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Trustees reject increase for themselves but...

Springfield officials get pay hike

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The four Springfield Township trustees staged a friendly rebellion of sorts last week, rejecting proposed salary increases for themselves but approving healthy hikes for the three top elected officials.

Serving as a salary review committee, Supervisor Collin Walls, Clerk Nancy Strole and Treasurer Jamie Dubre recommended salary adjustments for themselves and most township office employees for 2004.

At their Thursday, Dec. 11 meeting, the board unanimously approved the proposed increases for office employees, who will generally earn about 3.5 percent more next year. Walls said some higher increases were based on additional job duties or increased certification requirements.

Proposals for pay hikes for elected officials, however, faced some good-natured debate and posturing. Trustee Dean Baker made a motion to approve the recommendations for supervisor, clerk and treasurer but keeping the trustees' salary at the present level (\$1,200 annually plus \$100 per meeting).

Baker declined to explain his rationale for his motion, saying simply, "You wanted a motion."

The committee proposed an increase of \$300 per year for trustees, and Dubre said she expected resistance even with that "meager" amount, because "Next year is an election year."

"I'll just vote my conscience," Trustee Dennis Vallad said with a smile.

"My husband thinks I volunteer," quipped Trustee Margaret Bloom.

"The only reason the recommendation for trustees was this low was we knew we wouldn't get four votes [otherwise]," Walls said.

Walls, who will receive an 11.7 percent increase in 2004, cast the only vote in opposition. He spoke of "consensus, not unanimity" in the recommendations.

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Springfield Township Salaries

Position	2003	2004	%
Assessor	\$50,900	\$52,600	3.3%
Dep. Treasurer	\$27,100	\$30,000	10.7%
Dep. Clerk	\$31,600	\$32,700	3.4%
Building Inspector	\$32,950	\$34,100	3.4%
Fire Chief	\$46,000	\$47,600	3.4%
*Supervisor	\$55,500	\$62,000	11.7%
*Clerk	\$49,600	\$53,100	7.0%
*Treasurer	\$49,600	\$53,100	7.0%
*Trustees	\$1,200	No change	
	(+\$100/meeting)	No change	

(*Elected officers)

Enjoying the parade



Nicole, Savannah and Samantha enjoyed the Third Annual Heart of Clarkston Parade. Here, they await the arrival of their uncle Jim Tanner's float for the Tanner Building in Clarkston. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Board waits for administrators on budget

BY DON SCHELSKE
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A planned school board budget workshop will likely wait until 2004, when Clarkston school administrators are expected to make recommendations for short- and long-term budget adjustments.

With the anticipation of a sizeable cut in the per-pupil state foundation grant, officials say some reductions may be needed in addition to using fund equity to balance the budget.

"It's very difficult, when you're this far into the fiscal year," according to Bruce Beamer, executive director of business and financial services, who gave a report at the Monday, Dec. 8 school board meeting. "There's not a whole bunch of things we can do without impacting kids drastically."

Nonetheless, Beamer said administrators will come to the board in early 2004 with "recommendations" for possible budget cuts.

Board Secretary Stephen Hyer, who last month proposed a December budget workshop for board members, later said it makes more sense to have administrators make their recommendations first.

"They're going to be very introspective, looking at their own areas," Hyer said. "The board doesn't manage the budget on a line-by-line basis."

At the Dec. 8 school board meeting, Beamer repeated his expectation that the district would lose about \$1.5 million in state aid if a proposal by Governor Jennifer Granholm becomes reality.

Granholm's proposal was to cut the per pupil foundation grant by \$196 per student.

[State officials last week announced a compromise proposal to reduce that cut to between \$90 and \$100 per student if a scheduled state income tax cut is delayed six months. Attempts to reach Beamer for reaction to that proposal were unsuccessful.]

"We're reviewing some budget cuts for next semester and we're going to absorb the shortfall with our contingency [fund]," Beamer said. "That's what it's there for."

The district is still looking for a rebate of special education funds from Oakland Schools, but that would decrease the projected income reduction to only \$1.1 million, Beamer said.

"We're trying to evaluate whether this is a shower, a thunderstorm or a tornado," Beamer said of the long-term budget picture. "The only [projection] number we can use is zero. There's going to be a substantial reduction in something next year."

Programs, curricula and staff are already in place for the second semester, officials said, and union contracts require advance notice for potential layoffs. Hyer said staffing for fall 2004 must be determined by April. The board could vote to delay or cancel some professional conferences and training seminars in the second semester, but Hyer said the current budget is already tight.

Please see Budget continued on page 20A

Discolored Paper

Briefly

Share your Christmas story, idea

Christmas is a time of sharing. And we would like you to share your holiday experiences through the *Clarkston News*' Christmas edition.

The holiday season always sparks interesting stories relating to the spirit and traditions of Christmas.

The stories may include unique Christmas decorating suggestions, family customs and anecdotes from past and present Generations.

Or you may want to relate why you are particularly thankful this time of year or share your spiritual and secular thoughts.

Not to mention special picture possibilities, Christmas recipes or how you utilize hobbies to make toys for the kids.

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The Clarkston News will be closed after noon on Dec. 24 and the entire day Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Due to the closings, deadlines for the Dec. 24 paper will be Thursday, Dec. 18 for regular advertising and 9 a.m. Dec. 22 for classified ads. Letters to the editor need to be submitted by Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

Thanks to our readers for helping with drive

During this season of caring and sharing, we wish to thank our readers for their generous contributions of toys and food for Lighthouse.

We execute the food/toy drive every year, and this year the results were outstanding.

Happy holidays to all!

The Clarkston News staff

Corrections

In the Dec. 10 edition of *The Clarkston News*, an article about the Clarkston High School wrestling team stated Steve Smiley defeated Joey Kimosh when it was Tyler Schneider.

The Clarkston News regrets the error.

To find out what is happening Around Town turn to page two of the Millstream section.

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The Second Front

Candles for Christmas at Davisburg factory

Series continues...

The Christmas season is a busy time for all, and that includes local merchants. During the weeks before Christmas, The Clarkston News will feature some of the special things happening at local businesses in their efforts to cater to holiday customers...

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For a Christmas gift with a home-made touch, visit The Davisburg Candle Factory in downtown Davisburg.

This time of the year, owners Phoebe Bojanzyk and daughters Laurel Bojanzyk and Melissa Beznitz and the rest of the gang are busy, busy, busy.

It's been four years since the family first purchased the factory, though it's been in existence for 40 years and located in the current building for 30 years.

"Laurel used to shop here," Phoebe said. "When she found out it was for sale, she literally begged her sister and I. So here we are."

But the only thing they knew about candles was how to burn them.

"It's been a lot of trial and error, but it's fun," Phoebe said. "I really can't wait to get to work. In fact I'd rather work than have a day-off. It's more fun coming here."

At The Davisburg Candle Factory, Phoebe and daughters claim quality candles hand-dipped in high grade, long burning, pure wax and made in traditional form and craftsmanship.

From tapers to votives to you-name-it-kind-of-candles, they have it. The upstairs of the building is stocked full of unique candle varieties as well as candle accessories.

New this year are soy candles in jars. It's an all natural wax, and they come in a variety of scents, in jars with lids stuffed with related items like peppermint can-

dies for the peppermint candle.

There are also Michigan State University or University of Michigan candles, some shaped as footballs, for that college fan.

Plus, there are gift baskets, candle making supplies and candles for special occasions.

But if you don't see what you're wanting, special order it.

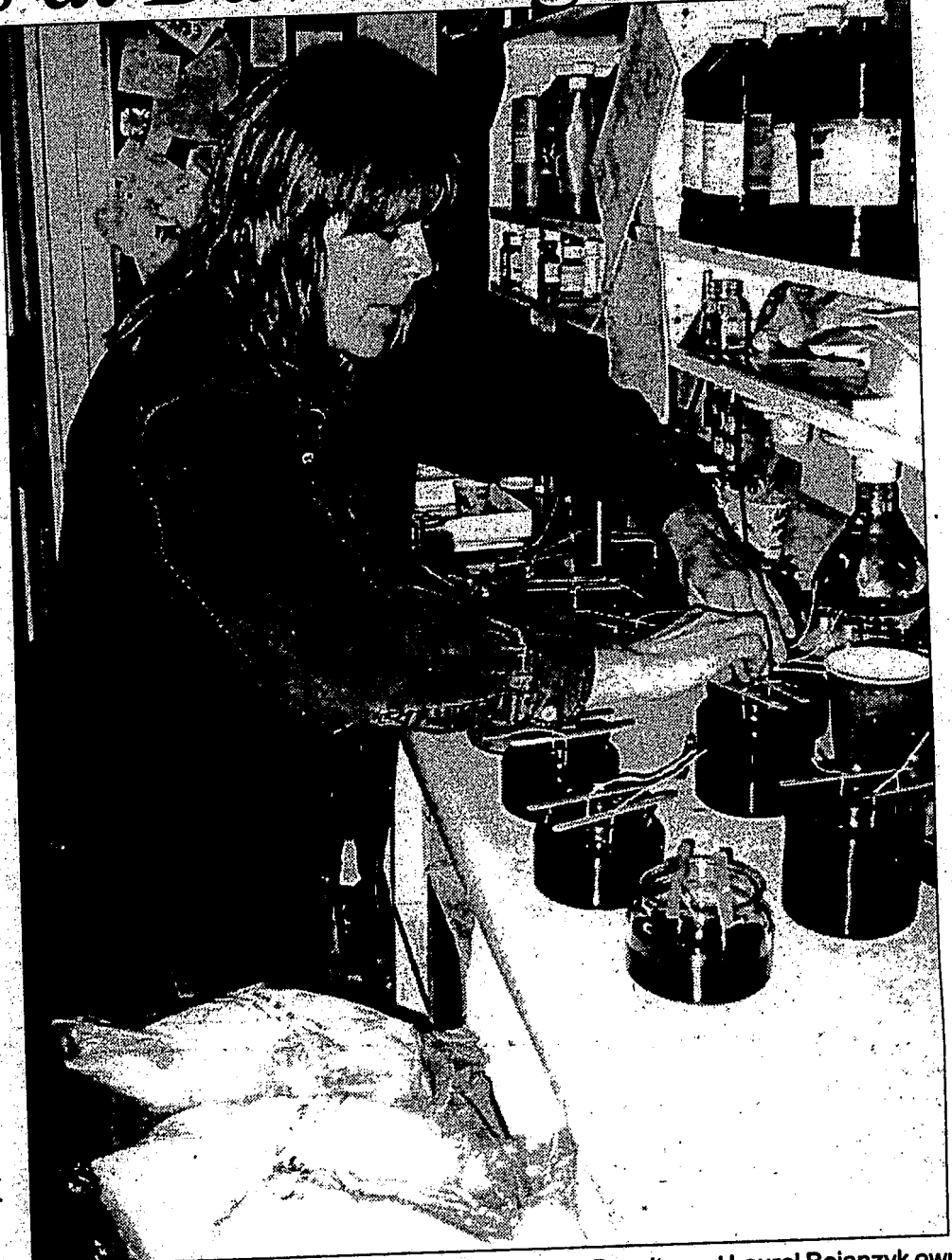
Phoebe said one of their specialties is matching colors by blending to become identical to just about anything a customer requests.

Specifically for the Christmas season, there are candles of Christmas scents like hollyberry, mulberry and cinnamon, among others. There's a wide variety of Christmas candles decorated with wreaths, holly and snowflakes; red, green and white chunk candles are new this year and have been very popular, according to Phoebe; and candles that have been intricately detailed, like a Mrs. Santa Claus ball candle that is made up of 50 different pieces.

A unique gift for someone for Christmas is a scented, wax dipped stuffed animal, such as an angel bear or snowman.

"It scents the whole room," Phoebe said. "They're incredible. We cannot make them fast enough."

Done with your Christmas shopping? Then stop by the candle factory and just watch how the candles are made. They give group demonstration and tours, and visitors are welcome at any time.



Phoebe and Rick Bojanzyk and daughters Melissa Beznitz and Laurel Bojanzyk own The Davisburg Candle Factory. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

The Davisburg Candle Factory is located at 634 Davisburg Rd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Through the holidays, they are open on Sundays noon to 4 p.m. Call (248) 634-4214 or visit candlefactorymi.com.

Macksey Interior plans donation to Lighthouse North

BY JENNIFER NEMER
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Give a little decorating flair for Christmas this year.

Pam Macksey, owner of Macksey Interior Design, suggests a gift certificate for design services or unique home accessories, now available at the store located at 14 N. Main St. in downtown Clarkston.

The full-service design studio is in its 16th year of business, and has seen tremendous growth since coming to Clarkston four years ago.

"Because of the great response from the community by word of mouth, we've doubled our staff," Macksey said, noting they have now six designers.

They will soon be expanding into the adjacent building that was formerly home to the Clarkston Dry Cleaners. Macksey said the building will be made into a showroom, called Studio II. The offices and work room will remain in the current

Macksey building.

The new studio grand opening is expected by March 1. Macksey will be renovating the building inside and out, and she says the style will "bring a little urbanism to Clarkston, but still keep that historical setting."

Visitors will be able to stop by for a cup of coffee or tea and browse through merchandise ranging from picture frames, art work, candles, lamps and much more for the home.

Macksey calls the inventory "outside of the box" items for the home, and describes them as serious to whimsical.

"We're very excited to join the other downtown merchants as retailers as well as offer our design services."

Though the studio will be offering a larger retail inventory, the current Macksey office have many of the items out for display and purchase.

Back at the new store, the Macksey gang decided to play off the "How Much

is that Doggie in the Window?" tune for the Christmas season, and have a large, stuffed St. Bernard in the storefront window, complete with his very own shiny, red fire engine truck, that will be given away through a drawing. Stop by the studio to sign up to win. The drawing will be held Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. The prize will be delivered to the winner, if a resident in the Clarkston area wins.

Macksey said there's nothing like seeing your children's faces as they find a St. Bernard and fire engine under the tree on Christmas morning.

Also this holiday season, Macksey is accepting cash donations to be given to Lighthouse North in Clarkston.

"We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and good health," Macksey said.

Macksey Interior Design is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Call (248) 620-5260.



Store Manager Laura Wasiel, left, and Pam Macksey of Macksey Interior Design. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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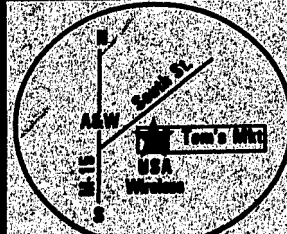
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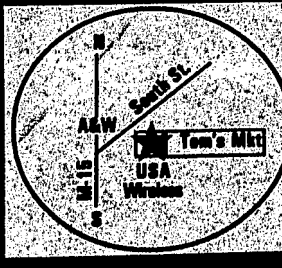
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Schools earn fitness award

In other action at the Monday, Dec. 8 meeting of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education:

• Officials acknowledged the receipt of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports 2003 Physical Education Level 5 Award.

