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Tasers used by police to subdue larceny suspect

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Clarkston man faces two charges of larceny from an automobile and one charge of restricting and obstructing a peace officer after a Nov. 6 incident on Eagle Hill Road in Springfield Township.

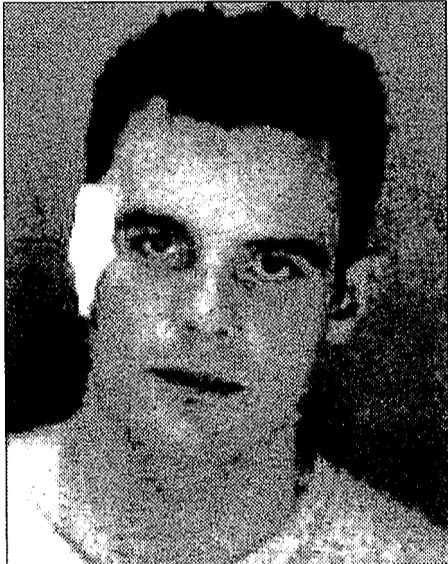
Brian L. Wylie, 26, was arrested when Oakland County Sheriff deputies responded to a report of home invasion. Wylie was one of those questioned at the scene and, according to reports, included in his written statement that he took items from two vehicles in previous incidents at that address.

Deputies placed Wylie in the rear seat of a patrol car to write his statement. During that time he produced a cigarette, and was warned not to smoke in the vehicle, reports said. A short time later, deputies found him smoking in the vehicle.

Wylie allegedly refused to extinguish the cigarette and, when deputies attempted to remove him from the vehicle, became combative.

Two deputies used their Taser weapons to subdue the suspect, with both darts hitting him in the head. He was transported to the North Oakland Medical Center for treatment, then taken to the Oakland County Jail.

Reports said Wylie is also under investigation for possession of marijuana



Brian L. Wylie

in addition to the home invasion incident, but charges were not immediately filed on those counts.

The larceny charges stemmed from Wylie's alleged theft of construction equipment. He claimed the items belonged to him, but deputies said they have evidence to the contrary.

According to Deputy Ken Overby, Wylie was arraigned in weekend court, with bond established at \$10,000 cash for each of the three counts. Court date information was not immediately available.

M-15 bridge construction brings a new safety path

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

Please hold tightly to the newspaper.

The following may be a bit surprising: Members of the Independence Township Board were pleased to learn that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be completely reconstructing the M-15 bridge over I-75 this spring.

Yes, that's correct, board members were pleased to hear about more road construction in the Clarkston area.

Township engineering consultant Jamie Burton, with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, informed board members that MDOT is willing to include a \$1.6 million safety path addition to the M-15 bridge

project.

"What we are bringing to you is an opportunity for the township to get a safety path at the M-15 bridge crossing," said Burton during the Nov. 3 regular board meeting.

According to MDOT's proposal, the \$1.6 million will create a 14-foot wide safety path (a 10-foot path including 2-foot shoulders) on the east side of the bridge. The path will fulfill a long-time goal of township officials: to connect the northern residents with the southern residents, as well as downtown Clarkston.

For MDOT's role, the plan includes

Please see Path page 23A

Always Red, White and True Blue



2004 Expo draws large crowd

Katie Penvose holds "Cheezie" at a booth representing the Clarkston Village Players and other local performers. The 2004 Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Expo

drew a large crowd with even more exhibitors. Organizers praised the event as a success despite poor weather. To get the full story, see pages 10 and 11.

Millstream

He's a prince at the Palace - Introducing Tim Smith.

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See the action at the 2004 Business Expo!

Food, Fun and Prizes for all ages. Pages 10A & 11A



Sports

Jenny Morgan and the Wolves take States again!

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Mr. Rogers' neighborhood...



Two days after winning reelection, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) leads third graders at Independence Elementary School in a discussion of pros and cons to a proposal by Blake Leider (standing behind Rogers) to extend lunch hours and recess. During the Nov. 4 visit, Rogers used the student's idea to help explain how legislators debate issues in the process of making law. Photo by Don Schelske.

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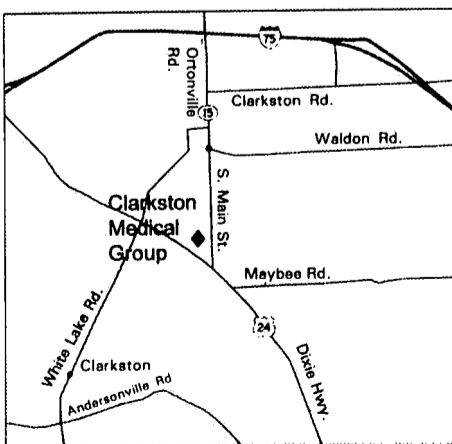
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The Second Front

Briefly

Sign up now for annual parks-rec turkey shoot

Win a free turkey!

Register now for Independence Township Parks and Recreation's 10th Annual Turkey Shoot. The event is on Tuesday, Nov. 23 starting at 6 p.m. in Bailey Lake Elementary.

Compete in your own age group by shooting 10 free throws. The person with the most baskets in each age group wins a free frozen turkey! Males and females compete separately.

The cost is \$2 for youths age 8-17 or \$3 for adults age 18 and up. All participants must pre-register at Parks and Recreation by Nov. 22.

A birth certificate is needed unless previously verified by Parks and Recreation. Please call 248-625-8223 for more details.

Local investment reps support blanket drive

Jim Wilhelm and Scott Hazelton, Clarkston Edward Jones investment representatives, are participating in the American Red Cross Blanket Days program.

Local residents can drop off new blankets Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to either office: Wilhelm's at 7183 N. Main St., Suite C, or Hazelton's at 21 S. Main St.

"With the holiday season around the corner, we are all getting ready for the festivities," said Wilhelm. "And as this is the season of giving, now is a great time to remember the less fortunate in our community."

For more information, please call either 248-625-1232 or 248-625-7016.

Chamber seeks photos, to help promote parade

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce will host the fourth annual Heart of Clarkston Lighted Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

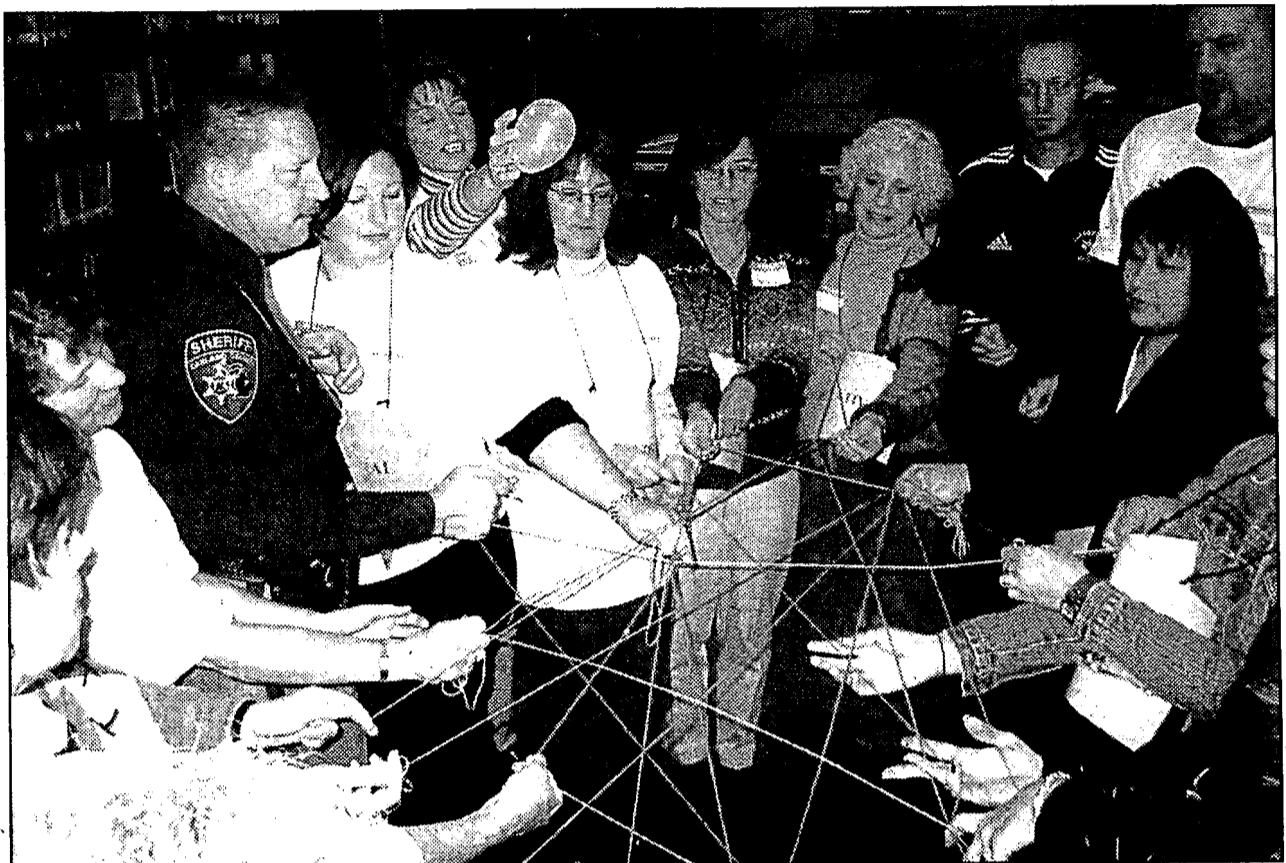
The parade will follow the traditional parade route down Church St., onto Main St., through the heart of downtown Clarkston and end at Miller Rd. This year's theme is "Storybook Holidays."

Comcast Cable asked the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce to assist in promoting this year's Lighted Holiday Parade.

"We are looking for all those great pictures and video tapes from the past lighted parades to be used in the promotional pieces. It will definitely add that special hometown touch to these promotional pieces," said Terri Bendes, chamber event enthusiast.

Past parade participants and spectators are asked to drop off their pictures and video tapes to the chamber office located at 5856 S. Main St. Chamber office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pictures and video tapes will be returned.

If you have any questions, please contact the chamber office at 248-625-8053.



Jennifer Arkwright (holding balloon) prepares to test a "community web" formed by participants at the Clarkston Coalition for Youth leadership forum. Participants, each wearing a sign reflecting a different segment of the community, threw a ball of yarn back and forth to demonstrate how "connections" can help strengthen the community and support youth. Photos by Don Schelske.

Coalition to promote 'connections'

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For several years, the Clarkston Coalition for Youth has attempted to bring together various segments of the community to be a positive influence on local youth.

The next step is more bold: bring the entire community together under one common slogan.

"Clarkston: Each One Reach One... Connecting for a Better Community" was unveiled as the proposed "common message" at the coalition's Nov. 6 leadership forum.

"We hope it will fit every sector of the community, and we hope everyone can wrap their arms around it," said coalition President Suzette Hart.

The meeting at Clarkston Middle School included almost every segment of the community, with 20 people representing local government, schools, service clubs, churches, businesses, law enforcement, parents and students.

The coalition started in the late 1990s as a way to help fight substance abuse in the community. The philosophy gradually evolved to one of promoting 40 developmental assets identified by the Minneapolis-based Search Institute as positively influencing young people's decisions and behavior.

With a desire to avoid duplication of effort, the co-

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Former village marshal reminisces

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

Sometimes when your looking for a little bit of Clarkston history, the source seems to be where you least expect it.

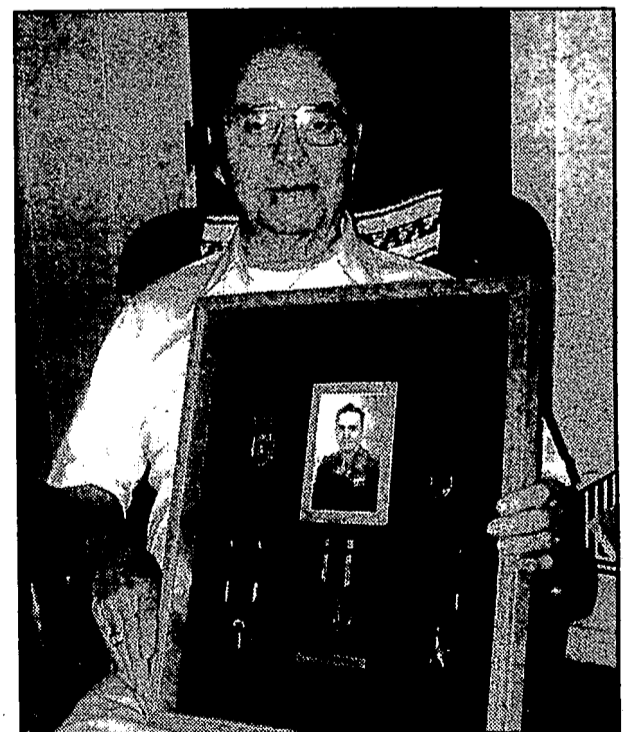
Charles "Chuck" J. Smalley, a resident of Clarkston since 1952, celebrated his 80th birthday on Oct. 27. In addition to the special day, the octogenarian also shares the honor of being the last police marshal for the Village of Clarkston and a World War II Veteran.

"I did everything - I was the cop," remembers Smalley. "I would fill in for the crossing guard some mornings or the ordinance officer, whatever they needed. They paid me \$5 an hour - I had to earn it."

Smalley began as police marshal in 1980. He retired from the position in 1992 when Clarkston became a city and formed a new police department. He describes himself as the last of a "tradition" dating back to Charles Kimball in the 1800s.

"At first I was a little opposed to (Clarkston be-

Please see Marshal on page 20A



Chuck Smalley displays the numerous honors he received from his service in World War II. The veteran also holds the distinguished place in history as the last Police Marshall for the Village of Clarkston. Photo by Jenny Matteson.

CHS Senior Spotlight

Name: Jennifer Howse
Parents: Janet and Rich Howse
Favorite Subject: AP Psychology
School Activities: Student Council Vice-President
Outside Interests: Oakland County K-9 4-H Club President, Photography
What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend college, hopefully at the University of Michigan, studying photography and marketing. I hope to study abroad during college and also complete some international summer internships.



Where do you see yourself in 25 years? I see myself being an executive of a large business, that photographs fashion models and prints its work in well known magazines. I would love to see my work on the cover of People, Elle or Vogue magazines. I see myself living in the suburbs of the Carolina's with a small family and some pets. Traveling the world occasionally, I would love to be enjoying every minute of my life.

Best friends are people who: are always there for you no matter what is thrown your way. They laugh with you constantly and love your little quirks. Best friends are having the greatest time doing nothing in particular, but just being together.

What worries me most about the world is: the lack of open-mindedness in the world. People tend to be very hesitant to new concepts and ideas, and get too caught up in their own world and forget to see the whole picture. Change isn't a bad idea.

I will make a contribution to my community by: traveling to Africa one day and help educate the world of the needs of the children there. I also want to continue raising Leader Dog puppies because I've already seen how that has impacted lives.

Celtic and jazz fiddler Jeremy Kittel to perform in Clarkston

Nationally renowned musician Jeremy Kittel will delight audiences with his special brand of Celtic fiddle and Jazz music Friday, Nov. 19 at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

A 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan Jazz Program, Kittel received the Daniel Pearl Memorial Violin for exceptional musicianship last fall.

He was recently described by a reviewer as having "played with a festive ferocity that almost set his bow on fire."

Sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, Jeremy Kittel will perform with guitarist Bob Gerics at 7:30 p.m.

The music performed is suitable for all family members and guarantees to be a high-energy performance.

Proceeds from the performance will sponsor student scholarships to music camps, plus *student workshops with Kittel*.

Tickets are \$6 each, \$4 for students and seniors. They are available through the main offices of Clarkston school buildings and at the Clarkston Community Schools Administrative Offices. Please call 248-623-5413 for more information. Remaining tickets will be available at the door.



Jeremy Kittel will perform at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center Nov. 19. He is sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Photo Provided.



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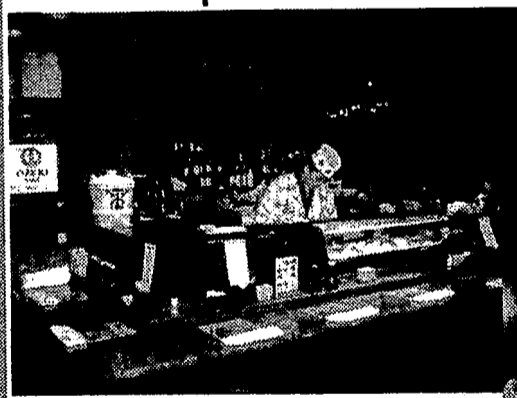
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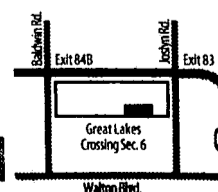
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Senate bill proposes more local control of lake boards

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The proliferation of lake improvement boards has led to a proposed state Senate bill which, if passed, would require more direct administrative involvement from local municipalities.

The lake boards are what Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls calls "quasi-governmental" agencies. With five members — including representatives of the municipality, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Oakland County Drain Commission and lakefront owners — lake boards have the authority to conduct public hearings and levy assessments from property owners to pay for lake improvements.

"They all came to be, at least in Springfield, for similar reasons," Walls said. "The lakes reached a condition of eutrophication or weed growth, which is usually the same. The residents were unable to take care of it in a voluntary manner."

Recent events have led to concern about administration of lake boards. At present, state law does not specifically address issues such as record keeping. In Oakland County, the drain commission handled many administrative functions until late 2002 and early 2003 at no charge to the residents, Walls said.

Now, there seems to be little consistency in administration. Of the four lake boards in Springfield Town-

ship, three of the four have records kept by board secretaries, but only one has records available at a public place. The fourth has official files kept in the Grand Rapids offices of a hired consultant.

When residents have questions about lake issues, they often contact the township hall, where officials likely may not have appropriate records available, Walls said. Financial dealings appear to be equally varied, with lake boards handling their own bank accounts and only one asking for township assistance.

Independence Township also has four lake boards within its boundaries. Treasurer Jim Wenger said his office handles finances for only one since the drain commission withdrew their administrative services.

"Not all lake boards work the same," Wenger said. "In terms of local treasurers, that's been a new responsibility."

"The [current] statute is unclear. It gives no direction whatsoever as to the day-to-day operations of a lake board," Walls said. "Everybody's doing it differently."

Enter Senate Bill 1266, a proposal spearheaded by County Commissioner Bill Bullard and sponsored by Senator Mike Bishop. If adopted, the bill would replace the DEQ representative (who officials say never attend meetings anyway) with another municipality rep-

resentative. The bill also requires one of the township representatives to serve as the board secretary, and the treasurer of the municipality to keep all financial records and sign all expenditure vouchers.

