, 7 p.m., at 6093 Flemings Lake Road.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. Photo by VSN

Wolves leave mark

It was a stellar year for the Cagers as they brought home the league and district championship and helped their head coach reach 600 wins.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team won the MHSAA Class A District title after beating Stoney Creek in the finals, 62-41.

"We missed the last two years so it is good to be back," said Dan Fife, head coach.

Senior Mike Nicholson added, "we knew we could do it all year."

"It definitely feels good to get the district title back after all the talk there has been we wouldn't get one this year," said senior Nick Owens. "It feels good to prove people wrong. It feels good just to win it especially coming out in the second half and winning by a huge deficit."

The last district crown the Wolves had won was in 2011, marking 18 consecutive years for winning the title.

They also celebrated winning the eighth consecutive OAA Red league title for the program as they went 12-2 in the league.

But one of the moments players and the

community celebrated was on Feb. 19. The boys also helped their long-time head coach reach his 600th career win when they beat North Farmington in overtime, 47-39.

Fife has coached for the same school and community for 32 years and his record is in the top ten of the MHSAA Varsity Basketball victories. He hit the milestone of 500 wins just four years ago in the Wolves' played thier last game ever against Pontiac Central.

The 2013-2014 team was sophomores Mitch Heaton, Tabin Throgmorton; juniors Josh Bonzheim, Andrew Myers, Merrick Canada, Dayton Wallis, Will Scarlett, Jonah Newblatt, Cole Chewins; seniors Alex Trim, Press Kampe, Alex McCarty, Nick Owens, Andrew Swanson and Michael Nicholson with student assistant Matt McClaughry and team manager Jacob Doll.

"They won a league championship and won the districts," Fife added about the seniors. "Like I always say, once you start getting into regionals everything's got to go. Luck starts to prevail."

The Wolves finished the season 20-5.

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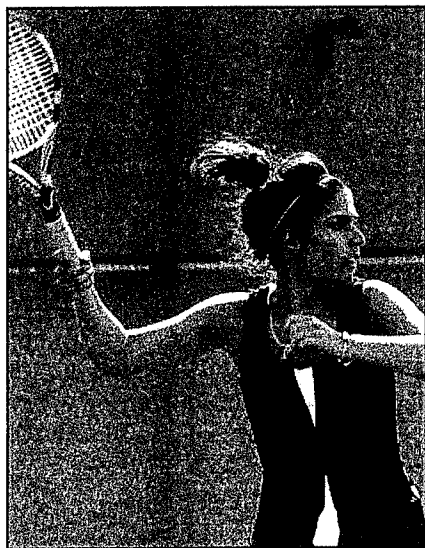
BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves scored their first wins on the court on Saturday at the Holly Quad. The team finished tied in first place with Marian High School.

"We played well," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis Head Coach Becky Freeman, adding it came down to the final matches as both teams were 4-4 with each other and it still finished with a tie.

They brought home four championships on the individual courts with senior Lexi Baylis, Singles No. 1; sophomore Isabella Spindler, Singles No. 2; senior Dana Olsen, Singles No. 3; and senior Paige Olsen and sophomore Alex Whall, Doubles No. 1.

Sophomore Amy Brozovich brought



Isabella Spindler hits during last season. File photo

home second place for the day.

"We just got behind on Marian in the doubles," Freeman added. "We never lost one match to Holly and Allen Park but neither did Marian."

She added for the first competition for the team they saw areas the Lady Wolves need to work on but also saw positives.

"We saw areas where we are pleased with the successes," Freeman added. "It helps assess who works well together, and who is stronger on the back hand of the court versus forehand."

Clarkston will see Allen Park again as the Lady Jaguars host their own invitational this weekend.

"It looks good," Freeman said about the meet. "I am excited about it. We have a couple of kinks to work out but we know what we need to do to move forward."

The Lady Wolves will also see Grosse Pointe South.

"When standings come out Grosse Pointe South will probably be first in the standings and us second," Freeman noted. "They have a really good line up this year. We are looking forward to seeing how we match up against them."

She also added there is a possibility the match could be outside - which the girls have not played outside since the season began as they have been practicing inside due to the snowy courts.

"They haven't hit outside and neither have any of the other teams," Freeman said. "My seasoned players will fare well. The girls still new to it and haven't really played outside. It might be more difficult to get used to the elements and being outside. It is different to be outside - no ceilings."

Snow slows spring sports

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

A slow start to spring sports seasons isn't unusual, but this year's long snowy winter hasn't helped.

Several sports have already postponed games and track meets due to the weather and have kept a majority of practices inside.

"It's not that bad so far," said John Bennink, head coach for the Clarkston Boys Track & Field team. "We have been trying to keep kids active and make sure we use spots in the school where we can work out."

He added field event athletes such as throwers for shot put and discus; jumpers for long and high jumps have been able to keep in shape but not practice for their events.

"Everybody else in the state and the area has to deal with it," Bennink said. "It is just let's get in shape and see what happens when we start running track meets."

The boys varsity lacrosse team just began practicing outside on the field on March 19 and had their first scrimmage against Brother Rice the next day.

Brian Kaminskas, head coach for the boys varsity lacrosse team, noted it has slowed the team down.

"At the end of March, we should have a lot more in," he added. "But I don't think it will be a long term issue for us. We have quite a bit prepared and ready for this week (of games)."

The girls soccer postponed their first two games against North Farmington

and Holly. The softball fields remained covered in a blanket of the snow causing the cancellation of their first game which was slanted for this Wednesday, March 29, against Brandon.

Geoff Kimmerly from the Michigan High School Athletic Association said the organization began receiving calls during mid-February on how the season would work out.

He added districts in the lower peninsula of the state are experiencing what the schools in the upper peninsula usually experience more frequently within the last few years.

"Last spring, the lower part of the state also was unusual from a weather standpoint, more because of the amount of rain that also made scheduling and re-scheduling difficult," he said. "Hopefully early April everything has dried out enough and then the rain that made last year tough stays away."

He noted schools have options for re-scheduling and added only soccer and lacrosse have limitations on how many competitions a team can schedule per week.

"Either way, our championship events are set far ahead of the season and moving them later is not an option," he said. "Worst-case scenario would be teams not getting many games in before golf and tennis tournaments begin in mid-May. But again, we're hoping for the best."

The track and field teams have postponed two meets and will have their first meet on April 15 against Rochester Adams and Rochester.

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University notes

Taylor Hasselbach, a 2010 Clarkston High School graduate, was named the Big Ten Player of the Week by the conference on March 18.

The honor came for her play with her University of Michigan softball team at the Class Act Federal Credit Union Classic in Louisville, Kentucky.

She batted .667 and was 6-for-9 at the plate with six runs batted in which helped the Wolverines for a 3-0 record. Three of her six hits were for extra bases, including a home run against Louisville.

Hasselbach started the weekend with three RBIs on a double in the first inning against Kent State. She wasn't done as she had two more RBIs in the game with a sacrifice fly and another double.

Hasselbach is a senior at Michigan.

Halle Moraw, a 2011 Clarkston High School grad, was honored by the Mid-American Conference for the second-straight season as a gymnast for Central Michigan University.

She was named to the All-MAC first team after receiving second team accolades last year.

Moraw ranks in the top four in MAC regional qualifying score on three events: floor in first; vault in second; and beam in fourth. She is also ranked in the top 25 regionally on all three including third on floor.

Moraw is ranked top 100 nationally on three events including 14th on floor. She also also won ten times this season and had 22 top three finishes out of 31 total routines and was named MAC Gymnast of the Week earlier this season.

