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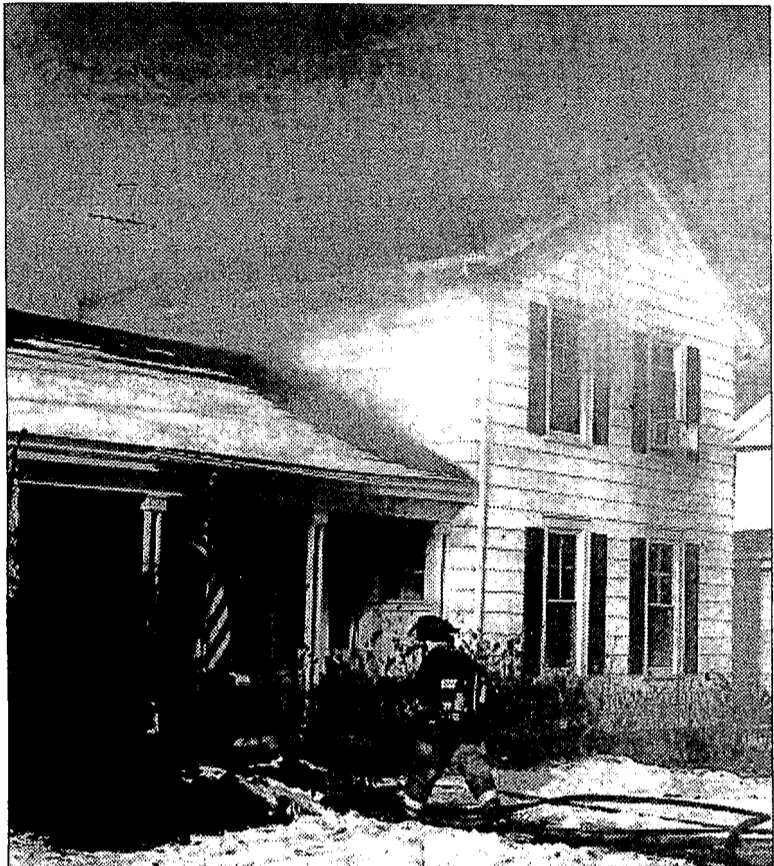
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Firefighters work to clear smoke from a Main Street home after a Dec. 3 fire. Not long after the incident, fire investigators announced an arrest for arson. Photo by Don Schelske.

Fire leads to arson arrest

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An argument between a mother and her adult daughter on Dec. 3 led to a fire causing an estimated \$50,000 in damage, a trip to the hospital for the mother and a trip to jail for the daughter.

Emily O'Connor, 19, was arraigned over the weekend in 52-2 District Court on one count of arson and one count of assault and battery. Bond was set at \$100,000 according to a report from Sgt. Robert Gohl of the Oakland County Sheriff Department Fire Investigation Unit.

Clarkston police, sheriff deputies and the Independence Township Fire Department responded to 149 N. Main Street (at the intersection with Clarkston Road) at about 10:50 a.m. to find thick smoke coming



Emily O'Connor

from the home. Firefighters discovered a working fire in a first floor bedroom.

O'Connor had left the scene, but her 56-year-old mother was still present. Paramedics took the elder woman to POH Medical Center-Clarkston, where she was treated for smoke inhalation and released,

reports said.

The mother told investigators that she and her daughter had an argument, after which O'Connor piled clothing on the bedroom floor and set it on fire.

While county fire investigators were at the scene, O'Connor returned and confessed to setting the fire, reports said.

Undersheriff Mike McCabe said the assault and battery charge came based on the physical nature of the argument between O'Connor and her mother.

Independence Fire Chief Steve Ronk said one of two cats in the home died as a result of the incident.

Sheriff deputies blocked traffic on M-15 between Clarkston Road and Bluegrass Drive while emergency crews worked at the house.

Chamber plans to light up Clarkston with annual parade

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

The time has come once again to bundle up the family, grab a cup of hot chocolate and travel into a land of fantasy and magic with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's third annual Heart of Clarkston Lighted Holiday Parade.

More than 40 entries will dazzle and delight even the grumpiest Scrooge this season. This year's theme is "Storybook Holidays."

"It really is a family atmosphere and really shows everything that is Clarkston," said Terri Bendes, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce event enthusiast/planner. "It's that shining exclamation point that demonstrates exactly what Clarkston is about."

The annual event kicks off this Saturday at 6 p.m., but announcer Jim Tedder, of Tedder Productions, will set the mood beginning at 5 p.m. with holiday music from the porch of Clarkston State Bank.

Registration and check-in for the

parade begins promptly at 4:30 p.m. in the circle drive of Clarkston Elementary on Waldon Rd. Organizers will place each entry in the parade lineup at this time. Those participating are asked not to show up early for check-in.

Judging begins right at 5 p.m. This year's honored panel includes Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, Clarkston Mayor Sharon Catallo and Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas. Entries will once again be judged in four categories:

- Church St. Award for best costume.
- Washington St. Award for most creative use of theme.
- Main St. Award for best use of lighting.
- Chamber Award for best musical entry.

Each award winner will receive a \$250 cash prize.

"We always have a nice mix of walkers in costumes and those on

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A driver surveys the scene after a Dec. 1 pileup on I-75. Photo by Don Schelske.

Freeway closes after crash

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Like a falling row of dominoes, between 55 and 60 vehicles crashed into each other on Dec. 1, leading to the closing of I-75 between M-15 and Sashabaw Road, and keeping tow trucks busy for hours.

According to Sgt. Dave Wiegand of the Groveland Township Michigan State Police post, the chain reaction began

when southbound traffic slowed near the Sashabaw Road overpass. Wiegand said a "tailgating" southbound driver rear-ended another vehicle and went into a spin, causing the first of approximately 30 different crashes.

Most bystanders blamed the sun and its reflective glare on the wet pavement on southbound I-75, which shortly after

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Millstream

Ed Zull is making hotdogs a local tradition.

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Greens Market gets into the holiday spirit!

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Sports

Don't miss the Sports Previews Section!!!!

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Academic Boosters showcase the arts



On Nov. 30, The Academics Boosters of Clarkston hosted "Recognizing the Impact of Creative Arts." The evening was a fun and informative event for all who attended. The event brought three guest speakers including: Shannon Locke, a stage actor; Jill Jack, a local singer/songwriter; and Daniel Travis, CHS graduate and star of the hit summer film *Open Water*. Each of the speakers offered personal observations on the influence of arts education. The evening also showcased student artwork as well as vocal, dramatic and instrumental performances by Clarkston students. Pictured above are Sashabaw Middle School's drama performance at the "Recognizing the Impact of Creative Arts." Photo by Christina Ulaj

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The Second Front

Briefly

Got questions for Santa?

The editorial staff at *The Clarkston News* has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity this year: we get to interview Santa Claus.

To say the least, we're a little speechless here. How often does an opportunity like this arise? Getting to actually sit and chitchat with Santa is amazing. Normally, there's only a moment to make a gift request. A whole, entire interview, wow!

So, we here at *The News* have a request of all the youngsters in our area (or at least those who are young at heart).

Help us figure out what to ask Santa!

Please send in one question per child, or per that one forever youngster. With the question, include the little one's name, age and place of residence: City of Clarkston, Independence Twp. or Springfield Twp.

Questions must be received by Dec. 15 and the interview with Santa will run in the Dec. 22 issue.

Please submit questions to *The Clarkston News* at 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, Mich., 48346; or e-mail to shermanpub@aol.com, attn: *Clarkston News* Santa Questions; or fax them to 248-625-0706, attn: *Clarkston News* Santa Questions.

Clarkston State Bank to open new Milford branch

Clarkston Financial Corporation, the holding company for Clarkston State Bank, plans to open a new bank in Milford in July 2005.

Edwin L. Adler, board chairman, announced that the Michigan banking corporation to be formed will be called Huron Valley State Bank. The opening of the new bank is subject to regulatory approval and a charter application was filed earlier this month.

Huron Valley State Bank will be replacing a loan production office that Clarkston State Bank opened earlier this month. The office will be located at 525 North Main St., Suite 260, in Milford. David H. Blosssey will serve as director, president and CEO.

The bank expects to have eight employees and hopes to serve the Village of Milford, Milford Township, Commerce Township, White Lake Township, Highland Township and Hartland Township.

Home Instead plays Santa to overlooked seniors

The Clarkston office of Home Instead Senior Care is teaming with several non-profit agencies to provide presents to seniors who otherwise might not receive a gift this holiday season.

"Be a Santa to a Senior" runs through Dec. 13. Here's how the program works: the non-profit organizations, such as the Independence Township Senior Center, have identified financially needy and lonely seniors in the community and provided names to Home Instead. Christmas trees, located at participating Walgreens and CVS stores, are decorated with the first names and their gift requests.

"Be a Santa to a Senior" asks holiday shoppers to purchase the trees on the lot and then leave them at the store with the ornament attached. Home Instead will coordinate the distribution of the presents.

Participating CVS stores near Clarkston are at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road and on Sashabaw Road. The participating Walgreens is at Dixie Highway and Walton Boulevard.

For more information, please contact Shannon Wynn at 866-922-1400.



Jackie Gipe shows off her arm at Ford Field in Punt, Pass & Kick competition at halftime of the Lions-Cardinals game on Dec. 5. Photo by Noah Purcell

Clarkston girl excels at PP & K

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jackie Gipe of Clarkston took second place in the team championships of the Punt Pass and Kick competition on Dec. 5 at Ford Field during halftime of the Lions-Cardinals game.

This is the second year in a row Jackie has competed in the team championship round in front of 42,000 plus people.

"It was cool going out there and throwing the ball and getting to see my face on the big screen."

The competition, as the name suggests, consists of punting, kicking from a tee and passing the ball for dis-

tance and accuracy.

The bulk of the contest took place prior to the game. Going into her final throw, which was taken at halftime, Jackie felt added pressure because she knew she was in second place.

"I was a little nervous because I knew I had to do better than the girl ahead of me," said Gipe. "I knew what to expect because it was my second time."

Jackie fell a little short and ended up staying in second, but has no regrets about her day at Ford Field.

"All of it was really fun and I like that the Lions won too," said Gipe. "I'm going to try to (qualify) next year too."

Clarkston sports brings more memories

Mel Vaara has worn many hats in Clarkston over the years. Aside from writing sports for *The Clarkston News* in the 1960's, 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 the 1991-92 school year. He has held numerous administrative positions over the years.

This is the last of his guest column series in which he details the history of Clarkston sports. All news and photos presented in his article are from Mr. Vaara's memories and have been presented as provided.

Wrestling: Max Laska was the first wrestling coach, followed by Dick Moskovic. Dick won a league title. Wrestling was new to the community at that time with not much of a following. Some outstanding wrestlers were Rick Detkowski, Mike Packer, Kurt Dougherty and Al Knake. Dick set the foundation for a wrestling program and started the feeder system

from elementary and junior high. Other coaches were Greg Gwisdalla, Gary Warner and Toby Carter. Rick Detkowski coached for four years. Some outstanding performers during that time were Jeff Miracle, Mike Conway, Bruce Burowitz, Todd Thompson and Mark Karrick.

In 1991, the wrestling team became State champs. The head coach was Sood Strickler, he coached for seven years (180-25). Clarkston's record in 1991 was 26-0, they were second in the State rankings and 15th in the nation. The team won three district and one State title. All-State wrestlers on that team were Damon Mickelson, Jerry Alexander, Corey Olson, Joel Davis, Joe Webb, Tony Miller and Jeff DeRosa.

Two wrestlers that really stomped the tide at the State championship were Jason Slater and Brian Davis. They had to sub for other CHS wrestlers and were not expected to win against All-State

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CHS Senior Spotlight

Name: Dan Walsh

Parents: Dan and Pam Walsh

Favorite Subject: AP Physics because it joins math and science and I enjoy the challenging problems.

School Activities: I have participated in many volunteer activities through the National Honors Society. I have also held a strong leadership role on the Varsity Lacrosse Team of which I have been on since my freshman year.

Outside Interests: I spend a lot of my time working on my 1981 Corvette that I earned by upholding my dad's expectations of all A's throughout high school. I also have participated in Habitat for Humanity through my church. My time is also spent working for a civil engineer throughout the year.

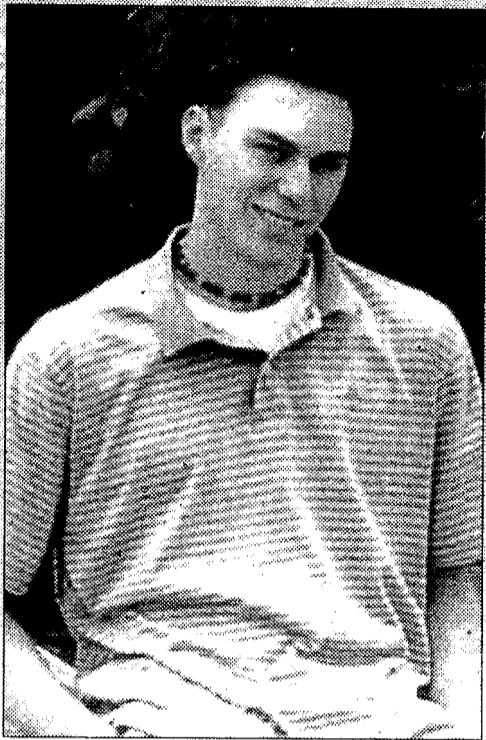
What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend either the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Michigan's School of Engineering. I am waiting to hear back from both.

Where do you see yourself in 25 years? I plan to be the head engineer of a major aircraft company. I will have been influential in the development of new military aircraft designs. I will also be a certified pilot with a vacation home in a warmer climate.

Best friends are people who: just allow me to be myself and have fun. People who can take my mind off everything else and just unwind. A best friend is also someone who helps me think things through when I get stressed out.

What worries me most about the world is: Outsourcing is an issue that worries me about the world. I fear that if the outsourcing trend continues, that by the time I graduate college there won't be enough jobs left in the United States.

I will make a contribution to my community by: later on in life returning to Clarkston to volunteer as a coach of a youth team because I believe that sports are a very important part of kids' lives when they are growing up.



Goodfellows, good customers...



Above, Rotarian Robert Gott sells a Goodfellows newspaper to motorist Teresa Raymond at the intersection of Washington and Main streets on Dec. 4. The project raised money for the Rotary's annual "Shoes for Kids" charity project. Below, working the Goodfellows newspaper sale at the Sashabaw Road Kroger store are Keith Jones (left), sons Kyle (of Boy Scout Troop 192) and Wyatt (of Cub Scout Pack 314). Customer Elaine Hassett makes her donation to the annual Clarkston Rotary fund-raiser. Photos by Don Schelske.



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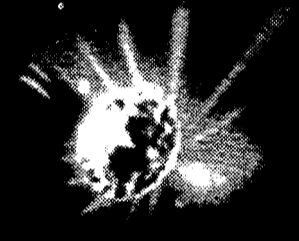
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Clarkston schools plan redistricting

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At the Nov. 29 board meeting, Executive Director of Pre-K and Elementary Education Geraldine Moore discussed the latest information regarding the district's boundary proposal.

Moore gave a summary of a proposed plan, which was prepared by an administrative committee.

The Elementary Boundary Committee was created to address attendance areas at the K-5 buildings. Participants on the committee include: principals from each elementary school, director of transportation, director of human resources and executive director of preschool and elementary education.

The draft plan proposes to move attendance areas for nearly 200 students district-wide.

Why is the district making these changes?

In 2003, a large amount of classroom space was added at Pine Knob Elementary. With this additional space, administrators are now able to relieve some buildings, which have reached maximum capacity. Certain areas of Clarkston are experiencing more growth than others, causing overcrowding in certain schools.

The committee faced many challenges while forming this draft. They found that the largest schools are located North of I-75, such as Independence and Bailey Lake elementaries; the smallest schools are located in highly populated areas; and two schools have walking attendance areas. Some of the strengths the committee found included: the same curriculum at each school; MEAP and other assessments showing a small variation from each

school; highly practiced teachers at every school and all training done on a district-wide level.

The district wants to ensure that each school has the advantage of having rooms for art, music and science, instead of 'art on a cart' as Karen Foyteck, board of education president, describes the situation.

Proposed shifts from draft plan

- (A) **Montclair Subdivision** - the area South of Waldon, North of I-75, East of Clintonville Road and West of Rohr Road. These areas will be moved to Pine Knob Elementary from Bailey Lake Elementary.

- (B) **Timber Creek Subdivision** - South of Waldon, North of I-75 and West of Clintonville Road. These areas will be moved to Pine Knob Elementary from Clarkston Elementary.

- (C) **Northrest Condominiums** will be moved from to Clarkston Elementary from Springfield Plains Elementary.

- (D) **Clarkston Bluff Condominiums and the Maple Road area** will be moved to Clarkston Elementary from Springfield Plains.

- (E) **Lancaster Apartments, Green Lake Apartments, Parview Street and Andersonville Road East of Nelsey** will be moved to Andersonville Elementary from Springfield Plains Elementary.

- (F) **changes include: Reese Road, a portion of Rattalee Lake Road east and West of Reese Road, and Ellis Road North of Knox and Oakhill Road between Ellis just East of Reese** will be moved to Springfield Plains Elementary from Independence Elementary.

The committee has been working on this proposal for a year. They sent letters home with kids on Nov. 12 and the draft plans were posted on Nov. 15.

Still, several parents felt they needed more warning and were taken by surprise. Clarkston resident Robin Matczak felt the timing was not appropriate due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Matczak also felt that parents were surprised by this information, and they were not given enough time to take it in and respond to the plan. Matczak, along with many other residents, want their children to have the security and comfort of the same teachers and principals.

The draft plan is setting new elementary boundaries throughout Clarkston, which many parents believe should not be part of the plan. For example, residents who live in Montclair, which is a part of Oakhurst, feel that they should remain part of the Oakhurst boundary and splitting them would isolate them from that community.

Parents and local citizens had the opportunity to voice their opinions during the workshop. There were people against the plan and people for the plan. Overall, the parents feel they should be included in future committee plans.

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts concluded the discussion with a summary, and repeated that this was still a draft plan.

Moore did not return phone calls from *The Clarkston News* requesting followup information.

A map of the plan is available. For more information or comments regarding the redistricting draft plan, call the Communications office at 248-623-5420.

Changes coming for 6-9 sports

By NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The academic curriculum is not the only thing changing in Clarkston schools with the realignment of grades 6-9.

Athletics will be shifting as well and the students who used to face each other in interscholastic competition will now be on the same sidelines.

