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Chief wants midnight shift

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two and a half years ago, Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston requested contracting with the county for police coverage on midnights.

Now, Ernest Combs, the new Clarkston Police Chief at the helm, wants his officers on midnights.

Combs asked City Council members at their Monday, Nov. 10 meeting to consider reinstating city officers on the midnight shift, and discontinue contracting with the Independence Township Oakland County Sheriff's Department substation, though it would cost the city \$14,152 more to do so.

Ormiston had originally wanted to contract with the county to increase the level of service during day and afternoon shifts, when it was needed most.



Ernest Combs

City Manager Art Pappas said, "The previous chief had problems with scheduling for the (midnight) shift and also there wasn't enough activity to warrant an officer on duty. He felt it was more convenient to contract with OCSD."

The City of the Village of Clarkston council approved the contract in March 2001.

Councilman Scott Meyland said, "We are very happy with the county. There is absolutely nothing wrong with (their coverage). We're very happy with the services we are receiving from both departments."

But Combs said the Sheriff's Department only provides calls for service.

"My officers are proactive. We rattle doors, check cars and suspicious persons, without having to be called. Therein lies the difference."

One of Combs' main objectives in patrolling the streets of Clarkston is getting drunk drivers off the roads. He said most drunks are out driving after 11 p.m.

Just this past weekend, Combs placed a special drunk driving enforcement car out on the road and two drunk drivers were arrested -- one at 1:05 a.m. on Nov. 15 and the other at 2:04 a.m. on Nov. 16. This, he said, is a perfect example of what the city officers could do if the midnight shifts were reinstated.

"I like to have my own people out there patrolling how I want them to patrol. Now, I have no control over the midnight shift. By having our officers on the midnight shift they would carry out the mission, objective and priorities of this department."

Combs said he has received several requests from citizens asking to bring back city officers to the midnight shift.

"For approximately \$14,152 more than the current OCSD contract, I can staff the midnight shift with our own Clarkston Police Department officers. The current contract with the OCSD is \$27,525."

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Sherwood's forest loses a tree



High winds came blowing through the area Wednesday night and took down this pine tree outside Howard Sherwood's home. Here, Sherwood stands in front of the fallen tree. The tree was 40-years old as Sherwood planted the tree when his twins were born. Sherwood lives on Summerhill Drive off of Sashabaw west of Maybee in Independence Township. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

Board to grapple with possible cuts

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An announced cut in state aid to public schools did not come as a surprise to Clarkston school officials, but it was the impetus for some upcoming discussions on long-range budget concerns.

At the Nov. 10 school board meeting, Secretary Stephen Hyer offered a report from the finance goal committee. Ongoing budget concerns led the committee to suggest full board discussions on topics such as the non-homestead school property tax, a proposal for a building "sinking fund," possible budget reductions and ways to make the state per-pupil foundation grant more equitable among school districts.

"We're cutting the budget we're already in," Hyer said later, noting Governor Jennifer Granholm's decision to reduce this year's per-pupil grant by \$196 if the state legislature does not come up with an alternative.

The board had already dealt with some bad budget news Oct. 13, with higher-than-projected expenses and lower-than-projected income for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Those numbers did not count the expected state aid cut, but did anticipate a reduction in the expected cash surplus from \$893,180 to \$47,533.

Bruce Beamer, executive director of business and financial services, had already predicted the need to dip into the district's undesignated fund equity, which last year increased to about 14 percent of the district's total budget. The school board had set a goal of 15 percent, based on accountants' recommendations for emergency preparedness.

Hyer said the fund equity will likely help cushion this year's projected shortfall, but the long term is a concern, especially with negotiated employee contracts calling for 3- to 5-percent increases over the next two

years. Officials have already noted that more than 80 percent of the district's budget consists of staff salaries and benefits.

In addition, as construction continues on renovation and additions approved by voters earlier this year, the budget must also accommodate ongoing maintenance of new facilities.

"Once we build it, we need to maintain it," Hyer said.

That could be helped if voters were to approve an additional property tax for a "sinking fund," a fund reserved exclusively for special building projects. Such a fund is used by some other school districts to supplement the general fund budget.

While the district has initiated efforts to control spending over the past three years, "budget reductions" are a possibility, Hyer said, although it might be a challenge to identify programs or staff to be cut.

Hyer's recommendation is for a full-board budget workshop "as soon as possible," to be followed by a board-administration retreat to seek administration recommendations.

"You never like to lose \$1.6 million," he said. "There are things the board wanted to protect that maybe we can't."

Finally, while "equitable" state aid was a promise of the 1994 "Proposal A" legislation, local officials continue to be frustrated at the difference in the foundation grant among districts. The recent audit report showed Birmingham at \$11,755 per student in 2002-2003, compared with \$6,947 for Clarkston.

Granholm's proposed foundation grant reduction would be evenly applied among districts, however.

"It doesn't make sense that a district gets twice as much money, but gets cut the same," Hyer said.

Briefly

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Coat drive for Homeless Awareness Week

Clarkston resident and Housing Plus, Inc. Director Tammy Thompson is holding a coat drive in a collaborative effort with The Salvation Army.

Housing Plus, Inc. is accepting coats that are used, clean and in good shape for Homeless Awareness Week. They are accepting the coats through Nov. 21.

The distribution date is set for Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Salvation Army location at 34 Oakland Ave. in Pontiac. If interested in donating and can't get out call Thompson at (248) 253-0280.

Group plans for CHS Post-Grad Party

Plans are underway for the 2004 CHS Post Grad Party. This year, seniors will enjoy a "Tiki Island Getaway" immediately following the commencement ceremony. The all night party includes food, entertainment, games and prizes.

The party is sponsored by parents and community members who volunteer their time to assure a safe graduation celebration for the students. They are looking for donations of cash, prizes and time.

To make a cash or prize donation, contact the Fundraising Chairperson Colleen Emerick at (248) 393-8343 or mail your donation to: CHS Post Grad Party, Attn. Colleen Emerick, 5465 Waldon Road, Clarkston, 48348.

To donate your time, contact Volunteer Coordinator Susan Schulte at (248) 394-0934. General questions may be directed to either Kay Beech at (248) 625-6442 or Penny Bennett at (248) 623-4941 this year's co-chairs.

Clarkston News conducts food drive

The Clarkston News will once again be taking donations for the Clarkston Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse asks there be no glass containers or perishable foods and that all food be current. Among the specific food items needed include: canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, pie crust mix, canned soups, noodles, rice, canned fruit and evaporated milk.

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The Second Front

Commission denies wetland building permit

BY DON SCHELSE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Construction of a new house on W. Princeton Avenue is not "in the greater public interest," according to the Independence Township Planning Commission, but the prospective developer said the fight is not complete.

Sitting as a "wetland board" Thursday, Nov. 13, the commission voted 6-1 to deny a wetland permit to allow fill for a driveway in the northeast corner of the township.

Neighbors have fought the project for months, claiming the fill in the "protected wetland" would cause further drainage problems in the area.

Attorney Lee Knopf, representing the absent property owner and developer, was joined by Tim Hart of Kieft Engineering in saying the house on W. Princeton just west of Dartmouth should not have a negative impact.

"It goes into great detail in your ordinance that your determination has to be that there's going to be damage to aquatic life and vegetation, harm to the community and harm to the public as a result of this," Knopf said. "My clients and myself after looking at this, fail to see any of those things are present."

"[The developer] has chosen a house that would fit within the natural features setback. We tried to se-

lect a minimal width driveway that would have minimal impact and as little fill as possible," Hart said. "I think he's made every attempt to affect the wetland in the least amount that he can."

Township consultants repeated earlier testimony that defended the need for careful review of the wetland impact, but said their research determined minimal effect to be caused by the 1,900-square-foot house and the 10-by-30-foot driveway.

"Obviously, something has to give if you keep building up in this pocket," engineer Randy Ford said, but the proposed use of 145 cubic yards of fill on 1.65 acres of wetland would cause displacement of only about 0.65 inches.

"You wouldn't even notice that. It's not going to change the current value or function of the system," township wetland consultant Derek Stratelak said. "It would be in keeping with similar permits granted by the township in the past."

Neighbors to the proposed project, several armed with copies of the township wetland ordinance and wetland maps, strongly disagreed, challenging the consultants' computations and claiming lack of long-term perspective on the area.

Paul King, who lives at the intersection of Columbia and Princeton, downhill from the proposed project, said his property is already a flood hazard because of

improper drainage. The new home, he said, would make it worse.

"This is going to create a serious problem with all the surrounding properties in the area," he said. "Until there is a drainage issue resolved in this area, nothing else can happen, period. The water needs to go someplace."

Columbia resident Dave Buckley said the drainage problem is at least five years old, when he was told a drain could not be opened because of the private roads in the area.

"There's a lot of people upset. A lot of people are frustrated," Buckley said, noting one of his lots is completely under water each spring. "I think I live in the Amazon. The mosquitoes are crazy."

"The fill will not be distributed evenly over the entire wetland," said Dean Hammond, a Dartmouth resident whose property backs up to the site in question. "It will be a dam, so I can look forward to enjoying the

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Who owns the land?

His name has been used by the developer and township officials. He attended the Oct. 23 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

But don't call him the property owner. Harry Nouhan Jr. protested the title in a call to *The Clarkston News* last week, but he would not disclose the name of the owner of record.

"That's not the issue," he said. "I'm not the property owner."

A check of the township assessor's files reveals that the owner of the W. Princeton Ave. site, on which developer Dan Vackaro wishes to build a house, is Nouhan's wife, Monica Nouhan. The Nouhans live in West Branch.

Harry Nouhan Jr. eventually said he has "power of attorney" over the property.

Regardless of his role, Nouhan drew some angry comments from Commissioner Daniel Travis at the Nov. 13 meeting.

Travis cited comments from Nouhan that he was "told to stay away" from public meetings on the proposal. Travis said he checked that claim with the township building department.

"In no way did anyone suggest to him or advise him to stay away from the meeting. I'm very distraught at his choice of words in that regard."

Attorney Lee Knopf referred to "the petitioner and the developer" at the Nov. 13 meeting explaining their absence with the statement. "I think they're deer hunting."

Vackaro, reached for comment Monday, said Mr. Nouhan had yet to return from "his big trip."

— Don Schelske



Bob Innskeep, representing the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, joins residents in protesting a proposed partial fill of a wetland on W. Princeton Ave. The conservancy owns additional wetland adjacent to the site in question, and Innskeep said the wetland deserves to be protected. Photo by Don Schelske

Clarkston man is out of jail, but not for long

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Just days after getting out of jail, a 19-year-old Clarkston man put himself right back behind bars when he got caught in the act of burglarizing cars.

Bradley Scott Paulson was released from custody Saturday, Nov. 8 after serving his time for receiving and concealing property from a home invasion incident that occurred in May.

The same day of his release he was caught fleeing from a party in the Lancaster apartments, off Dixie, and cited for disorderly person and minor in the possession of alcohol. Then, not even a week later he was taken into custody on Thursday, Nov. 13 for break-

ing into three vehicles and stealing miscellaneous items. His pockets were overflowing with stolen goods like cash, gift cards, pills and compact discs at the time of his arrest.

Deputy Dawn Mullins spotted Paulson as she investigated open vehicles on Drayton at approximately 3:30 a.m.

She called for help, and when Paulson saw the assisting deputy, he ran.

He didn't get but a few houses down, when he was taken to the ground and handcuffed.

Paulson was arraigned the next day before Magistrate Colleen O'Brien at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston. Bond was set at \$50,000 cash surety, no 10 per-

cent. His official charges read: breaking and entering a vehicle with damage to the vehicle, (a five-year felony or \$10,000 fine); receiving and concealing stolen property of \$200 or more but less than \$1,000, a second offense, (a five year felony, \$10,000 fine or fine of three times the value of the property, whichever is greater); as well as a misdemeanor charge of receiving and concealing stolen property, (a one-year prison sentence, \$2,000 fine or fine of three times the value of the property, whichever is greater).

A preliminary exam is set for Thursday, Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston.

Lighthouse staff looks to provide help during holidays

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

With the holidays right around the corner, the Clarkston Lighthouse is once again counting on the community to come through with donations.

This year, for Thanksgiving, the Lighthouse will be providing dinner for 345 families and 125 seniors. Each will receive a box with everything needed to make a holiday dinner so they can prepare it in the comforts of their own home.

"We had to cap the number this year," Lighthouse Supervisor Connie Stapleton said. "Last year got out of hand."

Stapleton said the food donations are slowly coming into their facility.

"We have a couple of big food drives from the middle schools which are coming in shortly, so hopefully there will be a big flood of food coming in," Stapleton said. "We also have some churches who are counting on."

They are hoping to get a lot of food in over the next few weeks because it needs to last through two holidays. According to Stapleton, they do not receive many donations during the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"After Thanksgiving a lot of people forget," Stapleton said.

The Lighthouse asks there be no glass containers or perishable foods and that all food be current. Among the specific food items needed are: canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, pie crust mix, canned soups, noodles, rice, canned fruit and evaporated milk.

With Christmas in mind, the Lighthouse is also looking for toys and clothes for presents. They are requesting clothing of all sizes for newborns to teenagers.

"What we really need is clothes for the teenagers. A lot of people like to buy things for the little kids but forget the older kids need something also. We can



Lighthouse volunteers Dianne White, on left, and Ruth Davis sort through donated food. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

never have enough stuff," Emergency Services Coordinator Lisa Mujica said.