Adam Frank, 2010 graduate of Clarkston High School, assisted his teammates on the Wentworth Institute of Technology hockey team.

He intercepted a pass during the second period against Johnson & Wales and handed it off to teammate Dan Szerlip, who scored. The team won 4-0.

In Albion College's 13-6 win over Concordia on March 6, three Clarkston High School graduates contributed.

Kyle O'Grady scored two goals and had two assists; **Kevin O'Grady** had two assists and one goal and **Alex Dziewit** scored one goal.

The Britons play Thiel College this Saturday.

How are your athletes doing on the collegiate level? Send updates to clarkstonnews@gmail.com.



PINNING THEIR WAY TO WINS: Wrestlers from Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Junior High School had two wins last week as they beat Oxford Middle School, 42-21, and Oakview Middle School, 72-12. The Wolves began the dual meet with 11 pins in a row. *Photo provided*

Kickers score on top nation teams

The Michigan Impact Soccer Club Under 16 Boys finished as a finalist at the Annandale Premier Cup held March 7-9.

The team beat the 45th ranked team in the country as well as tied a game with the 40th ranked team in the nation to become finalists. The boys are currently preparing for their spring season and will play the Michigan Tigers 98 at Clintonwood Park on April

27; Michigan Alliance 98 at Ultimate Soccer, May 2; and Patos Magic 98 Black at Borden Park, May 4.

The team is made up of local talent with players from Clarkston, Walled lake, Brandon, Oxford, Holly, Grand Blanc, Southfield and Birmingham, with Michael Beckett, Abdoul Diaw, Roberto Escalante, Thomas Haase, Jacob Hallberg, Gregory Knox,

Alexander Komatz, Alexander Krivan, Cole Moscovic, Ethan Price, Jared Suddon, Elliot Woods, Taylor Woods, Tyler Wujczyk and Tyler Ziccardi.

They are coached by Ian Jones.

Michigan Impact is based in Clarkston. For more information and to find out upcoming tryout dates, please visit www.michiganimpactsoccer.com



Michigan Impact U16 team. *Photo submitted*

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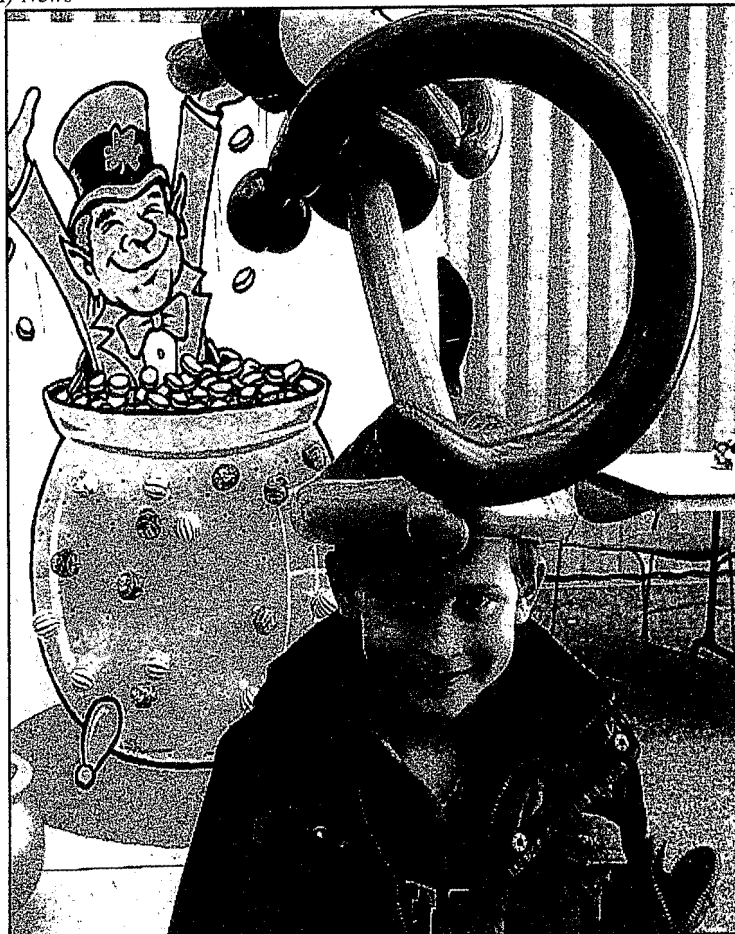
Wednesday, Mar. 19, 10:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 22, 5:30pm

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Positive stories from around the state. This week's episode looks at the way we think about food in Michigan.

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Zachary Burman wears some balloon art, a monkey hanging on a palm tree, in front of a St. Patrick's Day game.

Magic and art at Winterfest

Families bid farewell to winter at Winterfest, March 18, at Independence Oaks County Park.

Hosted by the Oakland County Parks Commission and Oakland Schools Technical Campus iTeam course, the event included a magic show, fresh food, face painting, and arts and crafts.

Students from Clarkston, Brandon, Waterford, Holly, and Lake Orion high schools in the iTEAM program at OSTC earn high school and college credit in business, technology, and skilled trades.

For more information, check www.ostconline.com/campuses/NorthwestCampusClarkston.



Dan the Creature Man, Dan Briere, shows Arlene Dickerson how friendly snakes can be.



Dan the Creature Man with Troy and Aaliyah Coleman, and two parrots. Photos provided



Dan Briere shows kids a large frog.

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Clara Cummings picks out toothpaste to put in the bag for Grace Centers of Hope.



Taylor Kuhrie writes a letter.



Nathan Saker adds dirt to the cup where he will plant a seedling. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Tyler Greenan and Nathan Harris grab coffee for care packages for soldiers.



Avery Eastman decorates a bag for Grace Centers of Hope.

Kids in service

The halls were empty at Independence Elementary last Thursday as the classrooms were full of activity as the entire school participated in the 11th Annual S.O.C.K.S. (Serving Our Community Kids Style).

Each year the Academic Service Learning Project gets bigger and this year was no different as the school impacted the lives of 500 people and 200 animals.

Each grade helped out in their own way and helped out a different organization.

Young Fives students painted 50 stones, created 100 nesting bags and planted 150 vegetable seedlings to donate to the school's new Learning Garden. For the Independence Township Senior Center they made 150 bird and butterfly seed balls.

Kindergarten students made and donated 124 bags with over 900 items for Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

The first graders created and donated over 130 toys for area

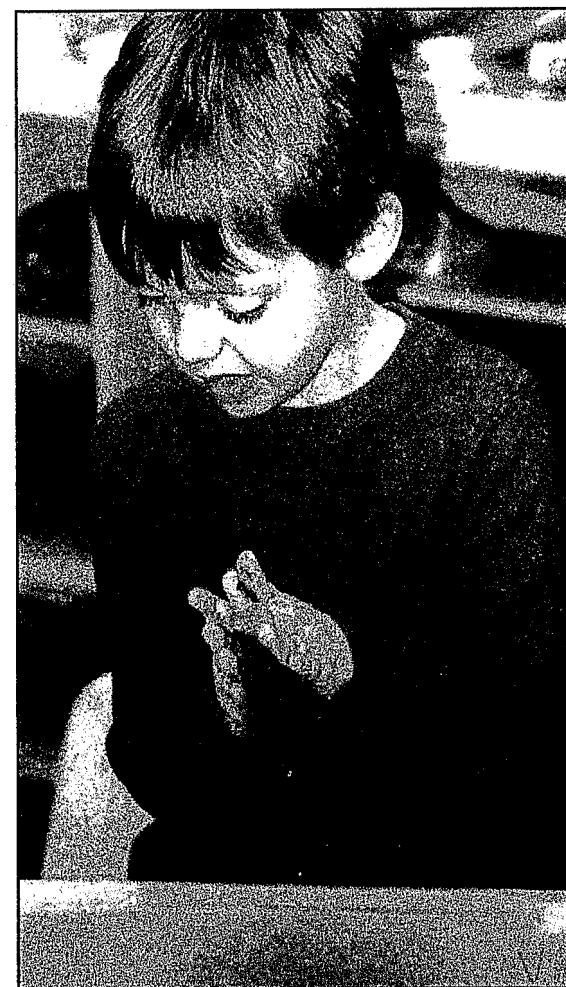
animals. They also designed and decorated 100 bandanas for the Michigan Humane Society. They donated over \$200 to Paws with a Cause, raised through a pop can drive.

