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City officials vow to fight MDOT-imposed signals

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Most everyone appears to dislike the new traffic and pedestrian signals at Main and Washington.

Count the Clarkston City Council among them.

The council's Nov. 8 meeting included a promise to lobby the Michigan Department of Transportation, which dictated the style and cycle of signals at the Main Street intersections with Washington Street and Waldon Road this past summer.

Mel Vaara spoke to the council during the public comment portion of the meeting. A former city resident, Vaara admitted he now lives in Independence Township but, "To get anywhere you have to go through the city."

Vaara said he has witnessed several near hits because of the confusing system, which requires those wishing to cross Main Street to push a button before the "walk" signal is activated.

"I see them get confused," he said. "If you press the button late, it will not turn 'walk.' You have to wait a whole new cycle. You get impatient. Kids run across the road. Many people don't even

know it's there."

DPW Director Bob Pursley said he and other city representatives have attempted to persuade MDOT (which has authority over M-15) to change the cycle.

"The last answer we were given is this is the standard all over the state of Michigan," Pursley said. "It's an MDOT problem. It's not a city issue. The city as a whole is not happy with it, and it has been voiced several times to MDOT."

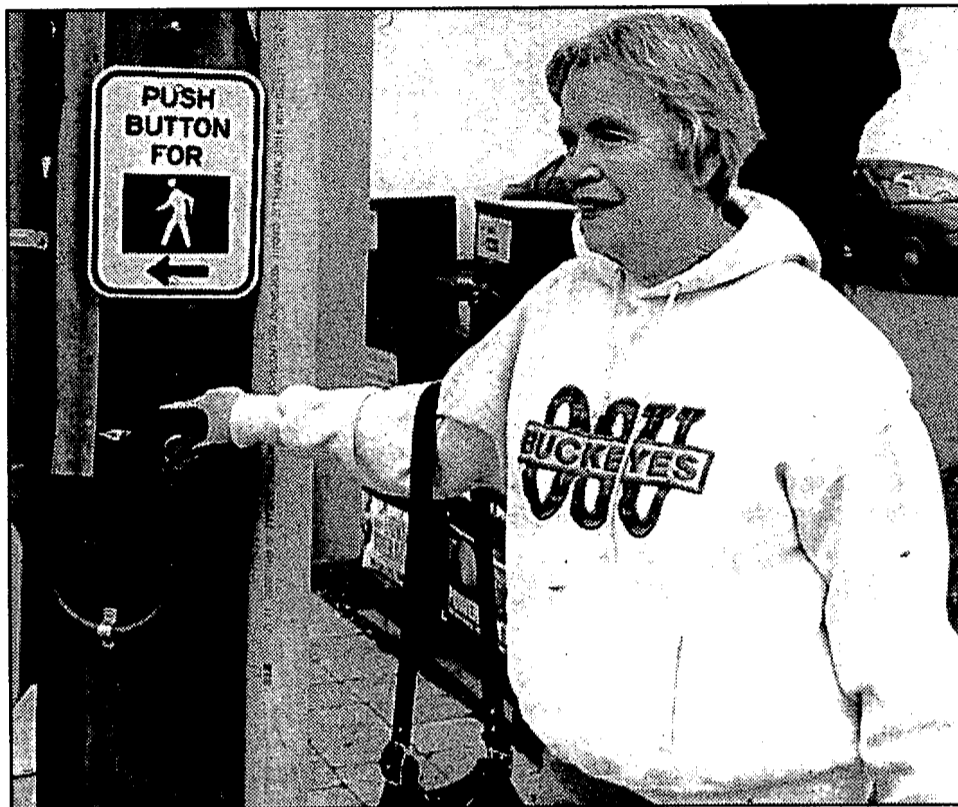
Some, like Council Member Steve Wylie, said city staff should bypass MDOT.

"It's more dangerous with [the new system] than without it," said Wylie, advocating a return to the automatic walk signal with each green traffic signal. "We should just fix it. Let's just do it."

Also in question was the MDOT directive to move the "no turn on red" sign from its former overhead position to signs on the sides of each street.

"I've never liked MDOT rules," said Mayor Sharron Catalo. "People

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Barb Trueman demonstrates the pedestrian signal button at the southwest corner of Main and Washington streets in downtown Clarkston. Use of these buttons is required to activate the "walk" sign for those wishing to cross M-15 on foot. Photo by Don Schelske.

Springfield man charged with computer porn crimes

BY DON SCHELSKE

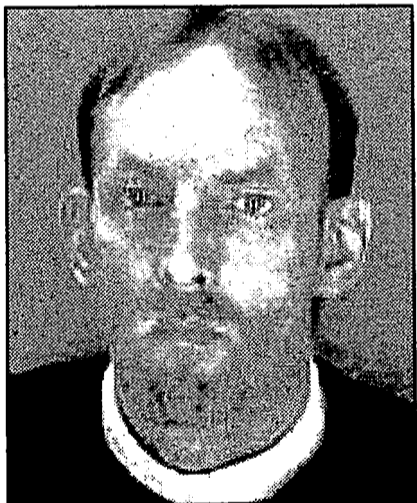
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A tip from a house cleaner led Oakland County Sheriff investigators to file multiple charges against a Springfield Township resident who allegedly had numerous images of child pornography on home computers.

David N. Benton, 44, was scheduled to appear in 52-2 District Court on Tuesday for a pre-trial examination before Judge Michael Batchik, according to Sgt. Mark Gardner, commander of the Springfield Township sheriff substation.

Charges include two counts of criminal sexual conduct-second degree (children under 13), eight counts of possession of child sexually-abusive material, eight counts of using a computer to commit a crime and one count of possession of marijuana.

Benton was arraigned before a magistrate Nov. 5, and was being held in the Oakland County Jail with bond



David N. Benton

set at a full \$400,000.

Gardner said the investigation began Sept. 9 when a woman employed to clean Benton's home came across evidence of the pornography.

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Girls X-country out of the running for national title

By NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's varsity girls cross country team won the state title for the second year in a row; and in order to preserve their shot for a three-peat, they will comply with the MHSAA's determination that running in the NIKE Team Nationals, in Portland, Oregon, on Dec. 4, would violate state rules.

"If we do attend, we would be ineligible for next year," said Coach Jamie Labrosse.

The NTN was set to be a national run-off between the top boys and girls track teams in the nation, a class which the Wolves have proven themselves to be in. Two teams from eight regions across the country are invited as well as four wild cards. All travel costs are paid by NIKE.

Clarkston has been ranked number one in the NTN Midwest region the entire season.

The problem the Wolves have run into is that Michigan's rules forbid participa-

tion in any sort of national championship.

"The high school season ends with the MHSAA tournament," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "(The NTN) is a national high school championship specifically prohibited in the rules of the MHSAA ... (it) is based on the high school season and on the performances of high school athletes.

The Wolves were undefeated and have been ranked third nationally in the Harrier Super 25 poll all season.

"We are disappointed. The girls have worked hard and they wanted to see where they measured up," said Labrosse.

The MHSAA rules state that no member school can compete in any sort of contest which takes place farther than a 600 mile round trip. The MHSAA also forbids participation in any out of season competition.

"Unlike every other sport program that seems to have another level after the state title, there is nowhere to go af-

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Wine tasters unite to support work of Clarkston Rotary.

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See the fun at local craft fairs!

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Sports

LadyCagers squeak by in first round of districts.

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Delbert, Katie, and Joan McCrary, with daughter Martha Graham, enjoy the festivities at the retiring Independence Township clerk's retirement lunch. More than 200 well-wishers attended the special reception. Photo by Christina Ulaj.

Friends, co-workers honor outgoing clerk

Joan McCrary was pleased to have friends, family and co-workers gather to celebrate her retirement from the post of Independence Township clerk. The Nov. 9 lunch was at the Independence Library, where more than 200 guests showed their appreciation. "It's a bittersweet leaving," said McCrary. "Just

to hear these people say that they are going to miss me; I didn't realize that I had any kind of influence like that." McCrary joined family and friends at a buffet-style lunch, and the afternoon was filled with plenty of hugs and kisses.

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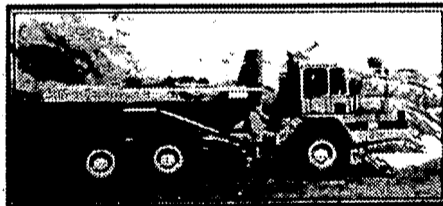


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The Second Front

Briefly

Sashabaw Rd. is open; officials plan ceremony

The largest 2004 road project completed by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is finally complete. Sashabaw Rd. opened late last week to the cheers of many joyful residents.

The RCOC and the Charter Township of Independence will officially mark the opening of the new \$11 million Sashabaw Rd. four-lane boulevard between Maybee and Waldon roads on Nov. 18 at 3 p.m.

The event will occur in front of Pine Knob Elementary School, located on the east side of Sashabaw midway between Waldon and Maybee roads). The public and members of the media are invited to attend.

Time for shopping in downtown Clarkston!

The annual Clarkston Downtown Open House is this weekend - Thursday, Friday and Saturday - and early-bird shoppers can kick start their holiday season with plenty of great deals.

Throughout the weekend, many downtown businesses will feature great once-a-year sales, extended store hours and fabulous giveaways. Several shops will serve free food, beverages (such as cider and coffee), snacks and goodies.

And for the little ones, Santa will pose for pictures from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at The Parsonage on Church St.

So don't miss out on a weekend of unbeatable surprises, excellent deals and top quality gifts.

Where are they now?

Do you know someone from Clarkston High School who now works in Hollywood? Or is the head of a major corporation? Or travels around the world? Or just does something absolutely unique?

The *Clarkston News* is looking for information on successful Clarkston graduates for an upcoming feature: Where are they now? We are interested in any graduate who has moved on from Clarkston High School to take an original role in society.

Please give us a heads up by Wednesday, Dec. 1. The feature will run during the New Years edition (Dec. 29) of *The Clarkston News*. Call 248-25-5370 or e-mail us at clarkstn@clarkstonnews.com, attn: Clarkston News.

Positions open in two

The following positions are currently open:

In the Nov. 11 edition of *The Clarkston News*, a photo caption on the Business Expo page identified a person as Lisa Frey and should have listed Peggy Sneyd.

CHS band finishes in top place

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News
Staff Writer

Scott Medlen, Josh Fink, Billy Freed and Aaron Bedor are "Vanilla Curve." The four young men with a very big dream brought their talent to the Clarkston High School stage to compete against 18 bands in the Battle of the Bands Competition.

The boys received 199 points out of a possible 200, great for their first performance. Their reward-- a \$600 gift certificate to Motor City Guitar, plus ample amount of recognition from family and friends.

Each has a history with his respective instrument. They simply brought their talent and skills to the table and started something special.

"Vanilla Curve" worked hard to prepare for their first gig. After school, on the weekends and in between other responsibilities, the boys spent many hours rehearsing. They developed an enthusiasm toward their after-school activity and put plenty of focus and dedication into the band.

"We practiced about three days a week for hours at a time," said Scott Medlen, guitar player. "Once we brought Josh Fink in the picture, we



Scott Medlen, Josh Fink, Billy Freed and Aaron Bedor make up the band, "Vanilla Curve." Photo by Christina Ulaj.

practice every other day."

The boys started the band as a hobby, and after a short time realized it was very important to them. They started taking the group seriously and even considered their playing a job. When the decision was made to work hard and stick together, "Vanilla Curve" was born.

Only together a few months, the players did everything possible to gain knowledge of their individual styles so every song was in total sync.

"Vanilla Curve" tries to reach all audiences. Their music ranges from hard rock to slow and melodic. The boys work hard and take the time to hear

every member's voice.

"I joined the band after they had already been established," said Billy Freed, base. "We worked hard and got so used to each other, and now it's become very easy for us to play together."

The boys all agree the most exhilarating moment for them is when after working so hard they finally get a number.

"We have so much fun doing this," said Aaron Bedor, drums. "We have gone through these stages of massive growth, and seeing that growth as musicians is amazing."

The boys are looking forward to continuing with their musical interest. They have recorded their

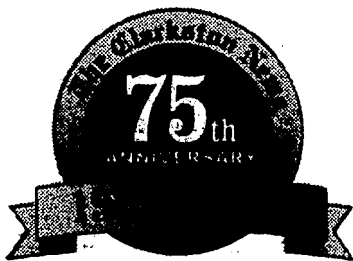
first CD with three tracks through Ringside Studios in Redford. The group is working on making copies to sell at school and before performances.

What is the ultimate goal for "Vanilla Curve?"

"We want to put a tour together and cover as much of the map as possible," said Josh Fink, lead singer. "You don't have to be on MTV to make a career out of music, and that's all we are trying to do."

"Vanilla Curve" is set to perform at the Roseville Theater on Dec. 3, Jammies Club and Clutch Cargo on Dec. 12. For information on the group, visit www.myspace.com/vanillacurve.

Vaara remembers Clarkston sports



Mel Vaara has worn many hats in Clarkston over the years. Aside from writing sports for *The Clarkston News* in the 1960s, he was the first principal of Sashabaw Junior High in

1969; has coached track, basketball and cross country; was named assistant superintendent in 1972; and was the principal of CHS in 1986 and again in 1991-92. He has held numerous administrative positions over the years.

This will be the first of his guest column series in which he details the history of Clarkston sports. All facts and names presented in this article are from Mr. Vaara's memories and have been presented as provided.

The following is a brief history of 50 years of sports in Clarkston Community Schools

The history and importance of sports changed when Superintendent of Schools, Dr. L. F. Greene, hired three young men to lead the teams in football

(Ed Hintz), basketball (Dom Mauti) and baseball (Gus Birtsas). This was in the early 1950's.

Hintz, as a coach, restored the power in football by winning league titles. (Later, Hintz became Superintendent of Schools in the Flint area.) His assistant was Mauti. As baseball coach, Birtsas' team won several league titles. He later became principal of Sashabaw Junior High. There were no state playoffs in baseball or football until the 1970's

Mauti's team had huge success in basketball. (He later became principal of CHS.) Hintz was his assistant. Mauti coached 12 seasons and his teams won nine district titles. His 1953 team won Clarkston's first basketball district title. Some members of the team included Tom Bullen, Rob Shebor, Bill Dunston, Chuck Robertson, Rick Huttenlocher and Pete Thompson.

Mauti's best team was in 1957 with Dick Lippert, Bill Noles, Jim Jensen, George Lang and Leroy Parks. They were defeated in the regionals by Grand Blanc.



Mel Vaara

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CHS Senior Spotlight

Name: Jessica Robinson
Parents: Karen Austin and Jerry Robinson
Favorite Subject: Chemistry
School Activities: Student Council President, Varsity Soccer, Peer Mentor, National Honor Society

Outside Interests: Activities through St. Dan's Church, chairing blood drives for the school or community, and being with friends!

What are your plans after graduation?
 College (hopefully at Northwestern or University of Michigan) to study chemistry. I plan on medical school or graduate study in the science field after that.

Where do you see yourself in 25 years?
 Like most people say, I hope to be married with kids, but mostly I just want to be happy! I'd like to be traveling a lot with my family, but I might have to wait a few more years until I'm retired to do that.

Best friends are people who: you can count on any time for any reason, and they'll always be there. Best friends make you feel good about yourself. They're there if you just feel like watching a movie or getting Starbucks, or if you're in the mood to have some fun!

What worries me most about the world is: the condemning, hopeless attitudes that too many people have toward our society. We get caught up worrying endlessly about every little thing that isn't perfect, but the truth is that people have been saying that kind of stuff for thousands of years, but everything is still O.K. I wish people could just focus more on the positive.

I will make a contribution to my community by: always remembering how enjoyable it is to voluntarily give time to the community. I'd like to continue working with the Red Cross during college to organize and promote blood drives. They really are fun events that are essential to our community.



Miss Pre-Teen Royal Oak

BY JENNY MATTESON
 Clarkston News Editor

Erica Cale, 12, of Clarkston, was crowned the champion of the Miss Pre-Teen Royal Oak pageant on Nov. 7.

Cale, a student at Clarkston Middle School, is the daughter of Nancy and Jeff Cale. She has a two-year-old sister, Savannah, and two brothers, Trevor, 10, and Sean, 14.

Cale competed against 33 girls in the 10-12 age bracket, including second runner-up Felicia Darrin, also from Clarkston. Cale said the entire experience began when she received a letter about the competition.

The Clarkston middle-schooler attended an informational session with approximately 500 girls where she applied to compete and interviewed with the coordinator. Cale was selected along with 140 other young ladies to compete in the 2004 Miss Pre-Teen Royal Oak Pageant.

At the competition, Cale modeled casual and formal wear. She interviewed with a four-person judging panel and presented a prepared answer on stage. After being selected to the top ten, the Clarkston beauty answered an impromptu question on stage.

"I thought the experience was really fun," said Cale. "I met a lot of new people. I enjoyed it and learned a lot."

"I was so happy when I won. I didn't know what to say," remembers Cale.

As the winner of the Royal Oak pageant, Cale received a tiara, a three-foot trophy, a sash, a championship souvenir photo, a \$1,000 scholarship and two all-expense paid tickets for the competition in December of 2005 in Florida.

For the competition, Cale was sponsored by Macksey's Interior Design and Rudy's Market. The Clarkston Middle School student approached both businesses on her own.

"We felt very strongly this was part of the experience for her," said mom Nancy. "She went in, did the talking and explained to them what she was trying to do."



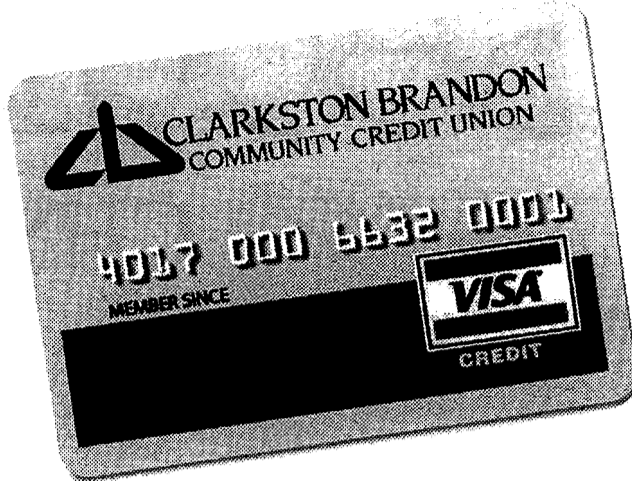
Erica Cale won the Nationals' 2004 Miss Pre-Teen Royal Oak Pageant, age 10-12 division. Photo Provided.

And keeping busy is definitely something Cale likes to do. She is active in Math Counts, Drama, Choir, Go Girls Math Program through Wayne State and the University of Michigan and volunteers as a math tutor. Outside of school, she plays with the Michigan Gators travel soccer team, enjoys baby-sitting, takes voice lessons and attends youth group at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Aside from all this, she is also fluent in Spanish.

"I hope to improve more in my interviewing skills, meet new people and learn a lot more," said Cale in relation to next year's competition. "I just hope to improve being myself."

Cale will compete against girls from 40 other cities across the U.S. for even more in prizes and scholarships. The top prize is either a sports car or the equivalent of the vehicle's cost in scholarship money.

"The experience was wonderful," concluded mom Nancy. "I enjoyed watching her grow from not knowing how to do modeling turns to being poised and composed on stage. It was amazing, just amazing."



