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Briefly

Independence Board sets meeting agenda

The Independence Township Board of Trustees have set the agenda for their Tuesday, Jan. 6 meeting.

New business on the agenda includes: discussion regarding proposed pipeline route, DPW reclassification, non-union salary discussion and Sashabaw Plains Cemetery.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. at the meeting room in the Independence Township Library.

Board opposes pipeline

The Springfield Township Board has gone on record opposing a proposed 36-inch natural gas pipeline through Springfield and Rose townships.

According to a resolution adopted Dec. 11, the proposal from Consumers Energy would place the new pipeline "along a route that traverses miles of sensitive wetlands and rare natural resource complexes," including the Buckhorn Lake and Huron Swamp natural areas.

Officials said the latest proposal is similar to a failed 1999 plan, which also drew opposition from local governments and environmental groups.

Copies of the resolution were to be sent to state legislators and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Because he is an employee of Consumers Energy, Trustee Dean Baker requested and received

board approval to abstain from the vote on the resolution.

Springfield FD gets federal grant

The Springfield Township Fire Department has received a grant for \$97,089 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration.

These funds, which are awarded to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations and firefighter health and safety programs, will go toward a new radio system for the Springfield Township Fire Department.

"Firefighters have continually proven themselves to be heroes throughout our communities," said U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-8th), who announced the grant. "This grant will assist the Springfield Township Fire Department in the efforts of preparedness of all fires and emergencies in their community."

Four program areas are supported through the 2033 Assistance to Firefighter Grants: fire operations and firefighter safety; fire prevention, emergency medical services and firefighting vehicles acquisition program.

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Year in Review: 2003

(The year 2003 was an interesting one for the community of Springfield Township, Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston. A debate on a community garden, a Clarkston City Council election and the legal battle between Clarkston School Board member Tony Miller and School Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts dominated the headlines. Below are the highlights and lowlights of the year 2003.)

January

Jan. 1, Clarkston resident Cheryl Molencupp, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in July and had been recovering from chemotherapy, didn't expect to have a very merry Christmas until an anonymous someone left a decorated Christmas tree on her front porch. The surprise gift renewed her faith in the kindness of people.

Dr. James O'Neill gave several suggestions to those making health-related New Year's resolutions, including losing weight, with the number one suggestion: do it wisely.

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Clarkston collected toys for its fourth year on behalf of the U.S. Marine



Four-year-old Austin Galloway was left on a school bus for four hours when he fell asleep in the back. *File photo.*

Corps Toys for Tots program. Toys were distributed to children in need throughout north Oakland County.

Jan. 8, Employees from five local liquor stores were cited for selling alcohol to individuals under the age of 21, after the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Independence Township sent decoys to each establishment.

The Clarkston Village Players presented their edgy play, "Extremities," which centered on a woman and her roommates who struggle with the ethical and logistical questions related to "captive becoming captor" after an escape from a brutal attack in her own home.

Jan. 15, A four-year-old boy with special needs was left on the school bus between noon to 4 p.m. when he fell asleep in the back of the bus on his way to school. The bus driver was suspended for five days without pay.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart, Clerk Joan McCrary, and Treasurer Jim Wenger received a five percent raise increase, after a comparison to other communities of similar size and tax base was conducted.

Jose Carcamo, the drunken driver who hit Clarkston 18-year-old Tricia Taylor while she walked the sidewalks of downtown Pontiac with her boyfriend, was sentenced to prison for 38 to 60 months. Taylor had to have both of her legs amputated. Her boyfriend, Noah Menard of Pontiac, suffered a fractured skull and elbow.

Jan. 22, Law students from Clarkston High School participated in the Oakland County Teen Court giving them the

chance to take on the roles of jurors, prosecuting and defense attorneys, bailiff and clerk in the inaugural event at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston.

Newly appointed State Representative John Stakoe took a ceremonial oath for his first term in the Michigan House of Representatives, presiding over the 44th district.

A new online community calendar was launched, combining the resources of Independence Township, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Clarkston Community Schools. The website, www.clarkstoncalendar.org, offers up-to-date information on local happenings by day, week and month.

Jan. 29, Carmen Rappuhn, a 26-year-old Springfield Township woman who kept her pregnancy and baby's birth secret and left the newborn boy in a hamper for dead, had a second degree murder charge reinstated after it was originally dismissed and reduced to manslaughter.

U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) visited Sashabaw Middle School and challenged students to discover the talents each one has to offer to society.

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Budget

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Waterford and Pontiac districts were part of the consortium when the academy was founded in 1994, but no longer participate.

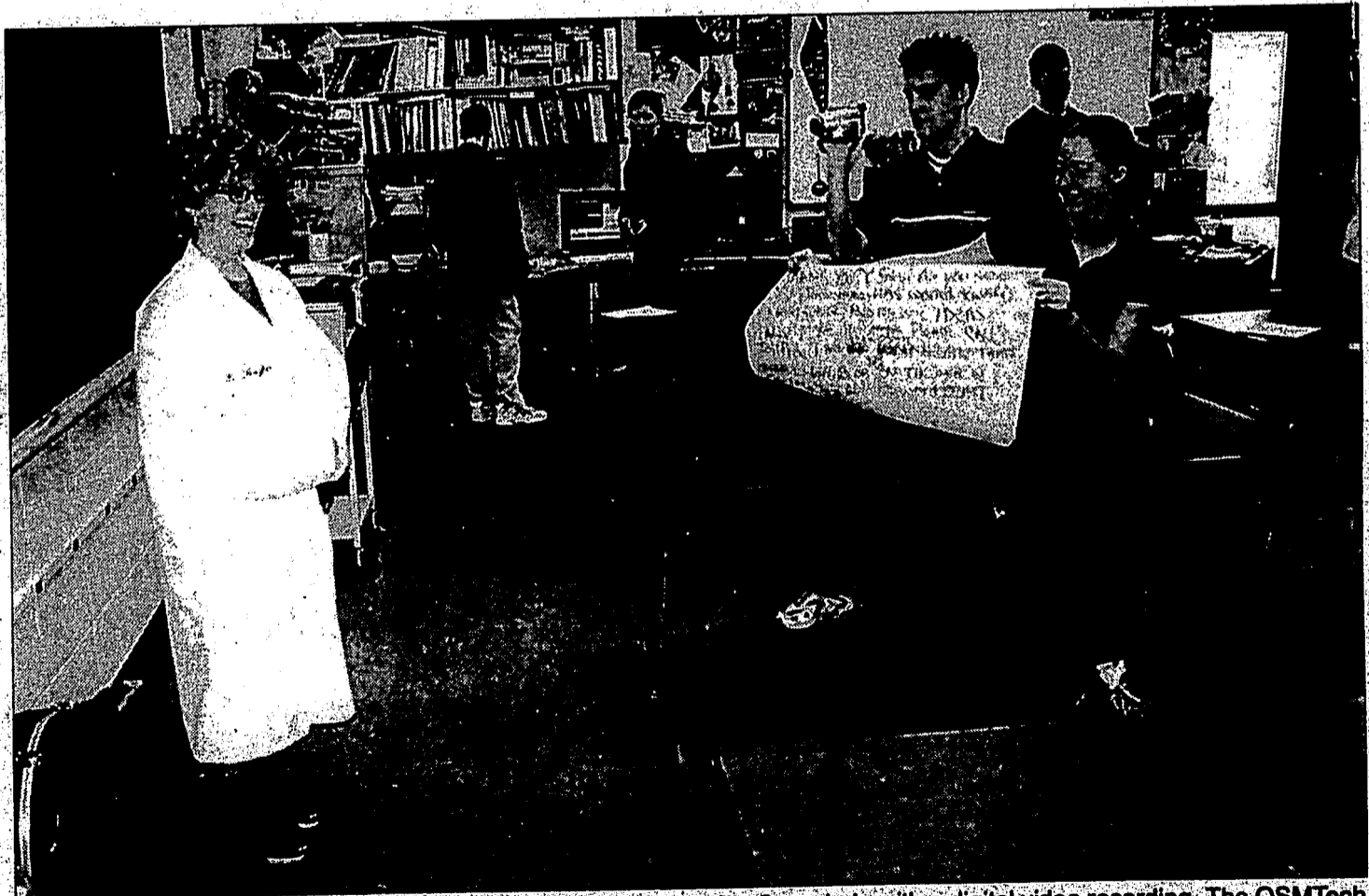
The budget currently gains funding from sending districts at one-half of each student's state "foundation grant" plus \$100 for special supplies. State grants for science centers have become more doubtful, with \$90,000 lost this past year.

With a decision from Lake Orion to cease sending new students to OSMTech next year, projected attendance will be only about 99 students. They need between 125 and 130 students to make the budget balance, Jacobs said, and there is a projected \$130,000 shortfall by fiscal year 2006 if something doesn't change.

Physical space is also a challenge, officials said, as OSMTech was never intended to be a permanent part of the Northwest Campus, used primarily for vocational education programs. OSMTech science labs currently meet in temporary classrooms, which are scheduled to be moved when construction takes place to expand the vocational center's transportation area.

Jacobs said Oakland Schools officials are working on possible solutions, but supporters should not expect the intermediate school district to supply the money directly.

"It is the desire of Oakland Schools to come up with a solution that preserves the program," Jacobs said, but, "Oakland Schools cannot be in a position of subsidizing programs for our 28 districts. We



Stevi Edmunds (left) portrays a "scientist" as Justin Combs and Allie Sowa help with a digital video recording. The OSMTech students were working on a final exam consisting of a computer presentation about terraforming on Mars.

operate the program to serve the sending districts."

Doug Livezey is a Clarkston resident who has a son attending OSMTech. He also chairs a parent support group advocating a new status for the special program.

"I think there needs to be a change in the way funding is currently viewed," Livezey said. He and others believe the specialized training in science, math and technology is as important as the vocational education programs in the same

building, and therefore deserve to receive money from vocational education funds.

"Professional careers are also careers that need preparation in the younger years. It shouldn't be excluded from career-focused educational funding."