Geri Moore, executive director of elementary education, said the district earned the Level 4 Award last year, and the Level 5 award demonstrates the good work of the district's physical education teachers.

• The board approved a two-day, one-night student trip to Chicago for the post-high school program for students with autism.

The 12-student group will travel by air Jan. 20-21 to dine out, shop, visit museums and the Shedd Aquarium. Estimated total cost per student is \$266.50.

The group has requested \$1,000 from the Oakland County Autism Society and \$1,000 from Wright-Phillips.

• The board approved a variety of bylaws and policy amendments on second reading, with at least one major change since first reading was approved.

In a section entitled, "Public Participation at Board Meetings," the first draft added the public requests for agenda items "shall be subject to the approval of the superintendent and the board president."

Upon further reflection, officials added: "Should it be determined that a requested item not become part of the formal agenda, any person or group may address the board on any issue under the public comment section of the agenda."

— Don Schelske

Public Hearing on well permit set

On January 6 at the Springfield Township Civic Center, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a Public Hearing on the Lake

Waumegah Augmentation Well permit. All interested persons are invited. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

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This family owned and operated business has been welcoming neighbors and strangers on a daily basis for 25 years. The couple has strived to deliver to their customers a warm and friendly atmosphere in a well-stocked market. About 10 years ago, they had a chance to sell the business, but they just couldn't do it. The ties were too strong and it seemed like it would be abandoning their child. It was at that point that Ann stepped in to run the entire business while her husband Ronnie pursued other interests. Her goal was to offer a one-stop-shop to everyone...a true convenience store. To that end, she now sells just about everything including delicious, homemade prepared foods, such as their Community Famous Pizza, wonderful wines, a huge selection of beers, a variety of gifts for the holidays, and an endless list of specialty items designed to please even the most discerning tastes. The store also offers check cashing services, Money-Grams, money orders, and a catering service. Ann sees to it that the service is always provided freely. The store is decorated for all the holidays throughout the year, which adds to the festive atmosphere. Even holiday-appropriate music plays in the background. The employees even wear special aprons to match the holiday.

Cleanliness is also a priority in the Pine Knob Wine Shoppe. Ann has someone on staff around the clock keeping the store neat and clean. Also, upkeep on the landscaping is always a must, making the store look even more approachable. So that Pine Knob Wine Shoppe, inside and out, is a place to feel right at home.

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Opinion

A Sunday ruined

Let me prefix this column by saying I love my Sundays.

I enjoy everything about them including the sleeping in, the Sunday paper and the excuse to sit on the couch and enjoy sports on television. Don't even get me started on winter Sundays when the combination of cold weather and important football games leaves you no choice but to stay indoors.

So let's flash back to last Sunday when all was right in the world. It was noon and within the hour 16 National Football League games were going to be available with my satellite dish, Saddam was getting the most publicized medical exam and hopefully being slapped around by our well trained military and there was just enough snow on the ground to keep me indoors for most of the day.

The main point there was most of the day. I just had to look at one house, the wife and I are house hunting, before settling into an afternoon of inactivity. Then a left turn out of my apartment complex went wildly wrong as my automobile lost a battle with a sheet of ice and rammed over the curb onto the grass. Since my car took the curb sideways, my right wheel looked like it had gone 12 rounds with Mike Tyson.

After uttering a few choice words that would not be appropriate any day of the week, let alone Sunday, it was back to the apartment to call a towing service. Thus my Sunday was completely ruined. Now don't get me wrong, I watched a ton of football but I barely enjoyed it.

However, Sunday's irritation gave way to Monday's utter disgust as I had to jump through multiple hoops for my friendly insurance company.

Now I am not here to bash the insurance industry because in the spirit of full disclosure it is important to point out the industry helped put me through college.

Yet, I was a bit dismayed when the first thing out of my insurer's mouth was "get an estimate and if it is not too high you just might want to pay it so your rates don't go up for three years."

Let me get this straight, I have paid thousands of dollars over the past 10 years for car insurance and never asked for a dime in return. Now that I need some money, which is a fraction of what I put in over the years, I have to worry about my rates going up.

Maybe my annoyance had something to do with the fact that I needed to get a ride to work from the wife at 6 a.m. I am not exactly what you would call a morning person.

Is there a more useless feeling that being an American without a car? It just seems to put your entire life in a tizzy. Luckily I outrank younger sister Angie on the Gargaro food chain and was able to commandeer her vehicle until mine was back in commission.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Treasurer shares tax information

This December the township hall will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 as well as Jan. 1 and 2 for the holidays. The township hall will be open for business Dec. 29, 30, and yes, the 31. The offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, however, tax payments will be posted until 3 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Taxpayers can also use the drop box after hours. It is located at the front door facing Main Street.

Dog licenses are now available. Please bring proof of rabies vaccination. Also, bring documentation if the

dog has been neutered or spayed. Please consider waiting until after the first of the year to get dog tags. By then the county should be sending completed forms to existing dog owners. In addition, by waiting it will become faster for taxpayers to pay their bills.

Any property tax questions can be answered by calling the Treasurer's Office at (248) 625-5111 ext. 211, 212 or 249.

Jim Wenger
Independence Township Treasurer

Community church thanks businesses for help

Clarkston Community Church would like to thank all the local businesses that recently donated to the church auction. A fun time was had by all who attended our third annual Clarkston Community Church auction on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Thanks to all the efforts of our hardworking committee and the response of the community, we were able to raise more than \$11,000. The proceeds will be

used for funding of a home we are helping build in Pontiac under the Habitat for Humanity program, Haven of Oakland County and various programs supported under our women's organization.

We would like to thank the more than 80 businesses that contributed to this auction.

Renee David
Women in God's Service Chairperson

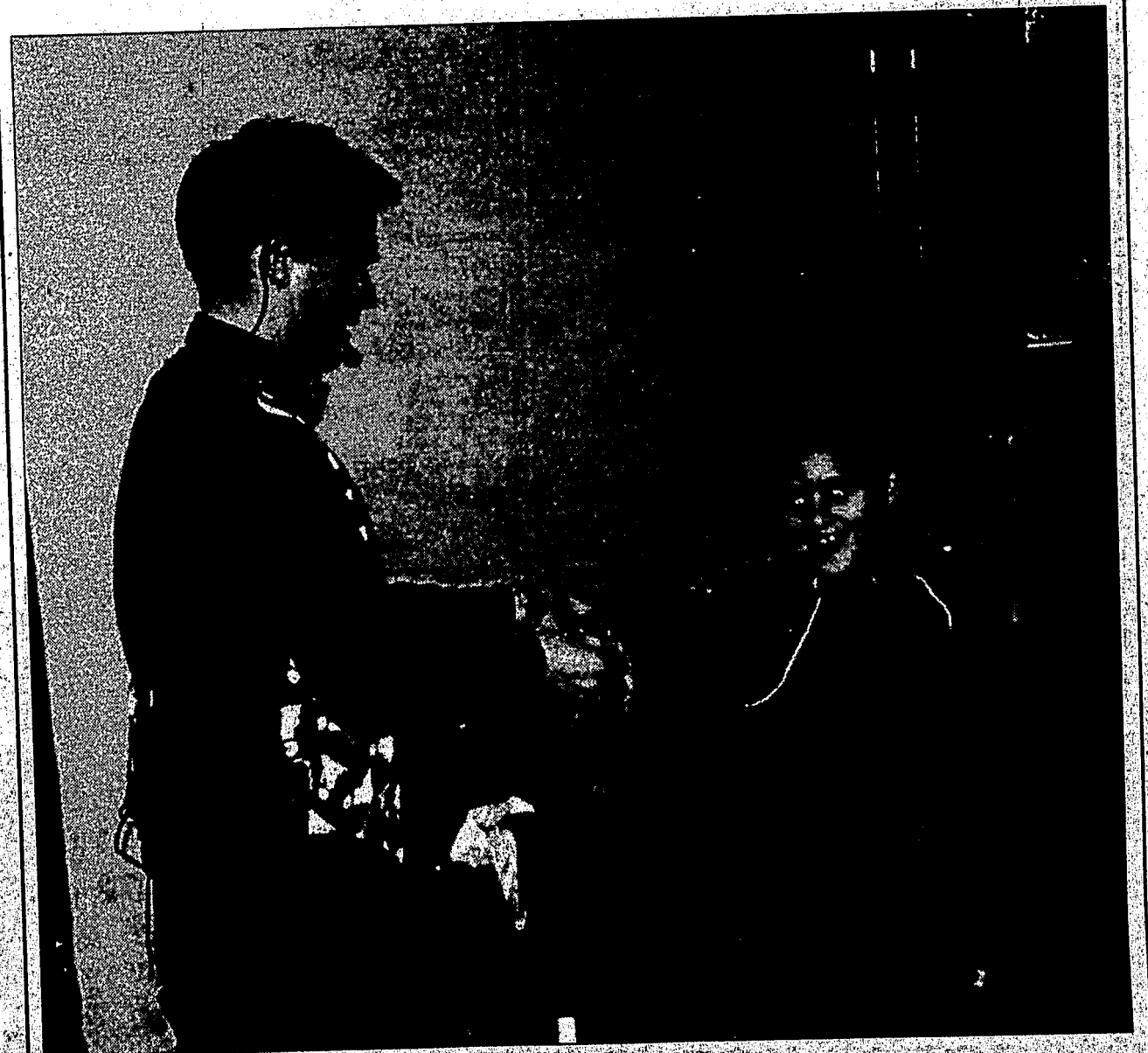
Family thanks those responsible for parade

What a fantastic job! You all were wonderful and so very creative. Thank you so much for all of your work, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and participants. You made the Clarkston

2003 Christmas Parade the best ever.
Thank you.

The Schultz Family
Clarkston Country Store

Christmas party



The Clarkston Knights of Columbus had their annual Christmas celebration. Here, a magician entertains the crowd. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

Fa la la la and pass the goods

Tis the season to give . . . and give and give. Don't get me wrong, giving is okay. It is always better to give than to receive. That's what we have been taught and that is what we are teaching the young ones. It's the getting part that is starting to get obscene.

As we have two boys of early school age, we have received two million, four hundred and ninety-seven notes asking for help for this charity or that. Our children have been the go-betweens between the adults in their lives.

Our children have been the couriers of notes asking for a buck here and a buck there. They've brought home notes asking for toys. They've brought home notes asking for canned goods. They've even brought home notes asking for carrots.

Their schools are doing projects that need parental donations.

Their classes are doing projects that need parental donations.

Their teachers have pet projects that need parental donations.

Churches are rightly doing projects that need parental donations.

Individuals are doing projects . . . and every one has an individual note that has to be sent home. Here's an idea: Coordinate with all the do-gooders and send home just one note per kid. One printing and be done with it. Less paper work is a good thing. Hey, consider it a gift to humanity: less paper used means less paper in the land fill and less paper used means more trees can stand.

Before I get too far into this, I want to congratulate Oxford High School's journalism class. This semester the group of journalistic newbies, under the tutelage of Lynn DeRemer, produced two school newspapers. Their December 2003 edition is one Lynn and students can be proud to have completed.

Don't Rush Me



Don Rush

It was fun to sit down in front of the telly this past weekend with the boys and watch the *Wizard of Oz*. To see them smile and hear them laugh at the same scenes and lines that brought smiles and laughter from me, when I was their age, did my heart good.

On the other hand, watching *Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer* with the lads was an eye-opener. This animated, 1964 Christmas classic was my all-time favorite holiday show. I waited for it year after year. I knew the words, the songs and I still like listening to Burl Ives sing because of this made-for-TV movie.

Watching it now . . . yikes, Santa was a big fat jerk. Obviously bigoted elves, reindeer and assorted other creatures gravitated to the North Pole because their hearts were as cold as ice.

This from reader Chuck Alcini . . .

■ The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "take all you want. God is watching the apples."

■ A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "when I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "what if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "then you ask him."

Comments for Don can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

A child writes of Christmas break

After Christmas break, the teacher asked her third-grade class to write a composition on their holiday. One little boy wrote as follows:

We always spend Christmas with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live here in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida.

They live in a place with a lot of retarded people. They live in little tin huts. They ride big three-wheel bicycles. They go to a building they call the wrecked room, but it's fixed now.

They play games there, but not very well. There is a swimming pool, and they go into it and just stand there with their hats on.

I guess they don't know how to swim.

My grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot. They all go to restaurants that are fast. Nobody cooks anymore.

As you go into their park, there is a doll house with a man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without him seeing them.

They wear badges with their names on them. I guess they don't know who they are.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked hard all of his life and earned his retardment. I wish they would move back home, but I guess the man in the doll house won't let them out.

Nothing like cold, ungodly weather to mention golf. Eighty-year-old, par shooting Fran Bertram sent a couple quotes. One of the "Top Ten" caddy comments:

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a five iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually!"

And this quote from evangelist Billy Graham: "The only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course."

Daughter Luan asked me to build a really short legged table for Christmas. Sofa legs came to mind. One store after another said they didn't have them any more, but so-and-so did.

On what became my last stop, I asked a gal at the check-out, "No offense, but do you have sofa legs?" She responded, "Yes, I do, but the store doesn't."

As a long-time writer of newspaper headlines, I know particular words are used not just to make people want to read the story, but to influence the reader.

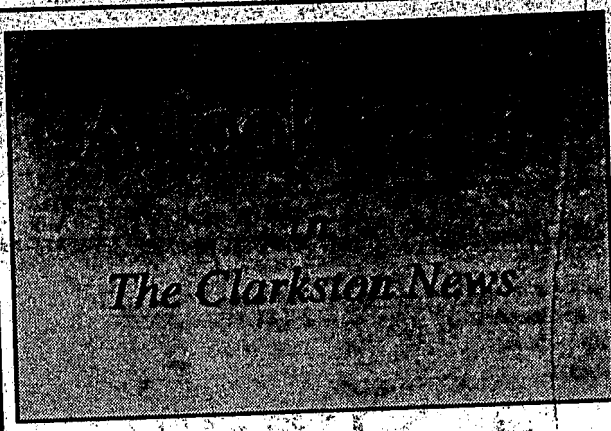
I put this headline in the latter category:

"Mortgage rates jumped slightly"

How does anything "jumped" slightly? Jump indicates fast and high. Obviously the writer was trying to impress the reader, else they would have more logically written "went up slightly." I'm sure it would have fit the space-count.

Lead the ing life
 Reaching . . . Loving . . . Touching
 Caring . . . Dreaming . . . Doing . . . Hoping
 Praying . . . Enriching . . . Serving
 Keep your good attributes ongoing . . . never in the past or future tense.