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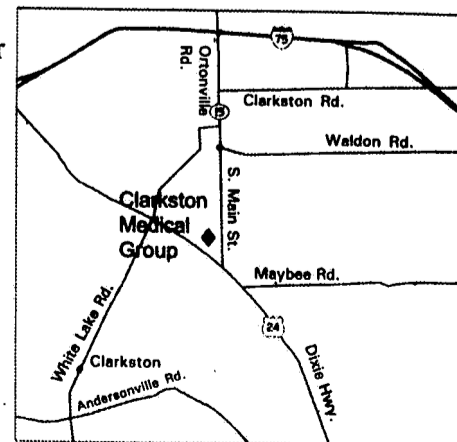
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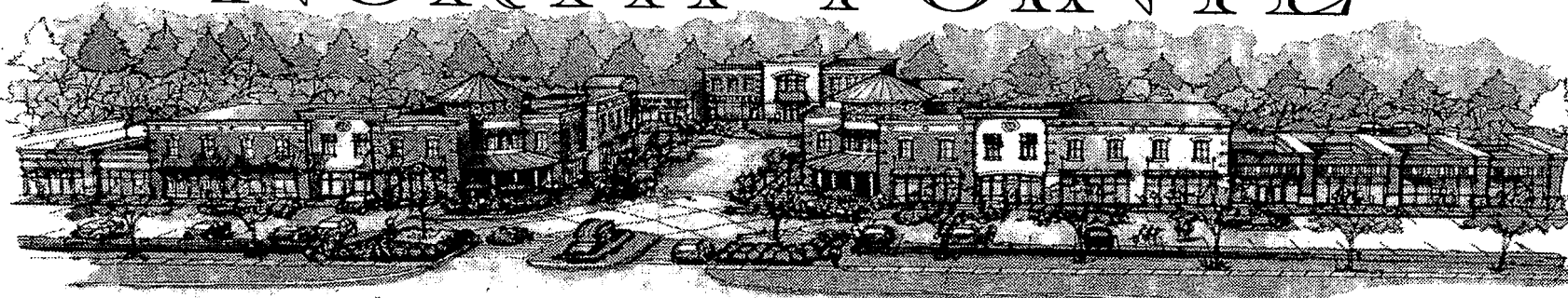
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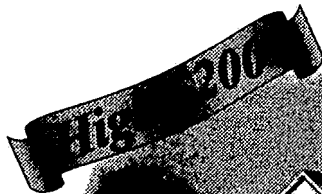


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Opinion

'Connecting' is good for Clarkston

At first glance, it smacks of so many simplistic, touchy-feely phrases created for a society which appears to live and die by sound-bite philosophy.

"I'd like to teach the world to sing." "Just say no." "It takes a village." Some of us have seen so many slogan-based initiatives that new ones draw more of a yawn than a cheer.

That said, please allow your humble reporter to publicly applaud plans to promote "Clarkston...Connecting for a Better Community."

The "community message" was introduced at the Nov. 6 leadership forum hosted by the Clarkston Coalition for Youth. The formal campaign will begin in January 2005.

What is exciting is not necessarily the slogan itself, but the substance behind it. We've previously reported on the work of the coalition, which is more behind the scenes than public. There are a couple specific reasons to be impressed with their efforts.

First, rather than trying to reinvent the wheel with new programs, the coalition attempts to bring together people who are already doing positive things for youth. They recognize the role played by schools, churches, service groups, law enforcement and businesses in reinforcing parents' efforts to teach values to children.

Second, there is a strong emphasis on positive values, based on a framework developed by the Minneapolis-based Search Institute. They call it "40 developmental assets kids need to succeed."

This is where the substance backs up the sound-bite. Under eight classifications are 40 specific relationships, experiences and personal qualities deemed crucial to positive development.

The list is too long to include in its entirety, but here are some high points:

■ "Family support." It's refreshing to see this number one on the list, given some of the alternative structures (or the lack of same) in our culture.

■ "Community values youth." Another tired cliché is "Children are our future." Too many forget they are part of the real-live, right-now present.

■ "Boundaries and Expectations." This is one of the eight categories, with six specific points promoting an ancient concept called standards of behavior.

■ "Religious community" is included under the category of "constructive use of time." Wow.

■ "Positive values." This is another broad category, in which are included caring, equality and social justice, integrity, honesty, responsibility and restraint. Wow again.

While over-simplistic slogans are one extreme, a list of 40 "assets" may seem overwhelming. Who among us can claim the ability to promote them all?

That's the beauty of the community approach. Some may promote more "assets" than others, but everyone has the ability to be an example in some areas. The yarn web exercise at the leadership forum was a great demonstration of the desired goal.

The Search Institute research claims young people, on average, experience only 18 of the 40 assets. While our community may be better than some, we have plenty of evidence to show the need for improvement.

Watch for more information on this campaign, and let's get ready to "connect."

Reporter
At Large



Don
Schelske

Resident looks to future of senior center

Dear Editor:

At the Nov. 10 meeting of the Independence Township Senior Center Advisory Committee, the feelings of utter frustration that permeate the group were obvious as they attempted to generate a renewal of energy or inertia behind the development of plans for a new senior center facility in the township.

The dedicated ladies and gentlemen who participate in the committee activity, intending to address the obstacles that stand in their way, feel like they have been strung out on a limb over the facility decision-making process.

The committee thought they had the township board's blessing last spring to begin drawing up plans for the new center, which we all know was needed yesterday. Visions of ribbon-cuttings danced in their heads. At the urging of the township board, they selected a parcel of land behind the township library as the site of the new center, and approached the board of education with a request to obtain the land expeditiously, yet with the least financial impact on the township.

Technically, since the committee members are all citizens of the community, they already own the land in question, since the board of education is elected by the community. That means they would be shuffling money from one pocket to the other to cover the cost of land.

For the sake of discussion, however, let's assume that the board of education truly owns the land being considered as the site for the new senior center. It has been proposed that the site could be transferred to the seniors in return for the payment of water and sewer hookup fees amounting to about \$750,000, which the senior group considers fair value for the land. On that land they would then proceed to build the new center for about \$6 million, which is substantially less than the \$26 million senior center recently opened in Rochester Hills.

There, the cost is funded via the millage route. The Clarkston project was to be funded out of the sewer and water budget, according to the township board, led by the outgoing supervisor, Dale Stuart. But after they were assured that the "creative" financing proposal could be accomplished, support for that approach has eroded as

the new administration takes over the township.

Where does Dave Wagner, the new township supervisor, stand on all of this? Well, the seniors believe he's in favor of a new senior center, but not all that enamored with the "creative financing plan" authored by his predecessor, Stuart. Any alternatives favored by Wagner are harbored in his head, since he has not addressed the matter publicly yet.

Hopefully, he will issue some kind of proclamation defining the position of the township board once he is officially sworn into office (Nov. 18).

Nobody in the township administration needs to be reminded that the previous attempt at voter approval was voted down because they packaged the senior center with a full-blown community center, soccer fields and a new driveway... driving the total cost off the charts.

With a more realistic estimate this time, they believe they can bring in the project at about the \$6 million level.

Why do we need to spend money on senior center facilities?

Because providing facilities and programs that enrich the lives of the roughly 9,000 people over 60 years of age in our area is the right thing to do. It's one of those hard-to-define intangible amenities that translates to increased property value, much like "excellent schools," "good roads" and "adequate shopping." But when it involves your own grandfather or mother or even yourself, the intangible amenities become far more important.

Think of the facility you would expect to have available when you reach 60 years of age. Then visit our present senior center.

You will find a substantial gap between anyone's concept of an adequate senior facility and the makeshift headquarters we now call, with little pride, our township's senior center.

Our seniors deserve better.

The lethargic pace of progress is not fun. Let's get on with it.

Sincerely,
Harry Knitter
Independence Township

Senior Center says thank you to vets

The Independence Township Senior Center would like to thank American Legion Chief Pontiac Post 377, the Clarkston Melody Makers and the outgoing Township Supervisor Dale Stuart for helping to honor our local veterans at our Veterans Recognition Lunch on Nov. 10.

Legion members performed the flag ceremony and gun salute. The senior center band, whose members include several veterans, played patriotic songs. Dale Stuart gave the invocation and a moving tribute to those who served our country in war and peace. The sixty-five people in attendance included World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam veterans.

The senior center aims to provide services and programs that promote wellness, independence, safety and enrichment for township residents age 50+. We also promote older adults as a valuable resource for the community.

Local veterans have spoken to Clarkston High School classes about their military experiences and the meaning of being a citizen of this free country. The number of World War II veterans is rapidly diminishing. Let's take the time to listen to them and thank them for their tremendous contribution.

Margaret Bartos
Independence Twp. Senior Center

Local residents say thank you...

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who supported my campaign for Clarkston City Council. Every "Good Luck" that was offered or every front lawn that was made available for a sign was greatly appreciated.

I will do my best to spend tax payers' money wisely.
Steve Wylie

I wish to publicly thank the Clarkston Chamber for another fantastic community event! I wonder if they know how valuable they are in helping keep our community the awesome place it is. Very proud to be a member.

Diane Wozniak, Davisburg

Clarkston Community Church would like to thank the more than 50 local businesses that recently donated to the Church Auction. A fun time was had by all who attended our 4th annual auction on Sat., Sept. 25, 2004.

Thanks to all the efforts of our hard working committee and to the response of the community, we were able to raise over \$16,000! The proceeds will be used to support the Clarkston Lighthouse, Grace Centers of Hope and our women's organization.

Renee David
Women In God's Service Chairperson

Newsflash: Parents are to blame!

As the man part of a man and woman (wife-husband) team, raising two strappin' young lads, I was interested in reading: *Parents are truant -- student achievement at risk.*

In a press release from the "Your Child" coalition, I read: "One in four parents in the Great Lakes region don't make time to get involved in their child's education," and get this, "because, they say, they don't have time."

Damn parents! Damn those good-for-nuthin' (besides taxes), lazy, mean-spirited, heartless louces. I mean, damn we lowsy, no-good, parents -- I have to include myself here.

The release was dated November 14, so it's relatively up-to-date, breaking information. It is also info that I say so what to (right after I spew a diatribe of profanities on the self-anointed, holier-than-thou, doing God's work educrates). Leave it to a group headed by the folks from the Michigan Education Association and a bunch of other education-minded groups to call the glass half empty. Excuse me, a quarter empty.

Any other group would say, "Yipee, the glass is three quarters full -- now let's work on fillin' her up to the top!"

Your Child, a group whose address is strikingly similar to the MEA's East Lansing digs (actually it is the same), also says Michigan parents were a drag on the region's numbers: "Michigan parents . . . on some measures are less engaged. One quarter of all Michigan parents are detached from the education of their child and don't do the bare minimum -- help teachers get to know their child."

Damn the parents! They are to blame for driving education into the depths of hell!

Your Child surveyed 1,700 parents in the six Great Lakes states and came up with "one in four parents don't make the time" excuse. No where does the release talk about that 25 percent.

Like, where are those time-strapped parents from? How many of that quarter are single parents working two jobs to make ends meet? How many of those "less engaged" parents are busy working hard, paying their bills, watching taxes rise, raising their kids and taking care of their elderly parents or grandparents ta-boot?

What percent of that 25 percent is actually "truant" and doesn't give a tinker's damn about their child's



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education?

What are the specifics, 'cuz I don't believe things are as dismal as the MEA says they are. I bet that percent is the same percent that has always breathed air, gave birth and don't care. I'd wager you the numbers, by percentage, are the same now as when I or you were in school. There was always that kid or family who just wasn't on the ball -- all the kids knew who they were, the parents knew who they were and the teachers knew who they were.

What has changed is the amount parents are involved. Every week there is a letter from school asking for donations of money, time or goods. Sell this cheap trinket for Johnny's future. Bake cookies for little Suzy's development. Come on down and help build the playground. The hands are always out and open from schools, and when you give and give and can't give anymore, you're cast as the unclean, uncaring, child hating one. And it ain't just parents.

The next time you shop locally, inquire of your friendly local businessperson how many groups (school and civic) come in wanting money. While it is not extortion, what will folks say when they don't give. Go ahead and ask, then remember them when voting on raising their non-homestead taxes.

Educrats -- those in the field who are "above" teachers -- always come out crying over their multimillion dollar bank accounts. Did you know in 2001, 125 employees of the MEA earned more than double the average income of Michigan teachers? MEA President Lu Battaglieri's 2001 salary of \$127,099 (plus \$70,000 for travel and a car) was only the seventh highest in the union? A full two-thirds of the MEA's \$58.2 million budget was used to pay employees.

Michigan teachers are the second highest paid in the nation (behind only California). The average teacher in Michigan makes \$54,020 a year. The average starting pay here in 2003 was \$32,649 -- a 2.3 percent increase over 2002.

Parents and tax payers across the state have been ponying up and paying more and doing more. They care. Whenever I see anything from the educrats, I always hear a sad song playing in the back ground and I know the poor-poor-pitiful-me dribble will start soon. They whine, they cry, they point fingers, they cast blame and they ask for more.

When was the last time you heard them say, "thank you?"

Stop trying to shame us into doing more and start talking to us as adults to acheive our common goals.

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• Residents demand action from board: About 75 angry parents crowded into the Clarkston School Board room Nov. 13 and demanded that the board set a date for a millage election. In a three-hour discussion, about 20 parents voiced disapproval with the condition of Clarkston schools.

• Independence man killed in accident: An Independence Township man was one of two killed when a truck was smashed by a freight train near downtown Pontiac early Nov. 11. A witness told police the truck was attempting to drive around the warning gates when the crash occurred.

• Area man dies in car-train crash: A multiple car accident on Dixie Highway resulted in the death of an Independence Township man Nov. 6. James Morris, 20, of Mary Sue St., died after the car he was riding in struck two vehicles and overturned.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• Murphy: Decision on Pine Knob is months away: Pine Knob has been offered for sale to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, but a decision on the matter is three to six months away, according to Daniel Murphy, Oakland County Executive.

• School superintendent's salary goes to \$42,300: Clarkston Schools Superintendent Milford Mason has been awarded a three-year contract which sets his current salary at \$42,300. Mason's salary was boosted 9 percent from \$38,800.

• Holiday Cookbook: It's nearly the holiday time -- when guests are welcomed with special foods both rich and lavish. Each family, each household, has its own traditional treats -- and sharing the recipes for those goodies is also a part of the spirit of the season.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• 90th Birthday Honored Last Week: On Wednesday evening of last week a number of friends of John Marvin gathered to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. They enjoyed a supper with a lovely birthday cake for dessert. The cake was made by Mrs. Clyde Becker.

• Native of Clarkston Dies in New York: Charles T. Bower, a native of Clarkston, died in New York City on November 11, following a brief illness. Before his retirement 20 years ago, Mr. Bower had held important executive secretarial posts, including that of assistant secretary of the Union Pacific System.

'Tis the season to hunt a few winks

Deer hunting hasn't changed since I wrote this Nov. 16, 1988.

Ah, it's time for the annual sleep in the woods. Yes, plural, a.m. and p.m. for two days.

It's the culmination of 363 days of longing for two days of deer hunting. Planning gets started about Labor Day. It begins with, "Are you going up this year?" "What day are you leaving?" and doesn't end.

Somewhere around the middle of September our deer camp number climbs to 12, minimum. My son planned to be the first in camp, arriving about November 10. His envious peers started scratching and squinting trying to figure a way to get more time off work and earlier permission from their Mrs.

'You know, honey there's wood to be cut, blinds to be built, swaths to be widened, probably snow to be shoveled and surely bull to be thrown.'

I figure my buddy Pansy and I could get away (he could leave in June) November 11. 'You know honey, there's food to be bought and meals to plan, water to be softened (we use big hammers) toasts to prepare, buck poles to be cut, deer census to be taken and rules of conduct to be spelled out for these young whipper-snappers.'

The Davidson trio, Greg, Jeff and Tim, would be in camp early enough to defend their straw and can monument construction championship at The Cove. Jeff has held the title two years and the locals have been practicing what they can remember of his technique since last November.

No trouble getting the Offer brothers, Tom and Bob, in camp early. You know honey, we're the steady influence, without us those guys would be lost in the woods, leave in the morning without paper, have no one to do dishes, or bring in the firewood, or shovel

the roof or iron the curtains.'

Now we jump to November 1. And, the real, "you know, honey," speaks up. Oh, did I promise to take you there Saturday night? I'll be picking up Pansy November 13 after a short night's sleep.

Oh, oh! I've got to work that weekend, said one. My wife's got to be out of town for two weeks, said another. My company's into the final stages of a buy-out, was another excuse, and Tom Offer tore his knee and wouldn't be able to get to the bathroom door, let alone find we who are lost in The Cove, or the woods, whichever happens.

He won't even be there to play Da Yuppers tape, "The Second Week of Deer Camp" 1,254 times.

The dozen of September is down to six for sure . . . maybe.

The planned sleep in the woods is by no means certain either. The day may not be sunny and cool. The pine bough I bend down to lay on may not be dry and inviting.

But, you know, honey, it doesn't matter. Six or sixteen in camp, rain or shine, sardines or sirloin, see deer or don't, a good time will be had by all who attend.

This is DEER SEASON!

Back to the present. Little has changed. The promised full camp is now six, for sure. Maybe. Unchanged is the sleep in the woods. Give us some sun after our cook-out lunch and we'll show you how to enjoy deer hunting.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

We're looking for some information:

We're wondering if any residents have information on a ghost in the Clarkston Theater. We have learned that the cinema is not an original building to the area, but are curious whether anyone knows of the rumor.

Let us know what you know! Call - 248-625-3370 or e-mail shermanpub@aol.com, Attn: Clarkston News.

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Focus on financial goals

By William H. Langdon, Jr.,
RFC CFS BCM RFP

What steps are you taking to help assure that you are making progress toward your financial goals? Developing and following a written financial plan will give you a road map to help you pursue your financial goal. The steps involved in that process are:

1. Assess your current financial situation.

This involves preparing a net worth statement and a analysis of your spending. A net worth statement lists your assets and liabilities, with the difference representing your net worth.

You should also analyze how you spend your income. Prepare a cash flow statement, detailing your income and expenditures by category for the past year. This awareness may be enough to cause you to reduce your spending. If not, prepare a budget for future spending.

2. Establish written, specific financial goal.

Your goal should be defined in specific, quantifiable terms, so you have a means to measure your progress. If you have several financial goals, you should prioritize them so you devote resources to those most important to you. The most common long-term goals are: Financial independence; College education for children; Debt reduction; A desired lifestyle; Business ownership; and Major charitable giving.

3. Develop a detailed plan, with specific strategies and timetables.

Your financial plan should coordinate strategies in several important areas:

■ **Investment strategies** -- Your investment strategies determine which investments should be used for your savings. Develop a strategy you are comfortable with, taking into account a reasonable risk level and your time frame.

■ **Tax planning strategies** -- Strategies that help reduce income taxes can provide additional funds for saving.

■ **Debt strategies** -- While debt may

be necessary to help achieve some goals, such as home ownership, you should develop strategies to avoid incurring excessive amounts of debt.

■ **Risk management strategies** -- To help assure your plan won't be derailed by catastrophes, assess your life, health, disability income, property, and liability insurance. Also make sure you have an emergency fund covering several months of living expenses.

■ **Estate planning strategies** -- Proper estate planning helps assure your wealth is distributed according to your wishes at a minimal estate tax cost.

4. Implement your financial plan.
Implementing your plan requires a lifetime of discipline and dedication. Make saving and investing part of your monthly routine so they become strong habits. Don't become overwhelmed by the amounts you need to save, since it often takes years to see substantial progress toward your goals.

5. Monitor your progress.
At least annually, review your progress toward your goals:

■ Update your net worth statement and spending analysis.

■ Evaluate your investment performance.