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February

Feb. 5, An ex-Detroit Lions football player and current Clarkston resident, Juan Roque, was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon, operating under the influence of liquor and felonious assault after pointing a gun at a couple while driving intoxicated on Dixie Highway.

Three military men, including a Clarkston native, and another were arrested for a string of car burglaries. The men were allegedly responsible for burglarizing 11 vehicles throughout various parts of Independence Township, the City of the Village of Clarkston and Waterford.

About 30 residents attended a special meeting at Fire Station #1 to discuss the City of the Village of Clarkston's storm sewer plan and its potential impact on Parke Lake.

Feb. 12, The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy acquired 78 acres of property for preservation including a 15-acre parcel on Rattalee Lake in Rose Township, a one-acre parcel in Independence Township, and a 62-acre preserve in Springfield Township.

The Clarkston High School wrestling team captured the Oakland Activities Association Division I title. Clarkston finished with 194.5 points, outdistancing second place West Bloomfield who finished with 125.5 points.

Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, the City of the Village of Clarkston's engineering firm, announced at a City Council meeting, HRC would modify its plan for the water pipe east of Main Street and Clarkston Road, eliminating a piece of pipe lying underground on Clarkston Road.

Feb. 19, Curt Catalo, owner of the Clarkston Union, said he and Robert Eshhaki of Rudy's Market came to a gentlemen's agreement regarding the Union's secret macaroni and cheese recipe, which Catalo contended

one of his cooks stole for use by Rudy's. The macaroni and cheese caper was featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal.

Antonio Joseph Lucio, 28, was arrested on Valentine's Day after firing a shotgun during a domestic dispute with his girlfriend. Rounds from the gun blew through Lucio's trailer and into the neighboring mobile home. No one was injured.

Feb. 26, The Independence Township Library was given approval by the Independence Township Board to install nine security video cameras for a cost of \$12,403.

Developer John Mansour and the Springfield Township Board reached an agreement for a community sewer system to be installed in the Kroger development on Dixie Highway.

March

Mar. 5, A bomb threat was found written on a toilet paper dispenser in the boy's bathroom at Sashabaw Middle School. This was the third threat in three weeks for the Clarkston district.

Jeanie Louise (Weir) Moon died at the age of 60 from a fire at her Church Street home. There were no working smoke detectors in the house.

The Clarkston High School hockey team qualified for the state quarter finals after defeating Walled Lake Central 4-1 in a regional final.

Mar. 12, As part of their three-year spending reduction plan, the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education approved Phase I of their budget reduction of the fiscal year 2004. Part of the reduction included \$100,000 from athletics, possibly leading to a student participation fee by 2005.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees presented a plan on how to pay for the \$12 million upgrading of Sashabaw from a two lane road to a four lane boulevard. The plan involved the federal government



The Clarkston High School hockey team advanced to the state finals. *File photo.*

paying 80 percent, the Road Commission paying 10 percent, and the remainder paid locally.

A female employee of a local video store was robbed while she dropped off a bag of money at a Clarkston State Bank depository outside Farmer Jack on Sashabaw. The bag contained \$467.

Kevin Kenneth Winship, 38, pled no contest and was found guilty of disorderly person/window peeping by Judge Michael Batchik. Winship was accused of watching a 16-year-old girl, through a heating vent, as she changed clothes in a dressing room at Winship Studios.

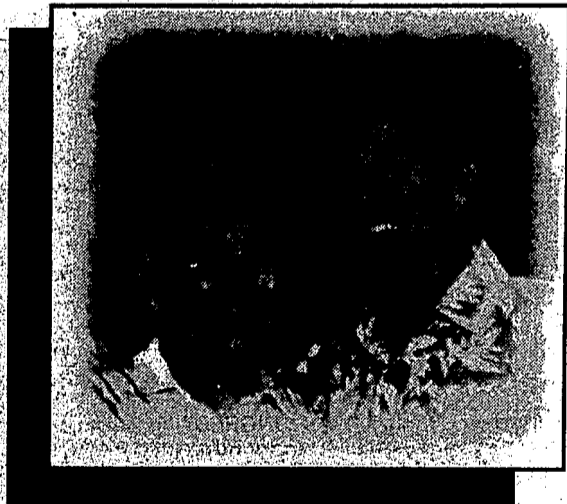
Mar. 19, Oxford Bank on Main Street was robbed by a man wearing a clear plastic smiley face mask, and carrying a firearm.

District Court Judges Michael Batchik and Dana Fortinberry proposed and were given approval by the township to begin a community service garden on Pine Knob Road, at Stickney, for nonviolent offenders.

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees ap-

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proved a memorial garden for placement off Davisburg Road.

Mar. 26, A spraypark at Clintonwood Park was proposed in honor of the late Renee Przybylski, a former day camp counselor. Family and friends are aiming to raise \$153,000.

Six girls from the Clarkston High School track team represented their school at the Nike Indoor Track and Field Nationals Meet in Maryland.

April

Apr. 2, Clarkston High School senior Bryan Kolano accepted an appointment to attend the Military Academy at West Point.

State Representative John Stakoe stopped by Independence Elementary on March 31 to read to first and

second graders for March is Reading Month.

Clarkston High School junior Angela Regiani was a featured dancer at The Reel Awards, an Oscar kick-off charity event in Los Angeles that celebrates the world's best celebrity impersonators.

Apr. 9, Admitting to boredom and lack of activity in Clarkston, four men compensated by committing a string of robberies which occurred in Independence and Springfield townships.

Jeannie Marie Snyder, 75, was found dead in her enclosed garage at her Davisburg Road home from carbon monoxide poisoning from her generator in use because of a power outage from an ice storm.

Apr. 16, Cleanup began around Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township from an ice storm that scattered debris throughout yards and local streets.

Springfield Township Board of Trustees approved the North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste Consortium, a program to collect and dispose of household hazardous waste, despite liability concerns.

The Road Commission of Oakland County announced a number of road projects for the 2003 season including work on Cranberry Lake, Davisburg, Holcomb, Mann and Washington.

Apr. 23, Clarkston Community Schools voted to go ahead with developmental days for a second year for elementary and middle schools, though parents spoke out in opposition.

Clarkston Community Church broke ground on a new \$3 million worship center, which will hold 800 people and is projected to open by late spring 2004.

Clarkston Community Schools issued layoff notices to 10 teachers, effective at the end of the school year. The move was part of a previously approved plan to trim the school district budget.

April 30, A trial began for Carmen Rappuhn, a 26-year-old Springfield Township woman accused of leaving her newborn baby to die in her parent's home.

With a denial of state disaster funds, Independence Township, the City of the Village of Clarkston and Springfield Township were looking at thousands of dollars worth of storm cleanup.

Detective Darren O'Fiara assumed his new position as police liaison at Clarkston High School.

May

May 7: A meeting of the Academic Boosters of Clarkston turned into a bashing session against the federal "No Child Left Behind" program and Michigan's Education YES ("A Yardstick for Educational Success"). While designed to promote accountability in public education, detractors said the programs lack consistency and penalize schools already doing well.

Carmen Rappuhn was found guilty of second degree murder in the death of her newborn baby. The jury returned the verdict within two days of her trial in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Clarkston High School graduate Mike Moran is continuing his dream of making it big in the music industry. While he formerly played with a group of Clarkston residents, Moran found a home and a group

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An ice storm that hit the area left residents and DPW employees cleaning up for weeks. File photo.

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Opinion

Keeping perspective

This might come as a shock to my loyal readers but I am somewhat of a whiner.

I don't try to be, but it just turns out that I am a big baby. I complain when I am sick. I complain when I am tired. And I complain when I am hungry. So basically much like a child, I am always complaining.

However much like everything in life, experiences are relative. It just takes one serious situation to make you realize how idiotic you are to be frustrated because the self-checkout line at Kroger's is not moving fast enough.

Such is the case when I compare my day-to-day life with my Grandmother Gargaro. She has been dealing with heart failure for well over a year and has bucked conventional medical wisdom by not succumbing to her medical problems. Her days are usually filled with pain, discomfort and nurses. Not a pleasant way for someone to spend their golden years.

However, I do not hear Grandma complaining. You see, the matriarch of the Gargaro family is old school. She is a tough Italian from the old country and this is shown in every aspect of life. Think Estelle Getty from "The Golden Girls" and then please forget that a 26-year-old male knows what actress played the grandmother in a chick comedy.

To this day one of my clearest memories as a child is when we brought Grandma home from the hospital after one of her stays for a medical condition that eludes me at the moment. On our way to getting Grandma inside to rest up, we saw a snake on the driveway. While my brother and I both cowered in fear (my excuse being that I was in first grade although I am fairly confident the situation would play out exactly the same way if it happened next week) Grandma Gargaro picked up a stick and beat the snake to death.

You see, like I said, Grandma is old school. Sure there would be cookies and bottles of 7-Up whenever we went to visit. However, there was also always a cold beer for the mailman to keep him cool during the summer months, and a shot to keep him warm during the winter months.

Of course Grandma has her quirks, we all do. Grandma has an odd love affair with the show "Wheel of Fortune," even though her grasp of the English language is not the best. In fact now that I think about it, I do not believe I have ever seen her solve a puzzle. Also, she seemed to have an unhealthy obsession with the O.J. Simpson trial even though if you asked her to name one person who played professional football, you would probably get a blank stare in return.

But that aside, she is the kindest woman you would ever want to meet. She is loving to everybody but very protective of the family. The only bad thing I can say about her is she helped put me on the path of carrying around some extra baggage by preparing the best food this side of the Atlantic Ocean. Whether it is gnocchis, spaghetti, or something the Gargaros refer to simply as Cheese Things, she would make sure her grandson indulged in second and third helpings.

So keep on fighting the good fight, Grandma. It just wouldn't be the same without you.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Doctor says good bye to Bob Aranorian

Good-bye Dr. Bob:

Bob was more than a physician, friend, confidant and community leader.