In its current form the proposal presented to the school board at the Nov. 29 meeting will ensure kids are able to participate in athletics, be it against their schoolmates or interscholastically. The junior high will offer mostly intramural sports.

"(The intramurals) allow for us to have multiple teams and include students who would not have the chance to participate otherwise," said Deputy Superintendent Dave Reshke, in a presentation to the school board during the Nov. 29 meeting.

A good example of the change is football. In sixth grade, flag football will be played as an intramural. In the seventh grade, there will be a modified form of competition which will be primarily intramural, but will allow for some interscholastic play as well.

The eighth grade will have an interscholastic football team, which will play a full schedule against other schools and the ninth grade team will function like freshman football has in years past.

"The board has made a commit

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Opinion

Putting in my two cents: I like the idea of helping save lives

Okay, I know I wrote the article on the AED drive by the Clarkston Philanthropic Endeavor, but I couldn't just leave that wonderful piece to stand on its own. I'm feeling the urge to voice an opinion.

And who wouldn't on a topic like this? Just imagine how many lives would be affected, how many emergency personnel would be assisted, if AED units were as common as fire extinguishers.

Not to mention the simplicity of these machines. Now, I have a bit of a confession to make - I am not technologically inclined. Go figure. No surprises there.

With that in mind, I truly was impressed by how easily anyone can use these devices. Each machine comes with not only written, but verbal instructions: "Attach pads to chest" or "Press the red button." Also, each machine performs a scan to determine whether or not a shock is needed - the decision is made for the person assisting the victim. We don't have to play doctor. The machine takes the appropriate readings and then decides if the victim is in sudden cardiac arrest. No guess work. I like that.

Finally, for those concerned about the legal aspects of these units or any laws pertaining to using one - that is to say those lawyers out there - there are protective measures in place. The Good Samaritan Law applies to everyone who provides a humanitarian act, including the use of an AED. I like that too.

So with all these brief thoughts in mind, I encourage all Clarkston area local business owners to go to the CPE's website at www.clarkstonaed.org. Let's make a holiday commitment that means something to each and every one of us.

The News to Me



Jenny
Matteson

Learning about Freedom of Speech in Civics

The experience at my first and only school board meeting... though you may think it had nothing interesting about it, did.

I should first explain that I am writing this as a ninth grader at Clarkston High School for a Civics Project. I thought this was an extraordinary experience that everyone and anyone would be extremely lucky to have gone through.

The whole meeting was very orderly and full of very opinionated, but nice people. This experience showed me that every person in our community has a say in what is happening. No one should feel like the changes and improvements that are happening to us are out of our hands. Everyone has the chance to display their feelings and thoughts about certain topics, as long as it can be expressed in two minutes or less! I learned so much through this experience and thank you to all who helped me.

Taylor Rademacher
Clarkston High School

Taylor is a freshman at Clarkston High School who worked with The Clarkston News to fulfill community civics hours.

A thank you to the Fire Department

They ran in unison?

I sat at the corner of Main and Washington, waiting for the light to change as the first fire trucks rolled by, sirens and lights aglow. As I turned the corner, I could see the trucks stopping just north of Clarkston Rd. Three cars away from that intersection, my view was unobstructed to watch the men at work.

More perfect than the best choreographed ballet, they ran in unison, even their breaths were in unison, coming now in long white exhalations. These were not apparently young men; and by themselves would not look especially brave or noble. The empty hose they carried was heavy; one could tell by the strain on their faces. No doubt they were cold, the temperature gauge in my car indicated just 25 degrees.

Never having witnessed the infancy of a fire before, I was stunned at how quickly it grew from early soft smoke to billowing dark clouds within seconds. As the police car rolled up to divert traffic, I noted less than 2 minutes had elapsed since turning the corner onto Main St.

Tonight, there may be media coverage of the fire, and maybe not. One never knows what is more impor-

tant in the eyes of a TV crew. This citizen, however, felt compelled to take pen in hand to thank the firefighters for their job this day.

Wives and mothers and children of those living nearby the fire will rest safely this night; their homes will be spared the ravages of a quickly spreading fire. The EMS crew stood by, ready to aid as needed (*ready to aid their own, as well, if needed.*)

Meanwhile, the wives and mothers and children of the firefighters must swell with pride at the jobs their men take on to save another life, another property. No doubt their pulse is quickened, a lump forms in their throat and they choke back tears while waiting to hear news of safe return and a job well done.

Today as I sit in my safe - dry, warm office - I write to thank those men and women who put their lives on the line every day so that I may continue my uneventful life just as it is. Today I witnessed first-hand - and if only for a moment - the awesome job you do.

God bless you, our fire fighters and your families. Sleep well and warm with the thanks and gratitude of your community.

Sherry Regiani

A 'Goodfellow' thank you from Rotary

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to sincerely thank all of those who so generously donated during the 54th annual Goodfellow Newspaper sales held this past weekend on Dec. 3 and 4. The spirit of the donors was encouragement for those collecting in the cold winter winds, not only for their contributions, but also for their expressed appreciation for Goodfellows and the Clarkston Rotary's "Shoes for Kids" program.

One hundred percent of all donations will be used to purchase new shoes and boots, hats, mittens and gloves for community children. On Dec. 11, the Clarkston Rotary will host 420 children at the Oakland Woods Baptist Church at a cost of almost \$17,000.

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to express its gratitude and appreciation by acknowledging the following for the success of this year's program:

- A special thank you to *The Clarkston News*, Jim Sherman and Don Rush, editor, and their staff for preparation and publication of the Goodfellows edition. *The Clarkston News* has donated the special newspaper for the last 15 years.
- To Pastor Galey and members of the Oakland Woods Baptist Church for providing the extra volunteers needed to complete Saturday's sales.
- Cub Scout Pack No. 314 and their families for selling papers in front of local Kroger stores.
- Boy Scout Troop No. 199 and their leaders for

braving the cold and selling papers in front of Bordine Nursery.

- Junior Girl Scouts from the Fairwinds Council, who joined us for the first time this year.
- City of Clarkston DPW for providing a warm space for the Goodfellows headquarters.
- To the many friends and family members of the Clarkston Rotary Club who so generously gave of their time and energy in selling newspapers.
- To the Clarkston Jaycees.
- Oakland Woods Baptist Church for hosting the annual Shoes for Kids distribution.
- Mr. Alan's Shoes of Redford, Jason Riegle, store manager, and its store volunteers for bringing the shoes and boots to Clarkston for distribution.
- To all of the local elementary schools and are churches who hosted a hat, mittens and gloves collection Christmas tree.

Finally, thanks again to all who gave donations for the Shoes for Kids program and especially to those who gave so generously. The success of this program can only be measured by the support it receives from the Clarkston community.

Joel Delong
Goodfellow Program Chair
Clarkston Rotary Club

Clarkston man angered by recent reports, voices his support of our troops abroad

To anyone who will listen,

I am so disgusted with the American Press that, as a patriotic American and former Marine, I felt compelled to write this letter to someone.

The fighting in Iraq could be going on right here on our home soil, in the streets of our hometown, if our military personnel weren't doing the job it is.

About a week and a half ago, I read about a young Marine that faces the possibility of being court martialled for doing what he was trained to do, kill the enemy. Keeping in mind that he himself was wounded the day before, I think it is time that Americans realized that this Marine was defending their way of life.

Now these bleeding-hearts that don't seem to understand war are screaming for this young man's head.

They should start looking at the flag of their homestead and understand what its true meaning is, and what the price of freedom actually costs.

This young Marine is doing what millions of American soldiers before him have done, protecting our way of life. I guess these patriotic so-call-Americans have forgotten about 9-11-2001, the young lady from England that was brutally murdered two weeks ago or the American civilians that were beheaded by these insurgents. Or how about this young Marine's fellow Marines that were killed or maimed by booby-traps set on the bodies of dead and wounded insurgents, by these same insurgents!

These terrorists hate us and our way of life. They

Please see Letters on page 23A

Monster spray? I'll try anything

Let's just say Jen and I are going a little nuts. Batty. Bonkers. Cuckoo for Coca Puffs. That bearded head you see nodding up and down and all around is not a 200-pound, walking bobble-head. It's just me, dazed and confused. Sleep deprivation can do that to a parent.

It's not that Jen and I stay up to watch the late, late show, or even the late show. We rarely make it to the 11 o'clock news. We're in bed early enough to get those eight hours of sleep that our family doctor (and fellow 1981 Clarkston High School graduate) Maria Liveriatos says we need.



don
rush
don't rush
me

It's not our critters who keep us up. As soon as we turn out the lights for the night, the dogs head for the "off limits" leather couch. Except for their snoring, our canine friends are quite quiet while we slumber. Our cats, well during the witching hours they're off doing very stealthy cat things. It's not seven-year-old son Shamus -- as soon as he falls asleep he's out and he doesn't bother his parents (what a good child). No, it ain't any of the above.

It's the devil child, the baby of our clan -- Sean T. (for terrible) Rush. Four nights out of seven, Sean, aka Distructo the Midget, will get up every hour on the hour (this of course, only after he has had five or six straight hours of sleep himself.) I must say, he has trained his old man well. I can hear the padding of his little four-year-old feet on the floor, two rooms and one hallway away.

"Poppy! I had a bad dream!"

I'll get up, take him to the lav, then back to his bed and tuck him in . . .

. . . again and again.

I've tried to reason with him.

"Sean, Poppy needs his sleep too. If I don't get my beauty sleep, I'm gonna' be one mean, cranky and ugly Poppy in the morning. You don't want that, do you?"

I've tried the "appealing to the little boy who wants to be a big boy" approach. "Sean, you need to sleep in your own bed all night long so you can grow tall. You only grow in your sleep, so every time you wake you stay short."

I've tried bravado. "Sean, there are no monsters or

bad guys gonna' come into this house 'cuz they know Poppy's here. And you know who's the meanest, toughest Poppy in the world. Me. Bad guys are scared of Poppy."

I've given in to the Dark Side and growled, "Sean. I am your father. Get your skinny little butt in bed or else!"

Nothing. At three in the morning it started again.

The last time our little darling son awoke, Jen must have heard me growl and fearing for the safety of her offspring, intervened. She said softly, "Remember Mrs. Giza's Monster Spray." It wasn't a question. It was instruction. Well, I remember Mrs. Linda Giza (which rhymes with Fleeza, Wheeza, Sneeza, Jeeza and/or Peezza). She's Sean's (and Shamus' before that) preschool teacher. But nothing 'bout no Monster Spray rang any bells.

I did get the idea, though.

I hopped out of bed, donned my bathrobe and went to Sean's side.

"Did I ever tell you about Monster Spray? It's like 'skeeter spray, but it keeps monsters away. Come on. I just remembered how to make it. You can help."

And help he did. He added the warm water to a plastic cup. He added pinches of sugar (one for every year he was old), four shakes of salt, a splash of green hot sauce and one coffee bean. Sean stirred it up with a dirty fork from the dishwasher and then we went to work. First, I had him close his eyes and flicked some on his hair, and rubbed some of Poppy's magical elixir on his cheeks and on his pjs. Then I had him do the same to me. We were protected for the holy task at hand.

In the darkness of morning, with no lights on we went around the house, room by room, scary spot, by scary spot. Where ever Sean thought a monster might be, we flicked our concoction. For the better part of 10 minutes we exorcised Sean's demons. And, before we were through, he made sure to flick some stuff on a sleeping Mommy and brother Shamus. He wanted them protected, too.

With our job completed, I kissed him and tucked him back into bed. Where, I might add, he stayed until 7 a.m. That was this morning. Will it work tonight and into the future or have I just admitted monsters really do exist? Have I created more sleepless nights? I guess only the bedbugs know for sure.

Don can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@charter.net

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• School board approves budget cut: The Clarkston Board of Education unanimously adopted about \$2 million in budget cuts Dec. 4, contingent upon the results of the upcoming millage election. On Feb. 12, 1990, voters will be asked to approve an additional 5.6 mills for the 1990-91 school year.

• Stolen items linked to Independence: Jewelry and coins confiscated in the arrest of a Waterford Township woman is believed to be among items stolen in two Independence Township burglaries. Police arrested Deanna Lassi, 18, after searching a Waterford Township home and uncovering almost \$20,000 worth of property believed stolen in burglaries throughout Oakland County, said Oakland County Sheriff's Department Investigator David Roddy.

• New finance director brings experience to job: Independence Township's new finance director has been around. Kerry Donahoe, hired as finance director in November, has worked in similar departments in Southfield, Troy and Birmingham throughout his varied career.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• Hotel appeals run out: Pine Knob's request to build a 20-story hotel has been denied in the last remaining appeal process in Independence Township. The zoning board of appeals voted 3-0 to uphold Building Department Director Timothy Palulian's denial to issue a building permit at its Nov. 28 special meeting.

• Grant helps mentally ill with arts: The Northwest Oakland Life Enrichment Coalition (NOLEC) has received a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts to hire an artist-therapist to work with the mentally ill at the Springfield Oaks Recreation Center.

• Independence police get the ax: Two additional Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) deputies will patrol Independence Township's streets starting Friday, and the township police department will, for all practical purposes, cease operation. The township board voted 4-3 to dissolve the local department at last night's meeting and increase the OCSD contract to seven deputies.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• "Safe Driving Day" Wednesday, Dec. 15: Mayor Russell Colton today proclaimed Wednesday, December 15 as "S-D Day" or "Safe Driving Day" and pledged the full support of the village government in making the project a success. He urged all citizens to do their utmost to keep entirely free of accidents on Dec. 15.

• Manley L. Walter Dies Suddenly: The village of Clarkston was greatly shocked last Sunday at the sudden death of one of its native sons, Manley L. Walter. Mr. Walter passed away at his home at 20 Buffalo Street. He was born in Clarkston in May 5, 1908.

• Christmas Music At Sashabaw: At Sashabaw Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, December 12, beginning at 8 o'clock the Orchard Lake Presbyterian choir, under the direction of G. Thomas Harle, will sing the very beautiful "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint-Saens.

Pork, in more ways than one

Let's ramble!

First, my monthly bacon report. You didn't think I forgot how interested you are, did you?

This one is Nodine's Apple Smoked Bacon out of Goshen, Connecticut. After being rotated in a tumbler for hours, after brining and curing, "The bacon is then sent over to the smokehouse, where it spends the better part of a day at the bacon spa luxuriating in smoke generated by burning dried apple pomace that comes from a local cider mill.

"The result is a bacon with a texture like Chinese silk and a smoky flavor that will have you hand-delivering bacon to your friends across the country."

Maybe you will, not me. I've had it 10 days and I'm still trying to imagine a "bacon spa."

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Following George Bush's reelection much of the credit for his victory was given to the morality issue, his being perceived as greater than John Kerry's.

My editorial and personal friend Dick Milliman writes "The principles of morality -- treating people equally, opportunity for all, fairness, justice, freedom, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, respect the elderly, and other social issues -- generally are commonly embraced."

Commonly embraced, yes! And thank goodness it's practiced by the vast majority. But, when you see what tv shows climb the charts, the riotous outbreak at the Pistons-Pacers basketball game, road rage, sniper shootings, arsons, etc. . . oh, excuse me, didn't my parents say the same sort of thing in relation to their times?

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It's nice to know our electors in Washington are doing all they can to our country's deficit.

Yeah, right!

They've okay'd nearly \$800,000 for developing salmon-fortified baby food and to support the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, \$443,000 and \$350,000 respectfully.

There's \$50,000 to control Missouri's wild hog problem. \$1 million for the Industrial Fertilizer Development in Alabama, \$1 million for the Norwegian American Foundation in Seattle and \$335,000 to protect North Dakotas sunflowers from blackbirds.

Michigan's two Democrat senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow "won" \$4 million for an environmentally friendly public transportation system in Traverse City. That's certainly something the clean-aired north needs and those down south could do without.

Here are a couple real necessary uses for our taxpayer dollars. \$1 million for Florida's Palm Coast trail and \$1.2 million for Cape Cods bike trail repair.

What the heck are they thinking?

Oregon State University is getting \$6.2 million of wood utilization research and \$688,000 for barley gene-

mapping.

Montana gets \$1.5 million for a "fuels-in-schools" project.

I can see these deficit curtailing reps at Christmas parties in D.C. bragging about how they cut back their request for animal waste study money in Kentucky from \$6 million to \$2.3 million to save the country from going much further in debt.

Here's an idea. Let's have these reps go to Kentucky, buy them a manure spreader and let them spread the waste instead of wasting the taxpayers' money.



Jim's
Jottings
Jim Sherman



Emergency crews keep busy checking on victims and taking reports after between 55 and 60 vehicles were involved in a Dec. 1 chain reaction crash on southbound I-75. The first crash occurred near the Sashabaw Road overpass, with collisions continuing behind. Northbound traffic was slowed as motorists observed the almost half-mile crash scene.

Crash

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9 a.m. was in just the right (or wrong) spot on windshields to reduce drivers' reaction times.

"It was the worst crash I've ever seen," said Oakland County Sheriff Lt. Dale LeBair, whose Independence Township deputies assisted state troopers in taking crash reports.

A state police press release said only three occupants were taken to area hospitals.

Two were transported to Genesys Regional Medical Center, one with head and shoulder pain and the other with back and knee pain. A third was taken to POH Medical Center-Clarkston with a complaint of foot pain.

Bob Cesario, EMS coordinator for the Independence Township Fire Department, said only one vehicle required firefighters for a "minor extrica-

tion."

The remainder of those involved in the crash required no treatment or only minor first aid.

Firefighters investigated one fuel leak on the roadway, Cesario said.

The southbound freeway was closed for about two hours while emergency crews cleared the scene.

The closing caused a heavier-than-normal bottleneck on M-15, and sheriff deputies responded shortly after 11 a.m. to a property damage crash in which one driver was cited for failure to keep adequate distance between vehicles.

Many of those involved in the crashes had to wait for alternate transportation from the scene.

For five senior citizens, help

came from the Independence Township Senior Activities Center. A request from the fire department was honored with the dispatch of one of the senior vans.

Driver Ed Eaglen took the group to a local convenience store, then to Fire Station #1, where firefighters hosted them until they could make other transportation arrangements.

"We're ready to help the community with our resources," said Margaret Bartos, senior center coordinator.

The van service keeps quite busy with their regular schedule, and Bartos said some regular runs (such as those needing dialysis) have to take priority.

In this case, however, "[Eaglen] kind of squeezed them in."



With the help of a tow truck winch, crews work to right a van which had overturned on side of southbound I-75 north of Sashabaw. Photos by Don Schelske

Police and Fire

Independence Township

November 29: Prescription fraud report at the Kroger pharmacy on Dixie Highway.