This places additional burden on the township staff, but Walls said, "The unanimous opinion is we should charge for it."

Township officials discussed the issue briefly at their October board meeting, but agreed more research is needed.

"There are things that need to be thought through before we do it," Walls said, nonetheless admitting, "It was motivated by the fact that it wasn't working."

Local governments already have procedures for establishing special assessment districts for specific improvement projects, and Springfield Township this past year approved such a district for work on Softwater Lake.

So why have a separate entity for lake projects? "There may be some township officials trying to understand the same thing at this point," Walls said.

Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas said his office already serves as treasurer for the Mill Pond lake improvement board, but the board pays its own bills.

"We deposit the money into bank accounts," Pappas said. "They have their own secretary."

Obituaries

Irene McCabe, of Clarkston, passed away on November 2, 2004, at the age of 69.

Mrs. McCabe was the mother of Tom (Sue) of Houston, Texas, Tim (Anita) of Orchard Lake and Mary of Clarkston; the grandmother "Yia Yia" of Paige and Thomas; and the sister of Helen, Patricia and Dimitra.

Mrs. McCabe was the proud owner of McCabe & Associates Realtors for the past 26 years and will always be remembered as an independent thinker and free spirit.

Funeral services held on November 5, 2004, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield Hills. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A private family burial is planned.

Anne E. Hopkins, of Clarkston, passed away on November 2, 2004. She was 80 years old.

Mrs. Hopkins was the loving wife of Charles for 33 years; the sister of Thomas S. Erjavac of Madison Heights and Stephanie Kowalski of Waterford; and the sister-in-law of Margaret Lane of Traverse City. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Sons TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson Foundation.

Independence approves CDBG Application

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

At the Nov. 3 regular meeting, the Independence Township Board held a public hearing and unanimously approved the funding application for the \$86,351 2005 Community Development Block Grant.

Deputy Supervisor Rita Burdick listed during the public hearing the following programs for the funding:

- Alot \$4,500 to transport disabled children to a summer camp program.

- Provide \$5,000 for services for abused spouses and the children.

- Contribute \$4,500 to the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance summer camp program for disabled children.

- Provide \$2,000 for social and recreational services for senior and disabled residents.

- Pay administrative wages for the senior center director of \$19,000.

- Contribute \$7,000 towards large print books and audio books for the Independence Twp. Library.

- Contribute \$15,000 towards funding for the senior citizen's van, which is an ongoing program. A new vehicle is set to be purchased this year after reserving CDBG funds for the past three years.

- Provide \$22,200 towards senior center equipment including tables, chairs, two desks, a printer and two computers for the office.

- Allocate \$7,151 towards emergency rehab.

Many of the amounts allocated above are similar to those listed for the 2004 CDBG fund grant. Many of

the projects are ongoing, or involve agencies providing ongoing services.

No public comments were presented during the hearing, from either residents or those agencies involved with the funding. After the hearing was closed, Burdick asked for the resolution allowing the funding application to be approved.

"The application is quite involved and we have a December 1 deadline for submission, so we'd like to get on this," said Burdick during her presentation to the board. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

The Community Development Block Grant program began in the late 1970s. Allocating the funding from the grant can often be restrictive - many of the suggested projects involve low to moderate income areas of which Independence has none. Independence Twp. in the past has spent the monies on seniors, handicapped accessibility programs and playgrounds, which is no longer an eligible project.

Independence Twp. documents all disbursements from this allocation and is then reimbursed by Oakland County. The funding can be expended over two years for a particular program year, with a one-year waiver for the third year.

Every year, the Oakland County Community and Home Improvement Division releases a report listing the Oakland County municipalities and their CDBG projects. For more information, please contact the Community and Home Improvement Division.

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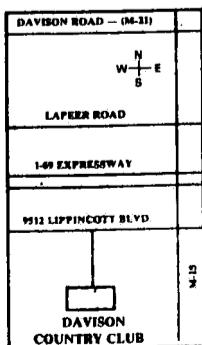
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Opinion

It has to be seen ...

One day everyone in America will be able to see clearly. There will come a time when information will flow unfettered into the hearts and minds of the citizens of this great nation - and that time is almost here.

On Dec. 31, 2006, we will wake in our beds, rub our eyes and look out across a great new world. We will all join hands with our family members and count with absolute certainty the number of wrinkles on Regis Philbin's face - and it will all be due to Congress forcibly bestowing HDTV unto us.

Let's break things down. Currently, broadcasters are "broadcasting" our television signal as well as delivering a digital feed of the same programs some of us still laboriously tune in. Come 2006 the "broadcasted" version will cease and we will all revel in the widescreen shimmering brilliance of High Definition Television.

And let me just say again: Oh, what a glorious day it will be.

Every wrinkle of a football play will unfold before our eyes. It will seem as if we are center court as we take in Basketball games. Hockey will enjoy a renaissance as the elongated screen breathes life into the sport. And I

am sure the new format will have some positive effect on other programming as well.

These days, HDTV and the digital signal it employs is optional, but come 2006 and possibly 2009 if we are not ready the choice between the new and the old will thankfully be made for us.

I enjoy the HDTV that we have these days to a frighteningly indescribable level. Having been forcibly removed from an electronics store display for attempting to use a camcorder and a 54-inch HDTV to shave with, I would attest that the picture really is top notch.

These days my fear is, upon purchase of an HDTV (and a programming package to go with it), I will become a hermit in my living room, unable to wrest myself from the jaw-dropping gorgeous picture and sound.

What if I was invited to watch a game at a buddy's house only to arrive and find antiquated technology flickering away? Once you have made the big leap there is no going back.

This is why congressionally mandated TV is so important, so our nation is not further divided, with one side refusing to visit the other.

As much as I enjoy the format, I worry that making it the one and only way of watching TV will bring more harm than good.

Come 2006, what will those who are unable to upgrade do with themselves? Or more importantly what will the have-nots do to those who have? We, the owners of luxuriantly massive HDTVs, will be forced to barricade ourselves in our homes to circumvent home invasion and remote control larceny.

Stopping just short of predicting civil war is going a little far though, I believe, and I think we should all welcome this change.

Just think, we could take all the televisions rendered obsolete by the upgrade to digital, build a massive pile of outdated technology in a landfill, cover it over with dirt and then go skiing on it.

There really has not been any talk yet of a recycling program for all the tubes that will be thrown away come 2006 but when I think about that ski hill pushing up against the heavens with its millions of television sets I know everything will work itself out.

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Started Out Dumb



Noah Purcell

A heart-felt thank you to Don Rush

Dear Don Rush,

We at the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy truly appreciate your article and pictures covering our Wild Night Out Auction and fundraiser (The Clarkston News, Oct. 20). Not only did your written article capture the true urgency of protecting land in the Northern parts of Oakland County and the purpose of our Conservancy, but also the picture page had well-chosen "subjects" to show the diversity of those who support our interests.

Thank you for attending our auction and for using your expertise in journalism to capture the "gist" of the evening. Since we hope to expand our membership considerably this year, your article was a great boost to our objectives - we have received several inquiries about our Conservancy and new memberships since the auction.

Our sincere thanks to you!

Karen Krigbaum
Administrative Director

An election year thank you

Thank You!

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported my campaign for re-election to the Clarkston City Council; your confidence in my ability to serve is greatly appreciated.

Community service means a great deal to me and I have enjoyed contributing in this capacity these past few years. I am proud of the council's accomplishments - bringing in city water, road improvements and attractive landscaping to downtown and Depot Park.

Although I was unsuccessful in my re-election bid, I look forward to serving our community in whatever way I can in the future.

Sincerely,
Derek Werner

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Smile of the Week



Judy McConnell, of Clarkston, turned in this week's edition of Smile of the Week. She took this photo of her granddaughter Natalie Hite in the park a few weeks ago. Thanks Judy and Natalie for the great smile!

Expressions of Heart Filled Thanks to the Clarkston Community Bus Driver

The family of Rosemary Grable would like to express our thanks and gratitude for all the support that we received from Rosie's extended family the bus drivers. On Oct. 1, 2004, we lost our Irish Rose. We know she was smiling down upon us as her bag pipes were playing and her school bus led her precession. Your help

with the luncheon comforted us.

Thank you for making her final tribute a memorable one. To all the bus drivers past and present, we are eternally grateful.

The Family of Rosie Grable

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I'm still seeing green spots

As I write, I can see green spots. Let me stop you right there . . . no, the green spots are not related to pink elephants. But, now that I have your curiosity piqued, let me continue.

As a modern man (notice I did not say metro-sexual man, which is another type of modern man), I handle laundry duties for our family. Yep. I get right in there, roll up my sleeves, separate clothes, wash, dry, fold, hang, put away -- the whole kit and kaboodle is taken care of by yours truly. Whites here, darks there and light colors here. Heck, I am almost good at it.



**don
rush
don't rush
me**

Almost.

I admit there are still some vestiges of the old knuckle-dragging, but scratching, football loving Cro-Magnon man trapped inside me. And as a recovering caveman, I sometimes get in a hurry to finish, as quickly and efficiently as possible, what I started. That means in the laundry room your hero is really the one in charge of shrinking my wife's favorite clothes, bleaching the boys' colored socks and leaving piles of clean and dried clothes in a pile for a week so that when they are needed, they smell -- well, not like a fresh spring morning and in need of a good pressing.

I guess all that jazz I spewed two paragraphs ago about separating clothes is bunk. Also, I rarely go through pant pockets before tossing them into the wash.

Okay.

That is a lie. I never go through pant pockets before tossing them into the wash. After all the suds and rinsing and spinning, I can usually count on finding loose change, rocks and other hard things the young ones carry in their pockets.

So, now I see green spots as I write. Green spots on my good, light blue work shirt. Green spots on my good, light blue work shirt from a barely used green crayon that made it through the wash, but melted on

everything in the dryer.

The light blue shirts and tan colored pants of that load were all marked by a smackin' green frackin' crayon. Men, you do not know how hard it is to get out crayon stains. I tried Shouting out the stains (No, guys, I didn't try yelling the stains away, Shout is a spray-on stain remover), I tried soaking them in a tepid tub of Tide. I washed and washed and washed again in hopes of taking care of the problem before Jennie discovered my blunder.

The only thing I accomplished was wasting a ton of detergent (good thing I buy the extra big box).

When I walked up the stairs from the basement, I was a beaten man. Head hung low, I mumbled something like, "Honey . . . uhhmm, do you know of any way to remove crayon stains . . . ?"

A Renaissance woman, she laughed, answered no, but then went to the computer to find out how. Later, armed with the information she gleaned from the internet, I was able to get most of the green spots removed. I must have missed this shirt. Rats -- outsmarted by a girl again!

* * *

By the way, here's what the folks at the "official" Crayola website say about stain removal:

Place the stained surface down on pad of paper towels, spray with WD-40, let stand a few minutes, turn fabric over and spray the other side. Apply liquid dishwashing detergent and work into the stained area, replacing towelling as it absorbs the stain. Wash in hot water with laundry detergent and bleach for about 12 minutes (use heavy soiled setting if there is no minute timer on your machine) and rinse in warm water. Special Note: Heat-Set Stains-Clean the drum of your dryer to remove any remaining wax residue. Spray a soft cloth with WD-40, and wipe the drum. Run a load of dry rags through a drying cycle to ensure that your drum is clean.

Oh, yeah I forgot to do that last part, too.

Comments for the man's man, Mr. Don Rush can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@charter.net

Just jotting...

Here's the philosophy of the Michigan Lottery boosters: Make a bet every day, otherwise you might walk around lucky and never know it. Bet high, it's for your kids education ya' know!

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My friend John Patrell is a self-made man, which shows what can happen if you don't follow directions.

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Perhaps you heard the following on a Paul Harvey program or read it somewhere:

"When minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

"We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and call it pluralism.

"We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

"We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

"We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

"We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

"We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.

"We have abused power and called it politics.

"We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

"We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

"We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

"Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

"Amen!"

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Daughter Susan brought this item back from a photo album cutting session in Midland via a Soo attendee. Working on the Mackinaw bridge has become a year-round, often boring job. According to the attendee some young men were under the center screen section, horsing around, without their safety straps.

And, as will happen, one lost his balance and fell to what should have been certain death from that height.

Didn't happen. The lad went under the waves, came up head first, raised his arms and shouted, "It takes more than that to kill an Irishman!"

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Susan's daughter Savannah is about to turn nine. By family rule she has to make a wish list. To make her point she printed the letters on the computer an inch high.

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Do you suppose this can be true? The famous Olympic skier Picabo Street (pronounced Peek-A-Boo) is not just an athlete, she is a nurse. She currently works at the Intensive Care Unit of a large metropolitan hospital. She is not permitted to answer the telephone, however, as it caused simply too much confusion when she would answer the phone and say, "Picabo, ICU."

**Jim's
Jottings**

Jim Sherman

A Look Back

*At our community's
history through
the pages of
The Clarkston News*

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

- Area residents say no to Proposal A, B - Fire bond issue defeated by residents in Independence Township: Residents in both Independence and Springfield townships voted overwhelmingly against two statewide tax proposals in Tuesday's special election. In Independence Township, voters also defeated a \$2 million fire bond issue.

- Man literally takes up cross: As soon as Mike Gainor, 34, appeared in the Clarkston area, he attracted attention. The call to *The Clarkston News* on Halloween said a Christ-like figure, bearded and bearing an 85-pound cross, was walking down Dixie Highway near White Lake Road, Independence Township.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

- The Golden Anniversary Edition of *The Clarkston News!*

- Police protection issue resurfaces: Possible elimination of the local Independence Township police department is the topic of a special public hearing set for Nov. 27.

- PK hotel permit denied: Pine Knob's building permit application for its high-rise hotel was denied last week by the Independence Township Building Department.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

- Local team heads league - Hintz puts the Wolves in the winner's circles: Friday night the Clarkston football team brought home the League Championship from Holly by winning with a score of 18 to 7.

- 25th Anniversary celebrated Sunday: On Sunday, November 7, from 4 until 7 o'clock in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson received about 140 friends and relatives at the Clarkston Community Center, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Local pioneers...



A photo from around 1846 shows Melinda and John Maybee. This is one of many photos in the personal collection of local historian Connie Lektzian-Scafe. Photo provided.

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Independence Township

November 1: Fraud report at TCF Bank on Dixie Highway. The victim reported three unauthorized online checking account transactions totalling more than \$250.

Harassment complaint at Dixie Highway near Waterford Hills Terrace. A Springfield Township woman claims her neighbor was following her down the road. The suspect denied the accusation, and claimed the woman is stalking him.

Credit card fraud on Oak Glen Court. The victim lost his card, then discovered unauthorized charges.

Damage to property on Clinton Drive. Someone drove a vehicle into a chain link fence, damaging about 75 feet of fence.

November 2: ATM card fraud report on S. Marshbank. The victim reported several unauthorized charges, including to a San Francisco newspaper, UPS and a pornographic Web site.

Family trouble on Heron Parkway. Larceny on Frankwill Avenue. A resident reported a missing wedding ring and suspected a cleaning service employee.

Firearm discharge on Dixie Highway near Foster. A deputy put down an injured deer.

Larceny of windshield wipers, shift knob, CDs and MP3 player from vehicle at Wendy's on Dixie Highway.

Open door alarm at National City Bank on Dixie Highway near Maybee. Deputies found doors locked, but deputies found one able to be opened with a wire. There was no sign of entry, however.

Attempted motorcycle theft on Briarwood Court. Deputies responded to theft report, but on arrival the owner

found the motorcycle in another location covered by a blue bedsheet. Reports said the suspect appeared to be scared off.

Larceny of sign from Parks of Stonewood.

November 3: Home invasion on Mann Road.

Larceny of golf bag and clubs from unlocked vehicle at Fox Creek apartments.

Stolen check report on Willow Park Road. The victim suspects a former friend of stealing a checkbook and forging several checks.

Damage to deputy's cell phone report at the Independence Township sheriff substation.

Family trouble on Oak Vista. Open door alarm on Hadley Road.

Construction site accident on Foxburg Court. A construction crew member fell from the roof, suffering what reports called serious injury. According to the Independence Township Fire Department, a similar incident occurred at the same location in September. The victim was transported to Genesys Regional Medical Center and deputies turned over information to MIOSHA.

Firearm discharge on Sashabaw Road. A deputy put down an injured deer.

Arrest for operating while intoxicated, violating license restrictions and littering on Sashabaw Road near Maybee Road. A deputy observed a 20-year-old Independence Township man driving 60 miles per hour through the 35-mile-per-hour construction zone. During pursuit, the suspect appeared to throw a lit cigarette out his window. Upon stopping the car, the deputy learned the man was on a restricted license. He also appeared intoxicated, and registered a blood alcohol level of 0.217 percent.

November 4: Suspicious circumstances on Clearview. A resident reported a suspicious note placed on the vehicle windshield.

Harassment report at the Independence Township sheriff substation. A deputy witnessed a dispute between two women in the parking lot. The incident apparently was the latest in a series of conflicts between the former friends.

Home invasion on S. Marshbank. Taken were a store gift card and checkbooks for accounts from two different banks.

Larceny and minor in possession of alcohol on Ridgewood Road. A deputy in an unmarked car observed a vehicle with teenagers driving around during school hours. Upon turning onto Ridgewood, the deputy saw someone running away from a residence with a gasoline can. Apparently noticing the deputy's presence, the vehicle attempted to get away and the occupants threw the gasoline can out the window. The case was turned over the juvenile authorities.

November 5: Malicious destruction of property at Clarkston High School. Someone took lug nuts off a student's van while he was in school. He discovered the crime when a wheel fell off the van.

Larceny of gasoline from vehicle on Delhi Street.

November 6: Retail fraud report at CVS Pharmacy on Sashabaw Road. A store employee confronted a suspect who allegedly attempted to steal several DVDs. The suspect and two accomplices fled the store.

Property damage on I-75 and Waldon Road. A vehicle was hit by debris from bridge construction.

Family trouble and alcohol detoxification incident at Lancaster Lake apartments. A 26-year-old Clarkston man was taken to St. Joseph's Medical Center for detoxification after registering a blood alcohol level of 0.375.

Possible child neglect on Independence Drive. A mother said a "good Samaritan" brought home her five-year-old daughter, who had been visiting her divorced father for the weekend. The girl was allegedly found walking in the street near the father's home, but gave directions to the mother's home. Deputies said the father was at work and his live-in girlfriend was still asleep.