He was the founder of Emergency medicine in this state and county and we know it today. There was no such specialty as ER Medicine or advanced EMS until the 1970's.

Bob took the mash unit and military medicine and brought them to civilian hospitals, EMS and first responders. His students were legions - he taught doctors, nurses, EMS and community leaders the art and science of responders and ER medicine.

Certainly he was too young to die, so much left to do and accomplish, but let us not grieve the one fourth empty cup, but celebrate the three fourths full cup of a great and accomplished life.

We all question why someone dies relatively so young, lest we forget in eternity there is no time. He

gives us a measure of life. It may be 1 second or 120 years, but regardless of Earth time - this is His measure of life for us and certainly Bob accomplished more than most in his allotted time. By this time Bob, He has raised you up, anointed your wounds and ushered you into His house forever.

You need not worry about the three fourths cup, your many students will fill it to overflowing with your good leadership and lessons.

We ask God for His everlasting blessing on you, Pat, your children, friends and this community that you served so well.

We thank God that you lived and let each of us endeavor in our own way try to fulfill a life cut too short.

God bless and good-bye old friend, teacher and mentor. We shall all miss you very much.

Dr. James O'Neill
Clarkston

Holiday home...



The Allison family (Beth, Ben and Allison) stand outside their home, which comes alive with Christmas color each evening. For more photos of this holiday home, please see The Back Page. Photo by Don Schelske

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Best Image Possible

Will Sean make four in 2004?

Holy drop the ball in Times Square, Batman! Our year is all but a memory. Two thousand double ought three, we hardly knew ye. That said, I need to relate one story from the old year.

It was December 23, I just got back to the office, sat down at my desk and noticed a red light on my telephone. That indicates somebody has left me a message. As I try to answer my messages promptly I punched in my highly secret access code and received the following message.

"Sean Rush rides again."

It was my wife's voice on the recording. Was that sarcasm or frustration I was hearing?

"Mr. Rush, your son had to be extricated from the bottom of a shopping cart by two Lowe's employees. Call me."

Definitely frustration.

On December 23 Jen was up to her eyeballs in Christmas preparation. This was the first year our family would host her family's traditional Polish holiday gathering. It's called Vigilia and it is very formal and Jen had spent countless hours making everything in our home look perfect. (I helped by staying out of the way.)

With almost every task completed, I asked her to find some pulls for a cabinet I had just refinished. So, ever the trooper, she loaded up the boys and went to Lowe's. With the needed pulls she got into the 200-mile long checkout lane while the boys sat politely in the shopping cart.

Did I say, "sat," as in "sit?"

Did I say, "polite," as in "being still?"

As Jen approached the front of the still 200-mile long line, one of her darling boys started to squeal.

Little Sean Rush, born on the luckiest of day of Year 2000 (March 17), a lad with the twinkle of an Irish devil in his eyes, is a monkey. Sean's name should have been George -- as in Curious George. He's three,

Don't
Rush Me



Don Rush

but I don't know if he'll make it to four. He gets into everything. He's fearless (or hasn't learned to be afraid yet). He climbs up the back of chairs. He climbs up to the top of the bunk bed without a ladder. He climbs on the window sills. He likes to take apart his brother's toys. He's fascinated with his mother's sewing machine (that used to work until Sean decided to investigate further). When I think of Sean, I think of author Stephen King's, *Children of the Corn*.

He is what country singer Travis Tritt sang about: T-R-O-U-B-L-E. He's hell on wheels and hell bent for the hospital's emergency room. Of course, he hasn't busted anything yet. Maybe he gets that from his old man -- us Rushes are good bouncers. He's gonna' be a handful.

Did I just say, "gonna'," as in the future?

So, back to the day before Vigilia -- the day Jen has to tie up all the loose ends. Jen, with her two lads is at a checkout lane with three million other last minute shoppers at Lowe's. As she gets ready to pay for some items her dear husband desired, Sean squeals.

A quick look finds devil child entangled between the shopping cart basket and the wire rack under the basket. He crawled in between and his little three-year-old legs got caught in the wire rack. Jen gave a tug, he squealed some more. As she tried to free her son the checkout lane behind her quickly grew to four million people -- four million people with little or no sense of humor, sympathy or time. Come on, it was nearly time to celebrate the birth of Christ and everybody was obviously cranky.

The quick-thinking cashier, sensing the growing unease in the line, radioed for help -- thus avoiding a Christmas riot. The Rush Clan was removed from the line. Two folks in Lowe's vests, pulled and wiggled and tugged and finally rescued Mr. Naughty.

He escaped unscathed. He survived, but how long can one kid's luck run?

* * *

Comments, questions, suggestions for Mr. Naughty's father, Don, can be e-mailed to the following address: donrushmedon@aol.com

A look back in The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1988)

• Developers of an A & P shopping center sighed in relief Dec. 29 after the Independence Township Planning Commission approved the conceptual site plan for a 94,000-square-foot center on Dixie Highway and White Lake Roads. The 5-2 approval included 14 conditions, but it came just in time for the developers. Weatherford-Walker Development had a Jan. 6 closing date to purchase the 25.26-acre site, contingent upon the Dec. 29 approval.

• Ann Conklin, coming on board Dec. 19 as the new director of Independence Township's parks and recreation department, said one factor adding to her decision to take the job was the department's excellent reputation throughout the state. Conklin, 33, comes to Independence Township from Howell, where she has worked since 1978 as both program coordinator and director.

• For the past six months, the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department has operated under the steady hand of interim Director Sheryl Stickley-Schreefel. Calling her work 'commendable,' township board members voted unanimously Dec. 20 to make Sheryl a permanent part of the Parks Department staff. As of Dec. 21, Sheryl will work as Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

• Taxes are on the rise in Independence Township. Property assessments (set at one-half market value) went up an average of 10 percent in 1978. And a larger increase - about 12 percent - is in store for 1979, according to David Sherrill, director of the township assessing department. In 1978, taxes did not increase at the same rate as assessment, because the tax rate set by Oakland County was lowered one-half of one percent.

• At this point in the flu season, Clarkston adults seem to be suffering more than children. A "bad" viral infection has been observed among the patients of one Clarkston physician, although two pediatricians report no increase in the number of flu cases. Dr. Ronald LaPere has noted two strains of influenza among his patients, an upper respiratory virus and a gastrointestinal virus.

• A \$40-million, 970-unit multiple-residential development in Independence Township is in the planning stages, and construction may begin this fall. The development's site, located on the east side of Clintonville Road south of Maybee Road, is co-owned by Jerry Odom, a member of Long Lakes LCI Associates building development company in Bloomfield Hills. Since August 1977, Odom has been working with the Independence Township Planning Commission in seeking final plan approval.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

• Once again Santa came to Clarkston on Christmas Eve. Before his arrival at 7 p.m. the crowds gathered in front of Clarkston Community Center and enjoyed Christmas music which came to them over the P.A. system.

• Robert E. Dean, Clarkston, is among the members of the Michigan State College marching band who headed for the sunny land of California the day after Christmas.

Jim's Jottings, by Jim Sherman, Sr.



Happy New Year! Once again I'd like to share the warmth of the season with all of you. Those two boys on the right have a little more warming up to the season than the rest of us. With me are my grandchildren, from the left (standing) Karen Offer, Savannah, twins Haley and Trevor Speed and Dan Offer.

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Clarkston High School teacher Kim Fletcher is escorted by Clarkston Foundation President Jim Evans after the Teacher of the Year announcement. File photo.

of musicians in Traverse City.

May 14: A Clarkston resident launched a crusade for more consistent enforcement of handicapped parking spaces. Bill Chamberlin, who suffered a spinal injury on the job, said too many unauthorized drivers use the reserved spaces.

Clarkston High School math teacher Kim Fletcher was named Teacher of the Year by the Clarkston Foundation. After being surprised in her classroom, she was given the day off and was invited to choose a car from Suburban Ford to drive free of charge for one year.

May 21: The five-member staff of the Independence office of Lighthouse Emergency Services braced for the possibility of layoffs because of rising demand and increased income.

The Clarkston High School Student Council's fifth annual "Paint the Town" project focused on an Andersonville family's home. About 50 people came out for a good old-fashioned day of hard work, which included painting, landscaping and swingset construction for an elderly woman caring for five grandchildren.

May 28: Local law enforcement participated in a "Click It or Ticket" campaign to focus on enforcement of the state seatbelt law. Oakland County Sheriff deputies made 67 traffic stops and issued 61 tickets in a four-hour period.

One year after upgrading their emergency medical service to "advanced life support," the Independence Township Fire Department received glowing reviews from representatives of govern-

ment and the medical community. The expansion was possible with a voter-approved 1-mill tax increase, although officials have since rolled back that levy to 0.75 mill.

Carmen Rappuhn of Springfield Township was sentenced to 18 to 50 years in jail on her second degree murder conviction.

Clarkston High School's varsity baseball team won the 2003 league title with a double-header sweep over Lake Orion. The Wolves finished the regular season with a 10-3 league record.

June

June 4: Eight school board candidates attempted to show their unique qualifications at a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters Oakland Area May 19. The candidates gave their own statement of qualifications, then answered questions submitted by the audience concerning educational issues and the proposed bond issue on the July 9 ballot.

The Wolves were out in force in post-season action, as both the varsity baseball and softball teams won their respective district titles.

Robert McGowan was honored at Clarkston's Citizen of the Year. Among his various service exploits are his work with the Food Bank of Oakland County

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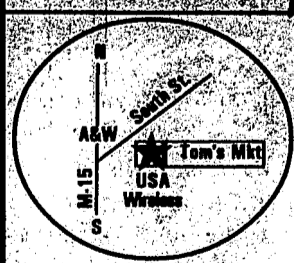
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and his help with the new "community garden" at the McCord property.

June 11: Cheers filled the Independence Elementary School cafeteria when results of the June 9 election revealed approval of an \$83.7 million bond issue for school additions and renovations. In the school board election, Tony Miller and John Koval came away with more votes than the other six competitors.