The second grade classes wrote letters of encouragement, made a good luck charm, and donated, assembled and shipped over 63 care packages filled with candy, letters, eye drops and more for those serving our country with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

The third graders donated over 150 containers filled with over 600 muffins for seniors through Meals on Wheels in Clarkston and Waterford.

The fourth graders cut, knotted, and made 45 fleece blankets for pediatric cancer patients of the Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

For their last S.O.C.K.S. day, the fifth graders played games, demonstrated technology and got to know over 50 senior citizens from the community.



Talin Mills makes a seed ball during his first S.O.C.K.S. Day.

School board focus on operations

Continued from page 1

total to spend at a macro level, both for operations and technology, then during the year, the administration would decide how to spend the money," Lieblang said. "When we do the operational plan and corresponding budget in the March-April time frame for the next school year, we will be able to see the priorities across the district and make some decisions on what we can fund."

With the district fund reserve budgeted at around five percent, the board must be financially prudent, said board Secretary Craig Hamilton.

"We have to ensure that sound decisions are being made since there is little room in the fund reserve for us to make errors," Hamilton said. "The last thing I want is for the state to take over our district because of financial mismanagement."

"We are putting more emphasis on planning and having a multi-year view than we did in the past," Lieblang said. "This is necessary because there could be larger projects such as roofs, etc., that may require more planning before it can be funded."

Hamilton said the board should be very active in the decision making process, but does not get information in a timely way from administration when requested.

"Since I have been elected, the relationship between the board and the administration has been like a couple going through a divorce," he said. "When information is asked for, you get specifically what you ask for, only what you ask for, and then it seems only if there is not a reason to say 'no,' or that it isn't easily available."

One example was a question about a \$2,500 expense listed on the district check ledger to Sprint, he said.

"I was told it was for cell phones. I then had to ask for a list of who had district owned and paid for cell phones," he said. "This request took several weeks and reminders before I got the list."

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock has many difficult decisions to make as far as where limited funds will be spent, Hamilton said.

"I would like to see the fund balance improved so we are not in such dire straits, but after that, I am interested to see what Dr. Rock recommends as far as technology improvements, raises for our staff who haven't gotten them in multiple years, infrastructure repairs and maintenance that have been put off longer than we would like, and lower class sizes, more teachers and/or more aids," the board secretary said.

Technology upgrades are important, "but we need to have a plan and move forward with a plan, not just piece it together as we are currently doing," he said.

Board Trustee Cheryl McGinnis did not provide a response to questions regarding the Strategic Plan. However, she said at Monday's meeting she doesn't see where administration can do better on the budget.

"For the board to sit here and micromanage every dollar – it's sending the wrong message to Mary Beth (Rogers, business services executive director)," McGinnis said.

Priority 3 strategies include short-and long-term facilities and equipment plans, assessment of all buildings and grounds, and collaboration with neighboring districts, municipalities, and governments on energy and other programs to save or increase revenue.

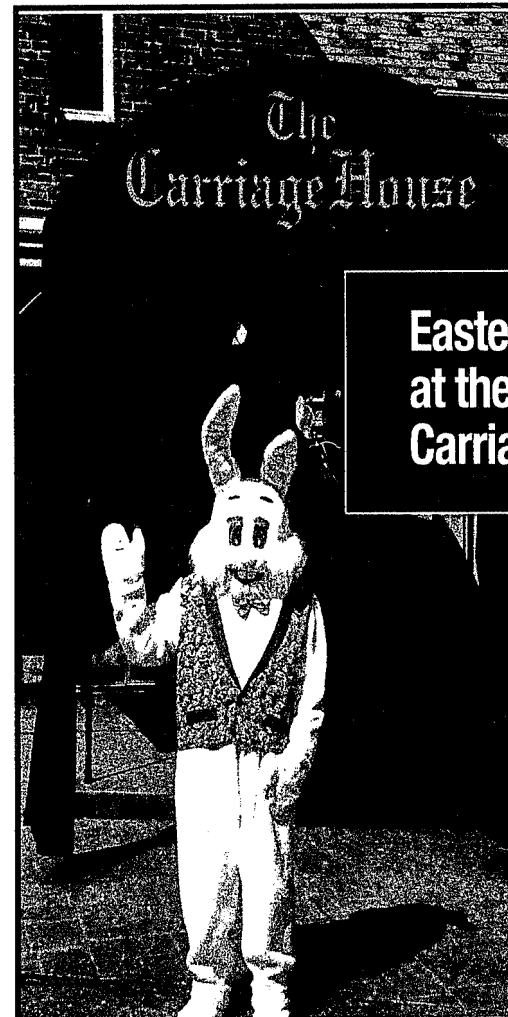
Next week, focus area 4 of the Strategic Plan – Finance.



EXPANSION WORK: Bulldozers demolish a vacant home on Dixie Highway to allow Coats Funeral Home to expand to 5.25 acres. "Since we purchased the vacant funeral home in 2010, our business has grown enough that we needed additional parking to meet the demands of our visitors," said Heather Coats, co-owner of Coats Funeral Homes and managing director of Coats - Clarkston. *Photo provided*



HONORS AT CONFERENCE: Clarkston DECA chapter members Maranda Hartman and Amanda Wakefield were state finalists, and Cooper Parks and Kristen Hetzel earned international honors at the State Leadership Conference, March 22, in Atlanta, Ga. Thirteen chapter members made it to states. *Photo provided*



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From left to right, Mike Saunders, Tom Lowrie, Angie Wathen and Ron Tompkins.

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“Earlier in the month we signed all the papers and three of our Lowrie's long-time employees are now partners,” Tom said.

New partners in Lowrie's Landscape are Ron Tompkins, Mike Saunders and Angie Wathen.

“These folks approached me with the idea and if anybody deserves it, it's these folks.

They are passionate and knowledgeable. Each brings different strengths,” Lowrie said.

Tompkins has been with the company the longest, having started in 1994; Saunders started in 1999; Wathen in 2006.

With new responsibilities, the trio are also bringing new enthusiasms to the company founded in 1979.