What sunshine is to flowers,
 Smiles are to our fellow men.
 From the late Caro, MI publisher, Rudy Petzold



15 YEARS AGO (1988)

• Sashabaw Junior High School has been chosen as one of the top 10 middle schools in the state. Principal Dave Reschke told the Clarkston School Board on Dec. 12 that they were a semi-finalist (in the top 24 middle schools) in the Michigan Department of Education Exemplary School Program. On Dec. 15, Assistant Principal Vince Licata received official word from Frank Philip, program coordinator with the Department of Education that they were in the top 10, receiving exemplary school status in Michigan.

• When Melanie Roseberry's labor pains awakened her at 3:30 a.m., her first thought was, "I don't have babies in the middle of the night." Baby Mandy Lynn apparently had other plans. She was born a little more than an hour later on Dec. 5, in her parents' van, right in front of Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

• With enough good plays to fill a highlight reel, Clarkston and Sashabaw renewed their long-standing basketball rivalry. The Wolverines, behind the hot shooters Jeremy Deloney and Craig Barnett, slipped past visiting Sashabaw 71-67 in a ninth grade basketball game Dec. 15. With the win, Clarkston bumps its early season record to a perfect 8-0. Sashabaw falls to 0-1.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

• Developments regarding a proposed adult foster care home in Springfield Township currently are in a wait-and-see stage. At least, for the next few weeks. Earlier this month three legislatures, including State Rep. Claude A. Trim (D-Davisburg) introduced a resolution urging a moratorium on new licenses for such homes until two state departments involved re-examine some of their procedures. Last week Trim explained the resolution was not acted upon due to an excessive work schedule that faced legislatures before their Dec. 15 Christmas recess.

• Three new street lights will be posted in Clarkston. The lights will be installed near 175 Glenburnie Street, 6095 Middle Lake Road and the Middle Lake Pinehurst Street intersection. The village council unanimously approved the additional street lights at the Nov. 27 meeting. Councilwoman Ruth Basinger was absent. Requests for the street lamps by neighborhood residents prompted the council's decision.

• The Clarkston Wolves' varsity and junior varsity wrestling teams recently landed in 13th place during an Oakland County Tournament in Pontiac. Facing 32 teams last Friday and Saturday, the Wolves scored 69 points with 155-pound senior Tim Detkowski capturing third place. Sophomore Chris Gourand won fourth place and his 145-pound brother Claude came in sixth. First year matmen coach Gary Warner said, "I don't think we were wrestling as capably as we could. All of us can improve."

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

• The young people of Clarkston, and their friends and the college crowd too, will be meeting in the Clarkston Community Center ballroom on New Year's Eve. A bang-up party is being planned for them with Paul Wilmont's Dance Band furnishing the music and some of their favorite townspeople acting as emcees.

• The Clarkston Merchants, defending champions of the Waterford Township Recreation Basketball League, opened their current season with two victories. They defeated Stadium Inn of Pontiac 51-37 and Drayton Drugs 65-15.

Best Image Possible

Jim's Jottings are archived at www.clarkstonnews.com

Clarkston High School Honor Roll

FIRST QUARTER

Freshmen

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Alghanem, Lama
Bland, Megan
Bottke, Matthew
Colombo, Jessica
Crawford, Alissa
Dabrowski, Colin
Davis, Brittany
Dobbins, Cassandra
Essian, Eric
Gabriel, Laura
Hassett, Amanda
Hokanson, Matthew
Hyde, Elizabeth
Johnston, Melissa
Jones, Anne
Kast, Steven
Keagy, Matthew
Kilgore, Christopher
Kosbab, Alexander
Kouri, Chelsea
Kowalk, Curtis
Kuhta, Elizabeth
Landgraf, Emily
Macleod, Rachel
Marsac, Daniel
Millard, Alexander
Moore, Timothy
Napier, Rachel
Novak, Clorissa
Rogers, Hope
Rutila, Philip
Savoie, Bradley
Vanderveen, Mary
Wang, Ruth
Weightman, Adam
Weiland, Eric
Weiss, Zachary
Workman, Joelle
3.9-3.7
Alexander, Matthew
Angeli, Danielle
Arcobello, Jonathan
Armes, Colette
Arnold, David
Badgley, Kevin
Bailey, Melissa
Ballough, Katherine
Bedor, Jodie
Bergquist, Bren
Boatman, Derek
Booker, Joshua
Boulos, Constantine
Breen, Ryan
Bretz, Heidi
Bush, Andrea
Campbell, Robert
Canniff, Sarah
Cardinal, Michelle
Chun, James
Clark, Meredith
Coatney, Drew
Cornfield, Alyxandra
Crawford, Elizabeth
Curtis, Alex
Damico, Nicholas
Daukas, John
Day, Lauren
Defrayne, Sarah
Dymond, Danielle
Eliu, Nicholas
Finkbeiner, Rasch, Ashley
Fuller, Jennifer
Gapczynski, Megan
Gemborys, Colleen
Harvey, Steven
Hockstra, Jill
Holland, Ginny
Horner, Molly

Jacobson, Kyle
Johnson, Jamie
Johnston, Amanda
Karlstrom, Erica
Keen, Kandice
Krajenke, Amanda
Langen, Thomas
Leach, Jenna
Lekse, Jill
Levasseur, Andrea
Linder, Sarah
Loomis, Julie
Magidsohn, Theresa
Marmon, Michelle
Mason, Allyson
McLatcher, Ryan
McLaughlin, Stephanie
Merle, Casey
Morra, Todd
Morris, Caitlin
Moyer, Alicia
Mrosewske, Jordan
Ness, Sophia
Noel, Cody
Okopny, Jamie
Osterhage, Elizabeth
Palace, Jessica
Parker, Emily
Pesola, Jarret
Peters, Trisha
Pieknik, April
Pokrefky, Richard
Porritt, Marilyn
Przybycien, Jacob
Przybycien, Katherine
Rawe, Calvin
Regalo-Miller, Kailey
Rimar, Ellen
Roberts, Wendy
Roth, Chelsey
Russo, Jeffrey
Salada, Megan
Sandie, Stephanie
Scarlett, Andrea
Schmidt, Blake
Schram, Jamie
Schreiber, Andrew
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Shay, Rebecca
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Smith, Elissa
Smith, Ryan
Soeder, Steven
Stevenson, Claire
Sullivan, Meghan
Swantek, Mary
Thams, Claire
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Thompson, Tom
Turner, Ryan
Tweed, Colton
Vannest, Cassandra
Waller, Jordan
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Williams, Julie
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Wotton, Stephanie
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Alty, Samantha
Alty, Thomas
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Bartlett, Alexandra

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Bershas, Richard
Bingham, Christina
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Black, Michael
Blaski, Marissa
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Bollini, Angela
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Bradish, Erika
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James, Valerie
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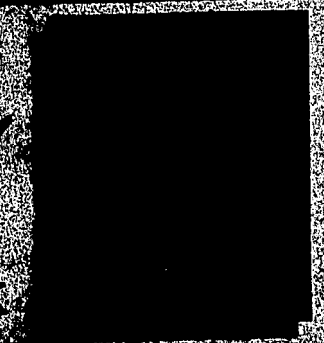
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Dr. Charlie Munk

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 Bennett, Sara
 Beno, Jenna
 Binning, Bethany
 Bland, Coburn
 Blouin, Justin
 Blue, Daniel
 Bonnavier, Kathryn
 Brelinski, David
 Brennan, Edward
 Brennan, Hazen
 Brown, Kaitlyn
 Brush, Tyler
 Buchi, Erica
 Bucinski, Jacob
 Bullard, Braley
 Byrd, Amy
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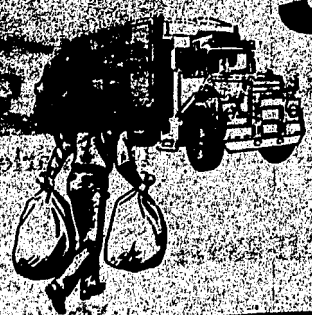
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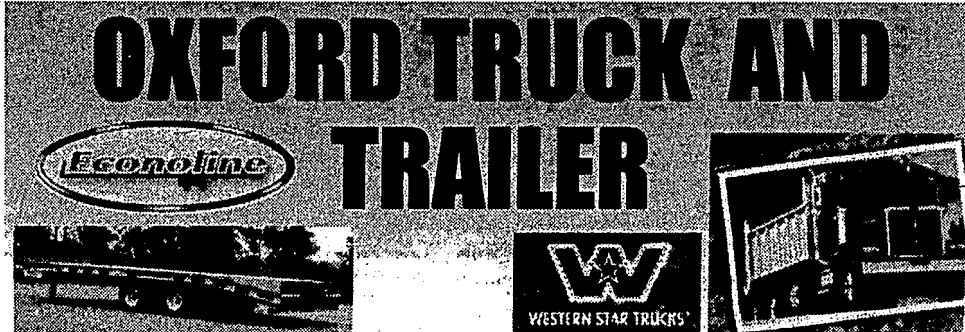
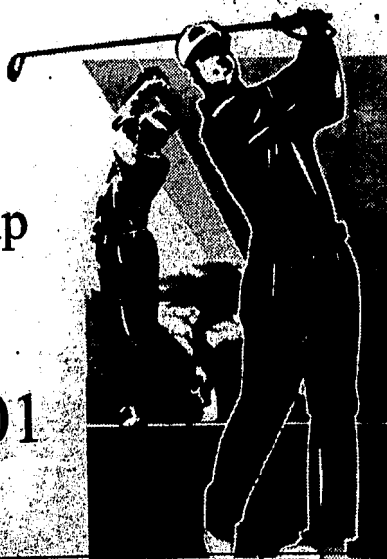
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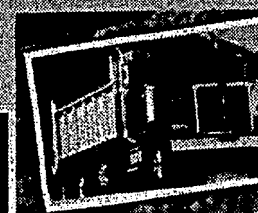
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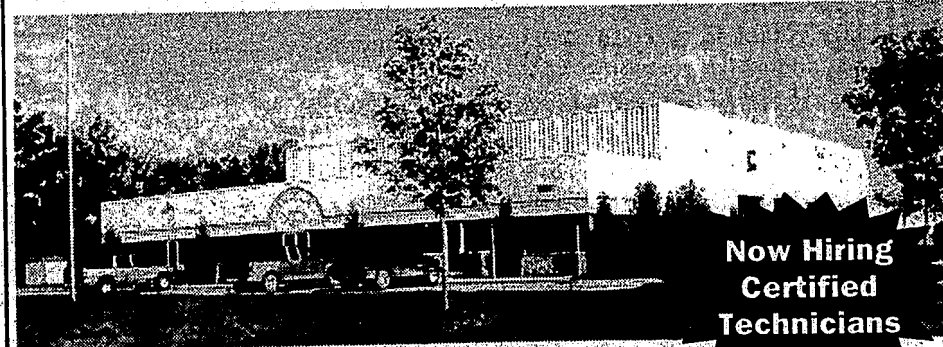
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The CHS Page

MORP Dance: Junior class starts a new tradition

By Starrlene Light

Special to The Clarkston News

School dances are one of the most popular events of teens today. Around the county, many high schools are given the opportunity to hold several dances per year.

Clarkston High School's junior class hosted a new school dance, called MORP, on Saturday, November 22. MORP is the acronym that represents the opposite of prom. Tickets were only five dollars, and the dress was extremely casual.

Decorations were kept to a minimum to raise money for the junior class and portray a tacky high school dance. Left-over cardboard boxes were graffitied with black and silver spray paint. Lights, toilet paper, and streamers were all strung throughout the dance floor in the cafeteria.

The typical clothing were simple tee shirts and jeans, although one could wear just about anything they wanted, as long as it was school appropriate.

The atmosphere of MORP was comfortable because of the spacious

dance floor and exhilarating DJ.

The idea was to create an environment where students could have a good time with little to no expenses to worry about. Homecoming and Snowcoming (the only other two dances at Clarkston) are more formal. MORP takes the opposite approach of the traditional dances, creating a more relaxing mood.

"There are many schools in the surrounding area that have several dances per school year. Unfortunately, CHS only has two per year, not including the Senior Prom. I knew people complained about nothing to do on the weekends, and I wanted to change that. So, I made a new dance," Joe DeVault, junior class executive board member, said. "It's motivating to plan such a big event, knowing kids will be excited to get involved and while doing so, raise money."

The total expenses for the dance came to one thousand dollars, leaving the junior class with twenty five hundred dollars in profits. The dance had an overwhelming turnout with great reviews from those who attended.

"My favorite part of the dance was



The Clarkston High School junior class recently hosted a new school dance. Photo provided.

the carefree attitude that we were allowed to have. It was nice not to have to spend a lot of money and still have a good time," Brittney Volin said.

CHS hopes to maintain this new tradition and put on a MORP dance every year.

"I would definitely go to MORP

again because it was an inexpensive way to hang out and have fun with your friends on the weekends," Michelle Zeile said.

CHS's junior executive board is currently planning another school dance in the Spring, with hopes of it turning out as successfully as MORP did.

Judge people on their personality, not the label of their clothes

A column by Rachael St. Peter
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Preps. Freaks. Band Geeks. Hippies. Jocks. These are just a few of the responses from students when asked about the major cliques at CHS. From how you dress to who you know, it's mostly the outward appearances people use to categorize their fellow students. Something is standing in the way of student unity. Something that shouldn't be this big of a problem.

I am a firm believer in judging people for their personality, morals and ideals, not the labels on their clothes. I am also convinced that, as a teenager, avoiding contact with other people solely on their outward appearance cripples one's communication skills, which are later required in life for networking and interacting

with co-workers. High school will always be a breeding ground for cliques, but if you want to be an individual and stop clinging to your friends for your social decisions, you'll have to start thinking like one, not just dressing the part.

What is a clique? Cliques are "a group of people who have common interests and opinions, dress similar and participate in the same activities," Robbie Sabo, junior, said. Cliques are like a support system, an exclusive group of friends who go to each other for advice, companionship, help and a sense of belonging.

The problem is when cliques refuse to accept or associate with other people who are not in their clique. This can lead to name calling, ridicule and discrimination. "It's disturbing to hear little kids in

middle school screaming, 'band fags,'" Carrie Wojciechowski, a member of marching band, junior, said, "Once some jocks drove around us in a pick up and cussed at us, and once we got mooned by two boys." This very treatment is what creates cliques.

Confusion and speculation are what mainly keep the different social circles apart. When asked why she didn't hang out with 'band geeks,' Jaclyn Wilson, soph., confessed, "They don't talk to my social group or want to hang out. They feel we are a threat to them." Also, John Flynn, junior, who wishes not to be labeled as 'Goth,' said, "Goths aren't as mature as I consider myself to be, or as open minded."

Not everyone considers themselves part of a certain social gathering. There

are many students who have a close group of friends but also branch out to other crowds. Suesan Eghballan, junior, chooses to be friendly with all her fellow peers and said, "When you walk down the hall, you see smiling faces because you give everyone a chance to be themselves in your eyes, and that's why I have no beef with anyone, word."