A Clarkston area man was accused of assaulting state Senator Mike Bishop on Mackinac Island, where Bishop was attending a congressional reception. While Bishop represents the Clarkston area, there appeared to be no direct connection to the incident. The suspect was charged with aggravated assault, possession of Ecstasy and marijuana.

Words like "family" and "community" were used by those who knew Robert Olsen, who died at age 58. A founding director of Clarkston State Bank, he was president of Planned Financial Services, first president of the Clarkston Foundation and a participant in founding the North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation.

June 18: Before the results of the June 9 election were known, school employees knew they would get pay raises. The school board approved contracts for employee unions and district administrators, with all guaranteed at least 2 percent increases in both 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

In the same meeting, the school board adopted a 2003-2004 "major funds" budget of \$65.2 million in revenue and \$64.9 million in spending. The budget, officials said, continued the attempt to rein in costs and build additional fund equity.

Interim Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs was able to drop the "interim" from his title, after the Clarkston City Council approved Combs as replacement for former chief Paul Ormiston.

Fourth graders in Lori Blum's Bailey Lake Elementary class furthered their education with "The Good Deed Program." Parent Colleen Colby has helped launch such programs in other schools, and helped these fourth graders learn how to keep journals of their good deeds.

June 25: With the Clarkston Community Schools announcement earlier in the year to cut funding for one school liaison officer position, Independence Township officials began debate on whether they should pick up the slack. The township board agreed to seek an

agreement for reimbursement of their share if funds became available.

Tori Calaman of Clarkston was named valedictorian of the graduating class at the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint. The "normal kid who is deaf" planned to attend Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

July

July 2: A rash of complaints about skateboarders in the downtown area led Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs to draft a proposed ordinance revision to deal with the problem. Local skateboarders were none too pleased, but Combs' proposal added skateboards and inline skates to the ordinance prohibiting bicycles on Main Street.

Independence Township residents and a developer squared off concerning a building permit proposal for a house on W. Princeton Avenue. The developer desired to partially fill a designated wetland to provide for a driveway to the new house, but neighbors said the fill would add to local flooding problems and destroy a natural habitat.

Oakland County Sheriff Sgt. Frank Schipani, of the Springfield Township substation, spent two days in dive training with more than 15 police agencies. The cooperative training effort in the Detroit River was a scenario in how to deal with potential terrorist threats.

July 9: Despite a storm which made its way through the area, locals enjoyed a festive July 4 celebration in Independence Township. The festivities included a morning parade down Main Street and the afternoon games, food and fireworks in Clintonwood Park.

The Clarkston Police Department was the first in Oakland County to implement state-of-the-art equipment for officers not in patrol cars. Using his own money, Officer Alan Kitzens purchased a personal digital assistant (PDA) programmed with police records service access for use while on motorcycle patrol.

July 16: With the help of \$145,000 in government grants, Springfield Township and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy will protect an additional 42 acres from modern development. Officials announced the purchase of land off of Eaton near Broadway.

Some in Springfield Township wanted to see a state historical marker



Joane Manila votes in the school election while son Cole stands by. *File photo.*

at the Davisburg Cemetery, but state historical officials had a different take on history. The township board quashed the idea after reading a state-revised version of the marker's language, which seemed to focus more on the "high-profile murder trial of Dr. Nathan C. Hall" rather than on the land donated by the Davis family for the cemetery.

Local 4-H members Noah and Matthew Dunavent were among many looking forward to the annual 4-H Fair at Springfield Oaks County Park. The youngsters were planning to help at the Miracle of Birth feature at the fair.

July 23: The Holcomb Road paving project faced a roadblock when the Independence Township Board voted 3-3

on a cost-sharing agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County. Some questioned the number of trees being removed, the perceived lack of participation from Clarkston Community Schools and the lack of review by township planners and engineers.

A 100-foot-long banana split helped top of events at Vacation Bible School at Oakland Woods Baptist Church. Foil-covered eavestroughs were used to house the sweet concoction.

July 30: Clarkston's Jodie Barger, 22, signed up for something different by deciding to serve with the Peace Corps.

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She spent the summer preparing to leave for Mali, Africa in August to work in health education, focusing on HIV and nutrition, for two years.

Clarkston High School student Tim Miller was selected to play for the USA under-17 hockey team for a national tournament in Prievidza, Slovakia in August.

August

August 5: Local law enforcement welcomed the announcement of a new state law lowering the maximum amount of blood alcohol content defining drunken driving. The new 0.08 percent level takes effect Oct. 1, and Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs said his officers are "very vigorous" in looking for drunk drivers.

The community rallied to help Lu Kuhta in her fight against cancer; now she is rallying the community to fight for basketball scholarships. The 15-year-old former basketball player survived a rare type of osteosarcoma, or bone cancer.

August 13: The Clarkston Community Schools boardroom took on airs of a courtroom as an attorney outlined reasons why newly-elected Trustee Tony Miller could not continue his position as an unpaid assistant varsity football coach. School officials claim the dual roles would be a conflict of interest, while Miller said he was assured before the June election that no conflict exists.

While still looking for assurances of reimbursement, the Independence Township Board agreed to pay the full cost of a second school liaison officer. Clarkston schools had cut that part of their budget, but school officials were hopeful they could secure state and federal grants to eventually cover that expense.

August 20: A power outage affecting much of the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada seemed to bring out the best in many Clarkston area



Parrish Jackson of Clarkston fills a gasoline container during a rush on supplies after and August power outage which crippled much of the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada. File photo.


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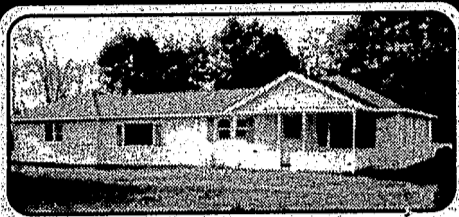


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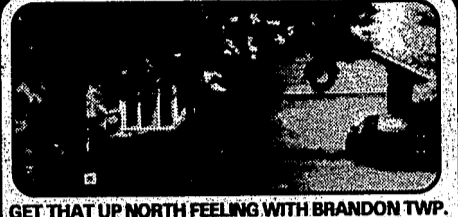
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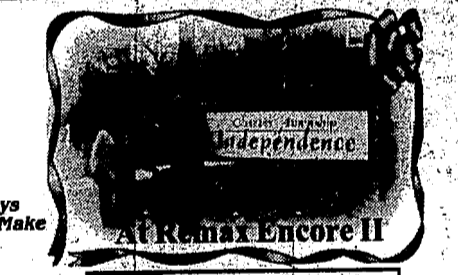
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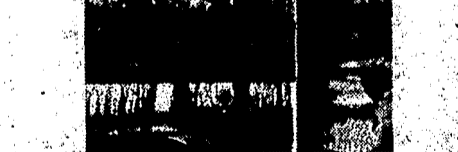


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Review

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residents, who took to the streets for pleasant walks or whatever shopping was available via flashlights in local stores. Power came back to downtown Clarkston in less than 24 hours, but much of the surrounding area took longer.

School Trustee Tony Miller filed a lawsuit against Superintendent Al Roberts to challenge the claim that he could not also be a volunteer assistant varsity football coach. Arthur Weiss, Miller's attorney, said the school district's legal position was flawed because, among other reasons, a case used as the basis for a Michigan Attorney General's opinion had been overturned.

August 27: The Independence Township Board moved quickly to follow the state's lead in closing a loophole in the "minor in possession" ordinance. Attorneys said the former law prohibited possession or transportation of alcohol by those under age 21, but not the actual consumption thereof.

Because school Trustee Tony Miller was the plaintiff, his presence at a special school board meeting was deemed improper because Superintendent Al Roberts was the defendant. Miller was asked to leave an Aug. 22 special meeting because the closed session agenda was to discuss Miller's lawsuit.

September

Sept. 5, A 25-year-old Clarkston woman died Monday, Sept. 1, after a head-on crash on I-75 near Holcomb Road in Independence Township. Two occupants of another vehicle were hospitalized.

Despite some rain, more than 1,500 people crowded the streets of Clarkston to see the Clarkston Rotary Labor Day Parade. A total of 44 different groups participated in the parade. Local business man Ken Winship served as the grand marshal.

The Clarkston High School football team started their 2003 season strong with a dominating performance Thursday night. The Wolves used their high-powered offense to knock off Birmingham Groves 37-19.

Sept. 10, Oakland County Circuit Judge John J. McDonald dismissed Tony Miller's lawsuit against Clarkston Schools Superintendent Al Roberts last week, but Miller's attorney said Monday the fight is not over.

After nearly 10 years under the principalship of William Potvin, Andersonville Elementary is welcoming a new face. Bruce Martin joined the Clarkston Community Schools family, when the Board of Educa-



Despite some rain, Main Street was packed for the Clarkston Rotary Labor Day Parade. File photo.

tion named him at their June 9 meeting.

A proposal for a new sanitary sewer system along Andersonville Road has more Independence Township residents desiring to join in the project. Because a special assessment district would pay for construction, the township board last week set a new public hearing for Oct. 7.

Sept. 17, Resident and business owners on Sashabaw Road received some good news last week. At a special meeting on Sept. 11, the Independence Township Board chose to abandon thoughts of a Special Assessment District for the improvements to Sashabaw Road with a 6-0 vote.

Jasmine Dinsmore, a 15-year-old Clarkston High School student, died Sept. 11, nearly two days after being involved in a four-vehicle, 12-person crash, Tuesday, Sept. 9. The accident occurred at 6:01 p.m. on Dixie Highway near Waterford Road.

They can't sell it; perhaps they can lease it. Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls will seek a broker to find a tenant for the former township hall at 650 Broadway, after a year of trying to find a buyer.

Sept. 24, Depot Park in downtown Clarkston was overflowing with people last weekend at the Crafts and Cider Festival. The Festival, sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, enjoyed its 29th year of existence. A total of 99 artists showcased their works at the two-day event.