They said items like hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, along with hats and gloves really come in handy. You can also donate gift certificates.

The Lighthouse was forced to downsize this past year and lost two of their employees. However, Stapleton said the remaining group has picked up the slack and they also rely heavily on their volunteers.

"We are very fortunate that we have a lot of volunteers. They are dedicated volunteers and a key reason we get to help so much," Stapleton said.

The Lighthouse accepts donations Monday

through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Individuals can call the Lighthouse at (248) 620-6116 if different arrangements need to be made. The Lighthouse will also be accepting donations on Sunday, November 23 from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 from noon to 3 p.m.

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Faded Ink

Clarkston cancer victim leaves behind friends, old and new

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Brian Dorman and Adam Wheatcroft never met, but Dorman believes they could have been friends.

Upon learning of the 21-year-old's battle against cancer (and knowing someone who went to school with him) the director of an Independence Township music academy determined to help the family.

"It's somebody about the same age as I am," he said, also feeling for the family because he lost his mother when he was in high school. "I know what it's like to lose somebody in my family."

Although Adam Wheatcroft died Oct. 28, his memory will live on because the impact he had on people's lives.

He attended Clarkston Christian School through fifth grade, eventually graduating from Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. At the time of his death, he was a student at James Madison University in Virginia.

One of his claims to fame was archery, a sport he learned at age seven through the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

With many local and state championships, he earned seven world records, was a two-time Junior World Archery Champion and a World University Champion, and his parents spoke fondly of the opportunities he had for international travel, with Sweden, France and Thailand among his many stops.

"He was the kind of kid that, when he did some-

thing, he would keep doing it and doing it until he perfected it," according to his father, Rob Wheatcroft. Adam pursued bowling and the guitar with the same zeal. Both parents said their only child had so many varied interests, including listening to 1970s music and playing bingo with senior citizens.

"He was just an all-around good person," his mother Lynette said. "Little kids just loved him. He's got a seven-year-old cousin who thinks he's just great and wants to be just like him."

There seemed to be nothing to slow him down, but this past spring, Adam began having headaches and nausea. In May, he visited the family doctor, who immediately referred him to an ophthalmologist.

The ophthalmologist found fluid behind his eyes, and a subsequent hospital examination discovered a brain tumor.

Surgeons were unable to remove the entire tumor, so it was on to specialized radiation treatment. In August, Adam returned to college, determined to get back to the normal routine.

After the first day of classes, however, he had his first seizure. Over time other complications developed, and doctors eventually found cancer in his spine, something for which no effective treatment has been developed.

Ironically, the official diagnosis was determined to be a form of skin cancer that traveled to other parts of the body.

"They said he had that tumor no more than 18 months," his father said.

"It happened really fast," his mother said. "They never found it on any other part of his body. They said it can start on your skin, and you'll never even know it."

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Adam Wheatcroft celebrates one of his world-class archery achievements at a meet in Sweden in 1998. His parents speak fondly of his international travel opportunities and the impact he had on people's lives. Photo provided



Brian Dorman

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Opinion

End of Garden is a shame

The community service garden on the old McCord farm has been shut down and that is a shame.

The program, which was only a year old, was implemented by 52nd District Court Judges Dana Fortinberry and Michael Batchik. The garden allowed nonviolent and first time offenders to serve their debt to society by working in the garden rather than spending time in jail.

The entire harvest was donated to the Food Bank of Oakland County which this year consisted of 12,343 pounds of vegetables.

However, a group of citizens dubbing themselves the "Citizens for Community Safety," spoke out against the community garden at a recent Independence Township Board meeting. They complained the garden both lowered their property value and put the neighbors' safety at risk. After an evening of arguments, the next day the judges sent a letter to the township board saying they should eliminate the community garden at the McCord property and look for another home.

What a sad series of events. While I agree the citizens were correct in worrying about the property value of their homes, the simple fact is, they didn't own the land the community garden was on. It amazes me that people feel their rights as property owners continue on all land that can be seen from their property.

After all the complaints were voiced, there was only one possible incident where a worker possibly did something wrong. That was an indecent exposure complaint and even that could not be proven or traced back to the workers.

And this was not outsiders trying to disrupt our community. Fortinberry lives in the area and her kids volunteered at the site. The board, made up of locals voted in by the residents, thought this was a good idea. It just seems like another case of "not in my backyard."

This is a fine program that has worked in other communities. I am not saying this was a perfect system, since it was in its first year, but the citizens were not willing to compromise at all. There was no willingness to discuss the issues and tweak the program so it could continue.

These were not convicted murderers and rapists. These were small time criminals who made a stupid decision. We do not need a barbed wire fence and supervision with automatic weapons in this instance.

I will give credit to the "Citizens for Community Safety" because they knew how to play the game. I mean, who can argue with their name? It is much more effective than "Citizens worried more about their property value than feeding the poor."

I wonder what the group's next project is? What is the next issue these concerned citizens can tackle? Or was it just their personal issue that had their interest?

It is sad to see the garden go, but I guess that is what happens when politicians get a whiff of public discontent. Sometimes it is easier to cave in than fight for something that can cause a public relations problem.

Fortinberry said a major reason the decision was made was to prevent the taxpayers from footing the bill for possible litigation from the group.

Maybe we can get the neighbors to use the money they would have paid in legal fees to make donations to the food bank. Not likely.

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Gargaro's World

Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Garden is a good project gone awry

Another well-intentioned project has gone awry. Judge Michael Batchik and Judge Dana Fortinberry thought it would be a good idea to have an inmate garden camp in Independence Township at Pine Knob and Stickney Roads. The intent was to have non-violent and first-time offenders work the garden instead of a jail sentence. The county would save the \$83 per day it would cost to jail these offenders and the food grown in the garden would go to feed the poor and elderly.

Boy, doesn't this sound like a good idea? Then what went wrong? Let's break it down and see why the people in the area were so angry that they came to the township meeting in full force to protest this project.

First, the plan was presented and approved at one township meeting and without any input from the people it would affect. Secondly, no plan was submitted outlining how the garden would be run, how it would be controlled and how long the project would last. Thirdly, no one seems to know who is responsible for any problems that may arise. And finally, no trial period was defined to see if this plan was workable or should be disbanded.

I sat through the 2 1/2 hours of debate at the township meeting and came out with the sense that there is a total lack of communication between the judges, the township board and the people in the community. All the officials at the meeting stated their intention was not to hurt anybody, but to promote a worthy project that we should all embrace for the good of the community.

Maybe that's how it looks through their eyes, but if you were living next door to this work garden perhaps you'd have another point of view. What are these people expected to give up for the good of the community? Well, for one thing, the freedom to walk past the area because of the fear of being accosted by an inmate. This actually happened to one young lady in the area who was approached by an inmate while she was jog-

ging. When the problem was reported, no one admitted responsibility for the inmates not being adequately supervised and no one apologized. During the time inmates were working, there were only a master gardener and a few supervisors present. At times there were 60 people working and only a handful of supervisors.

Maybe this type of program works well in other communities, but the location chosen in Independence Township is not ideal. This work garden is in the middle of a residential area surrounded by woods. It is less than a mile from Bailey Lake Elementary School. It is so concealed in the woods that workers have had to knock on neighbors' doors asking for directions.

How about putting the project in Orion Park? It runs along Clarkston Road from Baldwin to Joslyn Road. There is a corner at Clarkston Road and Joslyn Road that is fenced in and has a large piece of land perfect for a garden. It is in the open near two main roads and could be easily located by those assigned to work there. Because it is fenced, it would be much easier to keep track of those who were supposed to be supervised.

There is only one problem with this site. Maybe Orion Township doesn't want an inmate work garden in their township. I can't see why not since it is such a good idea according to the judges and the township board, and everyone should embrace this idea for the good of the community.

No one likes to admit they made a bad decision because it makes them look incompetent when making future decisions. But in this case, I think the township board and Judge Batchik and Judge Fortinberry need to rethink the location of this work garden and admit that it would be better to relocate it to a less residential area.

It is a worthy project and a good idea, but not for this area.

Vincent D. Rizzo
Clarkston

Thanks Councilman Columbo for quick response

Thank you to City Councilman Dan Columbo for personally coming to our home after hearing about the misplaced political sign. It is encouraging to see such an effort and a reminder about how fortunate we all are to live in a city with the values of a village.

Dawn Frasa

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What kind of a creature is Sean?

Does anybody remember comedian Bill Murray's lounge lizard routine from those exciting days of yesteryear, when "Saturday Night Live" was relatively new? I only ask this because three year old son, Sean Rush, is following in Bill's footsteps, if only because he walks around the house singing (over and over), "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars..."

In 1977, Murray portrayed lounge singer Nick Summers. Murray/Summers sang a tribute to the then new movie, *Star Wars*. (To the tune of the movie's theme song.)

"Star Wars! Nothing but Star Wars! Gimme those Star Wars... don't let them end! Ah... Star Wars! If they should bar wars... please let these Star Wars stay! And, hey! How about that nutty Star Wars bar? Can you forget all those creatures in there? And, hey! Darth Vader in that black and evil mask - did he scare you as much as he scared me-e-e-e?"



Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

I guess it was funny at the time.

But, today I can testify (with my hand over a stack of Bibles) that Sean has never seen the skit. And with that knowledge safely packed away in my back pocket, I am not particularly sure where Sean picked up his rendition.

Well...

... upon further introspection, that's a lie. Please take away that stack of Bibles before God gets angry and smites me.

I am sure his mother will be happy to read that Sean's old man is the culprit. I am 100 percent sure I taught Sean what he now sings. That Sean only sings, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars... Nothing but Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars..." is proof positive. Up until 10 minutes ago when I "Google" searched Bill Murray on the internet, I didn't know the rest of Murray's schtick. I only knew, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars."

What have I done?

Yes, it is bad that our little boy goes around the house, the hood and everywhere else singing his favorite "song." And, yes, it is my fault. Compounding the fracture our little lad also walks around the house singing, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars," with the boxed set of original three movies in hand.

"Poppy, who's your favorite Star Wars guy?"
"Han Solo."
"Mine's Wuke." Sean has problems yet with "I" sounds. "Poppy."
"Yes, Sean."

"Wook at her," he oft says, pointing to a picture on the video jacket of actress Carrie Fisher in some sort of molded (skimpy) bikini thingy. "Isn't she p-r-e-t-y in that suit?"

Before answering, I always look around the room to make sure we're alone. "Yes, Sean. Princess Leia is pretty. Now put those down and let's go... work on the roof or something."

Sean's a funny kid, even when he's not trying to get attention and make his family laugh. I'm not calling my son weird or anything, but what's going on?

How many three year olds do you know that sing, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars..." while carrying Star Wars videos and picking up on the fact that Carrie Fisher looked pretty danged hot back in the late 1970s?

Sean's in pre-school two days a week. And, before going there or out anywhere, his hair has to be perfect. He will look in a mirror to check himself out and to make sure he has "Elvis hair." (Not the wild, mangy hair of the mullet-chopped 1970s Elvis. Sean likes that little swirly thing above his forehead to be gelled up like the cool Elvis of the late 1950s.)

And, while it is obvious that Sean already has an eye for the ladies, I think he's gonna' be a one woman man, like his old man. At three years old, Sean has already informed his mother and me that he plans on marrying one of the little girls in his pre-school class. He talks about her regularly. When he does talk about her, he does so with a smile and a dreamy, faraway look in his eyes. Sean has even gone to school, found the girl of his dreams and given her money -- just to seal the deal, I guess. Ever the big spender, he had two pennies and gave the future "Mrs. Sean" half.

He's not embarrassed to go up to the little girl and hug her -- right out in public. Which is impressive to me, as I didn't have the guts to ask out a girl until my senior year in college. I had hoped to wait until he left for college before I had "the talk" with Sean. But, I guess it looks like he'll get the "birds and the bees" discussion upon entering kindergarten.

Oh, joy -- I can't smackin' frackin' wait.

Comments for the worst parent a boy could have can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

A look back

in
The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1988)

- An Independence Township concrete pipe manufacturing company was fined \$1 million two weeks ago for conspiring to fix prices on seven construction projects. Precision Pipe and Supply Co. on White Lake Road was fined the maximum amount allowed under law by Detroit U.S. District Judge George E. Woods for conspiring to suppress and eliminate competition for contracts providing concrete pipe.

- Students and parents at Clarkston Junior High School got to see a little more than they expected last Tuesday night. While three different activities were going on a flasher made a brief appearance outside several windows, wearing nothing more than a black turtleneck and carrying red underwear. "The building was full," Assistant Principal Ginny Farmer said. "It was pretty scary. We referred children who saw him to the school counselors the next day."

- High praise accompanied a 6-0 vote Nov. 15 to hire Ann Conklin of Howell as the second director of the Independence Township's Parks and Recreation Department. She will receive an annual salary of \$37,000 to fill the position that's been vacant since June when Timothy Doyle, director for 17 years, resigned to pursue work on a doctorate degree at Michigan State University.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

- Springfield Township has received a license application to begin a second adult foster care facility in the township, and area residents are dead set against the idea. Citing a zoning ordinance listing the proposed facility's neighborhood as a residential district, personal safety and safety of the facility's eventual residents, several township residents met Monday to discuss the possible use of legal action against state approval of the home.

- A reduction in charges for Independence Township residents using the Detroit-Clinton sewer system will not lower their bills. Instead, the \$2.84 Independence Township gains quarterly from the decrease in county charges will be added to the township's debt retirement collection and residents hooked up to the sewer line will continue to pay \$29 four times a year. The decision to keep the rate the same was unanimously approved by the township board Tuesday night.