November 7: Minor in possession of alcohol arrest on Darklake Drive.

While investigating a malicious destruction of property incident, deputies found a 16-year-old Clarkston boy who registered a blood alcohol level of 0.237 percent.

Family trouble at Hidden Lake apartments.

Assault and battery report at Franks Nursery on Dixie Highway. During a child exchange in the parking lot, a dispute arose between the child's father and stepfather. The incident was turned over to the county prosecutor's office.

Found bicycle on Pheasant Run.

Damage to property on Sashabaw Road at Clarkston Road. The victim claims a van window was shot out. Deputies believed it could have been a small rock.

Springfield Township

November 1: Credit card fraud on Forest Ridge. A resident said someone opened an unauthorized account and made three charges.

Domestic assault report on Dawn Court.

November 3: Report of stalking and malicious annoyance by writing report on Detroit. A woman reported a suspicious note requesting sexual acts. The woman believes she knows the identity of the suspect, and the case is under investigation.

November 4: Domestic assault report on Hutchinson.

Arrest for disorderly conduct, under-21 consumption of alcohol and outstanding warrant on Hutchinson. Three subjects under age 21 were found drinking, and one allegedly resisted arrest.

November 5: Civil dispute on Norman Road. A resident complained that a neighbor's floodlight shines into her window, from which she had been videotaping activities at the neighbor's residence.

Firearm discharge on Ratallee Lake Road east of Dixie Highway. A deputy put down an injured deer.

Burglary at Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road. Taken were a televi-

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Traffic stop leads to drug investigation

An improper lane change on Dixie Highway led to the apprehension of four men suspected of involvement in a drug deal on Nov. 3.

According to Oakland County Sheriff reports, the traffic stop revealed that the driver, a 23-year-old Pontiac man, was driving on a suspended license. One of the passengers, a 24-year-old Pontiac man, was wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Another passenger was found to have more than \$1,000 cash in his pocket, reports said. The man claimed

to be on his way to buy a car for his girlfriend, but a search of the car revealed an electronic scale with residue of white powder which later tested positive as cocaine.

A K-9 unit was called, and the drug dog made a positive hit on several locations inside the vehicle and on the cash, reports said.

The case was turned over to the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team for further investigation.

— Don Schelske

Car hits pedestrian crossing M-15

A man crossing Main Street (M-15) was hit by a car on Nov. 4 as a Washington Street driver made a right turn, according to Clarkston Police Department reports.

Chief Ernest Combs said the pedestrian, a 60-year-old Waterford man, was taken to POH Medical Center-Clarkston with relatively minor injuries.

The driver, a 56-year-old Clarkston woman, was

turning south on Main from eastbound Washington at about 9:45 p.m., and told police she did not see the pedestrian in the crosswalk.

Reports said the pedestrian had activated the pedestrian crossing button at the intersection.

Combs said there was no indication of excessive speed, which likely prevented more serious injuries.

— Don Schelske

Police

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sion, towels and a smoke detector.

November 6: Damage to vehicle on Dixie Highway at I-75. A vehicle was hit by debris from bridge construction.

Assist fire department at basement fire on Pine Lake Road at Davisburg Road. Because of a suspicious hole in a basement wall, the case was turned over to the county fire investigation unit.

Larceny from vehicle report on Eagle Hill.

Larceny of mail on Forest Ridge.

Larceny of mail on Oak Valley.

November 7: Burglary at Ace Asphalt on Tindall Road. Glass in a door was found smashed, and some-

one took \$200 cash and a blank check.

Malicious destruction of mailbox on Norman Road.
Malicious destruction of property on HarborTowne Circle.

Alarm (unfounded) at Dollar Friendly on Dixie Highway.

City of Clarkston

November 7: Driving while license suspended arrest on Main Street near Clarkston Road. After a traffic stop, police discovered a 19-year-old Clarkston man had a suspended license. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a suspected marijuana pipe.

Some road projects complete; others still affect traffic

The Road Commission for Oakland County has announced progress on several local road projects, but others continue to have potential impact on motorists in the Clarkston area.

• Waldon Road has been reopened west of Sashabaw Road, but remains closed east of Sashabaw until approximately Nov. 12. The reason for the closing is continued work on the Waldon Road bridge over I-75.

• Sashabaw Road between Maybee Road and I-75 continues to have plenty of orange barrels, as work on the new four-lane boulevard construction continues.

Left turns are still prohibited from Sashabaw Road (both northbound and southbound) to Waldon Road.

• Maybee Road is closed between Clintonville and Baldwin roads to allow Eagle Ridge, LLC to pave it to provide better access to its Eagle Ridge subdivision.

The closing is expected to continue until approximately Nov. 15. Work will then cease for the year and resume in spring 2005.

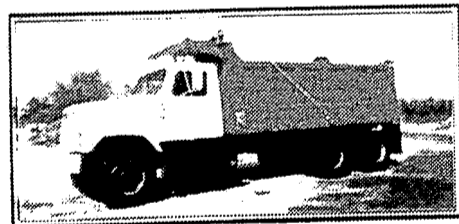
A detour route includes Clintonville, Waldon and Baldwin roads.

Recently completed projects include Allen Road between Cranberry Lake Road and Hubbard Road after installation of water and sewer lines by developer Robert Kraus Inc.

In addition, repairs to the Holcomb Road bridge are complete and the newly paved road has reopened to traffic.



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Business Expo sets record for exhibitors

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Business was good at the annual Business and Community Expo at Clarkston High School on Nov. 4.

"There's newer businesses this year," said Sandra Schudlich, one of an estimated 1,600 visitors. "It seems to be a little bigger."

She was right. The event had a record number of exhibitors, 120, compared with last year's 109, according to Penny Shanks, executive director of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Organizers had hoped to see about 2,000 people in attendance, but the rainy, blustery evening reduced that to an estimated 1,600. However, Shanks said there was a silver lining to the clouds.

"They were really interested in the exhibitors' displays," she said. "They weren't just there for the freebies."

And there were lots of freebies, with exhibitors offering pens, notepads, sports water bottles, coffee mugs and bags for carrying everything. Despite the lower number of visitors, the aisles were still crowded with people stopping to talk with the exhibitors.

"It's good to see the turnout," said Tammy Brimacombe, who visited with her husband and daughter. "They did a great job."

The expo has grown each year, and so has the creativity in the exhibits. The high school cafeteria means no height restrictions, and Shanks said exhibitors have been offered advice from professional consultants on how to create effective displays.

"Our members are listening, because the displays were incredible," she said. Visitors also enjoyed food provided

by the culinary arts program at the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus, while lots of music and balloons added to the festivities.

Cyndy Candy of Magic 105.1 radio was on hand for part of the expo, and was a great drawing card, Shanks said. More than 90 door prizes were awarded, all valued at at least \$25. Among the most valuable was a half-karat diamond from Tierra Fine Jewelers.

Such events are designed to promote more patronage of local businesses, and the chamber this year added a feature to extend future business possibilities. Those registering for door prizes were asked to provide a name, address or e-mail, to be compiled into a data base for exhibitors' future promotions.

"We want very much to strengthen local businesses," Shanks said, noting the expo theme of "Always Red, White and True Blue" as a philosophy to be promoted even after the expo.

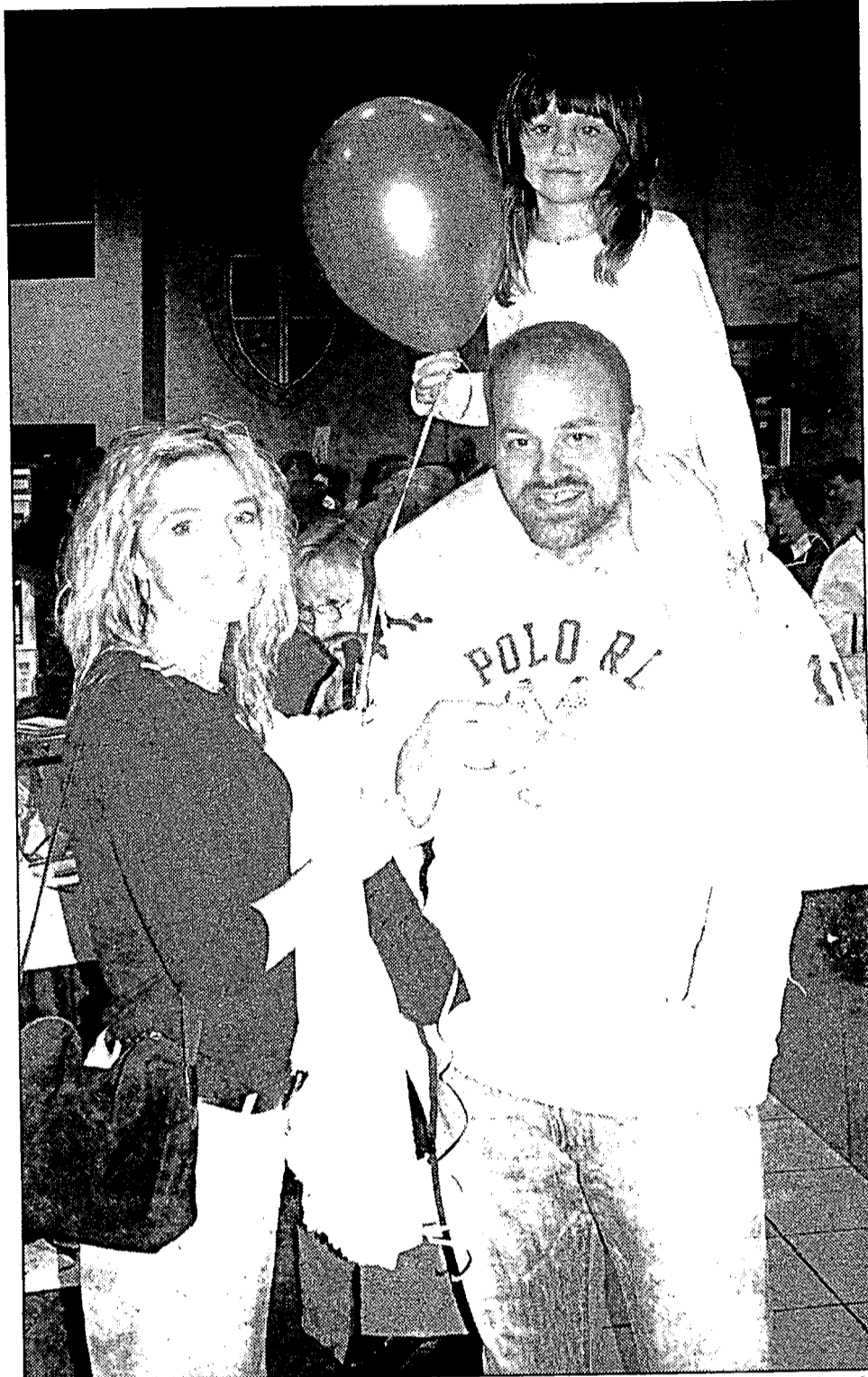
"It's the local businesses that are the backbone of the country," she said. "You don't really know Clarkston until you know the local businesses."

Shanks admitted another reason people came out.

"A lot of people do it because it's fun."

In addition to the sponsors, who helped make the event possible, Shanks said a lot of credit goes to first-year expo chairman Ron Davis, Clarkston High School students who helped with setup and takedown, and to the Clarkston High School custodial staff for their "cheerful and helpful" presence.

"This year I felt like we had gone to Disney World," she said. "It was a wonderful exercise in teamwork."



With daughter Chloe, 5, getting a bird's eye view, Tammy and Jamie Brimacombe enjoy walking through the various displays of the Business and Community Expo. Photos by Don Schelske.



Kerry Garchow offers therapeutic back massage at the booth sponsored by Seiter Family Chiropractic. Staff member Kathleen Marhulik is the lucky recipient.



Ken Eagle and Jerri Eagle of eMagine Technology Systems explains services to Natalie Deleo.

Faded Ink



Don Brose of Brose Electric enjoys a conversation with Kurt Salzano.



Debbie Hawley selects a snack from a tray offered by Beverly Bolin, a culinary arts student at the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus. Photos by Don Schelske.



Kim Burnside allows Joshua Penvose, Madalyn Frobels and Sean Frobels to pet kittens at the booth sponsored by Advanced Pet Care of Oakland (formerly Independence Animal Hospital).



Peggy Dryer and Dr. Tom Biggs receive free samples from Elizabeth Delcomo and Laura LeClair of The Impressive Type.



Lisa Frey and Diane Bledsoe stand beside a display from Tanner Building and Remodeling, which was giving away free hammers to expo visitors.

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Famous "Labor Brownies" make for very tasty tale

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Joyce Zurel is not big about cooking, but she absolutely loves writing.

Little did this Clarkston resident know, but her passion for one would lead her to acclaim in the other.

Zurel, a Clarkston resident since 1980, was recently awarded third place in the "Taste of Story" Competition sponsored through the Michigan Counsel for Humanities. The competition is part of the Michigan Story Festival held at Central Michigan University.

Zurel submitted an entertaining tale titled "How the Labor Brownies Got Their Name."

A library technician at Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills Campus, Zurel learned about the competition through some mail received at work. She entered the competition at the end of August.

"I just decided to send a couple in," explained Zurel.

The "Labor Brownies" story describes how Zurel's girlfriend Chris was eight weeks overdue with her first baby - which reduced to two weeks after a doctor's miscalculation of her due date was taken into consideration.

Attempting to escape the "multitude of phone calls" from "well-meaning friends and relatives who were calling to ask whether or not she had dropped yet," Chris visited Zurel's home. That day, Zurel had made a batch of her now famous brownies.

After resisting the brownies all day, Chris finally enjoyed some with a glass of healthy milk.

Zurel writes in her story: "Almost im-

mediately after eating the brownies, that she said were gut bombs, her water broke and she went into labor. Indeed they were gut bombs. A baby girl, my goddaughter, was born the next morning."

"For years after this transpired, whenever friends were overdue with their babies, my labor brownies were requested and eaten, but they never really did the trick again."

Zurel still giggles when talking about that moment.

"We just laugh and laugh about it," she said. "She was so ready at that point. With the first one, you don't know what's happening or what to expect. She was ready."

Zurel learned she was a contest winner in mid-October.

"I was excited when I found out," she said. "Actually, when I got the brochure in the mail, I thought 'That's nice. They've invited me even though I didn't win.' Then I noticed they wanted by social security number or something like that and I thought 'That's weird.'"

"I really didn't realize it at first," she laughed.

Her prize included \$50 and an invitation to the Michigan Story Festival held Oct. 22 and 23 at Central Michigan University. Zurel attended several seminars and was able to view a unique project titled "Time Slips," where a PhD student presented a piece written entirely through the verbal communications of Alzheimer's patients.

"It was very nice," said Zurel in regard to the festival. "It was really interesting. It really opens you to writing."

Zurel has made her "Labor Brownies" for the past 30 years. The "labor special-

ist" does not remember when or where she got the recipe, and the ingredients have gone through a couple incarnations over the years (from using melted chocolate to boxed brownie mix for example), but the

Clarkston resident still enjoys making a batch now and then for special occasions.

"This was just a good experience," concluded Zurel.



Joyce Zurel shows off a batch of her award winning "Labor Brownies."

"Labor Brownies" Recipe
Prep Time 10 minutes
Ready in 40 minutes

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Crocker Brownie Mix
1 c. mini marshmallows
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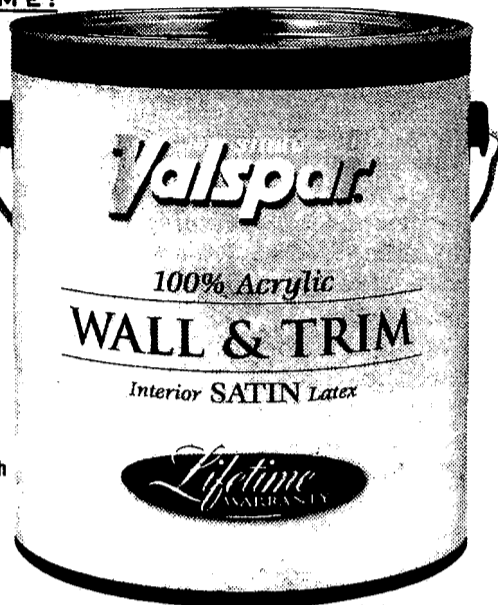


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Clarkston News Sports

Girls take second straight title Clarkston cross country champions again

By **NOAH PURCELL**
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston girls cross country team won the State championship as they expected, on Nov. 6. How they did it which was the surprising part.

With 243 girls primed and ready to go, the starting blocks turned into stumbling blocks for many runners as a single downed participant snowballed into a massive pileup.

"When one kid falls, the rest go too," said Coach Jamie Labrosse. "(We) overcame some adversity within the race."

The tangle of bodies claimed five of Clarkston's seven runners, including junior Jenny Morgan, who was one of the favorites to win the race outright.

"(The fall) happened so fast, I did not even realize everyone on my team had gone down," said senior Anne Oltman.

"We won and that is the important thing," said Labrosse.

The slack caused by the group fall was picked up by senior Liz Mengyan who finished third overall with a time of 18:16.

Mengyan also suffered a setback in the race, as she pulled up short of the finish line thinking she had already crossed over it.

"She ran the best three-mile race of her life, it's just that the race was 3.1 miles," said Labrosse. "She's the 3 mile State champion."

Clarkston finished with 132 points total, forty points ahead of their closest competition.

"It is just a tremendous accomplishment for our team," said Athletic Director Dan Fife.

Morgan rebounded from the fall to finish 18th. The other Wolves also soldiered on to push Clarkston to the State

Championship: Anne Oltman finished 33rd, junior Lyndsay Smith came in 36th, senior Gillian Nordquist placed 42nd, Jenna Leach crossed the finish line in 48th and junior Beth Hoekstra finished the scoring for Clarkston placing 87th.

This is Clarkston's second straight girls cross country State championship. The Wolves went undefeated in dual and invitational tournaments this year and are ranked number one in the Midwest and number three nationally.

Hopefully, the Wolves season will not

end with the State championship, as they have been invited to the Nike Team Nationals, in Portland Oregon, on Dec. 4. The NTN is being billed as the first ever national championship race for high school cross country. Labrosse said that the Wolves' participation is still up in the air.

The boys team finished 25th at the State finals. It was a major victory for the boys just making the State championships as their season was fraught with injuries and inexperience.