December 1: Larceny of gasoline from the Clark station at Sashabaw and Pelton roads.

December 2: Home invasion on Autumnwood Court. Someone took jew-

elry and a DVD player.

Larceny from Big Apple Bagel on Sashabaw Road. A customer said someone took a purse containing credit cards, Social Security card, driver license, cash and a cell phone.

Malicious destruction to vehicle on North River. Someone put glue in the locks and punctured a tire.

December 3: Peeping tom report at Fox Creek apartments.

Assist to fire department with medical incident at Sunrise Assisted Living.

Prescription fraud report at the Kroger pharmacy on Dixie Highway.

December 4: Operating while intoxicated arrest on Pelton Road. A 23-year-old Clarkston man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.18 percent.

Threats report on Fieldstone Ridge.

December 6: Domestic assault arrest at Fox Creek apartments. A 19-year-old woman allegedly punched her boyfriend in the face in the process of waking him up.

old Clarkston man, disregard the stop sign from the southbound I-75 off ramp to Dixie Highway. A traffic stop revealed the driver had a suspended license. Deputies found a shotgun in the back seat, and a K-9 search found suspected marijuana in the vehicle. The man also had \$506 in his pocket. The case was turned over to the county Narcotics Enforcement Team.

Larceny of Christmas decorations on W. Bart. Someone took an 8-foot inflatable "Grinch" from the front yard.

December 3: Larceny of trailer on Ormond Road. A friend of the victim said he saw a large pickup truck pulling the victim's trailer north on Hubbard Road.

December 5: Home invasion and unlawful entry on Big Lake Road. A girl home sick from school was in her bedroom when she heard noises in the hallway. She discovered and challenged a 13-year-old boy who lived next door. He ran home, and deputies later learned he was home from school because of a suspension.

Springfield Township

November 30: Telephone threat report on Morning Drive. A middle school student allegedly called and threatened to stab and kill another middle school student. The case was turned over to the school liaison officer.

Larceny of six-yard trash container from Oscar W. Larson Co. on Dixie Highway near Rattalee Lake Road.

December 1: Domestic assault arrest on Brucedale. A 24-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly kicking and hitting an aunt who was trying to help her.

December 2: Impaired driver arrest on Dixie Highway near I-75. A deputy witnessed the driver, a 21-year-

City of Clarkston

December 3: Assist fire department at house fire on N. Main Street. Investigation turned over to Oakland County Fire Investigation Unit.

Car-deer crash at Main and Waldon. Only minor damage reported to both car and deer.

Driver arrested after car chase

A Clarkston man is in Oakland County Jail on a total of \$75,000 cash bond after a Dec. 2 car chase in Independence Township.

Robert Eric Gallus, 22, was arraigned on Dec. 3 on charges of fleeing and eluding and driving while license suspended before 52-2 District Judge Dana Fortinberry, according to Oakland County Sheriff Detective Jerry DeRosia.

Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence Township sheriff station, was in an unmarked patrol car when he observed two vehicles traveling erratically on northbound Sashabaw Road near Clarkston Road.

LaBair pulled one vehicle over, but Gallus continued at a high rate of speed. A marked patrol car followed the suspect, and reported Gallus driving up to 80 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone.

Gallus turned into the Sashabaw Meadows mobile home park, reports said, continuing at a high rate of speed. Gallus allegedly parked in the backyard of one of the homes, but deputies found both vehicle and foot tracks to locate the suspect hiding under one of the mobile homes.

The home owner declined to press charges, calling Gallus a friend who had permission to visit the property. Deputies filed charges on the other counts, however, and DeRosia said Fortinberry's bond decision came based on public endangerment and Gallus' failure to appear on previous misdemeanor charges.

The fleeing and eluding charge carries a potential felony penalty of five years in prison. He faces a Dec. 14 preliminary examination in Fortinberry's courtroom.

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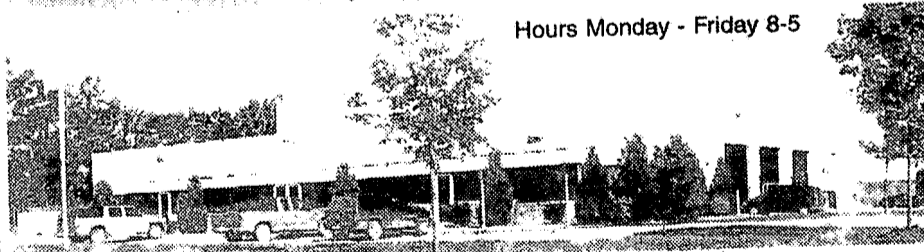
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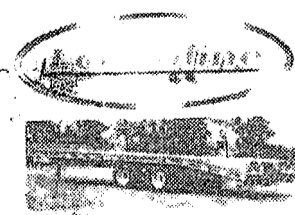
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School curriculum planning underway

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Board members listened as Deputy Superintendent David Reschke informed them on the updated curriculum changes he is working toward for the 8-9 building.

Clarkston Community Schools will require all students in grades 8-12 to earn academic credit. The eighth and ninth graders at Clarkston Junior High School will earn core competency points, which will serve the same as academic credit. The 8-9 students will be required to earn eight core competency points in language arts, science, math and social studies.

Those who falter are required to express full knowledge of these core credits by repeating or passing those classes they failed. The students also have the opportunity to pass an alternative related class that meets the core competency requirement. If students are at high risk for losing credit, they may be required to transfer out of elective classes into a required core competency course or support class.

Ninth graders who fail core competency courses will not be able to enroll at Clarkston High School until those credits are fulfilled. If the students still cannot gain these core competency credits, they will be required to partake in an Academic Core Progress review, which is held by the counseling department and involves the student's parents. These ninth graders will convert their core competency credits into graduation credits as part of a four-year high school transcript. If approved, these changes will become effective the 2005-06 school years.

Also, work is underway to add classes. Art Intro I and Art Intro II are examples of new course names for the eighth grade. Current elective courses, which students are accustomed to having, will be eliminated with exceptions. For example, students will no longer have the ability to register for a student aide elective. These positions will only be available for those students who are recommended by faculty.

For the eighth grade class, there are still many decisions to be made, such as the technology curriculum, which will be addressed at a later time.

The ninth grade curriculum will experience changes within the physical education department. In the past, the SWEAT course has been a full year requirement. For the future, SWEAT will be a semester requirement for the ninth grade with the choice to take it anytime grades 9-12. SWEAT has a second semester, which calls for a swimming course, and is still undecided. Like the eighth grade, technology is still undetermined.

There are still loose ends to tie and decisions to make. Reschke will approach the board at the Dec. 13 board meeting with further information.

District considers new school start times

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

At the Nov. 29 School Board meeting, Deputy Superintendent David Reschke introduced information on school starting times recommendations.

The changes administrators are now implementing for the 2005-06 school year will require the district to alter the school start times and update forms of transportation. Currently, 39 percent of Clarkston High School students utilize the district's transportation.

Reschke summarized six different plans on possible start time and transportation changes and stated that his team has narrowed the choices to two.

Currently, school hours for elementary are 8:40 a.m.-3:50 p.m., middle school are 7:50 a.m.-2:40 p.m., and high school are 7:30 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

The committee has narrowed its recommendation to Plans E or F. Plan E would require Clarkston High School and Clarkston Junior High School students to share transportation, with a start time of 7:30, and Sashabaw Middle School to start at 7:40. The elementary schools would be split up. Three of them would begin at 8:15 and four at 8:40. Plan F is almost identical, with the exception that all elementary schools would begin at 8:40 a.m.

Reschke explained that Plan E and F should eliminate the need for shuttles. He added that the proposal had relation to research on the time of day different age groups learn best. A final recommendation for the board's review and decision will be at the Dec. 13 board meeting.

CHS hosts Czech Republic, Slovakia guests

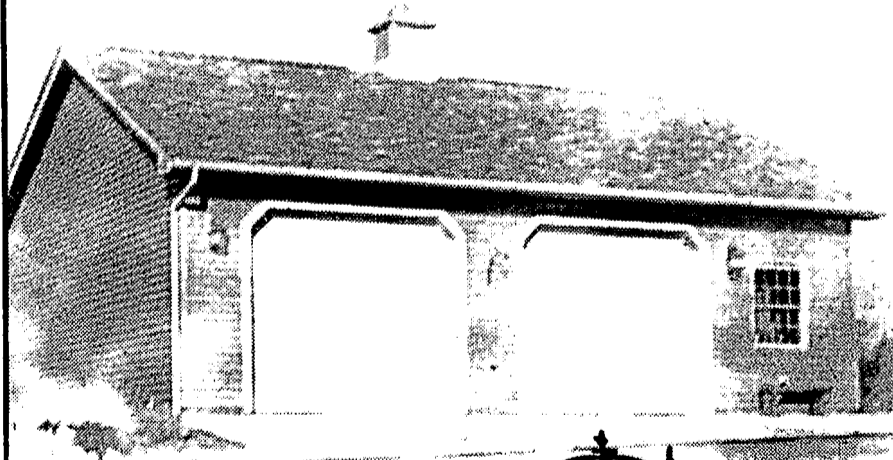


The Clarkston Community School District had a special visit with administrators from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The visitors came to the states to witness first hand how the district runs. The goal was to strengthen civic education for democracy in the United States, Czech Republic and Slovakia. Clarkston board members explained to them the process and answered any questions. Once the discussion was over, the visitors took a tour of Clarkston High School, and participated in Social Studies classroom lectures. Above, Pavol Panik, Marie Rauchova, Vladislav Rosa, Zuzana Srankova and Frantisek Toth. Pavol Panik with Zuzana Srankova listening during a classroom lecture.

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Obituaries

Barry S. Kulick

Barry S. Kulick, of Pontiac, formerly of Waterford, passed away unexpectedly on November 29, 2004, at the age of 38.

Mr. Kulick was the beloved son of Dr. Richard and Theresa of Waterford; dear brother of Dr. Matthew (Lynne) Kulick of Clarkston, Julie (Bruce) Jonik of Canton, Lisa Kulick of Holly, Debbie (Dan) Meehan of Waterford and Rick (Jennifer) Kulick of Ann Arbor; grandson of Dorothy Ozga; and uncle of Brian, Kristyn, Rachel, Dan, Nicole, Michelle, Kelly, Beth, Kevin, Alex and Adam. He is also survived by his dog Scooby.

Mr. Kulick graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes in 1984. He worked as a Pontiac Police Officer and was an avid hockey player and MSU supporter.

Rosary service was held on December 2, 2004, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was on December 3, 2004, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Lakes School or MI-COPS.

Mary Joyce Watson

Mary Joyce Watson, age 81, passed away on November 30, 2004, at Edgewood Vista in Missoula, Mont. She was born in Hamilton, Ontario, but lived most of her life in Oakland County. She was married to Robert S. Watson Sr. who preceded her in death.

Mary Watson was very active in the Church of God and served the church in several capacities, most notably in the music department. She was also active as a volunteer for the Republican National Committee and served several years on the Springfield Township Library Board.

She is survived by her children, Robert S. Watson, Jr. (Valerie) and

Bonnie Jeanne Watson; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. She is also survived by several loving cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Laurie Watson Messiah.

Funeral services were held on December 2, 2004, at the Church of the Nazarene, 2339 26th Avenue, Missoula, Mont., 59801.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Mich., 48350, or a charity of your choice.

Matthew Todd Bilbey

Matthew Todd Bilbey, of Grand Blanc, formerly of Clarkston, passed away unexpectedly on December 3, 2004, at the age of 33.

Mr. Bilbey was the husband of Heather (Strebe); son of Linda Bilbey of Clarkston and Michael (DuAnne) Bilbey of Grand Blanc; son-in-law of Celeste and Ronald Strebe of Grand Blanc; grandson of Joyce and the late James Berry of Waterford, Horace and Lois Bilbey of Florida and Ruby Young of

Ohio; brother of Karol (Art) Shepler of Saginaw and Michael (Stephanie) Bilbey of Grand Blanc; uncle of Cuyler, Taryn and Zoe; and brother-in-law of Holly Strebe. He is also survived by many friends.

Funeral services were held on December 7, 2004, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Genesee County Humane Society.

Salvatore Vascassenno

Funeral services for Salvatore Vascassenno, 81, of Safford were conducted at Bunker's Caldwell Chapel by Rev. Dr. Robbin MacDonald. Concluding services with military rites conferred by the Gila Valley Veterans' Honor Guard followed in the Pima Cemetery.

Salvatore Vascassenno was born February 11, 1923, in Detroit, the son of Vito Vascassenno and Frances Cusmano. Following his formal education, Salvatore honorably served in the United States Army Air Corps in support of World War II.

In 1948, Salvatore met

and married Marianna Owen. Together, they began to raise their family in Clarkston, Mich. Salvatore was employed with General Motors as a millwright in Pontiac, Mich. In 1989, Salvatore and Marianna retired to Safford, where they have resided until his passing November 6, 2004. Salvatore was a member of the Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church and American Legion Swift-Murphy Post #32.

Mr. Vascassenno is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marianna; three daughters, Sue (Howard) Jenkins, Margaret (John)

Parker and Sarah (Ruud) Deheij; two sons, Ron (Sue) Applegate and William (Eva); his sister, Rose Sutherby; a brother, Andrew Vascassenno; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His son, Mike Applegate, preceded Mr. Vascassenno in death.


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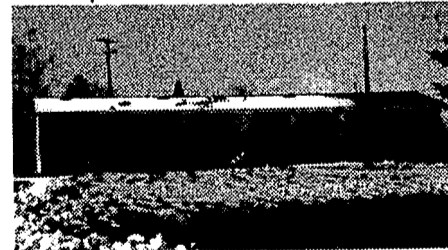
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BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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Mike White of the Independence Township Fire Department displays a reflective address sign posted outside Fire Station #1 on Citation Drive. The signs are available for local homeowners to clearly identify their address in case of emergency. Photo by Don Schelske

The Independence Township Fire Department is again promoting the sale of reflective address signs at a cost of \$15.

According to Engineer/Paramedic Mike White, the signs are a big help to public safety agencies in an emergency.

"It takes the guessing game out of the response," White said.

In addition to helping with emergency response, the signs provide a way for the department's "firemen's fund" to raise money. White said half of the purchase price goes toward the fund, which the department uses to help those who have been burned out of their homes.

The metal signs are easily attached to a mailbox post or may be mounted separately at roadside on a 4-by-4-inch post. The fire department has brackets available with the signs, and may be able to assist the elderly and handicapped with installation.

Signs are available with a green background with white lettering or a blue background with gold lettering. White said the signs are great for Christmas gifts, but those who wait too long may not receive the normal one- to two-day delivery.

Those interested in purchasing signs may call fire department headquarters at (248) 625-1924 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

State agency OKs new gas pipeline

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With all the formal protests officially settled, a state agency has approved plans by Consumers Energy to build the new West Oakland Pipeline through Springfield and Independence townships.

The Michigan Public Service Commission on Dec. 2 approved a settlement agreement authorizing the 36-inch, high-pressure steel pipeline to carry natural gas from an interconnection with Consumers Energy's Clarkston Junction in Rose Township for about 24.4 miles to an interconnection with the utility's Oakland Pipeline in Oakland Township.

According to a statement from the MPSC, the company intends to build the eastern 11.3 miles in 2005, with the remaining 13.1 miles to be completed one to three years thereafter.

At an estimated cost of \$57.9 million, the pipeline will fill a need the utility said exists because of increasing demand.

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Charter Townships of Independence and Springfield, the Township of Rose, MPSC staff, Michael and Lisa Bender, Michael J. Perion, and Sharon

Bone participated in hearings on the matter.

Among those hearings was a standing-room-only event on June 23 in which residents complained of potential damage to trees, wetlands and private property if the construction was approved. Springfield and Rose township officials specifically protested plans to build in "sensitive wetlands and exceptionally rare natural resource complexes" such as the Great Huron Swamp in Springfield Township and Buckhorn Lake in Rose Township.

On Nov. 19, a settlement was reached with Consumers Energy; MPSC staff; and the townships of Independence, Springfield and Rose. The remaining parties either withdrew their interventions or stated they were not opposed to the agreement. The settlement agreement resolved all issues related to the pipeline's construction, officials said.

A prepared statement said the MPSC found the settlement to be reasonable and in the public interest.

Consumers Energy, headquartered in Jackson, filed an application for authority to construct and operate the West Oakland Pipeline on Feb. 12.

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By Ernie Harwell

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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 titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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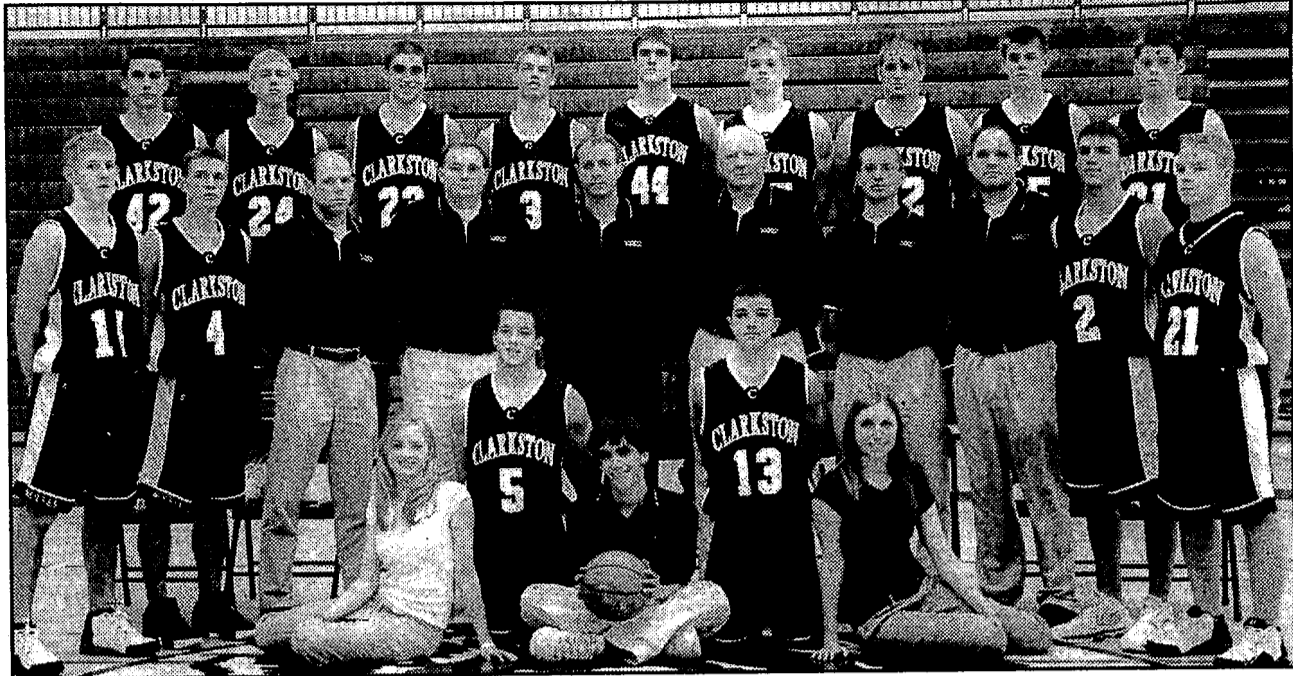
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Third Row: Scott Lyons, Rob Ronk and Ian Sabbag.
Front Row: Kirsta Rumschlag, Nick Mocerino and Katie VanderVeen.