In the planning stages is the construction of a new, 2,400 square foot office on-site which will look like an old-time school house. (Their current office at 9539 Dixie Highway, north of I-75 will be completely taken over by Plum Please see Lowrie on page 32

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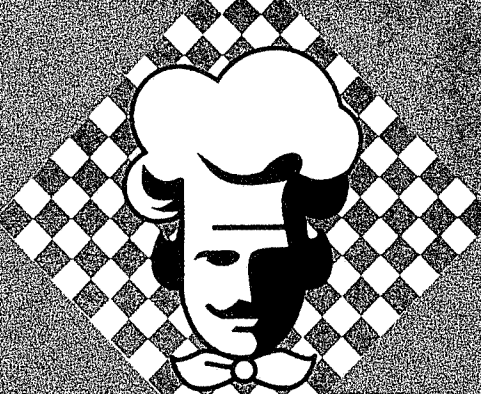
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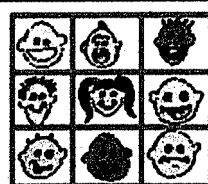
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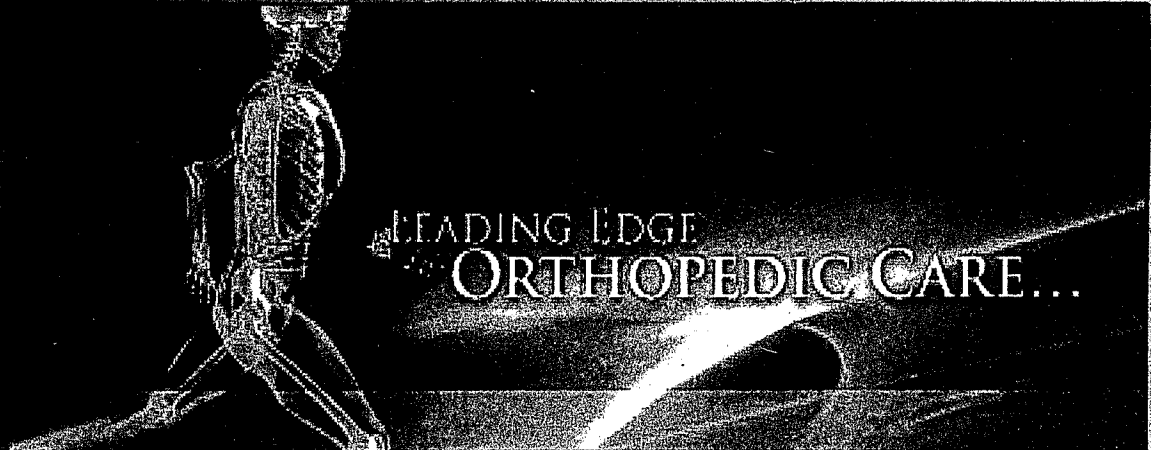
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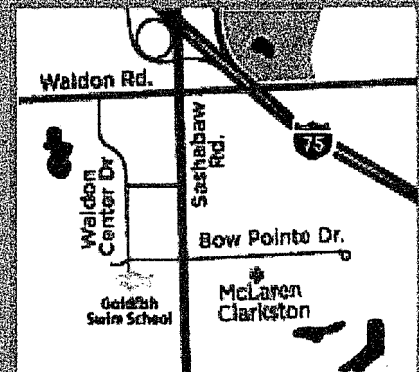
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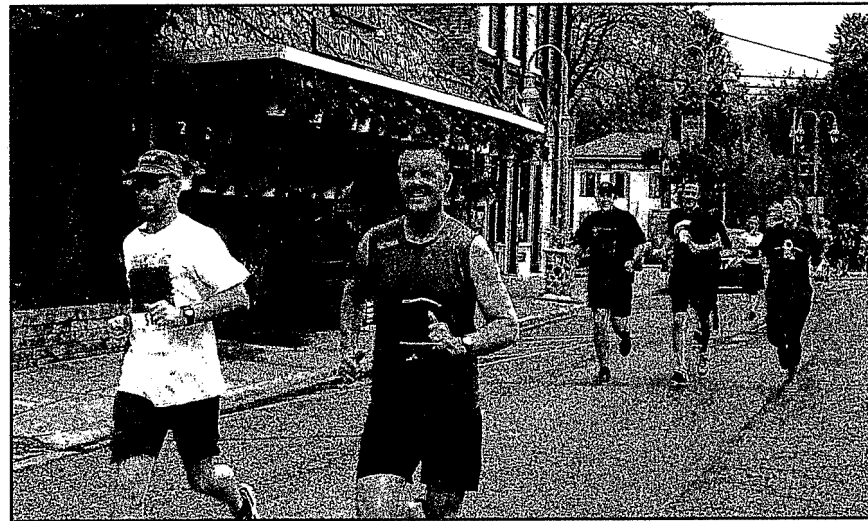


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Runners make their way through downtown Clarkston at last year's Angel Place Race. Photos provided

Angels Place Race seeks sponsors

Angels Place, a non-profit organization, will hold its 7th annual race through Clarkston on Saturday, May 17.

The race will kick off at St. Daniels Church in Clarkston at 9:15 a.m. and proceed along a set course.

Race coordinators work very closely with Oakland County Sherriff, Independence Township Fire Department and Clarkston DPW to ensure a fun and safe event.

Every year about 300-320 people participate in the event, said volunteer Anne Clifton.

Participants can enter a 10K run, 5K run or walk, and a one mile family fun run or walk.

Race Organizer Paul Maxwell said there are many sponsorship opportunities still available.

A non-profit organization, Angel's Place operates 20 homes primarily in Oakland County for people with developmental disabilities.

Money raised will help support homes and services offered at Angel's Place and will also be used raise awareness in the community.

Currently have 300 people on a waiting list to get into the home.

"Angels Place promises 'Care for Life' so we rely on volunteers and annual fundraisers to keep our doors open," said executive director Cheryl Loveday.

At a Clarkston City Council meeting seeking approval for the race, March 10, Maxwell and Clifton thanked the community for incredible support over the years.

"We have a very good track record having an effective event," said Maxwell. "Businesses are very supportive."

Clifton said the Clarkston Wolfpack running club has also contributed enormously to the success of the race.

Maxwell agreed.

"Without Anne and the Wolfpack, we would still be stumbling around," he said.

Maxwell said Bruce and Anne Clifton were instrumental in making the race a success.

The Bruce Clifton Race is a 5K race named in honor of the late Bruce Clifton, who designed the route and helped executive Direc-

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tor Paul Maxwell get the race started.

Maxwell's mother, Margaret, started an Angel's Place home in Birmingham along with four other women in 1992.

"My sister has Down Syndrome and that was one of the reason they started the home," he said. "Another woman who started the home also had a child with developmental disabilities. I do the race for my mother and my sister," Maxwell said.

For more information on the race or sponsorship opportunities, email Paul Maxwell at maxwellpm333@aol.com

For more information about Angel's Place homes contact Cheryl Loveday at 248-350-2203.

-Andrea Beaudoin



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Events

The Young Americans performance, 7 p.m., March 29, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. \$10/adults, \$8/students. Local workshop participants sing, dance, theater with national group. 248-623-4326.

Scrapbooking Crop, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., March 29, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$40. 248-394-0200.

Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser for Clarkston United Methodist Church youths' annual Righteous Mission trip to central Appalachia, 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., March 29, 6600 Waldon Road. \$15. 248-625-1611.

Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., April 3; 9 a.m.-12 p.m., April 4, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

60th Anniversary Tea, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 2-4 p.m., April 12, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. RSVP, 248-623-9462.

The Onyx Ball, Helping Hearts Helping Hands, 5 p.m.-1 a.m., April 26, Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. Appetizers, dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, dancing. 248-980-5090.

Spring tree and shrub sale, Oakland Conservation District, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 26, Waterford Oaks Greenhouse, 1702 Scott Lake Road. 248-922-7822.