■ Rebalance your investments if changes are needed to maintain your desired asset mix.

■ Decide if any changes should be made to goals.

A written financial plan is a complex process giving you a road map to help pursue your financial goals.

I hope as you are going into this Holiday Season, you have found this column helpful, in planning for the New Year whether it is for business or personal. May 2005 be filled with more happiness and successes than 2004. "Remember Success is Failure turned Inside Out."

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Success Builders

William H. Langdon Jr.

New pavement, new restaurant...



Assistant manager Chris Kuehl (left), manager Henryk Bogdanowicz, area supervisor Trina Collins, owner Howard O'Brien, and operations manager Stephanie Lossia stand in front of the newly opened Wendy's on Sashabaw Road. O'Brien, who owns 11 other Wendy's restaurants including the Dixie highway location, tried to sync the opening of his newest eatery with the completion of the Sashabaw construction. O'Brien started looking for a site in 1999. Photo by Noah Purcell

City police target local speeders

The Clarkston Police Department has conducted "special attention" projects on several city streets in recent weeks, based on complaints from citizens on certain streets concerning speeders.

Police Chief Ernest Combs told the Clarkston City Council on Nov. 8 of three details between Oct. 11 and Nov. 6.

Over that time period, officers spent more than five hours on Robertson Court, based on times reported by residents, but found no violations.

"I don't see any great problems there, so I'm going to discontinue the

study there," Combs said.

Holcomb Road was a different issue. In a total of more than 10 hours, officers stopped 10 violators.

"There is a problem on Holcomb, with speeders and also some commercial motor vehicle violations," the chief said, noting the times of the stops varied, but occurred primarily during early evening.

Main Street was another "special attention" area, with three violators stopped over more than seven hours.

— Don Schelske

Court proceedings delay demolition

The promised demolition of the Whoopee Bowl on Dixie Highway has been delayed again, according to Springfield Township attorney Greg Need.

Need's report to the township board on Nov. 11 noted township official's agreement with attorneys for the former flea market-salvage store to "voluntarily stay" the demolition order until the owners' appeal is complete in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The agreement recognizes "that a judge would almost certainly stay the or-

der until the appeal is decided."

Need said the owners did comply with a township stipulation "that the property was secured and substantially cleaned up." A Nov. 8 inspection revealed "substantial progress," Need's report said.

Despite pleas from the owners, the township board has legally declared the establishment a "dangerous building" and ruled the owners had not taken sufficient action to avoid demolition.

— Don Schelske

Deputies seek warrant for assault

A 49-year-old Independence Township man faces potential charges of domestic assault, aggravated assault, and resisting a police officer after a Nov. 9 incident on Wellesley Terrace.

Oakland County Sheriff deputies responded to a report of a 9-1-1 hangup. Upon entry, they found both the suspect and his wife bleeding, reports said.

Deputies had to wrestle with the man, reports said, finding it necessary

to apply a single Taser shot to his leg.

The woman said she fought back after her husband injured her. She was found with abrasions to the forehead and bridge of her nose, and an earring had been ripped from her ear.

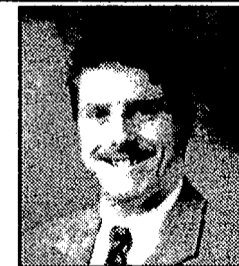
Independence Township Fire Department paramedics treated both at the scene, and the suspect was taken to the North Oakland Medical Center before being taken to the Oakland County Jail.

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Police and Fire

Deputies arrest home invasion suspect

Oakland County Sheriff deputies on Monday arrested a suspect in connection with at least two attempted home invasions in Independence Township.

According to sheriff reports, a Snow Apple Drive resident called 9-1-1 at about 10:38 a.m. to report a man who tried to force his way into the residence. The suspect was apparently scared off by the resident.

The resident provided a good description of the suspect vehicle, however, and about 10 minutes after the report another patrol unit found the vehicle parked at a Waldon Road residence. The deputy saw someone close the front door to the home, but the man refused to open the door.

Marked patrol units cleared the scene, hoping to make the suspect believe he was in the clear, reports said. Two unmarked units observed the suspect leave the home, then marked cars initiated a traffic stop and apprehended the suspect.

Deputies later returned to the Waldon Road home, where the resident reported that entry was forced into

his home.

Details concerning the identity of the suspect and potential charges were not available prior to *The Clarkston News* production deadline on Tuesday.

Monday's events were the latest in a rash of Independence Township home invasion incidents, including one last week in which a home was robbed twice within about three weeks.

Deputies were called to a home on Maybee Road near Waterford Road on Nov. 12. The resident reported three shotguns missing after someone forced entry.

On the previous occasion, reports said someone ransacked the resident's jewelry boxes. After that incident, the resident had replaced the door, but suspects forced the lock on the new door, reports said.

Deputies called a county crime lab technician, who was able to retrieve a partial fingerprint from the scene.

Over the past several months, deputies have taken numerous reports of home invasions, many involving the theft of firearms and jewelry.

Loose change bandits hit 9 businesses

At least nine businesses along Dixie Highway were hit during the night of Nov. 9 by burglars who, in most cases, stole only loose change.

According to Oakland County Sheriff reports, most of the businesses were in the vicinity of Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, with two closer to the intersection of Dixie Highway and Waterford Road.

Businesses hit included The Neat Painters, National City Bank, Sure Financial Corporation, Clarkston Auto Glass, ATD Solutions, Allstate Insurance, Connelly

Construction, Thrivent Financial and Al Bourdeau Insurance.

In the case of National City Bank, a door alarm sounded, but entry was not detected. At the other locations, suspects ransacked desk drawers and file cabinets. While investigators were not immediately certain of a direct connection, another burglary report was taken at Rage Sports, where suspects took at least \$500 in petty cash.

The incidents are under investigation.

Independence Township

November 8: Larceny of a gallon of rum from a home on Bluegrass Drive. The homeowner suspects two teenagers.

Burglary report at Clarkston Mini-Storage on White Lake Court. Taken were two air compressors, an edger, two leaf blowers and an asphalt compactor.

November 9: Larceny on Dvorak Street. Someone took a boat, trailer and boat accessories with a total estimated value of \$8,874.

Check fraud report at Fifth Third Bank on Dixie Highway. A 42-year-old Plymouth man allegedly passed two checks (\$5,500 and \$1,500) on a closed account.

Arrest for possession/use of cocaine on Sashabaw Road at Bowpointe. During a license plate check, a 39-year-old Mount Morris man was found to be wanted on an outstanding warrant for child neglect. After stopping the vehicle, deputies found suspected cocaine in the man's coat pocket.

Larceny from vehicle report at Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road. Someone broke into a van in the parking lot and took cigarettes.

Springfield Township

November 9: Home invasion on Shaffer Road near Ormond Road. Someone took a compound bow, a battery, a maritime collectible, a PlayStation 2, game accessories, a DVD player and a DVD.

November 11: Home invasion at the Spring Grove mobile home park. Someone pried open a door and took about \$6 in coins and a wristwatch.

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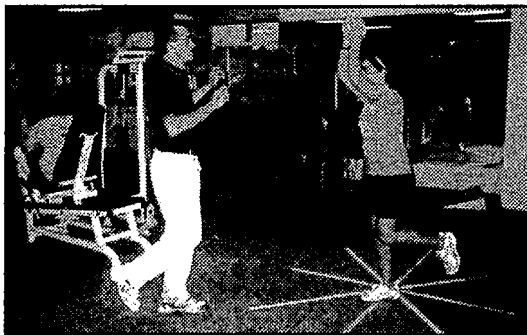


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Dana Ferrari, performing overhead balance exercises on her injured right knee (Anterior Cruciate Injury). Currently rehabilitating knee at HealthQuest, planning on returning to competitive sports. "Dan makes therapy fun."



Donna Taylor, Patella Tendonitis, performing a balance & reach. "Improved knee strength, I'm now able to go up and down stairs with no pain."

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Students enjoy bake sale at Pine Knob

The Pine Knob Elementary PTA held their first bake sale of the year on Nov. 10.

More than 100 people donated sweet and tasty delights, all priced to sell at 25 cents each.

In total, the bake sale raised \$249 for the PTA. This was the first of four sales this year by the Pine Knob Elementary PTA.

Above: Pine Knob Elementary students (Left to right) Patrick Kugler, Nichole Jewell, Remington Menard, Joshua Deatherage, Zach Leicht and Kristopher Cason jockey for position at the treats table.

Left: Kallan Mehta holds up a sweet and educational cookie.

Photos by Noah Purcell

New state law requires 'parental involvement'

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Do we need to tell schools across the state that you have to have parent involvement?" said Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent.

The Clarkston school district is implementing new guidelines to the current parent involvement policy. PA107 is a new law that requires school boards across the state to have a policy and plan on parental/guardian involvement. This new law takes effect January 2005.

In order to get the plan going, the school board must develop a policy by looking at the current guidelines and emphasizing certain areas. The board must also maintain the balance for parent involvement with student safety.

With the current policy, student safety is recognized in every day events. Even the safety of a child whose parents are considering divorce is noticed. The district arranges for parent teacher conferences, meetings and special events to bring the parents into the school.

"Parental involvement is not an issue for our school district," said Roberts. "We are fortunate that we have such wonderful and involved parents."

This new policy will not change the existing policy for Clarkston schools. The current policy covers relationships with parents and children, school visitors, parental participation and Title I programs, and parent volunteers. The board believes parents have a responsibility to encourage and support their children. The only changes may be in verbage.

The Clarkston district agrees PA107 is an important piece to a better school

environment. However, the school district already has these types of policies in place, and they are reviewed annually to make certain they are kept up to date.

"This is an unnecessary law," said Roberts. "Because educators know that whenever parent participation is high you have a better school system."

"We already have so much involvement," said Roberts. "We still have the involvement of parents whose kids have already graduated and even the support of grandparents."

The district will form a team of teachers, parents and administrators to receive feedback on how to improve the existing guidelines. The board will then execute these new guidelines and try to get everyone involved in the new changes.

"We already have an amazing amount of support from parents," said board President Karen Foyteck. "For us this is redundant."

Though redundant, the school district will comply with these changes and take the appropriate steps. This law is relatively recent, and the deadline is just a few months away.

The school board adopted the first reading for PA107 at the Nov. 8 school board meeting.

The next meeting on the topic will be Dec. 13, when the board will either approve or deny the new guidelines, in which case, the board would meet again in January with the changes.

"The guidelines will be altered," said Roberts. "But what will not be altered is the intent to keep parents, guardians and other citizens involved in our schools."

Board approves 1st budget amendment

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education approved the 2004-05 budget amendment number 1 at their Nov. 8 school board meeting. The new amendment was introduced by Bruce Beamer, executive director of business and financial services.

This past summer, the board approved a \$69,580,042 budget. However, the expenditures have already reached \$71,550,210. Beamer asked the board to transfer \$2.3 million from the fund equity to cover the deficit.

The board approved the new budget and allowed for any adjustments to be made.

Clarkston schools recognize employees

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education nominated 16 people for first quarter employee recognition awards. These individuals were acknowledged at the regular school board meeting on Nov. 8. Each had their turn at the front podium and listened while co-workers spoke kind words on their behalf. Each nominee received a beautiful desk clock engraved Clarkston Community Schools Excellence.

And the winners are...

Barbara Gramann, AE Teacher; Daniel Minot, BLE Teacher; Julie Chamberlain, IE Teacher; Chris Turner, IE Principal; Sharon Miller, NSE Instructional Aide; Christopher Young, NSE Building Aide; Sheryl Herr, PKE Instructional Aide; Tamara Hamilton, PKE Media Specialist; Robert Brazier, PKE Teacher; Judy

Zielinski, SPE Title 1 Reading Aide; Melissa Butki, SMS Teacher; Gerri Devine, CMS Math Specialist; Kyleen Cunningham, CHS Teacher; Laura Keenan, CHS Para-professional; Kathy Peshl, Accounts Payable Secretary; Carolyn Clarke, SSS Social Worker.

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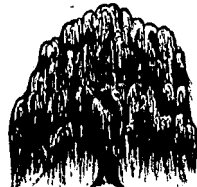


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Disability awareness comes by learning to do without

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer
Clarkston Community Schools hosted their second Disability Awareness Day program on Nov. 10.

Daniel Ralston is a parent with a student with a disability. Ralston came to Clarkston schools and suggested they start the program.

Originally, the district started the program in just one building, Springfield Plains Elementary, to experience first hand the amount

of training and work needed. Everyone involved realized it was very easy and decided to make arrangements for the next year.

The program is now offered at all seven Clarkston Elementary schools and is a totally parent run operation. The enhancement program only lasts one day at each school.

There are a total of 30 parent volunteers, and each school has a coordinator.

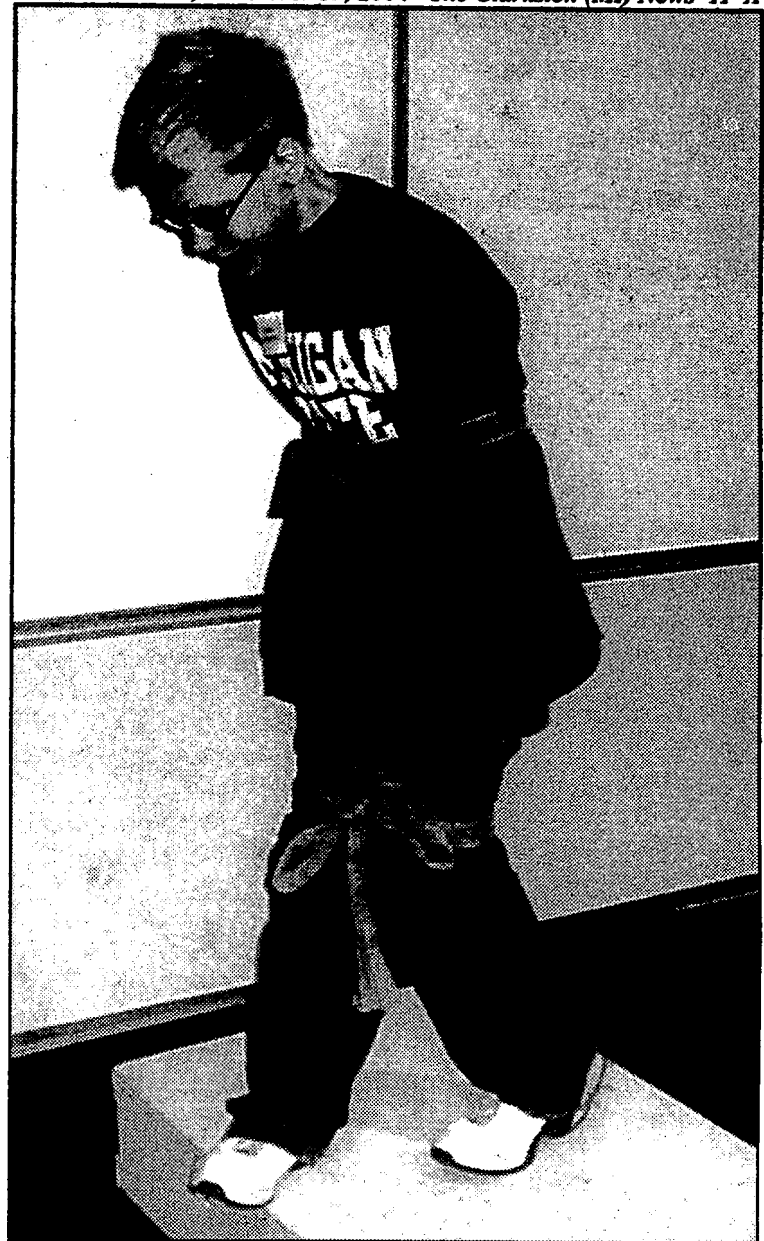
Disability Awareness is a program designed by parents who worked with Oakland Schools to develop special kits. These kits include many pieces of equipment each school uses when they have their Disability Awareness day.

Through testing, the district decided the best age for students to start participating in this important day was in the fourth grade. At that age, kids are still young and able to take things in; however, they are old enough to understand.

The goal for Disability Awareness day is to bring these children together and help them better understand what it means to carry a disability. With the special kits, students can experience not having the use of their legs by sitting in a wheelchair. A child also experiences what it is not having vision by wearing a mask over their eyes and holding a walking stick.

Also, children had the opportunity to understand a different type of disability. Disabilities can cause a person to struggle with everyday concepts, such as reading or writing. Students were given the opportunity to sit at a table and feel what it like to be dyslexic, or have a learning disorder.

Clarkston, for many years, has done a full inclusion model for special education students which places them in general education classrooms along with other children. Clarkston students face other children with disabilities every day, a model that has helped to pave the way for a more understanding future.



Dakota Schunborg simulates life with a debilitating disorder. Such exercises helped students better understand what those with real disabilities face daily. Photos by Christina Ulaj.



Miranda Perez learns how to operate a wheelchair during the Pine Knob Elementary Disability Awareness Day.

"Kids aren't used to seeing kids with disabilities," said Anne Evans, director of Student Support Services. "What these programs do is help to develop sensitivity for those who can't walk or see."

The special education students are also a part of the day by contributing their experience's to those who don't understand.

"Whatever their disability is, these students still need to learn

about other disabilities," said Evans.

The ultimate goal of the program is to bring awareness to people who don't face the same challenges as a person with a disability. The program teaches children that other people do face these challenges, and it's alright to approach them.

"It makes me so proud that these parents come over and help," said Evans. "I can't thank them enough."

DPW puts new lift truck to work

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston DPW workers are getting up in the world, thanks to the latest addition to their fleet.

A \$45,000 lift truck has seen lots of use in the past couple weeks, and DPW Director Bob Pursley sang its praises to the city council on Nov. 8.

"It's a very nice piece of equipment," Pursley said. "It's the kind of thing that, once you have one, you wonder what did we do for years without it."

Earlier in the day, the DPW had changed out several city street light bulbs, and will be able to do more preventive maintenance. In addition, long-neglected tree trimming in city street right-of-ways will be a more regular function for the DPW.

Pursley said all four DPW members have been certified in use of the lift truck, and that certification must be renewed every three years.

In answer to council questions, Pursley said the new truck may be loaned to the Independence Township DPW from time to time, consistent with past cooperative practice.

"This piece of equipment is no different than any piece of equipment we have," he said. "We borrow their stuff. We borrow their chopper quite a bit."

Meanwhile, the city DPW will take over duties formerly handled by township equipment. The banners over M-15 announcing community events and erecting of city Christmas lights (in conjunction with the Clarkston Rotary) are among such duties to be handled by the new lift truck.

With access to high branches such a difficulty, Council Member Dan Calomiris asked if the DPW might provide tree trimming to city residents for a fee.

Pursley said both risk and time would be challenges to such a plan.

"That would be a liability issue," he said, adding, "We have so much work to do just to keep up with our own trees."

In a similar vein, Pursley wishes the DPW could offer driveway snow plowing service to elderly and disabled city residents. He has talked to the city attorney and insurance representatives, but liability is again the issue.

"The guys want to do this on their free time, if they can use city equipment," Pursley said. "They hate seeing these elderly people trying to clean six inches or 12 inches of snow out of their driveway when with our equipment, in 10 minutes or less, we'd be done."



Clarkston DPW Director Bob Pursley does preventive maintenance on a city street light with the help of their new lift truck. Photo by Don Schelske.

City mulls new election cycle

BY DON SCHELSKE
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Clarkston city elections will likely switch to every other year, and city council terms of office may be extended, depending on public comment and city council deliberations on Monday, Nov. 22.