Still to some, cliques are ways of life. Always having someone to talk to, fall back on and relate to is a huge comfort. I agree; I also have a close group of friends. But limiting yourself to only a handful of people is no way to prosper as a human being. High school is intended to prepare you for the future, to succeed in it you need to be able to work with all different sorts of people. Why not start now?

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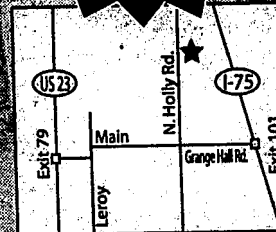
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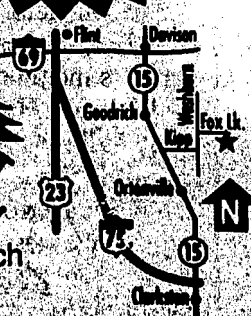



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Wrestlers look for another solid season

BY HARRY KNITTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Clarkston High School Coach Joe DeGain gets his family together for dinner, it's likely that the subject of wrestling will be a part of the conversation at the table.

Joe is the new coach of the Wolves' wrestling team. His predecessor is his dad.

A few weeks ago, Joe wanted to find out how far his team is from elite status in the state. So his squad took on perennial power Davison.

The final score was 40 to 20, and Davison demonstrated their superiority in a number of ways.

But DeGain's kids are young and teachable, and Joe is aware of the mistakes his charges made during the match.

He is also aware of the strengths of his present squad. He has several top performers in Sean Turner, Braden L'Amoreaux, and Tony Lajoie. In fact, Turner is 16 and 0 against the vaunted Cardinals of Davison. He wrestles in the 160 weight class.

"We also have the winning tradition of Clarkston High School to uphold," DeGain commented, remembering his dad's sterling record in guiding the matmen of Clarkston.

Here is the roster of Wolves wrestlers for 2003-2004:

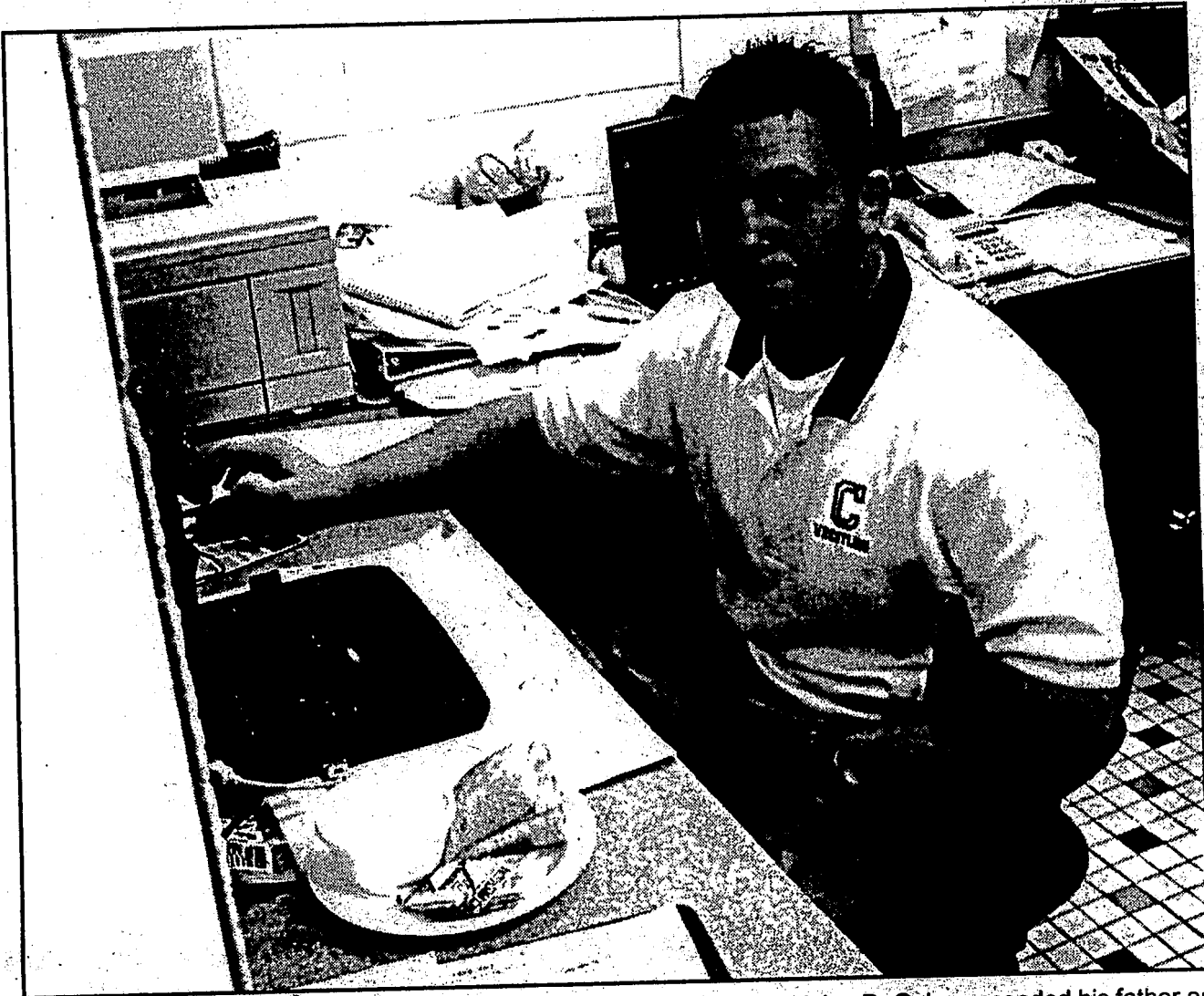
- 103 lbs. -- Tyler Schneider and Mike Maguire
- 112 -- Matt Herron
- 119 -- Josh Hensel
- 125 -- Elliot May and Bryant Wood
- 130 -- Bryan Webb and Coltan Tweed
- 135 -- Tony Lajoie
- 140 -- Braden L'Amoreaux and Jon Smith
- 145 -- Josh McCallister
- 152 -- Tom Ellsworth
- 160 -- Sean Turner
- 171 -- Steve Smiley
- 189 -- Brian Klein and Steve Cooper
- 215 -- Jake Williams
- 275 -- Jason Talbot and Steve Herron

Wolves finish 5th at Howell invite

Two Clarkston wrestlers wound up capturing their weight class Saturday in a Howell Invitational meet at Howell. Tony Lajoie and Braden L'Amoreaux won the 135 and 140 lb. weight classes, respectively, with victories over their opponents.

Other finishes involving Clarkston High School wrestlers include: 103 lb. -- Tyler Schneider, fifth; 119 lb. -- Jack Hensel, fifth; 125 lb. -- Elliot May, fifth; 130 lb. -- Bryan Webb, second; 152 lb., Tommy Ellsworth, third; 160 lbs. -- Sean Turner, third; 275 lb. -- Steve Herron, fifth.

The Wolves' next competition is the Oakland County Tournament, Friday, Dec. 19 at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m.



Wrestling Coach Joe DeGain squeezes a quick lunch into his busy schedule. DeGain succeeded his father as head wrestling coach earlier this year. Photo by Harry Knitter.

Athlete of the Week Wrestler believes in mental focus

By HARRY KNITTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A senior wrestler who has competed on behalf of Clarkston High School's Wolves for four years, Sean Turner is this week's "Athlete of the Week". Sean wrestles in the 160 lb. weight class.

In his four years at CHS, Sean has recorded 46 pins, and has gone 16-0 against the highly-respected Davison team which is considered to be among the best in the state.

He maintains a 3.4 grade point average in his senior year, and 3.26 overall for his four years at Clarkston High School.

About his wrestling experience, Sean says "Like so many other sports, the mental side is almost as important as the physical side. I've learned that although my opponent may have a physical edge, I try to outsmart him by using the techniques I have been taught by the coaching staff. Avoiding mistakes is also a must when I'm competing."

Sean lives with his dad and two older brothers. He was nominated for the "Athlete of the Week" award by his coach, Joe DeGain.



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CHS prepares to launch newest competitive sport

BY HARRY KNITTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you asked any group of high school students to identify the sport that they would be likely to pursue while a teenager, bowling would most likely be rated somewhere near the low end of the scale.

But the sport is making a comeback and dozens of high schoolers are involved in competition on the lanes each week in the Clarkston area.

Dave Davis of Cherry Hill Lanes in Clarkston is one of two coaches for Clarkston, creating a new level of interest in bowling at four establishments in this area — Cherry Hill in Clarkston, 300 Bowl in Waterford, Airway Lanes in Waterford, and Wonderland Bowl in Commerce Township.

"For the first time this year, we're being sanctioned by Clarkston High School," Davis said. "We held open try-outs in November and now we're into a ten-week season against school teams from Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott, Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western."

Scoring is just as you remembered it, but each team consists of seven players. The kids furnish their own equipment,

including bowling balls and shoes. Uniforms are provided.

Practices take place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Davis said only one player on last year's team dropped out.

The Clarkston record for boys is 14 wins and 16 losses, while the girls' squad is off to a fast start with 28 wins and only two losses.

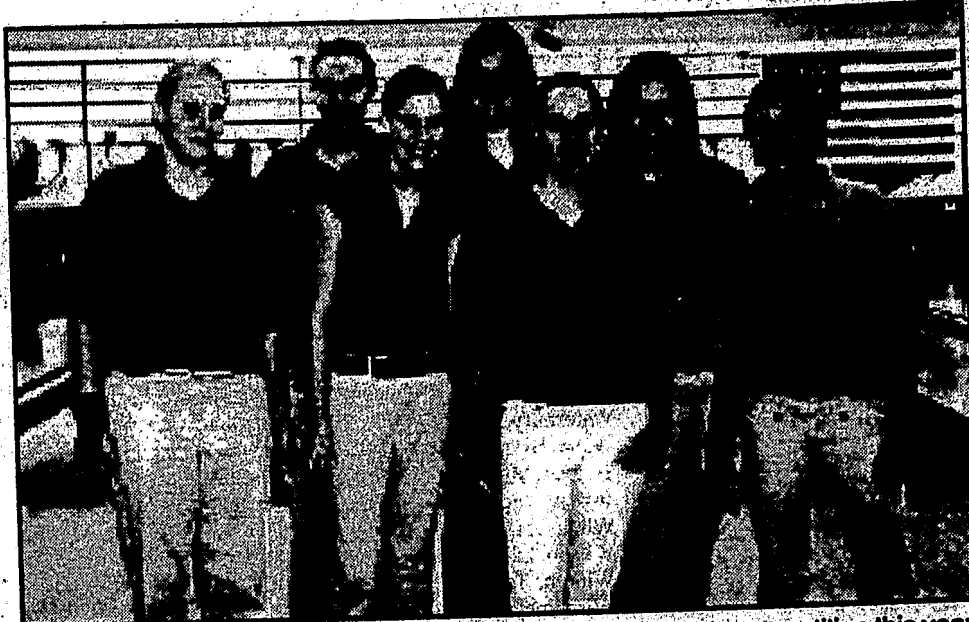
The girls' squad is coached by Kim Steele, who carries a 190 average of her own in adult leagues.

Davis mentors the boys' team and carries a 216 average in adult league play. Steele has participated in the women's professional tour.

"Most of the coaching is in the spare-making area," Davis pointed out. "With the younger kids, we spend more time on form and technique."

The leading individual bowlers are Steve McGarhland with a 199 average and Tracy Episano, with a 160 average.

Davis said he is hoping to qualify both teams for tournament play at the end of the season. For the youngsters, there's still plenty of fun ahead before that time comes.



Clarkston High School bowlers look forward to interscholastic competition this year. Photos provided.



Hockey team settles for tie with B'ham

The Wolves hockey team played two games last week, tying ninth-ranked Birmingham, 3-3, Thursday, Dec. 11 and shutting out Troy, 6-0, Saturday, Dec. 13, to move into first place in the league.

Going into this week's action, Clarkston carried a 4-0-1 record in the league 5-1-1 overall.

The Birmingham game was scoreless after the first period as both teams came out sluggish. Whatever happened in the CHS locker room during the first intermission worked, as the Wolves came out flying in the second period, scoring three unanswered goals on 14 shots.

Adam Peters scored first on a redirect from Scott Cooley. Trevor Johns then scored back-to-back goals to make it 3-0. Peters and Matt Prasil got the assists.

But in the third, Birmingham was the team on fire, peppering goalie Mike Brach with 13 shots and scoring three times to hand the Wolves the tie. Naar, Barrett and Delvecchio scored for Birmingham.

"It was frustrating to see our team give the game away in the third period," Clarkston coach Bryan Krieger said. "We played well the first two periods. Luckily, we ended up with a tie."

In Saturday's game, the Wolves scored five times on eight shots in the first period, chasing Troy goalie Rollyn Llewellyn from the game.

Mike Fogg started the scoring, banging in a rebound from a Matt Prasil slapshot. Ninety seconds later, Kyle Cummings made it 2-0 on a shot from between the circles. Kyle Buzzo got the assist.

At the 10:19 mark, with Peters in the box for boarding, Trevor Johns scored a shorthanded goal on a breakaway, with Griffin Cummings earning the assist. The Wolves continued the attack, as Steven Morin

scored on a wraparound, with Chris Degen and Fogg getting the helpers.

K. Cummings finished the first period scoring by taking a shot from the blue line that bounced off Llewellyn's glove and ended his night in goal. Cooley assisted. The Wolves went into the locker room with a 5-0 lead.

Troy picked up their game in the final two periods, but could not score on goalie Aaron, who earned his first shutout of the season. Troy goalie Scott Tasker turned away 12 of the 13 shots he faced, giving up a goal to Fogg, his second of the night, late in the third. Johns and G. Cummings assisted.

"It was almost like the Birmingham game all over again going into the third," Krygier said. "However, this time we played consistent and maintained our lead without giving up any goals."

The Wolves are scheduled to play before college and junior sports in the High School Showcase Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19-20 in Trenton. Both games begin at 1:30 p.m.

Wolves beat Northern in hoops opener

By HARRY KNITTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Wolves outplayed Flint Northern in the opening game of the new season. Led by Chris Johnston, who scored 29 in the victory, the Wolves proved that their veteran squad will have to be reckoned with in the conference this year. Only two members of last year's team were lost to graduation, so coach Dan Fife is looking to the experience of his squad to help his team handle the bigger and stronger teams they'll be facing.

The Wolves are a hungry, aggressive team that dives for loose balls and anticipates opponents' passes very effectively. They are not the biggest team in the league, but they are agile and quick, and should be fun to watch. Plan to come out and support your team this year.