With this issue, The Clarkston News begins its 75th year serving the Clarkston community. We would like to take this time to thank all our loyal readers and advertisers who have supported us through the years.

It took three hours of surgery and a lot of tender, loving care, but Lucy, a six-month-old black Labrador, is on her way back to good health after someone shot her.

October

Oct. 1, Approximately 4,000 people dined together in downtown Clarkston last Saturday. The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the sixth Annual Taste of Clarkston with 16 restaurants providing food for the event.

Despite requests from neighbors, there will be no public hearing on whether to grant a wetland fill permit for a new house in Independence Township. The township planning commission voted 4-1 Sept. 25 to return the question to the township building department.

Oct. 8, With the help of an aerial photograph and a calculator, Springfield Township officials responded to some residents' appeals and modified the proposed assessment for residents around Softwater Lake.

The Clarkston Community Historical Society is looking to build a sense of pride in the community with Clarkston stickers and decals for automobiles.

Oct. 15, Tony Miller has suffered another defeat in his legal battle to be both a school trustee and a Clarkston High School football coach, and he is taking more public criticism from fellow trustees. President Karen Foyteck said the district has spent \$17,990 in

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Club 5529, a Christian hangout for 18 to 30-year-olds, will host the band Bleach with special guest Statu on Friday, Jan. 2. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 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 presi-

dential 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.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a **public hearing on the Lake Waumegah Augmentation Well permit** on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited and the hearing will take place at the Springfield Township Civic Center.

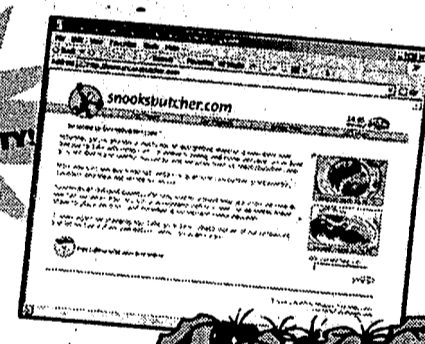
A two part "**Becoming Financially Successful**" workshop is set for St. Daniel Parish on Wednesday Jan. 7 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$10 registration fee per household for this workshop. To register, please call (248) 625-4590. St. Dan's is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive in Clarkston.

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Sports

Wolves lose first hoops game

By HARRY KNITTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Just when its swarming defense began to resemble a squad of bees attracted to the ball as if it were dripping with honey, someone showed up with insect killer and stung the complacent Wolves where it hurts most, in their pride.

In the locker room after the game, there was silence, except for one voice that came through loud and clear. Coach Dan Fife didn't mince words. The effort wasn't there this week at practice, and certainly not for the game, he repeated. They lost, 53 to 40.

The Clarkston basketball Wolves picked a bad time for an off-night against the Wyoming Park Vikings Saturday and went down to their first defeat of the season after four solid wins. The action took place in the Meijer-sponsored fifth annual Holiday Hoops Invitational tournament at the Breslin Student Events Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

With Spartan Coach Tom Izzo among the spectators looking on, the Wolves played a flat first half, but trailed by a slim margin at halftime, 22 to 18. The Wolves missed countless shots under the basket and within close range.

In the third quarter, the Vikings, led by MSU-bound Craig Neitzel, took command over the Wolves and stretched their lead to 51 to 35 at one point, with 3:06

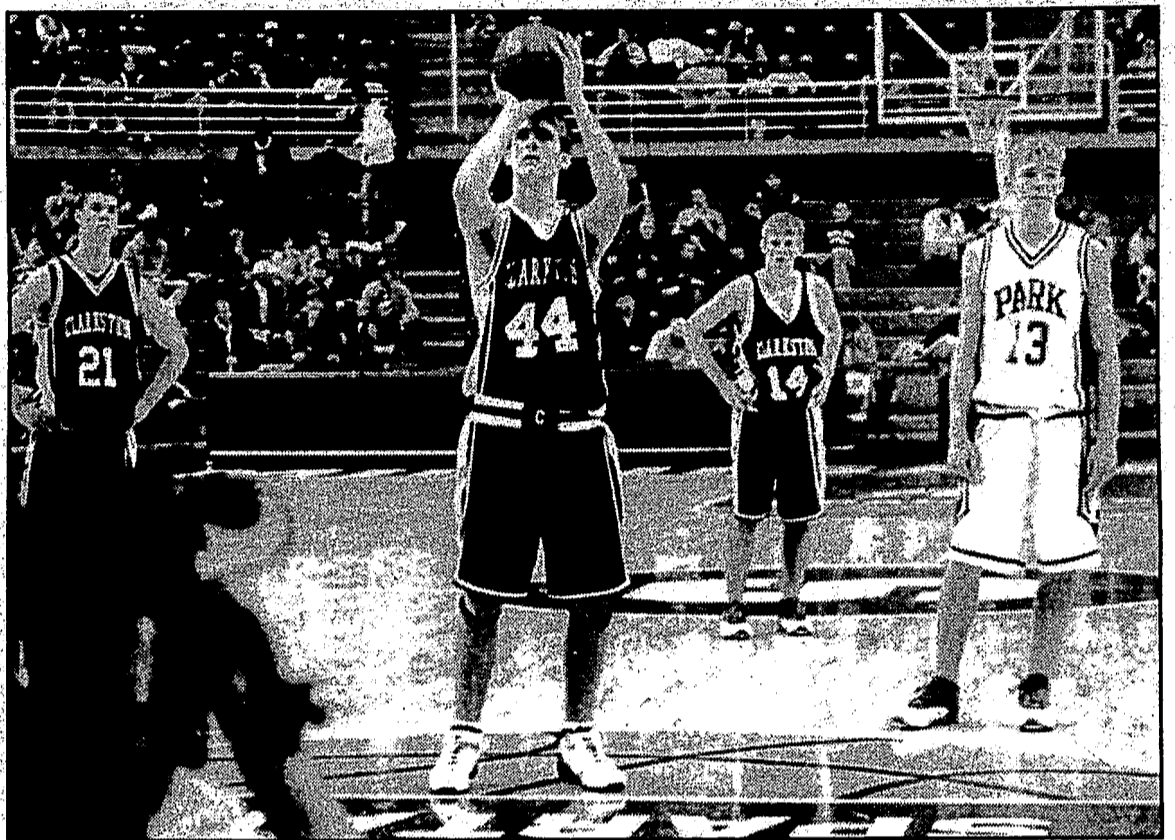
to go in the fourth quarter. Neitzel, son of one of the Wyoming coaches, outplayed the Clarkston guards with his slick ball handling and clever passes to his bigger men under the basket. Meanwhile, Clarkston's attack was a study in futility. They missed long shots, short shots, and free throws.

Only Chris Johnston showed some spark with 13 points. Joe Moran chipped in with eight points.

Coach Dan Fife was livid in his closed-door meeting with his team after the game. He told them that he knew from their lackluster practices during the holiday week that they were vulnerable, and they proved him right.

"You are a veteran team that should know better," he commented. "They (the Vikings) just wanted the game more than we did."

Now, with a record of 4-1, the team must quickly regroup after their disappointing loss to Wyoming Park and get back on track as their conference challengers loom on the horizon. Rochester is up first on the Jan. 9 in a Wolves home game; then they face Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a non-league game, go up against a tough Pontiac Northern team on the 16th, take on Rochester Adams on the 20th, Pontiac Central on the 23rd, Troy on the 27th, and Southfield on the 30th.



Freshman Bren Bergquist (#44) aims a free throw at the Clarkston basket during the Holiday Hoops tournament at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. Standing by are Wolves John Kast (#21) and Robbie Clark (#14). Photo by Harry Knitter.

Swimmers post victory over Powers

Clarkston High School's boys swim team edged Flint Powers on Dec. 18 in a meet at Clarkston, with senior swimmer Nick Riegel and divers Greyson LaHousse and Rob Johnson leading the team to victory.

In typical fashion, Riegel was the standout Clarkston swimmer at the meet, placing first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.63, second in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:00.63 and swimming the anchor leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay in 56.24.

Another outstanding performance was turned in by sophomore Mike Nelson, who led off the 200-yard freestyle relay won by the four-man team of Nelson, LaHousse, Andrew Reigel, and Adam McBride; he also captured the 100-yard breaststroke event in 1:12.41.

Nelson also led off the 200-yard freestyle relay in 25.52, compared to his opponent's mark of 27.51. He finished second in the 200-yard IM

event with a time of 2:24.20 .9 seconds off the winning mark of 2.24.11.

Other winners included Riegel's brother, junior Andrew Riegel, who dominated the 500-yard freestyle event at 5:28.37, and sophomore Ryan Kurrie, who took the 50-yard freestyle in 24.58.

Kurrie finished second in the 100-yard freestyle in 24.58 seconds. Kurrie finished second in the 100-yard freestyle race with a time of 55.80 seconds, behind the winner, Mike Beer of Flint, with 53.21. Kurrie also swam the first leg of a winning 400-yard freestyle relay effort with Andrew Riegel, Keith Voorheis, and Nick Riegel.

In the same event, another foursome from Clarkston took fourth place. Teammates included sophomores Alex Gauthier, Matt Inch, Evan McKenzie, and John Wilson.

Clarkston divers LaHousse and Johnson finished first and second with 196.30 and 182.35 point totals, respectively.

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People Poll

Do you take New Year's resolutions seriously?



"No. I guess I don't trust myself. I just never make them."
— Dee Niazy



"No. I have yet to see anyone that's every had a resolution that they really complied with after a short period of time. I think it's wishful thinking."
— Ed Stout



"Yeah, because it's kind of like a starting point. It's something like a goal, a new beginning for the new year."
— Suzanne Feldman



"Probably not. I try to do the same thing all year round. I try to stick with it. I try not to make it a once a year do-it-they-don't-do-it."
— Ginger Vaukta

By Don Schelske

The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing all the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



Zella Pennartz (left) and Zetta Pierce say it's only natural that they continue to be close friends, both as identical twin sisters and as neighbors living in Springfield Township. Photo by Don Schelske

Sisters stay close as neighbors

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Their families ties are strong. Zella Pennartz and Zetta Pierce are identical twin sisters. They are also neighbors and best friends.