Members of the two time defending State champion Wolves cross country team were all smiles after the race. (Left to right) Top row: Lyndsay Smith, Gillian Nordquist, Anne Oltman and Elle Kuhta. Bottom row: Lisa Sickman and Beth Hoekstra. Photo by Noah Purcell



Lead runner Jenny Morgan was a huge part of the Wolves success this year. Photo by Ashley Dusaqi

Athlete of the Week - Liz Mengyan



Senior Liz Mengyan, 17, is the Athlete of the Week for her role in the Clarkston girls cross country State Championship winning race on Nov. 6.

Mengyan finished third overall in the race with a time of 18:16.

"I wouldn't be here without my team," said Mengyan, who credited her teammates, especially Jenny Morgan, for continually pushing her throughout the season.

Mengyan has been in the Clarkston school system since elementary and lives

with her mother Christine Mengyan.

Liz's mother was the one who pushed her into running cross country in middle school. After she won the first race she participated in Liz was hooked on the sport.

Aside from running, Mengyan pursues yoga and pilates to aid her training.

She plans to sign a letter of intent on Nov. 11 for the University of Illinois where she will continue to run cross country and major in kinesiology.

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Chargers shock CHS Wolves, 73-40

By NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports
Writer

There was no "David and Goliath" story to tell after Clarkston's girls basketball team played the number one team in the state: Southfield Lathrup.

The Wolves lost 73-40 to a Charger team with few, if any chinks in their armor.

"I'd rather play this team than play some team and win by 20," said Coach Ann Lowney. "This is getting us ready for the district... we might as well play the best."

Lathrup displayed incredible

team speed, especially on the defensive end. Before the Wolves could blink they were down 18-0 in the first quarter.

"The only way to prepare for (Lathrup's defense) in practice is to put six players out there," said Lowney

Lowney added at times she even had her squad scrimmage against seven players to get a feel for the Chargers stifling pressure.

The Wolves showed spirit and heart as they clawed their way back into the game, bringing the deficit to 12 with 2:20 remaining in the second quarter.

The 17-1 (10-0) Chargers were not about to let Clarkston steal the game as they went on a 9-0 run to close the half taking a 21 point lead into the locker room.

"(Clarkston) has fought hard all season and they fought hard in the second quarter," said Southfield Lathrup Coach Michele Jackson. She added her team is squarely focused on winning the State championship this year.

Senior Forward Stephanie Parkin and sophomore Jessica Palace led the Wolves with eight points apiece.

Lathrup junior forward Timika Williams scored eight of her game high 23 in the third and the Chargers rolled to a 30 point lead going into the fourth.

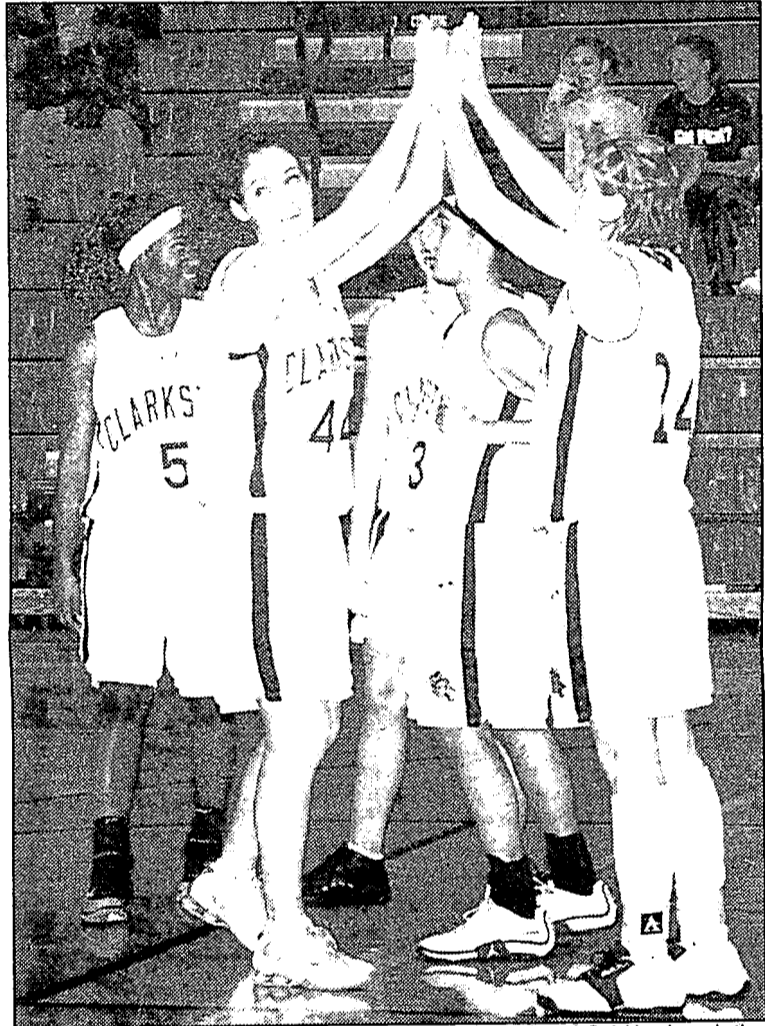
Aside from Southfield's speed, Clarkston had a tough time matching up against a Charger team featuring four players six feet or taller. The Wolves tallest player is Julia Connor, 5'11", who scored six points.

The last time Lathrup and

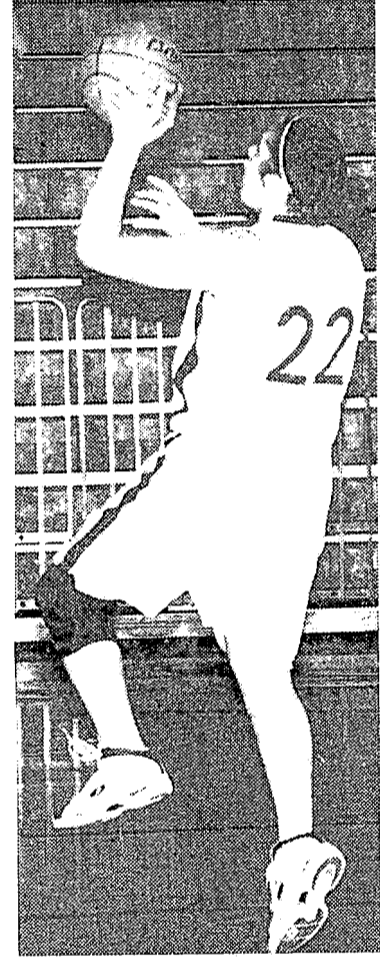
Clarkston met, the Wolves rebounded from the 10 point loss with a six game winning streak which ended Oct. 28 against West Bloomfield.

Clarkston's final game of the season is Nov. 11 at home against Troy Athens. The district tournament will be played Nov. 15-20.

Clarkston joins Lapeer East, Ortonville-Brandon, Oxford, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott in the Lapeer East district draw.



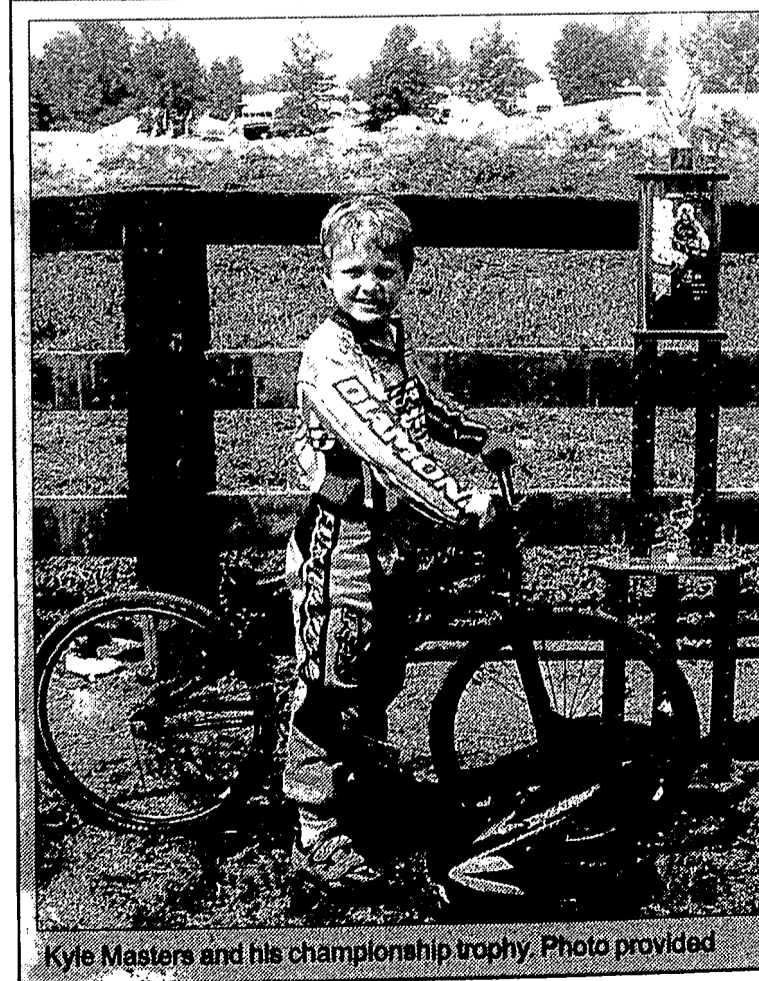
Despite two straight losses (West Bloomfield and Southfield Lathrup), the Wolves are united going into districts. Photo by Noah Purcell



Jessica Palace had as much success offensively as any Wolf against Southfield Lathrup. Photo by Noah Purcell



Melissa Martinez has handled both guard spots for the Wolves. Photo by Noah Purcell



Kyle Masters and his championship trophy. Photo provided

Clarkston youth wins BMX title

By NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

When Kyle Masters, of Clarkston, was five he wanted to be a national champion BMX rider like his older cousins Cameron and Grant Masters.

This year, Kyle caught up to his dream - he won the National Bicycle League National Championship in the six-year-old rookie division.

"It really has not even been two years since he first started riding," said Chris Masters, Kyle's father.

Much like NASCAR, the NBL's championship is determined by who has the most points. Kyle amassed 774 points over the past year, out-pedaling his competition by five points. He competed against upwards of 150 children.

"I am just so proud of him," said Patty Masters, Kyle's

mother. "I get chills (watching him race). He is just so driven. He doesn't even think about losing."

Kyle's parents knew he would be something special when at age five he won a race in Lansing against many children older and more experienced than he was.

"My husband was thinking 'My gosh maybe he can be a national champion too,'" said Patty Masters.

Kyle trains regularly at Waterford Oaks and this past year traveled to Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Florida to compete. In all, Kyle competed in eight events this year. His five best were used to determine the NBL points.

"He would have liked to go to more events too," said Chris Masters.

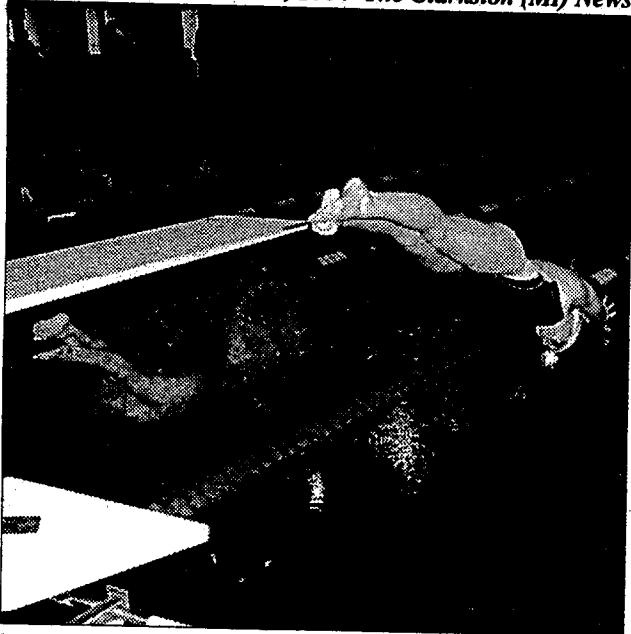
Kyle races on Team Diamond and uses a bike of which only fifty were made.

One of the biggest thrills, aside from his trophy, Kyle experienced this summer was getting to meet his idol Kyle Bennett at Great Lakes Crossing. Bennett was the 2002 and 2004 NBL elite level champion.

Kyle plans to race in the upcoming NBL season and also participate in some events sanctioned by the American Bicycle Association.

"I think about winning when I race," said Kyle. "I felt really happy when I won, my trophy is taller than my mom."

If everything goes well this season, Kyle's parents will have to find some extra room for the mammoth trophies he will contend for this year.



Lauren Dietz dives right in. She finished second in the 100 butterfly. Photo By Noah Purcell

Wolves swim well but miss State cuts

By NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Water churned and cheers reverberated over the packed stands as CHS played host to the Oakland Activities Association division III swim championships on Nov. 3-5.

The Clarkston varsity swim team held their heads far above water, finishing in second place overall, but failing to qualify any swimmers for the State finals.

"They have trained so hard this year," said Coach Kenwyn Chock. "We had a really good season."

Clarkston did not take first place in any of the individual events during Nov. 5 finals, but did take second in 6 events and placed in the top five in 10 of 12.

Senior Chelsea Hassett turned in a heroic individual performance for the Wolves, finishing in second in the 50 freestyle. She also joined in a third place 200 freestyle relay finish featuring sophomore Amanda Hassett, senior Kelly Kiel and senior Erin Richards.

Chelsea Hassett's grace in the water was polarized by a significant limp along the pool deck. Earlier in the week Chelsea Hassett stepped on a piece of glass and chose to forego surgery so as to avoid stitches, which would have closed both her wound and her season.

"She definitely gets the iron man award," said Chock, who added that Chelsea is one of the teams top swimmers.

Chelsea painfully tread the halls of CHS for close to a week and was constantly buoyed by her teammates shoulders, at the championships, as she waited for her next heat.

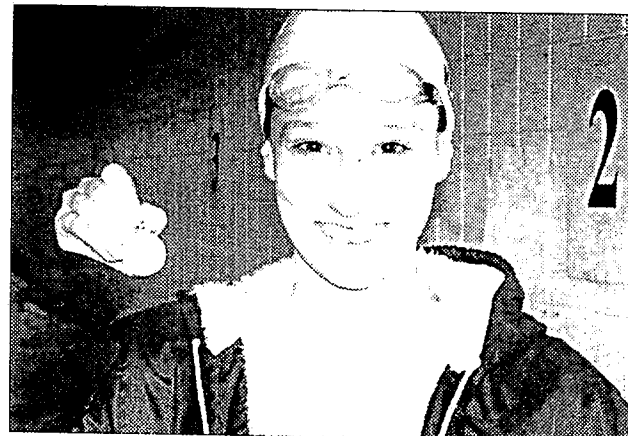
Sophomore Kandice Keen was particularly strong for the Wolves, taking silver medals home in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle. She also garnered a bronze in the 400 freestyle relay with Amanda Hassett, Kiel and senior Erin Richards.

Freshman Stephanie Kincaid was the Wolves sole entrant in the diving finals. She was the only freshman and one of two underclassman in the finals. Kincaid picked up three valuable points for Clarkston by virtue of her finish.

The Wolves registered 348 points, six ahead of third place finisher, Berkley, but 102.5 behind Farmington Hills Harrison.



(Left to right) Erin Richards, Kandice Keen, Anne Maxwell, Gracie O'Connor, Chelsea Hassett and Kaitlyn Hassett mug for the camera at the OAA division III championship. Photo By Noah Purcell



Kandice Keen shows off her 200 IM silver medal. Photo By Noah Purcell

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A cure for the winter-time blues

By Ernie Harwell

We're getting into the time of year when the weather is less than perfect. The warm, dry days of summer will give way to rain, snow and ice. And in Michigan we can get all three in one day.

Now we can't just hibernate until springtime. And that means we have to be prepared to go out in whatever Mother Nature throws at us. And even though I'm fortunate enough to spend a few months in Florida, I'm still here for part of the fall and winter. So here's a few tips that I follow, and I hope you will, too:

* Dress for the weather. A coat, gloves, scarf, hat and boots will protect you from the wet and the cold.

* Drive even more carefully; if it's raining or snowing the best thing to do is slow down, give yourself more room between you and the car in front of you. And always wear a seat belt... no matter what time of year.

* Stay active. Walk around the mall or jog in place at home.

* Eat healthy foods and drink enough water. In winter, we tend to drink less water than in summer, but it's just as important to stay hydrated in the winter.

Before you know it, spring will be back, and you'll still be in shape. And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



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Clarkston Select Soccer Club takes 2nd place



The Clarkston Select Soccer Club's Impact 96 White team (boys U-9) won 2nd place at the Cincinnati West Soccer Fest on October 23-24. (left to right) Back Row: Matt Dahl, Zach McCallum, Garrett Nitschke, Coach Damian Huffer, Brad Schultz and Mitchell McCord. Front Row: Donovan Zezula, Braden Pichel, Spencer Howell, Shane Hynes and Ben Snider. Photo provided



Julie Hemphill (first on the left, bottom row), of Clarkston helped the Vardar U-13 girls team win the MSYSA Snickers State Cup Championship for the second year in a row, on Oct. 19. Photo provided

Sports Briefs

■ Registration for the 23rd annual McGrath basketball League is going on now for boys in the third through eighth grades.

The cost of participation is \$90 for the first child and \$75 for siblings.

Forms are available at the Clarkston High School Athletic department.

The league will commence Dec. 4 and run until Feb. 26. The deadline for applications is Nov. 29.

■ NovaCare Rehabilitation of Clarkston is holding a free seminar on Nov. 13 to help residents get in shape and stay healthy on the slopes this season.

The seminar will be held from 9-10 a.m. and will cover topics such as: common injuries, injury prevention, and strength and conditioning principles.

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Clarkston resident experiences her musical reality

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A wife, a mother of four, a music teacher, a percussion player and the latest winner in the Adult Percussion Solo Competition in West Virginia—ladies and gentleman, meet Suzanne D'Ambrosio.

D'Ambrosio moved from Warren to the Clarkston area ten-years ago with her husband Joe. The two have four children - Thomas, 12; Jonathon, 10; Rosemary, 7; and Maria, 22-months. She continues to show a love for music that started at very young age.

Though the second grade seems like an early time to develop a passion, D'Ambrosio had music in her blood. Her father, Tom Shaner was a band director, and when the time came for D'Ambrosio to choose an instrument, she headed toward percussion.

D'Ambrosio immediately took a liking to percussion and all other instruments in the same family. She carried her passion with her to Central Michigan University where she graduated with a major in music education and a minor in percussion.

And performing is still a part of her

life. D'Ambrosio's father is the Vice President for the Motor City Brass Band, and also a cornet player. Her love for the group turned into an opportunity.