Varsity Basketball

The Clarkston varsity basketball team will have to adjust this year after losing All-State player, Chris Johnston, from last year's 20-5 squad.

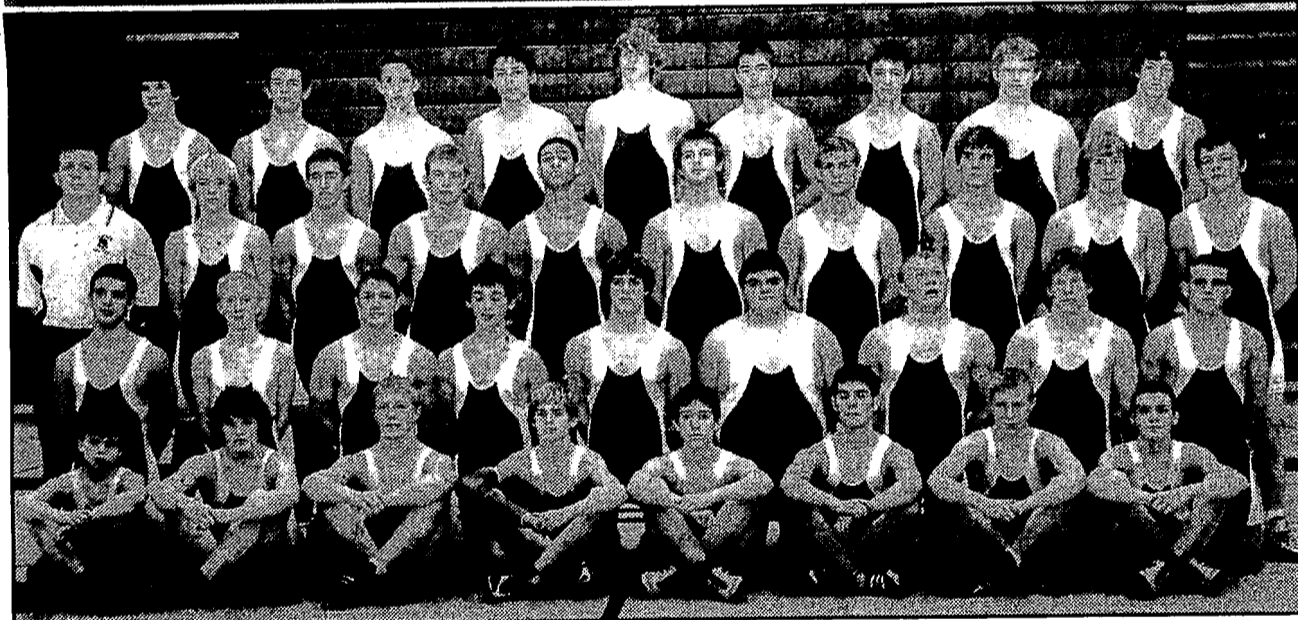
Last season the Wolves won their league, district and the regional on the way to a heartbreaking loss in the quarterfinals of the State tournament.

"I expect to compete for the league championship, for the district championship and the for the regional championship," said Coach Dan Fife. "We (will) have to play hard and smart to compete against (the top) teams."

Six players from last year's team will play big roles for the Wolves this year, especially senior guards Brad Goodman and Robbie Clark.

According to Fife, this year's team will have to play without a dominant post presence and beat other teams to spots on the floor for their shots.

The varsity boys basketball team opens the season on the road on Dec. 8 against Flint Central. The first chance for the home fans to come out and show their support will be Dec. 10 when Flint Northern comes to town.



Back Row: Andrew Zuker, John Smith, Rob McCoy, Brian Grishkevich, Adam Wilson, Erik Butterfield, Bryant Craft, Sam Cooper and Jeff Neff.
2nd Row: Coach Joe DeGain, Colton Emery, Mitch Miller, Pat Alexander, Josh McAllister, Steve Cooper, TJ Lawson, Nick Quaine, Tommy Ellsworth and Bryan Webb.
3rd Row: Steve Bryant, Kevin Fuqua, Braden L'Amoreaux, Anthony Herron, Adam Lauzun, Steve Herron, Steve Smiley, Kevin Judd and Rob Sabo.
Front Row: Weston Gleiss, Bryant Wood, Colton Tweed, Tyler Schneider, Cody Stewart, Kevin Parks, Travis Sheffield and Mike McGulre.

Varsity wrestling

The Wolves varsity wrestling team has suffered losses like any other team - but the graduating wrestlers from last year were five of Clarkston's best.

"(The departed seniors) were the horses. They really carried the team," said Coach Joe DeGain. "Instead of trying to rebuild we are trying to reload this year."

The teams roster is not completely depleted however; State champion Braden L'Amoreaux is back, as well as State qualifiers Steven Smiley and Bryan Webb.

The Wolves will also have seven returning letter win-

ners on the mat this year.

The wrestlers have gotten off to a rocky 2-5 start this year mostly due to six of their best wrestlers being held temporarily from competition.

As far as the rest of the league, Troy and West Bloomfield look strong this year. Holly looks to be one of the toughest teams in the County.

One of the bigger events of the season, the Oakland County Tournament will be held at CHS on Dec. 17-18.

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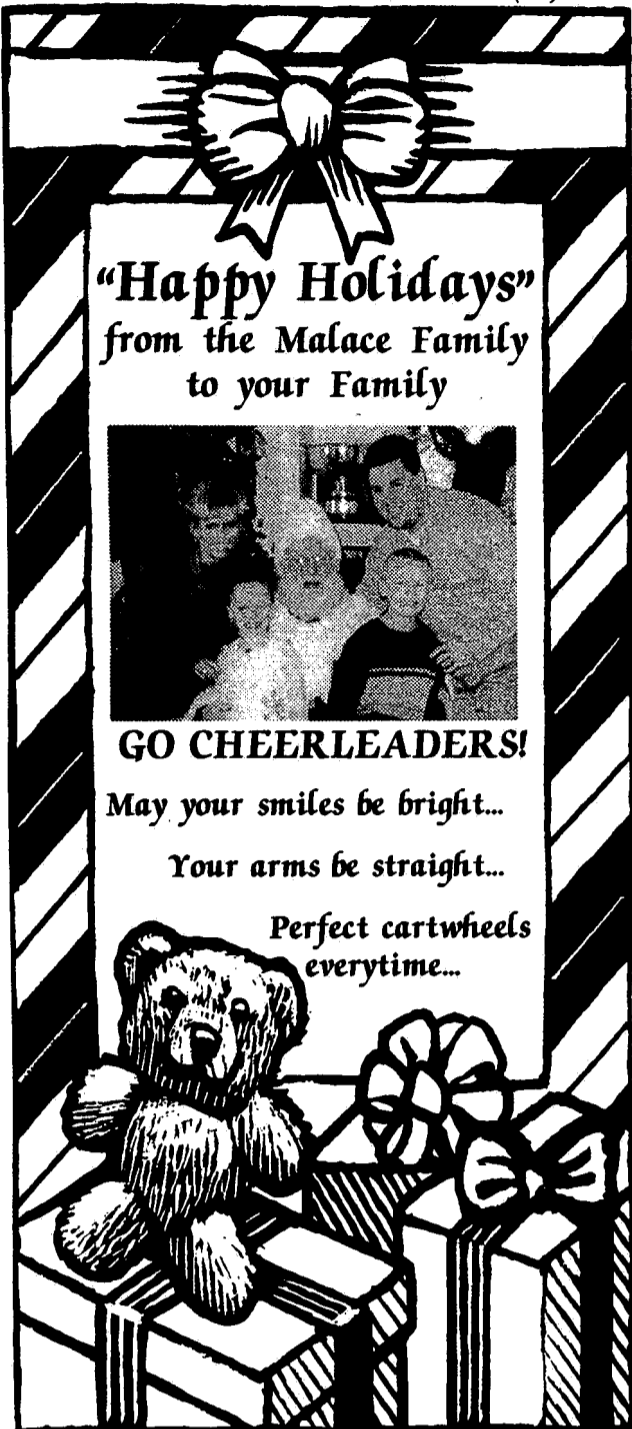
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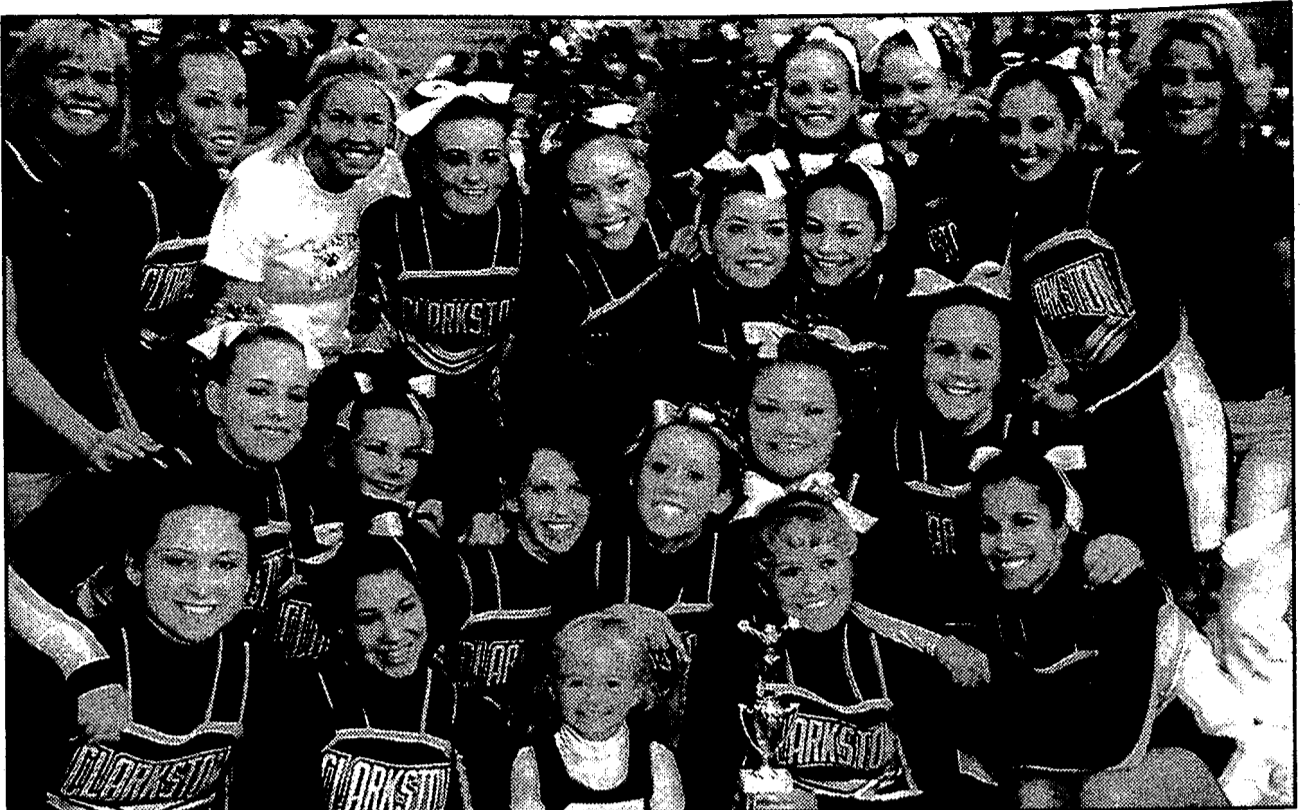
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Varsity Cheerleading

Making the State tournament is not enough to satisfy the Clarkston varsity cheerleaders this season.

After finishing 15th at the State finals last year, Coach Chandra Price expects big things this year.

"Our goal (this year) is to be in the top 10," said Price.

With 15 returning girls and nine seniors, the team is

stocked with the talent and experience to make their goals come true.

"They are going to do really well this year," said Price. "I think they will live up to the expectations."

The two teams Price feels will press the Wolves hardest are Rochester Adams and Waterford Mott.



Back row; Coach Bruce Rosengren, Ryan Petersen, Bradley Gale, Matt Keagy, Kate Mozer, Bryan Cicinelli, Alyssa Vermeulen, Jeff Haladik, Trisha Peters, Alex Rosengren, Blake Curdy, Coble Bland, Brandon Boozer, Coach Tami Nelmi.

Front row; Asst. Coach Mike Foyteck, Katie Reis, Heather Baron, Kevin Vahlbusch, Erica Halsey, Megan Peters, Eric Weiland, Scott Huber, Chris Bland, Coach Asst. Rob McIntosh. Photo provided (not official roster)

Varsity ski, boys and girls

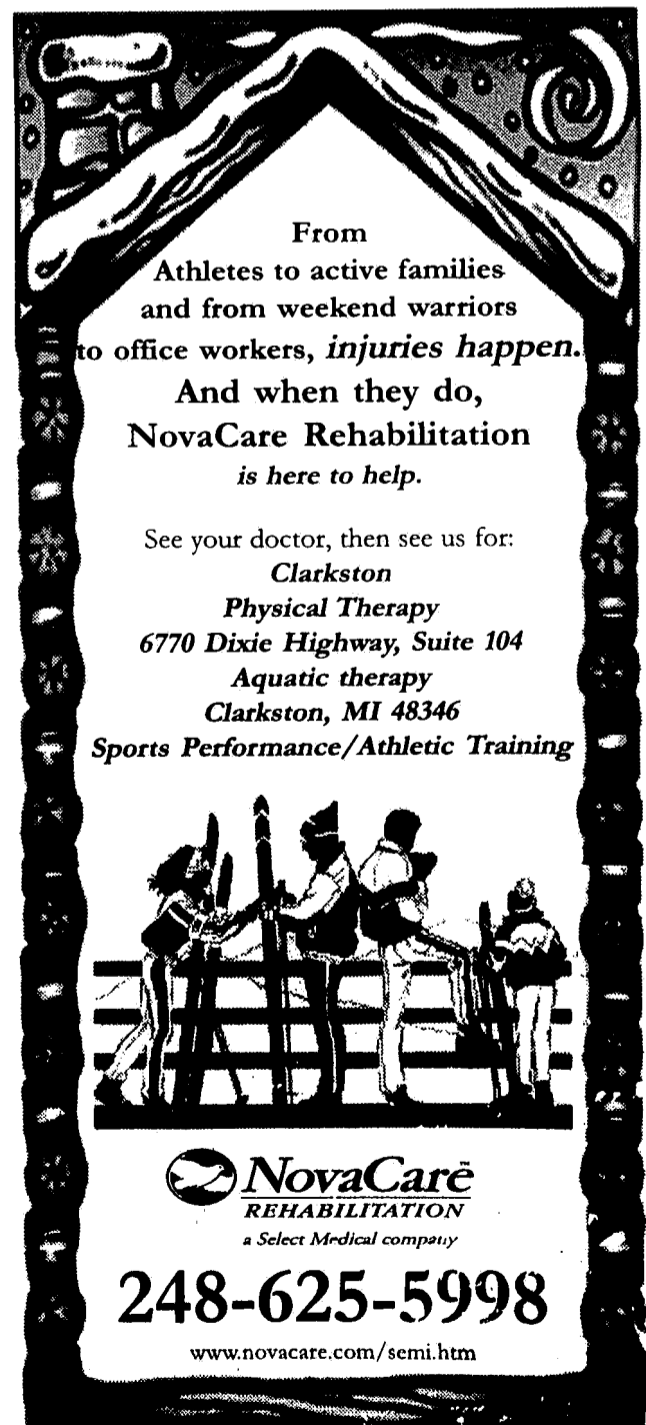
The ski season may not start until Jan. 12, but the Wolves are ready to dominate now.

The boys ski team, which has gone 52-6 over the last seven years; will return four All-State skiers: Seniors Jeff Haladik, Alex Rosengren, Kevin Vahlbusch and sophomore Eric Weiland. Last year the boys team finished second in the State in the slalom and fifth overall.

The girls team, which put up a 57-1 record over the


last seven years, is in slightly more of a rebuilding mode, but will still feature State champion, senior Mo Weiland and her partner on the All-State team junior Alyssa Vermeulen. Seniors Megan Peters and Jennifer Stanton will also be returning to leading roles.

"We pretty much are the powerhouse from the southern part of the State," said Coach Bruce Rosengren.



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Varsity Swimming

The Clarkston boys varsity swim team may have graduated three All-State swimmers, but they have increased their numbers from 14 swimmers last year to 20 for 04-05.

Coach Kenwyn Chock feels that Senior captain Andrew Riegel, junior Ryan Kurrle and sophomore Josh Badgerow all have a chance to qualify for the State

finals.

Clarkston will swim this season in the OAA II and will face tough competition from Farmington Hills Harrison and West Bloomfield.

"(All of the OAA II) is going to be competitive this year," said Chock.



Back Row: Stephanie Betzing, Coach Kelly Avenall and Carolyn Murdock.
Middle Row: Brittany Davis, Cori Pinkos, Stephanie Parkin, Manager Craig Thomas, Sam Morgan, Gabby Kleber and Kimberly Vincent.
Front Row: Kate Thomas, Laura Kupe, Caitlin Bennett and Kim Cook.

Varsity volleyball

After a 25-12-2 season last year, which featured a league and district title, the Clarkston varsity volleyball team is looking to take another step in the right direction.

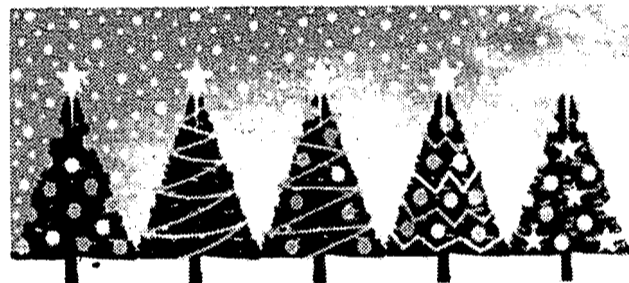
This year the team has six seniors and three returning starters.