"We just go everywhere together," according to Zella, including breakfast and shopping trips.

"When we get bored, I call and ask, 'Can Zetta come out and play?'" Zella said.

Their husbands (Zella is married to Herman and Zetta is married to Ivyl), apparently developed a sense of humor about the sister act early on.

"At the time, our boyfriends could not tell us apart," Zella said. "The big joke was, whoever got in the front seat, that was their date."

The couples were married within six months of each other, and are celebrating 47 years of wedded bliss.

"We got keepers," Zetta said. The twins are the youngest of five children. Born in Harrisburg, Ill., their family moved to Pontiac when they were two

or three. Growing up, the bond became so tight the twins almost forgot about their other siblings.

"I only remember her," Zetta said. "We had one another," Zella said. "I guess we didn't need anyone else."

If there were any serious fights, they are long forgotten, although they had occasional "arguments."

"She tattled on me one day because I stayed up in the bathroom to read a book," Zella said with a giggle.

In 1968, Zella and Herman found they had a bit more property in Springfield Township than they could handle, so they offered some of it to Zetta and Ivyl.

"Luckily, they liked the part I didn't like," Zella said.

Since then, the bond of neighbors has grown along with the bond of sisters. And it is a continuing source of amusement when they are out together.

"A lot of times they'll ask if we're twins and then they'll turn around and ask if we're sisters," Zella said. "[Our husbands] think it's funny when people stare at us."

They do have their separate interests. Zetta enjoys activities such as quilting and gardening, while Zella has been an active bowler and is a past president of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club Auxiliary.

"She's more outgoing than I am," Zetta said.

Aside from those differences, the sisters seem to genuinely enjoy each other's company, and they can't believe it would be any other way.

"We're so much alike," Zella said. "We're so compatible."

Zella and Herman have five children and 12 grandchildren, while Zetta and Ivyl have three children and seven grandchildren. There are no twins among them.

"I was afraid of having a litter," Zella said.

The sisters are unsure whether they should be considered family experts, and are hesitant to give much advice on family harmony. They are just happy to be sisters and friends.

"We don't know how not to get along," Zetta said. "She's really nice, and I am, too."



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Obituary



Ina Elizabeth Powell

Ina Elizabeth Poweall, of Clarkston, passed away peacefully in her own home after a long illness on Dec. 23, 2003 while surrounded by her family at age 82.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jess, son Norm and daughter Cheryl; mother of Jean (Tom) Humphreys of Orion, Joan, Don and Brian all of Clarkston; grandma of Tom (Ingrid) Humphreys, Michele (Rob) Bondy and Megan (Dan Fileccia) Evanson; great-grandma of Hannah, Gretchen, Lydia, Hailey, Caitie and Olivia; sister of the late Mary Powell, the late Bernice (J.D.) Powell, Dorothy Koop, Eldon (Val) Rouse, the late Ivan Rouse and Clark (Gerry) Rouse.

Ima was a music enthusiast. She also loved gardening and cooking. She was the family historian. If a date or phone number was needed, Ina was the one to ask. Funeral service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice.

Mildred A. Foster

Mildred A. Foster, of Clarkston, died on December 25, 2003 at age 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lee B; sister of Mary May of Ohio and Laura Lane of Clarkston; also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

A Funeral Service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Clarkston.

Joyce E. Zaagman

Joyce E. Zaagman (Bradley), of Newaygo and Zephyrhills, Florida and formerly of Davisburg, was ushered into the loving arms of Jesus December 21, 2003 after a long battle with Parkinsons at age 73.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bruce Bradley and her son Michael Bradley; Mrs. Zaagman was a wonderful Christian and is survived by her husband Milton Zaagman and her children Kevin, Larry (Sherry), Terry (Michele), Rose Lariviere and Brenda Boyd; grandmother of 11 and great grandmother of six; sister of Bobbie Inglehart, James (Martha) Fosdick; also survived by her dear Aunt Madeline Munrow and her stepchildren Milton (Mary) Zaagman, Carol (Tom) Spelman, James (Shirley) Zaagman and Cynthia (Tom) Slendebrook and 11 step-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Donald Francis Sutherland, Jr.

Donald Francis Sutherland, Jr., of White Lake and formerly of Clarkston, died December 24, 2003 at age 62.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sandra; father of William of Clarkston; Carol (John) Chrisekos of Clarkston; Molly of Atlas, Donald (Holly) of Grand Blanc, Sharon (Greg) Zielinski of Grand Blanc; Matthew (Katie) of Clarkston and Andrew of Clarkston. Also survived by six grandchildren; brother of Pete (Pat), Dr. Colin (Judy) of Martin City, Mike (Nancy) of WI, Ann Marie (Ray) Kwart of Lansing and Joe (Geraldyn) of Carsonville.

Don retired from Sears Automotive. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Alta Louise Wismer

Alta Louise Wismer (Harden), of Clarkston, died December 26, 2003 at age 73.

She was the wife of Owen; mother of Joyce (Bill) Haun of Clarkston; preceded in death by her first husband William Harden and grandson Bill Foust; grandma of Bill Haun; also survived by three stepchildren and four step grandchildren; sister of Harry (Myrna) Pace of Hale; sister-in-law of Phyllis (Richard) Cole of Florida; also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Louise was a member of the Golden Age Club, Waterford and enjoyed singing and ceramic painting. A Funeral Service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Keven Fredenburg

Keven (Hackley) Fredenburg, of Grand Blanc, died Monday, December 22, 2003 at Hurley Medical Center as a result of a massive coronary at the age of 43.

Mr. Fredenburg was born at McLaren Hospital on March 1, 1960 and became the son of Stewart and Maxine Fredenburg on August 16, 1960. Kevin graduated from Southwestern High School and attended U of M Flint and Mott Community College. He was an avid chess player and won many awards at Longfellow Junior High and Northern High School.

Surviving are mother and step-father, Maxine and Dr. Richard Hackley of Clarkston; father Stewart Fredenburg of Grand Blanc; step-brother and step-sisters, Kathryn (Ed) Clayton of Danville, CA, Ann Conroy of San Francisco, Barbara (Tom) Baker of Fairfield, CT, Rick (Linda) Hackley, Jr. of Cicero, IL and Virginia (Kenneth) Walls of Burton; special Aunt Mary Carlton of Flint; uncles Joseph (Lois) Black or Surfside Beach, S.C. and Robert (Virginia) Black of Flint and Nolan Fredenburg and family of Fowlerville and other relatives.

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Following Keven's wishes there will be no funeral service and cremation will take place. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Genesee County Humane Society.

Elva Lenora Long

Elva Lenora Long (Griffith), of Clarkston and formerly of Midland, died December 24, 2003 at age 96.

She was preceded in death by her first husband James Griffith, second husband Howard Long and her children Raymond "Jack" Griffith and Clara Wetherell; mother of James (Patricia) Griffith of Clarkston; also survived by 18 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren; sister of Chuck (Kay) Sorg and Alice Siebert.

A Funeral Service was held at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice.

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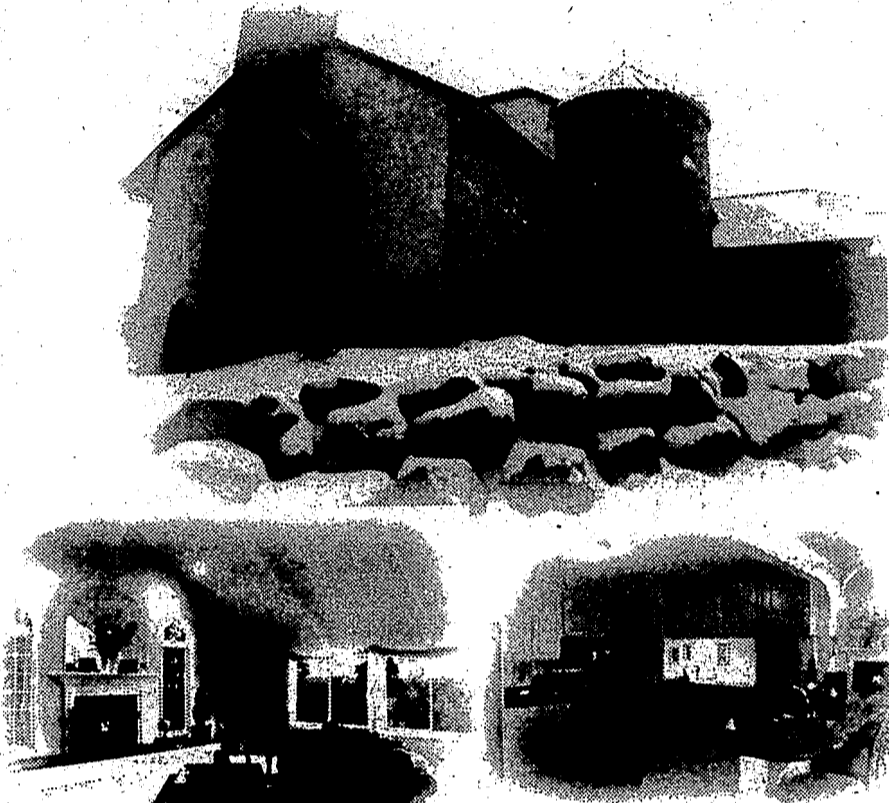
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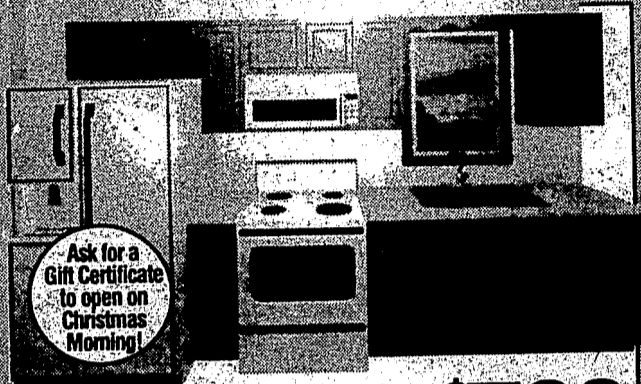
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December 19:

Arrest for possession of marijuana and resisting arrest, Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. Arrest made after traffic stop (53 miles per hour), and suspect repeatedly gave false identification.