Monday

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

Clarkston Area Mothers & More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

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.

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

Tuesday

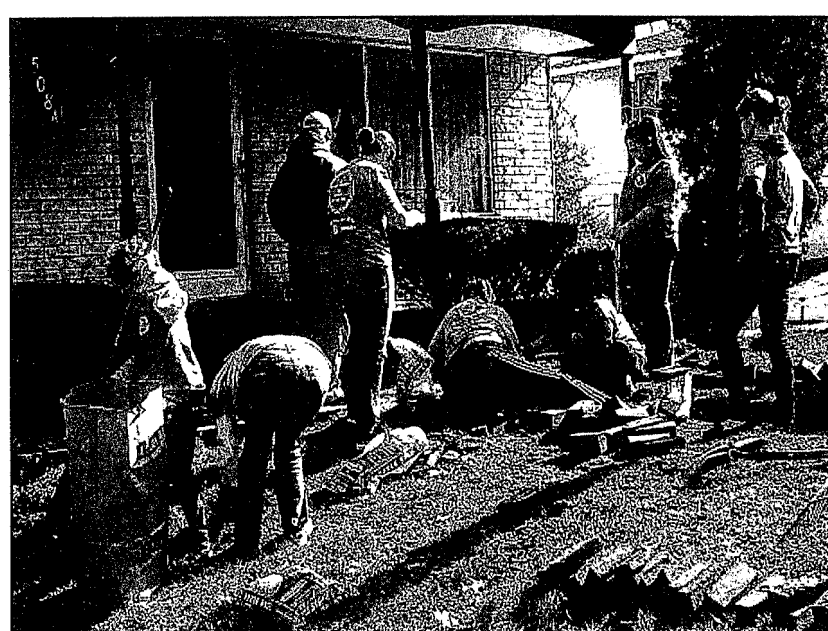
Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9

Around Town



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



Volunteers clean up a homeowner's yard at last year's Christmas in Action. Photo provided

Christmas in Action this spring

Volunteers are needed for this year's Clarkston Christmas in Action event.

The annual event is on the last Saturday in April every year, which will be April 26 this year.

"The projects went very well last year and we were able to help four homeowners in the Clarkston community," said organizer Michael Gemborys. "We also had several crews focused on cleaning yards throughout the community."

Project last year included installing a new kitchen floor, brick pavers for a walkway, safety rails for the homeowner, shed, ceiling fan, and electrical repairs.

"We're looking for homeowners in need of home repair and we're looking for more volunteers to help accomplish the work," Gemborys said.

For more information, call 248-613-1232 or check www.christmasinactionclarkston.com.

p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 p.m., Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive, 248-420-3126.

Wednesday

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, third Wednesday through October, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Thursday

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

Office hours, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

Saturday

Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice**, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County**, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3435. **Service With Love**, RSVP of Oakland Country. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.

Religion

Events Preaching

Thank God for spring, Lent

It has been a very long winter and I am so ready for the snow to melt and life to spring forth again.

The signs of spring and hope are all around, even the temperature is still cold. Buds are forming on trees, the cranes have returned, and we can even see some grass in our lawn.

This is the season in the church calendar we call Lent, a word that comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word for "springtime." That seems to fit really well, as Lent can be a time of spring-like renewal of our faith and coming back to life, even if it has been dormant for awhile.

However just as winter never seems to give in to spring without a fight, so too our lives of faith can be a struggle. Our desires and good intentions to grow soon collide with the realities of a too-busy world, competing priorities, and sometimes, frankly, a lack of discipline to do the life-giving things we know are really good for us.

However, just as we can count on the return of spring, God promises to shower us with his grace and love today as we allow him to draw us close and show us the way.

By God's grace I believe Lent can be a time of real growth and transformation in our lives no matter how hard the winter has been.

Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and culminates at Easter, covers a period of 40 days plus Sundays. It originated in the very early church as a time of intense preparation for Baptism at Easter.

Today Lent can be a time of repentance (which means "turning or returning to God"), and renewed spiritual devotion. It's not too late to get started. Some people fast, or "give something up" for Lent, such as a favorite

food or video game, as a way of focusing attention on God.

The idea is that every time we crave the item given up, we are reminded of our dependence upon God's grace and love. Other spiritual disciplines practiced during Lent include adding something to your life, such as renewed devotion to Bible study and prayer, generous giving to those in need, and my personal favorite, deciding to commit at least one random act of kindness each day.

And you might want to stop by Calvary and walk the unique version of the Stations of the Cross we have set up for a powerful experience. All of these things can draw us closer to God, but they don't make God love us any more than he already does.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Lent culminates in Easter - new life - and that Good News is always in season. Each and every day we have a fresh start - a new opportunity to receive and live in God's grace.

God never gives up on us. And the amazing thing is that when we do spend some real time with God, we do grow to become more the way God intends us to be. My favorite description of God's desire for the character of our lives is from Galatians 5 where Paul writes, "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

That's the way God made us and wills for our lives to look no matter what is happening around us. Lent is for me a special time to partner with God so that I allow him to grow my character in these ways - and I'm pretty sure that all of us have at least a bit of growing to do.

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

In our local churches...

Requiem performance by John Rutter, Chancel Choir, flute, oboe, cello, harp, glockenspiel, timpani, organ, 7 p.m., April 18, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

3D Vision Youth Group, grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. 248-922-3515.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

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6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
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6:00 pm Evening Service
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6:00 pm Worship Service
Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Adult Bible Study
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Death notices & Obituaries

Eva Cassar, 68

Eva Cassar, "Evonne," of Howell, formerly of Lansing, passed away March 20, 2014, at age 68.

She was the wife of John; mother of Justine McMurray, Rachel (Zach) Litwiller, Leslie (Damian) Thomas; stepmother of Kelly (Ron) Schrader, Kristina (Jimmy) Moulner, John (Elyse) Cassar, Jr., and Andrew (Marissa) Cassar; grandmother of 13; sister of David Beni and the late Albert (Nancy) Beni.

Funeral Service was March 25 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Reverence Home Health Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Virginia C. Inman, 98

Our beloved Mother, Virginia Catherine Inman, passed away on Feb. 13, 2014, at the age of 98.

Virginia was born in Neche, N.D., to Evelyn Myers and William Wilder on April 28, 1915. She resided in Clarkston for many years with her late husband, Deforest Inman.

Virginia was a member and disciple of the United Methodist Church of Clarkston. She obtained an Associates Degree in Nursing and enjoyed her work as an LPN at Lapeer Hospital and Goodrich General Hospital. Our mother was an accomplished gardener and loved cooking for her family; her cinnamon rolls were extraordinary!

Mother spent the last 12 years of her life in Bellevue, Wash., enjoying being closer to two of her children, her son Rick Howes and daughter Carol Miller. She is also survived by her daughters, Kathleen Hodge of West Branch, Mich., and Connie Smithling of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and step daughter, Judy Pearson of Crossville, Tenn. Virginia's many grandchildren are Beth Marie Quibel of North Port, Fla., Keith Smithling of Ortonville, Mich., Bruce Smithling of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Thomas Howes of Bellevue, Wash., and Ceri Howes of London, U.K. Great grandchildren are Stephanie and Dalton Quibel of North Port, Fla.

A memorial celebrating our dear Mother's life will be held later this year in Clarkston, where she will be interned at Lakeview Cemetery.



Janet J. Fritz, 87

Janet J. Fritz of Clarkston passed away March 18, 2014, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph. She was the mother of Brian (Cathy) Fritz; grandma of Adam.