"It's hard to tell how we'll do until we actually face some competition," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "We've

got some work to do with the setters."

One of the volleyball teams' toughest tests will come in their second game of the year on Dec 16 at Lahser, which has one of the toughest teams in the area according to Avenall.

The varsity volleyball season opens Dec. 13 at Farmington High.



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Varsity hockey

By ANN JOHNS
Clarkston News Guest Writer

While the Red Wings won't be playing any time soon, the Clarkston varsity hockey team has already played four games this season. With 19 players returning, the Wolves should be a competitive force again this year.

The Wolves have won the OAA title the past two seasons and four of the last six years. In 2003 they competed in the State finals and last season, fell in the quarterfinals, as they lost in overtime to Marquette, who went on to win the State title.

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

to use our size. Hitting creates turnovers which create opportunities."

The Wolves have lost only five players from last season, but four of those now gone were All-State.

"We still have a lot of power," said Krygier.

Senior forwards Trevor Johns, Mike Fogg and Chris Degen tallied 109 points last year.

As with all hockey teams goaltending is a key. Last season CHS netminders combined for a 2.2 GAA.

"We have two goalies returning (senior Michael Brach and junior Adam Richards) and have added (junior) Nick Cesario. It's their job to prove who should be out there." Currently the Wolves are 4-0 (3-0).

The going is good for hockey

By NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

With two wins last week, the Wolves are off to a hot start on the ice.

Clarkston beat Waterford Mott 8-4 on Dec. 2 and the combined Royal Oak team 6-2 on Dec. 4 to push their league leading record to 4-0 (3-0).

The Wolves blew the game wide open against Royal Oak in the first period, scoring four goals and allowing none. Senior Trevor Johns had two goals in the first period deluge. Junior forward Kyle Chartrand and Senior forward Bryan Morin also scored early.

"(The Royal Oak game) gave us the chance to play some guys who normally don't get a lot of playing time," said Coach Bryan Krygier. "It was also good for us as we continue to move up in our league."

Senior Goalie Michael Brach allowed two goals late in the third but according to Krygier played well in his bounce back game coming off Clarkston's loss to

Brighton in the Cranbrook Thanksgiving day tournament.

Johns finished with a hat trick adding another goal later in the second, Chartrand also scored another goal.

Chartrand and Johns have been on quite a roll recently. Both players put up some nice points in the Waterford Mott game as well

Johns also had a hat trick in the Wolves win over the Corsairs.

Chartrand was making noise too in the Mott game. With 2:11 left in the second period, he sent a defender sprawling into the net, knocking the goal off its mooring, putting the goalie flat on his back. Before the net was set free, Chartrand jammed the puck across the goal line. Chartrand's goal changed what had been a tight 5-4 game to a comfortable Clarkston 6-4 lead. The goal also seemed to break Mott's spirit - they barely threatened the Wolves again in what turned into an 8-4 win for the good guys.

"(The Mott game) started out really ugly, but gradually we started to put the puck in the net," said Johns "We are glad to get the victory."

Junior Goalie Nolan Cesario made ten saves for the win. The Wolves outshot the Corsairs 41-14, allowing only one shot in the first period, unfortunately the one shot tied the game 1-1.

Aside from Johns, who had one assist to go with his three goals, and Chartrand, who had a goal and two assists in the game, the Wolves got two goals and two assists from senior defenseman Alex Handley; two goals and an assist from senior forward Mike Fogg; two goals from Morin; two goals and an assist from senior forward Eric Paddison; and two assists apiece by junior forwards Chris Degen and Brandon Gibson, and senior defenseman Steve Eddy.

The Wolves play next against their toughest league competition: Birmingham schools. The team they tied for first in the league last year. The showdown is at the Detroit Skate Center at 8 p.m. on Dec. 9.



Steve Eddy rides a Mott player into the boards on Dec. 2. Photo by Purcell

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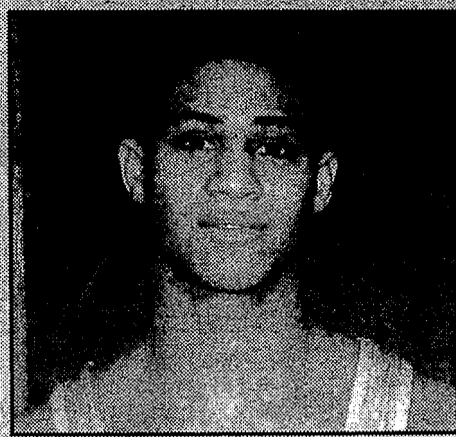
The major changes would include girls basketball shifting to the winter and volleyball being played in the fall. Golf, tennis and soccer's boys and girls seasons would flip-flop on the calendar as well.

"We are not worried about it," said Clarkston Athletic Director Dan Fife. "I would only be worried about finding officials for all those (basketball) games."

The contingency plan will become a reality if the MHSAA loses its appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court. The lawsuit debates whether or not the old way of doing things discriminated against girls athletics.

Those who brought the lawsuit and others against Michigan's current athletic calendar felt the girls exposure nationally was limited and therefore their chance to garner college scholarships diminished.

All of this started in 1998 with a federal lawsuit filed by Diane Madsen and Jay Roberts-Eveland, both Grand Rapids-area mothers of female athletes, in conjunction with their group, Communities for Equity.



Athlete of the Week - Josh McAllister

Junior Josh McAllister is the athlete of the week for his performance on the Clarkston varsity wrestling team. McAllister has gone 6-1 to start the season.

"Right now I'm just trying to take one match at a time," said McAllister.

Josh, 17, has lived in Clarkston since the third grade and started wrestling in

fifth grade. He lives with his mother, China, and is interested in either construction or entering the marines after high school. He would pursue becoming a combat engineer if he were to enlist in the armed services.

Aside from wrestling and schoolwork, Josh also professes a love for lowriders.

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■ **Volleyball:** 12/13 @ Farmington; 12/16 @ Lahser; 12/18 @ Portage Northern Invitational; 1/3 vs. Seaholm; 1/5 vs. Rochester High

■ **Wrestling:** 12/8 vs. Hartland; 12/11 @ Howell invitational; 12/17-18 hosting Oakland County Tournament; 1/5

hosting double dual meet; 1/12 Lapeer West

■ **Swimming:** 12/14 @ Rochester High; 12/16 vs. Berkley; 1/6 vs. Troy Athens; 1/14 @ Farmington Hills Harrison

■ **Hockey:** 12/9 vs. Birmingham schools; 12/11 vs. Troy High; 12/17-18 Clarkston Xmas Tournament; 1/6 Farmington High; 1/8 @ West Bloomfield.

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Edith Woodham and Robin Brose make their choices from tables full of floral and evergreen arrangements, all done by members of the garden club. Clarkston's Episcopal Church of the Resurrection hosted the Dec. 4 event.

Photos by Don Schelske



Vanessa and Marlan Wilson get advice from club member Debby Dunn. The fund-raiser helps the garden club with their beautification and scholarship projects, and promotes a sense of natural sights and smells of the holiday season.



Allyson and Paul Hemsworth inspect gift baskets at the Dec. 4 Greens Market. The event has been offered by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club since 1998.



Garden club member Kay Robertson adjusts one of the displays in the main market room at Clarkston's Church of the Resurrection.



Tracy Cook (left) of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club helps Kelle Thole load her purchases from the annual Greens Market. Kaz Thole, 1, came with Mom to the event.

Therapeutic riding on display Dec. 13

By NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Pretty Pony Pastures sugary sweet name fits the Davisburg business to a 'T'.

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On Nov. 18 the senate passed Resolution 452 which designated Dec. 13 as National Day of the Horse. The legislation urges people to be mindful of the contribution of horses to the economy, history and the character of the United States.

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Breakfast with Santa...



Santa deserves a break, too, and is served breakfast by Lauren Herbst, Brett Romanowski, CoCo Heady and Becca Herbst at Breakfast with Santa at First Congregational Church on Dec. 4. The annual event featured food and fun, along with promotion of the church store and the annual Kids Closet charity ministry. Photos by Don Schelske.



Betsy Walkowiak, age 2-1/2, enjoys a visit with Santa during the annual Breakfast with Santa event at First Congregational Church of Clarkston.



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Temperence Bedford wrestlers, both Slater and Davis won and the rest is history. Coach Strickler had his big guns waiting in the wings and CHS won going away for the State title. Strickler has fond memories of that team and communicates with them on a regular basis.

Incidentally Jerry Anderson is the only four-time All-State wrestler in CHS history.

In 1996, Mike DeGain was varsity coach assisted by Frank Lafferty. Joe DeGail, Ryan L'Amoreaux, and A.J. Grant were State champions. Armand Michelsen was ranked third.

In 2003 Joe DeGain was appointed Head Coach. He is assisted by Derek Moscovic. Joe's team won the districts and regionals. Tony LaJoie and Braden L'Amoreaux were State champs. Shawn Turner and Elliot May took seventh. Steve Smith took sixth. There are 31 boys on the team.

Football: One must start with Coach Ralph 'Doc' Thayer. He coached in the 1940's and early 1950's. He also drove the bus, lined the field and more. Back in World War II, gas was a premium; so, mothers would often drive the players in their cars. All games were played at 6300 Church Street. Other coaches were Borsum and Ed Hintz. Ed's record was 33-20-3.

In 1955, lights were installed and every teacher and administrator was assessed \$5 to help pay for the lights. Other coaches were Tom Taylor, Bill Valasco and Walt Wyniemko (coached for eight years - 44-20). Walt's teams missed the playoffs twice by slim margins. Kirk Norman was an All-American for Wyniemko.

Rob White had great success as a coach (42-11). He played football for Bo Schembechler. His 1977 team was 9-0 and lost to Brother Rice in the playoffs. Coach White commented that his 1974 team was very special, but there were no playoffs at that time. Current freshmen football Head Coach Dave Whitehead was a member of that team.

Kurt Richardson is the present coach. His record as head coach is 120-56 with a total record of 171-88. He has been coaching football for 19 years. Six of his teams qualified for the playoffs, with two of his teams making it to the semifinals. Four of his players have gone on to Division I college programs: Nick Upchurch (Central Florida and U of M), John King (CMU), Steve Black (CMU) and Dan Jokisch (U of M). Jason Graves, Ryan Clement, and Ryan Kaul played for Division II schools.

There are many great games one can mention. How about this year's win over Lake Orion to make the playoffs? A couple of my favorite games are the 1999 regional contest over a very highly ranked Grand Blanc team. They had a fabulous running back. Clarkston ended up winning the game 35-14. The next week's regional final victory over Macomb Dakota, 57-56 was a game that played into four overtimes. After Clarkston scored in the fourth overtime period, Coach Richardson elected to go for a two-point conversion instead of a kick to tie the game, once again, Rocky Lund (the kicker) threw a pass to Andy North in the end zone to win the game in perhaps the most exciting end to an athletic event in Clarkston history.

Boys Track: Leigh Bonner was replaced by coaches Kelly Burnett and myself in 1956. We coached together for

seven years. It was difficult because they really didn't have a track back then. The track we had (cinder track) was hard to maintain - it was at the junior high. The best dash man was Bill Powell, probably the most outstanding dash man in the history of Clarkston. Bill White was very good too in the 100 and 220. Tom and Bob Grey were great in the high jump, they held the record for years. The Seyer boys and Larry Morgan had very good times in the distance races.

On days of home meets, the principal, S.F. Goedde would let the coaches out early so we could roll and line the track plus get the pits (sawdust) ready for competition. The salary (\$50) was split between the two coaches. Enjoyment was high, but we only had average success.

Connie Bruce and Errol Solley coached the varsity track after that, followed by Walt Wyniemko, who coached for 26 years, assisted by Mike Taylor and Mike Kaul. Great trackmen were J.J. Price (discus - 161') Kyle Powell (shot put, his father was Bill Powell), Wayne Thompson and Jeff Schuippe (both broke Bill Powell's record in dash), Matt Scharl (pole vault 14'2"), J.R. Kirk (long jump - 22'7"), Gordie Sanderson (9:14 2 mile), David Sage (4:19 mile), Adam Gebus (400 - :49.5), Raffal Fauza (high jump - 6'8"), Steve Wyckoff (high jump), David Ryeson (300 hurdles), Chris Evans (high hurdles - :14.2 and low hurdles - :39.6), Cody Senkyr (hurdles), and the two-mile relay (7:53) of Matt Haver, David Sage, Kevin Breen and Brett Quantz. Walt's teams have won two league titles and qualified many trackmen for the State finals.

Tennis: Dick Swartout coached the boys and girls tennis for 20 seasons. His teams won over 200 matches. Swatout qualifies for the Hall of Fame; he also enjoyed coaching his own children.

Linc Smith and Larry Thibault coached in the seasons before Swartout. Thibault was the only coach to win a regional title. The Beattie boys (Kirt and Kim) carried the team that year.

Becky Craig was the varsity coach in 1979-83 and 1991-93. Her teams won two league crowns and one regional. Members included Mary Smith, Kelly Craig, Alex Campe and Sam Mallett.

The 1997 girls were regional champs. Kristin Atkinson and Alaina Dodds carried the team.

This year's team members include Lauren Little, Stephanie Parkison and Allysa Lucas (all State champs). Darylann Trout lost in the semi's of the State tournament. The current girls coach is Kyleen Cunningham.

Skiing: Ed York was the first coach in 1979, he coached for four years, his 1982 teams were both undefeated with 9-0 records. Dan Balzarini coached for 6 years. His boys teams went 30-6 and his girls went 40-3. Jane Holing coached for one year and both of her teams went 8-0. Jay Roeser coached for five years, the records are somewhat incomplete but the boys went 29-4 and the girls went 19-5. Thom Halsey coached for three years, the boys went 18-5 and the girls went 21-2.

Bruce Rosengren and Tami Niemi are present coaches, and have been for seven years. The boys have gone 57-6 while the girls have been 58-1 under their guidance. Rosengren has been honored three times as State coach of the year, Niemi has earned the honor twice. Both of the coaches have been honored as regional coach of the year several times. The girls have won eight regional

meets in a row. The skiing teams are the winningest teams in southeast Michigan. Over the last seven years 13 girls and 10 boys were All-State. Last year the girls varsity and jv were All-State academic team with a cumulative GPA of 3.79.

Our ski teams have had phenomenal success, their total record for boys and girls is 115-7.

Hockey is a rather new sport, started in 1997, they originally played as an independent and had a 15-7 record. From 1999-2004 the coach has been Bryan Krygier who is assisted by Ralph Humphlett.

They have won the league crown four times and one regional. His six-year

record has been 101-42-12. Krygier has brought stability to the program. Some of the players off the 2004 regional championship team were Trevor Johns, Aaron Cataneze, Sten Morin, Griffin Cummings, Adam Peters and Kyle Buzzo; all of them were honorable mention All-State.

Boys Cross Country Mike Taylor has coaching for 23 years. His top runners were Dave Sage, Matt Haver, Jim Havicamo, Mark Sitko. All made All-State in cross country.

Taylor had very strong teams from 1995-99, they won the Oakland county meet those years. This year the team qualified for the State meet.

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Letters

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want to, and will, kill Americans at every opportunity. These insurgents are a small faction of the Muslim people, and must be weeded out. By eliminating these extremists, it not only protects Americans, but the large majority of Muslims worldwide.

The crime, in this case, is that this Marine may stand trial. His life will be ruined for doing a job he didn't ask

for. I can assure you that he doesn't want to be in Iraq. I can also guarantee that he will do everything in his power to insure that he gets home alive. That is what he was trained to do. I am sure there are a lot of veterans in America that can relate to the situation this Marine found himself in. If they're honest with themselves, they know they would have done the same thing in his shoes.

War is not aboard game or a card game where everyone gets up from the table after the game is over and walk away. People die, and that's a fact! The way

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you stay alive in a combat situation is to kill the enemy before he kills you. War is not pretty, and definitely not fair; it is ugly and unfair.

It is time for the citizens of this great country to stand up, pick up the flag and start waving it, instead of stomping on it with their muddy shoes.

I don't know if this will be printed for public view or not, but it had to be said. Wake up America!

**An Upset American,
Richard Olsen
Clarkston**

Utilities lie to unfairly raise rates on natural gas and electricity

DTE (Consumers Power) has provided propaganda that they needed to raise their rates. This is because they did not want to compete with outside of Michigan power companies. They lied when they stated the outside companies do not have to provide back up power. Federal law requires all power companies have backup

power.

The Public Utilities Commission has granted them a seven percent raise. The utilities are suppose to have a reserve fund. If this fund is in the Music Theater, then how can they get it out rapidly if needed? Also, if DTE (Consumer Power) is franchised to sell energy,

then what are they doing in the music theater business?

My 23-year-old retirement income can not stand more electricity cost on top of the natural gas increase.

**Bob Heazlit
Clarkston**

Thanks to hunters

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a couple of fellow hunters on Perry Lake Rd. in Clarkston.

On the Friday following Thanksgiving I was hunting on my brother's property and made a good shot on a large buck. He ran onto a neighbor's property and was shot again by the landowner's son, taking the deer down. To the landowner's and the son's credit, I was able to harvest the deer and bring it back to my brother's property.

This is a credit to their sportsmanship and a great show of responsibility to the sport of hunting. This deer will grace the wall of my Clarkston home and I will never forget the path it took to get there.

**Thanks,
Steve Smith
Clarkston**

Changes

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ment that there will be at least as much (athletics)," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

Since the goal is to have more sports teams, especially in the middle school, costs are expected to rise.

Administrators are planning a total general fund increase of \$50,360 for grades 6-7. The moves in the eighth grade will call for a \$19,395 increase to the general fund. Additionally, there will be \$4,500 needed for the Athletic fund.

Added transportation costs have not been determined in the current proposal.

According to Reschke the money increase is in line with the amount taken out of the budget two years ago.

The final proposal will go before the school board at the Dec. 13 school board meeting.

Anyone who has a question or concern on this matter should call the Clarkston schools communications department at (248) 623-5420.

Fashionable locals...



Seven Clarkston area girls were among many featured in the American Girl Fashion Show held at the Holiday Inn, Livonia, in November. Models for the day were Kristin Rau, Phoebe Morris, Emily Mick, Kayla Mick, Amanda Alumbaugh, Emma McLean and Lily McLean. Narrators were Meghan Hall and Sue San Eghballan, both seniors at Clarkston High School. Leah McLean helped organize the event in honor of her dear friend Suzette Herskovitz, who passed away recently from breast cancer. All proceeds benefitted the Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. Photo provided.

