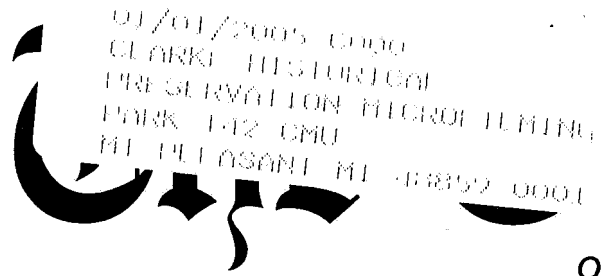


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Road garage reopens after fire damage

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"It's amazing what a difference 11 months can make," said Brent Bair, managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County, at Monday's dedication of the rebuilt maintenance garage in Springfield Township.

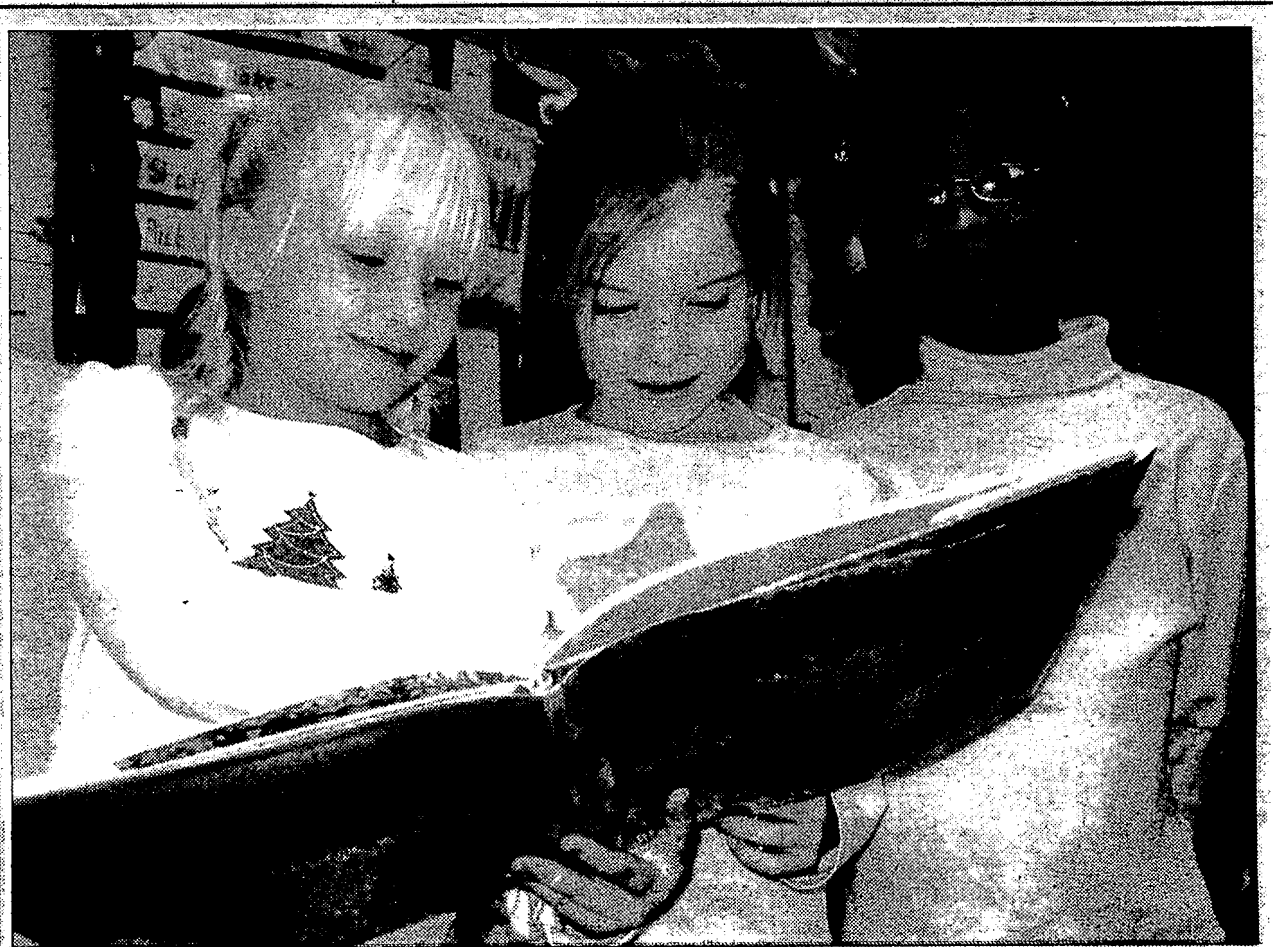
In weather which rivaled that of the fire which almost gutted the building in January, county and local officials enjoyed an open house at the refurbished facility at Dixie Highway and Rattalee Lake roads.

Total cost for the new construction, and new and replaced equipment, is estimated between \$5 million and \$6 million, according to Public Information Officer Craig Bryson, for the building erected in the 1960s.

The commission lost 17 pieces of equipment and use of the building. Insurance covered the replacement cost of vehicles and actual damage to the building. Because of depreciation on existing vehicles, and a decision to expand the garage and buy additional equipment, the commission expects a shortfall between \$1 million and \$2 million, Bryson said.

"Right now it looks like the impact will be relatively

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Reading for the holidays...

