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Macomb briefs

Mount Clemens: 2 guilty in son's death

The parents of a 19-month-old boy who died after ingesting illegal drugs in their Shelby Township home two years ago pleaded guilty Wednesday in Macomb Circuit Court to involuntary manslaughter and several drug-related charges. Robert Seifert, 27, and Shannon Kammer, 26, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter charge as well as a count of manufacturing and delivery of marijuana, possession of OxyContin, maintaining a drug house and possession with intent to deliver Vicodin. The couple scheduled to be sentenced by Macomb Circuit Court Judge John Foster on April 7.

• **School seeks OK for new site:** The city's planning commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday over a proposal to allow a company that provides training in health care careers to move to a bigger facility at 247 Cass Ave. between Groesbeck and Gratiot. Career Advancement Studies in Healthcare Institute is asking the commission for a special land use permit to put its school in a commercial district. The school is on North Avenue at Euclid Street. The hearing will be at 7 p.m. in the City Commission's chamber of the Municipal Building, 1 Crocker Blvd.

• **Former police chief to speak:** Ike McKinnon, a former Detroit Police chief, will speak Friday to Mount Clemens ninth- and 11th-graders. Each junior will receive a copy of his book, "Stand Tall." McKinnon is an associate professor of education and human services at the University of Detroit Mercy.

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Warren: Talk set on community colleges

A state House subcommittee led by state Rep. Fred Miller, D-Mount Clemens, will hold a public hearing next week to air opinions about community colleges. "What we need first and foremost in our effort to boost our economy are new jobs and a highly educated work force," Miller said. The House Appropriations community college subcommittee's hearing will be at 10 a.m. March 6 in Room 301 of Building K at the South Campus of Macomb Community College, 14500 E. 12 Mile.

Clinton Twp.: Seminar on water slated

The Clinton River Watershed Council will host a seminar Tuesday about protecting local water quality. Small changes in the way homeowners do landscaping and care for their properties can have an impact on local streams, rivers and lakes. Luanne Laemmerman, chief of the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office environmental unit, will be a guest speaker. The meeting will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District building, 44001 Garfield Road.

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