Parade

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floats," said Bendes. "There's also a nice mix of community groups with churches, civic organizations and school groups participating - and of course, Santa Claus has already registered for his spot."

The event will travel the tradition route: from the Clarkston Schools Community Education parking lot the parade will go down Church St., make a right turn onto Main St., a left turn onto Miller St. and end in the St. Daniel's Church parking lot. Those picking up participants can meet them at this point.

Of course, many local merchants and groups will be out and about with plenty of food, drinks and goodies for everyone. Also, all participants are treated to hot chocolate and cookies inside Clarkston Elementary before the parade.

One new item for this year will be

adding to the safety of the event. In addition to keeping a safe eye on the parade route, Chamber volunteers and honor society students will sell glo-necklaces for \$2 a piece. The necklaces will help everyone keep track of even the youngest parade watchers.

And kids, keep your eyes open for an added surprise from event organizers that will allow you to become a part of the evenings festivities.

"Our parade has just added so much to the year," said Bendes. "It just keeps getting better and better."

Those attending the parade are asked to dress warmly and arrive early, the best spots go fast.

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Mrs. Claus made Joe Prentice's day with this candy cane.



(Left to right) Giovanni Roselli, Maxx Brennan and his mother Angie enjoy some smores at the Family Holiday Fest.



The Saylor family: (left to right) Courtney, Gabriel, Yvette, Randy, Victoria and Sheldon enjoyed the Family Holiday Fest's lighting displays.

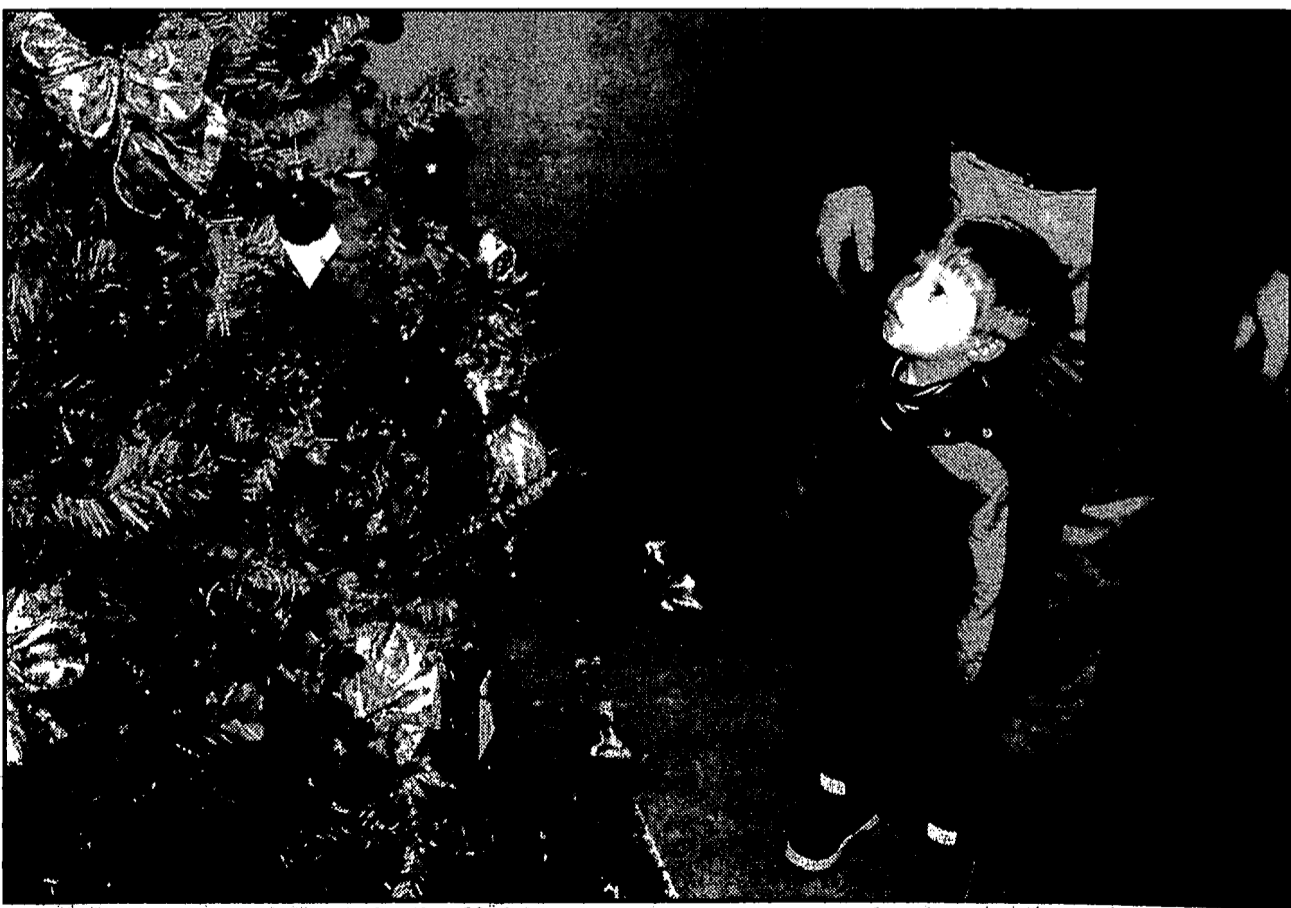
Season's Beginning

The wind nipped a little bit but the snow held off for Independence Township's Family Holiday Fest on Dec. 3-4. Whether it was eating smores, sitting on Santa's lap, or marveling at their favorite cartoon character cum lighting display, the kids found something to love. A warm fire was easy to find outside and the refreshments inside heated up the belly and soothed the sweet tooth.

Photos by Noah Purcell



School board member Stephen Hyer (left) and Parks and Recreation Director Mike Turk toast marshmallows for smores.



Jacob Prsby was so taken in by the Christmas tree he didn't even notice the cookies and punch behind him.

People Poll

What will happen to downtown businesses during M-15 construction?



"We have already seen a lot of bottlenecks because of the Sashabaw construction. I hope it does not get worse."

-Christie Kojima, The Chocolate Moose



"I am not worried about it. Our town's sidewalks and road were closed for eight months two years ago. We've been here so long people will find a way to come in."

-Diane Brozovich, Village Apparel and Gifts



"Maybe people will get tired of sitting in traffic and come in to eat."

-Pete Berishaj, Olde Village Cafe



"I suppose it will have a little bit of an impact. I just don't know how much. If people want to shop here they will find a way to get here."

-Susan Andre, The Parsonage

By Noah Purcell

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Businessman makes hot dogs a tradition

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"When customers come into the restaurant, they are like my family visiting me in my home," said Ed Zull owner of Pete's Coney II.

"Keeping it in the family" is a saying Zull knows very well. The family's history with restaurants go back to 1929. Zull's grandfather started the business in Pontiac, passed it on to his son, who then passed it on to Zull and brother David.

The brothers operated the Pontiac restaurant for seven years, before deciding to bring their recipes to the Clarkston area in 1987. Pete's Coney made its introduction to the area in Ritter's Plaza. The establishment kept busy for eleven years, when Zull and David decided to close the doors and move up the street to their current location on Dixie Highway. The building offered more space, and that is exactly what the Zull family needed.

"My favorite part about Clarkston is the many different tentacles," said Zull, who runs Pete's Coney II with his brother David and son Andy. "Clarkston is growing and I like the communication between the government, police and fire department, the local businesses and the people within the community."

Zull enjoys attending Clarkston events, such as the craft shows, park concerts, Taste of Clarkston and sports.

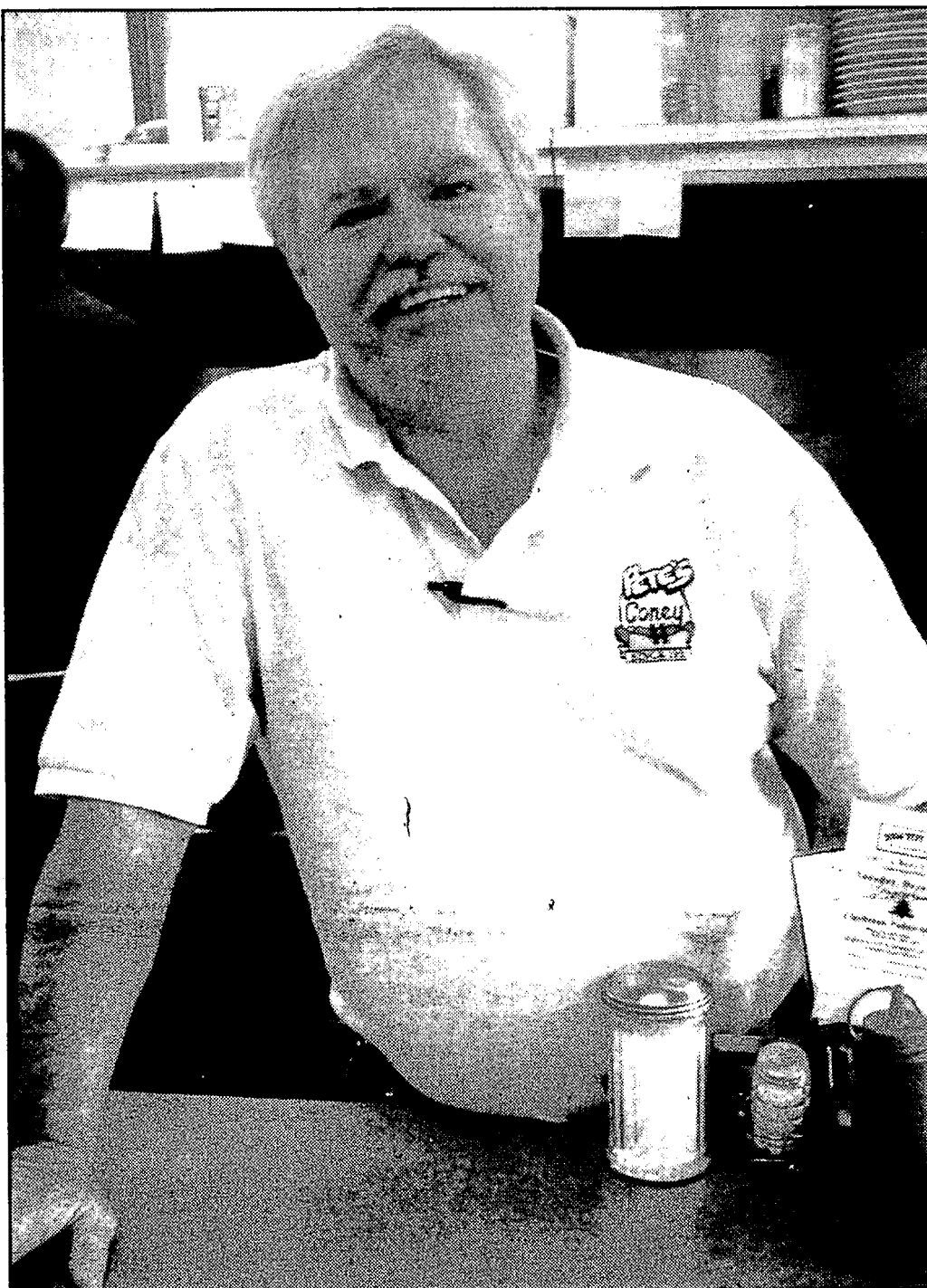
"Coming out here and meeting new people has been fun and a good challenge," said Zull. "We came from one area and moved into another so we had to learn how to do things differently."

Certain things had to change, despite the Zull's family tradition.

"We used to serve our hot dogs on wax paper," said Zull. "We came out here and the people preferred to have their hot dogs on a plate, with a knife and fork."

That was something Zull changed, even though he believes the hot dogs taste better off wax paper.

Once Zull was settled in the area, he began to build new relationships. He became involved with many different organizations including Jabil Circuit, Boy



Ed Zull enjoys serving the area with fine food, continuing a tradition started by his grandfather. Photo by Jenny Matteson.

Scouts, Girl Scouts, churches and Volunteers in Action (VIA).

"We do believe here at Pete's that you get what you give," said Zull.

With a lot on his plate, Zull is most concerned with his customers and their satisfaction. He urges his staff to make the customers feel comfortable in the restaurant. He enjoys witnessing people come in with a smile and leaving with an even bigger one. Zull believes that his restaurant is a family oriented environment, something he does not want to lose. He allows children to draw and color pictures and showcases them all over the restaurant, despite the clutter.

Many people come into his restaurant, and Zull has a unique way of remembering each one of them. He remembers what they ordered their last visit, or different hair

'Coming out here and meeting new people has been fun and a good challenge. We do believe here at Pete's that you get what you give.'

Ed Zull
Owner of Pete's Coney II

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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.

The Clarkston American Legion 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.

On Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. a private tour of the Clarkston Community Historical Society's newest exhibit "Capturing Clarkston: A celebration of daily life" will run at the Clarkston

Heritage Museum. This is the ninth display since the museum opened in 1999.

Visitors can peek into the lives of Clarkston's earliest families by exploring local aspects of church, school, business and home. Museum Director Toni Smith will answer any questions visitors may have about the exhibit or past exhibits.

Coffee and desserts will be provided compliments of the historical society. The Clarkston Heritage Museum is housed inside the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Rd.

Keller Williams Realty now ac-

cepts donations of new toys, clothing, gift cards and other items to benefit 350 Clarkston families in need through Lighthouse Emergency Services. Donations must be new, unopened and must be received by Dec. 14 at the Keller Williams office on M-15, just north of Dixie Highway across from the Secretary of State's office. For information, call 248-620-8777.

The following registration is for swim classes through Clarkston Community Education: Winter registration for swim lessons at the CHS pool begin on Monday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. Sign-up will continue throughout the semester until all classes are filled. Registration is at the Clarkston Community Education Center on Church St. For more information, call 248-623-4321.

The Clarkston Community Schools Swimming Pool will be open for swim during the Christmas break. Schedules available at the Community Education Center and South Sashabaw Early Childhood Center on Church St.

Clarkston High School is featuring "Clarkston Connects" on April 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Formerly the Summer Happenings Expo, this event expanded to include parent workshops and hands-on activities in addition to the wonderful exhibits and demonstrations featured in the past. Anyone looking for additional information or interested in participating, please call Cindy Keil at 248-941-1575 or e-mail her at Ckeil@aol.com, or contact the Clarkston Coalition for Youth at 248-922-3004.

The Clarkston Village Players present *Once Upon a Puppet's* production of *Dick Whittington and His Cat* on December 11. The humorous and lighthearted puppet show is about a young boy and his cat who go to London to seek their fortune.

Show times at the Depot Theater are 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call 248-625-8811.

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Registered Nurse Diane Brandt bandages Marguerite Warner's arm after she donates. The Dec. 3 CHS Blood Drive had a lot of participation from the students. Photo by Christina Ulaj.



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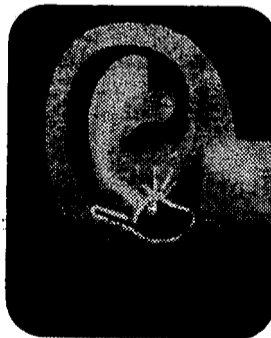
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Everest student believes teacher has magic

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

He is a local teacher spreading the magic of education and support.

Matthew Joneson is a third grade teacher at Everest Academy. He had the honor of being nominated for the Magic 105.1 teacher of the year award, and the surprise began with the spirit of 9-year-old Grant Koster.

While driving in the car with his mother, Koster heard about the 105.1 contest. The station was looking for teachers to be nominated. Once Koster heard this, an idea clicked. Both Koster and his mother, Gale, instantly thought of Joneson.

"He is a really nice guy and he has a big heart," said Koster.

Koster decided at that moment, to sit down and write all the things he liked about Joneson. Once complete, Koster sent the letter to the station, and Jim Harper read it on the air the next morning.

Now, Joneson is in the drawing. If chosen, Joneson will be honored as "Teacher of the Year," and will win \$10,000. Koster did not walk away empty handed for his efforts: he won the Shrek 2 video.

Koster is proud to have Joneson as a teacher. He sim-

ply loves his teaching style and hopes Joneson knows how much he is appreciated.

"I like the things he says to us," said Koster. "Sometimes he comes into class and says today we will have an optimistic day, or you boys are the coolest bunch of guys."

Joneson is also recognized for his reward system. He allows his students to earn coupons for good behavior and the kids are able to choose a prize.

Matthew Joneson resides in Orion with his wife Julie. He has been teaching third grade boys and middle school band at Everest Academy for three years. Prior to teaching, Joneson was an engineer.

"It was really exciting when I found out about the nomination and recognition," said Joneson. "The job is not being done for the recognition, its being done to help kids and families."

Joneson added this is a fun job, and he thanks Koster for noticing his teaching styles.

"That is a really important trait to give thanks to people and appreciate those things," said Joneson.

The winner of the Magic 105.1 "Teacher of the Year" contest will be announced at the end of the year.



Grant Koster with Matthew Joneson hold the framed entry letter for the Magic 105.1 Teacher of the Year contest. Photo by Christina Ulaj.

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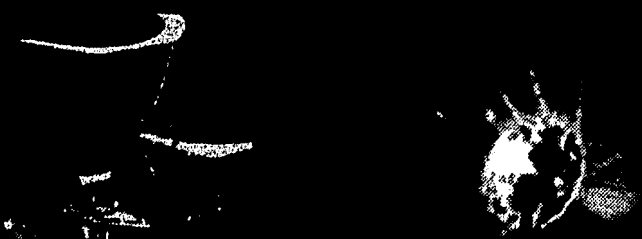
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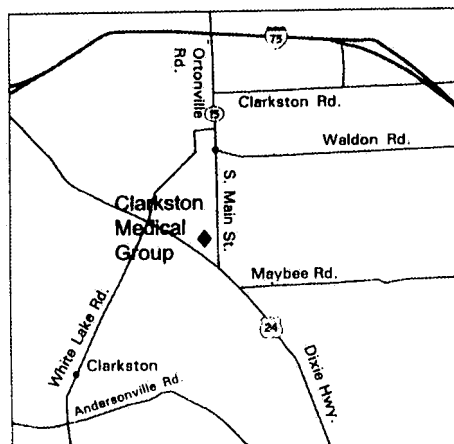
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Milestones

Local woman completes airforce basic training



Air Force Reserve Airman First Class Patricia M. Del Rio graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Del Rio earned distinction as an honor graduate.

She is the granddaughter of Ernie Bedford Sr. of Clarkston.