Pine Knob Elementary School students Heather Davis, Emiella Rokuta and Ricquel Hamilton take a moment to share each others books during at their holiday party last week. The school picked the theme, "The Gift of Reading" for their party, with books chosen by parents as the special gifts. For more photos from school holiday parties, please see pages 20A and 10B. Photo by Christina UlaJ

School redistricting plan generates debate

District officials support input and plan

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At the Nov. 29 and Dec. 13 Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education meeting, several parents voiced their displeasure about parental involvement with the proposed elementary boundary changes. Many parent questions were addressed, while some require further research.

So, where does the district stand on parent involvement on this issue?

The process of redistricting was created by an administrative committee that includes the executive director of elementary education, the executive director of personnel, the director of communications and marketing, and the transportation director. This team created a draft plan for parent feedback, which they posted at the elementary schools

during the week of Nov. 15. Also, comment cards were available for parents to retrieve. The information of the plan was sent home with students on Nov. 12.

"All comments received from the comment cards, via email and telephone conversations have been reviewed," said Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing, in an email to *The Clarkston News*.

The evaluation techniques for the redistricting proposal are based on utilizing all elementary school buildings. Transportation safety, costs, and number of students, as well as open classroom seats were all considered.

The Parent Advisory Team (PAT) was invited to a separate meeting on

Please see District on page 13A

Parents question both plan and process

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Where is the logic?" said Mark Matczak, of Parview Street.

Since Nov. 29, parents and board members have been in conversation over the new plan to redistrict. Clarkston school board members feel the shift is the best thing to do, but parents feel their voices are not being heard. One group of parents has reviewed the information and does not see the need for the plan.

"I have reviewed the current school populations and heard the board's thoughts on why the redistricting is needed," said Robert Ferer, of Waldon Creek. "In the end, I still do not believe it is required at this time and to the extent it is planned."

Ferer's children, Kiley and Alison,

currently attend Clarkston Elementary and would be transferred to Pine Knob Elementary under plan (B). Ferer believes that all Clarkston schools are equally equipped and staffed; however, he is upset that his children are moving away from comfortable surroundings, the friends they have made, teachers they enjoy and a caring environment in their current schools.

"Yes, new friends will be made eventually, but why mess with a good thing if you don't have to?" said Ferer.

Some parents argue that they were not given the courtesy of timing.

"A letter was sent home on Nov. 12 stating that the boundary changes would be posted at the schools on that following Monday," said Anne and Tom Pytel,

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Millstream

Get to know the man in red himself!



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Sports

Wrestlers and Cagers get big wins.

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Lighting up the night...

Independence Township celebrates the season with festive decorations



The Independence Township hall shines and shimmers with some grand holiday decorations for the season. Photo by Christina Ulaj

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The Clarkston News closed for the holidays

The Clarkston News is closing for the holidays. The office is closed on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24 and 25, as well as New Years, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on January 4. Thanks and have a happy holiday season!

City meeting cancelled

The Clarkston City Council meeting scheduled for December 27 has been cancelled due to the Christmas Holidays.

The City offices will be closed on Dec. 24 and Dec. 27. The offices will also be closed on Dec. 31 for the New Year.

For more information, please contact the City offices at 248-625-1559.

Chamber says thanks to city with check

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce wanted to say thanks to the City of the Village of Clarkston in a tangible way.

They did so at the Dec. 13 city council meeting with a check for \$1,000.

Teri Bendes, chamber event planner/enthusiast, and Dawn Horner, chairperson of the annual Taste of Clarkston, made the presentation to Mayor Sharron Catalo, offering high praise to city employees for their support of the Sept. 26 event.

Optimists honor 2 local students of the month

The Clarkston Area Optimist club honored two Students of the Month for November and December at their Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 meetings, held at Liberty Golf & Banquet.

The November Student of the Month Award went to Christian Taylor, a fourth grade student from Independence Elementary. Christian was recommended and presented the award by Principal Chris Turner.

The December Student of the Month Award went to Brienne Peers, a fifth grade student at Pine Knob Elementary who was recommended by the award by Principal K.C. Leh.

These students were chosen because of their willingness to reach out and help their fellow students as well as living the Optimist Creed: "To give a cheerful countenance at all times, and give every living creature you meet a smile."

Local dancer competes on national television

While waiting for the turkey to cook on Christmas Day, take a moment to watch Clarkston's Angie Regiani on CBS at 2 p.m. in the Showstopper's National Dance Competition.

Regiani competed in the show, taped this past July in Myrtle Beach, and was selected second place overall of thousands of dancers from around the world in the senior soloist division.

The senior winners segment features Regiani dancing to the music of Stacie Orrico's *Strong Enough*. She is also dancing in the winning senior number *She Bangs*.

Regiani, a 2004 Clarkston High School graduate, is a freshman at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, where she is a member of the professional dance troupe Pillow Project.

The meaning of Christmas

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Everest Academy had a very important assignment for kindergartners through eighth grade students: they had to write an essay on the meaning of Christmas.

This is the first year Everest students wrote this type of essay. The assignment was designed to take the students through the steps of writing, and relate their work to a topic they know and understand.

"It makes it more meaningful for the kids when they are writing about something they care about," said principle Jeffrey Mazur. "When I was reading these essays, the general theme was that Christmas was not all about presents, but of family and giving."

The students not only wrote their essays, but also

were involved in peer editing and re-writes, so the children learn the most important techniques with writing.