The city council scheduled a public hearing to begin at 7 p.m. to discuss how the city should comply with a new state election consolidation law.

"I don't know how it's going to affect us," said City Manager Art Pappas in announcing the hearing at the Nov. 8 council meeting.

The city currently conducts annual elections, with a portion of the council up for reelection every year. According to city attorney Tom Ryan, the mandate will be for city elections to be conducted every other year.

The state law, designed to save taxpayer money and reduce voter confusion about election dates, limits all regu-

lar municipal and school elections to four specific dates, with the strongest recommendation being November. In addition, frequency of elections is limited depending on the unit of government.

Some variations are allowed, but only after a public hearing and a vote of the governing body.

City council members (including the mayor) currently serve a two-year term, but Ryan said a two-year election cycle makes it desirable to change to four-year council terms.

"That will be my recommendation," he said, but added, "That's a council decision."

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education has already voted to maintain their annual spring election (moving from June to the state-allowed May date). Township governments, meanwhile, appear to have the most stable election cycle, still following the state-mandated November election every four years.



The oath of office...

Mayor Sharron Catalo (left) and Clarkston City Council members Kristy Ottman, Scott Meyland and Steven Wylie take the oath of office from City Manager/Clerk Art Pappas on Nov. 8. Catalo and Meyland won re-election on Nov. 2, with Ottman and Wylie earning enough votes for their first term on council. Photo by Don Schelske.

City, Springfield finalize choices for CDBG funds

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the recognition that some agencies may be disappointed, local governments have made the tough choices concerning targeted use for 2005 community development block grant funds.

After tabling the issue last month, the Clarkston City Council voted on Nov. 8 to spend an estimated \$8,000 in federal funds in four separate areas.

In the "public service" category, the city designated \$2,000 each to the Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens and Clarkston Area Youth Assistance programs.

The primary purpose of CDBG funds is to help "low-to-moderate-income" residents, but City Manager Art Pappas said rules set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allow a portion to be used for "administration." The council approved \$2,000 in that category, although Pappas said it may take a couple years to spend the entire amount.

By keeping track of his time spent on eligible projects in the past, Pappas said he has been successful in obtaining reimbursement from the federal government.

The other \$2,000 will go toward a subwatershed public education program, with the intent to purchase brochures and other items for local residents.

"We're mandated [by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality] to provide this," Mayor Sharron

Catalo said.

Pappas finished the thought: "...for the rest of our lives."

In Springfield Township, trustees had also tabled their decision, seeking more information from the "public service" applicants on their funding sources and how many township residents they served.

At their Nov. 11 meeting, the board debated how to divide an estimated \$39,107 in grant funds for 2005. With about half reserved for "public service" purposes, applicants included the Springfield Township Library, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, Kaleidoscope Foundation, Neighbor for Neighbor, Lighthouse of Clarkston, Haven and Holly Area Youth Assistance.

By a 5-2 vote (Supervisor Collin Walls and Treasurer Jamie Dubre voting no), the board approved "public service" allocations based on "types of service" rather than agency names:

■ Audio books for the visually impaired (Springfield Township Library), \$4,508.50.

■ Crisis intervention and counseling for victims of domestic assault, sexual abuse and child neglect (HAVEN), \$3,000.

■ Food distribution, housing, utility and medical assistance (Neighbor for Neighbor), \$8,000.

■ Recreational activities for adults with disabilities (Kaleidoscope Foundation), \$4,000.

In addition, the board approved \$7,803 for "plan-

ning and management" for either a library needs assessment, a storm sewer database study or a combination of the two; \$6,000 for removing architectural barriers at the Mill Pond beach; and \$5,705.50 for minor home repairs to needy citizens.

"I looked at last year's for guidance," said Trustee David Hopper in making the motion, "and I know what we've been trying to do in the past is get the most bang for the buck."

Trustee-elect Marc Cooper answered questions on behalf of the Kaleidoscope Foundation, noting the organization does get some revenue from their senior lunch program. That led the board to drop that service from an original proposal for CDBG funding.


Likewise, Trustee Margaret Bloom's suggestion to fund Youth Assistance met with a similar reaction.

"Youth Assistance is already being funded," Walls said. "These funds are for agencies that can't otherwise do [their programs]."


Treasurer Jamie Dubre unsuccessfully proposed some funding for OLHSA's home chores program, although their report showed only three Springfield Township residents served last year.

"If we funded some, they might serve more," she said.

After the vote, trustees suggested Kaleidoscope Foundation be more aggressive in seeking funding for senior lunches from local businesses and group homes.



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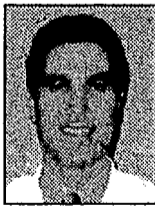
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Obituaries

Hughes

Harford G. Hughes of Clarkston, passed away suddenly on November 8, 2004, at the age of 76.

Mr. Hughes was the loving husband of Elaine; dear father of H. Keith (Linda) of Texas, Todd (Teresa) of Waterford and Caron (Brad Smith) of Texas; grandfather of Serra and Grant; and Brother of Helen (John) Dorrepaal of Canada, Ray (Connie) of Clarkston and Marilyn McDonald of Canada.

Mr. Hughes was an active member of First Baptist Church of Clarkston and the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was formerly employed by Ford, Chrysler and American Motors. He was a charter employee at Michigan Technical Services in 1987.

Funeral services were

held on November 12, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Clarkston. Burial ceremonies in the Memorial Gardens of Canada, Windsor. Arrangements provided by Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the church.

School board sends home parent surveys

When should students head back to school in the fall? This is one question parents will answer on a written survey conducted by Clarkston Schools. The survey will be mailed to all families during the week of Nov. 15.

The survey's purpose is to determine the overall feelings of Clarkston parents to the school calendar and schedules. Results of the survey will be tabulated by Oakland Schools and the information will be shared with the Calendar Planning Committee. All information provided by parents will remain confidential and all responses will be tabulated to provide a clear picture

of parent opinion.

"Staying in touch with the concerns and ideas of our parents is essential to the overall success of our district," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "There are new challenges each year for school districts across Michigan, we simply want to know if our current calendar is heading in the right direction."

Completed surveys can be returned to any school building or mailed to the Administration Building at 6389 Clarkston Rd., P.O. Box 1050, 48347-1050. Surveys must be received by Nov. 24. For more information, please contact Anita Banach at 248-628-5420.

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Graham Richard Woolston, 70, former district sales manager of Pontiac Motor Division, passed away on November 7, 2004, of cancer, at Hospice Atlanta near his daughter Ginger.

Born at home in Saginaw County, Mr. Woolston graduated from Saginaw High School (Class of 1952), served in the United States Army and graduated from Central Michigan University (Class of 1960).

Mr. Woolston married his wife Georgia King Robinson of Clarkston in 1961. They lived in Clarkston, Northville, Maumee and moved to Lima, Ohio, in 1972. There he was an active member of Market Street Presbyterian Church youth programs and served as both a deacon and an elder. He retired with his wife to Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1993. Georgia, his wife of 36 years, passed away in 1996.

Mr. Woolston is survived by his three children, Dianna Marcello of Agoura Hills, California, Thomas Woolston of Great Falls, Virginia and Ginger Williams of Roswell, Georgia; and seven grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. on November 21, 2004, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Arrangements provided by the Cremation Society of The South.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memory of Graham and Georgia Woolston to the Lima Memorial Hospital Foundation, 1001 Bellefontaine Ave., Lima, Ohio, 45804.

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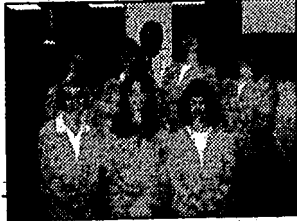
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Clarkston News Sports

Wolves narrowly escape districts disappointment

By NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves proved a team can stumble, but not fall as they eeked out victories in their last two contests.

A 32-30 win against Ortonville Brandon in the opening round of the district tournament on Nov. 15, at Lapeer East, keeps the varsity girls basketball season going at least two more days. The win against Brandon comes on the heels of a 39-36 victory against Troy Athens.

"We just have to find ways to score," said Coach Ann Lowney.

Clarkston trailed Brandon for most of the game until late in the fourth quarter when junior Melissa Martinez stole the ball and tied the game.

Moments later, senior Leigh Christy grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back up to give Clarkston the lead. Senior Stephanie Parkin led Clarkston with nine points.

"We are trying to figure out how to play without Chelsea (Kouri)," said Lowney. "Teams are starting to jam us inside."

Sophomore Chelsea Kouri was the Wolves second leading scorer and the first girl off the bench before sustaining a season ending knee injury in practice on Nov. 5. Kouri's outside shooting freed up the paint, a

luxury the Wolves are having trouble living without.

Next up for the Wolves is Kettering on Nov. 17, a team Clarkston beat twice this year. Coach Lowney is worried about the two teams familiarity as she gameplans for the contest. She feels Clarkston can win if the team hits their outside shots.

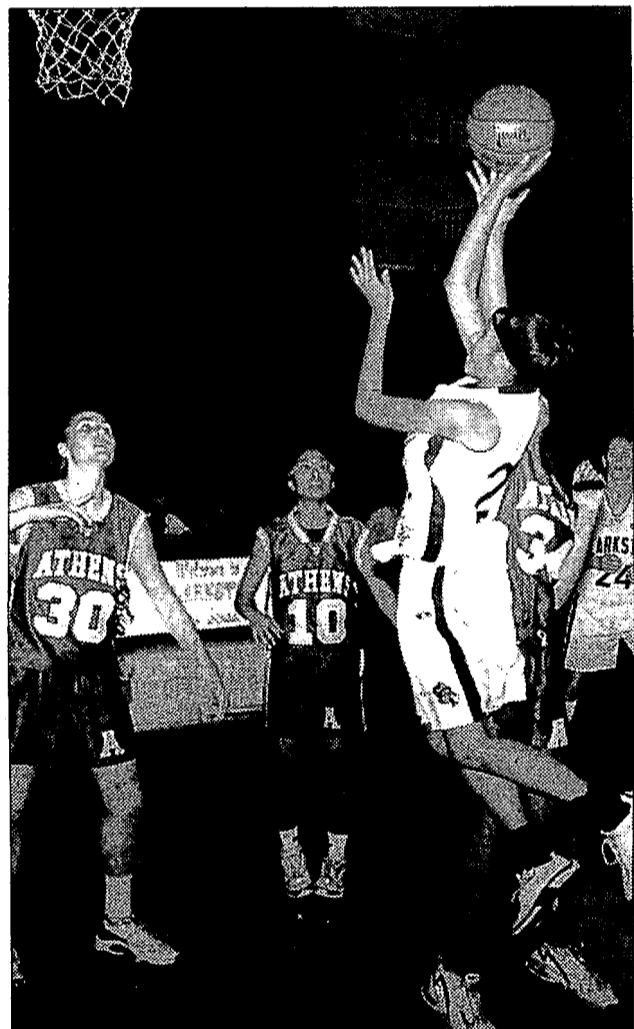
On Nov. 11, the Wolves closed their regular season playing with the sloppiest basketball witnessed all year.

Senior Julia Kouri would not let Clarkston lose as she hit clutch shot after clutch shot down the stretch to give Clarkston a 37-36 lead with :38 left in the game. A pair of free throws moments later by Kouri who then stole the ball in the final seconds preserved the victory for the Wolves.

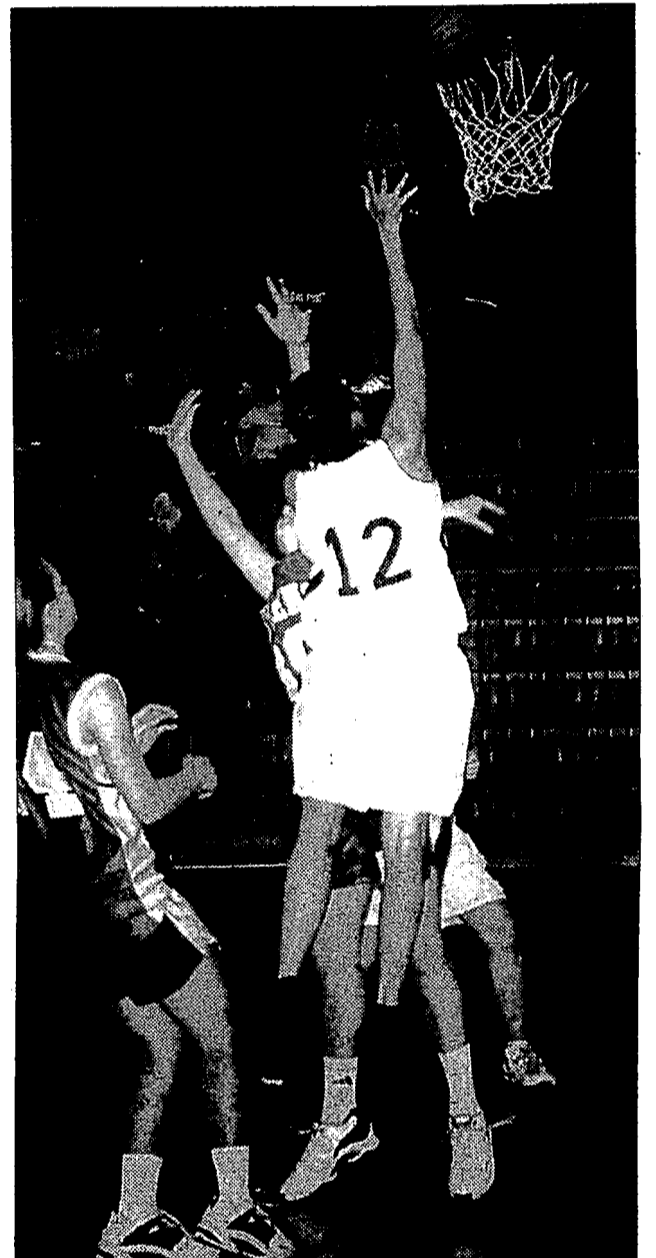
Kouri led all scorers in the game with 17 points. Senior Stephanie Parkin also chipped in eight points and six rebounds to help the Wolves avoid an embarrassing loss on Senior night. Seniors Julia Connor and Leigh Christy along with Kouri and Parkin received flowers at center court prior to the contest to commemorate their time at CHS.



Stephanie Parkin zips by a Troy Athens defender on Nov. 11. Photo by Noah Purcell



Melissa Martinez swoops to the hoop against Troy Athens. Photo by Noah Purcell



Julia Kouri has come through with big buckets all season. Photo by Noah Purcell

Sharpen up the skates

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey season begins this week on Nov. 18 against West Bloomfield.

The Wolves won the OAA league title the past two seasons and are returning 19 players from a team that reached the quarterfinals of the State tournament a year ago.

"We are more experienced and that should help in the playoffs," said Coach Bryan Krygier.

The season opener will be played Nov. 18 at 6:00 p.m. on home ice at the Detroit Skate Club.

Further down the road the team will participate in the Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tournament with games at Cranbrook on both Nov. 26 and 27. The next home game after that will be against Waterford Mott on Dec. 2.

Athlete of the Week - Stephanie Parkin



Stephanie Parkin is the Athlete of the Week for her stellar contributions to the Wolves girls basketball team. Parkin scored 23 points in Clarkston's 60-50 win over Pontiac Northern on Nov. 9, scored eight points in a 39-36 win versus Troy Athens and nine in the first round district win against Brandon.

Stephanie started playing basketball in elementary school. Aside from her family and hanging out with her friends, the senior says that sports is "her life."

Aside from basketball Parkin also runs track in the spring and plays volleyball in the winter. Barring unforeseen problems, Parkin will finish her senior year at CHS with 12 varsity letters, four from each sport.

Parkin, whose parents are Tim and Lynette, is not sure where she will attend college next year but is interested in majoring in either physical therapy or exercise science.

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Division I schools getting infusion of Wolves talent

By NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Fall is a time for apple cider, raking leaves and for standout athletes signing a letter of intent.

The crème of Clarkston's crop will rise in new pastures next year after five youths made their school's of choice official this week.

State champions Liz Mengyan, Anne Oltman and Lauren Little signed letters of intent in the CHS library on Nov. 11.

Mengyan will head to Illinois for cross country, Oltman will also run at Dayton, and Little will ply her tennis skills at Marquette.

"I'm very excited for the new level of competition and the new experiences," said Oltman.

According to her coach, Jamie Labrosse, Oltman particularly appealed to Dayton due to her natural affinity for the steeplechase.

While she knows her athletic path well, Oltman is still unsure as to what route she will take at Dayton academically, but she has narrowed the

choices down to business and education.

Oltman's teammate on the Clarkston 2004 state champion cross country team, Mengyan, is also looking forward to collegiate athletics.

"I'll be able to push my limits moving up to the big ten level," said Mengyan.

"I predict that (Mengyan) will be big-ten freshman of the year," said Labrosse. "She will find a way to take it to the top."

Mengyan will pursue a degree in kinesiology.

Labrosse is glad both girls are in programs that will be good fits for them, and that they are close enough he can still follow their progress.

Little was wooed by Marquette's campus as well as the school's excellent nursing program.

Having sat out her sophomore and junior years due to injuries, winning the State singles crown was especially sweet for Little who went 23-1 individually.

"I was really happy to win (the State championship) this year. It was a goal I set a long

time ago," said Little.

Aside from the CHS students who committed this past week, two other Clarkston youths signed on the dotted line.

Brandon Gentile and Tim Miller both attended CHS up until after their sophomore years (02-03) when their hockey skills surpassed what the local competition had to offer.

Gentile has played with the US National Team Development under 18 team in Ann Arbor for the past two years. Miller played for the Omaha Lancers

of the USHL during the same period of time.

The two former teammates from their days in Little Caesars AAA league will now be bitter rivals for the next four years: Gentile will suit up for MSU next year and Miller will be wearing the maize and blue of U of M.

Clarkston's Mike Holody, Braden L'amoreaux, and Gillian Nordquist are all expected to sign on with Division I schools this week.



Brandon Gentile (left) will take his hockey talent to MSU while long-time friend Tim Miller (right) will skate for U of M. Photo provided

Ski season cometh

Ski season is pecking around the corner, and many new additions and programs to Michigan's ski resorts will help residents enjoy the winter season.

"Much of the emphasis in area improvements is centered around creating a fun family experience," said Mickey MacWilliams, executive director of Michigan Snowsports Industries Association.

All across the state, ski parks have added tree runs, conveyer lifts and enhanced terrain parks and halfpipes.

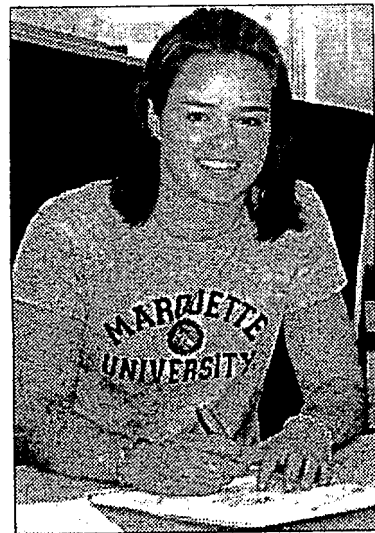
Pine Knob installed a Wonder Carpet conveyer system which provides a simple and easy way of toting novice and young skiers up a hill. Children 6 and under are able to purchase half-price lift tickets and rentals.

Pine Knob also participates in the Discover Michigan Skiing program which is sponsored by McDonald's. The program includes a beginner lesson, ski or snowboard rental equipment and a beginner's area ski pass. Registration forms can be picked up at McDonald's restaurants, the program will run Jan. 3-31.