- Property for a new Independence Township fire hall has been purchased for about \$30,000. The one-and-one-half acre site is located on Ortonville Road (M-15) just south of Rattalee Lake Road. An agreement to purchase on a land contract from Mrs. Onalee Whipple was unanimously approved by the Independence Township Board. The price was \$29,300 with an \$8,700 down payment and the balance due after township taxes are collected in March, 1979.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

- George Atkins has returned from his second tour of duty in Korea. In his first tour he won a Battlefield Commission and on his second trip he was promoted to a Captain. He received the Bronze Star award twice and an air medal for spotting enemy emplacements across the lines.

- The Clarkston Rotary Anns will meet on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Sharpe with Mrs. Robert M. Atkins as co-hostess. All members are urged to bring a present. Christmas plans will be completed.

Just Jotting

It crossed my mind while watching a Detroit Lions (professional?) football game that vendors in the stadium food booths would probably like to sell as many hot dogs as there are down on the field in Honolulu Blue and White.

The gyrations some of the million-dollar-a-game guys display after they catch a pass, tackle a carrier or make some other routine play is nauseating.

Bring back Barry Sanders. When he scored a touchdown he'd hand the ball to the referee and trot off the field. No belly flops, shoulder shakes or undulating hip movements.

Of course, I don't remember seeing a current Lion making a touchdown this year.

Complaints are many and often by property owners along the Great Lakes, especially those on Saginaw Bay.

The *Montmorency County Tribune's* Gordon Charles writes that, 40 years ago, a research vessel working out of Grand Traverse Bay retrieved bottom samples from the northern portions of Lake Michigan.

They found an old cedar swamp at depths of 50 feet. Cedar swamps, Charles points out, require abundant moisture, but they grow on top of the ground, not underneath deep water.

Two years ago a research vessel in Lake Huron probed its bottom and also found remains of cedars.

The waters may be low today, but yesterday they were lower. Now all you Great Lakes property owners



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

feel better, right?

"The Clothesline," from Mary McGregor's *Mature Citizen* in the U.P.

A clothesline was a news forecast to neighbors passing by.

There were no secrets you could keep when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always new, if company had stopped on by to spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the fancy sheets and towels upon the line;

You'd see the company tablecloths with intricate design.

The line announced a baby's birth to folks who lived inside.

As brand new infant clothes were hung so carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could so readily be known, by watching how sizes changed; you'd know how much they'd grown.

It also told when illness struck. As extra sheets were hung;

Then nightclothes and a bathrobe too, haphazardly were strung.

It said, "Gone on vacation now" when lines hung limp and bare.

It told, "We're back!" when full line sagged with not an inch to spare.

But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make work less,

Now what goes on inside a home is anybody's guess. I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign.

When neighbors knew each other best by what hung on the line.

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Wheatcroft

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Even when his conditioned worsened, Adam apparently kept a good attitude.

"He never complained," Lynette Wheatcroft said. "He just accepted it. He was tough."

Dorman, who owns Brian's Academy of Music, subcontracts with 13 other teachers from Clarkston, Ortonville and parts of Genesee County. Dorman decided to donate \$250 cash, plus the academy's profits for November, and 10 of his teachers agreed to donate 40 percent of their fees from November.

"I didn't go to them," he said. "They came to me."

He is collecting money from students and other interested parties, and is hoping to present

more than \$1,000 to the family in time for Thanksgiving.

Lynette Wheatcroft's fellow employees at SBC also collected money for the family, as did Rob Wheatcroft's co-workers at the Orion Township GM plant. The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club has reached out, and the HoytUSA archery supply company (and Adam's sponsor) has placed a memorial page on their web site (www.hoytusa.com). A national collegiate archery tournament in Illinois has been renamed in the honor of Adam Wheatcroft, who won the competition just before his brain tumor was discovered.

"Everyone has been so generous," Lynette said. "It's unbelievable — people we don't even

know. There are a lot of good people."

"He just blew us away," Rob Wheatcroft said of Dorman, who visited the family at the funeral home and later called the family with his desire to help. "How can this kid 21 years old — we don't even know him — have it so together?"

Earlier, there were concerns about medical expenses, but the family says there is no real financial crisis. As time goes on, however, they do not rule out the possibility of a memorial of some kind, and Dorman said he would support that.

Those interested in donating may visit Dorman's web site at www.teachesmusic.com.

Carol Book Winner



Clarkston's Robin Weaver, age 10, won The Clarkston News' Carol Book Coloring Contest. Robin won \$50 and also has her work showcased on the cover of the carol book coming out Dec. 3 in The Clarkston News. Photo by Cindy Burroughs.

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Letters to the Editor

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We need to provide better education for the children

I just listened to another news story about the "cost of incarcerating prisoners" and a possible early release program for nonviolent criminals.

I believe we still are not addressing the root cause of this problem. We need to provide a better environment for our children to develop whether it's the school system or their neighborhoods. Why are we spending so much money on inmates and not schoolmates?

I am not sure what we spend per day for each inmate but in some cases I have to believe it is more than we spend on our kids in school. Someone needs to re-

evaluate the cost per inmate. Let's cut costs there if necessary, not in our schools.

Do we really need all these "grand administrative" buildings? Do we need an administrative building in every district? What about the school boards? Do we really need all these layers of management, etc.? Another sore spot is the continual abuse of our school funds, our tax dollars, by some of our administrators.

There are a lot of dedicated teachers and other folks out there committed to the kids. Let's channel the support to

where it does the most good, in the school itself, the teachers and students. It's a shame we can't put more effort into our school systems and support them. Better pay, school supplies, etc. Let's better support our schools.

As for the prison issues... Let's take the televisions out of the cells and put them in the classrooms. Let's take the weight rooms out of the prisons and put them in our school gyms. Let's take the computers out of the prison libraries and put those in our school libraries and classrooms. While were at it, let the prisoners work/pay for their own uniforms. Kids in school have to buy their uniforms. Don't get me wrong, prisoners have

rights too but they gave up the majority of those rights when they broke the law.

The bottom line is it is time to reevaluate our priorities. It's plain common sense. We need to focus on preparing young folks for the future. Prisons focus on "rehabilitation." Schools need to focus on the "ability" part and make sure all these kids are respectful, educated and ready to contribute to society. Maybe we would not need all these prisons if we started at the "root" and made sure it was strong enough to support the life it nourishes.

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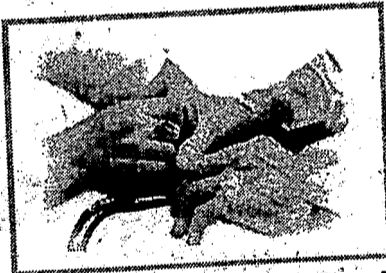
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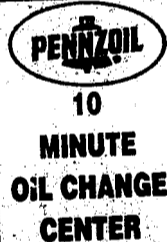
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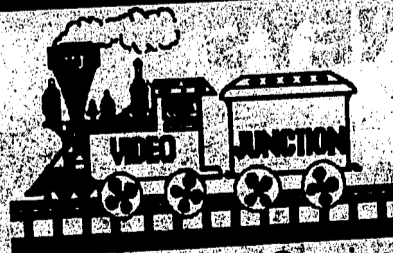
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BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The dedication and hard work she applies to school and service has brought to her the label of good citizen.

Clarkston High School senior Jennifer Baibak is a 2004 Good Citizens Award winner denoted by the Sashabaw Plains chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

The 18-year-old Sashabaw Plains NSDAR chapter awards a number of students each year from surrounding area schools who have displayed qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism to community and country.

The recipients are chosen through their respective high schools by their counseling staff.

Clarkston High School counselor Larry Sherrill said, "This year's senior class is really outstanding. This is quite a recognition for (Baibak)."

"I was surprised," Baibak said, of winning. "I was like 'wow,' it was shocking. It's kinda cool, out of the whole school, I'm recognized to represent my school. It's exciting."

The National Honor Society student keeps herself busy with activities on campus. You can see her running cross country and track, and marching in the band with the mellophone. Within the school district, Baibak is active tutoring middle school students, assisting at elementary family events, and helping young students in the Homework Club.

"It's fun. I love working with kids."

She had planned on becoming either a pediatrician or pediatric dentist, until she was one of only 37 girls across the nation to be accepted into a two-week, biomedical engineering summer program at Kettering University.

"I love children and I love math and science, but by going to that program it really sparked an interest in engineering and biomedical engineering. I think that is what I'm going to focus on," Baibak said, noting her dad, an engineer, has also been an influence on her



decision.

She hopes to go to the University of Michigan, but is also considering Kettering University and Michigan Tech.

"I've been trying to put a lot of work into this year. I do take hard classes. I want to work hard. I try to challenge myself with my classes," she said.

Baibak holds a 3.83 grade point average and blames an Advanced Placement biology class last year for bringing her GPA down.

"I put a lot of work into school because that's number one. I'm in AP calculus this year and it's kind of been a struggle for me," she admits. "I've been getting A's in math my whole life. I have a B and it's hard to deal with it, but I work really hard. In the fall with marching band and cross country going on at the same time and with school work, it's really hard. I don't have time for my friends most of the time. I wish I had time for my friends, but right now I realize this is my future."

Baibak still finds time to involve herself in the community, though it's a community she's only lived in for four years, relocating from Illinois with mom Joan, dad Mike and younger brother Matt.

"I feel like I've lived here my whole life," she notes.

When she's not in school or working at her winter job at Pine Knob Ski Resort, she's involved with the youth group at St. Daniel Catholic Community through which she has volunteered in soup kitchens and went on missions trips like travelling to Tennessee to spruce up the home of an elderly woman. And for two years, she's worked with four year olds in SCAMP, a summer camp for special needs children and young adults.

"She's a great student," Sherrill said. "She's very involved in the school. She's multi-talented. She's done community service work. She's worked with SCAMP. She's done mission work. It was everything she has done that encapsulates what DAR represents. She really is a great example of the type of student we like to have represent Clarkston High School."

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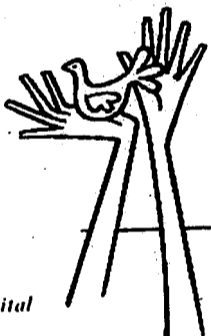


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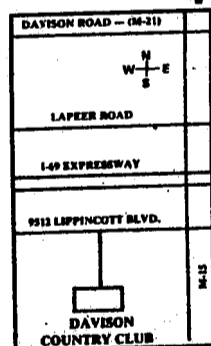
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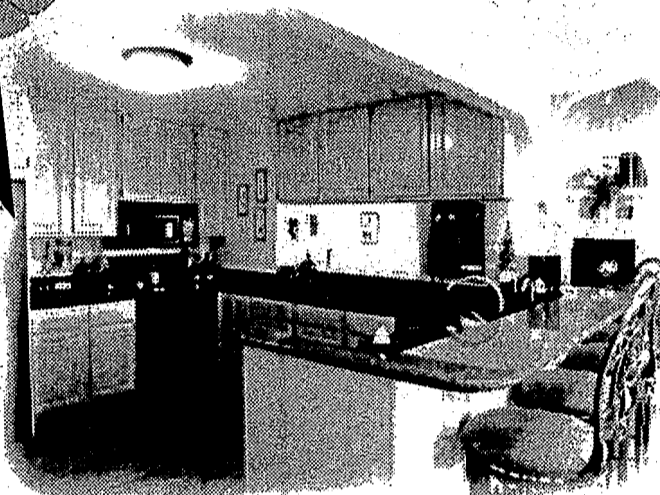


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Business News

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Imagine Salon...

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BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

They say at Imagine Salon "the focus is on you." But at the moment the focus is on Imagine Salon. That's because owner and Clarkston resident Shelly Kovach was recently nominated for a Salon Entrepreneur of the Year Global Salon Business Award, which recognizes, honors and rewards the entrepreneurship and business creativity and success of professional salon owners.

"It is a huge accomplishment to be nominated for this prestigious award," Kovach said. "We are so excited."

Recipients of the salon awards will be selected by industry professionals from around the world and members of the international trade media. Awards will be presented in categories of business criteria including Entrepreneurial Spirit, Financial Productivity, Marketing and Promotion, and Team and Client Philosophy. If Kovach wins she'll be invited to attend the Global Salon Business Forum and Awards Ceremony in London next summer.

"I get my own Oscar," she joked, though she admits she'll be surprised with a win. "We're so new, I can't imagine. With all the wonderful salons out there that are doing phenomenal, I'm glad to know I'm one of the contenders in such a short time."

Only in business for three years, Imagine Salon has quickly grown.

"I think what has got us noticed is that it has grown so fast," Kovach said, noting Imagine is also in the running for recognition by Modern Salon as one of the Top 200 salons in the country.

Just from last year, business grew 25 percent, and into a salon which sees 50 to 75 clients a day.

Kovach said it's quite an accomplishment given the industry, the state of the economy and the fact business opened the year of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It was really a challenge. To grow 25 percent is just awesome."

Before opening her salon, Kovach did a lot of travelling as a Redken educator. It helped direct her in how to run Imagine.

"I got to see a lot of salons -- what they did really well and some salons what they didn't do so well. I wanted to see if I could make a difference."

In particular, she liked how many salons incorporated community activities into their schedule. Kovach's already participated in several local events including the Buick Open and fundraisers at Genesys Hospital, and plans to participate in special events with fellow business owners within the Grand Ridge Galleria, where Imagine is located.