"The depth of their spirituality is incredible," said Maura Plante, director of admissions. "It comes from home and we just reinforce it."

The teachers turned in the top three essays from each class, and the administrators chose the best two. The best of the best will participate in a classroom ceremony where they will be honored with a certificate of achievement. Everest faculty is very proud of the children's portrayal of the meaning of Christmas.

Plante and Mazur both agreed on two essays: one by third grader Elizabeth Allard and the other by seventh grader Drew Schupbach.

Enjoy!

'The Christmas Dream'

By Elizabeth Allard

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Emma. It was Christmas time, and she was very excited about the toys she would be getting. All day she would think about new dolls, books, and clothes. But, at night, something strange happened. She would dream about a baby. This baby did not have a lot of new things. He was in an old blanket, and there were animals all around him. When the baby looked at her, he would smile and say, "I love you." She wanted to dream about new toys, but all she could dream about was the baby! She decided to find out what this meant. So, she told her parents all about her strange dreams. Her parents smiled and reminded her about the real story of Christmas. The next night, when she had her dream, she talked to the baby. She said, "I am so sorry baby Jesus. I forgot about you for a little while, but now I will keep Christmas in my heart all year." The next morning, the first thing she did was thank Jesus for all her blessings, and then, she opened her presents with a happy heart.

The End.

'Christmas Tradition'

By Drew Schupbach

Many people in today's world really don't know what Christmas is all about. Most people think it is about celebrating winter by giving presents. Giving presents is kind, but why do we do it? We do it to reenact the love Jesus had for us by coming down on Christmas.

Getting presents on Christmas is a wonderful tradition, but the heart of Christmas is not about receiving, it is about giving. By giving presents we show Christ how we appreciate his coming down by trying to imitate his love. Even though when you think about Christmas you think about getting and not giving, the real spirit is about giving.

There are more than presents at Christmas. We decorate our home with objects that remind us of his birth. We often put up a nativity scene. We put a star or an angel on our tree for the star over Bethlehem or the angel that appeared to the shepherds. The most important thing is to prepare ourselves for Jesus's coming. We do this by our prayers and actions.

A poetic reminder of Clarkston Road

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

"And my heart is glad as I wind aroun'
The friendly road to Clarkston town."



These melodic words are some of Laura Glasel's favorite. The Independence Township native not only grew up hearing and enjoying this wonderful poetry, but also living the very life depicted.

"On the Road to Clarkston Town" is a beautifully written poem by Detroit resident Orrin Alden DeMass. The work can be found in his collection *Dream Summer Songs* (1931).

For Glasel, "On the Road to Clarkston Town" is a family treasure that brings back plenty of childhood memories.

"My parents (Harvey and Rae Link) moved out here to Walters Lake in 1938," explained Glasel. "His sister lived across the street from my parents. There weren't many people out there and you got to know everybody then."

"We got to know (DeMass) through his family. My parents new him better than I did."

As far as Glasel can remember, DeMass owned a summer home on Walters Lake. Otherwise, he was a Detroit resident who worked as a trustee for the Sunny Beach Land Company.



Laura Glasel displays her family treasures: the three books written by Orrin Alden DeMass, including *Dream Summer Songs* "On the Road to Clarkston Town." Photo by Jenny Matteson

"I remember as a younger person we were kind of in awe of him," reminisced Glasel. "He had that big car."

"On the Road to Clarkston Town" came into

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CHS Senior Spotlight

Name: Amanda Katherine Browe
Parents: Patrick and Katherine Browe

Favorite Subject: History
School Activities: Octagon Club, French Club, Philosophical Fellowship

Outside Interests: Violin, reading, spending time with my friends and family

What are your plans after graduation? I plan on attending college, most likely in-state, but as of now I haven't decided where I want to go. As for my career plans, I hope to do something that involves history.

Where do you see yourself in 25 years? I see myself with a husband, a few children and enjoying whatever career I end up choosing.

Best friends are people who: you can share almost anything with and you know they won't judge you. A best friend is someone you can trust and rely on in a tight spot. A best friend is someone you can laugh your head off with in the middle of the a grocery store. Basically, a best friend is comfort and security.

What worries me most about the world is: people who either don't realize their actions will have consequences on others or themselves, or worse, those who realize what they are about to do could have a negative affect on others or themselves, but they just don't care.

I will make a contribution to my community by: continuing to volunteer at Sunrise Assisted Living, working on the CHS Freshman Mentoring Program and helping out at Lighthouse North.



Clarkston resident 'Principal of the Year'

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident, Suzanne Antonazzo, received the "2004 Outstanding Practicing Principle Award" from the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association.

Antonazzo has been a principle at Haviland Elementary in Waterford for ten years. She attended Western Michigan University and received her masters from Oakland University.

Waterford schools superintendent and the Haviland Elementary staff nominated Antonazzo for the award, and they had a few tricks up their sleeves.

"My boss called me and told me I had to attend the conference for MEMSPA in Lansing," said Antonazzo. "They said all the people who were nominated were invited to the dinner."

At this point, Antonazzo was told she did not win the award. She was a good sport though and went to Lansing.

While sitting through the dinner, and listening to the presentation, Antonazzo realized she had been tricked. She did win the award, and her family and friends surprised her when they burst into the room with balloons and flags.

"I will never forget that moment for the rest of my life," said Antonazzo.