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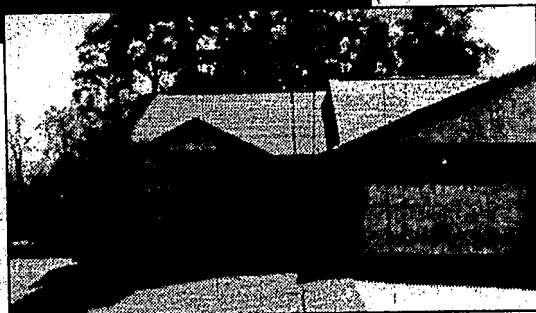
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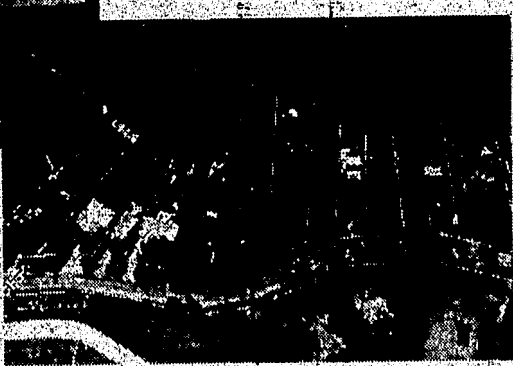
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Moreover, you could tune in your favorite sport and get a strong signal as you motored from suburb to suburb, within 100 to 200 miles of downtown Detroit.



In the Spotlight
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In addition to classy, competent game play-by-play on WJR, the station offered a plethora of sports conversation nightly on "SportsWRAP" with Steve Courtney, part comedian, part sportscaster, and Clarkston's own Dan Dickerson. The Red Wings and Tigers were both on WJR, so you didn't have to switch stations when the new season began. Alas, those halcyon days are behind us as money got in the way of good judgement and the Lions, Tigers, and Red Wings were seduced by lucrative offers from some competing upstarts, including WXYT. The problem is that their signal is so weak, many thousands of potential listeners are beyond their reach. And, unfortunately, some of the sports talk shows are taken over by interlopers from outside Detroit whose salty language sometimes needs a good cleaning.

Where once the Lions and Tigers romped on WJR's extensive signal, we're now invited to listen to three hours of political gibberish delivered by a Rush Limbaugh clone. Night after night after night.

And where we once enjoyed the classy Bob Reynolds for 15 minutes of sports in drive time and at 11:15 p.m., we must now settle for just one hour of Mitch Albom on Monday nights. Fortunately, we can listen to Dickerson and Jim Price, one-time Tiger catcher, on Tiger broadcasts during the summer, but only if we

find WXYT at 1270 on the dial.

On television, the two mainstays of sports—channels 4 and 7—have decided their own sports coverage was boring, and started to present grown men eating worms and other nonsensical coverage.

Dan Miller, bless his heart, is the only local sportscaster with the smarts to present 20 to 30 minutes of sports coverage on Channel 2 each night.

When you get down to the nitty-gritty, it's all about money (surprise!), with one station outmaneuvering the other to become known as THE sports station or channel in the Detroit market. But when a team deserts its loyal followers by partnering with a less-than-competent sports staff because they were offered a higher price, who is winning in the long run? Not the station, which is limited in power and reach. Not the team, whose exploits are followed by less and less loyal listeners; and certainly not the fan, whose father spent his summer nights with his portable radio under the pillow of his bed, pumping out the familiar charm and character of Ernie Harwell's unique voice.

And what did the Tigers and Red Wings do with the money they were paid by the new owners of their

broadcast air time?

Did it buy better performance on the field? Nope. Did it buy more fans' fannies in the seats of their stadium/arena? Nope. Did it buy a warmer relationship between the players and the fans? Are you kidding?

Most players in Detroit are as detached in their relationship with the local fans as the turkey with five legs promoted by John Madden prior to Thanksgiving. Pass the giblets, please.

"Those were the days..." oh yes, those were the days.

Speaking of Dickerson, one of the freshest talents in Detroit radio:

You're invited to attend a meeting of the Clarkston Area Optimist club on January 21, when Dan Dickerson will be the featured speaker.

Dan, a resident of Clarkston, just finished his first season as the new Tiger broadcaster, succeeding the retired Ernie Harwell.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Liberty Grill and Golf Club, on Maybee Road.

The Optimists hope you will attend.

Carlson named player of week in GLIAC

Jenn Carlson, who played for Clarkston High School's women's basketball Wolves, was named the Player of the Week in the GLIAC conference South Division for the first week in December.

Carlson helped her Hillsdale team to a 3-0 record last week, including a 2-0 mark in the conference. Carlson scored 62 total points (20.6 points per game),

while shooting 63% from the field (22 of 35) and 10 for 16 from the three-point line.

She garnered 16 rebounds, 13 assists, and six steals in three games.

Against Lake Superior State, she tallied 28 points. She scored 13 points against Siena Heights and 21 against Saginaw Valley State.

Schools to seek sign for championship team

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education will seek road signs to honor the 2003 Clarkston High School cross-country team for their Division I championship.

The board presented plaques and chocolates to the runners and their parents at their Monday, Dec. 8 meeting, and President Karen Foyteck asked about the commemorative signs seen at the entrances to many communities.

"It's a wonderful accomplishment and it should be recognized," Foyteck said.

Athletic Director Dan Fife said he has already checked with the Independence Township Department of Public Works. He was told application would have to be made through the township board, and he intends to follow up through appropriate channels.

"As long as we're in good standing with the township, we're OK," Fife said.

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Raises

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"I wrestled with this one for two weeks," Walls said. "The lack of unanimity was primarily [the supervisor's salary]."

Dubre said she tried to research other townships' salaries, but noted a wide disparity in both salary and job description. Although state statute defines each office, day-to-day operations are handled in various ways in various townships. She, Walls and Strole talked of the many hours put in by trustees and said they deserved better pay.

"If you look at the vast differences around, we're looking at a \$300 per year difference," Dubre said. "It should be so. It should happen."

Dubre also defended the big raise for Walls, calling him the equivalent of a CEO for a small company.

"The supervisor has much more responsibility," she said, noting his direct authority over the building, assessing and fire departments. "In the end the buck stops at the supervisor's office."

Pay for the top three offices should be increased, many said, because of the difficulty finding qualified candidates willing to do local government work.

"I'm afraid it's not enough," Trustee David Hopper said. "I want to make sure we can get the best

candidates out there. We need to be competitive with market conditions."

Strole said the issue became apparent when a replacement treasurer was needed to succeed the late Lois Stiles.

"Last year was a wakeup call," Strole said, as the top two candidates turned down the job when they learned of the salary. "They would have had to make financial sacrifices."

While the motivation for holding public office should be public service, Strole said, "We also have to make it somewhat viable so we can attract the kind of people that our township needs. We're going to need it after Collin and I are gone."

While agreeing with that assessment, Dubre also offered a caution: "Just because you throw more money does not mean you're going to get a better candidate."

Walls said his negative vote was based on the amount of his pay increase.

"I thought it was too high," Walls said. "I am concerned about the message, but the other message is that the wage must be commensurate so people would be willing to serve."

City, townships not surprised at cuts

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While public school officials are attempting to deal with pending state budget cuts, city and township officials say they are ready for Lansing's axe.

The latest announced agreement between Governor Jennifer Granholm and legislative leaders includes a new 5 percent cut in state revenue sharing to cities, villages and townships.

"Knowing the games they were playing, we budgeted very conservatively," Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said, and no immediate cuts in local services are anticipated.

The proposed cut would take approximately \$135,000 from the township budget, which Stuart said depends on state revenue sharing for between 50 and 55 percent of its revenue.

The number may be misleading, however, as Stuart said the new cut would be on top of previous cuts in state aid. He estimates the total hit to the local coffers at more than 10 percent.

"I strongly object to the state trying to solve their problems on the back of everyone else in the state," Stuart said.

The Village of the City of Clarkston is not quite as dependent on state revenue sharing as a proportion of total revenues, and City Manager Art Pappas expects a decrease of \$4,700 from a budget of about \$90,000.

"It's a bite," Pappas said, but "We'll probably survive somehow."

With a small city staff, Pappas said it would be tough to choose any services or staff to cut.

"I'd be the first to go," he quipped. Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said the anticipated loss of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 is no surprise to him. "It's approximately what we anticipated and budgeted for," Walls said.

Budget

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"There isn't any waste in the budget," he said. "It isn't going to be a fun process."

Officials have made budget adjustments in recent years to build up the district's fund equity to almost 15 percent. The combination of state budget cuts and lower than expected enrollment growth have combined to make officials glad to have the cushion.

"We will make some recommendations later this year to save what we can, but the only way we can handle the magnitude of the kind of cuts coming down to us from the state is by looking at the future," Supervisor Al Roberts said. "The fund equity has helped us do that."

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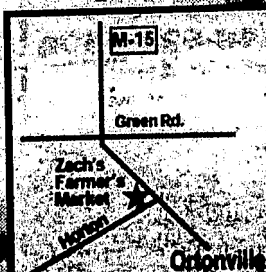

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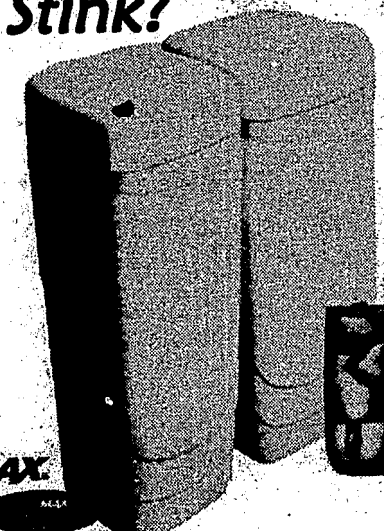
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Independence Township

Sunday, Dec. 14, larceny of a cell phone from a unlocked vehicle on Staghorn.

Larceny of a ham radio and cell phone charger from an unlocked car on Dark Lake.

A 39-year-old man was arrested on Maybee for operating while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license. A preliminary breath test registered .16 percent.

A 15-year-old boy was taken into custody and lodged at Children's Village for taking a vehicle without permission, failing to report an accident as he backed into a neighbor's front porch stairs and drove over the lawn, had no operator's license, and was a listed Children's Village runaway.

Saturday, Dec. 13, an 18-year-old man was cited on Sashabaw for being a minor consuming alcohol. He had a preliminary breath test of .08 percent.

Friday, Dec. 12, child abuse and neglect on Lancaster Lakes. A 29-year-old man is suspected of grabbing his girlfriend's three-year-old son by the head and shoving him. The boy had a small, faint bruise on the right side of his forehead.

Thursday, Dec. 11, domestic assault and child endangerment on Parview. A 20-year-old woman was

arrested for slapping her husband.

Larceny at a credit union on Ortonville. Someone cut down a newly planted Spruce.

Larceny of a radio and compact discs from an unlocked vehicle on Strawberry.

Home invasion on Lancaster Hill. An unknown person attempted to break into an apartment through a window. No entry was made.

Wednesday, Dec. 10, larceny of hunting equipment from an unlocked vehicle on Heath.

A 21-year-old man was arrested on Dixie for operating while intoxicated. A preliminary breath test registered .11 percent.

Tuesday, Dec. 9, malicious destruction of property on Clarkston. The Senior Center bus sustained a shattered window from a thrown object.

Monday, Dec. 8, larceny of lap top computers and other items from a business on Bow Pointe.

Two 17-year-old boys were caught attempting to steal a snowboard, left unattended at Pine Knob Ski Resort on Sashabaw. They were arrested and released to their parents.

Larceny of a license plate from a vehicle parked in a shopping plaza on Sashabaw.

Larceny of a cell phone from an unlocked vehicle on N. Eston.

Larceny of a 9 mm hand gun from a home on

Hillcrest.

Springfield Township

Saturday, Dec. 13, a 33-year-old woman was arrested on Tindall after crashing her vehicle while operating intoxicated. A preliminary breath test registered .127 percent.

Friday, Dec. 12, malicious destruction of property on Old Pond. A rock was thrown through the front passenger window of the complainant's vehicle.

City of Clarkston

Monday, Dec. 15, a 19-year-old Hartland man was arrested on Miller for disregarding a stop sign and driving with a suspended license. He had multiple warrants out of other jurisdictions as well. He was arraigned before the magistrate at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston and is being held in lieu of a \$2,500 bond. A pretrial is scheduled for Dec. 17.

Saturday, Dec. 13, a 41-year-old woman was arrested on Middle Lake for operating while intoxicated. She was released on bond the next day.

Friday, Dec. 12, a 47-year-old man was arrested on Middle Lake for operating while intoxicated. He was released on bond the next day.

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Sashabaw Middle School band members successfully took part in the District 4 Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Students traveled to Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion for the festival. Students performed as either soloists or as members of ensembles. Adjudicators from around the state of Michigan listened to the students and awarded the events ratings. Those students earning either a first or second division rating received medals. All students received comments from the adjudicators.

Students from Sashabaw who earned a first division rating are: Nick Johnson, trumpet solo; Wally Meyers, snare solo; Evan Brown, trombone solo; Nick Johnson and Steven Sweedyk, trumpet duet; Jessica Craig, flute solo; Candice Walsh, flute solo; Jessica Goyke, Kelsey Leichy, Courtney Morse, Sara McLatcher and Julie Knight, woodwind quintet; Rebecca Furlo and Melissa Shaner, brass duet and Billy Thompson and Brian Steele, brass duet.

Those who received second division rating in-

clude: Alexandra LaForge, trumpet solo; Brian Steele, trombone solo; Sean Goebel, flute solo; Rebecca Furlo, trombone solo; Adam Walker and Kirsten Rogers, double reed duet; Kristen Rogers, oboe solo; Jaime Shaw and Rhondalyn Schroeder, flute duet; Stephanie Thorstad, Amy Arpke and Mellissa Fitzpatrick, clarinet trio; Tina Layton and Kaitlyn LeClair, flute duet; Brian Steele, Kevin Marheine and Billy Thompson, low brass trio; Brandon Fairse, Kevin Marheine and Tim Stolzenfeld, brass trio; Melanie Balkany and Christopher Haglund, woodwind duet; Candice Walsh, Paige Semaan and Kaitlyn Warzybok, woodwind trio.

Also participating were Curtis Reilly and Mattan Alalouf in mixed duet.

The next scheduled performance for the Sashabaw Middle School Bands will be on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Clarkston High School PAC. The concert will feature the sixth, seventh and eight grade bands. The public is invited to attend.

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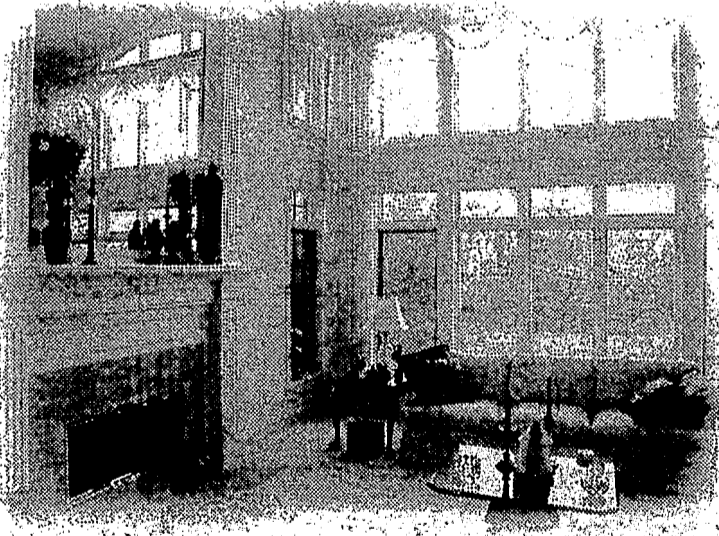
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"That all the troops overseas have a safe and merry Christmas."
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By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Clarkston resident Margaret Cobane sells her own Christmas ornaments, sharing her talent and joy with others. Photos by Kyle Gargaro.