Kovach was also impressed by how many larger salons were still able to keep quality in their customer care.

"I got to see how they really put an interest in customer service and how they could be so big and still keep on track."

Imagine technicians are trained to learn the latest trends in hair design and color and often pick up styling techniques before they even hit the streets.

"I get a lot of people who say, 'I can't believe what kind of hair walks out of here. It's beautiful.'"

Kovach also credits for her success several who encouraged and mentored her along the way including her mother, a salon owner, her father, who owned several businesses in Waterford, and friends Kristi Valenzuela, an international speaker and owner of Crystal Focus, and Tari Pearce, also with Crystal Focus.

In the same way she was helped, Kovach wants to do the same for other young and upcoming stylists.

She doesn't want to be simply an employer to her employees. She wants to be a mentor. Kovach holds frequent meetings with her staff, not only to touch on

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Shelly Kovach of Clarkston was recently nominated for a Salon Entrepreneur of the Year Global Salon Business Award, which recognizes, honors and rewards the entrepreneurship and business creativity and success of professional salon owners. Kovach owns Imagine Salon in Grand Blanc. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Business Briefs

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston has added Davisburg resident Lisa Lotz, Clarkston resident Linda Gee and Lake Orion resident Kathleen Fallon to their team of real estate professionals.

"We are excited to welcome Lisa, Linda and Kathleen to Coldwell Banker Schweitzer," General Manager Bill Clark said.

Oxford Bank Corporation, the holding company for Oxford Bank, announced a fourth quarter cash dividend of \$0.26 per common share. This represents a 13.04 percent, or three cent, increase over the cash dividend paid in the fourth quarter of 2002.

The total 2003 cash dividend payout by the corporation will be \$1.02 per share, a 10.87 percent increase over the \$0.92 per share paid to shareholders in 2002.

Oxford Bank Corporation's fourth quarter cash dividend will be paid to shareholders of record at the end of business on Nov. 28. Shareholders will receive their dividend on Dec. 12. As of Sept. 30, there were 1,280,000 common shares outstanding.

Lynn Kacy of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer was presented with a Fair Housing Leadership Award in an event held recently at the Renaissance Club in Detroit.

A real estate sales professional for more than 25 years, Kacy is being recognized for her unceasing efforts to promote respect for fair housing laws within the housing industry. As chair of the Equal Opportunity in Housing Committee for the North Oakland County Board of Realtors (NOCBOR), Kacy assisted

in the development and presentation of several fair housing programs for NOCBOR, the Southeast Michigan Metro Council of Realtors and the Michigan Association of Realtors. In the early 1990's she led the NOCBOR Equal Opportunity in Housing Committee's participation in a unique self-testing program of randomly selected real estate offices. She was trained as a facilitator in the National Association of Realtors "One America" program.

The Board of Directors of Oxford Bank Corporation, the holding company for Oxford Bank, announced the appointment of Mitchell H. DeCamp as vice president and commercial loan officer.

DeCamp brings more than 28 years of banking experience to Oxford, the last 20 in capacities related to commercial lending. He most recently served as a commercial relationship manager for a large, regional banking institution. Prior to that position, DeCamp spent 23 years with a Michigan-based community bank.

A resident of Burton, DeCamp is a current board member of the Flint Community Capital Development Corporation and the treasurer of the Greater Flint Mental Health Facilities, Inc.

DeCamp holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwood University, a degree from the National Commercial Lending School in Norman, Okla., and certification as an economic development professional.

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Imagine Salon

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business matters, but more to focus on making her staff and each individual feel "whole" as a person.

"It's about what we as people bring to the salon as a team and to our guests. Different things to grow you within."

She is also currently implementing a new associate program to take on recently graduated beauty school students for six months to train them into more advanced technicians.

"I love mentoring. I love growing people."

Kovach is excited to see what the future holds with Imagine.

"I'm really excited for 2004 because now I think I've got it all figured out. I've figured out how to juggle being a mom, wife, owner and mentor." Kovach is married to Eddie and has son Kory, 14 months.

"I'm doing what I love to do and I've got an extreme amount of drive, but I'm also trying to enjoy the journey."

Imagine Salon is located at 8185 Holly Rd, suite 13 in the Grand Ridge Galleria in Grand Blanc. Hours are Monday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (810) 606-8234. Log on to www.imaginesalononline.com.

Imagine Salon staff include Christy Day, Courtney Szabo, Shannon O'Brien, Shannon Kelly and Lane Mulinax. Owner Kovach is shown sitting.



Cops

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Combs estimated costs at \$38,556 for regular wages, \$1,296 for holiday wages, and \$1,825 for vehicle expenses, for an estimated total of \$41,677 for the city.

"We're going to take a closer look at this to see if it is worth pursuing," Meyland said, noting the council

may make a recommendation by the end of the year.

Recent election numbers indicated many Clarkston citizens feel the city may already be paying too much for police services. In his campaign, candidate Steve Wylie had proposed abolishing the police department and contracting with the county full time. Wylie received 135 votes, just under the 150 to 155 votes for the three incumbents.

Meyland said the council may have to get creative

in how they attack this issue, not just because of the election results, but because sensitivity is applied in all decision making, especially one that involves a financial increase.

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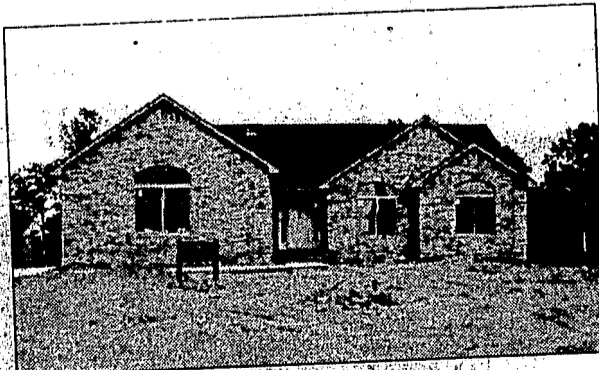
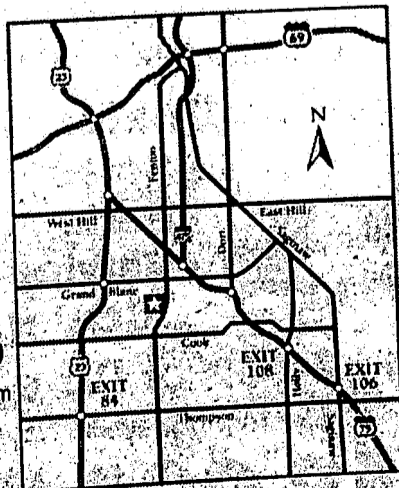
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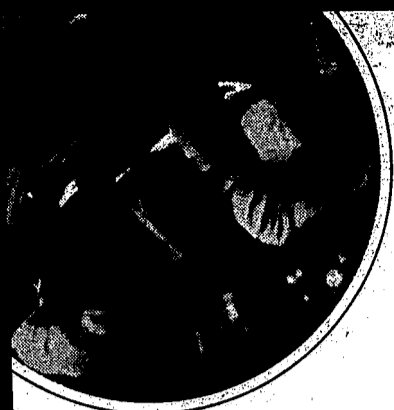
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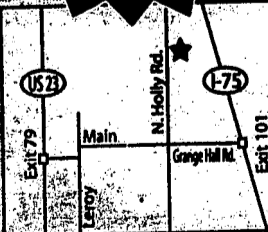
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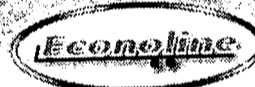
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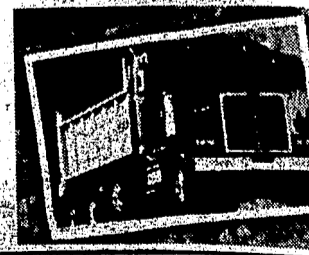
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Steven was a 1994 graduate of Brandon High School and was employed as a Senior Consultant with Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, Detroit. He was past president of the Theta Chi Fraternity, Eta Phi Chapter, Oakland University where he obtained a Masters Degree of Science in Management Information Systems. He was involved in the OU Mentor Program, received the Commuter Involvement Award, Junior Achievement and was the GMI Outstanding Leadership Person of the Year. He participated in American League Football and Rugby at Nottingham University, England. His hobbies were the outdoors, backpacking, hiking, hunting and classic cars.

A Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Rainbow Connection.

Wetlands

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same problem these people have with my back yard being under water."

Ford said the developer plans a culvert under the driveway to allow free flow of water.

Hammond also asked why the developer did not consider a driveway easement off of Kelsey Drive, since he sought and received a septic easement on the same property.

"It has not been explored," Hart said.

Sharon Vaughn, one of the organizing protesters, said a 1994 report showed water from the wetland touched all the surrounding properties.

"I'm angered at the blatant disregard of the fact that we're in a drought cycle," she said.

Columbia resident Pat Mueller agreed, saying the level on nearby Round Lake is the lowest she's seen in 12 years. She also countered the claim of precedent along Clarkston Road.

"We are on a private road," which tends to act as the drain for the area, she said. "Ditches are maintained by the county [along Clarkston Road]. Those are off county roads."

Commissioner Daniel Travis voiced displeasure at the county's decision to grant a septic easement on an adjoining property, even though it is the same property owner, and said the history of the region had to be considered.

"Any of the fills have a cumulative effect," Travis said. "We aren't doing any service to the community at large. We're in fact causing harm by granting a wetland permit."

Commissioner Sam Moraco, himself a builder, questioned the wisdom of building on the site.

"The lakes are low. Everything is low. The likelihood in the future is that the water table will be higher than it is today. That's a real concern," Moraco said. "I wouldn't build a house if five years from now it will be under water."

Commission Chairman David Lohmeier said, "This is not the largest wetland impact decision we've ever had to make," but he said it was an important one.

"The burden is on [the developer] to show it is in the greater public interest," Lohmeier said.

Commissioner Kathryn Caruso cast the lone vote in opposition to denying the permit.

While residents claimed victory, developer Dan Vackaro said Monday the fight is not over. He has the right to appeal to the planning commission, and a lawsuit is not out of the question.

"We've proved it to be developable. We've proved our point," Vackaro said, accusing the protesters of using "hearsay" to prove theirs.

"They had no proof. I can't understand how people can stand up with no evidence and [the commission] took what they said over what we've done."

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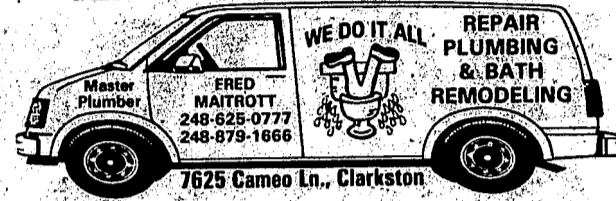
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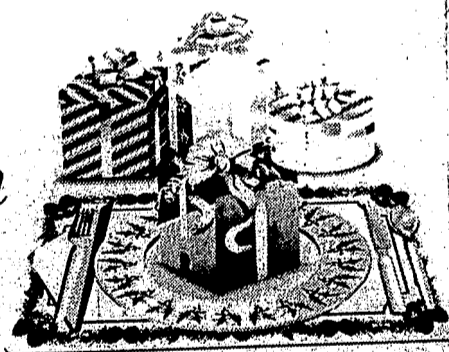
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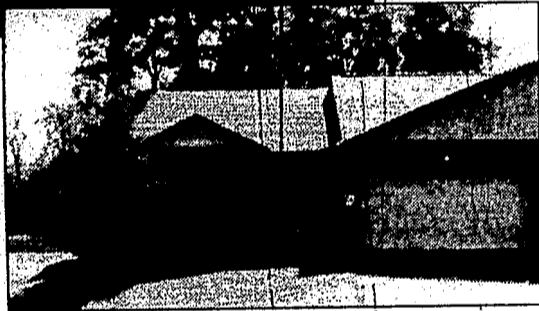
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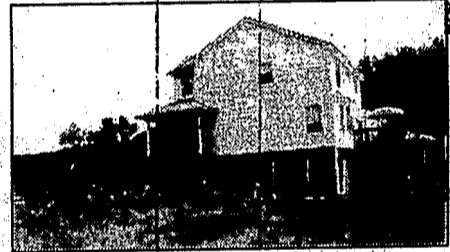
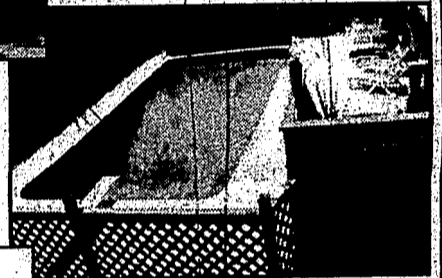


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A 24-year-old man was arrested on Sashabaw for operating while impaired. A preliminary breath test registered .13 percent.

Two 18-year-old men were arrested on Dixie, after being stopped for speeding, for disorderly person/malicious mischief and under 21 consumption of alcohol. A BB gun, beer, face masks and gloves were found in the car.

Larceny in a building on Foxburg. More than \$20,000 worth of items, including a chandelier, wood trim and central vacuum unit, were stolen from a vacant home under construction.

Home invasion on Willow Park. A moped, valued at \$2,000, and other items were stolen.

Home invasion on Pelton. A loaded revolver, VCR and jewelry were taken. Entry was gained through a busted garage window and through an unlocked house door.

Vehicle fire on Parkcrest Drive.