Since May, everyone knew that Antonazzo was the winner. Her staff, family and friends drove to Lansing on a school bus to participate in her glorious moment.

The night honored many people; speakers focused on quality and achievement. Antonazzo was recognized for her



Suzanne Antonazzo

excellence and a program she developed called, "Leaders in Readers."

"When I got to school the next day, my staff had balloons all over the place and taped down red plastic to the floor, so I could walk on a red carpet," said Antonazzo.

Antonazzo now goes on to be recognized as a National Distinguished Principle in Washington D.C. next year. The recognition is the next step of the award.

"It was just thrilling and the best part was the people I love gave up an evening to join me in Lansing," said Antonazzo.

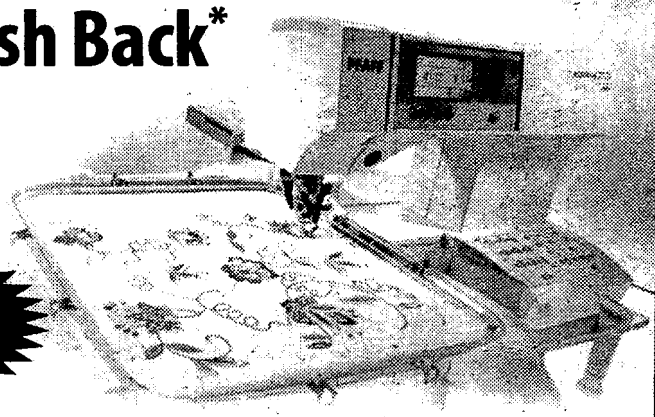
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City council OKs Tasers for cops

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Officers of the Clarkston Police Department are expected to receive Taser training sometime after the first of the year, thanks to funding approval given by the city council on Dec. 20.

A motion by Council Member Scott Meyland authorizes the expenditure not to exceed \$1,500 for the purchase of one Taser and associated training. With that action, an unnamed source will donate a second Taser unit to the police department.

The motion passed on a 6-0 vote, with Council Member Steve Wylie absent.

Chief Ernest Combs proposed the purchase last fall, seeking to add to officers' available resources in detaining uncooperative suspects, but the tight city budget would not allow for the purchase.

Since then, Combs has shown income about \$2,000 more than projected from fingerprinting and preliminary breath test services. Meyland's motion includes the stipulation that the purchase come from those funds.

Further, city officials will review the police budget next spring to be sure that fund balances. If not, Meyland's motion was for the council "to amend the budget accordingly" to find funds in the police budget.

Officer Al Kitzens told the council he has arranged for a certified instructor to come in at no cost to the city. The biggest challenge in training will be one of

scheduling, to ensure everyone is competent not only in the use of the device, but also with what will be a new departmental policy on when to use it.

Tasers shoot two small darts connected to the device by small wires up to 15 feet long. Upon contact with the subject, the device emits an electrical charge designed to subdue a subject without causing permanent injury.

"We need something non-lethal in our arsenal," Combs said later.

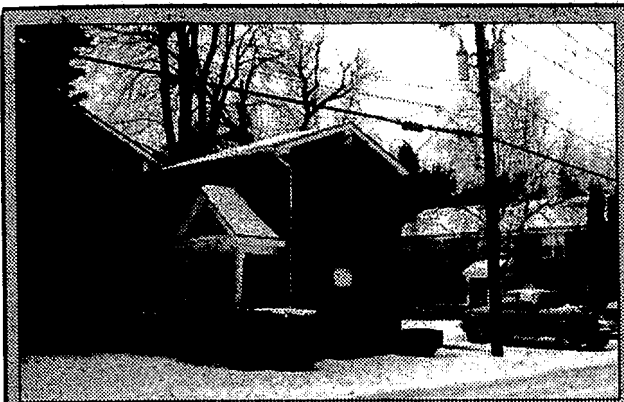
While some continue to voice concerns about potential long-term harm or abuse, many police agencies have found Tasers to be effective, and Combs said other departments' track records became part of his argument to obtain Tasers for the city police.

"That's why I waited so long before asking for them," he said. "The advantages far outweigh the drawbacks."

An officer has control over how long the charge is applied, and Combs said the device has a computer chip which allows for a printout of the details of each use.

Meyland gave credit to Combs for his research and creative budget work, and he appeared to apologize for the council's delay in acting.

"We had to spend a little time to make sure we were being fiscally responsible and to make sure the money would be coming from the right place," Meyland said.



These two buildings at Washington and Holcomb streets would be razed in favor of a new condominium building, if a developer's concept wins approval from city officials. Photo by Don Schelske

Developer floats city condo concept

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A local partnership has an idea to "redevelop" a prime piece of Clarkston real estate.

Clarkston Equity Partners appeared before the Clarkston City Council on Dec. 13 with a very preliminary concept plan to raze two apartment buildings and replace them with a modern condominium complex.

"We kind of want to run it by you guys and see if we're wasting our time," said David Flutenlocher.

While issuing several questions, the council did not issue an outright rejection of the idea.

Flutenlocher said the partnership had owned two existing red brick apartment buildings at Washington and Holcomb streets for about two years. Their original idea was to convert the existing seven apartments into condominiums, but a number of factors led them to the conclusion that "it's not an economically attractive proposition for us to do."

So came the idea to replace the two existing buildings with one large structure with 10 units, with two and three bedrooms, living spaces located above garage. Covered parking was one of the necessary elements in marketing the condos to "empty nesters" and single professionals.