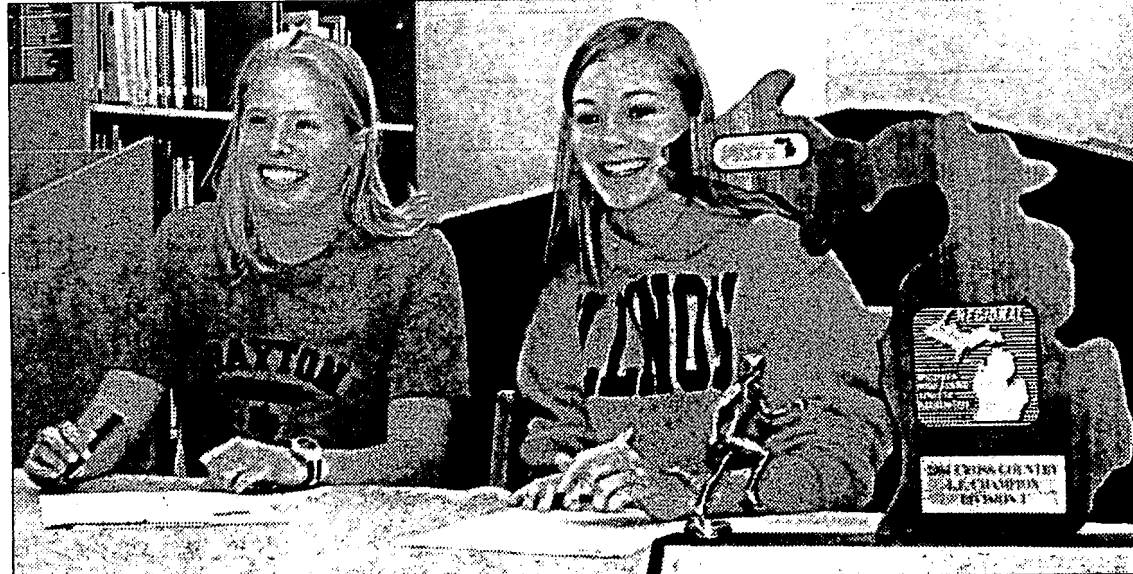
Clarkston area seniors will be able to take advantage of \$5 lift tickets this season.

Pine Knob also has a new roof, constructed new bathrooms and installed new carpet and beams in their lodge.

For skiers aiming to slalom across Michigan this year the "White Gold Card" allows people to ski one time at each of the 24 participating ski resorts and further entitles the cardholder to one ski tune-up. The cost of the card is \$169, some of the participating resorts include: Pine Knob, Boyne Mountain, Mt. Holly, and Nubs Nob.



Lauren Little signs on the dotted line to play tennis next year at Marquette. Photo By Noah Purcell



Liz Mengyan (Illinois) and Anne Oltman (Dayton) sign their letters of intent in the CHS library. Photo by Noah Purcell

Wolves trainer keeps the kids number one

By NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Torn ACLs, sprained ankles and tattered egos are all on the mend at CHS when Gail McClellan is on the job. Aside from a three year hiatus, McClellan has kept the Wolves healthy since 1987.

Upon graduating from CMU in 1986, McClellan spun what had been an internship with CHS into her life's work.

"I don't think I would want to work at any other high school," said McClellan.

Aside from her husband Bob, who she says is incredibly supportive, the Clarkston students gracing her training table are the love of her life.

"The daily challenge that every child is taken care of," said McClellan.

McClellan's easy approach

and converse with on the sideline but her eyes continually haunt the players every movement in the field of play.

Even before an exclamation of pain pushes past the lips of an injured competitor Gail is in motion, first aid kit in hand, assessing and tending to the injury.

The 16-hour days during the summer do not bother McClellan. She knows that the kids need her. She knows that make-up games preclude her personal schedule. And she loves being there for the kids.

"It's not the big things. (I) don't want the kids to bring me a dozen roses everyday," said McClellan. "Its just the one 'thank you' on Wednesday that means I made a difference."

For the record, McClellan loves the bouquet of roses that the football team gave her this year.

Over the years, McClellan

has cut out her own niche in Clarkston athletics. Aside from tending to the Wolves various maladies she diligently sets a strong moral example for the kids.

"A lot of my job is not even the training aspect. Sometimes its nice for the kids to have an adult around they can trust," said McClellan.

What makes the job easy for Gail is the support that the school and the athletic boosters give her.

"The parents are really good here, the boosters are good and all of the coaches are good here," said McClellan.

Instead of having to juggle three events in a single evening, the boosters pay for trainers to assist McClellan.

"You can't be everywhere at once," said McClellan. "A lot of schools will have football out-

side, girls basketball inside and soccer going on at once. and the trainer has to run from game to game."

This year, the boosters have also purchased a \$5,000 golf cart and a washing machine for the water bottles to aid McClellan's

efforts.

"I spend every day from August to the middle of June with the kids," said McClellan, and she is hard pressed to think of something else she would rather be doing.



CHS trainer, Gail McClellan, wraps junior Amanda Kaltz's sprained ankle. Photo by Noah Purcell.

Faded Ink

Legion celebrates Veterans Day

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Post members, Veteran's and guests filled the Campbell Richmond Post 63 American Legion hall on Nov. 14 in celebration of Veterans Day.

"I think it's important to participate and to promote Veterans Day as much as possible," said Barney Schoenfeld, Historian for Campbell Richmond Post 63.

John Heller, a World War II Navy Veteran, is the youngest survivor, and was proud to be the guest speaker at the annual event.

"I think this event is great," said Heller, who spoke on past experiences. "It's one of the nicest things to attend, other than our reunion."

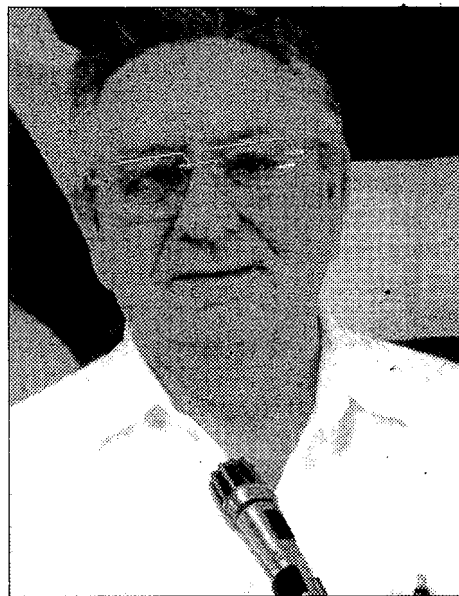
So what does Veteran's Day mean?

"It means pride," said Shannon Wawruck, Vietnam Veteran. "My grandfather, father, uncles and both sons served. I grew up knowing that is how you serve your country."

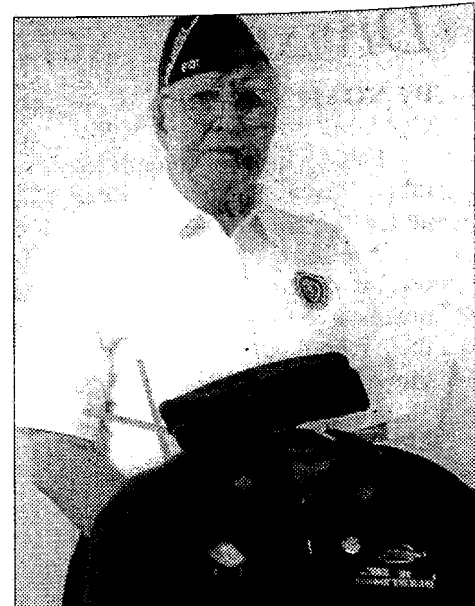
"Veterans Day brings back memories of those times and appreciation for those who served." Said Jim Fisk Korean Veteran.

"Veterans Day is the comradeship between these men, who came back and are remembering the ones who were left behind." said Harry Sinkutch, 101st Airborne Division Veteran.

"Veteran's Day means alot to me," said Chaplain Nick Dureiko. "By belonging to the American Legion I have made friends with a lot of veterans, and we have a lot in common."



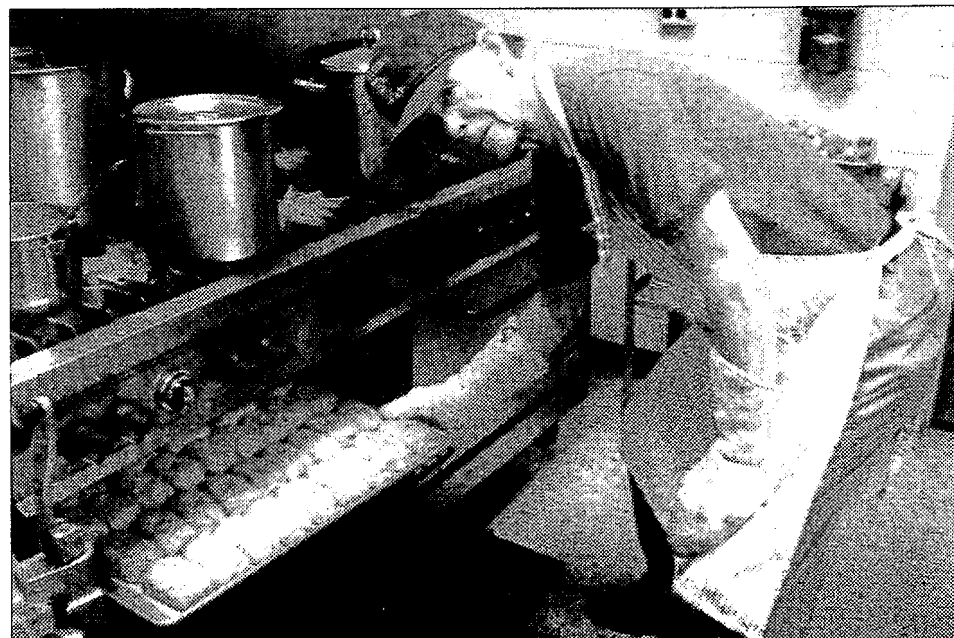
John Heller, WWII navy vet, was a guest speaker at the dinner.



Sidney Centilli Jr. showcasing his WWII uniform.



Betty Wright and J.D. Powell, ex-commander of post 63, mug for the camera at the Veteran's Day dinner.



John Lynch, a member of post 63, helped cook for the meal.

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By Ernie Harwell

When I was an announcer for the New York Giants baseball team in the early 1950s, we did three live commercials for a cigarette sponsor per game. We'd memorize the commercials while the game was going on. Then they'd turn the camera on us and we'd hold up a pack of cigarettes and tell people how good they were. In fact, they even sent me around to the hospitals. I'd go to a cancer unit and give the guys cigarettes! Can you imagine that?



We've certainly come a long way in our understanding of smoking and the danger it poses to our health. Of course, we now know that smoking is linked to cancer, heart disease and a host of other serious health problems.

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If you're one of those people who hasn't been able to kick the smoking habit, I want to encourage you to keep trying. The stakes are high and it's never too late. And remember to take care of your health before it's lonnnnggg 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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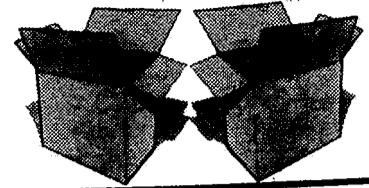
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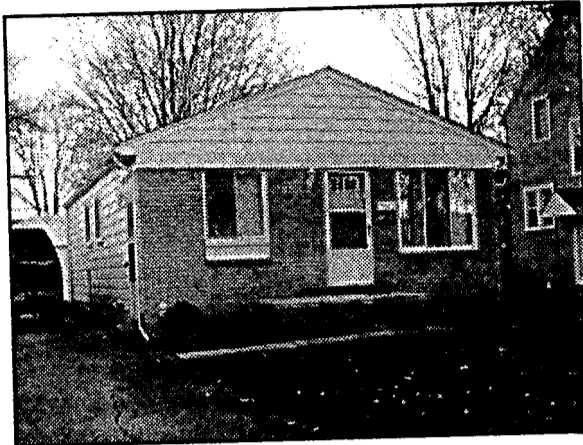


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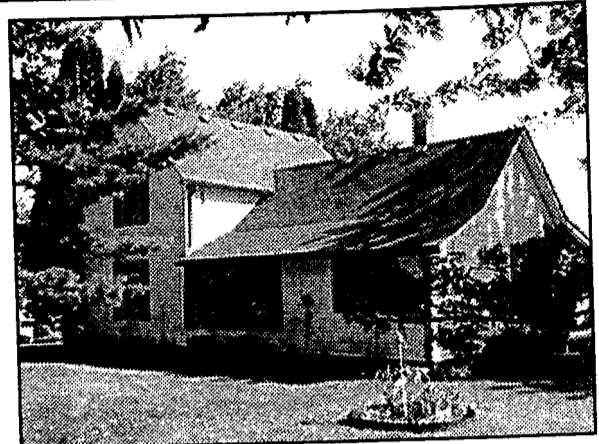
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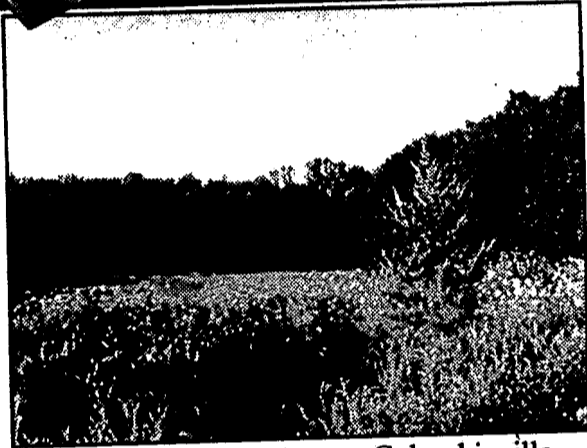


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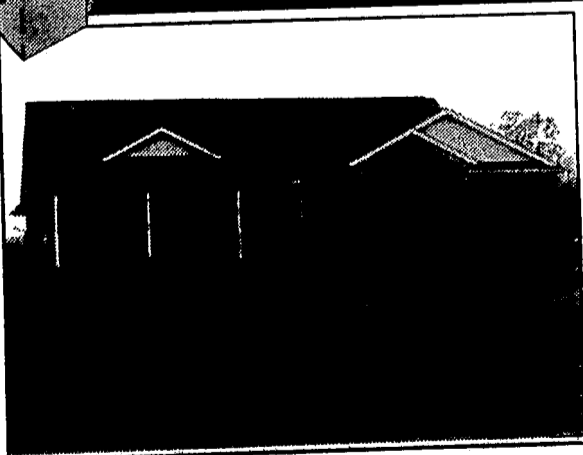


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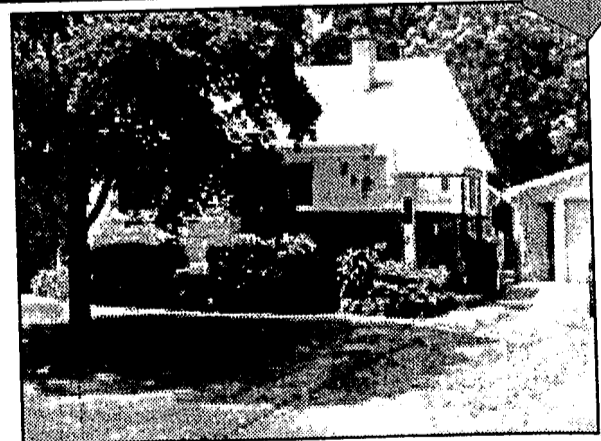
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Michigan does not have any laws that define rules for when to allow a child to stay home alone. Some states do, but Michigan is not one of them.

When is a child ready to be left home alone? When this question is posed to child protective services, their answer is "it depends." And that's what the research also says.

What does it depend on? It depends, first of all, on the maturity of your child. Children mature at different ages. If you feel your child is mature and responsible enough, start talking to him to get a sense of how he feels about staying home alone. It is important to remember, though, no matter how mature your child, he or she is still a child. Assess you and your child's readiness by asking questions such as: Is your child emotionally ready and responsible enough to be home alone? Is your child comfortable entering the house alone? Can you be at ease if your child is home alone? How would your child handle an emergency?

It also depends on the length of time and how often the child is left alone. A 10-year-old that is being left alone daily from 4 to 9 p.m. might be cause for attention by juvenile court authorities for neglect and abandonment. The 10-year-old that is left home alone occasionally because you have to run to the drugstore to pick up a prescription, for example, is an entirely

different scenario. It's a matter of using common sense.

If you decide your child is ready, you will need to make preparations to ensure their safety. Survey your home for safety risks and eliminate them. Post emergency numbers by the phone. Discuss what to do in every possible emergency situation, such as a fire or a stranger at the door. Talk about when would be appropriate to call 911.

Establish firm guidelines about being home alone:

- Check in with your child at regular established times via the phone while you are away.

- If you permit your child to answer the phone, make sure he knows how to answer without letting callers know he is home alone.

- Be sure there are snacks if you don't allow cooking.

- Discuss procedures that must be followed and how you will be notified of his whereabouts if you allow your child to leave the house

- Make sure your child knows the importance of keeping these safeguards private.

When all is said and done, do you feel comfortable leaving your child alone? If you don't, trust your instincts and make other arrangements — even if your child isn't entirely happy with them. If your child is handling being home alone well and you feel good about it, be sure to tell your child this — use encouragement to notice your child's growing independence.

Just as when our children were learning to walk — some took their first steps at 9 months, some at 12 months and some at 18 months — each child is different. You are the parent, you know your child best and together with your child, you'll know when it is appropriate to allow them to stay home alone.

Anyone with questions on parenting can e-mail Jennifer Arkwright at JenofArk@yahoo.com.

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La Petite Gallery brings a taste of art to Clarkston

BY JENNY MATTESON

Clarkston News Editor

Sometimes the best things come in the smallest packages, as can be seen in Clarkston's newest establishment, La Petite Gallery.

La Petite Gallery, located on Main St. in the same building as Tierra's Fine Jewelers, is a premier showing spot for Clarkston and surrounding community artists. Begun in spring 2004 by Director Terry Tracy, the once small art display has grown by leaps and bounds.

"I'm an artist, so I had been bugging the owner to let me display work here for some time," explained Tracy. "It started as just this one room where I showed my own work. That's where the name came from, with the one room and all."

This past August, La Petite Gallery expanded into two additional rooms and now features around 75 pieces by 10 painters and two sculptors.

"It's given artists an opportunity to show their work," said Tracy.

"The neatest part though is the response from the community," she added. "I'm just really excited by the overall response I've gotten."

La Petite Gallery always has something new to see, especially with the artists changing almost monthly and their works rotating regularly.

"The artists rent the space and I really stress to them that this is their gallery, their show," said Tracy. "They can arrange to hold a special showing here or change the pieces on display. It's all up to them."

"I'm really doing this for the artists, not just to sell a painting for profit," Tracy emphasized. "Selling is great, but you can't sell a piece if people don't see your



Terry Tracy sits near some of the many beautiful pieces on display at La Petite Gallery located with Tierra Fine Jewelers on Main St. Photo by Jenny Matteson.

work. I always tell artists it only takes that one person to come in and see that one piece."

La Petite Gallery is holding an Open House on Dec. 3-4. The show will be open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. The featured artists on display will be available throughout the weekend.

The gallery is open for regular business hours from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sundays.

"I think the residents will be pleasantly surprised to find the artistic talent in this community. There's something here for everybody," said Tracy.

"It's been kind of a blessing to me to get to meet other artists in the area," Tracy later added. "You get together and you get that artistic energy flowing. This is what's been a true blessing for me."