Funeral service was March 20 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private interment Memorial Burial Park, Wheelersburg, Ohio. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Carol Pierce-Horne, 76

Carol June Pierce-Horne of Pontiac passed away March 23, 2014, at age 76.

She was the mother of Billy (Joyce) Horne, Butch (Laura) Horne, Tim (Stephanie) Horne, Kim (Dillard) Hayes and Jay Horne; also survived by 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren; sister of Vivian Loase.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., until time of service. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Paula M. Savoie, 55

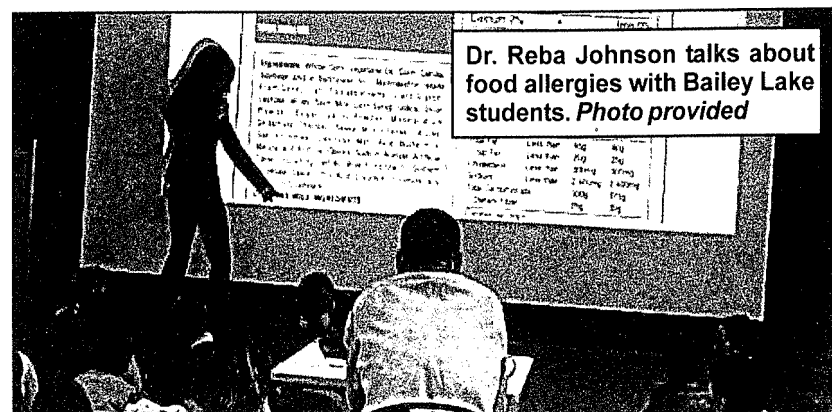
Paula M. Savoie of Davisburg passed away March 18, 2014, at age 55.

She was the loving wife of John; beloved mother of Jason (Audrey) Savoie and Heather (Jason) Hart; proud grandma of Ryan; daughter of John (Ursula) Ryan and the late Mary; daughter in law of Gerald (the late Joyce) Savoie; sister of Kevin Ryan; sister in law of Joanne Savoie, Joseph Savoie, Julie (Andy) Woida and Janet Reddy; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends and her beloved cat, Bella.

Rosary Service was March 20 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was March 21 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Universal Hospice or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Obituaries
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Dr. Reba Johnson talks about food allergies with Bailey Lake students. Photo provided

Allergy info at Bailey Lake

Bailey Lake Elementary's Allergy Awareness Group hosted Dr. Reba Johnson, MD, who spoke with students about food allergies, March 5.

"Dr. Johnson explained what food allergies are, what allergic reactions can look like and how to help those reacting," said Kim Hardtke, BLE Allergy Group parent. "She discussed how we can all help keep our classmates safe by not sharing food and reading labels. She also emphasized that teasing or bullying those with food

allergies is unacceptable and the condition can be life threatening."

They also talked about about what causes food allergies, what to do if an adult is not around when a friend has a reaction, how you cannot "catch" food allergies from someone, and how people with food allergies are "regular people like you and me that just have to be careful around food," Hardtke said. "A big thank you goes out to Dr. Johnson for her time and knowledge on this important issue."

Students' success

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes Clarkston students **Ashley Adams, Keera Allen, Anthony Anderson, McKenna Bachusz, Creed Blankenship, Derek Booker, Joseph Brookes, Melinda Cabaj, Curt Carson, Jennifer Coates, Scott Cousino, Andraya Croft, Nicole Daniels, Rachel Domagalski, Anne Drolet, Charles Fallis, Lauren Fisher, McKenzie Gauthier, Brittany Granett, Anne Marie Hart, Allison Henne, Kayla Holmes, Chelsea Johnson, Madison McCafferty, Anthony McMillin, Kayla Mick, Halle Moraw, Laney Robinson, Amber Sciba, Laurisa Sinsabaugh, Grace Smith, Jordan Stuart, Alexander Thierbach, Michael Tubbs, Rebecca Turner, Caylin Waller, Gillian Ward, Andrea Wharry, Lucas White, Jayme Wilson, Erin Wisely, Chad Wotton, and Amande DeLongChamp, and Davisburg students **MaKenzie Clark, Samuel Ekstrom, Michael McCarty Jr., Lauren O'Leary, and Adam Sharp.****

Clarkston students **Molly K. Arnold**, Bachelor of Science; and **Bethany A. Parks**, Bachelor of Arts, earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December 2013.

The Dean's list for fall semester at The University of Findlay includes Clarkston students **Lana Attar and Kaleigh Kenny.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Robert Stevens, deceased. Date of Birth: 06/29/1930
TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: "whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred of affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Kathleen Ryan P55648 for the following purpose:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Stevens deceased who lived at 22115 Haynes Ave., Farmington Hills, Michigan died 01/30/2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Timothy P. Flynn, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03-18-14
Timothy P. Flynn
6480 Citation Drive, Ste A
Clarkston, MI 48346
248/625-0600

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Chester Edmund Kicinski, deceased. Date of Birth: 02/06/1914

TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: "whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred of affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Kathleen Ryan P55648 for the following purpose:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Chester Edmund Kicinski, deceased, who lived at 35401 Drakeshire Lane, Farmington, Michigan died 02/06/2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Timothy P. Flynn, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03-19-14
Timothy P. Flynn
6480 Citation Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346
248/625-0600

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE MARCH 18, 2014

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie, Schroeder (Arrived at 7:01)
Absent: Kittle, Lohmeier
There was a quorum present.
Appointment of Clerk Barbara A. Pallotta as Acting Chair.
Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors, Director; Marilyn Pomeroy, Clarkston Independence District Library Board President, Julie Meredith, Clarkston Independence District Library Director
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No action taken.
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING:
1. Public Hearing #1 Avington Park Special Assessment District (SAD) Road Improvements (Paul A. Brown, Treasurer)
Public Hearing Opened at 7:04 PM
Ralph R. Safford spoke in opposition on behalf of Clarkston Holdings, LLC
Public Hearing Closed at 7:08 PM
 2. Reprogramming of Unused 2011 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant Funds (Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director)
Public Hearing Opened at 7:12 PM
No public was present to comment
Public Hearing Closed at 7:12 PM
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. Presentation: Clarkston Independence District Library Update (Marilyn Pomeroy, Library Board President)
 2. Report: Planning Commission Update (Ronald Ritchie, Trustee)
- J. CARRYOVER/POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Approval of Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2014
 2. Approval of Payroll of March 14, 2014; and Check Run of March 12, 2014 for a Total Amount of \$522,494.25
 3. Approval of Budget Amendment for Parks Division 2014 FY Budget (Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director)
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Approval of Request to Reprogram Unused 2011 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant to Funds (Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director)
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
1. Minutes: Video Center Board of December 18, 2013 and January 22, 2014
 2. Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee of January 8, 2014
 3. Future Agenda Item: Establishment of a Residential Road Improvement Incentive Policy
 4. Report: Building Department Monthly Report for February 2014
 5. Report: Charter Township of Independence Investment Analysis for Quarters Ending June 30, 2013 and September 30, 2013
 6. Report: Monthly Actual to Budget Financial Update-February, 2014
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

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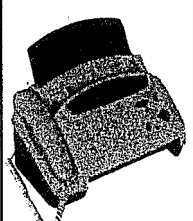
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Ramp would ease traffic woes on Sashabaw, officials say

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DTE would benefit from the ramp because it would help clear parking lots quicker at the venue after events end at 11 p.m.