"Without covered parking, there is an issue. Do please see Corbin on page 10A

Springfield board sets salaries for 2005

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some Springfield Township employees will receive higher than recommended pay increases in 2005, while some will settle for less.

All will receive pay hikes of some kind, except for the elected trustees, who again voted against a recommended increase.

Supervisor Collin Walls presented his annual list of recommendations at the township board's Dec. 5 meeting. The annual exercise is based in part on a 1998 wage and salary study and in part on recommendations from department heads.

The full board (with four part-time trustees able to form a majority against the three full-time elected officials) traditionally makes some changes to Walls' list, and this year was no exception.

The elected supervisor, clerk and treasurer will each receive 3 percent salary increases in 2005.

With all members present, the board voted to pay Walls \$63,800, up from his current \$62,000 and more than Walls' own recommendation of \$63,400.

Clerk Nancy Strole and Treasurer Jamie Dubre, each with a 2004 salary of \$53,100, will earn \$54,700 next year, with trustees voting to increase the salaries above Walls' recommendation of \$54,300.

The part-time trustees, who have earned \$1,200 a year plus \$100 per meeting for the past four years, rejected Walls proposal to increase the per meeting stipend to \$120 per meeting.

Strole said the trustees' current pay was instituted in 2000. At that time, the action was an increase from

\$1,040 per year plus \$80 per meeting.

Strole, who was a trustee prior to becoming clerk, said she understood the action.

"It was the same thing when I was a trustee. We pretty much voted to keep it the same. We outvoted the three full-time officials," she said later. "All board members here in Springfield are doing it out of a sense of public service. The difference is, when your a trustee, you're not trying to pay the bills or put bread on the table. The hourly [for trustees] probably works out to 99 cents an hour."

Notable increases for township employees came to the two full-time firefighters, whose positions were new in 2004. Walls' recommendation was to increase their salary from \$24,040 to \$32,000 in 2005. The board voted for a \$33,000 salary.

Walls' report included figures from the Michigan Townships Association concerning other area full-time firefighter salaries, including \$43,5473 in Brandon Township, \$37,094 in Groveland Township and \$43,362 in Independence Township.

"With all that's involved, we all agreed they were way underpaid," Strole said.

Walls praised new building and planning director Leon Genre, recommending an increase from \$50,000 to \$55,000. Genre received no salary increase after his orientation period, and in his report Walls said Genre "has been an asset to the township and a merit increase beyond mere inflation is absolutely warranted."

Trustee Dennis Vallad disagreed, and made the successful motion to establish Genre's new salary at \$54,000 (an 8 percent increase).

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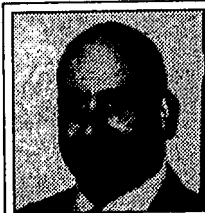
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Opinion

Clarkston pride is always present

What a joy it is to live in a place where citizens care deeply and are passionate about their schools, the children of their community and about the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

The spirit of the holiday season seems to be an everyday feeling here, and why not? It is so easy to single out literally thousands of Clarkstonians who contribute to the very special frame of mind that sets our community apart.

Often, these individuals make a significant difference without ever realizing the impact that they have made. They are teachers and aides, parents and grandparents, pastors and township officials, senior citizens and business leaders. The list includes, among others, school bus drivers and custodians, food service and clerical workers, firemen and members of the police force, technicians and administrators, members of the school board and service organizations.

I could really fill the page with a directory of people and professions, but readers will understand the point I am making — our community is special because the residents practice an extraordinary brand of citizenship.

What is so extraordinary here? Permit me to share three reasons I believe our community stands out:

Reason #1: We listen to one another.

You see, the same passion that makes us special could easily go awry if we didn't take the time to understand conflicting perspectives. It is critical to keep our residents involved in their schools, and it is important to know that people view issues/challenges from differing lenses. What seems so right to some may be seen as dreadful to others.

Knowing one can count on an open dialogue doesn't mean consensus will be achieved. However, realizing your voice does count is very comforting. Great decisions recognize that there is a place for dissent and they take pride in the ability of their citizens to voice their differences in a manner that permits them to move on after the decision is made.

Reason #2: We are helped by the presence of our neighbors. We are fortunate to have a strong sense of community and a willingness to help one another. We have a strong sense of community and a willingness to help one another.

Reason #3: We have the capacity to adapt to change and to respond to great expectations. The many changes that have occurred in our schools and municipalities over the past few years is proof positive that our citizens can deal with the challenge of change in a productive way. For example, I doubt that many of us enjoyed the traffic problems that were present during the reconstruction of Sashabaw Road, but we endured and the result is now being enjoyed by friends and neighbors alike.

The schools have also changed dramatically and they continue to do so. Recent construction efforts will bring a new grade configuration to the community starting with the new school year, and there have

Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

A 'precious memento' found in parking lot

My name is Diane and I work for Dr. Biggs in the Munk Professional Center on South Main Street.

A couple weeks ago I found a lovely gold pendant near the handicap parking space right outside our building door and would love to find it's owner. It says, "I love you, Grandma" on the outer rim, and has

a darling heart carved out of a penny in the center. If you've lost this precious memento, please call our office at 248-620-3000.

Diane Biggs
Oakland Eye Care

Remember: generosity is a community effort

"Hi. This is Connie from Lighthouse Emergency Services. I was wondering if you could donate..."