The Motor City Brass Band needed a percussionist and D'Ambrosio happily accepted. The Brass Band is involved in the North American Brass Band competition.

"I decided as a challenge for myself to get involved in an adult competition," said D'Ambrosio. "I wanted to get my skills to a level I felt was appropriate since I teach. It was just a personal goal."

D'Ambrosio reached her goal and took first place in the Adult Percussion Solo Competition in Charleston, West Virginia. She also performs with many other bands and orchestras throughout the metropolitan area.

Her most recent competition in Chicago was The US Open, which has nothing to do with tennis. The competition is based on entertainment value as well as musical value, and allows for group or solo participation. D'Ambrosio performed a xylophone solo with a brass quintet accompaniment.

"Although I didn't win, it was a great

challenge for me to compete against all instruments and a variety of musical styles," she said.

D'Ambrosio has been teaching private lessons out of her home for ten years. She currently has 13 students from the Clarkston, Rochester and Lake Orion areas, and is excited that her children have a love for music as well.

"God gave me this talent, so I feel it is important to share it," said D'Ambrosio. "It's important to give back

the community and to the church."

In addition to the Motor City Brass Band and her competitions, D'Ambrosio also performs with many other bands and orchestras throughout the metropolitan area. She also plays in a praise band and accompanies choirs.

D'Ambrosio looks forward to sharing her music with others, and hopes to continue participating in competitions.



D'Ambrosio plays drum set in her home entertainment area. Photo by Christina Ulaj.



D'Ambrosio Playing the snare drum that helped her win the Adult Percussion Solo Competition in Charleston, West Virginia. Photo By Christina Ulaj

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losophy gradually evolved to one of promoting 40 developmental assets identified by the Minneapolis-based Search Institute as positively influencing young people's decisions and behavior.

The coalition organized the thrice-yearly leadership forum to involve "key stakeholders" in the community.

Previous forums have built relationships among community groups and promotion of the "40 assets," but Hart said, "We needed a vision for the community."

With plans to launch the campaign in January 2005, the coalition sought commitments from the various community "sectors" to promote not only the slogan, but also the eight categories which the Search Institute identifies as a summary of the "40 assets."

The categories include "support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity."

To emphasize the need for cooperation and networking, parent educator Jennifer Arkwright led an exercise with individuals wearing signs representing the various "sectors." With participants standing in a circle, Arkwright directed the use of a ball of yarn to develop a web by "connecting" various sectors.

She then used a balloon to represent a youth in need of affirmation and encouragement. With only a few strands to

the web, it was easy for the balloon to fall to the ground. As the number of "connections" increased, the group found "supporting" the balloon easier.

"We all have the ability to connect," Arkwright said. "It's up to us to help communicate this to other people."

Even before the exercise, parent Cindy Kyle said Clarkston already demonstrates that principle.

"This community is so great because of the efforts of a lot of people nobody knows about," she said.

Hart agreed, but said there is a need to improve the support structure.

CMS Assistant Principal Mike Stefanski led a discussion in how various sectors can promote the new slogan. The coalition will compile information from that discussion in preparation for the January 2005 campaign.

Stefanski and Arkwright received training from the Search Institute, offered to help groups learn how to promote awareness of the "40 assets."

Hart said the plan is to do more than simply talk about a flashy slogan.

"We don't want it to just be words. We want action attached to the statement," she said.

Clarkston High School student Amy Emery represented the National Honor Society at the forum. She said she can relate to the needs felt by young people in the community.

"I do kind of feel disconnected,"



Student Association; Kelly Arcello of Independence Township Parks and Recreation; and Joan McCrary, outgoing Independence Township clerk; discuss ways to promote the new "community message." Photo by Don Schelske



Emery said. "We're connected within our school, but outside of that I didn't think people cared and wanted to bring us in. It's kind of neat that so many people care and want to connect everybody."

Emery said she will recommend par-

ticipation by NHS and the student body.

"It has to be out there. It has to be talked about. It takes everybody."

Hart said those wishing more information about the coalition's campaign may call (248) 922-3078.

Marshal

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coming a city), but since it has happened, I think it went the right direction," said Smalley. He added he was never interested in being on the new police force: "I kind of shied away from it."

Today, Smalley, originally from North Baltimore, Ohio, lives on Sashabaw Road with his wife Betty. The couple have three children - Sandra, Cindy and Susan. The long-time Clarkston resident worked for 30 years in the U.S. Postal Service in Pontiac. He was president of the LCA for 14 years.

The Smalleys agreed they wanted to move to Clarkston because they "wanted a bigger home." The couple joked about how the area "was country out here at one time."

Aside from being police marshal, Smalley also served his community as a school board member from

1972-76, during the bicentennial. When looking at Clarkston Schools today, he is proud of the district, but wary about Oakland Community Schools and the additional elections.

"I don't like the extra money they spend on (the elections)," he explained. "School elections should be with the regular elections."

Still active and strong at 80, Smalley served his country in World War II from March 1943 to October 27, 1945. He was a Private First Class in an Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, and made the landing at Normandy.

"I was hit with shrapnel in Hurtgen Forrest in Germany on Oct. 23, 1944," he remembers. "I was in the hospital for 96 days in London, England, then they send me back to the front lines."

"I still have the shrapnel in my leg. That was my souvenir from Germany."

Mr. Smalley was awarded a host of honors for his service: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII.

"My daughter had them framed and such for me," said Smalley gratefully. "They really look nice now."

Even after all these years and the many community changes, Smalley said he still finds Clarkston to be a perfect place to live.

"I love the friendliness of the community," he said. "Everyone still cares for their neighbors. We're more involved with things than we were in the past and that's good."

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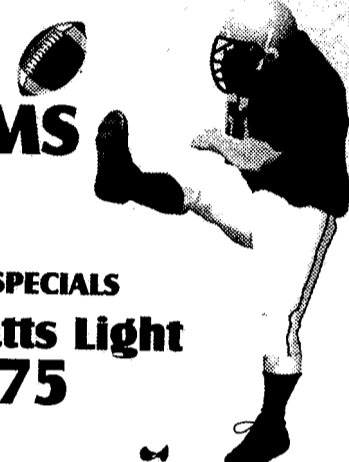
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Path

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adding the path to the bridge, extending the safety paths north and south out of the limited access highway right of way, and paying the engineering costs for the project. The agency will also provide installation for conduits and foundations for decorative lighting, as well as any upgraded fencing requested by the township.

The \$1.6 million cost does not include a \$300,000 grant MDOT received for the safety path engineering.

"This is a unique opportunity for the township," said Burton. "If you agree to do this, you are going to help their bridge look pretty sharp."

So, how much red tape does the township have to clear before getting the new safety path? Only about \$300,600 worth, a small amount by Burton's estimations considering the scope of the project.

MDOT asked for township officials to approve and complete the following requirements:

n Complete the safety paths to the north and south of the M-15 bridge project limits, which would include all paths between Cranberry Lake Rd. and the Village's sidewalk system. The cost is approximately \$147,600.

n Pay for the construction engineering on the \$300,000 grant portion of the project at around \$25,000.

n Agree to and pay for the decorative lighting. The township would contribute \$5,000 towards the foundations and conduits and an additional \$36,000 for the lights themselves. The number of lights include three on each side (both ends and on the center pier).

n Pay the additional cost of any upgraded decorative fencing beyond the standard cost of the fencing provided by MDOT. The approximate cost is \$60,000.

n In addition, a \$27,000 contingency amount was established.

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township," Burton said. "If you agree to this, you're going to help (MDOT's) bridge look pretty sharp."

"I think this is great," said Township Clerk Joan McCrary.

"I don't know how much of our safety path budget will have to be backlogged to cover this, but it's worth it, definitely worth it," agreed Board Member Larry Rosso.

"It's a no brainer to approve what the safety path committee is saying," concurred Jim Wenger. "I'm picturing the mother of all bridges. Nice, something people will want to look at and come see."

"I think every parent who has agonized over their children going on their bikes downtown to get an ice cream cone will be grateful," said Daniel Travis.

The only concern raised was by Clerk McCrary, who questioned which account would pay the utility bill for the decorative lighting.

The board unanimously passed a motion for the safety path committee to pay the \$300,600 from their annual budget, in addition to any future utility costs for the decorative lighting.

The monies will come from the safety path committee budget, currently supplied at approximately \$500,000 annually from two levies totalling .5 mills. The most recent of the two 10-year levies was approved two years ago.

Bill Shreck, a regional communications representative with MDOT, said the M-15 bridge reconstruction will begin as early as April; however, work will be pushed back to June depending on other area projects, such as the work on southbound I-75.

Shreck said plans are to complete the entire project in one calendar year. Crews will be closing the ramps in the area, but one lane will be maintained across the bridge at all times.

What's up with the Safety Path Committee?

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Aside from their footwork on the new M-15 bridge path, the Independence Township Safety Path Committee has been busy this year with plenty of other projects.

"We have representatives from the different sections of the township," said Committee Chairperson Paul Klemm, "but we are always looking for new ideas about where our next best path to work on would be."

To date, the committee has three additional projects in the works for this coming spring:

■ A path on Holcomb Rd. from St. Daniel Church north to Dark Lake Dr.

■ A path completing the end of Clarkston Rd. from Hawksmoore to Heather Lake Dr. Klemm said he believes this path will connect, "or come quite close," to Orion Township's paths.

■ A path beginning at Maybee Rd., east of Sashabaw, connecting to the existing path further down.

"We are always looking for input from our residents," said Klemm. "We take this into consideration every time."

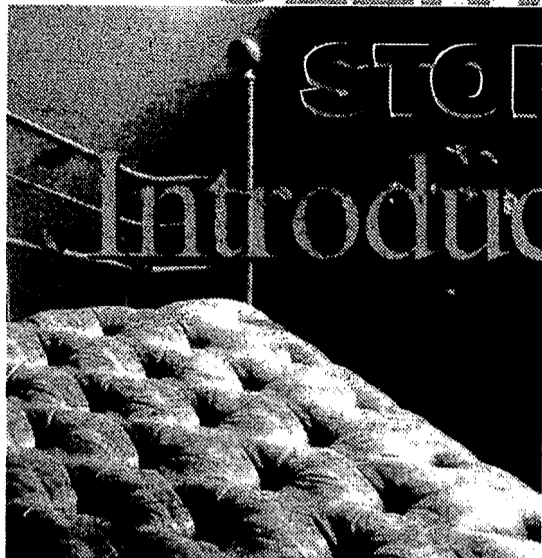
To see a map of the township's safety path system, voice an opinion on an upcoming safety path project, or recommend a future path, please visit the safety path committees pages at www.twp.independence.mi.us/Services/ParksAndRec/SafetyPathMap. The committee reviews the comments from this site during their regular meetings.

The pages can be reached through Independence Township's main homepage at www.twp.independence.mi.us. Simply go into the Parks and Rec pages and from there to the safety path map.

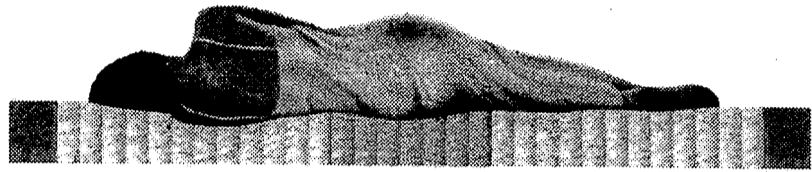
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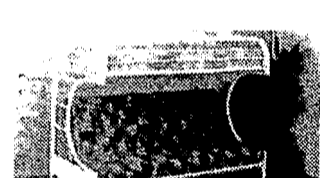
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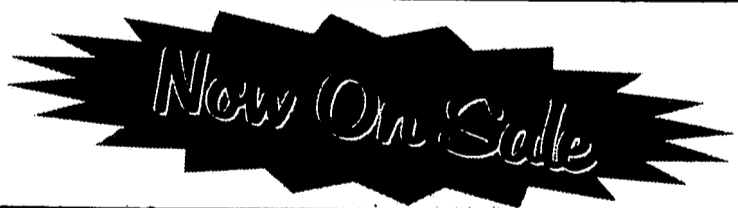
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People Poll

What can be done to better commemorate Veterans Day in Clarkston?



"I would like to see more people participating in celebrating our veterans. It is such an important day."

-Rita Timulak



"It would be nice to have a special ceremony like they do in Washington, find the older (veterans) and make sure they are recognized."

-Bill Horner
Vietnam Veteran



"I don't even know what (the city) does now. I suppose they could have some sort of public ceremony."

-Sally Mason



"They should contact the veterans and see what they would like."

-Maureen Schoen

By Noah Purcell

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Smith is a prince at the Palace

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tim Smith knows people.

He counts entertainers and professional athletes among his friends. He rubs elbows with celebrities and politicians on a regular basis.

At the same time, Smith has strong ties to local community life, and counts his Clarkston connections among his favorites.

As director of event operations for Palace Sports and Entertainment, Smith is "front man" for most major concerts and athletic events in the Palace of Auburn Hills. He is also liaison to Independence Township government for events at the DTE Energy Music Theater.

Smith works long hours, but enjoys it. "You've got to be able to endure and withstand a lot of hours," he said. "Once it's in your blood, you can't get it out. You have to have a passion to do this for a living."

Smith started his career at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo. He came to the Palace 14 years ago as director of parking, then was promoted to assistant director of facilities before assuming his current position.

The best part of the job is the people with whom he works and, "being in an environment that has so much intensity and variety."

That variety includes the people who appear at the various Palace-related venues.

"I've met everyone from the President of the United States to The Ghoul," he said, including Jack Nicholson, Renee Zellweger, Billy Ray Cyrus and Uncle Kracker.

Don't forget Kid Rock, an area resident Smith knows well enough to call by his real name, Bob Ritchie.

Both are credited with helping the Clarkston Spraypark Committee go over the top with their fundraising drive, with the Palace and the rap star each contributing \$30,000 toward the \$180,000 project.

Smith said he got to know Ritchie from his concert appearances and the fact that he's a big sports fan.

"We just interacted, and there were some common interests," Smith said. "We like riding motorcycles together. He's turned out to be a good friend."

The decision to help support the Spraypark came from a friendly conversation.

"One night we were sitting around chatting, and somehow the topic of the Spraypark came up," said Smith, who lived



Tim Smith enjoys his work as director of event operations for Palace Sports and Entertainment. With an office at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Smith is the "front man" for most concerts and athletic events. Photo by Bob Flath

in Clarkston for three years and is a former board member with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. "Suddenly we realized we were both going to be donors, so we decided to get together and do it as a community project as partners."

Smith got the OK from Palace president Tom Wilson, and that led to a \$60,000 check presentation.

Smith played down his involvement, instead giving a lot of credit to Kid Rock and the Spraypark organizers (including the family of Renee Przybylski, to whose memory the facility is dedicated).

"The money they raised on their own was incredible," Smith said of the committee. "They had a drive and desire to make that happen."

"Here's a guy who travels all over the globe, and gets approached by all kinds of people. For him to sink his interest into that, it's tremendous," he said of Kid Rock, noting the irony of the charity act for someone with a "bad boy" image. "Behind the mask, he's the real deal."

Smith recently gained a bit of celebrity

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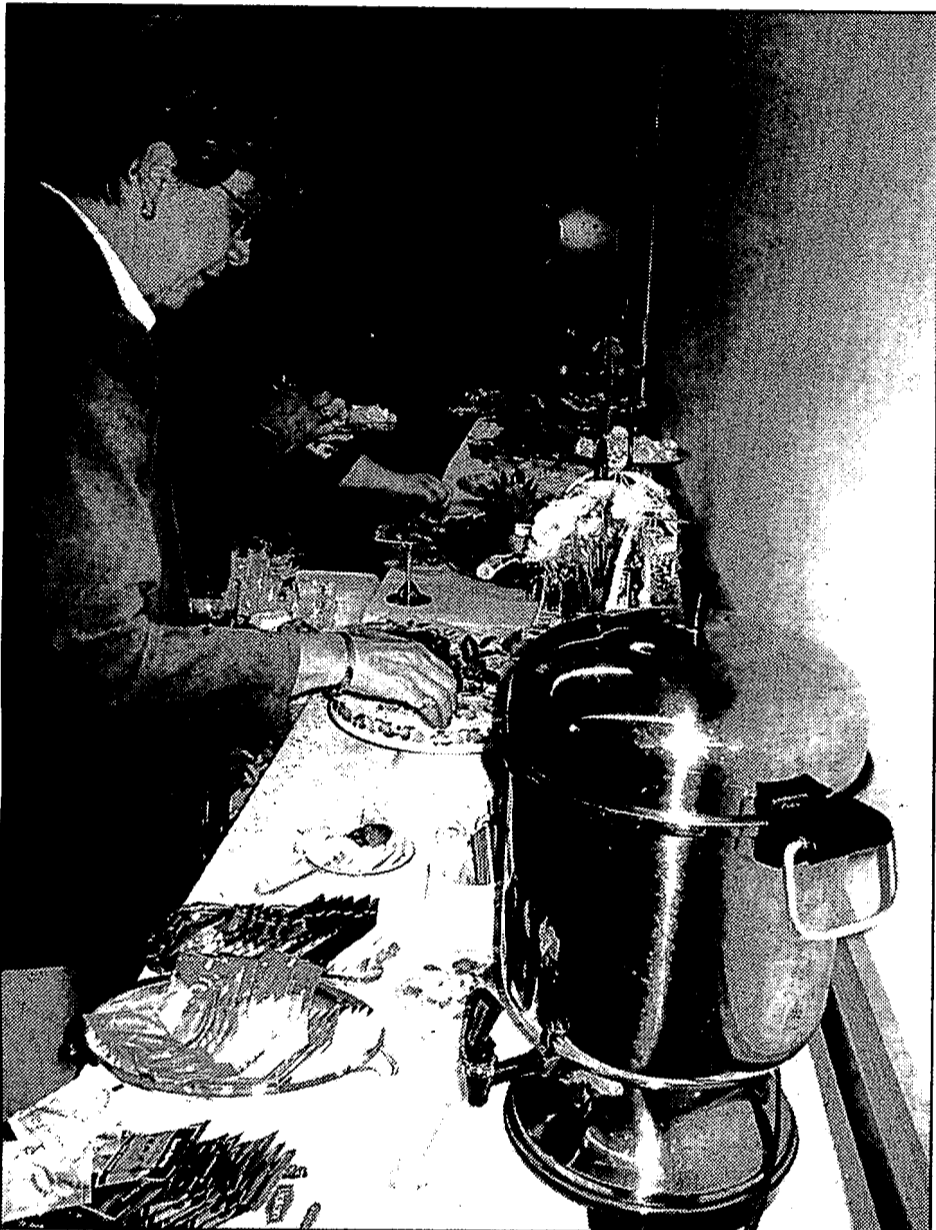
Around Town

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's third annual Heart of Clarkston Lighted Holiday Parade is Sat., Dec. 11. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and will follow the traditional parade route down Church St. onto Main St., through the heart of downtown Clarkston, and ending at Miller Rd. This year's parade theme is "Storybook Holidays."