For more information on La Petite Gallery or on the December Open House, please call Terry Tracy at 248-625-2511.

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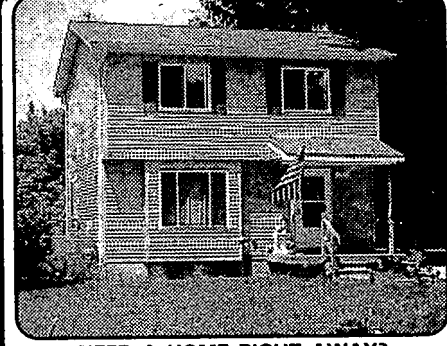
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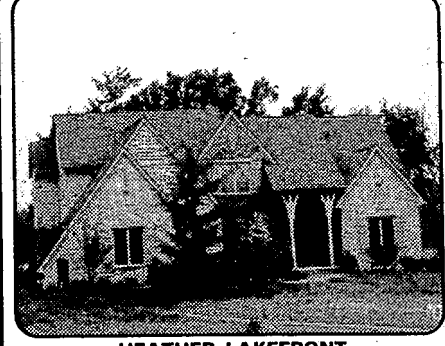
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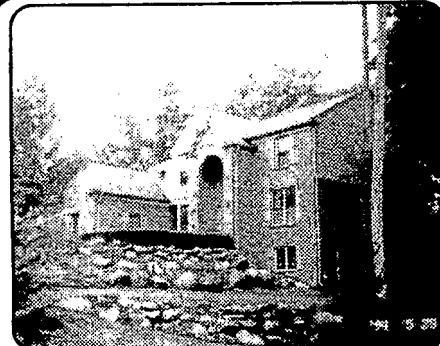
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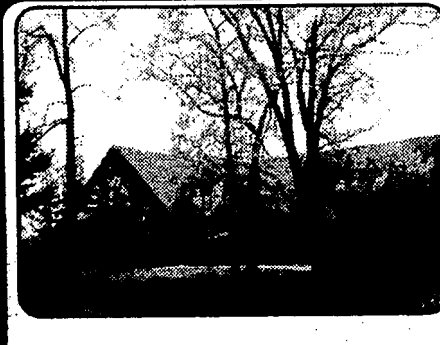
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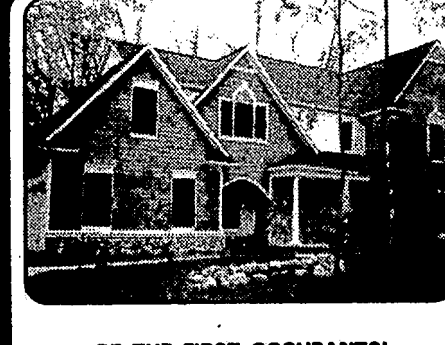
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Vaara

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That year, Mauti's team was ranked very high in the Detroit Free Press by Hal Schram. Another great team was in 1963, led by Dan Craven, Ken Miskin, Mike Bray, Dan Fife, Jon Gary Ron Lippert, Gary Peterson, Jon Wilberg and Gary Bass.

Girls sports were nonexistent in the 50s, 60s and part of the 70s. They had the Girls Athletic Association and were only allowed use of the gym after school on Fridays. When I look back at this situation, it was very sad. Thanks to Title IX, many doors were opened up for women's athletics.

Girls Basketball: Jan Modesitt became Clarkston's first women's basketball coach. Her first two years the squad played six on a team and were later allowed to have the same rules as boys. To get the program started, they had to buy their own uniforms, hire officials and provide transportation. Eventually, they played a league schedule. Modesitt won 133 games and lost 61. She won three districts and one regional, which allowed her team to reach the quarterfinals - the only girls basketball team in history to reach that far. Players included Dede Miller, Cindy Hunt, Autumn Matlock, Mary Jane Anderson, Nancy Chartier, Diane Curry, Marcia Mason, Kathy Rush, Jane Tatu, Anne Varra, Sue Frazier, Kathy Warren and Shelly Vaillencourt. Modesitt spoke very highly of Mary Beth Cowndin saying she was an athlete before her time in basketball.

Larry Mahrle was the girls basketball coach for eight years (1956-60). He won two league titles. Some of the girls that played under him were Sue McKoin, Rhonda Jokish, Jennifer and Allyson McChesney, Heather and Celeste Steinhilper, Leah Howard, Sue Naboychik, Laura Seitz, Beth Walker, Tami Mitchell, Carrie Roeser, Lesley Allen, Ann Brueck and Nickie Winn.

Girls Golf: Another sport where the girls have had huge success was golf. For two years in a row (1976-1977), they were State champions in class A. The 1976 team was coached by Doug Pierson and the 1977 team was coached by Jim Chamberlain. Both years' team members were Vivian Booker, Allison Booker, Mary J. Anderson and Terri Thompson. The 1976 team won by 35 strokes. Sometime earlier, there was no girls state tournament in golf, so Cindy Booker played for the boys and took second place. She was the first girl to play on a boys team in state competition.

Volleyball: Linda Denstaedt was Clarkston's first volleyball coach. She coached for ten years. In 1976 (the first year for state playoffs), her team advanced to the semifinals winning a district and regional title on their way. Some members were Diane Curry, Nancy Chartier, Autumn Matlock, Dede Miller, and Anne Varra. Her greatest player was Nancy Foster. She went on to play at Central Michigan and later replaced Denstaedt as coach.

Foster coached girls volleyball for four years. She won a league title and two districts. Her 1986-87 team ranked third in the state. The team lost to Marion in the regional final. Some members were Wendy Learmont, Michelle Taulbee, Missy O'Dell, Wendy Cohoon and Roseann Hirneism.

Gordie Richardson coached volleyball for 20 years (437-224) He won six league titles, seven districts and one regional. Some players mentioned by Coach Richardson who had an impact

on his teams over the years were Lisa Herron, Heather Steinhilper, Candy Polenz, Nichole Hard, Megan Bjurnam, Kammy Powell, Andrea Bower, and Lindsay Vincent.

Softball: Kathy DeArmond Mahrle was the first varsity softball coach. She won three league titles (66-32). Her first year, the team played only four games and had no uniforms; the second year they had skirts. Two years later they had complete uniforms. The only newspaper coverage the girls received at the time was done by Mahrle. Some girls that played on her championship team were Kathy Bontia, Cheryl Stickley, Cindy Hunt, Autumn Matlock, Kay Pierson, Pam Blower, Jane Tatu, Michelle Dearborn and Anne Varra.

Carla Teare coached softball for ten years. She won two league titles, four districts and two regional championships. Both regional teams lost in the semifinals of the state tournament. Her teams won over 150 games. Some of her players were Sandy Mason, Lisa Forsyth, Annette Ulasich, Julie Marshall, Sheila Moore, Laura Hurren, Missy O'Dell, Stacy Schurtz, Jennifer and Allison McChesney, Terry Sherman, Sue Stefanski, Chris Castillo, Jackie Patrick and Heather Behrens.

Cheerleading/Pom Pons: One of our first cheerleading coaches was Carol Lippencott. She was followed by Jan Gabier who went on to become an administrator in Clarkston. She coached for nine years. Cheerleading was state champs in 1966. On that team were Nancy Weiss, Jan (Peters) Fife, Caroline Giles, Cheryl Mansfield, Leslie Surre, Shala Smith and Pam Affolder. Other coaches were Sue Johnson, Jan Fife, Gail Conwell, Debbie Hool and the present coach Chandra Price.

Pom pons restarted in 1984. Mary Jane Cox and later her daughter were the coaches. They set the bar for excellence. Other coaches were Jennifer Rossman, Harmony Hunt, Jenny Schultz and present coach Erin Przybylski.

Girls Track: Gordie Richardson was the girls track coach for 25 years. He put the track program on center stage. If you mentioned girl runners in Michigan, Clarkston was ranked with the best of them - 14 years undefeated in dual meets; 15 league titles; 6 regionals; 3 county meets and Gordie was coach of the year five times.

There are so many girls to mention. These made All State: Jane Selent, Shivonne DeBoer, Carnie Roeser, Nicole Chinabare, Jenny Mahler, Sonya Schaffer, Lisa Herron, Jennifer Faroush, Tara Caringcross, Michelle Follie, Jennifer Bauer, Stephanie Burkow, Leah Scharl, Megan Plante, Kristin Maine, Mo Kuhta, Michele Fisher, Jennifer Rooding and Lisa Ladd.

Errol Solley coached girls track and he had one outstanding runner - Sue Latter. In the State finals, she took first place in the 220, 440 and 880. Clarkston was the runner-up State champs that year.

Cross Country: The present girls cross country coach is Jamie LaBrosse. Clarkston's program is known nation wide. They were runners up at States in 2002 and State champs in 2003 and again in 2004. The team is ranked first in the region and third in the nation. Jamie's teams also won three league and county meets. Team members include Jenny Morgan, Liz Mengyan, Gillian Nordquist, Anne Oltman, Ella Kuhta, Jennia Leach, Beth Hoekstra, Lisa Sickman and Lyndsay Smith.

(This column will continue in next week's edition of The Clarkston News.)

Who To Call

Runners

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ter the high school championship. It's the top, the end ... the qualifier to nothing else ... the pinnacle of what a high school team can do. Why would we give up all of this for a national high school tournament?" said Roberts in a Feb. 2004 value of athletics article.

If the Wolves as a team or as individuals participated in the NTN they could be rendered athletically ineligible for up to one enrollment year.

"My job as an athletic director, first and foremost is to make sure our athletes and coaches abide by the rules of the MHSAA," said Athletic Director Dan Fife. "By saying that we are going to follow the rules does not mean we are not supporting our girls."

With a strong team coming back next year, including lead runner Jenny Morgan, the Wolves will not sacrifice what could be another fantastic year for one race, no matter how big it is.



The girls cross country team poses with their 2004 state championship trophy. Photo provided

Charged

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She contacted the sheriff's department, and Gardner gave her credit for her willingness to get involved.

"She easily could have turned her head the other way," he said.

Local deputies contacted the county's child crime unit, which executed a search warrant and confiscated two computer towers, photos, a camera and a small amount of suspected marijuana.

A Sept. 10 search produced additional photos, a video and a computer printout, reports said.

With that evidence, Gardner was able to contact the mother of two children identified as possible victims. On Oct. 12, the children were interviewed by representatives of CareHouse, which specializes in helping victims of child sexual abuse.

That interview was added to the evidence presented to the county prosecutor, which issued the arrest warrant Nov. 1.

Gardner said Benton could have victimized up to three children in his suspected criminal activity.

Results of the scheduled preliminary exam were not available prior to *The Clarkston News* production deadline.

Signal

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turn right there anyhow. It is dangerous to the pedestrians."

"We're confused, and we know how it works," Pursley said.

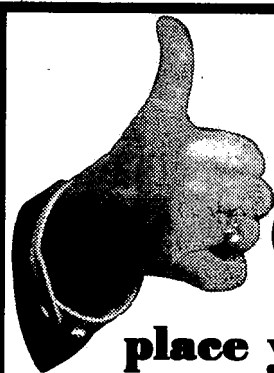
City Manager Art Pappas said the issue should be raised during regularly scheduled meetings with the Road Commission for Oakland County. A joint ef-

fort between the city and county agency may carry more clout with MDOT, Pappas said.

Officials noted a Nov. 4 incident in which a car hit a pedestrian at Main and Washington. Police Chief Ernest Combs said the victim had pressed the button for the pedestrian signal and had activated the "walk" sign.

Attempts by *The Clarkston News* to reach MDOT officials were unsuccessful.

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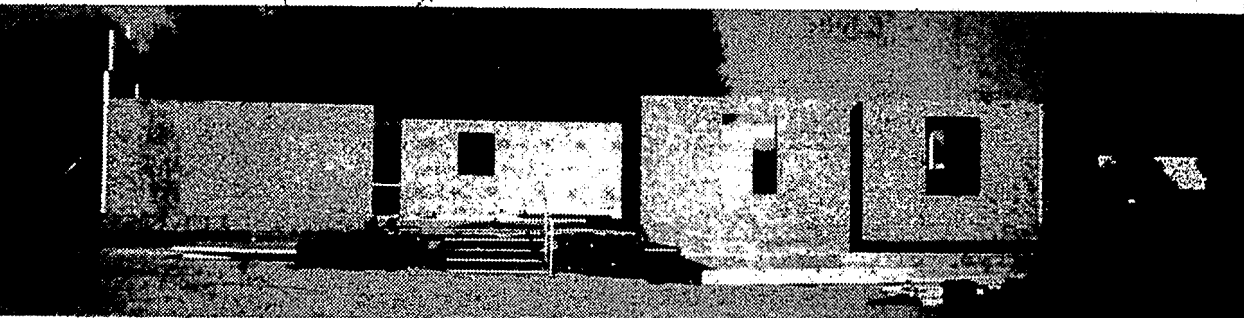
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Everest Academy hosts 1st craft fair

Everest Academy hosted its first craft fair on Nov. 13, and the turnout was great.

The school's cafeteria was filled with tables of lotions, jewelry, purses, food, kitchen products and so much more. Many Clarkston residents participated in the event and Everest students were proud to contribute.



Daman Nallamothe browses the book section.

Photos by Christina Ulaj



Deanna Virgona and granddaughter Sahara, admire the book display.



Mary Jo Allen and Catherine Welsbrod check out a jewelry display table.



Ashley Palardy and Rachel Wayne play with dolls at the Everest Academy craft fair.



Nichole Laflamme and Mary Smith, Everest students, attract the public to the craft fair.



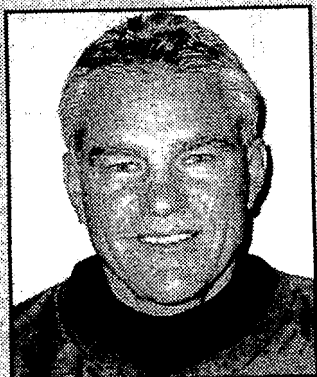
Briana Seller and Stephanie and Erica Hardy assisting at the Arbonne display.

People Poll

What do you think is your civic duty?



"To be an American citizen and exercise my rights."
— Jessica Green



"My civic duty is to vote."
— Jack Mellen



"To obey the laws."
— Denise Meisner



"To help people with their problems."
— Chad Blackstone

By Taylor Rademacher
(Taylor Rademacher is a freshman at Clarkston High School who worked with *The Clarkston News* to fulfill community civics hours.)

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Good taste for a good cause

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Rotary Club hosted its Fifth Annual "Taste for the Holidays" Wine Tasting Gala on Nov. 10. The event took place at Bordine Nursery in Clarkston, and the scenery was absolutely marvelous.

Bordine hosted nearly 550 guests in the nursery's greenhouse. The colors were striking and brought a warm feeling to the room. The plants were moved to one area, while vendors and contributors set up spaces for the event.

"This kind of event takes a lot of work," said John Halleran, president of Clarkston Rotary Club. "We are fortunate to have the help of other rotary clubs."

Indeed, there was plenty of help available, even from past Rotary presidents and members.

"I helped organize this event," said Lu Hewko, past president of the Clarkston Rotary. "I think Bordine's did an excellent job displaying the flowers."

With the help of other clubs, the event sold more tickets, and the planning went smoothly.

"It's a big gala and I'm excited because we raise a lot of money and the Rotary does a lot of good for the community," said Vince Alonzi, Ortonville Rotary President.

Though different Rotary clubs participated, they all strive to achieve the same goal — to help in any way possible.

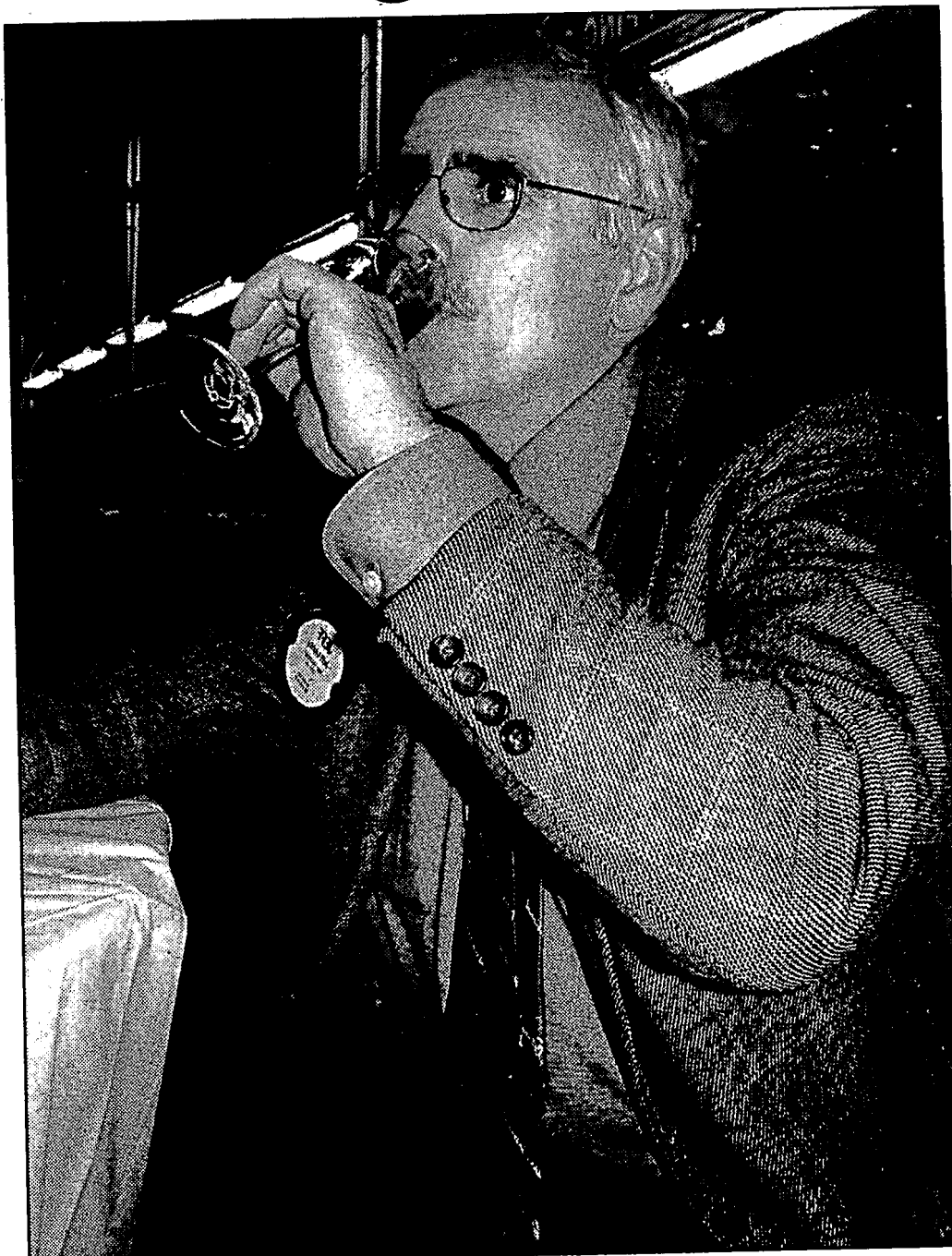
"I am representing Oxford Rotary," said Bill Patterson, Oakland County Commissioner. "We were happy to help the Clarkston Rotary because they do a lot of good. I love coming to these events because it really gets me in the Christmas spirit."

Many members of the Rotary spread joy around the Clarkston Wine Tasting, and made Bordine's feel like the perfect place to hold such a wonderful event.

"As a member of Clarkston, I am a

'It's an honor to be here because I respect what the Rotary does.'