I can sometimes hear the hesitation and thought process of "Not again. Why does she keep asking me?"

Lighthouse Emergency Services depends upon the generosity of the community for the support of many of our programs. North Oakland County residents have donated thousands of items to our various programs throughout the years and many of you have donated food, new toys and clothing for the holidays; back to school supplies in August; Easter baskets; and of course money.

Businesses run on a profit/loss ledger sheet and the owners and managers can only accommodate so many donations during the year. Schools, churches, human service agencies are all knocking on the doors of these businesses looking for something that will benefit their cause without having to use any of the little cash on hand.

Our local Clarkston Kroger stores have donated over and over again giving to Lighthouse Emergency Services Clarkston. Each year, Changing Places Moving and Storage donates the labor and truck to transport the holiday food from our building to the Knights of

Columbus on Maybee Road and the Knights of Columbus has donated their building several times each year for the past 14 years for our distributions. Michigan Greens Keeper has donated grass mowing and fertilizing of the lawn and shrubs in the summer while Independence Township DPW plows our parking lot each snowfall at no charge. The area churches, schools and service groups are all at the ready when we sound the cry for help.

My point here is that non-profit agencies depend upon the generosity of everyone in the community. My hope is that when I ask a business or group for a donation, that the manager/owner/leader doesn't run the other way, but greets me with a smile and "what can I do for Lighthouse Emergency Services today?" And I hope that you continue to recognize that the businesses in our area need your support as consumers throughout the year.

The staff and volunteers thank you for supporting Lighthouse Emergency Services and wish everyone a healthy, happy new year

Connie Stapleton
Lighthouse Emergency Services Clarkston

Thank you for the 'Monster Spray'

Dear Don Rush,

Just wanted to say thanks for your recent column ("Monster spray? I'll try anything," Dec. 8). I live in Ferndale, but grew up in Clarkston and my mom (Janice Meissner) is still there getting The News. I just told her about our recent interrupted sleep due to my almost 4-year-old daughter Grace's new found fears.

First, we thought it was a ploy just to sleep with mommy and daddy. Then it turned into numerous fears... the closet, the balloon on the wall, the shadows of the stairway leading to our room, etc.... I chuckled knowingly at all your attempts to thwart your child's scary thoughts!

More recently, her tummy tells her she's just not tired to go high night. We moved Grace's bedroom furniture around in all precarious directions until her bed is some what strangely situated, but more importantly than aesthetics, she has no view of her closet or our stairs. She's progressed amazingly in a few short days.

She lets me keep her closet door open now, since I went through it almost piece by piece to show nothing scary in there. The flashlight under the pillow to reveal the realities of the night has been a great tool, even

though her bedroom light stays on all night.

Hey, she's four, logical reasoning only applies so far.

The Dora pillow in the corner of her bed stays situated for any necessary hugs during the night. Most importantly, I mentioned this challenge to her preschool teacher, desperate for some good advice, and she simply responded, "is Grace still taking a nap?"

We confirmed with the assistant that Grace takes a nap, the longest napper to be precise, the last to stumble from her little cot all sleepy eyed. We all agreed that waking Grace up after an hour nap would be a good start to test what happens at night.

The last two nights have been free and clear of any major disruptions. She has awoken with a quick, "Mom, I love you," which prompts the required response of "I love you to honey," but things are good.

Although we have not used the monster spray yet, I will never forget to include it in my arsenal. Grace's 1-year-old brother Abe is sure to need all the necessary protective monster tools soon enough!

Thanks again!
Robin Meissner

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Obligatory Christmas Column #1,279,539

Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. The idea of Christ, of humanity, of goodness is something that fills me with warmth.

People smile more. They are more friendly. They tend to give more of themselves, for no other reason than it feels good to give. And, from that full feeling of warmth and goodness comes something else. Somewhere in between all the shopping and smiling and giving there comes a time to celebrate the season with the ones you love. And, along with all that celebrating comes good food. Don't short-change the importance of the holiday spread. So, eat, drink and be merry. Do not listen to all those folks who bah-humbag Christmas dinner as too caloric.

Here are some tips for the Savvy Holiday Eater, from me to you (via dear wife Jen via her dear friend Kirsten)

Go For The Gusto Holiday Eating Tips

1. **Avoid carrot sticks.** Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately.

Go next door where they're serving rum balls.

2. **Drink as much eggnog as you can.** And quickly. Like fine single-malt scotch, it's rare. In fact, it's even rarer than single-malt scotch. You can't find it any other time of year but now. So drink up!

Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-aholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!

3. **If something comes with gravy, use it.** That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on.

Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.

4. **As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk.** If it's skim,

pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.

5. **Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating.** The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?

6. **Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's.** You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.

7. **If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge.** Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.

8. **Same for pies.** Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or, if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?

9. **Did someone mention fruitcake?** Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.

10. **One final tip:** If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Reread tips. Start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner.

More useless holiday TV trivia: Why did miner Yukon Cornelius throw and lick his pick in the 1964 Rankin-Bass production of *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*? According to the Rankin-Bass website (www.rankinbass.com), lost scenes have been found that explain it:

"His pick licking never made any sense. We thought he was looking for Silver and Gold, but he was really looking for Peppermint. After licking his pick, he says, 'Peppermint! What I've been searching for! I've found me a Peppermint mine....yahooooo!'"