There is still room in the parade for any groups that have not already signed

up to participate. You may register your parade entry by contacting the chamber office at 248-625-8055.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., the **Widowers and Widows on with Life Group** will be held. The event features card games, board games and a social mixer. Learn how others deal with the loneliness that comes with the loss of a mate. Please contact Jackie at 248-393-8553 for more information.



Current and past members of the Clarkston Community Women's Club enjoy a dessert buffet at the group's 50th anniversary tea at the Independence Township Library on Sunday, Nov. 7. Photo by Don Schelske.

Several activities are on schedule this holiday season for the **Clarkston Farm and Garden Club**:

Orders for holiday wreaths are now being accepted through Nov. 20. The wreaths come in three sizes. To guarantee a selection, please pre-order until Nov. 20 at CF&G website www.Clarkston-GardenClub.org or call 248-625-0520. All business orders will be delivered early.

The 13th Annual Greens Market is set for Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection on Clarkston Rd., east of M-15. The Greens Market is CF&G's major fund-raiser to bring new planters to Main St. The money goes to plant these and many other beds throughout the community. Proceeds are also used as donations to many other area non-profit organizations.

The **International Library of Poetry** announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Clarkston area, particularly beginners, can try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Jan. 31, 2005. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19921, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent through www.poetry.com by Jan. 31, 2005.

The **Clarkston Area Optimist Club** is proud to sponsor nationally renowned musician Jeremy Kittel performing his special brand of Celtic fiddle and jazz music on Friday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

The music performed is suitable for all family members and guarantees to be a high-energy performance. Proceeds from the performance go to sponsor student scholarships to music camps and student workshops with Kittel.

Tickets are \$6 each, \$4 for students and seniors. They are available through the main offices of Clarkston School buildings and the Administrative Offices by calling 248-623-5413. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door.

Activities at the **Clarkston American Legion Post 63**:

• **Veterans' Day Dinner** is Nov. 14 with doors opening at 1 p.m. Dinner is served at 2 p.m. with a program following. This year's special guest is WWII Navy Veteran John Heller, a crew member on the final mission of the USS Indianapolis. The public is welcome. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 children ages 6-12 and free for children under 5. All WWII era members if Post 63 are guests this year, and the post will pay for your dinner. Not a post member, but a WWII veteran? Bring in your DD-214 and the post pays for your meal. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 10 with Jack at 248-682-3499 or 248-625-9912.

• **Post 63 Christmas Part** is Sunday, Dec. 5. Seating is at 1 p.m., dinner at 2 p.m. and Santa arrives for youngsters 12 and under at 3 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and those five and under are free.

• **Post 63 SAL squadron** is holding a Kowalski Ham Sale beginning in November. Orders are now being taken and the hams will be available for pickup afternoons on Dec. 20, 21 and 22. Hams are \$29 a piece and a \$10 deposit is requested with each order. Call Brandon Rolling at 248-941-3188 or stop by the Club Room to order.

Oxford Bank is hosting a public service seminar on savings bonds at the Independence Township Library on Nov. 15. Three sessions are available: 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The program is entitled "Getting the Most Out of Your Savings Bonds," and focuses on the current interest rates, proper ways of titling bonds, options when savings bonds mature and how to avoid costly mistakes.

The North Oakland Women's Council of Realtors **Holiday Gala** is

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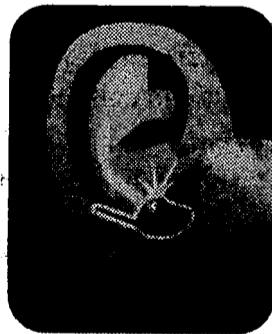
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Tech center culinary arts program is really cooking

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The halls smell good at Oakland Schools Technical Center-Northwest Campus, and the culinary arts department may be able to tell you why.

The culinary arts program offers information and experience for students interested in culinary arts or hospitality industries. This is a two-year program with first- and second-year students. The program focuses on four sections, which include:

- Front House-Dining Room
- Pantry-Cold Food Items
- Hot Foods
- Bake Shop

The four sections teach students table service, customer service, setting up and the operation of the dining room, and food preparation.

Students are required to rotate through the Culinary Core, which consist of sanitation, personal hygiene, weights and measures, and small and large equipment. These areas make up the basic concepts each student should know before working in the kitchen. Students rotate through these sections the first year.

As a second year student, they go through the same rotation at a higher level learning table-side cooking, menu development, costing, converting recipes, advanced research and presenting a final portfolio.

The Technical Center also offers "Serve Save," which is a sanitation program through the National Restaurant Association as well as the local health

department. Since the county health department requires for every restaurant to have a certified manager on staff, the technical center is working on offering this program to their second year and senior level students.

"Our objective is to introduce this industry to the students to see if they would like to pursue it as a career," said Chef Deborah Trudeau, chef instructor. "If students decide to pursue, we give them a foundation for advanced placement in some colleges and get them started in some job experiences."

Students participate in special events including the reception for the new superintendent, the Clarkston Expo, seasonal buffets and cooking for kids through the American Culinary Federation.

"I absolutely love this program and I love to cook," said Jamie Parker, senior and first year culinary arts program student. "When I heard about the program, I signed up and I have already learned so much."

This program properly trains students; those who are dedicated and wish to follow have the basic knowledge to get them started.

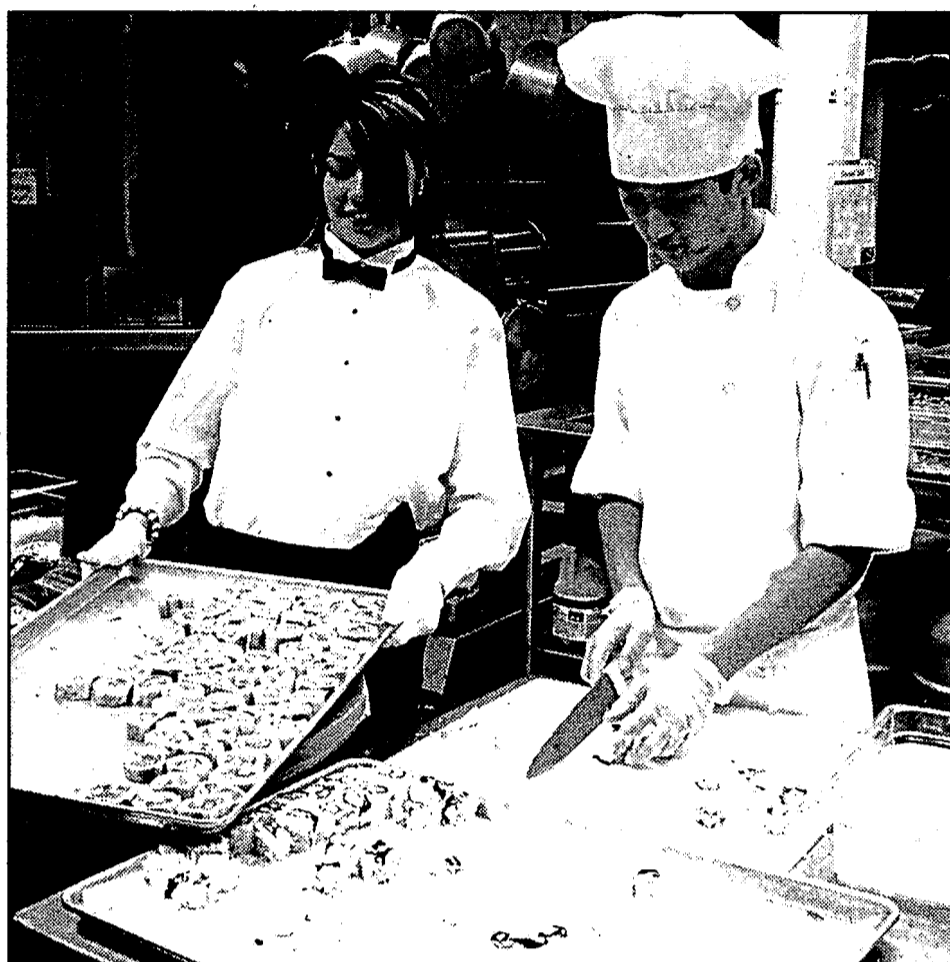
"When I first started this class, I thought it was a way to get me out of the typical classroom environment," said Keith Bruce, Oakland Schools Technical Center Northwest graduate. "I learned so much and I hope to get involved in another culinary program while in college"

If enthusiasm is present, students can achieve success and enter the world of

culinary arts and hospitality well prepared.

"I believe I'm here for a reason," said Trudeau, "and that is to work and teach these kids."

Oakland Schools Technical Center Northwest teachers and students continue to work hard and share with others their love for Culinary Arts.



Server Megan Sokol awaits a full tray of goodies from student chef Nolan Cesario. Culinary arts students prepared and served food at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Expo on Nov. 4 at Clarkston High School. Photo by Don Schelske.

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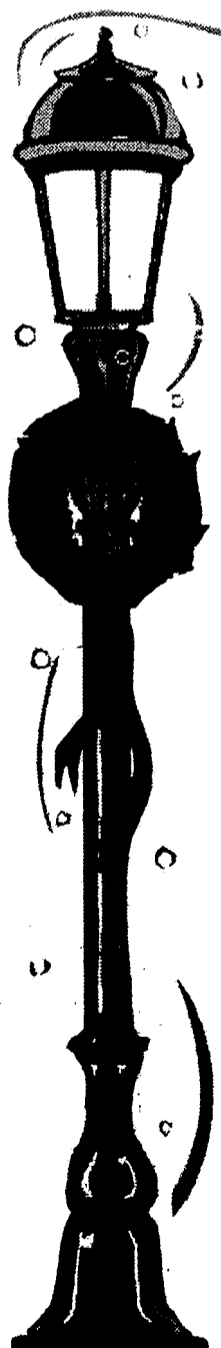
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Milestones

Darrin competes for Miss Pre-Teen Royal Oak Title



Felicia Darrin, of Clarkston, took first runner-up for 10-12 year olds in the Nationals 2004 Miss Pre-Teen Royal Oak pageant competition on Nov. 7. In order to qualify, Darrin submitted an application and took part in an interview session conducted by Patty Neidert, Royal Oak Pageant Coordinator.

Darrin competed in the pre-teen division where young ladies demonstrated skill in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. In addition, she displayed her personality and interviewing skills during a session with the judging panel. Personality is the number one rated aspect for each candidate.

With a first runner-up win, Darrin received an invitation to attend the National competition held in Florida in December 2005. At this time, she will compete for prizes and scholarships.

Darrin would like to say thank-you to the following sponsors for supporting her in this quest: Dr. Munk's office, Spotlight Dance Studio, P.C. Net. MD, Countywide Recovery, Darrin Construction and Dr. Conner's office. A special thank you also goes out to Gayle Conwell for Darrin's clothing alterations and to Brandon Robertson for being her support.

Pritchard selected for Lipscomb's Singers

Nashville - Heather Pritchard, of Clarkston, was selected to perform with the Lipscomb University Singers. Pritchard is an alto with the 40-plus member chorus. She is a communications major at Lipscomb.

The University Singers, directed by Dr. Larry Griffith, performs a broad range of music with special emphases on Americana - from colonial singing-school tunes to African-American spirituals, contemporary praise and devotional music to popular and jazz styles. The University Singers perform in the combined choral/band Christmas concert, a full-length spring concert and in numerous appearances hosted by various congregations in the mid-South area.

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Will you T.H.I.N.K.?

It was a day like any other. The young man waited in the trenches until he received his orders. They came quicker than he anticipated, but he heard his commander shouting for them to press on.

The sounds of the battle were growing more intense and fear seized him as he began to think of leaving the trenches. He wondered if he would be hit. The problem was he knew it wasn't only a possibility, it was imminent.

As he slowly emerged he saw another being taken down by a grenade. It was devastating. His friend had just become a casualty. The young man wanted to go back to the security of his trench, but still his commander urged them to move forward.

His mind wandered back to the last time he was wounded. It was the bullet of an M-16 that grazed him. It was enough to leave an ugly scar, but not enough to take him down. The memory of the hot sting would last a lifetime. Yet he wondered, would this time be fatal? Could he safely make it to his position?

As the squad advanced, they encountered the enemy heading straight for them. Ambushed, the soldier knew this was going to be hand-to-hand combat. As an enemy soldier rushed forward with a look of madness on his face, he dove toward the young man with a dagger in his hand. The soldier tried to evade the weapon of destruction, but it was too late. He was hit.

Just then, a bomb went off, sending his attacker back into hiding. With a last ditch effort to fulfill his commander's orders, the soldier crawled to his position. Gasping to catch his breath, he knew this was not fatal. The dagger had taken him down, but thankfully, it didn't take him out. At least not this time.

This is not a story from one of our brave soldiers in Iraq. It's not in any history lessons at school. In fact, it's not even a physical war at all. This is a story of a mother calling her son to breakfast in the midst of

a heated family argument. The tongue was the weapon of choice, and hurtful words its ammunition.

A word is an incredible thing. It can be used to lift someone up or, like a bullet, tear them down. The Bible says in Proverbs 18:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Today we have a choice. We can choose to use our tongue to promote death or life. How many times do we lash out with destructive language to "defend" ourselves? We feel clever if we can step in with witty put-downs during an argument or feel completely justified decimating an opponent who doesn't perform to our satisfaction (even when it's our children).

Just as a bullet cannot be retrieved once fired from the gun, a word once spoken cannot be pulled back. It can be forgiven, but rarely ever forgotten.

One way we can help eliminate the chances of taking someone out with our words is to T.H.I.N.K. before we speak. I came across this acronym a while back and find it a perfect match for this topic. Ask yourself these five simple questions before you speak:

- 1) Is it **T**True? If you're unsure, maybe it shouldn't be said.
- 2) Is it **H**elpful? Will your words bring about a solution to the problem?
- 3) Is it **I**nspiring? Will your words build someone up or tear them down?
- 4) Is it **N**ecessary? Do you really have to say anything at all?
- 5) Is it **K**ind? Are your words based on a desire to help or encourage?

Quick. Easy. Effective. This could be a crucial tool in our daily lives as we strive to keep our relationships from being destroyed or wounded by the words we speak.

This week I challenge you to take inventory of how many times you T.H.I.N.K. before you speak. Make it a priority to be aware of the words you say. In doing so you will reduce the chances of your conversations becoming like a battlefield.

(Curt Demoff is lead pastor of Bridgewood Church in Independence Township.)

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Curt Demoff

In our churches...

Calvary Lutheran Church will present the **Wednesday evening FEAST**, continuing each Wednesday through Nov. 17.

This family-oriented evening begins with a catered dinner at 6 p.m., worship and praise at 6:45 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Child care will be provided.

Calvary Lutheran Church meets at 6805 Bluegrass Drive, near the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. For more information, call (248) 625-3288.

The **Catholic Book Store** will be at St. Daniel Church's activity center from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 20-21 with display of books, Bibles, religious articles, music, etc. for sale just in time for Christmas shopping.

The First Baptist Church of Clarkston choir and drama team will perform an original musical drama, **"Simply Christmas,"** at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 and 6 p.m. Dec. 5. Admission is free, and child care for infants will be available during both performances.

First Baptist Church meets at 5972 Paramus Drive. For more information, call (248) 625-3380.

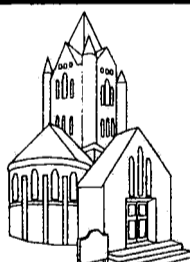
The Compassionate Friends eighth annual **World-wide Candle Lighting** will be the second Sunday in December in remembrance of children who have died.

Troy Chapter 1911 of TCF, which includes residents of the Clarkston area, will conduct its ceremony at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo St., Rochester.

Families will light a large votive candle (an \$8 donation) with their child's photo on it at the nonreligious ceremony. Deadline to order a candle is Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day).

Deadline to submit a photo for the PowerPoint presentation is Dec. 6. Contact Linda May at (586) 790-0008 or at lindamay@ameritech.net for more information.

Families are asked to RSVP for the ceremony whether or not they order a candle.



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Women's club celebrates 50 years of local service

BY DON SCHELSE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Community Women's Club is proud of their efforts to establish the first library in Independence Township.

They thought it only natural to choose the current library as the location for their 50th anniversary tea on Sunday, Nov. 7.

The club formed in September 1954. Only six months later was the first open house of the new library, one of the first goals set by the fledgling service organization.

About 35 women — current and past members alike — joined around food and fellowship, not to mention a display of past records of activities.

Gail Ferguson, a member for 31 years and a past president, said the formal decorations of the anniversary tea was a nice reminder of the way meetings used to be.

"It was back in the days of the white gloves," she said. "We've become laid back into more casual stuff."

While styles may change, the purpose of the club has not. Several present and past members had similar reasons for joining.

"Back then we were all stay-at-home moms," said

Marty Johnson, president from 1965 to 1967. "Part of it was because they were all associated with the library. Community service was part of what interested me."

"It's just a good way for women get together, not only to socialize, but also to talk about issues relevant to the community and women at large," said Sandy Graham.

In addition to fundraisers for various worthy causes, the club enjoys monthly meetings with speakers on various topics. Occasional social trips also are a highlight. Several reminisced about excursions to the Kentucky Derby and the Phil Donahue and Oprah Winfrey shows in Chicago.

Current service projects include support for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, scholarships for Clarkston High School students (last year totaling \$1,000), a Christmas family adoption and, of course, regular donations to the Friends of the Library.

The anniversary tea included special recognition of Janet Rose, the club's first president. Rose was given much credit for the original library project.

Current President Krista Seiter said her motivation for joining is not much different from

many over the past 50 years.

"I wanted to give back to the community, and I wanted to meet some people because I was new to the community," Seiter said. "It's also a great way for women to come together and

build friendships, and to learn something every month."

The club is currently conducting a sale of cookies and cookbooks. In November will be an auction of items handcrafted by club members.

At one point in their history, the Clarkston Community Women's Club had a limit on the number of members, but not so today. For more information on club activities, call (248) 625-2924.



Reflecting on 50 years of Clarkston Community Women's Club history are past presidents (from left) Connie Morgan, Gail Ferguson, Sandy Graham, Betty Kozma, Janet Thomas, Marty Johnson and Sandy Tee. The reunion took place at the club's 50th anniversary tea on Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Independence Township Library. Photo by Don Schelske.