Jim Evans
Clarkston resident and wine taster



Jeff Lichty, Rotary district governor, takes a taste during the annual wine tasting fundraiser at Bordine Nursery. Photo by Jenny Matteson.

supporter of Rotarians and proud to participate," said Jim Evans. "It's an honor to be here because I respect what the Rotary does."

The event had many contributors from the area who donated this year. These include Rudy's Quality Market, Bullfrog's, Deer Lake Conference and Banquet, Giacomo's Ristorante, Gregg's Gourmet Café, LA Café, MacPhee's Restaurant, Culinary Affair, Mr. B's, Costco, and Gordon Foods.

"We are very happy to be donating to the Clarkston Rotary Club Wine Tasting," said Christopher Thomas, co-owner of Rudy's Quality Market. "We love Clarkston and we like to donate to the area because we have built many relationships within the commu-

nity."

The idea for the wine tasting gala came from Robert Eshhaki of Rudy's Quality Market.

"Robert came to me and said that we should put a gala together," said Jeff Lichty, District Governor for the Clarkston Rotary Club. "He said he would supply the food and wine and all we would have to do is sell the tickets."

Five years ago that is exactly what they did, and it is a tradition the Rotary hopes to keep. The selection of wines at the gala came from around the world including California, Italy, Chile, Australia, and Michigan.

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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.

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**:

• 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.

The North Oakland Women's Council of Realtors **Holiday Gala** is Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at Liberty Golf & Banquet Club. Dinner and wine served at 7 p.m., with a silent auction and live auction rounding out the evening. The cost is \$25 per person with a cash bar. Please RSVP with Shelly Thorton at 248-620-4399 or shelly@shellythorton.com. Part of the proceeds to be donated to The Haven.

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 features 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.

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Mary Himburg (left) and Elena Forbes of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club assemble holiday decorations at Main and Washington Streets on Monday, adding greens and holly berries to metal "tree" frames placed in the planters. Photo by Don Schelske.

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Phone Card drive

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

The Gourmet Concept, located in The Parsonage at 6 E. Church St., is currently collecting international phone cards for our soldier in Iraq.

"I have an employee whose sister is in Iraq," said Sandra Keitel, owner of The Gourmet Concept. "She's a weekend warrior who was sent over. Hearing about her situation just made me want to help."

"Phone cards are something simple we can do."

The weekend warrior that inspired the donation drive is Rachel Tiffany, sister of The Gourmet Concept employee Heather Tiffany. Heather had been telling her employer how much money the family spends talking with Rachel on the phone - especially since the phone calls tend to become more frequent the longer the Clarkston resident is away.

"First she was supposed to be home at Christmas, now it's March," said Heather, "and now they're moving her again."

"It's so expensive for them to call home to their families. She had to cut back how often she calls, and it's not that often."

Keitel said she hopes to collect and distribute as many cards as possible to as many units in Iraq as possible. She is handing the cards over to Michigan Military Moms for disbursement, and any cash donations will go to the Detroit Michigan Red Cross for their phone card drive.

"It's a gift from us Americans to show our troops our appreciation for being there fighting so we can be at home with our families," said Keitel. "It's the least we can do."

She will collect cards until Dec. 15. Only international cards can be accepted. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at The Gourmet Concept.

For more information, contact Sandra Keitel at 248-922-9515 or 248-770-6746.

CVP to present 'Secret Affairs'

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Hold on to your funny bone - the Clarkston Village Players have returned with yet another side splitting show to tickle the grumpiest among us.

"The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" is a farce on America's beloved world of cinema. Mildred Wild, a woman struggling to deal with reality, lives in a dream world conjured up by the 3,000 movies she has eagerly devoured.

And whenever the outside world dares to intrude, she escapes into her fantasies and meets each crisis with a hilarious dream inspired by her precious load of old movies. This wonderful comedy offers a little bit of everything from King Kong to Clark Gable to The Invisible Man to The Good Ship Lollipop.

Director Rick Shaw decided to take the fast-paced, quick-witted comedy into the not so distant past of the mid-1970s.

"My favorite part of this is the incredible cast of characters that I have," said Shaw. "They've embraced these parts. Gone absolutely above and beyond my expectations."

Leading the cast are Susan Craves as Mildred Wild and Al Bartlett as her husband Roy. Rounding out the players are: Genna-Marie Hernandez as Bertha Gale, Melissa Breckenridge as Helen Wild, Chuck Storey and Jackie-Sue Salter both as Carroll Chatham, Sarah Lasky as Sister Cecilia, JoAnn Selters as Miss Manley and Darwin Spaysky playing multiple roles.

"The audience is definitely going to be surprised all the time with the comedy and how wild it is," assured Shaw.

"The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" opens this weekend. Show dates are Nov. 19-21 and 26-27, and Dec. 2-4. Thursday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 p.m., and Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and Sunday perfor-



Roy and Mildred Wild (Al Bartlett and Susan Craves) argue in "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild." Photo by Jenny Matteson.

mances, and \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances. All shows are at the Depot Theater, located at 4861 White Lake Rd.

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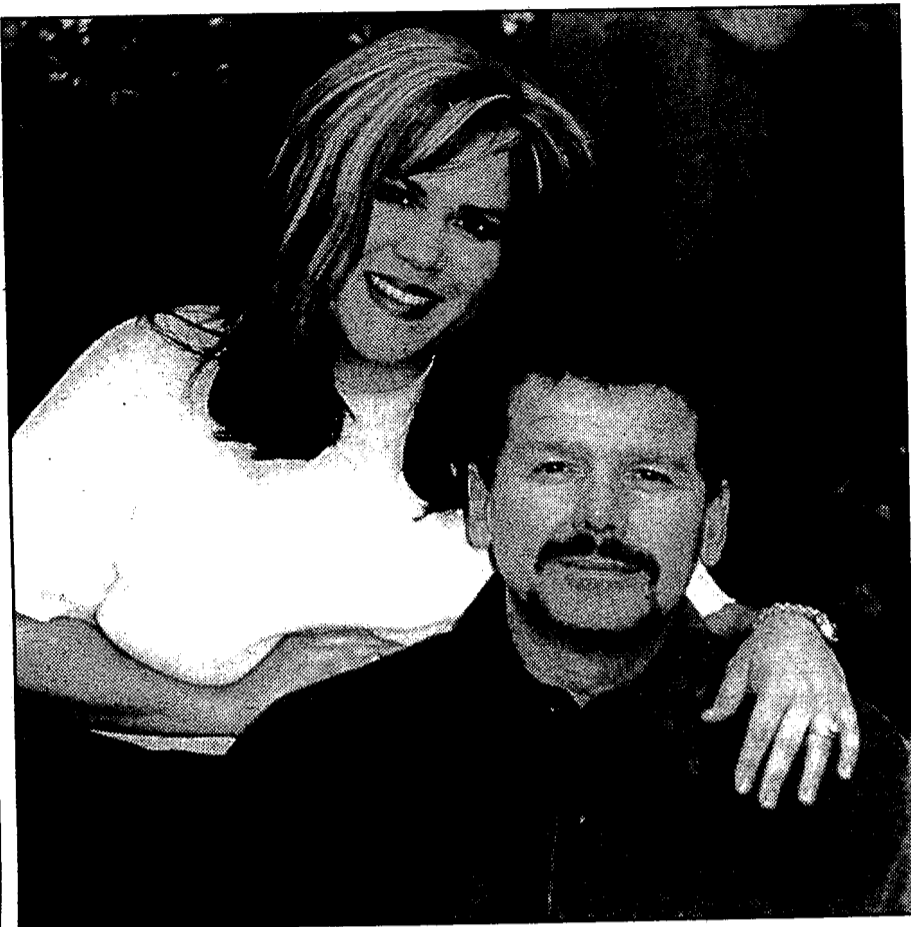
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Milestones



Lori Neff and Al Doran are pleased to announce their engagement. Neff is the daughter of William and Dorothy Neff of Clarkston. She is a 1991 graduate of Western Michigan University and currently works for the Road Commission for Oakland County as a permit agent. Doran is an Independence Township Firefighter and the owner of Doran Excavating Enterprises. The couple are planning a December 2004 wedding. They plan to reside in Auburn Hills.

Student attends exchange program

Central Michigan University senior Jennifer Kruk, of Clarkston, is taking advantage of an exchange program with the University of Exeter in England. Kruk has been in England since September, and is studying physics, chemistry and mathematics.

"The experience has been brilliant so far," said Kruk. "It has taken me a few weeks to settle in, but I am starting to feel more comfortable studying here."

Since arriving in England, Kruk has traveled on her own and with the international office at the University of Exeter. The office set up a trip for the exchange students to go to Totnes, a traditional English village in Devon. She is also a member of the Out of Doors Society and the Caving Society.

"Caving was amazing, and I plan to go to more caves," said Kruk. "There are so many social activities that are always going on here."

The exchange program is available first to CMU physics students. Other students may participate if there are openings, said Dianne DeSalvo, who oversees the study abroad pro-

gram in CMU's Office of international Education.

"CMU's relationship with the University of Exeter goes back more than 15 years," said DeSalvo. "It was initially set up to offer juniors an experience abroad. It currently is offered first to physics students and second to science students. If no applications are received in those areas, it is then open to students in other disciplines."

Study abroad helps CMU students learn about another culture, travel to a foreign country and earn academic credit that counts toward a degree.

Foreign study also offers global experience - a quality that companies seek as they hire employees for a global workforce. CMU students can choose to study abroad for a semester, a summer session or a full academic year.

"The way the exchange program was set up made arranging this semester very easy," said Kruk. "I was able to study abroad in my senior year without worrying if my classes will transfer and if I will still be able to graduate on time."

Do you have a Milestone to share?

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Who is your neighbor?

I've lived in Clarkston all of my life. My family moved here shortly after my birth in the 1950s. Prior to that, my grandmother made her home in the Clarkston area.

I have seen the growth of the area from rural farming country to a developing suburban community. Dirt roads and paths have been paved, empty fields are now subs with homes and families, schools have been built and businesses have opened and prospered. The Clarkston area is a thriving community.

One of the most important attributes of a thriving community is the personal care of its people for one another.

Take a minute and ask yourself, what makes a great community? A good church? A better school? A happy family? Or a fulfilling marriage? Isn't a key in these things the level of personal care that we find and give to one another?

We all know the familiar story in the Bible of the Good Samaritan. A man was beaten, robbed and left on the side of the road to die.

This man in desperate need of help was overlooked by those of his own community and religion. He was given needed help by a Samaritan man who was from a different community and another religious persuasion.

Jesus told this story in response to a man who wanted to know how to find life. He told the man to find the best life we must love the Lord with all of our hearts and we must love our neighbor as ourselves. And so the man thinking in terms of requirements asked the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus used the example of the Good Samaritan to show that our concern for one another must come first from our hearts and not just because of obliga-

tion. A great community, good schools, and strong families are built on the genuine care we have for each other. This is how we will find the best life.

The church I pastor, Mt. Zion, opened the Clarkston Christian Association in 1997. We needed a place for our own growing youth ministry to meet, but we also wanted to provide a place for our community young people as well.

We saw a need that we could help meet for area youth. They needed a safe place to meet for recreation and after-school activities. After taking those first steps to demonstrate a concern for our neighbors, many other community groups have joined with us.

The after-school program at the Clarkston Christian Association works with the Clarkston school district and Independence Township Parks and Recreation to help middle school-aged kids with afternoon activities and is a good example of our community working together to care for its people.

We are blessed to have such entities willing to work together. Mt. Zion has worked with other communities, but we have not found the same sense of connection that we have in Clarkston. When everyone does their part in caring for the needs of people, we fulfill the principles of Christ. And by doing so, we find the best of life.

As our community grows, we will have a tendency to become disconnected and impersonal. You might even ask yourself, "Who is my neighbor?" It's easy to think only in terms of obligation. But the true spirit of the community begins in the hearts of its people.

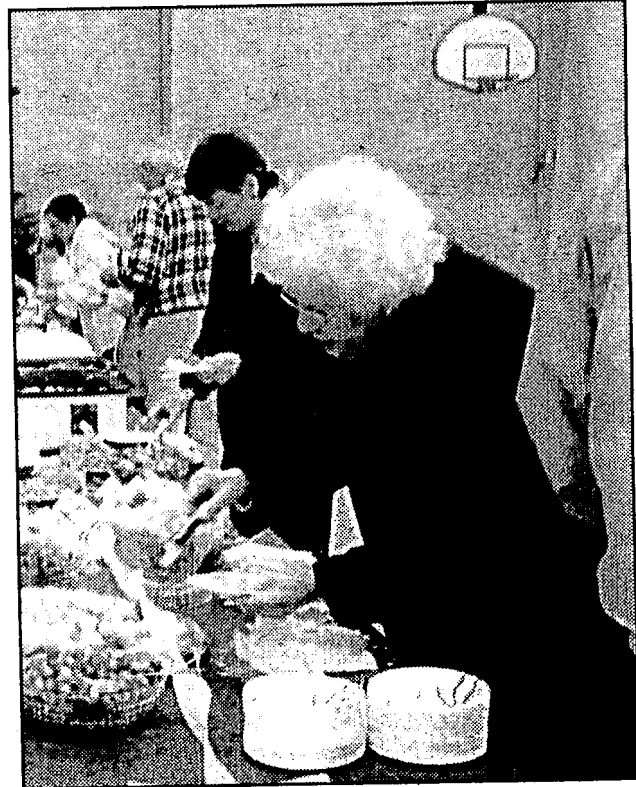
Loving your neighbor has to spring from your heart before it will manifest itself in actions. Look around. Don't miss the opportunity to care for the people around you. Who is your neighbor? Who has a need?

(Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Independence Township.)

Spiritual Matters



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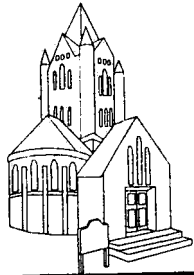
Members and guests celebrate the opening of the new Family Life Center at St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Nov. 7. The reception followed a dedication worship service, in which the congregation dedicated the 11,467-square-foot addition, which includes a gymnasium, kitchen, meeting rooms and offices. Photo provided.

In our churches...

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.

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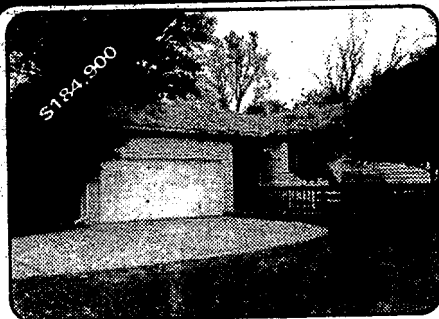
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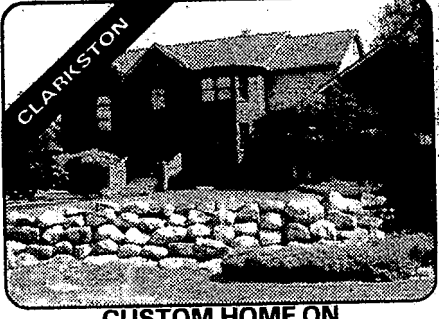
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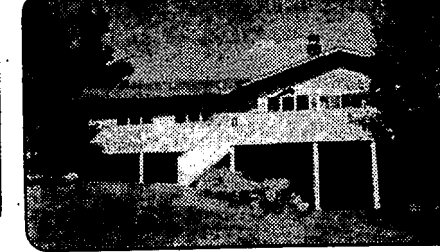
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BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ho, Ho, Holy Moly! There really is a Santa School! Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School is the world's oldest and most famous Santa school. Founded in 1937, it is located a short trip north in Midland.

Steve Percival, a former Clarkston resident now residing in Waterford, is proud to be a recent graduate for the class of 2004 from The Santa House, which is another name for the school. Percival, along with 70 other participants from all over the world helps spread joy that only good old Saint Nick can spread.

"Walking through the front door is like a dream," describes Percival. "The entire Santa House is decorated for Christmas. It looks like something out of a movie."

Playing Santa is nothing new to Percival; he offers over 10 years experience and is the official Santa for Waterford Township. Percival attended the school to make certain he had all angles covered before putting on his red suit.

The Santa House teaches its students in all areas of jolliness. As Santa, students need to know how to deal with children of all ages, while carrying the skills

and techniques to make the youngster's Santa moment a memorable one. The students are taught different ways to understand a child's wants; and even Santa has a few tricks up his sleeve.

"If I am going to be Santa for an event, I will have the children wear nametags," said Percival. "By the time Santa arrives, the children are so excited, they forget about the tags and only think about Santa knowing their name."

Percival also learned about on the spirit of Christmas: what it means, where it originated, and all that implies. In addition, he learned the importance of using stomach muscles when shouting "Ho, Ho, Ho." Becoming Santa does not necessarily mean all you do is fly around in your sleigh visiting the good little boys and girls. Santa must also be trained on radio and television interviews, and sign language.

Children carry the gift of innocence, and when that innocence comes through Santa knows how to deal with it.

"Kids ask me all kinds of questions," said Percival. "The most common question is, are you the real Santa? I tell them that I represent the spirit of Christmas."

Now that we have Santa covered, where does Mrs. Claus fit in the picture?

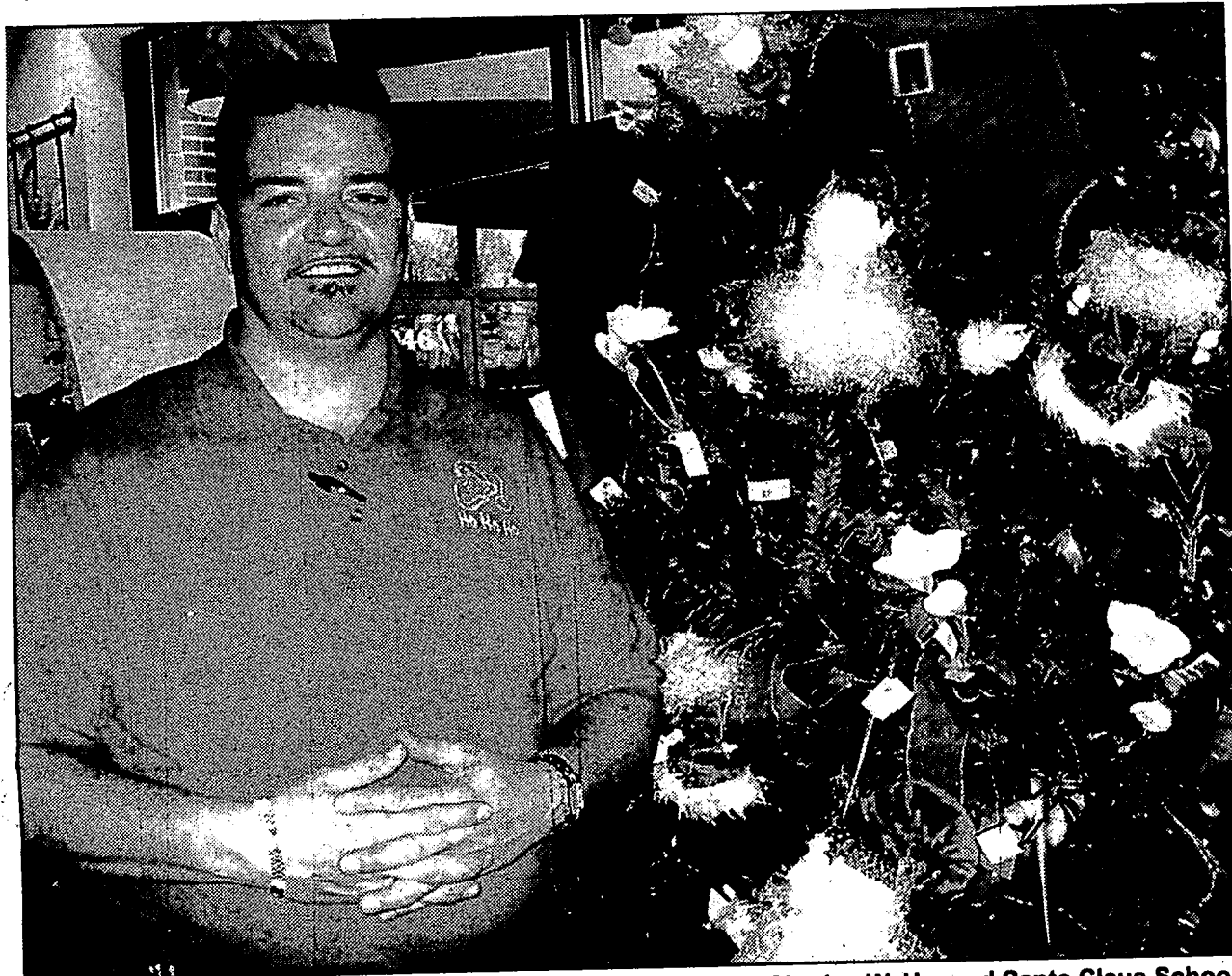
The Santa House also trains students for the part of Mrs. Claus. These students learn to take care of Santa: making sure he gets a break, a cup with a straw for water and making sure Santa looks sharp. They are also educated on makeup tips, because a lady should always look her best.