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A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

• **Director quits library post:** James Hibler, director of the Independence Township Library, resigned from his position Dec. 11.

"Because of the township board's inadequate support of the library and because of its disrespectful treatment of me personally, I have resigned my position to pursue employment elsewhere," said Hibler, who declined to comment further.

• **Controversy comes to courtroom:** Independence Township is in the national spotlight Dec. 12 and 13 when the murder case involving Dr. Jack Kevorkian and his "suicide machine" is heard in 52nd District Court. Media representatives from around the world covered the event.

• **Girl dies in 'accidental shooting':** A 15-year-old Independence Township girl was fatally injured after being shot in the head Saturday night, Dec. 15.

Carmen Blehm of High Street was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital last Saturday after being shot in the head with a small caliber handgun. She died about 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• **M-275 foe combat-ready:** M-275 foe Stephen Rosman says he is optimistic about stopping the proposed freeway.

Rosman, a Commerce Township resident, heads Citizens in Opposition to M-275. The State Highway Commission recently approved M-275 in a 4-2 vote.

On the other hand, Springfield Township resident Ralph O'Reilly says the roadway is inevitable, even though he still opposes it and worked in the past for M-275's defeat.

• **Symbolizing season:** Marilyn Biondi works on a huge Santa Claus face at Rudy's Market. She has also painted Christmas decorations on three other business windows in and around town.

With the holiday season fast approaching, the poinsettia business is booming. Here, Teresa Wallace and Lucy Blacklock, both students at the Northwest Oakland Vocational Center, prepare the plants for delivery from the center's greenhouse to waiting customers.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

• **Christmas Concert at High School:** The Clarkston High School Band and Chorus will present their Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

• **Rotary Holds Farmers' Night:** On Monday the Annual Farmers' Night was held at the Community Center. Over 70 Rotarians and their farmer friends were present to enjoy a very fine dinner served by the ladies of the Seymour Lake Methodist Church.

• **Reminder:** Are you helping to brighten Clarkston for Christmas? The Rotarians have done a good job in the business section and they would like the homeowners to cooperate by having some outdoor lighting. Light up a shrub or a tree or put a lighted wreath on the front door.

• **Michigan Bell Awaits Decision on Rate Increase:** Rehearing of Michigan Bell Telephone Company's application for a rate increase is closed.

The Public Service Commission has asked for statements from all parties on the company's investment base proposal by Dec. 24 after which the Commission will hand down its decision.



Merry Christmas from the grandchildren of Jotting's writer Jim Sherman, Sr. The eldest grandchild, Dan Offer, holds cousin Trevor Speed. Trevor's twin sister Haley smiles in the middle. Their older sister Savannah stands behind, while Karen Offer stands tall in back. Appearing with us this year is Shayna, another occasional Jotting's topic.

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A call to our local community

Values in community involvement

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

This time of the year is a time for reflecting back to the last twelve months. What have we learned first from the Higher Powers, our Families, our Communities, and our Country? To thank our fellow man for contributing whatever each one of us can.

Communities that prosper usually have these basic values:

1. Everyone should, and does have something to contribute to his or her community.
2. An honest, open environment can bring out the best in people.
3. Recognize and respect everyone as unique individuals.
4. Treat others, as you would like to be treated, with respect and courtesy.

With the New Year coming, we should think of better ways to improve our community.

Safety - Promoting the capacity of effectiveness in responding to threat for the community's well being.

History - Using our past as a point of reference, for future action, on growth in the community.

Accountability - Accountability for ourselves,

and each other, for a better community.

Fiscal Responsibility - The wise use of public resources, utilizing innovative and efficient means.

Stability - To have a sense of economic and political balance, through the common community values.

Civility - All members of our community should be heard in an open and respectful fashion.

Diversity - In promoting of demographic variety, mixed use of development in our community.

With this being my last Success Builders column of the year, I would like to take this time to thank all of my loyal readers for their support and feedback throughout 2004. I am looking forward to a great 2005 with the Success Builders Column.

I would also like to take time to thank (Sherman Publications) Jim Sr., Jim Jr., Don Rush, and all the staff and their families, for being an essential part of our local communities for decades.

May God bless all of you, throughout the Holiday Season, filled with Health and Success for 2005

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William H. Langdon Jr.

Change in township administration leads to hire of new deputy clerk

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

Now that the election season is finally over, several changes have been taking place in the Independence Township offices.

One important behind the scenes change not to miss is new township Deputy Clerk Paula Heenan. The Independence Township Board approved hiring Heenan at their Dec. 7 regular meeting.

Heenan is a Clarkston High School graduate who originally moved to the area with her family at the age of 15. She has lived near Clarkston her entire life, and now lives back in the township on Holcomb Road.

"This is my favorite place to live," said Heenan. "I love it here. It's a nice place."

Heenan is one of those unique individuals who has remained in the same work place her entire career.

After graduating from CHS, she became the legal secretary for a prominent local attorney, and never looked elsewhere.

"This will be my first job not in the legal field," said Heenan. "Being a legal secretary is interesting work, but I think this will be a very rewarding position as well."

New township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen has known Heenan for about 20 years. The former legal secretary jumped at the opportunity to work with one of her closest friends.

"She's a wonderful person and I like working with her," said Heenan.

"The job's all real new to me right now, but I'm confident in myself" Heenan later added. "I want to learn this job and how to do it well. My biggest goal is to serve the community to the best of my ability."