Threats complaint on Rattalee Lake Road.

Larceny of purse on Hawkmore.

Arrest for operating while intoxicated (zero tolerance), Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. Preliminary breath test showed blood alcohol content of 0.03 percent for 20-year-old driver.

Report of identity theft on Westview. Subject said Consumers Energy showed outstanding account from address in Jenison, Mich.

Threats complaint on Parview. Wife said husband threatened her life.

Family trouble on Bluegrass Drive. Mother allegedly threw flower pot at 20-year-old son for attempting to take vehicle to the gym.

December 20:

Assisted fire department on drug overdose on Pine Knob Road.

Larceny of purse on Hawkmore.

Larceny of purse from unlocked vehicle at Farmer Jacks on Dixie Highway.

December 21:

Subject arrested for domestic assault on Algonquin Boulevard. Mother said 17-year-old stepson pushed and struck her when she forbade him to enter parents' bedroom.

Malicious destruction of Christmas decorations on Adderstone. Someone broke mechanical deer head.

Assisted fire department with aspirin overdose (three handfuls) on Tuson Boulevard.

Assault and battery arrest at Farmer Jacks on Dixie Highway. Incident took place during child exchange after argument began between father and mother. Citation issued and case turned over to Family Independence Agency.

December 22:

Report of larceny of silverware and linens from Hawkmore.

Forged check report at TCF Bank on Dixie Highway. Incident came as a result of dispute between husband and wife concerning her mother's estate; unknown party forged check.

Domestic assault on Shore Court. Woman said 20-year-old nephew pushed her during argument about his being drunk.

Arrest for operating while intoxicated and outstanding warrants on Sashabaw near Waldon. A 27-year-old Holly man registered 0.215 percent blood alcohol level.

Harassment report on Woodhull.

December 23:

Attempted larceny of car radio on Boyne Highland Trail.

December 24:

Threats complaint on Mann Road.

Malicious destruction to vehicle on Meyers Road. Man said ex-husband of his current live-in girlfriend keyed his car.

Harassing telephone calls on Sashabaw Road. Complainant said wife's brother called and threatened assault.

Family trouble on Upland. A 39-year-old man was arrested on outstanding warrants from Detroit for domestic assault.

December 26:

Family trouble on Tuson, argument concerning hus-

band wanting to leave the apartment.

Marijuana and felony warrant arrest on Sashabaw Road. Homeowner called police to report presence of 19-year-old Orion Township man wanted on warrants for possession of marijuana, probation violation and traffic. Suspect allegedly tried to kick a bag of suspected marijuana into hiding while being arrested.

December 27:

Arrest for domestic assault on N. Marshbank. A 20-year-old woman was arrested for striking a 27-year-old man when he said he was leaving her.

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December 18:

Service call to Sherwood, gaining entrance to retrieve personal items for person in hospital.

December 19:

Threatening telephone calls on Andersonville Road. Woman received death threat from former boyfriend.

Suspicious person on Englewood Drive. Resident said someone ran off the deck toward golf course behind home.

December 21:

Malicious destruction to window/storm door (possibly by pellet gun) on Broadway.

Service call to put down injured deer on Davisburg Road.

December 22:

Subject arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and violation of host ordinance on Bluewater. Deputies responded to report of fight, heard loud music and discovered open alcohol at party with several persons under age 21.

December 23:

Malicious destruction to van window on Broadway.

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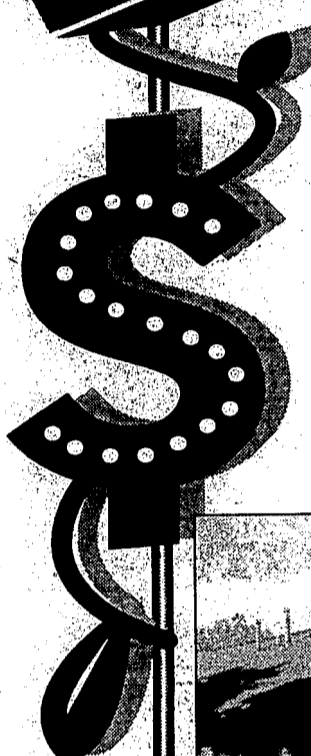
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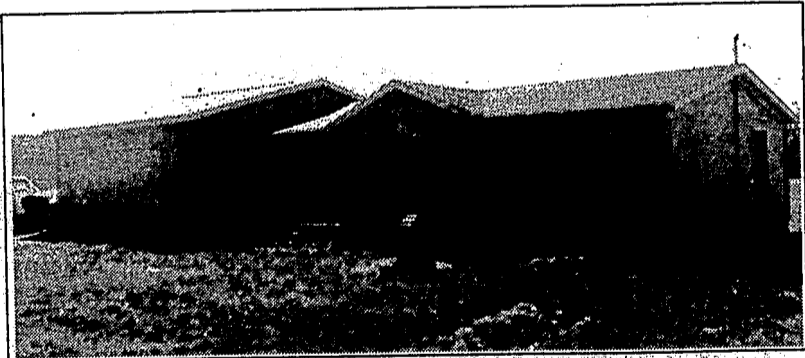
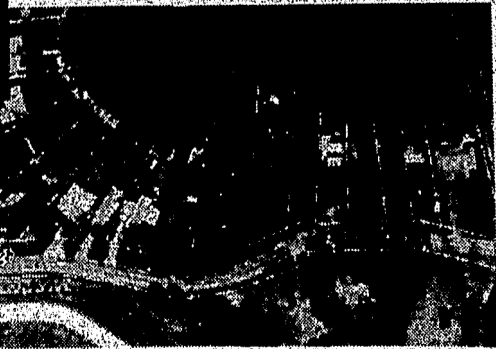
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Review

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and track and field teams. He had career plans to enter into the heating and air conditioning field after graduation. Firby was killed in a head-on automobile accident on Nov. 28.

In their continuing attempt to keep the old Springfield Township Hall from being sold, local residents are having a "Save our Hall" meeting.

Brian Roach needs some help and the Clarkston Eagles are more than happy to answer the call. Roach was diagnosed with a brain tumor Memorial Day weekend in 2002. With medical bills piling up, the Clarkston Eagles are set to host a fundraiser.

Dec. 10, Without discussion, the Clarkston Community Schools

Board of Education voted Monday to expel a 14-year-old student who brought a firearm to Clarkston High School Monday, Oct. 27.

The Clarkston Rotary passed out Goodfellows newspapers last week during their annual drive to help local children in need. The group raised \$12,500 which will go towards the purchase of new shoes for 350 children.

Guy Robert Lendrum, a 32-year-old Independence Township resident was charged Thursday, Dec. 4 before Judge Michel Batchik at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston with 12 counts of sexual assault on children, ranging in age from 18 months to 12-years-old and including his son and



The Clarkston Rotary raised \$12,500 selling Goodfellows newspapers. File photo.

daughter.

Dec. 17, 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.

Increased federal requirements and additional unanticipated reconstruction costs have stalled efforts by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission to relocate the historic Ellis Barn

from its original site to Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

Dec. 24, Those who have benefited from the services of emergency medical technicians and paramedics owe at least some of their thanks to Dr. Robert Aranosian. Hailed as a pioneer of emergency medical services in Oakland County, Aranosian lost his life Dec. 17 in a car crash in Bay County at age 61.

History took place halfway around the world with the capture of Saddam Hussein, and Clarkston High School graduate Michael Shelswell was right in the middle of it. While he could not share much about the event, Michael told his

mom, "You could tell when that it was Saddam." you looked into his eyes



Dr. Robert Aranosian

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Wolves repeat as Blue Line champs

It seemed more like a Michigan-Michigan State game last Saturday, as the crowd alternated chants of "Go, Blue!" and "Go, Green!" Instead, fans were watching the championship game of the Blue Line Classic Hockey Tournament between the Alpena Wildcats and the defending champion Clarkston Wolves.

Clarkston came out on top again this year, their third title in four years, by beating ninth-ranked East Kenwood 4-2 on Friday, Dec. 26 and host team Alpena 4-3 on Saturday. Both games were determined in the last minute of play, as Steven Morin and Trevor Johns scored game winning goals.

Friday's game was the first between the two teams since the Wolves knocked off EK in the state semifinal game last March. Both teams came out strong in the first period, but the Wolves got on the board first as Mike Fogg scored with 8.7 seconds left on the clock. G. Cummings and S. Morin got the helpers.

The momentum carried into the second period, when on the first shift, Johns scored on a rebound off a Bryan Morin shot to take a two-goal lead. Adam Peters added an assist.

EK then dominated for the remainder of the period, scoring two power play goals on goaltender Aaron Catanese, who came up huge several times to keep the Wolves in the game.

With 1:12 left in regulation, S. Morin stole the puck at center ice, skated to the right circle and sent a wrist shot past goaltender Sean Pero's outstretched glove for his 10th and biggest goal of the season.

Kyle Buzzo sealed the victory with an empty netter. "I think we played well in spurts and capitalized on it," said coach Bryan Krygier. "But we have these let-downs in the second period and seem to need to get down before we start playing."

S. Morin was awarded the #1 star of the game for Clarkston, but Catanese made several key saves in his strongest outing of the season.

Saturday's game paired the Wolves against the Alpena Wildcats, who reached the finals by posting a 3-2 overtime victory over Negaunee. The Wildcats came out flying, gaining a 6-1 edge on shots in the first four minutes. The Wolves were then called for an interference penalty. By the end of the scoreless first period, however, Clarkston had outshot their opponents 11-10.

The second period had a little bit of everything — penalties, power play goals and great saves by Catanese and Alpena's Ryan Ballard.