Clarkston resident awarded in Iraq

Clarkston graduate Specialist Joanna Butling, serving with the U.S. Army in Baghdad, Iraq, was awarded the Iraqi War Medal; the Anti-Terrorism Medal; and Combat stripes for her participation in the Iraqi Freedom Movement Phase II.

Private graduates basic training

Army Private Anthony Passmore graduated from basic infantry training, at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA. Passmore received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history.

Recent Clarkston graduates

Two Clarkston residents recently graduated from Central Michigan University.

David Hernandez and Andrew Wheeler are among the 1,800 graduates this year.

Hernandez completed with a Bachelor of Science

Wheeler completed with a Bachelor of Applied Arts.

Eric McGinnis, Thomas Feller and Scott Miller are three Clarkston residents who graduated from Western Michigan University this year. McGinnis, Feller and Miller all completed with a Bachelor of Business Administration. McGinnis majored in management economics, Feller majored in integrated supply matrix and Miller majored in sales and business market.

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Religion

Don't miss the simplicity of it all

"Happy holidays! Caution: The time of year we are now entering may lead the observer to experience burnout, depression and financial strain."

Does this sound a little too much like Scrooge or the Grinch? Not really.

This time of the year is the most complicated season of the year. The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas (even before) is a "downhill" rush that doesn't slow up until the following year when folks are exhausted and broke. Christmas shopping, programs, parties, get-togethers and even church events can all contribute to holiday burnout. We all are at least a little guilty of getting too caught up in the holiday whirlwind.

The prospect of getting things also clouds the Christmas atmosphere. People sometimes forget that the Lord said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I read of two men who exchanged gifts with each other and each didn't like what he received so after an altercation, both ended up hitting each other in the head with a flowerpot. Then there was the woman who didn't like the present her mom gave her, so she subsequently burned down her mother's house. It sounds unbelievable, doesn't it?

Holiday expectations may also exacerbate the glaring need that some folks have throughout the year. Poverty and loneliness are two large reasons for the holiday blues. Many experience depression and just try to make it through the season.

Yes, maybe we should place a holiday warning over the season. Yet, for as complicated as we make it, the reason for the Christmas season is simple. It's simply Christ! Whenever you think of or see the word Christmas, think of it as CHRISTmas. He truly is the reason.

Hundreds of years before the Christ-child was

born in Bethlehem, the prophet Micah foretold the Messiah's simple entrance into a simple community when he stated, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2, NKJV).

Everything about Christ's birth was simple. Joseph and Mary were just ordinary people living a simple life. In fact, when Jesus was born, both Mary and Joseph gave the most simple offering required by the Old Testament for Israelites: two turtledoves.

The apostle Paul recounted the fact that Christ lived a simple (poor) life for us when he said, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9, NKJV).

He could have been born into a wealthy family, but he was poor on our behalf.

Then as Jesus grew he "increased in favor with God and man." He fulfilled the greatest commandment: to love God with all of one's heart and to love one's neighbor as one's self.

This is a command that is simple to understand, but often forgotten, even during the holidays.

Christ also had a very simple objective. He wanted to completely do the will of his Heavenly Father. The objective was simple. Jesus said about Himself: "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10, NKJV).

What did Jesus mean by "that which was lost?" The answer is simple. The "lost" is people.

By dying on the cross, He voluntarily took the punishment we deserve. Only Jesus could do it.

The God-man took upon Himself humanity but paid an infinite price (His precious blood) so that those who trust Him could be "found." He seeks out people today by the simple proclamation that he died and

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Spiritual Matters



Pastor Russ Reemtsma

In our churches...

Clarkston Community Church has announced a full schedule of Christmas season events, including:

On Dec. 12 at 9:30 and 11 a.m., gospel singer Bob Bennett will be in concert for both worship services.

On Dec. 12, at 6 p.m., church choirs from the area will unite to form a 60-voice community choir, performing "The Messiah" under the leadership of Worship Pastor Michael Anderson.

On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve services will be at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. The first will be more "children-friendly," while the second will be more formal.

On Dec. 26, the Christian singing group, "Men of Grace" will be in concert in both morning services, 9:30 and 11 a.m. "Men of Grace" are men who have received Christ and turned their lives around through the ministry of Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

Clarkston Community Church meets at 6300 Clarkston Rd. Call (248) 625-1323 for more info.

Christmas time can be a lonely, depressing, "blue" time for those grieving the loss of loved ones or for those who are all alone when others are partying and gathering with family members.

Clarkston United Methodist Church invites the public to a special service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 to join in hearing and sharing prayers, Scripture and music that acknowledge God's presence for those who mourn and to acknowledge that God's Word comes to shine light in the darkness.

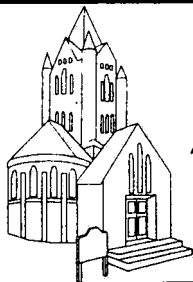
Clarkston United Methodist Church meets at 6600 Waldon Road. For more info, call (248) 625-1611.

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

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

Contact Linda May at (586) 790-0008 or at lindamay@ameritech.net for more information.

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Ballet performs for PK students

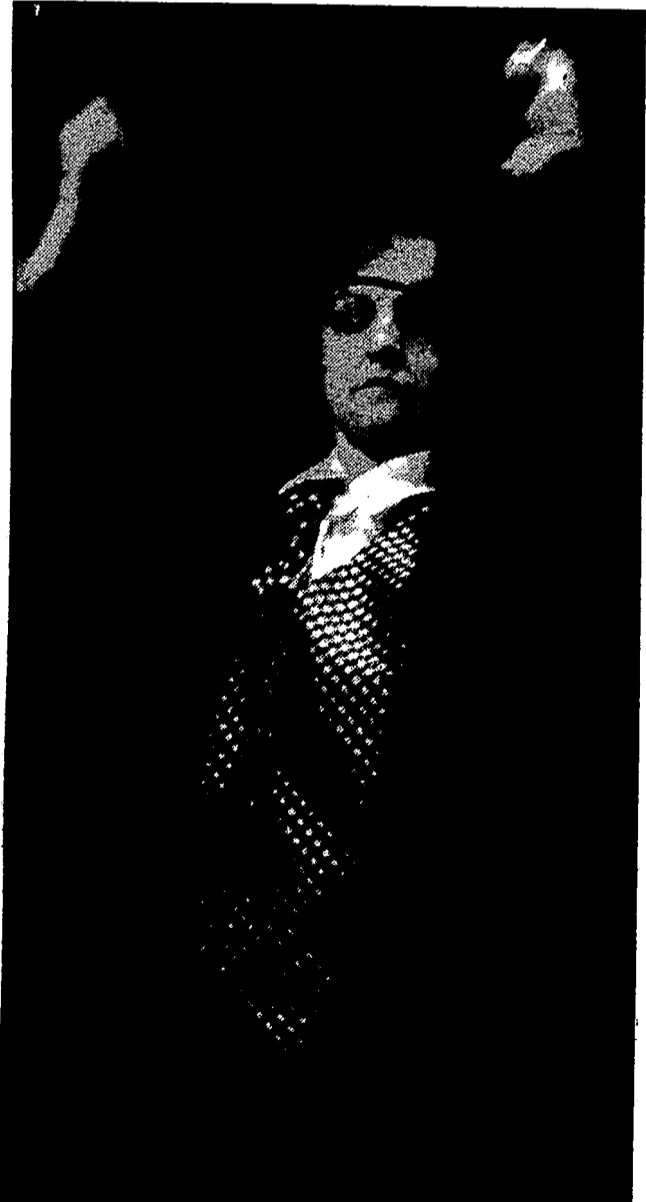
Students at Pine Knob Elementary were excited to have visits from dancers with Mt. Zion School of Dance.

The group performed the *Nutcracker Ballet*, and the student's loved every minute. Mt. Zion has been traveling to different schools to perform this ballet throughout the season.

**Photos by
Christina Ulaj**



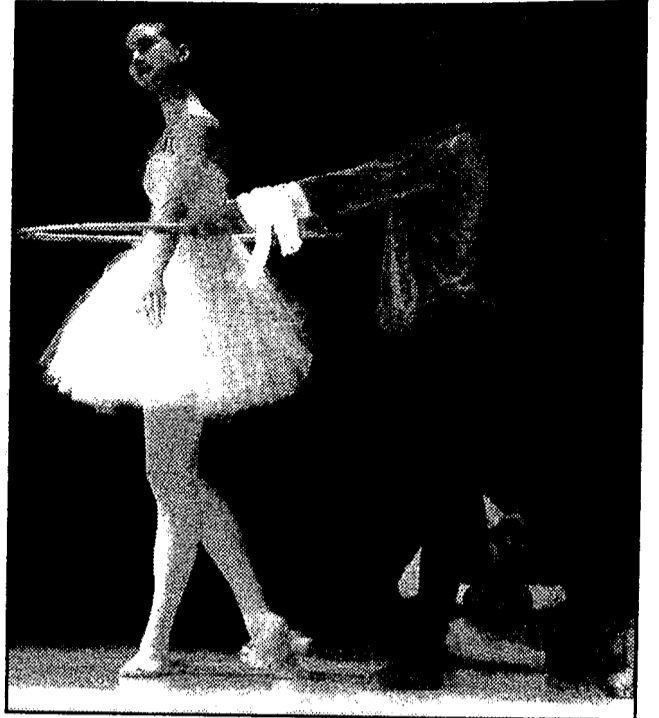
The Nutcracker and the head Ballerina during assembly



A dramatic point during the play when the caped villain steps on stage



Ballerina showcases exquisite posture while dancing during the production of *The Nutcracker Ballet*.



Mt. Zion dance members pause during an instrumental



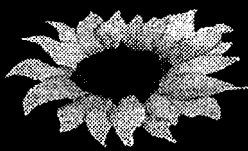
A Candy Cane dancer uses stage props for dance solo.



Savanna Fietsam and Jilleen Bruderick are 'Snowflakes'



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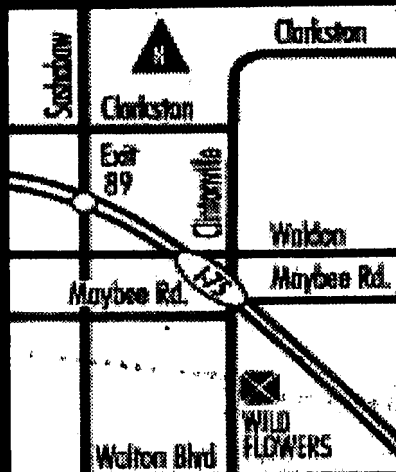
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Hallelujah!

Church choirs work together for presentation of 'Messiah'

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Since he came to Clarkston Community Church as worship pastor three years ago, an associate has asked Michael Anderson several times to coordinate a production of Handel's "Messiah."

"At the beginning of this year, I said, 'I think I'm willing to tackle it,'" Anderson said.

The result is a choir of 55 voices representing eight Clarkston area churches, and a chamber orchestra consisting primarily of Clarkston High School instrumentalists, all working together toward a concert of the famous oratorio at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.

In making the decision to organize the group, Anderson promised to work toward a quality presentation.

"To be able to do this is a big thing, and if we're going to do it, I want to do it well," he said.

Using some of the same interchurch contacts from the community Thanksgiving and Good Friday services, he put out the invitation for vocalists, with formal auditions required only for soloists.

Since early November, the group has met each Sunday afternoon. In addition, Anderson reserved about half of his church choir's weekly rehearsals each Wednesday for work on the Messiah.

"It's coming along pretty well," he said. "It's been a challenge and a learning experience for everybody."

While the singers come from different church backgrounds and represent different tastes in music, the cooperative effort has been an encouragement. Anderson compared it to the cooperative Thanksgiving service, in which various liturgical styles are included.

"It's been well-received," he said. "It's a good thing to have that spirit together."

Anderson is grateful for the support from Clarkston

High School in recruiting about 15 string players. The church may hire one or two professional musicians for principal roles, but the rest will be volunteers.

Anderson understands that this is not the first time the Messiah has been produced locally, but he's not sure whether it will become an ongoing tradition. He's not likely to push for an annual presentation.

"Maybe at the earliest the year after next," he said, but admitted he will not make a firm decision until after the first concert.

"We'll see how it comes out. Based on the experience I've had, I'm not afraid to tackle it again."

Clarkston Community Church meets at 6300 Clarkston Road. For more info, call (248) 625-1323.



Vocalists from several area churches rehearse portions of Handel's "Messiah" at Clarkston Community Church, in preparation for the cooperative concert on Dec. 12. Photo by Don Schelske.

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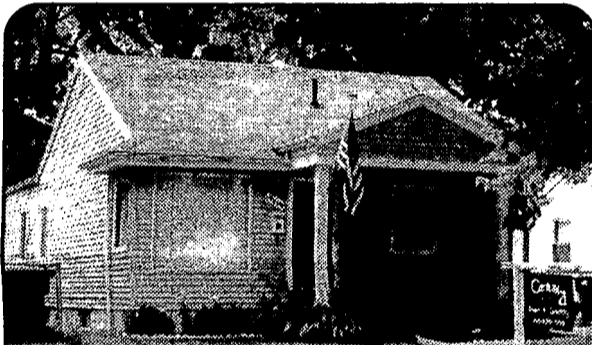
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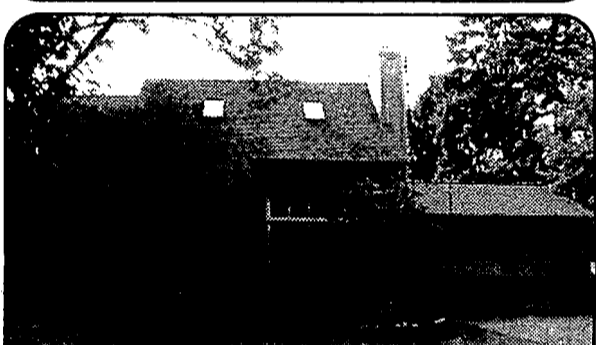
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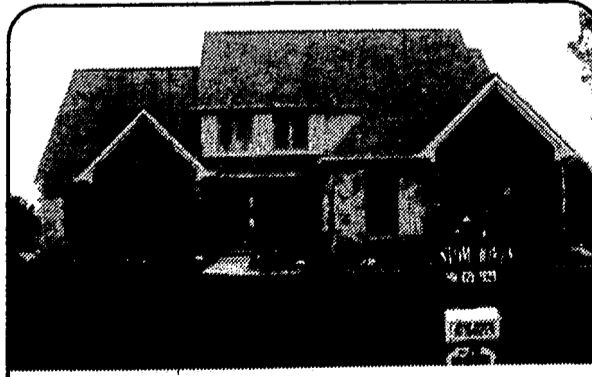
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Say hello to Dick Wittington and his cat Marmalade

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Looking for something unique and entertaining to do with the little ones? Tired of the same trips to the park, the mall or the nearest fast food joint?

Then make plans to stop by the Depot Theater on Dec. 11 when the Clarkston Village Players and Once Upon a Puppet presents "Dick Wittington & His Cat," an energetic puppet show designed to tickle the funny bone.

"Dick Wittington & His Cat" is the tale of an adventurous youth and his cat Marmalade (an orange tabby) traveling to London to seek their fortune for they've heard "the streets are paved with gold." Once in the city, the naive duo encounter the "gangster rats" Weezy and Cheesy who are plotting to steal the Queen's Jewels.

Dick and Marmalade decide to foil the devious plot. The brace pair travel to the palace where they meet the Queen Mother, solve the crime, return the jewels and save the day.

The show is packed with upbeat songs, side splitting comedy (including some slap stick) and plenty of audience participation. Audience members are encouraged to interact, laugh, yell and even joke with the characters.

"I wanted to tie in some of the English tradition of pantomime," said Clarkston resident Nancy Penrose, founder of Once Upon a Puppet. "I threw in some 'Punch & Judy' for the humor. I really wanted to combine these two elements of English tradition."

A native of England, Penrose created, wrote, produced, designed and performs the play herself. She is a 10-year member of the Clarkston Village Players and is currently on the board of directors.

"I've been a puppeteer for years," said Penrose. "I've always made dolls and done different things."

Penrose grew up in an artistic family. Even though



Nancy Penrose and friends rehearse for the presentation of "Dick Wittington & His Cat" at Clarkston's Depot Theater. Photo by Jenny Matteson

she had always written and worked behind the scenes on projects, the Clarkston resident didn't realize how much she enjoys performing until her college years. During the time is when Penrose remembers writing her first formal plays.

"The idea for 'Dick Wittington & His Cat' has been

coming for some time, but I really sat down and wrote the play back in August," explained Penrose. "I was inspired to write the puppet show after seeing a 'Punch & Judy' performance."

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Clarkston student in cast of classic Christmas play

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The holidays are just around the corner and bells will be ringing in Detroit at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts where 11-year-old Cameron Stefanski will participate in "A Christmas Carol."

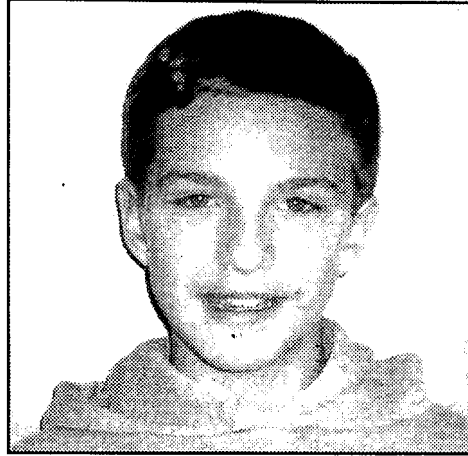
Stefanski, a Clarkston Middle School student, enjoys his time at school and with friends, but always comes back to his love for the stage. He started acting at the young age of eight. His first musical was "Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat."

Stefanski automatically formed a passion and decided to go as far with acting as he could.

He enjoys the music, the sets and dancing, but mostly the people and the wonderful relationships he has formed.

With over five years of formal performance education and training, Stefanski is on the right track. He has trained in ballet, tap, jazz, gymnastics and acting. He has been a student at the Jr. Conservatory Acting Class at Deborah's Stagedoor Since 1999. He also participated in The Music Hall Camp Broadway, where they studied theater, combat, singing, acting and dance.

The list of training is long, but so is Stefanski's experience. His list of productions includes: "Christmas Extravaganza," "The Lion that Lost His Roar,"



Cameron Stefanski

"Babes in Toyland," "Through the Looking Glass" and "Jesus Christ Superstar."

His latest project is "A Christmas Carol."

"It's a fun joyful holiday play to be in and I get to meet new people and build my resume," said Stefanski.