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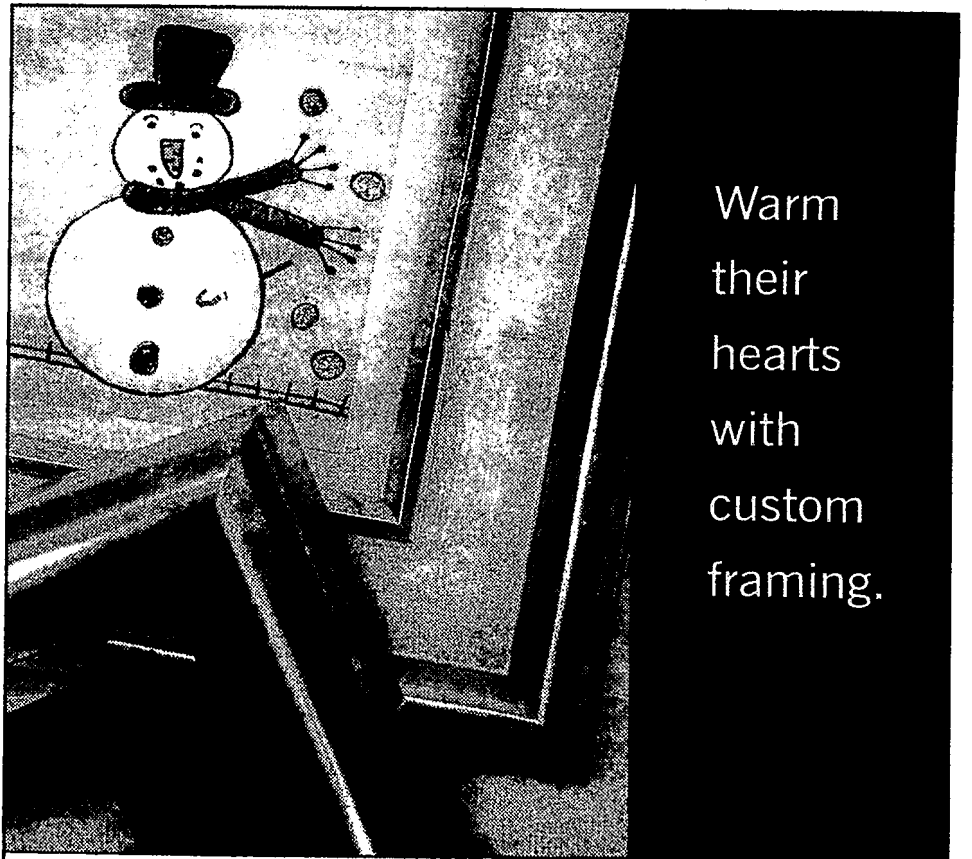
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Everest Academy auction deemed a big success

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer
Going once, going twice, SOLD!

Everest Academy celebrated its 13th Annual Gala Holiday Auction Nov. 6. The elegant event brought parents, acquaintances and faculty members together for the bidding, raising an excess of \$200,000.

The Academy's auction has come a long way from the school gymnasium. The event took place at the Troy Marriott Hotel, where the hallways were furnished with grand items.

"The Troy Marriott is a beautiful hotel, with a superior staff," said Kristi Heft Kitz, chairperson for the auction.

The auction is a parent-run operation. Eighty individuals were involved in the preparation and development of the big night. This is the largest fundraiser Everest sponsors and all earnings go toward the children's education and interests of the school.

Volunteers working on the auction managed to take in many donations from local businesses,

corporations, faculty members and parents. These gifts make the auction possible, while the hard work and dedication seal the day with perfection. The evening started at five o'clock with a champagne preview.

"The preview is a chance to mingle with friends and meet new people," said Kitz. "It is also a chance to preview auction items and it's a lot of fun."

There were fifteen premier super silent auction items, which allowed for viewing before the live auction began. These items are considered the best of the best, and members who came for the preview were able to observe and partake. A total of thirty live auction items were up for bid including trips to Acapulco and Cancun, a Chrysler Crossfire and 300C for a week. Even a personal chef for a week was up for bid.

Everest faculty has also donates items and their time.

"Father Gomez comes into a family's home, says a mass and then cooks traditional Spanish entrees for them," said Michele Bates, co-chairperson



Father Alfonse Nazzaro (left) and Master of Ceremonies Tim Kelly draw names for the silent auction to benefit Everest Academy. Photos by Christina Ulaj

for the auction.

Father Rivas and Father Nazzaro are also generous with their time, offering to take the kids cosmic bowling and golfing. These charitable acts make the night an absolute success.

When time came for the live auction, the hall quickly filled and

people were becoming energized, waving their bidding paddles. The night ended with a live band, people dancing and a smile on every face.

Everest Academy and all who participated managed to bring family and friends together for a night of charity, commit-

ment and spirit.

If this auction could be summarized with one word, what would it be?

"Love," said Kitz. "Because you have to believe in its mission, and if you did it with love it will carry the whole thing through."



Kristi Heft Kitz (left), chairperson of the Everest Academy auction, and Maura Plante, dean of admissions and promotions, enjoy a light moment at the festive event.



Marla Nisbet, Michelle Diblino and Lesa Jackson enjoy the fun at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

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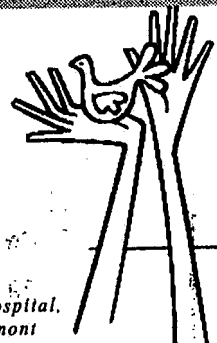
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(Left to right) Wes Richmond, Aubree King, Scott Banes, Charlotte Boyd and Josh Banes volunteered at the Springfield township Halloween walk.



Debbie Jackson supplied some of the horror at the Davisburg Rotary haunted house.



John Martz hands out candy to Adam and Samantha Herdman at the Halloween walk.



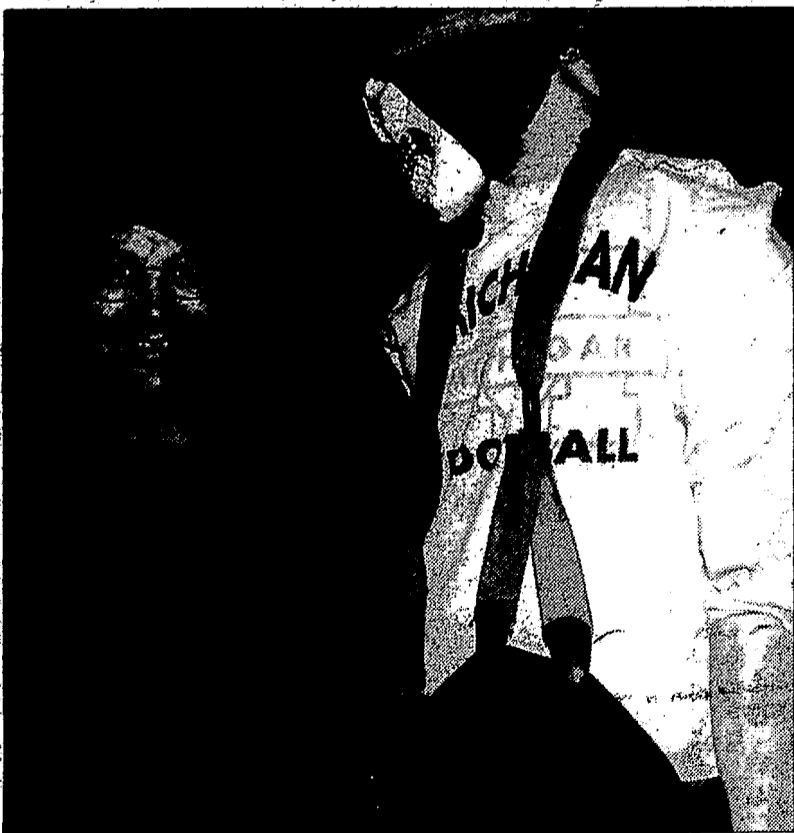
Meghan Banes enjoys a beverage after completing the Halloween walk.

More Spooks, Ghouls and Ghosts

The Davisburg Rotary took care of providing the frights at their haunted house on the grounds of the Oakland County 4-H Fairgrounds. Many students from Springfield Township volunteered to breathe life into denizens of the dark.

Springfield Township had the little ones in mind when holding their Halloween walk at the Mill Pond. Children enjoyed indoor trick or treating while traipsing through the kid-themed path.

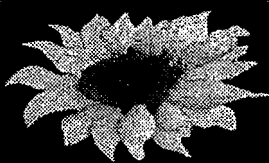
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Earl Colloto, of the fire department, hangs out with his CPR dummy at the Davisburg Rotary haunted house.



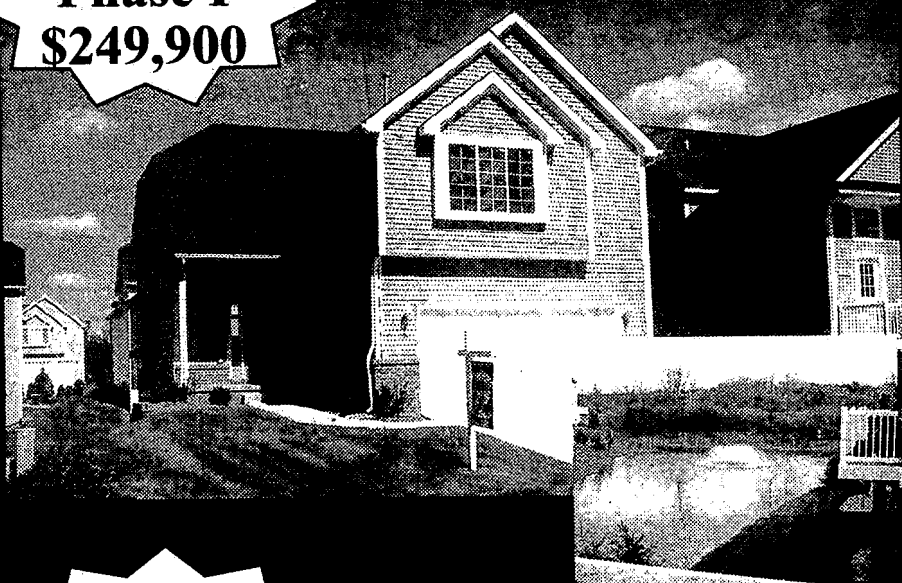
Mike Wise (left) and Gerry Jackson (right) were two of the diabolical masterminds behind the Davisburg Rotary haunted house.



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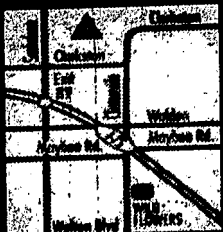
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status himself, being mentioned in a new book, "When Nothing Else Matters" by Washington Post reporter Michael Leahy concerning the "final comeback" of Michael Jordan.

Such is the life of someone with close ties to major-league-level athletics and entertainment, but Smith doesn't take much time to bask in any glory. Indeed, with the championship Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock under the same roof, the Palace staff's work is as intense as ever.

The Shock championship "heightened our visibility," he said, and the Nov. 2 Pistons home opener was a "global event." Just as fans watch every move of a defending championship team, others are watching the Palace management closely.

"You're under the microscope for everybody," he said, noting the pressure to always excel. "You're only as good as your last event."

But Smith seems more energized than ever. He believes Palace Sports and Entertainment is a "family-oriented" company, and he views fellow employees with the same camaraderie one likes to see in a championship sports team.

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Tim Smith relishes having friends in the sports and entertainment industry, but he maintains a strong love for the Clarkston area and special projects such as the new Spraypark at Clintonwood Park. Photo by Bob Flath

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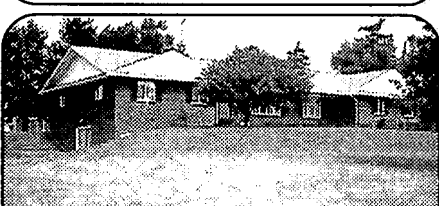
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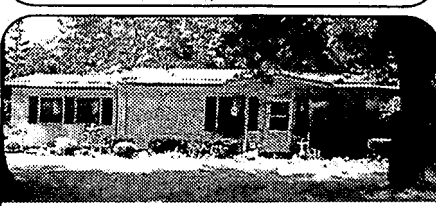
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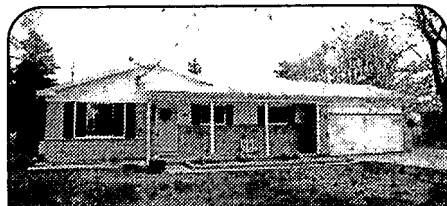
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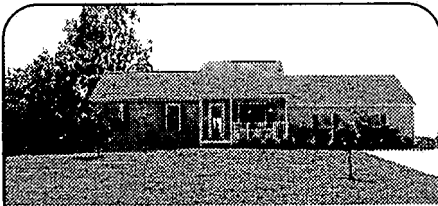
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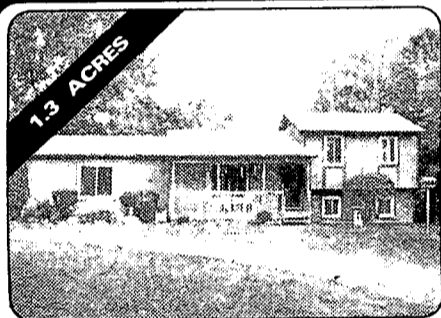
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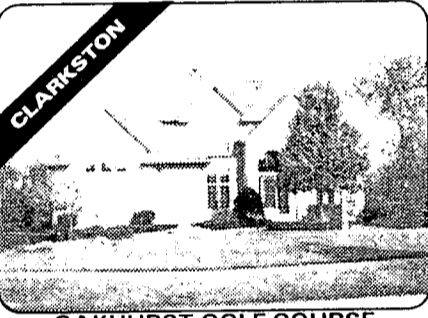


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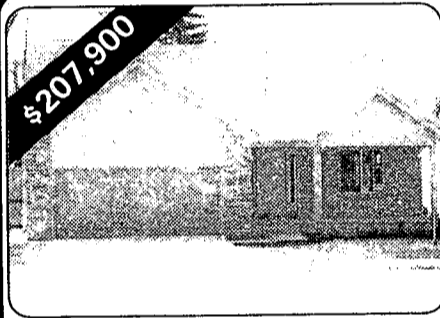
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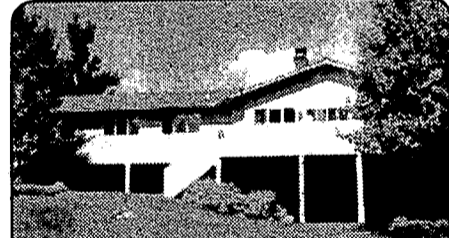
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Quiet on the set!

Clarkston faculty take to the stage for annual scholarship fundraiser

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Just days before the curtain rises and the faculty and students are working hard to prepare themselves for opening night.

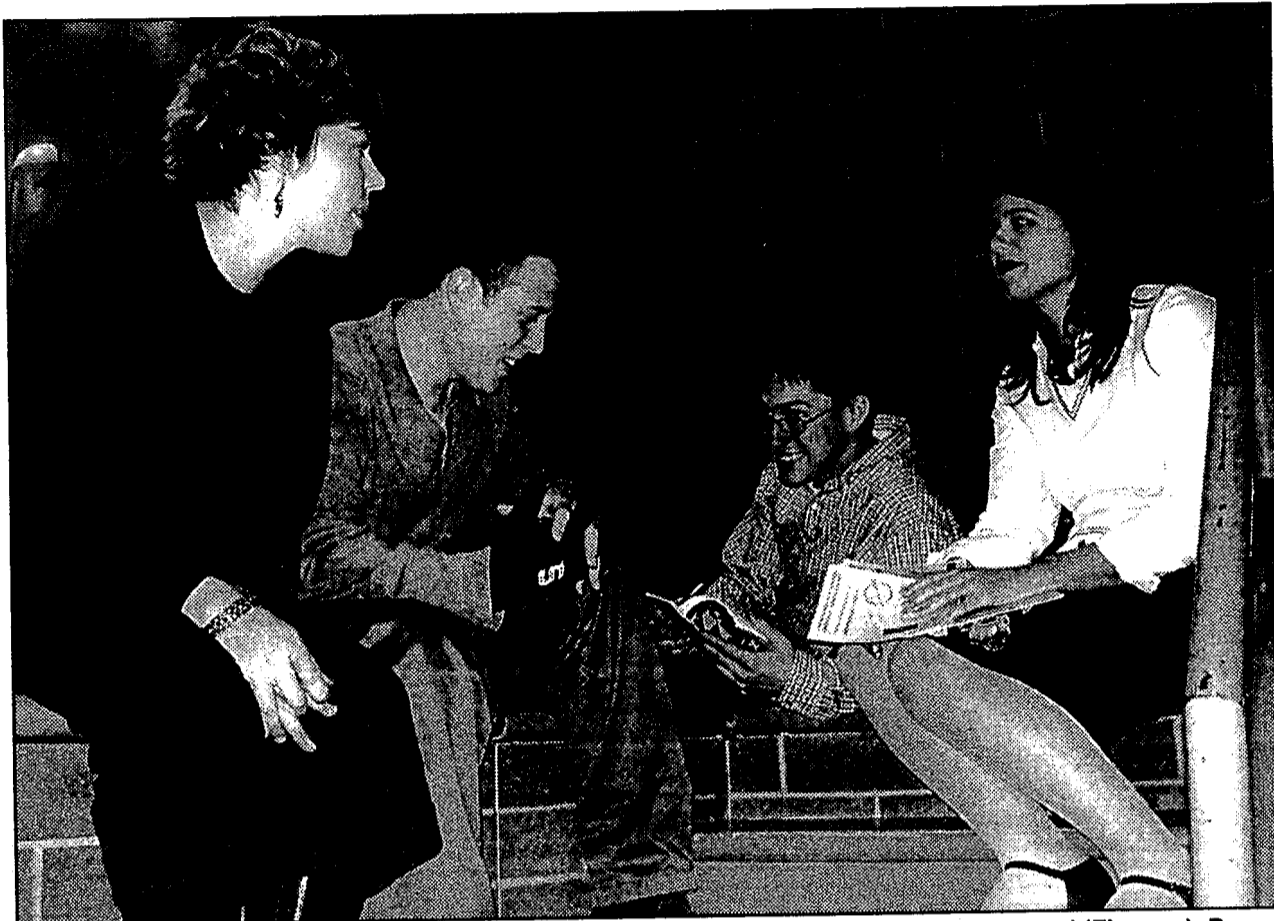
The CHS faculty is putting on their annual play, a tradition that goes back about 25 years. The hard work and dedication is not only for entertainment purposes, but also to raise money for student drama scholarships and to purchase items for the faculty that may be difficult to fit into the district's budget.