Clarkston drew first blood as Kyle Cummings scored on a pass from brother Griffin. But before the fans could finish celebrating, the Wildcats scored two quick power play goals to take a 2-1 lead.

Late in the period, the Wolves evened things up with a perfectly executed power play goal, as Peters scored stick side on passes from G. Cummings and Mike Fogg.



The Wolves hockey team displays their Blue Line Classic tournament trophy. Photo provided

The Wolves turned things up a notch in the third period, carrying the play and outshooting Alpena, 13-5.

Clarkston took a 3-2 lead early in the period, as Johns scored on a rebound off a B. Morin shot. Peters also assisted. The Wolves were in control, dumping the puck and eating up the clock. But with two minutes left in regulation, Alpena pulled their goalie and scored to tie the game at 3-3.

Krygier called a time out and, when the boys returned to the ice, they had only one thought in mind.

After a whistle stopped play, the Wolves faced off in the Wildcat zone. Johns drew the puck to defenseman G. Cummings, who sent a slapshot on goal as Johns, Buzzo and Peters crashed the net. The rebound came to Johns' skate; he kicked it to his stick and flipped it past Ballard for the game winner.

"When we came out for our shift with the score tied, Adam Peters pumped up all the guys on the ice," Johns said. "He said, 'We are ending this now. There is not going to be an OT.'"

Catanese received the #1 star for the game.

Clarkston will take their league-leading 4-0-1 record (7-1-3 overall) and number three ranking into the second half of the season and more league play at 8 p.m. Jan. 8 against Farmington at Detroit Skate Club.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

January 8th, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #PC 2002-043

Andrew Manning, Detroit Edison Co., Petitioner
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL
Wireless Communication Facilities
Section 5.11, Section 5.15
OS-2 Zone (Office Service Two District)
Article XXVIII

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Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

JOAN E. McCRARY, Clerk

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SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Meyland.

Roll. Present: Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.

Absent: Catallo.

Minutes of November 24, 2003, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Pay Estimate No. 14 to Old Business, and Metro Act added to New Business.

Bills in the amount of \$135,522.31 approved for payment. Clifton reminded Council of the Parade of Lights sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce would be held on Saturday, December 13, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Gamble reported on the annual Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board Meeting; also, based on the resolution by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the local treasurers will be asked to act as treasurers for lake boards in their jurisdictions. Gamble stated that County Commissioner Middleton is expected to attend tonight's meeting for additional information.

Chief Combs reported on November police statistics as follows: Traffic Citations 100, up from 52 which is due to the "Clicket-or-Ticket" program; Warnings 25 up from 22; Parking Tickets 22 down from 29; Warrant Arrests, 1; PBTs, 406; Fingerprinting, 21; calls for Service 18 down from 44; Building Checks 7. Total Collections included \$130 for Parking Fines; PBTs \$2,030; Fingerprinting, \$210; Totals \$2,276 up from \$1,800 in October.

Combs reported that on December 1, officers participated in a fund-raiser at Pete's Coney Island, acting as waiters. Police officers waited on tables raising \$1,443 for charity for Christmas. Afterwards a DUI arrest was made. Female driver was two and one-half times the legal limits of blood alcohol content. Also an incident on Pinehurst involved vandalism to an automobile.

Pursley stated that the new loader was in the garage and he invited Council members to inspect the loader after the meeting. Pursley commented on the difference from the 1978 model and the current 2003 model loader. Pursley further commented that the D.P.W. has done a fair amount of work using the loader with expectations of more of a work load this winter. Signage has been applied to the loader.

Pursley informed Council that street signs are being brought up to date and reinstalled now that the water and paving project is nearing completion.

Pursley stated that the warranty work on the loader is proving to be very timely on the few minor adjustments that have been required. Pursley remarked that the John Deere heavy duty dealer has changed owners and it appears that parts are difficult to obtain for that particular make. The D.P.W. has removed graffiti and stickers from light poles and trash containers; a few more areas remain to be addressed.

Pursley reported on the tree that was uprooted in front of 39 South Main. The Oakland County road crews did the initial cleanup on Friday after Thanksgiving. Restoration of the grass will be done in the spring.

County Commissioner Middleton reported on the County Treasurer's request that local units act as treasurer for lake improvement boards. Pappas reported that this should not pose undue burden on the treasurer's duties as there is a limited number of bills paid during the year and the special assessments collected on the December tax bills will be retained by the City instead of forwarding to the Oakland County Treasurer. Mr. Middleton presented the Council with the Resolution passed by the Clarkston Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board regarding this issue. Resolution is on file.

Resolved that the resolution dated December 4, 2003, passed by the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board be adopted which appoints the Treasurer of the City of the Village of Clarkston to the position of Clarkston Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board Treasurer.

Moved that the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for December 22, 2003, be cancelled.

Chuck Inabnit of South Main Street asked the Council to consider having the Police Department purchase an updated camera.

Gary Tressel, City Engineer, reported to Council that the punch lists for the Paving and Water project are being addressed; however, some work will remain until Spring. Adjustments are to be made in the landscaping and some structural adjusting is needed.

Resolved by That the City Council approve payment of Pay Estimate No. 14 in the amount of \$167,432.89 to Roger Ingles Construction, Inc.

Discussion was held regarding the shoulders on Miller Road adjacent to the Bickford residence. This was tabled until the April meeting.

Resolved that reappointments to various Boards and Commissions be made as needed.

City council adopted a Right-of-Way Resolution to qualify for Metro Act Funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA

7:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: January 6, 2004

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes - December 16, 2003 and December 18, 2003
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable-Check Run.

New Business

1. Clinton River Watershed Council 2004 Membership
 2. Discussion Regarding Proposed Pipeline Route
 3. Sashabaw Plains Cemetery
 4. DPW Reclassification
 5. Non-Union Salary Discussion
- Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business. Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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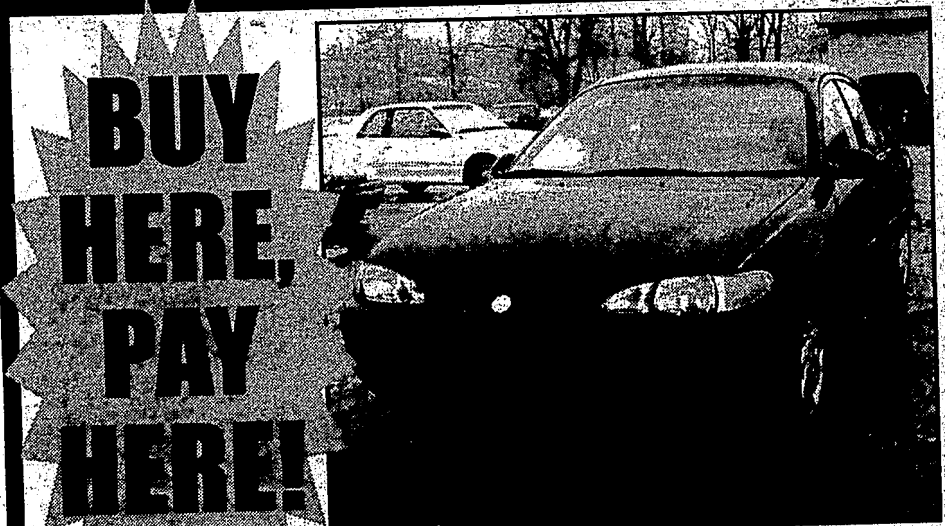
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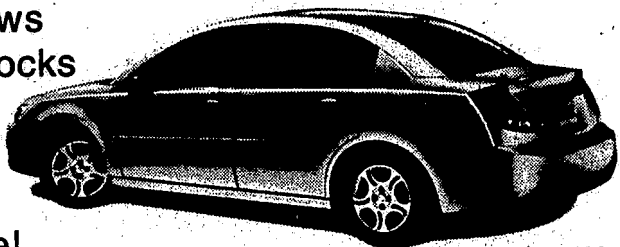
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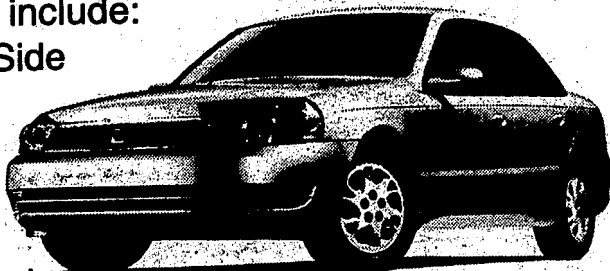
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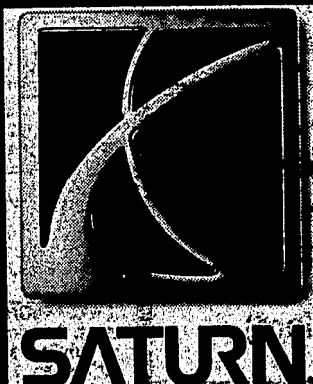
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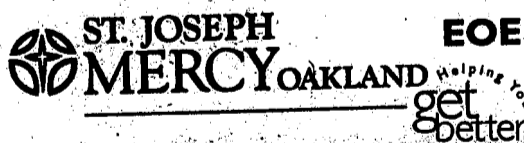
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Resident enjoys joy of holiday decorations

Independence Township resident Beth Lawrence has developed a reputation among friends and neighbors as a passionate holiday decorator.

"I don't know where it comes from," she said. "I just love to do it. I love to decorate for any holiday, Christmas especially."

She begins the day after Thanksgiving and has a lot of fun, she said. The fruit of her labor of love includes lots of lights and holiday joy.



Beth Lawrence (above) is proud of her dining room, which some friends describe as having the atmosphere of a New Year's Eve party ballroom.

Lawrence (left) proudly displays part of her Santa Claus collection. She has more than 150 of the wooden figures, gathered from various craft shows, vacation spots and even gifts from friends.

Allison and Beth Lawrence (upper left) stand beside their Christmas tree, another labor of love during the Christmas season. Photos by Don Schelske



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