With the excitement of plays, singing and dancing, Stefanski hopes to continue acting and turn it into a future career.

"Cameron is very dedicated to his dreams," said his mother Kari Jo. "He knows that his talents are a gift and God has blessed him with many things in life."

"A Christmas Carol" opens Dec 7-12. Evening shows are at 8 p.m. at The Music Hall Center for Performing Arts in Detroit. For more information, call 313-963-2366.

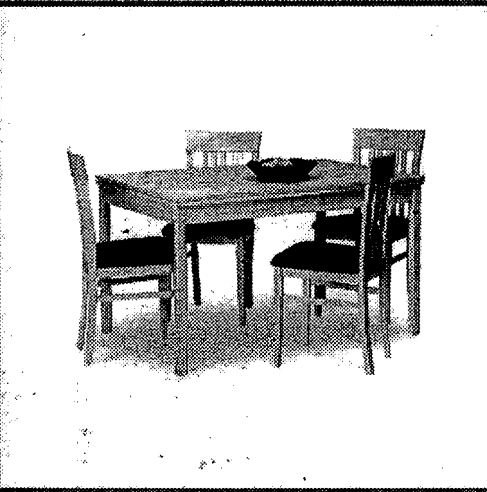
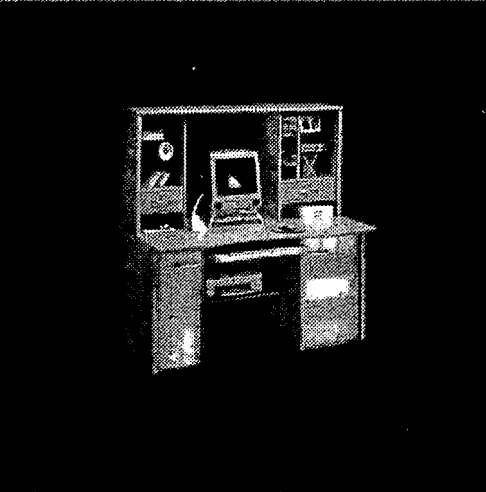
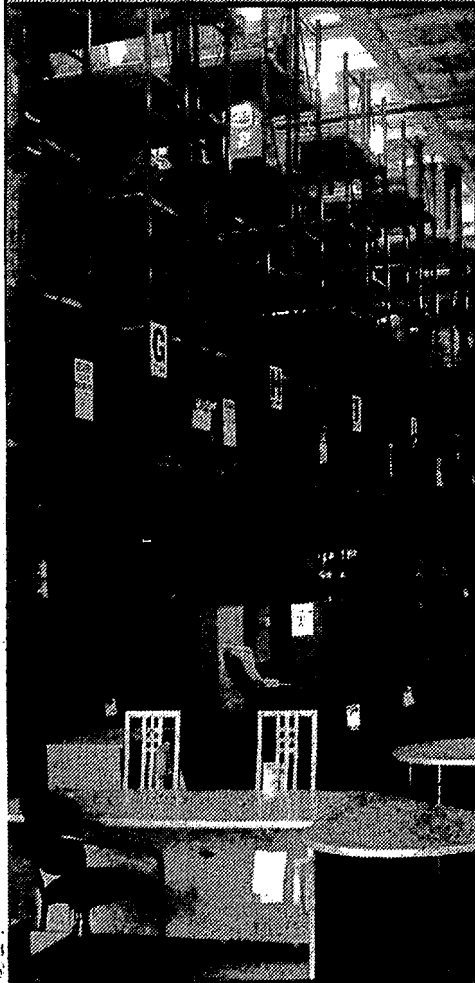
Meet the artists...



Terry Tracey (left), proprietor of the new La Petite Gallerie in downtown Clarkston, welcomes sculptor Earle Davis and painter Christine Moore to a Dec. 4 open house. The event allowed patrons to meet the creators of work on display at the new gallery, which has already expanded into two additional rooms off Tierra Fine Jewelers. Photo by Don Schelske.

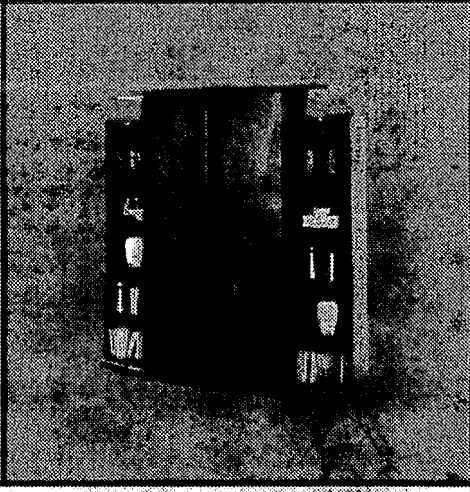
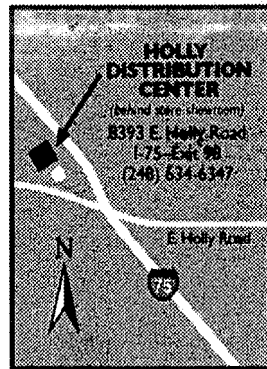
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Eagle Scout soars with church service project

By **NOAH PURCELL**
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's Paul Gunckle was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 7 by The Boy Scouts of America Troop 189. The Eagle rank is the highest honor in scouting.

The culmination of his work

came in the form of his Eagle service project. Paul refurbished and upgraded the Clarkston United Methodist Church's playground area. Because of Paul's vision and perseverance, the play area was expanded including new retaining walls, fill and gravel.

"(Paul's project) definitely helped the playground... the children love to be outside and on the playground," said Eileen Bullen, business manager for Clarkston United Methodist Church. "It was wonderful to work with Paul. He was very professional in his approach."

In addition to the cosmetic changes, the playground was also brought up to code.

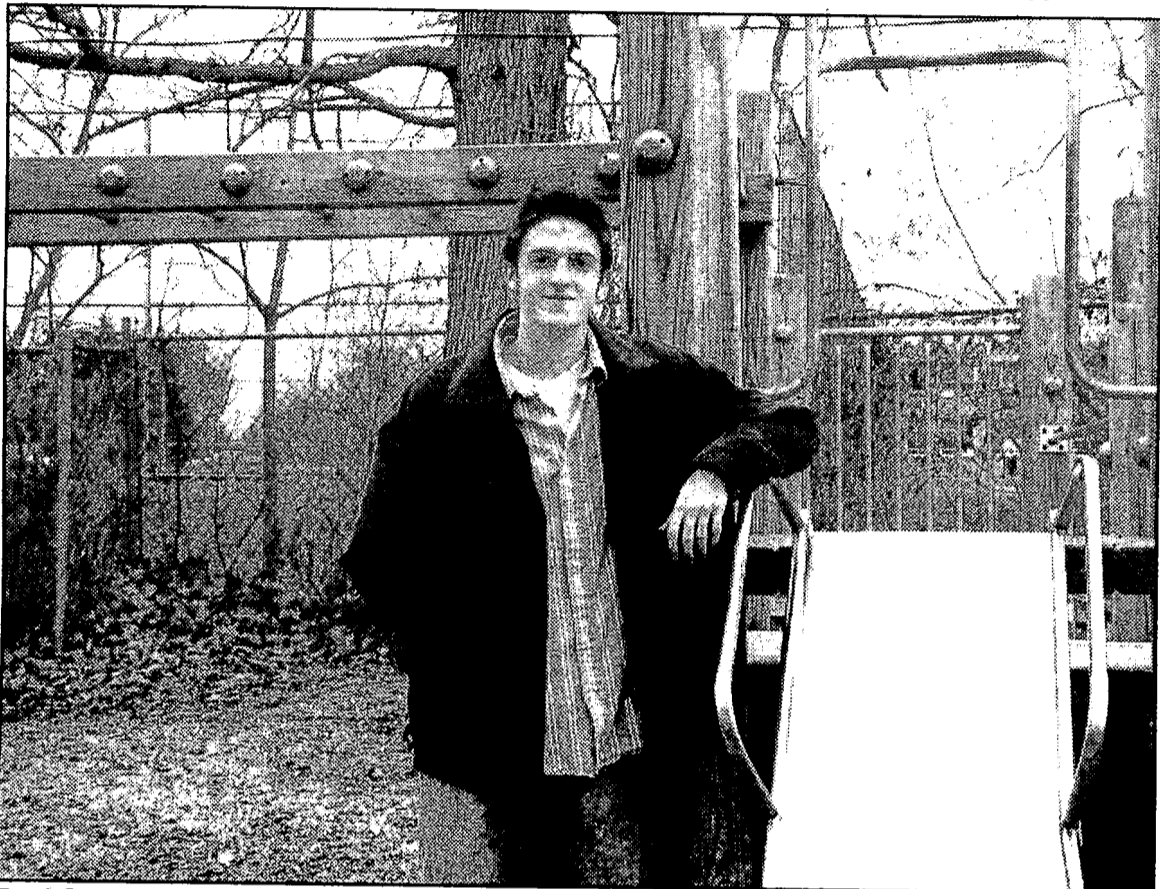
"It was a good learning experience and a good way to give back to the community," said Paul.

The refurbishment of the playground took about two months to plan and was executed completely in one day.

To be eligible for the Eagle rank, Paul completed 21 merit badges; participated in numerous community service projects; served as the Patrol Leader, Chaplain and Historian for Troop 189; and earned seven lesser ranks.

Paul, whose parents are Mike and Katie Dahl, is a senior at CHS and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been accepted into the University of Michigan's engineering school, but is waiting to hear from Notre Dame before making a final decision on college.

Aside from his academic acumen, Paul played varsity tennis on the first team doubles last year. In his time at CHS, he has also participated in the JV tennis and soccer teams and freshmen soccer. Outside of school, and the team Paul plays tennis at Genesys and travel soccer.



Paul Gunckle refurbished the Clarkston United Methodist Church's playground area to complete his Eagle Scout rank. Photo by Noah Purcell

Garden club starts new extension group

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club is promoting a "garden buddies" network which will help beautify the Clarkston community.

The new group, Clarkston Blooms, is an extension of the garden club, but is open to everyone.

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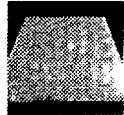
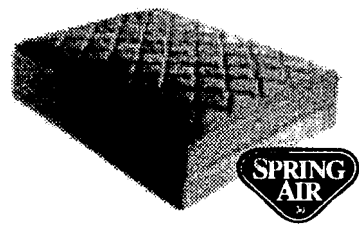
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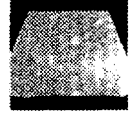


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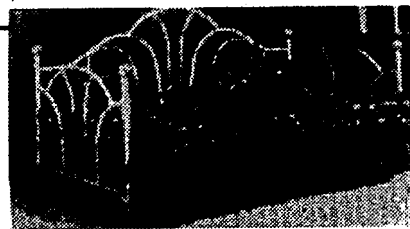
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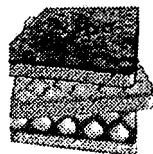


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"It's going to be fun and entertaining," she added. "My own children get very excited - they've even helped me with some ideas."

"Dick Wittington & His Cat" is a family performance appropriate for all ages.

The writing and plot line are geared for ages 6-10, but there are elements to entertain all ages from the youngest infant to the oldest grandparent.

In addition to Dick and Marmalade, the cast of characters includes The Queen Mother, The Queen's Dog (Delores), the Palace Guards and The Policeman (P.C. Plod).

"My favorite character is the policeman, he has the most interaction with the audience," said Penrose.

"Dick Wittington & His Cat" shows on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 5 and 7 p.m. at the Depot Theater. Each performance runs approximately 40 minutes.

Tickets are \$6 per person. For more information or to order tickets, call the Depot Ticket Line at 248-625-8811.

Stuffing the bus...



Pack 341 Tiger Cub Scout Michael Kaufman (front) presents his donation to those already collected at the Clarkston school bus drivers' Stuff-a-Bus project on Dec. 4 in the Sashabaw Road Farmer Jack parking lot. Displaying other donated items are drivers Chuck Pankey, Tina Fay, Diana Haglund and daughter Shaylene. The food, toys and clothing collected over the weekend were donated to Lighthouse of Clarkston. Photo by Don Schelske.

Around Town

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Senior Center is offering a Detroit Historic Church Tour on Monday, January 2 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Participants will visit three historic downtown Detroit churches dressed in their Christmas holiday splendor: Sweetest Heart of Mary, a Polish church built in 1890; Trinity Lutheran Church, founded in 1850; and Mariners Church, the oldest stone church in the area founded in 1842. The Christmas decorations come down

on January 6, so this is the last chance for the unique tour.

The cost is \$49 for residents and \$52 for non-residents and includes a soup and sandwich lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church. Space is limited so please reserve your spot ASAP by calling 248-625-8231.

State Rep. John Stakoe today announced he will sponsor regular coffee hours on Dec. 13.

Stakoe will be available for an informal get-together from 3-5 p.m. at Spring-

field Township Hall in Davisburg.

Residents unable to meet Stakoe during the scheduled office hours can contact his Lansing office toll free at 1-866-334-0010 or by e-mail at johnstakoe@house.mi.gov to make an appointment.

Join **Santa Claus and Springfield Township Parks and Recreation** at the Hart Community Center, on Davisburg

Rd., on Saturday, Dec. 11 from noon to 3 p.m. The cost is \$4 per child for residents and \$6 per child for non-residents. Pictures with Santa can also be taken for a small fee.

Children will receive a snack, juice and a present from Santa. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, but will be accepted at the door.

For more information, call 248-634-0412.

Reemtsma

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rose again so that we might receive the free (free to us) gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Romans 6:23 says, "the gift of God is eternal life."

So the lost (us) may be found. The solution is simple for those who will simply believe it.

Christ asks us to trust Him only to forgive us and change us. Believe (trust) on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved (found). There are no strings attached.

There are no hoops through which to jump - just believe. Confess to Him that you cannot change yourself and earn your way to heaven. Believe that Jesus died and rose again for you, personally. Ask Him to be your Savior.

The hard part is getting over our complicated pride. The simple truth is, He'll do it for you.

"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord, will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

Simple enough.
(Russ Reemtsma is pastor of First Baptist Church of Clarkston.)



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Discolored Paper

Restaurant

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styles. He likes that he is able to have a certain connection with each individual that comes to visit.

Zull lives in Ortonville with his wife Judy. They have two sons, Andy and Chris. Andy helps his father run Pete's Coney II and Chris is an engineer.

When he isn't working, Zull takes advantage of his free time. He enjoys his family, fishing and hunting and he likes to visit his cabin.

Zull enjoys all outdoor activities, but has a love for restoring cars. Running a business, being a husband and father unquestionably keeps Zull busy.

Hopes for the future are high, and Zull sees many things in the years to come.

"In ten years I would like to be active with the business to some point," said Zull. "I just want to be comfortable and happy in life."

He has experienced many successes in his life and hopes to carry on the family name and tradition of Pete's Coney II.



Ed Zull serves coffee to Rosella Renzi of Clarkston at Pete's Coney II. Photo by Christina Ulaj.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
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MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.

Roll. Present: Catallo, Colombo (late), Gamble, Ottman, Savage, Wylie.
Absent: Meyland.

Resolved That the Mayor be authorized to sign and submit the PY2005 Annual Community Development Block Grant Application.

Resolved That the Mayor be authorized to sign And submit the PY2005 Subrecipient Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant program.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
Clerk

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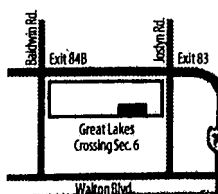
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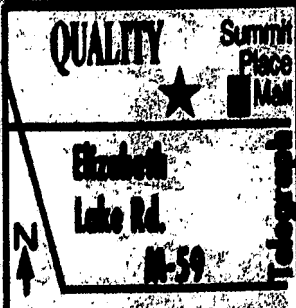
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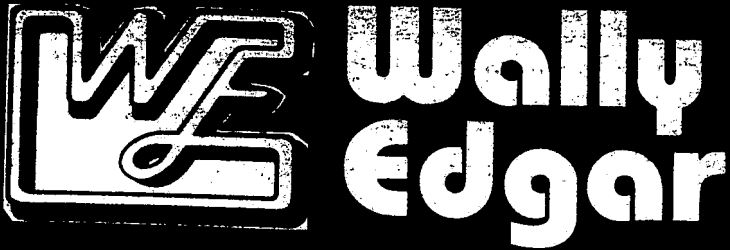
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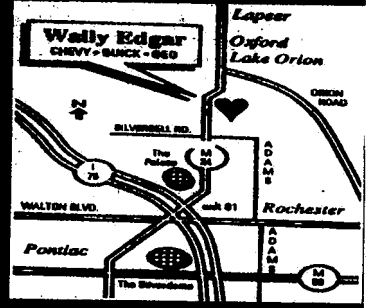
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410 SERVICES

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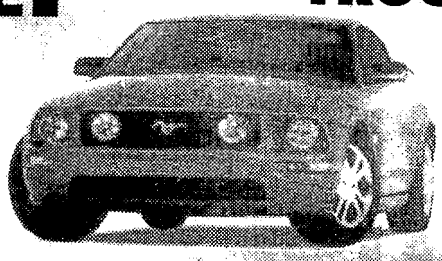
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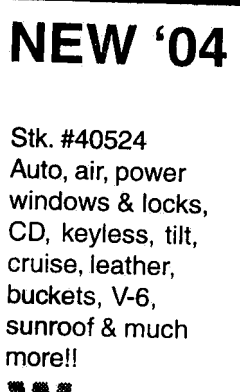
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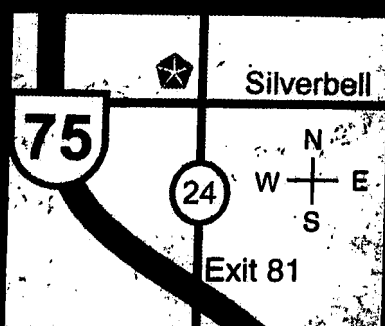
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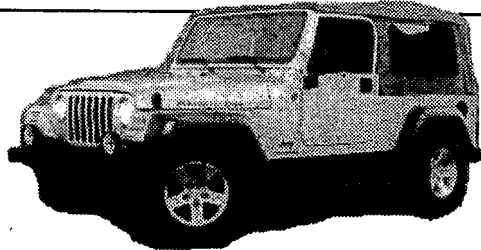
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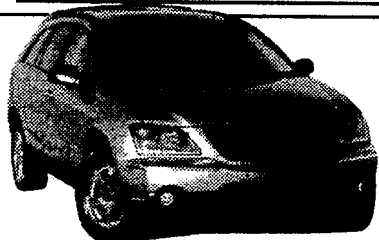


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