The township's engineering firm Hubble, Roth and Clark, as well as the South Eastern Michigan Council of Governments, will conduct a feasibility study to explore costs to build one entrance ramp heading south-bound at Maybee and Clintonville Roads.

A large intersection was proposed for Clintonville and Maybee roads to ease traffic about 10 years ago, but residents protested the intersection.

George, one of the residents that fought the intersection, said he fears DTE concertgoers would make their way to his neighborhood after partying at the concert venue.

He added traffic on Sashabaw is not that bad since the road was widened, and he believes a better solution would be to widen I-

75 instead.

George said he fears Sashabaw Road would end up like Baldwin Road, which he said would be a catastrophe and eventually include plans for an off ramp too.

Another resident expressed concern that the ramp would be built on land owned by a conservancy group.

"It will be interesting to see if NOHLC (North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy) fights to conserve a green space they are entrusted to conserve or if they sell this green space to relieve congestion so a hospital can be built on another green space," said Independence Township resident Michael Powell.

The conservancy, a non-profit group dedicated to protecting and preserving wetlands and other naturally important properties, had acquired eight acres of property near the proposed ramp through a consent judgment.

Sue Julian, executive director of NOHLC, said most of the property in question is owned by Consumers Energy, with only a small sliver of the land in question owned by NOHLC.

Julian said land owned by NOHLC is located mostly south of the intersection, and the location of the proposed ramp is not under the organization's control.

She added the group has not sought control over the entire northern portion of the property because it has little conservation value and is presently being used as an informal parking lot for work vehicles.

Julian said she is unaware of the exact location of the proposed ramp, so she could not say for sure if NOHLC would ever reach a deal to provide the property to the township.

"NOHLC will continue to conserve and enhance the conservation values of the part

of the land over which it has control," she said.

Several other entities also have legal interests in the area, including Michigan Department of Transportation, Road Commission for Oakland County and Oakland County Drain Commission.

Julian said wildflowers and trees were recently planted on Clintonville Road about 10 feet off the road near the safety path and the group plans to turn an interior field near the location into a prairie. Planting was done far from the area in question because of all the legal interest in the area.

Kittle asked residents submit specific comments outlining why they think the valve is good or bad, but some residents have already spoken out.

Submit comments about the proposal to pressurevalve@indetwp.com. Let us know to at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com.



OUTDOORS AGAIN: Neal Hoxsie takes his pups out for a walk through downtown Clarkston in the nice warm sun, Friday. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Lowrie's expands retail, services

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(Hollow Design Center.)

"We also want to change people's perception that we're just contractors. We have a retail business open to any homeowner. We'll have better product placement and have more items for the do-it-yourselfer," Wathen said.

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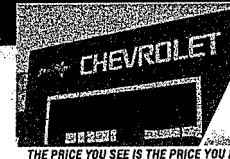


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**32
MPG**



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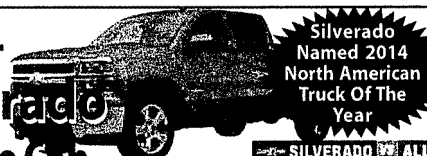
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**94
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SALE PRICE

\$14,894^A

**35
MPG**



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**37
MPG**



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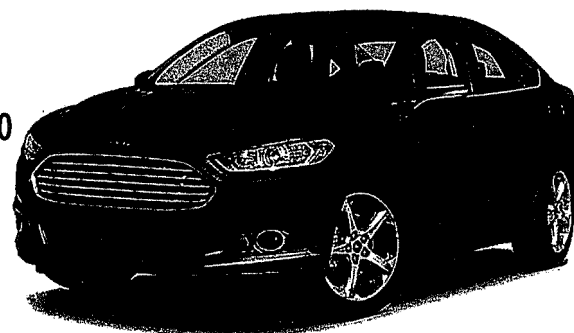


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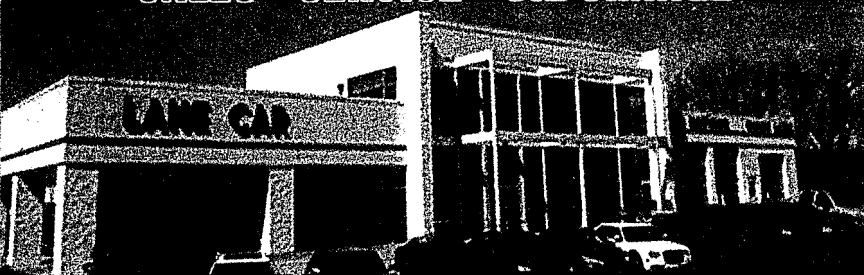
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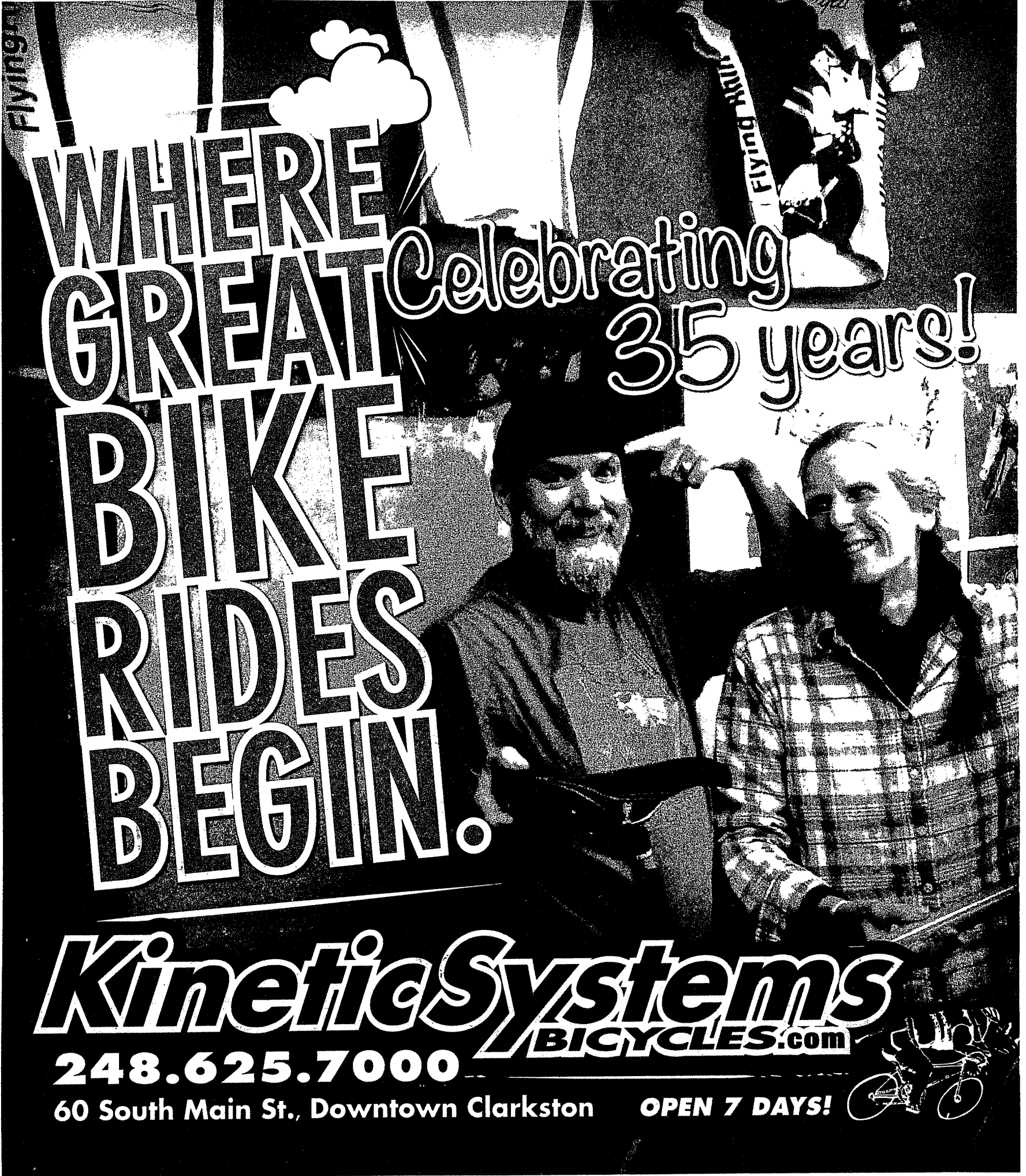
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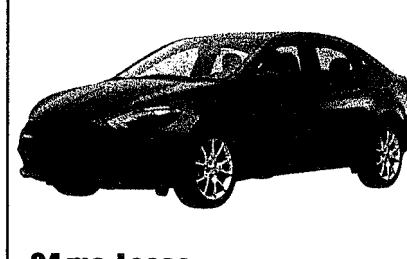
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24 mo. Lease **\$159*** mo.
Employee 1 Pay 24 Month Lease Starting From **\$4998***