Artist turns passion into business

Clarkston resident specializes in making Christmas ornaments

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Art, and more specifically Christmas art, is a family thing for Clarkston resident Margaret Cobane.

"I have always loved art. It runs in my entire family," Cobane said. "I was born to be an artist. It is just what I like to do."

Cobane has been able to take her passion and turn it into a productive business. She is having success with her art in the form of original design holiday ornaments.

Cobane, along with family member Richard Wallace and husband Russell, established the CobaneWallace Group just over a year ago. The company focuses on

hand-painted and blown glass Christmas ornaments.

The company's current catalog offers Cobane's designs of favorite characters such as snowmen, bears and Santas, rounded out with a diverse selection of striking accent ornaments, including icicles, snowflakes, ladybugs and spirals. Colors range from the

customary greens and reds of the season to fresher and spirited yet nontraditional pinks and blues.

"I just love Christmas," Cobane said. "Winter is the time of year where it starts to get gloomy, but then Christmas comes with the lights and it gets bright and cheerful. I love the happiness and the traditions of this time of year."

Cobane's career as a Christmas artist began while joining her husband at an art show in 1984.

"One of the other artists asked me to paint a Santa Claus and everybody liked it. That is what start everything and it just snowballed from there," Cobane said. "It just seemed like a logical use of my talents. With all the art shows we had attended, we already had a network established. This was just something that happened. It was a great opportunity but not something I was looking

'I always wanted to do something I was proud of and I think I am doing that...I consider myself lucky.'

Margaret Cobane
Local artist

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The Davisburg Rotary is looking for volunteers to fill Christmas baskets with nonperishable food items for those in need. Help is needed at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 and 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center on the 4-H Fairgrounds. The Rotary is also looking for money donation for charity, which can be sent to PO Box 96, Davisburg, MI 48350. For more information visit www.davisburgrotary.org.

Club 5529, a Christian hangout for 18 to 30-year-olds, will have a karaoke night on Friday, Dec. 26. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 at the door. General admission seating. Club 5529 is located inside the Clarkston Christian Association on Sashabaw, at the corner of Maybee. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or logon to www.5529music.com.

Don't haul the Christmas tree to the trash. Take it to one of 10 Oakland County Parks to be recycled. Local parks, Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg and Independence Oaks in Clarkston, will accept trees Dec. 26-Jan. 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. Independence Oaks will accept trees through Jan. 31. There is no charge to drop off trees. Plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. Large quantities leftover from commercial lots will not be accepted. The parks system will process the trees into wood chips. For more information, call (248) 858-0906.

The Widowed Support Group will meet for an informal sharing meeting Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m., facilitated by bereavement counselor Alicia Brown. The topic for the evening is "Beginning a New Year -- Challenging The Myth of Time in Healing Grief." 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.

Outback Steakhouse is sponsoring a benefit cocktail party on Saturday, Jan. 10 with all proceeds supporting the proposed Spraypark at Clintonwood Park in honor of Renee Przybylski, who passed away from cancer. Tickets are \$15/person. For details, call the restaurant at (248) 620-4329. Tickets are available from Spraypark Committee members or at Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 90 N. Main. or (248) 625-8223. In March, the Spraypark Committee set a goal to raise \$153,000 by Dec. 31 to build the Spraypark. So far, \$92,000 has been donated through businesses, organizations, individuals and fundraisers. To learn more about the Spraypark, visit www.clarkstonspraypark.org.

James Wilhelm, one of Clarkston's Edward Jones investment representatives, will host a free broadcast program, "Outlook 2004: A Turning Point for America?" featuring political adviser David Gergen at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7183 N. Main St., Ste. C. The broadcast features a panel of financial experts and Gergen, former advisor to both Democratic and Republican presidents, who will explore the state of the nation, economy and financial markets in 2004. During this one-hour televised event, the panel will discuss the aftermath of 2003, the upcoming presidential election and its effect on the economy, and strategies for one's portfolio in 2004. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Wilhelm at (248) 625-1232. If you are unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

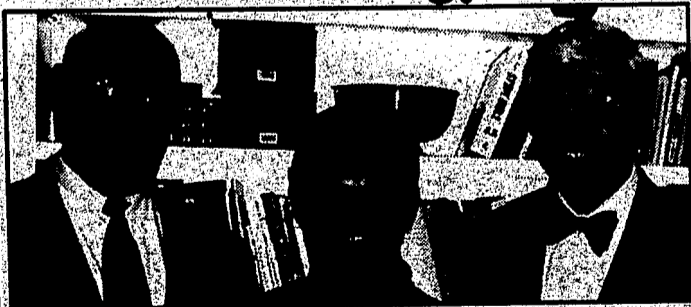
The Clarkston Village Players present "Social Security" by Andrew Bergman, running Jan. 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31. Bergman's play focuses on the two adult daughters of widow Sophie: Barbara and Trudy. Barbara and her husband David are successful art gallery owners. Trudy is a housewife caring for her bland accountant husband Martin. When a crisis befalls Trudy and Martin, they are forced to trundle mama in from Long Island and pawn her off on Barbara and David. The ensuing action involving Sophie and a 98-year-old world class painter named Maurice teaches us all that we're never too old. Showtimes are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and Sunday, \$12 for Friday and Saturday. For tickets call the Depot Ticket line at (248) 625-8811. Tickets are also available at Tierra Fine Jewelry, 64 S. Main in downtown Clarkston. Call (248) 625-2511. Visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org for more information. Depot Theater is located at 4861 White Lake Rd. in Clarkston.

Crosshill Community Preschool, located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church at 803 Broadway has openings in the afternoon 4's and young 5's classes. An afternoon 3's class will be starting on Jan. 20. Crosshill provides a developmental program with free play, directed activities, art, music, gym and snack. For enrollment or more information, call Vicki at (248) 889-4249 or the director at (248) 634-1064.



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Member of Tiger Cub Den 9, Pack 126, enjoy a visit to the offices of *The Clarkston News*, where they asked questions about how newspapers are put together. The field trip helped fulfill a badge requirement for the first graders. Pictured are (from left) Caleb Beyers, Scott Campbell, Raymond Coyle, Brendan Coyle, Tommy Hickey, Josh Frankovich, Jake Topham. Photo by Don Schelske

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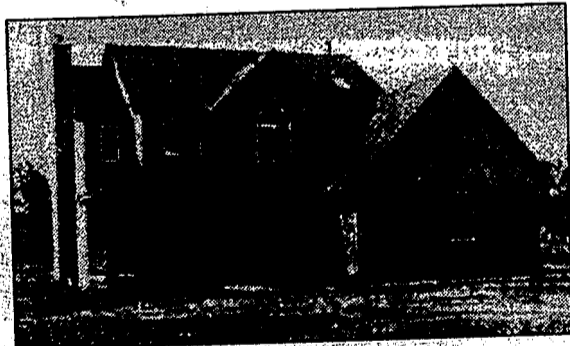
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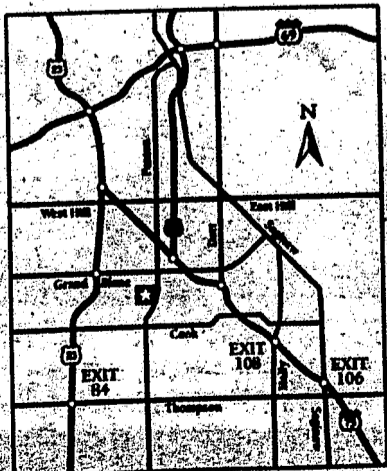
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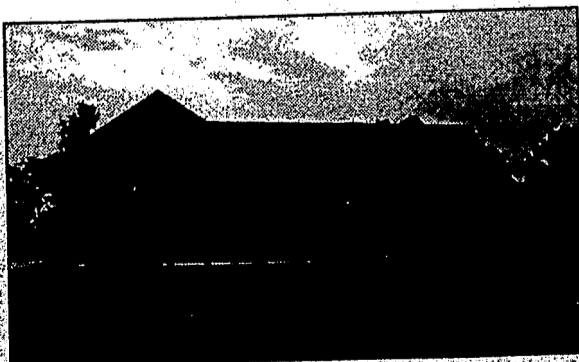


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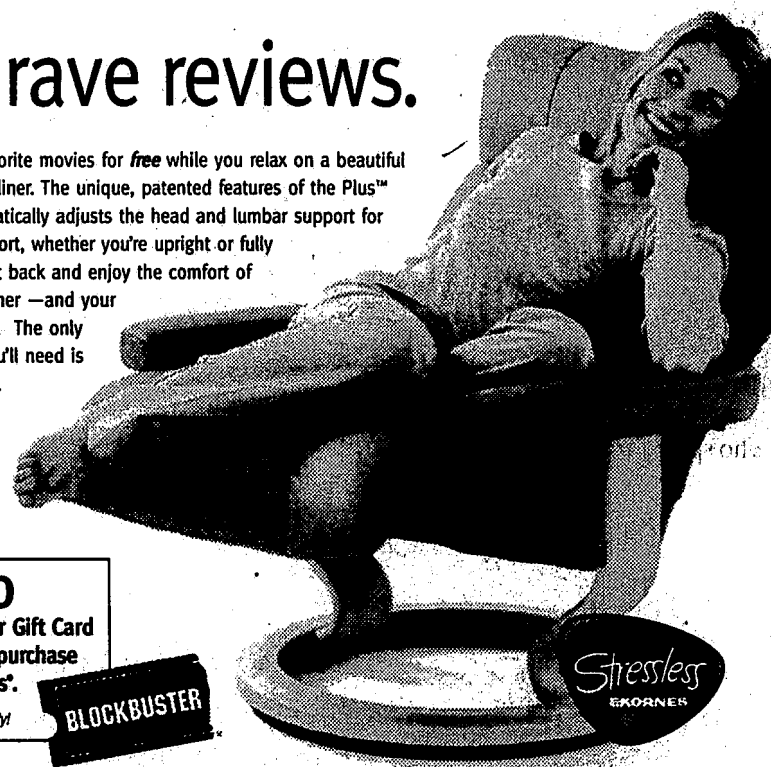
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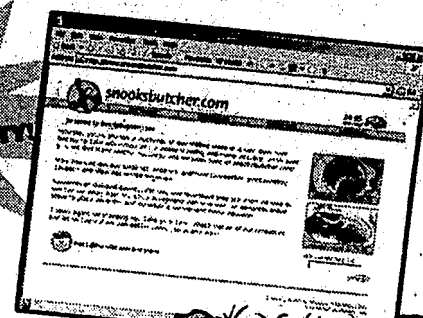
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Artist

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However, even before she gained a reputation as a premier Santa Claus painter, Cobane was a keeper of Christmas with a fondness of the season.

"I've made my own personal ornaments for as long as I can remember. Sitting up on a winter's night looking at the Christmas lights is one of my very favorite things in life," Cobane said.

Her husband is also an artist who specializes in wildlife art.

Cobane worked for various organizations before deciding to start her own business. Her works can be found locally at Treasure Gifts and Beyond on Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Cobane and her husband are grateful their business has been such a success.

"For retailers Christmas is the biggest season. I read somewhere where Christmas ornaments were the second or third most sought after product on the Internet," Cobane said.

Cobane, who has a fine arts degree and attended classes on commercial art, believes a bout with cancer helped her look at life in a different way. The artist was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1981 from which she made a full recovery.

"After something like that you really appreciate the little things in life and you focus on what is really important," Cobane said. "It makes you ask



Cobane's works can be found at Treasured Gifts and Beyond on Main Street in downtown Clarkston. Photos by Kyle Gargaro.



yourself why are you here. It definitely motivates you to do things differently and live for the moment."

For the moment, Cobane is living her dream. She is doing what she loves and earning a living doing it.

"I always wanted to do something I was proud of and I think I am doing that. I realize how many people go to art school and I also realize how many do not get jobs in the art field. To be able to do this and succeed, I consider myself lucky," Cobane said. "I feel this is what I am here to do."

In addition to luck however, hard work has helped Cobane

translate her passion for art into a productive business. She works an average of 60 hours per week.

"I have always worked very hard," Cobane said. "This is just who I am. I am definitely a perfectionist."

Future plans for the company include a wider range of gift and accessory products that

Cobane in recent years has created for top-name catalog retailers such as the National Wildlife Federation and the Smithsonian Institute, as well as for independent ornament manufacturers.

"I want to use all of my talents," Cobane said.

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'I just love Christmas. I love the happiness and traditions of this time of year.'

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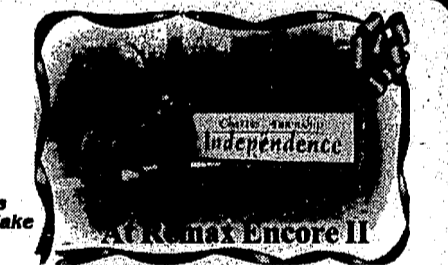
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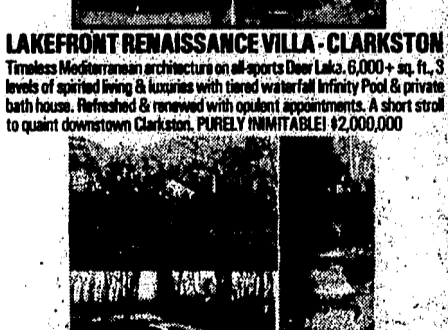
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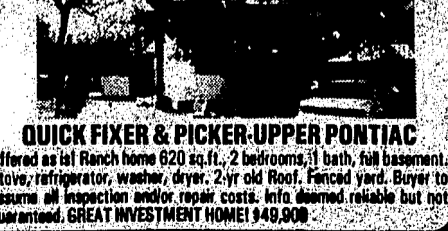
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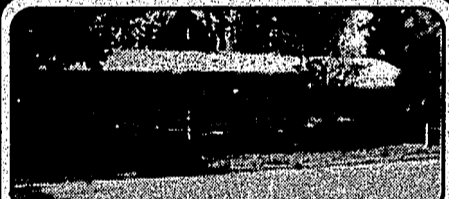
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The Glasgow family takes a break from sorting gifts to pose for a picture. Photos provided.

St. Daniel Catholic Church gives to charity organizations

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

St. Daniel Catholic Church's Giving Tree is helping eight charitable organizations this holiday season.