Friday, Nov. 14, burglary on Maybee. A leaf blower, trimmer and more were stolen from a storage bin at a golf course. Padlocks were cut to gain entry. Malicious destruction to a vehicle on Dixie.

Thursday, Nov. 13, a 19-year-old man was stopped on Sashabaw for driving with an obstructed view (air fresheners hanging from the rearview mirror). He was found to have been drinking and registered a .058 percent preliminary breath test. He was cited and driven home.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, larceny of \$1,000 paddle boat from a yard at a home on Meyers.

A 60-year-old man was cited on Dixie for driving with a suspended license.

Larceny of a CD player from an automobile on Perry Lake.

Malicious destruction to a vehicle on Upland. **Tuesday, Nov. 11,** kitchen fire on Dixie. An 86-year-old woman was cooking dinner in her apartment when the exhaust fan above the stove caught fire and spread to the cupboards. The woman extinguished the fire, but called for help because of excessive smoke.

Personal property damage accident on Dixie. A 54-year-old woman stated while parking her vehicle at a fast food restaurant her foot slipped off the brake causing the car to run into the corner of the building. No one was injured.

Monday, Nov. 10, breaking and entering and larceny of a vehicle on Parview. A DVD player and amplifier were stolen, totaling a \$3,600 value.

Breaking and entering of a medical center on Dixie. An attempt was made to open a filing cabinet. Pry marks were found, but entry was not gained. Nothing was missing.

A 21-year-old man was arrested on Willow Park for possession of cocaine and driving with a suspended license.

A 45-year-old man was arrested on Maybee for operating while impaired and open intoxicants. He had a .14 percent preliminary breath test.

Larcenies from two vehicles parked on Parview.

Springfield Township

Saturday, Nov. 15, missing person and child neglect on Big Lake. A 31-year-old woman left her 12-year-old son with her mother and hasn't been heard from since.

Friday, Nov. 14, breaking and entering on Roberts Drive. Someone broke into a home through the front door and attempted to steal property. Nothing was missing.

Thursday, Nov. 13, larceny of jewelry from a home on E. Holly. The owner suspects a friend who was in the house.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, juveniles were disturbing a church service on Broadway by hitting the windows

with golf clubs, yelling threats and using bad words. This is an ongoing problem. No charges are being filed.

Monday, Nov. 10, a 25-year-old man was arrested on Hogback for operating under the influence of liquor, a first offense. A preliminary breath test registered .15 percent.

A 46-year-old man is suspected of stalking and harassing his 39-year-old girlfriend on Dixie.

Domestic assault between a husband and wife on Davisburg. No one was arrested.

City of Clarkston

Sunday, Nov. 16, a 23-year-old Lake Orion man was arrested on Main, near Clarkston, for operating while intoxicated, a first offense. He was jailed and released on bond.

Saturday, Nov. 15, a 25-year-old man, of Independence Township, was stopped for erratic driving on Clarkston, near Main. He was arrested for drunk driving, and found in the possession of a forbidden weapon (a double-edged knife). He was arraigned later that day on charges of operating while intoxicated, a second offense, and carrying a concealed weapon. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Thursday, Nov. 13, a 24-year-old Davison man was arrested on White Lake, near Deer Lake, for driving with a suspended license. He was released with an appearance ticket.

Friday, Nov. 7, a 26-year-old man was stopped on N. Main and arrested for driving with a suspended license. He was released with an appearance ticket.

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Sports

Seniors commit to play college sports

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"It's a great day for Clarkston sports," Athletic Director Dan Fife said, as three senior athletes signed letters of intent at Division I universities.

Families and friends gathered in the Clarkston High

'It's a great day for Clarkston sports.'

Dan Fife
CHS Athletic Director

School media center Wednesday, Nov. 12, the national date for high school athletes to commit to their scholarship agreements.

Colleen Mead is accepting a full athletic scholarship to play tennis at Western Michigan University, and Fife said it is the first time in at least recent memory for a Clarkston student to receive a full tennis scholarship.

"Western has everything I was looking for in a col-

lege, both academically and a tennis team and coach," Mead said, with about four other schools under consideration before she made her choice.

A highlight this year was Mead's qualification for the Michigan High School Athletic Association tennis finals, where she placed third in singles competition.

"The atmosphere was just amazing," she said. "It's supposed to be a quiet sport, but they were screaming after every point."

At Western, Mead plans to major in accounting and minor in criminal justice. She hopes to take advantage of both career fields, working for an accounting firm for a couple years then transferring to the FBI.

Aaron Powell and Sam Palace both accepted base-

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Surrounded by teammates, Clarkston seniors (from top) Colleen Mead, Aaron Powell and Sam Palace go through the ceremonial signing of "letters of intent" to accept scholarships to play intercollegiate athletics at Division I universities. Photos by Don Schelske

Athlete of the Week Transplant enjoys Wolves basketball

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Leigh Christy comes from Indiana, so some might think it natural for her to play basketball.

She doesn't necessarily fall into the stereotype of that state, but the daughter of Charlie and Suzanne Christy enjoys another fine tradition — encouragement from her father.

"My dad was big, gung ho about basketball, and he thought I should try it," she said. "I was at the age when I thought, 'I'll try anything.' It just became a sport I love."

The junior began playing organized ball in sixth grade, with a travel team in Carmel, Ind., then played in middle school and high school. She moved to Clarkston last year, and "loves it."

She has noticed a difference in coaching styles between Indiana and Michigan, but likes coach Ann Lowney's style.

"She's a great coach," Christy said. "She really teaches you a lot about the game, and also about life."

She likes basketball so much that she plays almost year-round, participating in an AAU program during the school team's off-season.

"I love the competition," she said. "It doesn't always show, but I'm very competitive, and I love playing with a team. I love that it takes all of our effort to win a game."

School keeps her busy in her junior year, including advanced placement classes in European history and composition. She also sings in the high school madrigals, and is looking forward to a trip to New York City next spring.

In her "spare" time, she loves to draw, play piano and attend movies. A self-styled "movie buff," Christy thinks "Gone With the Wind" is the best film ever made, and she thinks few modern films compare with

the quality of older movies.

She also keeps in touch with big sister, Katie, a student at Miami University in Ohio.

"I call her all the time," she said. "We talk at least twice a week."



Leigh Christy

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Scholarships

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ball scholarships, Powell to Eastern Michigan University and Palace to Kent State University in Ohio.

Powell toured the Ypsilanti campus in mid-September. He will play first base and pitch for the Eagles.

"I really like their campus and their criminal justice program," he said. "They have a really good baseball team. They asked me to play and said I'd be playing in my freshman year."

Powell said other schools were possibilities, but "Eastern stepped forward."

With a criminal justice major, Powell also aspires to a career with an agency such as the FBI or CIA.

"I like that field. It's not the same thing every day. It changes every day, and that's what I like."

A catcher, Palace said he is confident in his choice.

"The biggest reason is I like the coaching staff over at Kent State," he said. "They gave me a good offer, and I took it."

Palace has yet to choose a field of study, but he is interested in something along the line of physical therapy as a career.

Both Palace and Powell also played varsity football, but both believe baseball is a better choice for college, especially because of the potential injury factor.

"It doesn't beat down your body as much, and I just kind of enjoy it a little better," Powell said.

"I'll have a longer career, and I think I'm a little better in baseball," Palace said.

That doesn't mean the football memories will fade.

"This was my favorite year" in football, Palace said. "Our coaches all believed in us. There was never any fighting on or off the field between the team. We were always great friends with each other."

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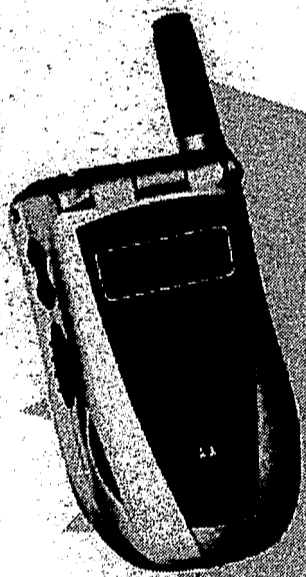


The Clarkston Select Soccer Club U10 team took first place at the Socctoberfest in Zionsville, Ind. Oct. 11-12. The team finished the tournament with a 2-1-1 record and in a three-way tie for first place. In the playoff, the Shadows clinched the title with three shutouts. The team includes (first row) Megan Hastings, Faith Lieder, Sarah McCallum, Emily Richmond, Christie Campbell, (second row) Erin Castillo, Kelsey Smith, Natalie Smith, Caitlin Kirby, Rachel Bailey, Samantha Toth, Madison Lightfoot, Tara Donnelly, (third row) coach Rean Turner. Photo provided

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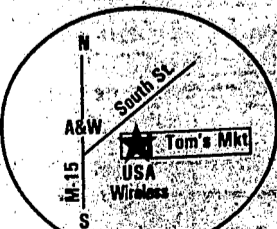
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BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Yes, they're part of the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League, but they want you to know it's not what you think. "People think we're playing with Legos all day. We're not playing with Legos. It's presenting, computers, engineering..." Cedar Crest Academy student and Lego League member Kelly Peters clarified.

"It's a good experience. You get to learn a lot more about a subject. It really makes you think," Lauren Jbara added.

"It's interesting. It makes you smarter," Analicia Honkanen noted.

And after eight weeks of preparation, the fifth and sixth graders, in two teams dubbed Nitro and Hedgehogs, took top honors out of 40 teams competing Saturday, Nov. 15 at White Lake Middle School. The Cedar Crest kids, who also won for creative presentation, will now be heading to the state tournament.

"We're all pretty excited about this opportunity," team leader Jenny Healy said. "There are only 10 going to state. It is quite an honor."

Each year the Lego League creates a challenge for students to solve through the use of robotics construction, programming, research and innovative problem solving techniques. Students create a question and solve it through research and the development of robotics.

This year's competition was Mission Mars. And the Cedar Crest teams chose to center around the exploration of rock, soil and ice on the planet.

The students are broken up into groups with specific jobs like researching and preparing Powerpoint presentation or building and programming Lego robots to perform specific "missions."

"We stay up late and work really hard," Rachel Hanson admitted.

But they seem to thrive on that hard work.

Ask team members what their favorite thing is about



The Cedar Crest Academy Lego Leaguers include Lauren Comp, Christopher Doig, Rachel Hanson, Analicia Honkanen, Tyler Kieras, Ian Lacy, Jorg Lootens, Morganne Matheis, Sarah Novotney, Kelly Peters, Garrett Wolf, Michael Diebal, Christopher Schulte, David Risov, and Lauren Jbara. The team is led by teacher Jenny Healy and several volunteer parents. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

the Lego League and the answers vary.

Christopher Schulte said, "My favorite thing is constructing."

"I like competition," Tyler Kieras said.

"My favorite thing is programming," David Risov added.

No matter what their particular point of interest, they all agree Lego League is fun.

"It's so much fun because we're working with friends. And we're all best friends," Sarah Novotney said.

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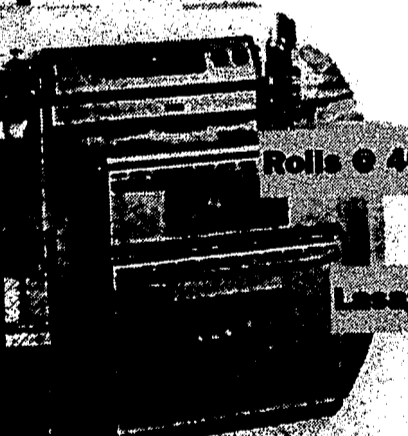
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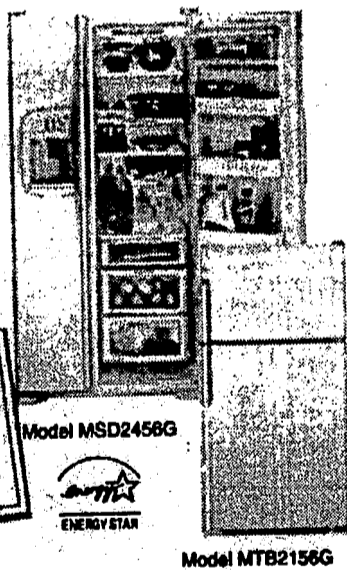
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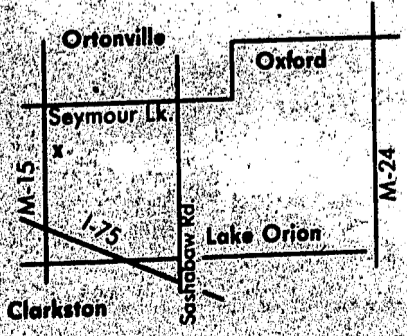
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--Fred Tschirhart



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"A Chevy Beretta was the first car I owned. It was red."

--Mary McMahon

By Jennifer Nemer

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Community band grows in number

Musicians have staged performances locally since 1996

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Community Band is playing good music and having a great time doing it.

The group, which started in 1996, is now up to 45 members. Originally it was a 25 member band. The members simply enjoy to play.

That is the case with both Fred Sarmiento and Philip Satterthwaite. Both have been members since the band's inception.

"I played all my life through school," Sarmiento said. "The instrument was tucked away and I played it only off and on. However, I dusted off the instrument to join the band."

Satterthwaite has a similar story. "I was in the School of Music at Michigan State University and had played in other community bands in Orion and Oxford," Satterthwaite said. "I saw the ad in the paper for this band and I was the first person to sign up. We have been going strong ever since. I really enjoy it."

Sarmiento signed up shortly thereafter. The two did not know each other before the Clarkston Community Band, but now they are good friends. They were bound by the love of the trumpet.