The Santa program is only five-days long and the total cost for enrollment is \$300. That includes all five days, instructions, trips to Frankenmuth and Bronners, Santa suspenders, set of keys to the sleigh, a book on the history of Saint Nicholas and their graduation at the Dow Chemical Carriage House in Midland. The Santa House also hosts programs for children around the Christmas season.

Once graduating Magna cum Santa, everyone is welcome to return for the holidays as Alum, helping train and prepare the newest students.

"I most definitely think people should attend the school if they are interested in becoming Santa," said Percival.

To set up a holiday visit from the jolly old elf himself, please call the Santa hotline at 248-623-2075 or visit Santavisits@aol.com.



Former Clarkston resident Steve Percival is a graduate of the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School, also known as The Santa House. He already has 10 years experience as one of Santa's "special helpers," and enjoys bringing cheer to all the good little boys and girls. Photo by Christina Ulaj.

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Wine

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"I'm excited about the location and getting involved with the community and the Rotary," said Ron Heady, Regional Sales Manager for Robert Mondovi Wines. "I'm new to the Clarkston area so it's nice to meet people from the area."

There were 45 varieties of wine, all of which were by Robert Mondovi. Upon arrival, guests were handed a plastic plate with a hole to hold wine glasses. This was convenient for everyone — with more than 20 tables to visit, guests' hands were definitely full.

"Taste for the Holidays" not only brings people within the community into one room, the event also takes the funds and puts them to work where it counts. The proceeds benefit Clarkston Rotary's community projects and form scholarships for people who decided to drop out of high school. The money gives them the opportunity to start fresh and finish school or to further their education. There are also general scholarships for high school students.

"I'm a member of the Rotary and I think it's nice to have all people gathered together," said Fr. Don Duford. "It's also a great way for us to meet new people since we are new to the Clarkston area."

The Clarkston Rotary Club is so pleased with this event they plan to coordinate a second wine tasting gala the first week of March. Again, Michigan wineries will showcase the best selection of vintages.

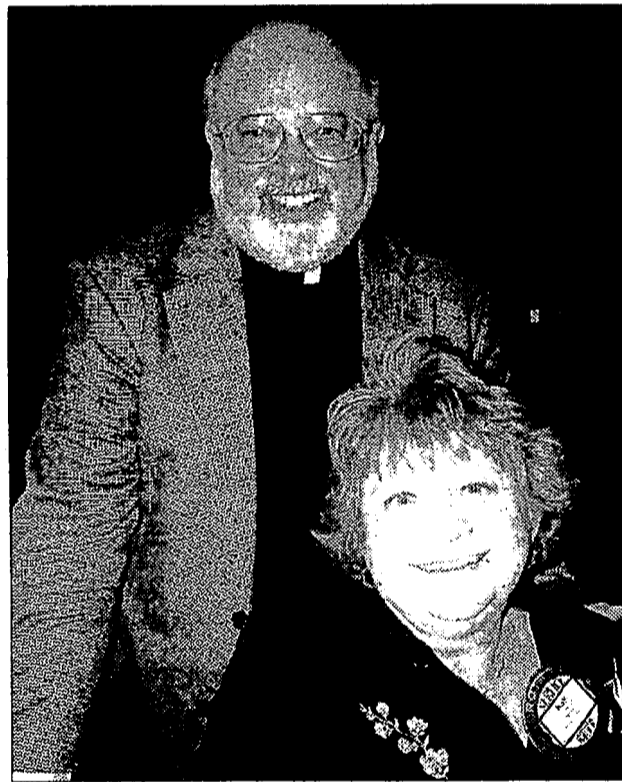
The Clarkston Rotary has done a lot good for the community and the world; now they are bringing friends, family members and co-workers together to converse over a nice glass of wine.



The Who's Who of the Clarkston Rotary-Wine Tasting — Enjoying the atmosphere, wine and company are Chuck Fortinberry, 52-2 District Court Judge Dana Fortinberry, Tom Lowrie and Oakland County Commissioner Bill Patterson. Photos by Jenny Matteson.



Vince Alonzi, of the Ortonville Rotary, prepares to serve a wine at one of the tasting tables.



Father Don Duford and his wife Kay, of the Church of the Resurrection, enjoys greeting area residents.



Amy Walker, from Costco, prepares a cake for the evening's festivities.



Clarkston Rotary President John Halleran describes a red wine to Marcle LeMaster, also of Clarkston.



Bruce Bordine and his son Calvin take a moment to chat over a glass of wine. Bordine Nursery donated the beautiful space for the annual event.

Around Town

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On tap at the **Independence Township Senior Center:**

- 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 are on Nov. 20 from 1-4 p.m. in the Carriage House. Screenings 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.

Family Night at Pete's Coney Island II, located at 6160 Dixie Highway, is Dec. 7 from 4-9 p.m. **Clarkston Police Officers** will wait tables in full uniform. All gratuities received are donated to buy toys for under-privileged children. The Volunteers in Action will distribute the toys.

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club's fifth an-

nual **Toys for Tots Event** is Sunday, Dec. 5 from 4-9 p.m. The event features several live bands, food and a cash bar. The cover charge is one new unwrapped toy per person, or a \$10 donation per person. All contributions go to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The OCSC is located at 4770 Waterford Rd. For more information, please call 248-623-0444, Tuesday through Saturday.

In our churches...

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"Simply Christmas," at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 6 p.m. on 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 **Worldwide 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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Sheriff offers free drug screening kits

Oakland County parents now have one more tool to fight the war on drugs with the help of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Kits that screen for marijuana, cocaine, heroine, ecstasy, alcohol and pain killers like vicodin are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Each kit comes with an educational brochure on behavioral signs to look for in a child. In addition, tests are pre-packaged with instructions and information on community resources available in the area.

The screening kits are part of the Law Enforcement Against Drugs program. Purchased with drug forfeiture dollars, OCSO provides the kits at no cost to parents or Oakland County taxpayers.

The kits are available at the OCSO main office at 1201 N. Telegraph Rd. in Pontiac on Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call OCSO Community Liason, Mandy Ford, at 248-858-1947.

LO to host conference

Lake Orion Community Schools will host the 35th Annual Conference of the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators (MAMSE).




MAMSE, the premier middle school conference in the state, is March 10-11, 2005. Attending the event will be public and private school educators. The newly renovated Scripps Middle School will serve as the primary site for conference activity.

This year's theme is "All Star Educators," and is designed to stretch middle school awareness through attendance at many innovative sessions. The content for this year is currently being designed by many committees and sub-committees.

The Lake Orion MAMSE committee expects to host between 800-1,200 middle school educators.

For information or a registration form, contact the committee at www.lakeorion.k12.mi.us and link to the MAMSE website.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO.**

Estate of CARL A. GRASSI, SR. REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 5, 2000
Date of Birth: March 29, 1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CARL A. GRASSI, SR., who lived at 2764 Elizabeth Lake Road Waterford, Michigan died October 25, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CARRIE REHM, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Board of Review
- Safety Path Committee

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following case:

Case #04-0092 Howard O'Brien, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR GROUND SIGN ON NONCONFORMING PARCEL
Sashabaw Rd., C-2
Wendy's (Regency Center)
08-27-400-038

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Katherine A. Poole
Secretary

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p/m by Mayor Catalo.

Newly-elected officials were sworn in by the Clerk as follows:

Mayor: Sharron Catalo

Council Members: Scott Meyland, Kristy Ottman, Steve Wylie

Roll. Present: Catalo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Ottman, Savage, Wylie.

Absent: None.

Minutes of October 25, 2004, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented.

Bills in the amount of \$84,326.45 approved for payment.

Meyland congratulated all candidates for participation in the recent election.

Colombo expressed appreciation for the work accomplished with the new D.P.W. lift machine. He further stated that the death of Irene McCabe was a loss to the community.

Gamble reported that he had attended the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board meeting wherein the Board accepted bids for next year's treatments to the Mill Pond. Also, the procedure for paying bills was covered by the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board.

Meyland recognized and thanked Sharron Catalo for her willingness to run for Mayor again.

Kristy Ottman expressed her appreciation to the Council and the City residents for the support she received.

Mayor Catalo stated that she had observed the D.P.W. working with the new equipment being used for tree trimming and maintaining the light poles. Mayor Catalo stated that the new lift machine will assist in keeping the older trees in the City in better condition.

Chief Combs distributed information on the special patrolling of Robertson Court, Holcomb, and Main Street. He discussed the details of these patrols and the monthly statistics for October. Discussion followed regarding officers' time spent of PBTs and fingerprinting. Chief Combs felt that PBTs and fingerprinting was time well spent and a service to the community.

Bob Pursley stated that he was looking forward to working with the new Council members, and he will bring in the D.P.W. staff to meet the Council and describe their duties. Pursley suggested that Council members arrange to accompany the D.P.W. employees in tasks that would not present a safety hazard. Pursley informed Council that the D.P.W. is accessible on a 24-hour basis through the use of pagers and cell phones.

Pursley reported that the new lift arrived on November 5, twelve weeks after ordering. Pursley thanked the Council for this addition to the D.P.W. equipment. All the D.P.W. workers have been trained and are certified to use this equipment. The certification period is three years. Tree trimming and light bulb replacements have been made with the new equipment. Pursley stated that each light pole will be tagged and a log will be maintained for service to each light pole.

Pursley reported that virtually all of the asphalt has been removed from the storage area. As soon as the break-away bases are received, replacement light poles will be installed.

Mel Vaara, Township resident, asked the Council to consider two items: The "No Turn on Red" at Washington and Main Street and the crosswalk signal at the same location. Mr. Vaara felt the "No Turn on Red" was not necessary during certain times of the day. Also, the crosswalk signal is confusing due to the necessity of activating the signal to walk cross Main Street.

Council has been working with the City Engineer in asking MDOT and the Road Commission to adjust the crosswalk signal. There has been an ongoing dialogue. This issue will be brought up with the Road Commission, if not already taken care of, at the bi-annual meetings held between the City and the Road Commission.

Resolved That the 2005-2006 Community Development Block Grant Funds estimated at \$8,000 be allocated as follows:

Senior Center-Meals on Wheels	\$2,000
Administration	2,000
Subwatershed Public Education Program Materials	2,000
Clarkston Area Youth Assistance to include:	2,000
a. Summer Camps	
b. Tutoring (music sports, art)	
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d. Mentor Plus program	

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Artemis M. Pappas, Clerk

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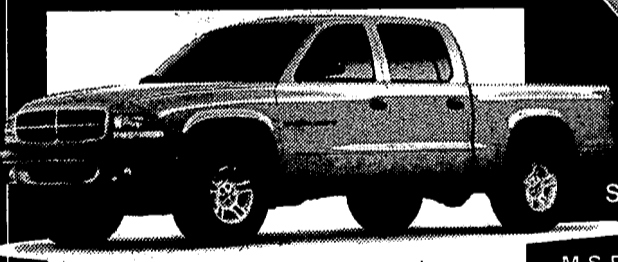
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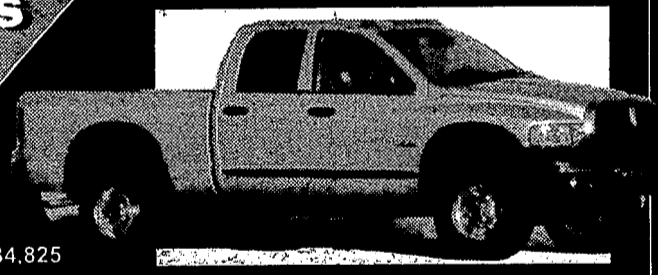
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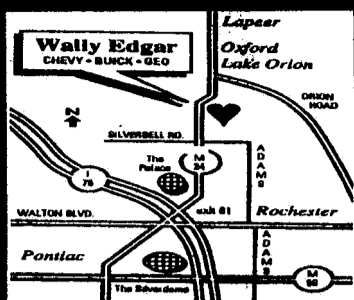




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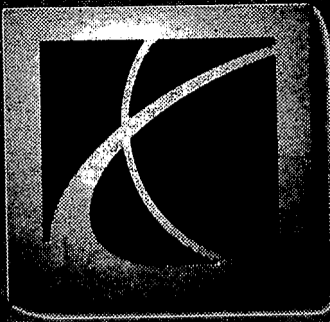
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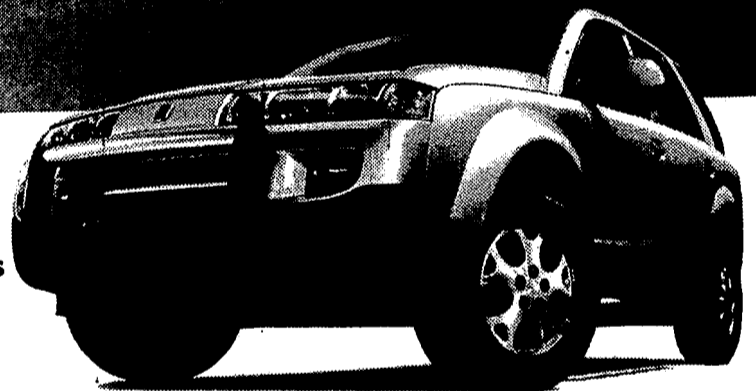
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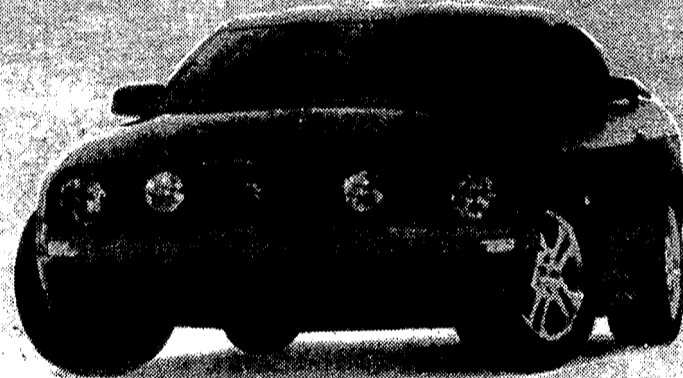
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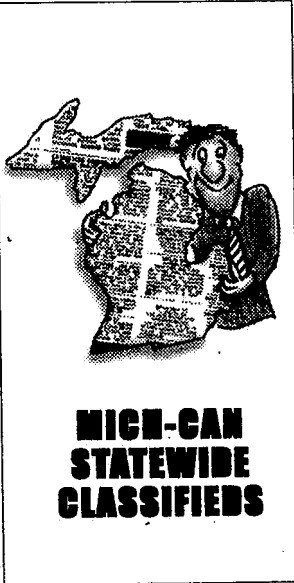
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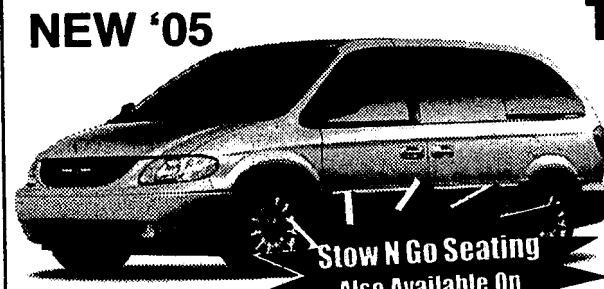


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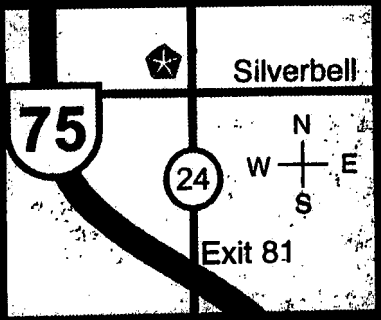
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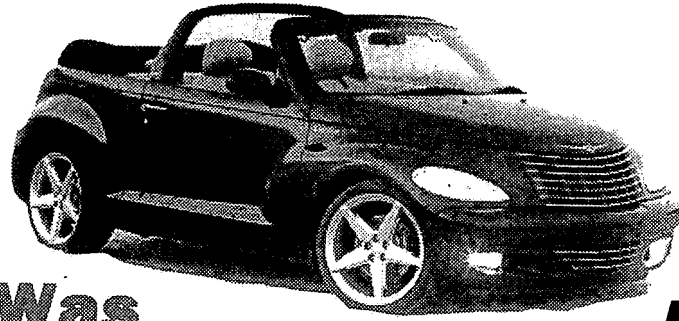
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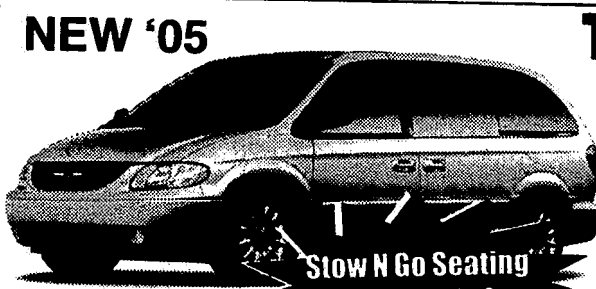
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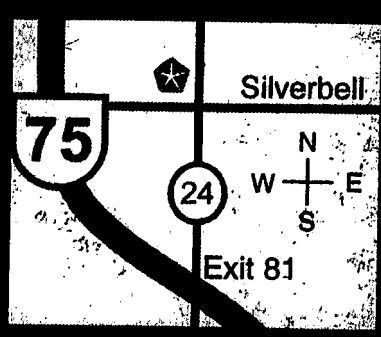
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Tilt, cruise, power windows & locks, CD player, running boards. Stk. #122

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Sunroof, chrome wheels, CD player, tilt, cruise, power windows & locks. Stk. #117H

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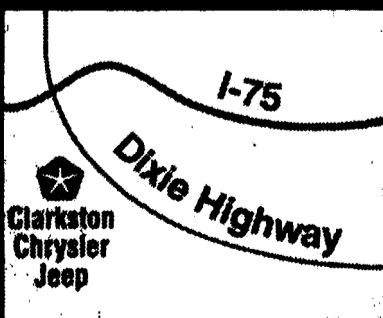
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