All New 2014 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4



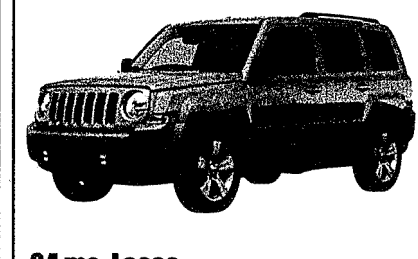
24 mo. Lease **\$179*** mo.
Employee 1 Pay 24 Month Lease Starting From **\$3989***

2013 Dodge Dart SXT Special Edition Group



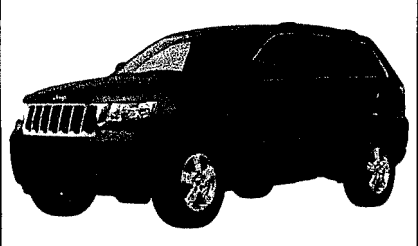
24 mo. Lease **\$179**** mo.
Sale Price **\$16,595***

2014 Jeep Patriot Latitude FWD



24 mo. Lease **\$89*** mo.
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2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4x4



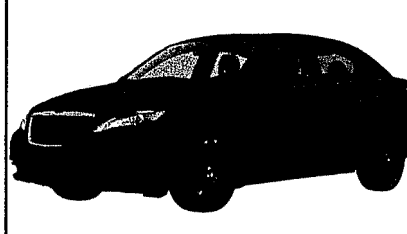
24 mo. Lease **\$169*** mo.
Sale Price **\$27,760***

2014 Chrysler 300S AWD
Sale Price **\$25,498***



24 mo. Lease **\$138*** mo.
Employee 1 Pay 24 Month Lease Starting From **\$3789***

2014 Chrysler 200 Limited



24 mo. Lease **\$98*** mo.
Employee 1 Pay 24 Month Lease Starting From **\$1995***

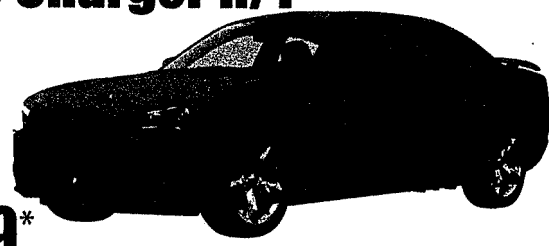
2014 Dodge Journey SXT



24 mo. Lease **\$139*** mo.
Employee 1 Pay 24 Month Lease Starting From **\$4989***

2014 Dodge Charger R/T

24 mo. Lease **\$129*** mo.
Employee 1 Pay 24 Month Lease Starting From **\$3589***



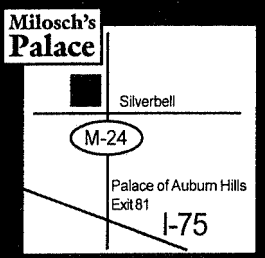
2014 Ram Crew Cab 4x4 Big Horn

24 mo. Lease **\$157*** mo.
Employee 1 Pay 24 Month Lease Starting From **\$2989***



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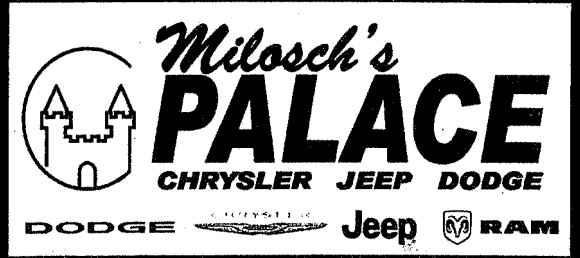
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Mo.

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Mo.

2014 Chrysler 200 Sedan



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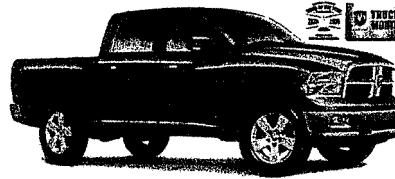
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Stk. #T144016

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\$119**
Mo.

Friends & Family 24 Mo. Lease
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Mo.

2014 Ram 1500 4x4 Crew Cab



Big Horn Pkg., Luxury Group, 5.7L V8 HEMI MDS Engine, 20" Alum. Chrome Wheels, Uconnect 8.4A Trailer Brake Control

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Employee 24 Mo. Lease
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Mo.

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SALE PRICE

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MSRP \$33,790

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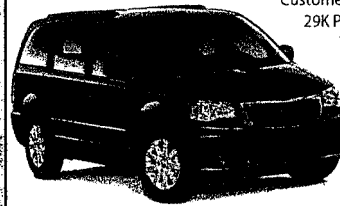
MSRP \$33,235

Stk. #142061

SALE PRICE

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Customer Preferred 29K Pkg., 3.6L V6 VVT Engine, 6 Speed Auto. Trans

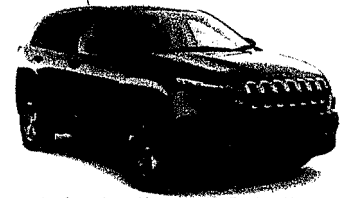
MSRP \$31,860

Stk. #143124

Employee 24 Mo. Lease
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Mo.

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2014 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4



Customer Preferred 26J Pkg., 3.2 L V6 Engine, Uconnect 8.4 AM/FM/Bluetooth/Access, 9 Speed 948TE FWD/AWD Auto Trans

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Stk. #141865

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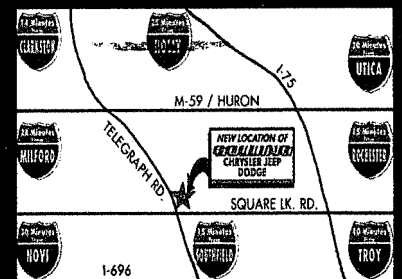
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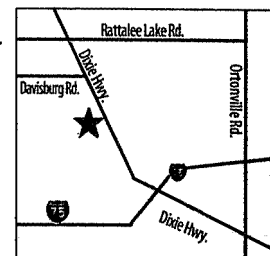
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