"We are a very tight-knit group. Everybody enjoys it and we have a good turnout. I have met a lot of friends in the band," Sarmiento said.

The band was started by Jeanne Pierce as a local outlet for music. The band has grown into a diverse group with people falling between the ages of 18 and 86.

"I really had no idea what to expect when I first signed up for the band," Sarmiento said. "I was surprised by how much fun I was having. I was having such a great time it made me go out and buy a new trumpet."

While they both enjoy playing their instruments, they say the band is what keeps them working hard.



Philip Satterthwaite rehearses with the Clarkston Community Band, something he has done since the local band was founded in 1996. Photos by Bob Flath.

'People want to play and being in a band really helps us be disciplined in our practice.'

"People want to play and being in a band really helps us be disciplined in our practice," Satterthwaite said. "It gives us all a real rea-

son to practice during the week. We want to be prepared for rehearsal."

Each year the band plays at least two shows. They have a Christmas and a spring concert. This year the Christmas show is set for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Clarkston Middle School.

On the schedule for that concert is a performance by the Clarkston Brass before the band takes over with songs including "Do

Philip Satterthwaite
Clarkston Community Band

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Around Town



Join the Basketful of Yarn for a number of knitting classes in the upcoming weeks. Here, Martha Shaw shows off the successful result of her first attempt at knitting. The brand new Clarkston resident picked up the hobby after relocating from North Carolina, and has been taking classes at the store since September. "I've had great teachers." Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

The Clarkston Village Players presents "Light Sensitive" by Jim Geoghan. Remaining show dates include Nov. 20, 21, 22. Tom Hanratty is a lifelong resident of Hell's Kitchen. Struck blind eight years ago, he is fading into a realm of self pity. His only friend is moving to Vermont with a new girlfriend, but guilt won't let him abandon Tom. He recruits a volunteer reader, who battles her way through Tom's shell of pride. When Tom's buddy returns for New Year's Eve with tales of his Christmas from hell in

Vermont, doubt arises about who will be number one in Tom's life. Showtimes are Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday, and \$12 for Friday and Saturday. For tickets call (248) 625-8811 or stop by Tierra Fine Jewelry, 64 S. Main St. Visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org for more information. Depot Theater is located at 4861 White Lake Rd. in Clarkston.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club presents **The Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic**, Friday, Nov. 21 at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. The Saline Fiddlers are a nationally known ensemble of 30-plus high school students. Tickets are available through Ann Dutton at (248) 625-6549, in the main offices of the Clarkston school buildings, and at the Clarkston Community Schools Administrative Offices at 6389 Clarkston Rd. Remaining tickets will be available at the door.

The Basketful of Yarn in downtown Clarkston is hosting a variety of **knitting classes** including a lace scarf class on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for \$40, a fine finishing class on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for \$40, and quick knit projects for Christmas classes on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday, Dec. 9 from either 10 a.m. to noon and 3-5 p.m. for \$20 a session. Call (248) 620-2491 for more information.

Clarkston area churches will celebrate Thanksgiving at Calvary Lutheran Church on Monday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. This will be a community-wide ecumenical **worship celebration**. The offering that evening will be given to the Clarkston Community Coalition for Habitat for Humanity. Calvary is located at 6805 Bluegrass Dr., at the southwest corner of I-75 and M-15. Call (248) 625-3288.

Win a free turkey. Register now for **Independence Township Parks and Recreation's 9th Annual Turkey Shoot**. Compete in your own age group by shooting 10 free throws. The person with the most baskets

in each age group wins a free frozen turkey. Male and female compete separately. The contest will take place at Bailey Lake Elementary on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$2 for youth (ages 8-17) and \$3 for adults. All participants must preregister at Parks and Rec. by Nov. 21. A birth certificate is needed unless previously verified by Parks and Rec. Please call (248) 625-8223 for more details.

Club 5529, a Christian club for young adults, is featuring 12 Days of Christmas with John Reuben on Friday, Nov. 28. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and cost is \$12 at the door. General admission seating. Club 5529 is located inside the Clarkston Christian Association at 5529 Sashabaw. Call (248) 620-4900 or check out www.5529music.com for more information.

The Women's Council of Realtors of North Oakland County will hold their annual **Christmas Gala and Charity Auction** on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Golf Club in Clarkston. Cost is \$25 at the door. A portion will benefit Haven, a shelter for women and children. Recognition awards will be given for the gift basket which raises the most money and the best themed basket. All donations, which can be dropped off at Morgan Milzow in Clarkston, are appreciated. Questions, call Susan Trush at (248) 752-8297.

The **Widowed Support Group** will meet for an informal sharing meeting Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., facilitated by bereavement counselor Alicia Brown. The topic for the evening is "Honoring Our Loved Ones Through Sharing." This holiday meeting is for anyone coping with a loss. All meetings are held at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. There is no registration and meetings are free. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, or if anyone would like to be on a mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at (248) 625-5231.

The **Festival of Trees and Craft Show** will be held at the First Congregational Church on Friday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Buy fresh wreaths, baked items or raffle tickets for door prizes. At 8 p.m., the shops will close for the auction of decorated trees, merchant packages, gift baskets and more. Tickets are \$7 and will be available at the door. On Saturday, Dec. 6, there will be a pancake breakfast from 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$6/adults; \$4/children. Have your picture taken with Santa for \$3 until 2 p.m. Get Christmas cookies from the Cookie Walk and check out the baked goods, craft items and fresh wreaths until 4 p.m. The church is located at 5449 Clarkston Rd., just east of Pine Knob Road. Call (248) 394-0200.

The Clarkston Village Players presents **country singer Joseph James** Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake. For more tickets call (248) 625-8811 or stop by Tierra Fine Jewelry, 64 S. Main. Also, visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

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Outstanding youth...



The Clarkston Optimist Club on Wednesday, Nov. 5 presented their 2003-2004 Youth Appreciation Awards to elementary students. Each Clarkston school principal nominated a boy and a girl, presenting their various achievements at a special breakfast at Liberty Golf and Banquet. Winners were: Anderson Elementary, John Wilks and Lindsey Osler; Bailey Lake Elementary, Ken Fitzgerald and Kylee Weiss; Clarkston Elementary, Rosemary Magidsohn and Hanna Phillips; Independence Elementary, Eric Savoie and Josilyn Roberts; North Sashabaw Elementary, Daniel Seiltz and Taylor Brown; Pine Knob Elementary, Kenny Stelpflug and Chantel Blay; Springfield Plains Elementary, Chris Canada and Amanda Ejups. Photo provided

Chamber plans for Parade

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the third annual Heart of Clarkston Lighted Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The parade will begin at 6 p.m. and follow the traditional parade route down Church Street onto Main Street, through the heart of downtown Clarkston and will end at Miller Road. This year's parade theme is "Fantasy of Lights."

"Many community groups and organizations have signed up to participate in the parade. There will be lots of lighted floats and vehicles, horses, carolers, festive music and, of course, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus to Clarkston," Chamber Event enthusiast/planner Terri Bendes said. "So, bundle up the family and bring them to downtown on the evening of Dec. 13 to make some wonderful new holiday memories."

There is still room in the parade for any groups that have not already signed up to participate.

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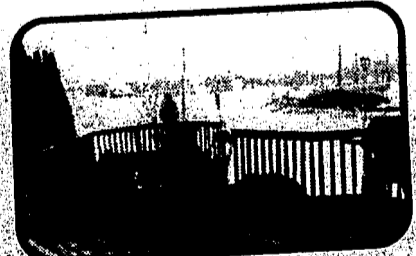
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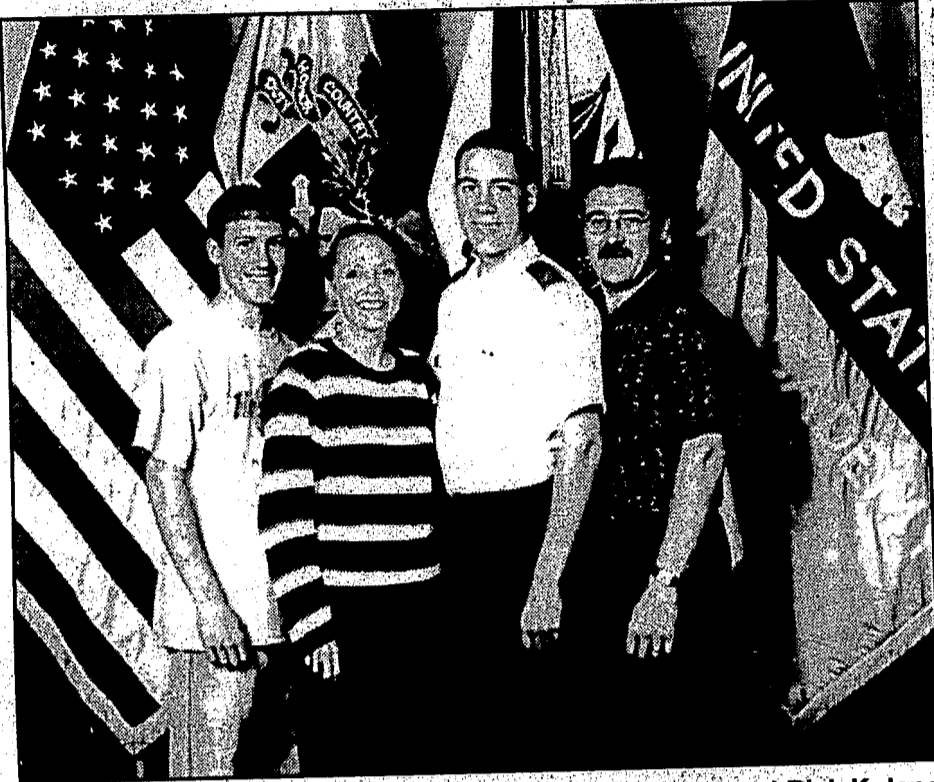


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Milestones



From left, Brad, Sandy, Bryan and Rick Kolano

Cadet Bryan Michael Kolano, a 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School, took part in the annual Plebe-Parent Weekend at the U.S. Military Academy from Oct. 10-12.

Parents Rick and Sandy Kolano and brother Brad Kolano of Clarkston visited their cadet for the event. The relatives and friends of plebes (freshmen) are invited to West Point for Plebe-Parent Weekend to tour the grounds, meet

the staff and faculty members and learn firsthand about the regimen followed by the academy's newest cadets.

Kolano, one of approximately 1,000 plebes at West Point, plans to graduate in 2007 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Kolano has completed Cadet Basic Training after entering the military academy on June 30.

In the work force...

Scott Joseph Hill, formerly of Clarkston, has joined the Grand Rapids offices of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LPP.

Hill joins Varnum's Corporate Practice Group.

Hill is a 1996 Clarkston High School graduate, Alma College graduate and graduate of Wayne State University Law School.

During law school, he served as the Survey Editor of *The Wayne Law Review*.



Scott Hill

In service . . .

Marine Corps Pfc. Brian J. Larsen, son of Barb and Pat Larsen of Clarkston, recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course at the U.S. Army's Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md.

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Larsen is a 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School and joined the Marine Corps in January 2003.

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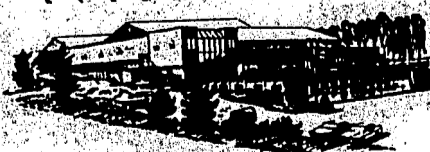
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Springfield Township woman has a story to tell

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

You may see her in the guise of Liberetta Lerich Green, a young African American girl who helped injured soldiers in Detroit during the Civil War. Or with Anansi, a spider puppet whose got the character of a trickster. Or she may be speaking as if she were Paul Bunyan.

Whatever the personality she may be putting on, Springfield Township resident Lois Sprengnether loves to tell a good story. In fact, she's been doing it professionally for 20 years and has traveled locally, nationally and internationally to do so.

"As a youngster, I was always the kid who got in trouble when the teacher came back in to the room because they could hear me in the hall. I had one teacher say, 'Lois, why is it I always hear you over everybody else?' And I said, 'Just lucky I guess,'" Sprengnether laughed. "Kids that get in trouble for talking may have a potential for storytelling."

Growing up in St. Louis, Mo., Sprengnether began her career in theatre and dance. She studied acting at Royal Academy under Larry Linville, a.k.a Major Burns on the popular television show M.A.S.H. She worked for the Actor's Workshop, directed a children's touring company, and toured with the "In White America" theatre group.

She made a career change and found life after theatre as a children's librarian in 1970.

"It was very compatible. Being a children's librarian lets me use all of those skills and everything else. I just kind of flowed into it."

Sprengnether is currently with the Mt. Clemens Public Library, where she has been employed since 1979.

A certified Word Weaving instructor, a nationally recognized story telling method, Sprengnether tells her stories

wherever there is an audience. She's told at churches, art fairs, festivals, parks and recreation departments, conferences and workshops, libraries, schools, and more.

The 57-year-old's stories span from tall tales to Native American legends to original works to whatever is requested of her, on any subject.

Her repertoire of stories is vast. For example, she said, "I could do a story on just about any country."

Sprengnether sometimes intersperses her stories with music (she plays the piano, bowed psaltery, ocarina and guitar), puppetry, and sign language (her eldest daughter, Christy, is hearing impaired). She prefers, though, to simply tell a story. She always encourages audience participation, though.

Most importantly, she tells her stories to all ages.

"I love telling to adults," she said, who has a local history program for middle school age to adult through the Flint Area Storytellers.