Giving Tree chairperson Janet Glasgow was joined by family and church members in sorting the gifts after Mass Dec. 14.

"This has become part of our holiday tradition," Glasgow said. "We try to do something that helps."

The organizations that will benefit from the Giving Tree include: Lighthouse Clarkston, Oakland County Criminal Justice Ministry, Focus Hope Families, Giving Tree of Hope, Covenant House, Spirit of Joy, a local soup kitchen and St. Daniel Parish shut-ins.

"The response by our church members has been incredible. There were more than 900 tags on the tree and they were all taken," Glasgow said. "I was quite overwhelmed."

The committee received donations from Nov. 12 through Dec. 14. The church receives phone calls from different organizations needing help and they then decide which organizations they can help.



Janet Glasgow and Father Bob Humitz.

Check our schedule of Around Town events on page two of Millstream.

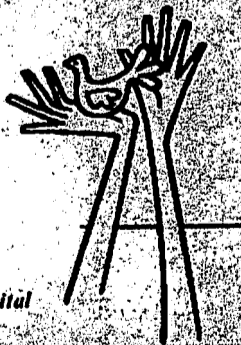
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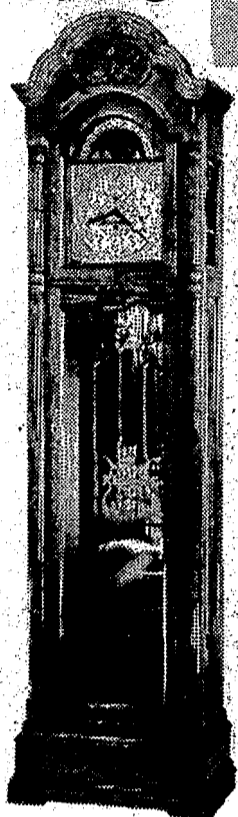


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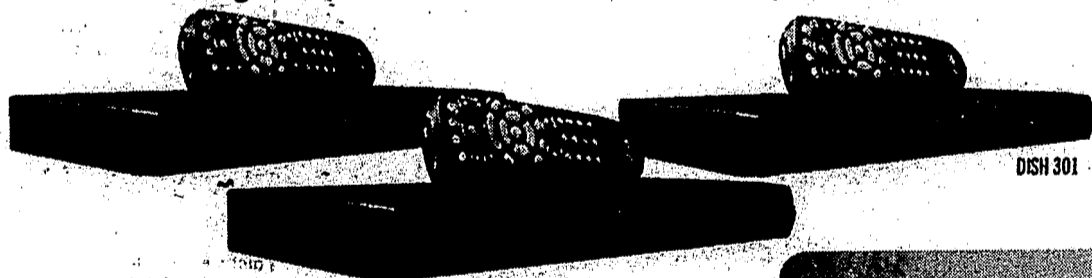
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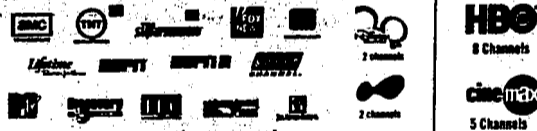
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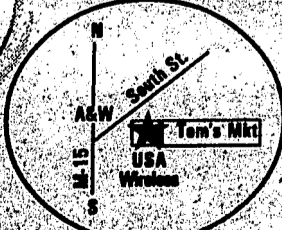
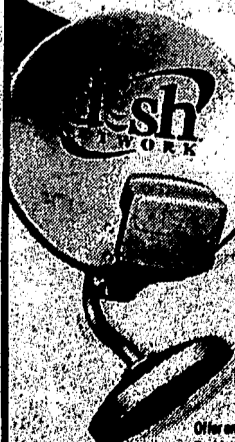
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Carolers Visit Sick and Shut-Ins

On Christmas Eve about forty carolers directed by T. S. Boyns called at the homes of the sick and the shut-ins and helped brighten their Christmas by singing the old, familiar Christmas carols. The group had a grand time calling at eighteen homes.

After their program of requests was completed they went to the H. W. Huttenlocher home where they sang the carols for their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Huttenlocher and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leak. Delicious refreshments were served.

Phone Change To Be Explained

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 6th, Mr. Purdy of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, will be at the Clarkston Methodist Church at 2 o'clock to demonstrate and explain the telephone change that will start January 8th. This meeting is being sponsored by the Clarkston Home Extension Club.

Everyone is interested in this new extended area service and will get a clearer idea of its benefits if they attend this meeting. The public is cordially invited.

Program Presented By Science Club

On Monday evening of last week 185 persons gathered at the Lakeview Club House to see the Christmas program presented by the members of the Science Club. The program consisted of singing of carols by the audience; two plays, "The Christmas Rush" and "Typical American Christmas"; piano solos by Martha Johnson; saxophone solos by Shirley Simpson; a quartet composed of Betty Marco, Martha Johnson, Ruth Cronenes and Mary Sevald. Clarinet duets by Ruth and Evelyn McCrum were other features of the program. Mrs. Mathew Johnson and Mrs. Allan Brandau, leaders of the club, spoke briefly.

The comments of the on-lookers after the program seemed to indicate that the evening was a success.

On Tuesday evening a Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Johnson. The group enjoyed playing Bug, Bingo, Canasta and Bridge. Later refreshments were served from a table covered with a linen cloth and centered by an attractive arrangement of Christmas candles, plastic figurines and evergreen boughs. Following the refreshments the group gathered around the Christmas tree and sang carols and opened their gifts. Two electric roasters were presented to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Brandau by the members in appreciation for their leadership during the past year.

The next meeting will be on January 9th at the home of Mrs. Brandau. Plans for a mother and daughter banquet and a skating party will be discussed.

Evelyn M. McCrum, Scribe

News Of Interest To Veterans

Regulations to bar restrictive covenants based on race, creed or color in connection with home loan mortgages guaranteed for veterans under the G. I. Bill will go into effect next February, Veterans Administration announced.

The new regulations will apply to all such covenants created and recorded subsequent to February 15, 1950, and to all G. I. mortgages guaranteed or insured by VA after that date. Loans guaranteed or covenants recorded prior to February 15 will not be affected, VA said.

As applied to mortgage lenders, VA said any guarantee issued for a loan on property subject to a recorded covenant barred by the regulations would be affected in the event of subsequent default and foreclosure. In such cases, the lender's option of transferring the property to VA, which he normally has, will not be available.

Ring In The New Silver Bells

...What a world of merriment their melody foretells

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Clarkston Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rockwell and family had as their dinner guests on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lord and sons, Donald and Richard.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Johnson and her sister, Dawn, and Floyd Tower.

The Mary Circle of the Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. Earl Hoyt on Friday, January 6, for a pot-luck luncheon at 12:30. Mrs. Roderick Muma will be the co-hostess. The members are asked to notice the change in date. Save Friday, Jan. 6th for your Circle meeting.

On Sunday, Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leak and family enjoyed a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Perry. On Monday their guests at a Christmas dinner at their home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Costello and daughter, Linda, of Dearborn and Mrs. David Leak of Lake Odessa, who will visit with them for the rest of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amel Althouse and family entertained at a Christmas dinner and tree on Monday. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht Althouse and daughter, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Althouse and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lobzien and Mr. and Mrs. Don Burton and daughter, Donna, all of Leonard, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Althouse and daughter, Diane, of Lake Orion.

See Tree Pruning Next Wednesday

Tree-pruning demonstrations will be held Wednesday, January 4th, as follows: 9:30 A. M. — Gallagher Orchards, located on 1900 Silverbell Rd., Rochester, Michigan.

1:30 P. M. — Simpson's Orchards, 46520 Ten Mile Road, Northville. The reason for these demonstrations is to show new methods and results of past tree trimming in orchards. Mr. Karl D. Bailey, the district horticultural agent, will conduct these demonstrations along with Mr. C. A. Langer of the Horticulture Department, Michigan State College. Among other items of interest will be the results of past years' pruning demonstrations which can

Clarkston Locals

On Christmas Eve Mrs. George D. King entertained at a family buffet supper at her home on N. Main Street.

Worker Needs S. Security Card

A social security card is the only positive identification of the worker's social security account, according to a statement by Herbert Anderson, Field Representative of the Pontiac Social Security Office. He pointed out that such positive identification is demanded by an employer before putting the worker on the payroll. It is also required by the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission before unemployment benefits can be paid.

"During the recent layoffs," Anderson said, "a great many people were handicapped in securing temporary employment or in receiving immediate unemployment benefits because they had no social security card. This situation could be avoided by securing a duplicate when the loss is discovered rather than by waiting until there is an immediate use for it." Anderson pointed out that no record of account numbers is maintained in the field offices. A minimum of four days, including mailing time, is required to search the records and get a duplicate card to the account holder.

Thirteen years have passed since many of the original cards were issued and a large percentage of these have become worn or mutilated over the years. Anderson suggested that persons whose cards are in such condition secure a replacement while the name and account number is still legible. This avoids the expensive and time-consuming search process and the account holder has his replacement by return mail.

Application forms are available in all post offices and employment service offices where no field office is located. Anderson stated that he has a social security itinerant station located at Holly City Offices. He is there from the first Monday of each month from 10:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.

Hunters Asked To Mail Report Cards

A New Year's resolution the conservation department would not

Clarkston Locals

Guests at the Charles W. Robinson home for Christmas dinner were his parents, Professor and Mrs. Frank E. Robinson of Mt. Pleasant.

The Martha Circle of the Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. Roy Spencer on Tuesday, Jan. 3. There will be a pot-luck luncheon at 12:30.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lissner were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lissner of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Dorcas Circle of the Methodist W. S. C. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. William Johnston on Friday, Jan. 6. There will be a pot-luck luncheon at 12:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Poulton, Mrs. Carroll Crosby and two daughters, Sharon and Elaine, spent Christmas Day at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ross Porritt in Pontiac.

On Christmas afternoon Mr. and Mrs. William Dunston and son, Bill, went to Blissfield, Michigan, for a short visit with Mrs. Dunston's mother, Mrs. Hattie Gray.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Garold O'Dell and family entertained at a Christmas dinner Mrs. M. D. Peck and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moyer and daughter, Martha, all of Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humes and son, Tom, went to Mason, Mich., on Monday and enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. Bullen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bullen, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo J. Willoughby and family went to Blissfield on Christmas Day and enjoyed a family dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Belman. On Monday they went to Ann Arbor to the home of Mr. Willoughby's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nagel, where they had Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Agnes Beardsley and Phyllis entertained at a Christmas dinner and tree on Christmas Eve. Their guests were Ellen and Robert Beardsley and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Beardsley and son, Freddie, and daughters, Kathleen and Suelien. A guest at the Beardsleys was Mrs. E. J. ...

New Phone Service Starts January 8th

"District-exchange" telephone service—permitting direct calls without charge to Pontiac, Commerce, Oxford (including Leonard), Lake Orion, and Drayton Plains (including Waterford) — will be inaugurated here on Jan. 8.

A new Pontiac district exchange is being set up in accordance with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company's state-wide extended-area service plan. Clarkston will be a zone of the Pontiac "super-exchange."

Robert E. Poll, manager here for the company, said the district exchange plan will wipe out the 10-cent charge on calls to Pontiac, Commerce, Oxford, Lake Orion, and Drayton Plains — Clarkston's extended calling area. Also, it will result in lower charges to Wallace Lake, and Rochester — the other zones of the district exchange.

District exchange service — similar to that in the Detroit and Grand Rapids areas — operates on "inter-zone rates" which are lower than toll-rates in most cases.

However, regular monthly telephone rates here will go up as follows:

Residence service — individual line, from \$2.25 to \$3.75; two-party line, from \$2 to \$3; four-party line, from \$1.75 to \$2.50; rural line, from \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Business service — individual line, from \$4 to \$7.50; two-party line, from \$3.25 to \$6; rural line, from \$2.75 to \$4.25.

Proportionate increases also will go into effect for subscribers in the Walters Lake, Big Lake, and Springfield locality rate areas.

These increased rates were authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission over a year ago when it approved a general rate increase containing the extended-area plan. However, that portion of the increase resulting from expanding the flat-rate calling range was deferred until extended-area service is introduced.

On the basis of the present volume of calls to Pontiac, Commerce, Oxford, Lake Orion, and Drayton Plains, it is estimated that telephone users here will save approximately \$1,080 monthly in toll charges as a result of the new service.

Along with elimination of toll charges, extended-area service brings a much greater number of telephones within the scope of flat monthly rates. For example, the number of telephones that a local telephone user can call without extra charges at present is 800. With extended-area service, about 33,600 telephones are available at flat rates.

Poll said the volume of traffic between communities within an extended area goes up several times over its previous size after extended-area service is introduced. Studies indicate that such a jump can be expected here as subscribers take advantage of the new service.

In approving the extended-area plan, the Public Service Commission termed it a "forward looking" development in the telephone art.

Calls to communities within the extended-calling area will be made simply by dialing the number wanted. There will be no charge for these calls.

Calls to other communities within the district exchange will be placed with the operator the same as a long-distance call but will be charged for at inter-zone instead of toll rates.

New telephone directories containing numbers of all subscribers within the extended-area will be distributed shortly before the service is "cut over."

Also, all customers will receive printed instructions on how to make extended-area calls.

Poll emphasized that until the cut over date customers should continue to make calls as they have in the past.

"We are proud to be one of the first telephone companies in the nation to introduce extended-area service throughout its territory," Poll said.

Local Girl To Be Honored

For her outstanding work in the 4-H Club Evelyn M. McCrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCrum of Maceeday Lake, has been selected for initiation into the Oakland County 4-H Service Club from the 2200 members in the county. This is a great honor and achievement to have won in the 4-H work. Those who have done outstanding work are chosen to become members of the club by the Agents and State Leaders.

The initiation is to take place on the evening of December 29th at the Social Welfare building in Pontiac. A square dance and refreshments are to climax this fine evening.

Waterford-Drayton Rotary Club News

On Tuesday evening at 6:30 the Waterford-Drayton Rotary Club, the Exchange Club and the Lions' Club held a joint meeting at the Old Mill Tavern in Waterford.

A feature of the evening was the quartet singing by the Note-blenders of the Oakland County Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing of America.

Mr. VanderVen sang several solos and led in group singing. Mr. James Vandersall presided at the piano.

Garnet Poulton of the Clarkston Rotary Club was a visitor.

Clarkston Locals

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Adams spent Christmas in Pontiac with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Adams. Earlier in the month Mr. and Mrs. Adams had a Christmas dinner at their Clarkston home when their son, John, F. A., of the U. S. Navy, was home on a short leave. John was back at sea for the holidays.

On Christmas Eve Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Clark entertained at a family party at their home on Holcomb Street. A Christmas supper was served at six o'clock and this was followed by the receiving of gifts around the Christmas tree in the living-room. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Clark and three sons and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Clark and daughter, all of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Clark of Maceeday Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Owen and two daughters of Auburn Heights. On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Clark enjoyed dinner at the Owen home.