"Last year we gave away \$1500 in scholarships," said Richard Erhardt, Fearless Faculty Footlighter Coordinator and a part of the Social Studies Department. "We also purchased refrigerators and microwaves for faculty workrooms."

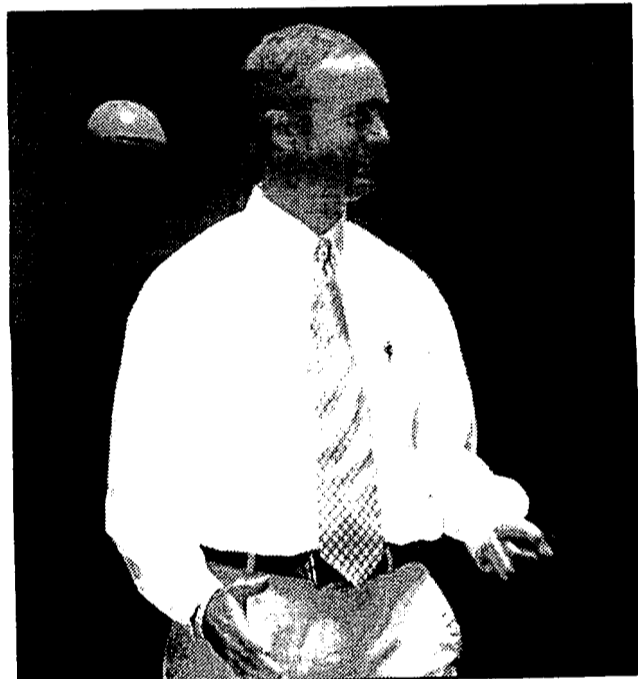
The faculty tries to get everyone on staff involved. In the past, teachers from all departments and custodians were cast to put on a comedy.

The Fearless Faculty Footlighters, as they are called, work along with students this season to bring the fabulous life of pageants to the high school stage.

"Night of The Living Beauty Pageant" is a spoof on pageants and includes bad guys, loan sharks and two take-it-and-run producers. This year, Clarkston High School decided to include students in the production as a means to draw support from the student body



Jessica Justus (Cuddles O'Boyle), Aaron Dobson (Knuckles Skinner), Nick Hagewood (Fingers), Peggy Marko (Sheri Page), all members of the Fearless Faculty Footlighters, rehearse their lines in preparation for their annual fundraiser play. Photos by Christina Ulaj.



Math teacher Noah Sharrow, plays a pageant producer in "Night of the Living Beauty Pageant."

while raising more money toward the scholarships.

When preparing for the show, faculty and students involved don't get to go home when the bell rings.

"We started rehearsing when school began and we chose the play and set the cast during the spring season," said Erhardt. "We are not professionals, but we do the best we can because this is a tradition and we don't want it to die."

Rehearsals take place right after school, proving that these participants unquestionably have their work cut out for them. With 27 cast members, direction is key.

"I have been directing plays for Clarkston High School for ten years," said Marlene Sewick, production director and retired elementary teacher from the

school district. "I'm excited about opening night because there is a little bit of edge with the actors and it's always a great performance."

Students involved in this year's production are thrilled to be working with Sewick and many know her from other theatrical organizations.

"This is my first time acting with the faculty and I think it's awesome," said Heidi Bretz, CHS sophomore. "Marlene Sewick is our director and that's cool because she is also my producer for The Clarkston Village Players Youth Theater during the summer, so it's fun to be working with her."

Night of The Living Beauty Pageant opens Nov. 12 and 13 at 7:30 PM. The play will be in the CHS auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.

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Upcoming events with Independence Twp. Park and Rec:

• Community Dance at Bay Court Park Nov. 19 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome for a night of dancing including Latin, Swing, Ballroom and Wedding styles. The cost is \$10 per person at the door and professional dance instructors will be on site to assist.

• Tickets are now on sale for the Family Holiday Fest in Bay Court Park. The event will feature pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus (one per child), horse drawn wagon rides, marshmallow roasts (hot dogs are additional) and a walk to the "North Pole" that includes over hundreds of light displays with more than 60,000 lights. The event is from 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 5-9 p.m. on Dec. 4. Tickets are \$5 per resident, \$7 per non-resident, \$20 per resident family, and \$25 per non-resident family. Limited on-site tickets are \$7 depending on availability. Please purchase tickets in advance. For more information, contact the Parks and Rec department at 248-625-8223.

On tap at the Independence Township Senior Center:

• Thanksgiving Party on Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. -

1 p.m. Join everyone in the Carriage House from an old fashioned family feast with turkey and all the trimmings including pumpkin pie. The afternoon will feature games, prizes and entertainment. Sponsored by Interim Healthcare. Please sign up in the Center this week.

• Spaghetti Dinner on Nov. 19 from 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited to this friendly fund-raiser. Eat hearty with a traditional all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner for just \$4. Yummy dessert are just \$1. Please schedule ahead for carry-out orders.

• Essential vascular and cardiac screenings will be held in the Carriage House on Nov. 20 from 1-4 p.m. Screenings will include Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aorta, Leg Circulation, Heart Screen, Blood Cholesterol and EKG. Receive results immediately both verbally and written. Referrals may be given. For general information, call the Center at 248-625-8231. Pre-registration required by calling 1-800-541-8110.

Parent volunteers needed for the **Andersonville Elementary Chess Club!** The club meets on Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. (during third, fourth and fifth period recess), November through February. Any parent interested in volunteering for this worthwhile group, please contact Nancy Battishill at 248-623-5225.

The **Clarkston Community Women's Club's Annual "Holiday Auction"** is Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Independence Township Library. Guests are welcome! Proceeds from the auction support community organizations and events. For more information, please call Carolyn Morrison at 248-625-2924.

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the November 3, 2004 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wenger
Absent: Wagner

There is a quorum.

- 1) Agenda as amended.
- 2) Approved the Consent Agenda as submitted.
Approval of Minutes
Approval of A.P. Purchase Orders
Approval of Check Run
- 3) Approved motion of Resolution - Waive Recapture of Community Development Block Grant Funds
- 4) Approved motion of Resolution - C.D.B.G. 2005 Application.
- 5) Approved motion of Right-of-Way Disruption Permit - Innovative Environmental Solutions.
- 6) Approved motion of Safety Path - M-15 Bridge Reconstruction.
- 7) Approved motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Published 11/10/04

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 25, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.
Roll. Present: Catalo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.

Absent: None
Minutes of October 11, 2004, approved as presented.

Agenda approved as presented.
Werner reported that the Cable Board did not meet as scheduled and he will report when the meeting is rescheduled.

Gamble reported that the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board will be meeting on Tuesday, October 26 and Pappas is to attend this meeting.

Meyland asked that Anne Clifton be recognized for her service to the Community by being on the Council for seven years, two months, and two weeks. Clifton has served on the Building Committee, and the Planning Commission. Meyland asked that the Minutes reflect the Community's appreciation for Clifton's hard work for the last seven years; and, it is hoped that she will remain active in the Community.

Chief Combs reported that he has been in Lansing on two occasions working on the MCLIS which assists departments in researching officers' backgrounds.

Traffic on Miller has been heavy, and Chief Combs has been in contact with the Road Commission. Combs reported that the transmission that failed on one of the police vehicles was covered by warranty and is back in service.

Frank reported that the D.P.W. was servicing the vehicles for the winter season. The asphalt that was stored was removed beginning the previous Thursday.

The Community Development Block Grant Fund hearing was opened by Mayor Catalo at 7:27 p.m.

Pappas reviewed the estimated \$8,000 allocation and what allocations had been made previously. No comments were offered by the audience.

The Community Development Block Grant Fund Hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

William Rausch, 36 Waldon, presented the Council with a packet of material and began reading from this material. City Attorney Ryan stated that Mr. Rausch was out of order and what was being covered was not City business.

Mr. Rausch then read a police report from 2002 regarding a police officer. Discussion included Mayor Catalo stating that two Police Chiefs had known about this police report. City Attorney again asked that Mr. Rausch move on, and that this information was in the record.

Mr. Zupon was present to ask about the curb on Wompole. Pappas was instructed to call Gary Tressel from Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

Gamble stated that he had previously made some comments on how he felt about a police officer; but, he also determined that the Charter has to be followed no matter how he feels, or anyone else for that matter. Gamble stated that the procedure in a dismissal case was not followed.

Savage agreed with Gamble, and stated that if the Charter has to be changed, it should be looked into.

Mr. Inabnit stated that he supports Chief Combs, and that Chief Combs has restored his faith in the Police Department.

Savage stated that former Chief Ormiston had done a commendable job and the Council had been very comfortable with the job that chief Ormiston had done.

Wylie asked about the four-way stop sign at Holcomb and Washington, and feels that the City should pursue this.

Further discussion on the firing of a police officer followed, and Gamble stated that the Council and Chief Combs has a better understanding about personnel matters. In the future, any dismissals have to have the concurrence of the City Manager.

Meyland stated that the packet that was dropped off by Mr. Rausch was a personal attack on Mayor Catalo. Meyland stated that Mayor Catalo has done more for the community than most people realize, and he resented a personal attack on Mayor Catalo.

Moved that the allocation of the 2005-2006 CDBG funds was tabled until the next meeting.

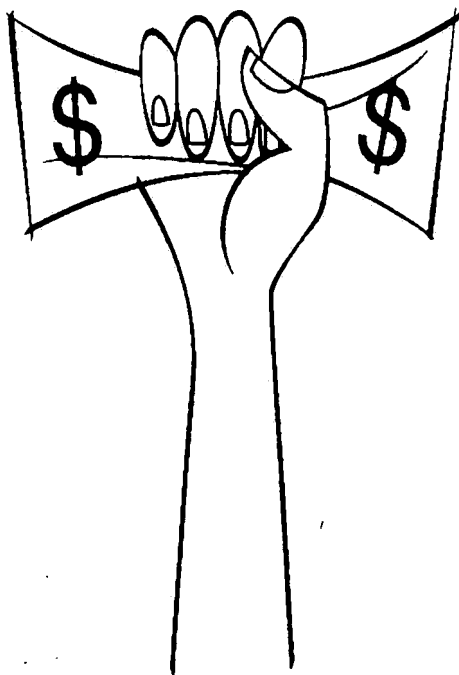
Moved That the City Council affirm the slate for the Board of Directors of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool as submitted by that body.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
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Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk

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**TOWNSHIP BOARD
AGENDA
7:30 p.m.
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

DATE: November 16, 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 - October 19 and November 3, 2004
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading and Adoption of the Text Amendment Zoning Ordinance #83, PC#2003-010, Article XXXI, Section 31.07

New Business

1. Resolution to Support Participation in Christmas In Action for Oakland County.
2. Sale of Rescue Vehicles.

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.

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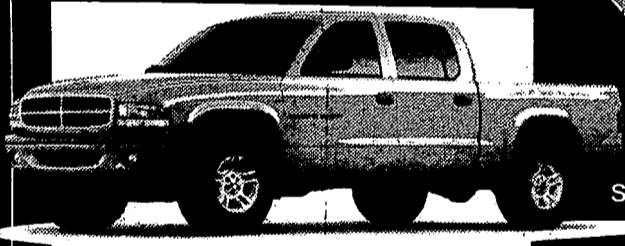
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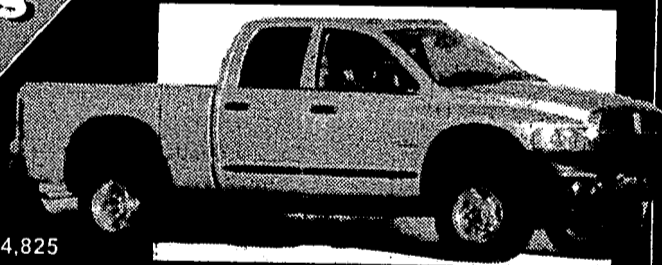
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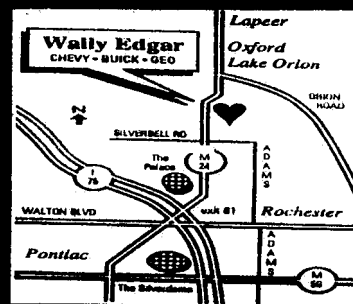
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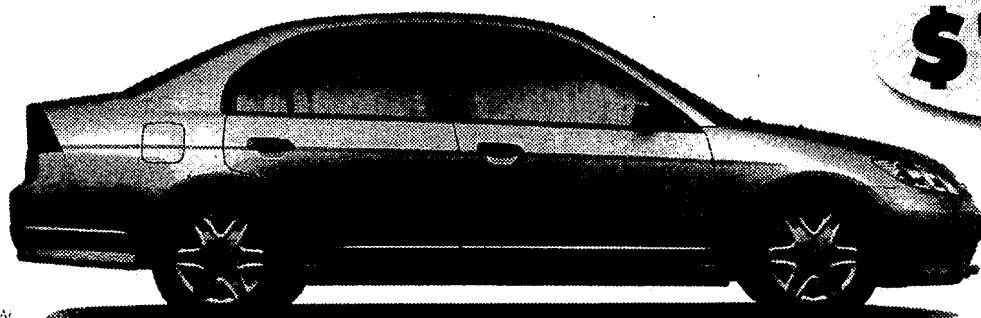
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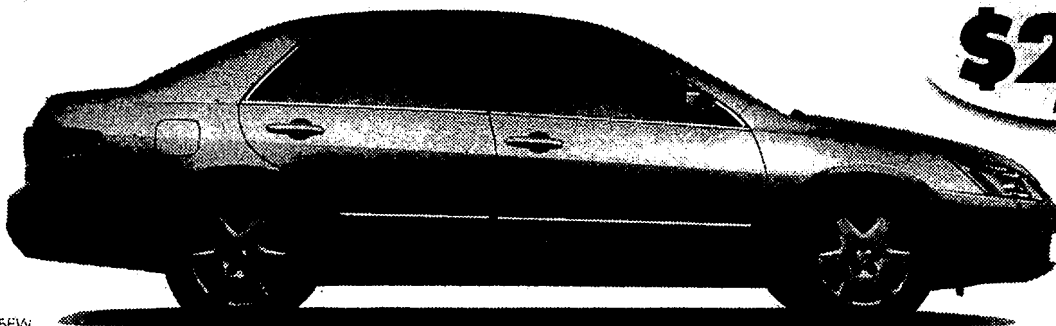


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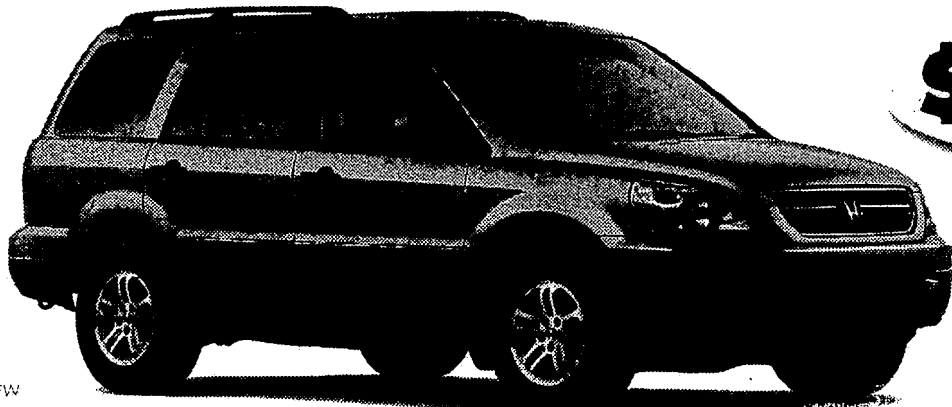


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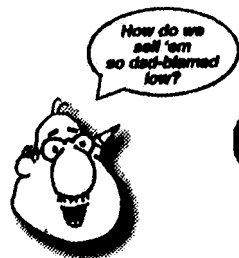
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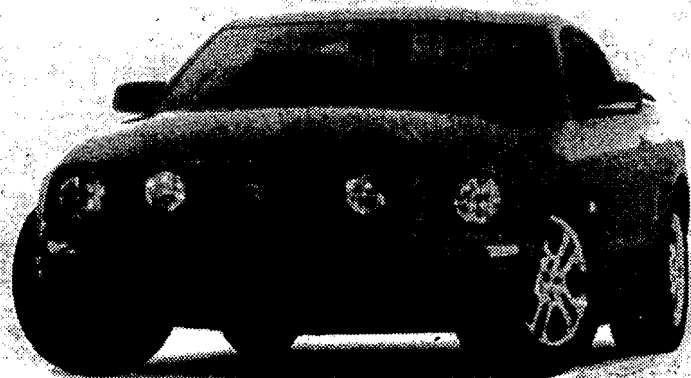


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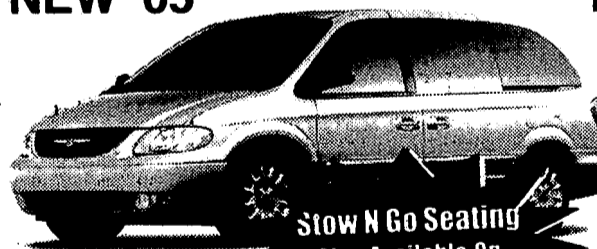
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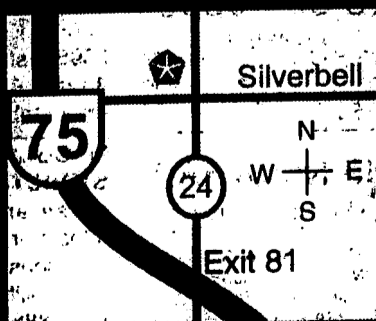
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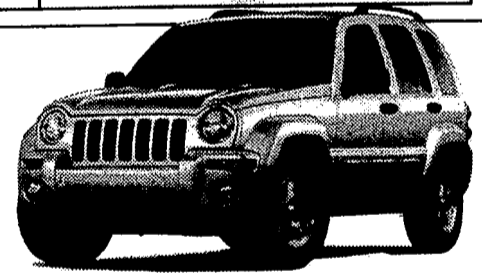
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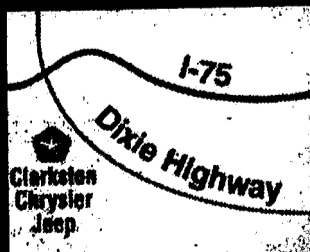
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