But of course, kids love Sprengnether. "I've had teachers come up to me after doing a program in school and they're amazed because a kid who may have Attention Deficit Disorder and can't pay attention to anything else, paid attention. We don't have that live presence telling you a story often enough. It's just T.V., movies...nothing alive, that's right there."

Telling stories is life to Sprengnether, who'd like to retire from the library in three years and travel with her stories full time.

"You can fit just about anything in to a story. You may have to do some looking, but that appeals to the researcher in me. It's just so fascinating. I'm an evangelist of storytelling, spreading the gospel of how neat storytelling can be."

To schedule a program, call Sprengnether at (248) 625-5848, write



Lois Sprengnether of Springfield Township loves to tell a good story. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Band

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You Hear What I Hear," "Amazing Grace" and "White Christmas."

"All the concerts are free to the public. All they have to do is show up and enjoy the music," Satterthwaite said. "We usually get about 200 people at the concerts but we are looking to get the word out to the community."

As with any group, money is somewhat of an issue. The group receives some contributions from local businesses but purchasing music can be expensive.

"There are some financial concerns. We don't ask people to contribute to us but we wouldn't turn down an angel," Satterthwaite said.

Their spring concert is slated for May 23. In addition to the two planned concerts, the band is also looking to play at different places around the area.

The band practices every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sashabaw Middle

School. The band only plays throughout the school year since that is when they can get into the building to practice. Anyone interested in playing in the band can show up at practice or call (248) 625-8013.

"We are always looking for musicians. No matter what instrument you play we can not get enough," Satterthwaite said. "While we have people with different skill levels you probably need to be at least the high school level because some of the music gets difficult."

Both the musicians feel having a community band is important to the Clarkston area. This is their way of giving back to their community.

"We have fun and truly enjoy playing the music. The fact that we are able to make music and share it with others makes us feel good," Satterthwaite said. "Playing is very relaxing."



With fellow community band members, Philip Satterthwaite rehearses for their Dec. 14 Christmas concert. The volunteer band is always looking for additional musicians to join the fun. Photo by Bob Flath.

'We are always looking for musicians. No matter what instrument you play, we cannot get enough. The fact that we are able to make music and share it with others makes us feel good.'

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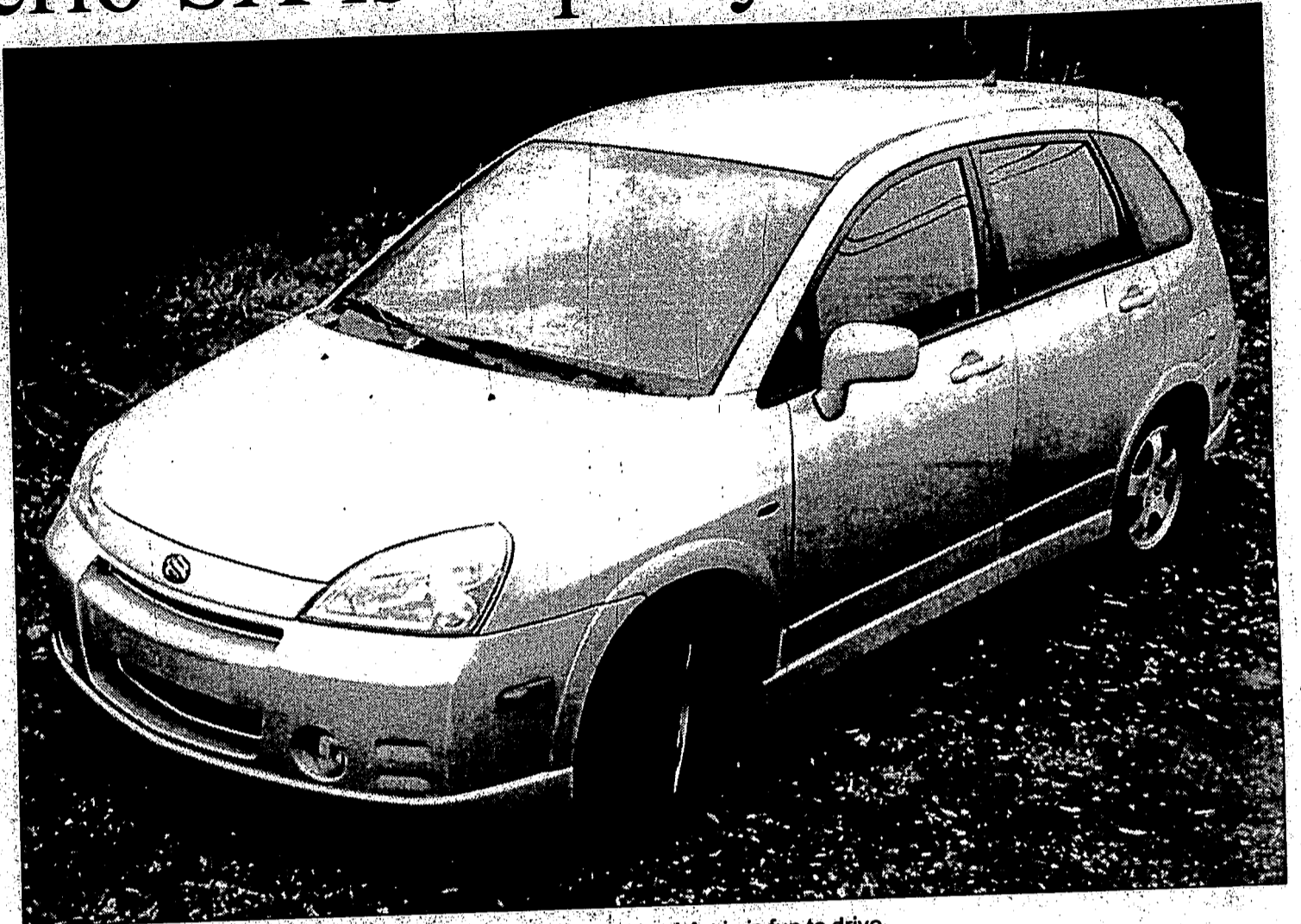
by Don Rush

It's a tough gig I got. While driving new cars all the time I have to take notes -- mental and with pen and paper. And, it's annoying to hop from car to car not knowing where the light switch is or flipping the lightswitch when trying to find the windshield wiper gizmo.

Like I said, it's tough, but somebody has to do it. Before you cry me a river or call me "negative" let me say it was only slightly embarrassing when I stalled the 2004 Suzuki Aerio SX while trying to back out of a parking spot at Oxford Bank, there in downtown Oxford. It had nothing to do with the 2.3L, DOHC 16-valve four cylinder engine. No design flaw with the foot pedal configuration. Nope. I just forgot I was driving a stick. Luckily, no one in the parking lot recognized me.

The Aerio is a quick, responsive little car and pleasing to look at. If I were to put it in a category, I guess I'd put it in with the likes of the Pontiac Vibe. The manufacturer puts it in the "small station wagon" category. To say I am a "small" anything kind of guy would be less than truthful, yet, I was able to fit in the driver's seat with comfort. I think what most impressed me with the Aerio was its roominess -- almost 50 inches of hip room for the driver (if you must know, the Pontiac Vibe has over 51 inches of hip room).

Prior to experiencing the Aerio SX, I have had plenty of time in "small" cars. From those exciting days of yesteryear in a Vega, to Chevettes to Geo Storms -- I've driven them all. What I didn't like about those was an uneasy feeling of being too



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close to the pavement. Not so with the Aerio. The 15-inch tires set the car up nice. I did not have that icky feeling of being too low. Nor did I have a feeling of impending doom when I merged into north bound I-75 traffic at the Sashabaw Road entrance.

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up to Flint and many places between. I used mainly the back roads and in a week's worth of travel I put no gas in the 13.2 gallon tank (though it was close to empty when I returned it). Suzuki says this car will get 25 miles to the gallon in the city and 31 on the highway.

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It's positively the Alpha Club at Pine Knob Elementary

Optimists club work hard for good cause

The Pine Knob Elementary Alpha Club is once again in full swing for its third straight year.

The elementary branch of the Optimists is made up of 24 members, who kicked off their season Sept. 18 with a pizza party.

Plans for the year include providing help and service to Lighthouse North via canned food drives, purchasing a holiday meal for a family in need at Thanksgiving and baskets at Easter time.

Already they made Halloween cards for the Sunrise Retirement Community, created Optimist Game Boards to play at an adult Optimist meeting, and collected \$775 through a Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser so all members could enjoy a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre this December. The club will also participate in the Christmas Lights Parade.

The junior optimists have invited several guest speakers for the year including Steve Balko of the Michigan Lighthouse Project; Jim Evans, president of the Clarkston Foundation and owner of Overland Expeditions; and John Merz, owner of Graphmark Services who designed the club's T-shirts.

If interested more in the Alpha Club, call Kym Parks at (248) 623-1587.



The Pine Knob Elementary Alpha Club is made up of Maya Alalouf, Jamie Balance, Gerrit Bartholme, Jake Bowren, Bryttani Broccoli, Thomas Coutre, Sydney DiCea, Amber Dickson, Elly Gray, Mark Halley, Melissa Holman, Savannah Johnson, Shayna Joseph, Sage Morse, Alex Quinn, Ashlyn Samii, Leah Sanchez, Brianna Skidmore, Matthew Soderberg, Brent Sterling, Molly Swiatowy, Bob Weller, Tony Woodward, Ashley Yoshida. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Recipe Corner

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Jan Radden is sharing her Funny Face Cake recipe. Jan is a retired school teacher from the Fairview Park, Ohio school system and is a full-time resident of Bradenton, Florida.

Funny Face Cake

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 5 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup water

Combine flour, sugar, cocoa, soda and salt into ungreased 9"x9" pan, approximate size. (I do it right in the baking pan.) Make 3 deep indentations in the mixture to form a face. Place the vanilla in one eye, the vinegar in another eye and the vegetable oil in the mouth. Pour in 1 cup of water to wash the face and mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

Symphony Anniversary



Clarkston's Logan and Preston Pechel recently attended the Rochester Symphony Guild's 25th anniversary party. Photo provided.

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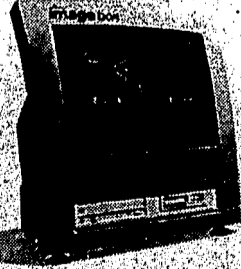
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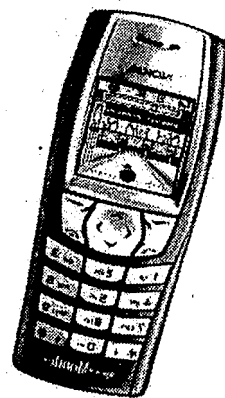
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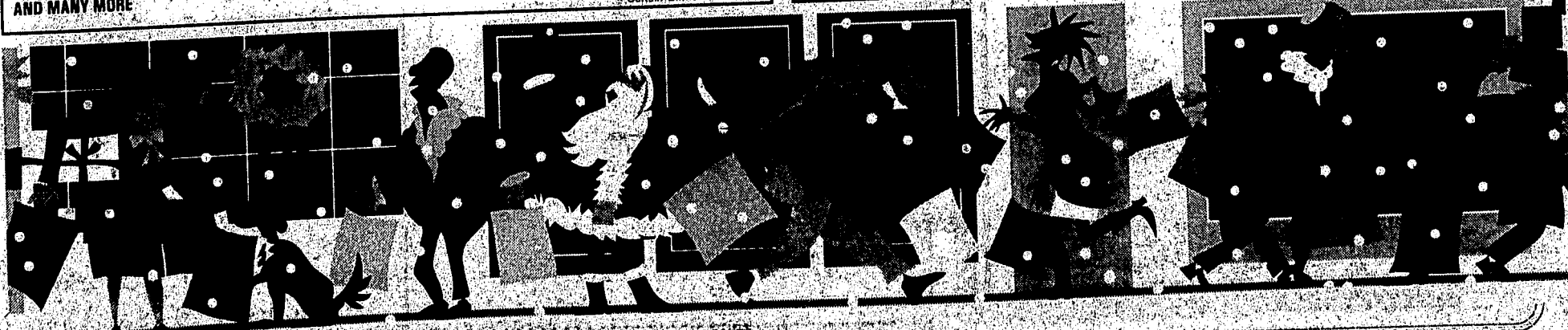
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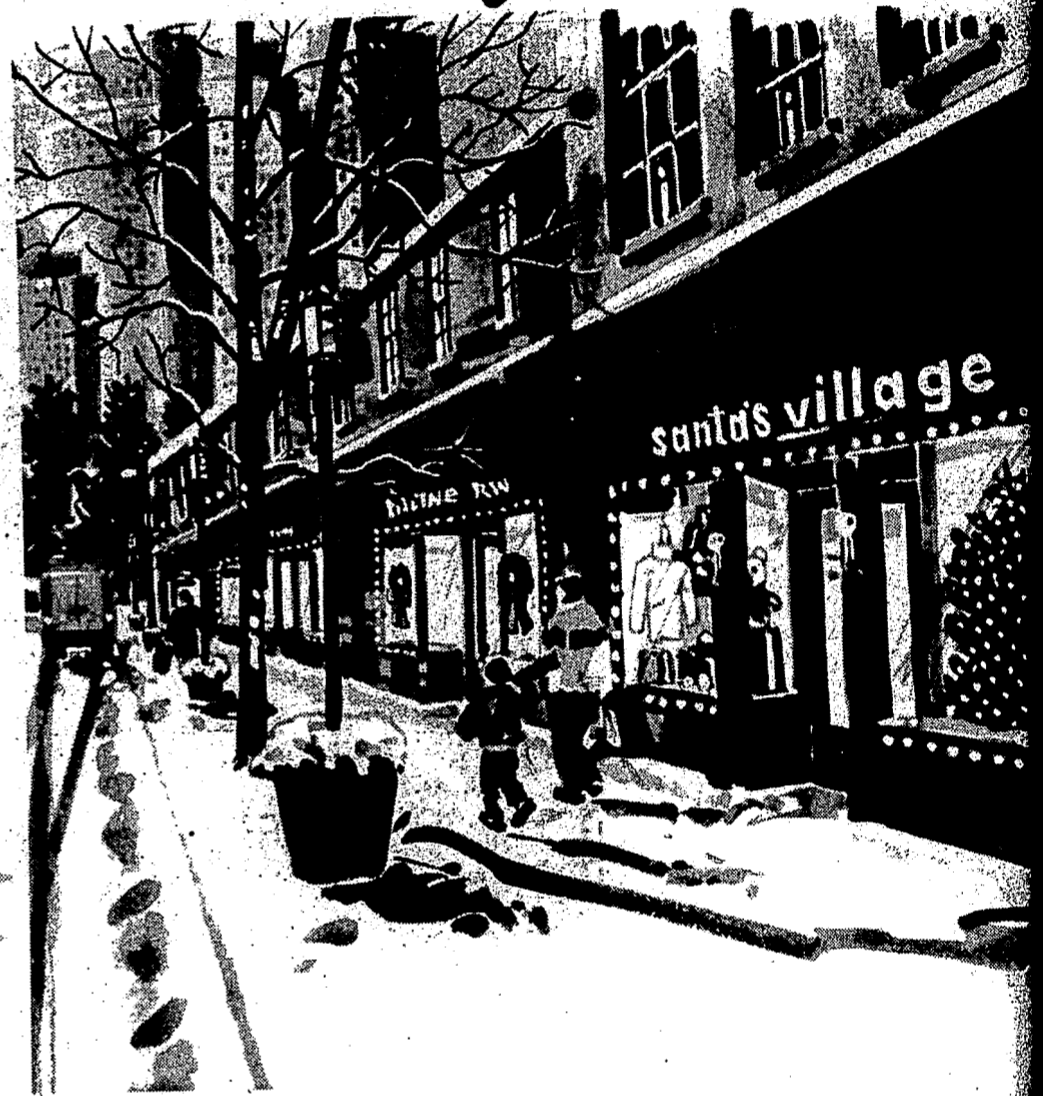
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Fine arts: Marching Band, Concert Band (ninth and 10th grade)