By the Way ...

The last half is now coming up. The first half of the century is now history. A black and white picture that moved in 1900 is now a super colossal moving picture — that talks. A dot and dash telegraph code has given way first to spot news events over the air without wires and now we even get pictures in our homes of events as they are happening thousands of miles away. Medical science has prolonged the span of human life. Papers have been produced and many magazines are published each month which never saw type. From the sensational pay raise to \$5.00 a day given by the late Henry Ford in 1914, today pensions after one is too old to work are in the present economy. The automobile, a rich man's hobby, is now found in everybody's garage and is probably used more for emergency borrowing than the family jewels used to be. Swimming the English Channel and flying across the oceans is just another dull routine in a day's occupation for many. The Flat Iron building, a skyscraper in 1900 is a tiny shack as compared to the 80 story buildings of today. From the olden rope pull elevator, today these skyscrapers are served by elevators that travel a mile a minute. From the puny war weapons (they have also been improved through practice in two world wars) we now have the atom bomb that completely demolishes an entire

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Religion

Joy to the world, the dictator's gone?

Saddam Hussein is now a prisoner. These past few days the whole world has been responding to the capture of a humiliated coward. Reaction, of course, is mixed. Some dance in the streets with jubilation while others are simply (and justifiably) relieved. Some in the Arab world have developed conspiracy theories and others carry the "You'll be sorry" threat. We are not naïve enough to think this will end the violence, but for a while we can congratulate the military on a job well done and pray that the Iraqis will find peace and liberty.

Hussein isn't the only fallen despot of our times. Remember Nicholae Ceausescu of Romania? He is said to have crowned himself as "The Genius of the Carpathians." This son of a peasant turned into a monster. He was finally executed with his wife on Christmas Day 1989 only after killing thousands of his detractors. You will also remember the seizure of the Panamanian General Manuel Noriega in the 1980's. In 1979, the Ugandan dictator Idi Amin, who is thought to have killed hundreds of thousands, fled into exile. He was never allowed to return.

So what is to blame for the rise of these dictators? Ideology? Religion? Nationalism? Economics? Who should be blamed? Christians? Muslims? Jews? The answer lies far beyond any of these. It

is in found in the heart of mankind.

Recently I read a little story to our congregation. It was about a man who woke up early one morning, hoping to spend some quiet time reading the Sunday paper. Soon after fixing himself a cup of coffee, he heard the patter of little feet coming down the stairs. He was greeted by his five-year-old daughter.

"Go to back to bed," he insisted, only to be told "I'm not sleepy," from the tot. After admitting to himself she wouldn't be swayed by the "direct command approach," he devised a clever plan. In the paper was a picture of the world. After using scissors to cut the photo into puzzle pieces, he instructed her to go into the other room and tape the picture back into place. Before he could finish his coffee, she came back into the kitchen to show him the completed project. "How did you finish so quickly?" the amazed father inquired. "It was easy, Daddy. On the back side was a picture of a man. When you make the man right, you make the world right."

The application may seem simplistic to most, yet from a biblical point of view, the answer is simple: change the person and change the world. The angel announced to the terrified shepherds, "I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." This little One who slept in a feeding trough would not only change the course of world history; He would chart the destination of millions for eternity.

He was born into a totalitarian regime. Rome ruled the world with an iron fist. Later in history, the emperor would be thought of as a god. Many would be forced to swear allegiance to another "god." Religious coercion would rule the day.

As Jesus quietly entered into the world, He would also enter into His ministry. He taught like no other. He healed the sick and caused the blind to see. His ministry was not inaugurated by force or an imposing coercion. Isaiah prophesied, "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him." The teaching and life of Jesus captivates the hearts of millions. Jesus shows what God is all about. John 1:18 states "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."

Of course He created (and creates) no small controversy. People are even trying to expunge Him from the celebration of Christmas! Yet, He calls out still, throughout the centuries, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

"Rest for our souls." Isn't that what the world pursues? The "Prince of peace," the "Savior of the world" offers peace with God through His great sacrifice. His victorious accomplishment of defeating death and forgiving sin cannot be fully fathomed by the human mind. Instead of empty promises and brash pronouncements, he wasn't found cowering in a hole in the ground. He victoriously emerged from a tomb as He said He would do. Now He offers the forgiveness and change that every individual must have to be right with God. The little girl said it well: "When you make the man right, you make the world right." And that's no puzzle.



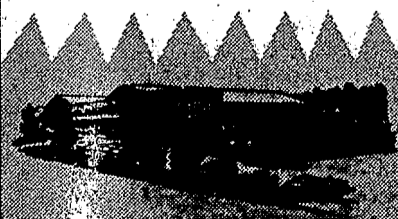
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Obituary

Thomas L. McNeive

Thomas L. McNeive, of Sonoma, CA., died December 8, 2003 following a brief illness.

Tom was survived by his wife Georgia, mother of Norma of Briney Breezes, FL., son Todd of Santa Rosa, daughter and son-in-law Kelly and Jeff Guns of Petaluma and grandchildren Audrey and Jack Guns.

Tom retired from General Motors Truck and Bus after 32 years of service, and relocated in Sonoma. He was a mem-

ber of SIRS #41 of Sonoma and a member of the Sonoma County Farmer's Market Association. Tom was an avid fisherman, hobbyist, and expert basket weaver.

A celebration of his life was held on Dec. 13.

Norman J. Daniels

Norman J. Daniels, of Clarkston, died on December 13, 2003 at age 72.

He was the loving husband of Marge; father of Mike (Linda) of Lake Angelus; Aimee (Tom) Goss of Ann Arbor, Pat (Debbie) of Ann Arbor

and Mary Anne St. Croix of Waterford; also survived by 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brother of Clarence (Loretta) Daniels of Whitmore Lake.

A Funeral Mass was held Dec. 15 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes High School.

Sandra Darlene Tate

Sandra Darlene Tate

"Sandy", of Pontiac, died suddenly December 13, 2003 at age 59.

She was the mother of Steven (Jeannette) Tate of New Mexico; grandmother of Jennifer Tate, Vanessa, Eugene and David; also survived by three great-grandchildren; daughter of Edith (the late

Leibern) Lockwood. Sandy was employed as a Customer Accounts Advisor at Oakland Family Services, Pontiac. A Funeral Service is 12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Oakland Family Services.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Loretta May Koslowski, a.k.a. Loretta M. Koslowski, who lived at 765 First St. Pontiac, Michigan died October 31, 2003.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bonita M. Koss, F.K.A. Bonita M. Koslowski, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341-0449 and the named/ proposed personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

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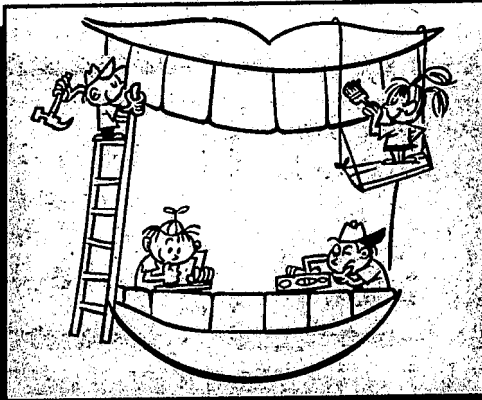


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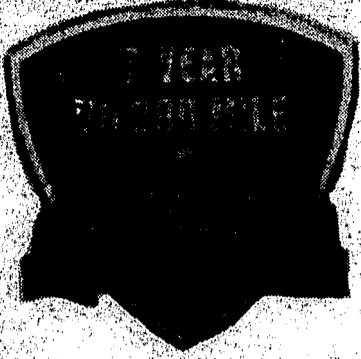
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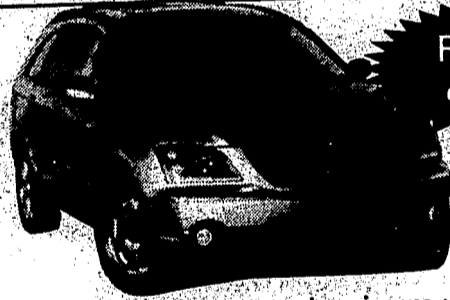
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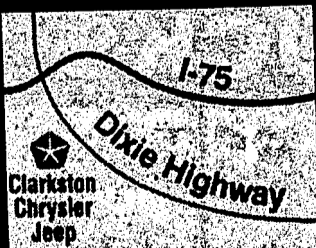


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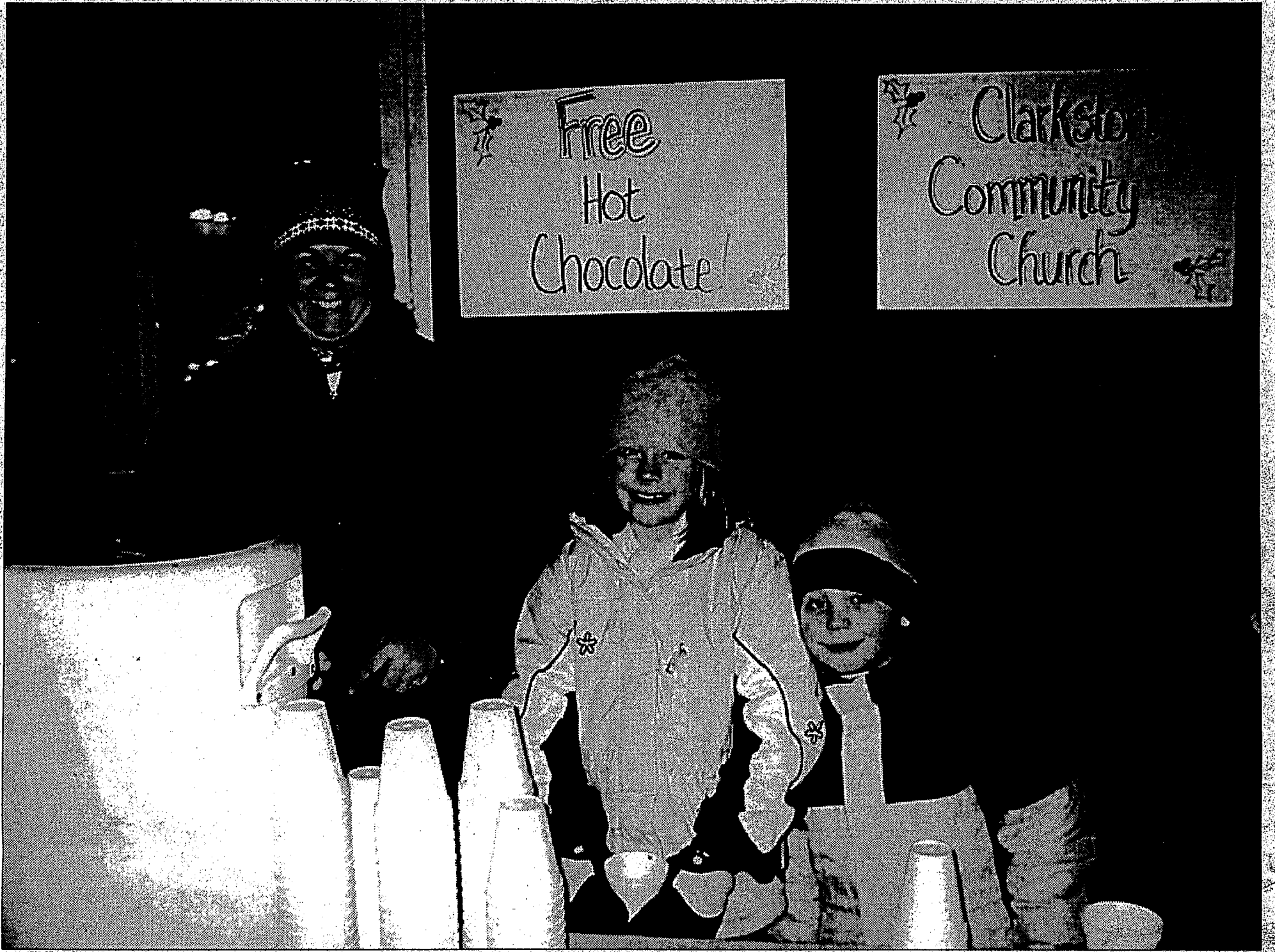
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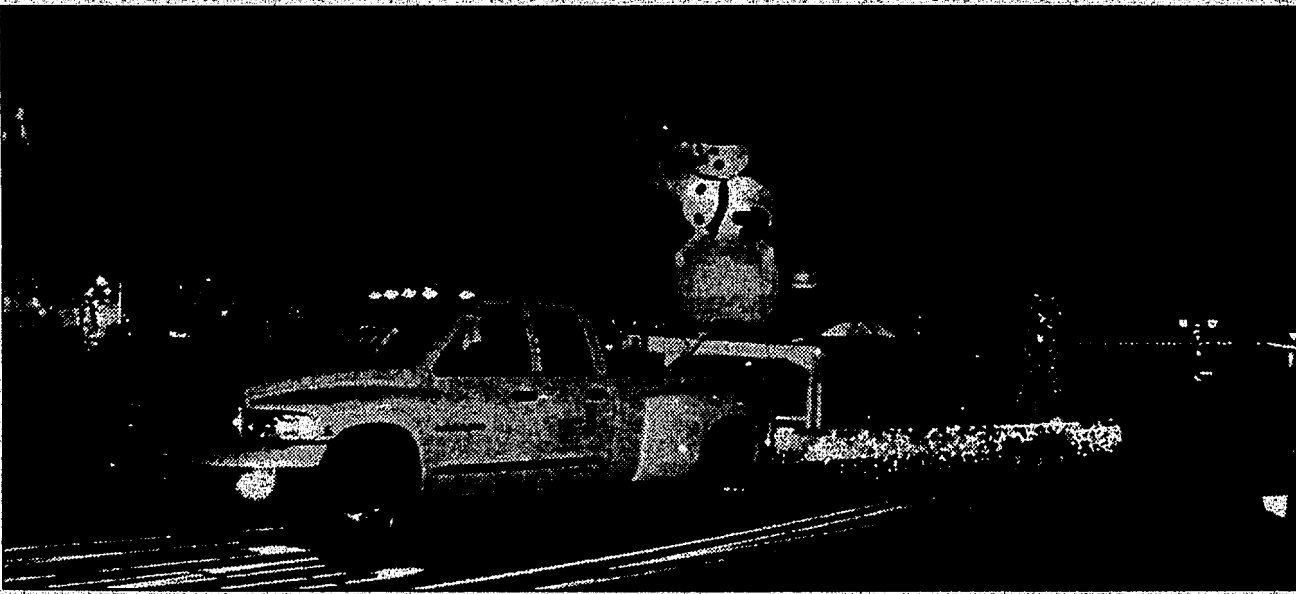
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Bottom, Main Street was lined with sightseers who were delighted by the decorative floats. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

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