Special recognition: Who's Who, National Honor Roll, Kentucky Colonel, Michigan Math Prize Competition--School High Score

Clubs/organizations: Octagon Club, Teen Council, National Honor Society, Clarkston Coalition for Youth

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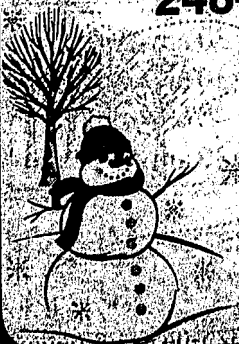
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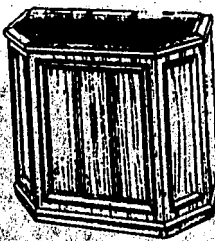
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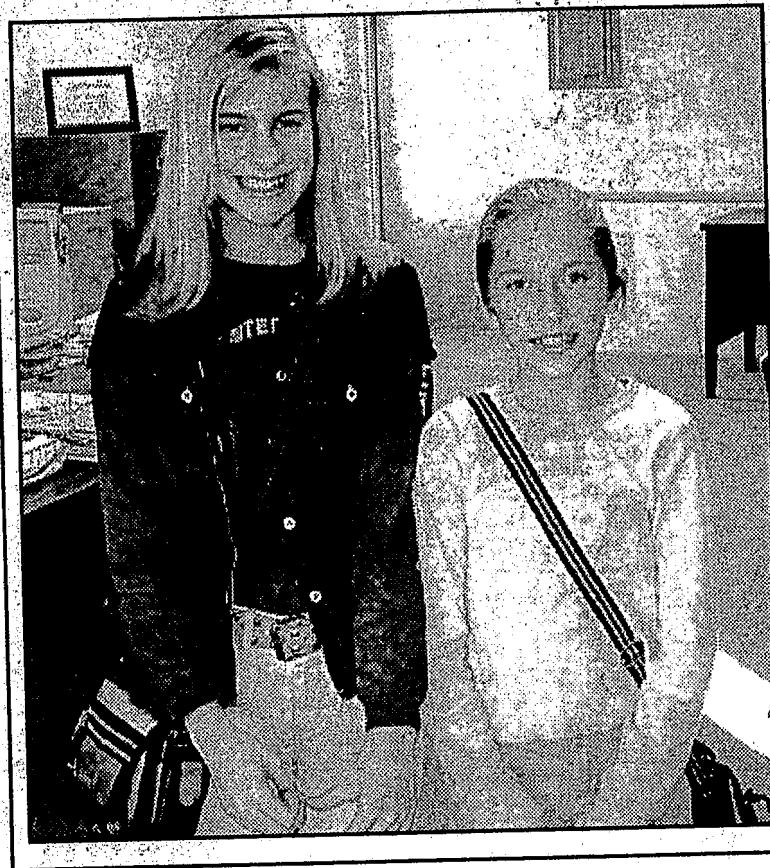
The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #03-0115 James Sharkey, Petitioner.
 APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 25' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME WITH ATTACHED GARAGE
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- Case #03-0116 Paul Sadows II, Petitioner.
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 Harvard Ave. E., Lot 53, R-1A
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 08-01-352-008
- Case #03-0117 Scott Thomas, Petitioner.
 APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 8' AND 7' VARIANCE BETWEEN STRUCTURES FOR ACCESSORY BUILDING, ALREADY CONSTRUCTED ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
 Woodcreek Trail, Lot 110, R-1A
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- Case #03-0118 Michael Petrucci, Petitioner.
 APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 18' FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO CONSTRUCT DECK (HANDICAP RAMP) ON COMMERCIAL BUILDING (NON CONFORMING)
 Waldon Rd. & Clintonville Rd., C-1 Zone
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- Case #03-0102 Robert Ritchie, Petitioner.
 APPLICANT REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION AND CLARIFICATION OF FACTS PRESENTED AT ZBA HEARING OF OCTOBER 15, 2003 FOR SIZE VARIANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 477 SQ FT OVER THE ALLOTMENT PERMITTED FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS ON PROPERTY
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Respectfully Submitted,
 Joan E. McCrary,
 Township Clerk
 Beverly A. McElmeel
 Director

Future journalists



Home schoolers Katrina Hilderman and Joclyn Reemstma recently interviewed *Clarkston News* editor Kyle Gargaro for a school project. As a homework assignment they wrote this for the paper: On Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003, we went to interview Kyle Gargaro at *The Clarkston News* for a homeschool project. We asked Mr. Gargaro questions concerning the production of the newspaper. The first question was, "How does the first amendment affect your job?" The answer was that you get to write what you want without the interference of others like the government. One of the answers that surprised us it that they don't legally have to write objectively although a good journalist always does. If they write something libel they can be sued. *The Clarkston News* is printed in Oxford, Michigan and takes about five and a half hours to produce from press to delivery. It was very nice of Mr. Gargaro to give us his time. We had fun because the secretaries showed us the history of *The Clarkston News* and showed us how they make ads.
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SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Catallo
 Roll: Present: Clifton, Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.
 Absent: None.

Newly-elected Council Members Colombo, Gamble, and Savage were sworn in by the Clerk.

Minutes of October 27, 2003, accepted as presented.
 Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of striping or curbing on Miller Road under New Business.

Mayor Catallo opened the Community Block Grant Funds Public Hearing for 2004 Funds at 7:10 p.m.

Pappas read a letter from the Women's Survival Center requesting consideration for CDBG funds. Council discussed this issue and tabled it for future funding.

The CDBG Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.
 Bills in the amount of \$108,497.01 approved for payment.

Meyland reported that the traffic study for Holcomb would, according to the City Engineer, take place after the first of the year and that the Road Commission for Oakland County would be doing this if requested in writing by the City. Discussion was held on the various suggested traffic controls. Colombo stated that surveillance should be increased on Holcomb and speed limits strictly enforced.

Clifton asked if the tot lot could replace the merry-go-round with other items. Pursley is to investigate costs on various items for the tot lot.

Savage asked that all candidates for the recent Council election be recognized as he felt both new candidates did a good job in campaigning and it was good to see interest in City Council positions. Savage stated he felt these candidates should be recognized for the efforts put forth in their campaigns. Discussion by Council resulted in the suggestions for a news letter or other methods of informing the residents of what action are being taken by the Council and City Departments.

Colombo stated that the residents need more information and more communication is needed.

Gamble reported that the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board is to have the payments made by the local units.

Chief Combs reported that there were minor incidents on Devil's Night and Halloween, with the exception of a dog bite incident. Additional officers were on duty. Chief Combs also reported to the Council on the October statistics.

The bid of \$10,029 submitted by Ben Lawrence for the City's front end loader was accepted.

Pursley reported that the D.P.W. is preparing for winter. Some tree trimming is being done, and training for snow plowing with the new curbing has taken place. Reflective markers will be used for plowing during the winter months.

Pursley also reported on the recent vandalism where trash cans and light poles were spray painted. The D.P.W. has cleaned up all graffiti.

Resolved that the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Funds be allocated as follows:

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (Camp)	\$2,000
Independence Township Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program	2,000
Independence Township Senior Center Building Equipment	4,000
Total Allocation	\$8,000

Pursley stated that the D.P.W. will stripe the Miller Road edges with yellow markings to designate the division between the street and sidewalk edges.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
 Artemus M. Pappas
 City Clerk

Around Town

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Rd., is hosting its 4th annual Toys for Tots Benefit on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 4-9 p.m. This event will feature live music performed by local musicians Charlie Allen, Martin, Susie Woodman & Friends, the Shotgun Will band, The Skee Brother, Ron Howlington, and the band Nothing Serious. The cost of admission is new unwrapped toy or \$10 cash donation. A cash bar and food concession will be available. For further information, call (248) 623-0444 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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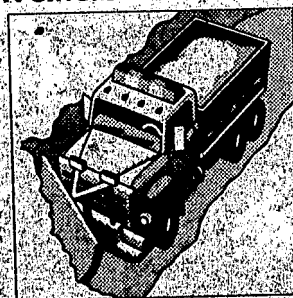


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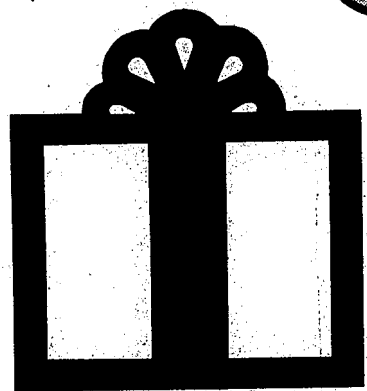
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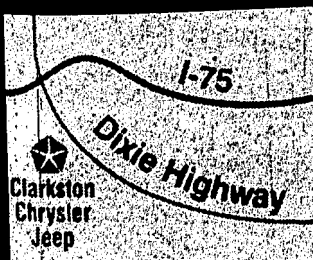


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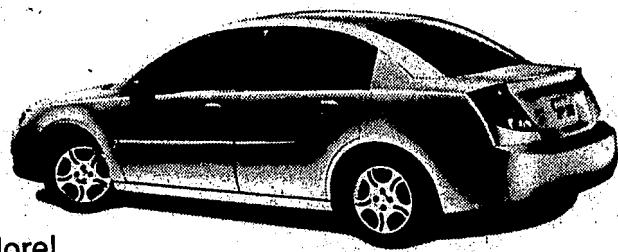
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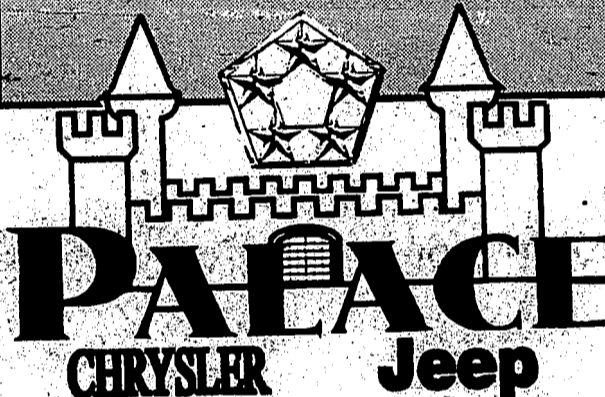
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Playground unveiled to students



Clarkston Elementary students attack the new playground equipment. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



Still a kid at heart, Principal Betty Kozma tries out the slide. Photo provided.

Clarkston Elementary unveiled their new playground to a handful of children who stayed after school to break the equipment in on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Clarkston is one of five elementary schools including Bailey Lake, Pine Knob, North Sashabaw and Andersonville who had new playground equipment installed this year.



Third grader Jessica Gray plays with the cut ribbon which surrounded the playground.



(Above) First grader Rob Dalka tries to keep his balance. (Above right) Katie Nymberg, third grade, hangs out on a branch of a faux tree within the jungle gym. (At right) David Nymberg takes on rock climbing.

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