Heenan feels her biggest challenge will come at election time. Even though the township resident has voted in every election since of age, she never realized the work going on begin the polls.

"Pulling it all together and making it all work, that's going to be the trick," she concluded.

All in all though, the

township's newest employee is excited about the future.

"I look forward to serving the community," she stated. "I look forward to a good relationship with the township."

The Independence Township Board unanimously hired Heenan with a starting salary of \$9,500 beginning Nov. 22. The motion called for a review after 90 days with a possible increase of salary to \$41,500.

'I want to learn this job and how to do it well. My biggest goal is to serve the community to the best of my ability.'

Paula Heenan
Deputy Clerk
Independence Township

Fire department hires former Flint fire chief

BY DON SCHELKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The new year will bring two new faces — including a new assistant fire chief — to the Independence Township Fire Department.

The township board on Dec. 7 approved the hire of Robert Elizondo as the number two man in the department. Fire Chief Steve Ronk described the former fire chief for the city of Flint as "a positive kind of guy" who will bring a sense of energy to his new post.

"He's looking for a challenge, and he really likes what we're doing here," Ronk said.

With more than 20 years on the Flint Fire Department, Elizondo has gained specialized training in areas such as hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction, confined space awareness, extrication and other fire science and technology.

The new assistant chief will not begin his new job until Jan. 17, in part because of a commitment to a family vacation and a charitable marathon to benefit the battle against leukemia.

Before he begins his new duty, Elizondo will also complete his third year of a four-year executive fire officer program at the U.S. Fire Administration Academy.

Ronk said Elizondo will fill a hole open since Ronk became chief in 2001. Elizondo will assist Ronk with day-to-day administrative duties, help coordinate functions among the three emergency response shifts and expand training in fire and rescue operations.

The township board approved Elizondo's annual salary at \$65,000 and approved the purchase of a new Ford Expedition (similar to vehicles used by other command officers) at a cost of \$25,359.

Rounding out the department in January will be new Engineer/Paramedic Pat Stamper.

Ronk said Stamper will bring 12 years of experience with the Groveland Township Fire Department, and will also fill an existing vacancy for Independence Township.

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December 14: Suspicious circumstances on Dixie Highway near Parview. A 14-year-old girl at a bus stop said a man in a vehicle exposed himself and asked her to get in the car. She backed away, and the man allegedly drove his vehicle past the bus stop about 20 additional times before the bus came.

The suspect was described as around 40 years of age with short dark hair and facial stubble, driving a navy blue Chevy Blazer with tinted windows.

Larceny report on Willowpark Drive. A man reported a missing .22 caliber derringer pistol which he

had been showing a friend and an 11-year-old boy. Later, deputies discovered the boy had taken the gun from a dresser drawer while the adults were out of the room. With the help of a metal detector, investigators later found the gun in a yard where the boy had thrown it.

December 15: Malicious destruction to property (vehicle window) on Bronco Drive.

Assist to fire department for medical call at Trilium Village. A worker lost balance on a ladder and shot himself with a staple gun. The staple penetrated his clothing and his chest. He was treated for a punctured lung at Genesys Regional Medical Center.

December 16: Suicide report on Oak Park Drive. A 16-year-old boy was found in his bedroom after he apparently shot himself with a rifle. He was pronounced dead on the scene.

December 17: Arrest for operating while intoxicated and littering at Maybee and Sashabaw roads. A deputy found the suspect, a 21-year-old Clarkston man in his vehicle in the parking lot, where he had allegedly thrown three beer cans out the window. He registered a blood alcohol level of 0.119 percent.

Fraud report on Sashabaw Road. A victim obtained a loan from a Canadian institution and deposited the check, which later was found to be counterfeit.

Computer fraud on Timber Ridge Trail. A man gave his Social Security number in response to an e-mail allegedly from his bank. Two days later, the bank informed him of many unauthorized transactions.

December 18: Larceny from the Sashabaw Road Kroger store. A known suspect escaped the store with unknown items (suspected to be meat) and drove away from the store. Deputies found he was no longer living at his last known address.

Burglary at Val Tile Floor Store on Dixie Highway. Someone pried open a rear door and stole \$200 and a check for \$34 from a metal cash box.

Springfield Township

December 13: Suspicious circumstances at Best Bank at the Dixie Highway/Davisburg Road Kroger store. A subject attempted to open an account with a bad Social Security number.

Debit card fraud on Kingston Pointe Drive. Someone used a debit card for \$1,160 in unauthorized withdrawals at four ATM machines in Davison.

December 15: Assist to fire department for medical call on Clark Road.

December 18: Assist to Lake County (Ohio) on Bluewater Drive. A deputy attempted to contact a suspect on a check fraud case in Ohio.

December 19: Home invasion on Autumnnglo. The resident reported a cellular telephone stolen.

Operating while intoxicated arrest on Davisburg near Ormond Road. A 45-year-old Davisburg man involved in a personal injury crash registered a blood alcohol level of 0.169 percent.

Operating while intoxicated arrest on Woodland Trail. A 21-year-old White Lake man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.12 percent after running his vehicle off the road into a snowbank.

City of Clarkston

December 17: Arrests for minor in possession of alcohol on N. Main Street near Miller. Two Clarkston men, age 17 and 18, were found with blood alcohol levels exceeding the "zero tolerance" level of 0.02 percent.

December 18: Arrest for operating while intoxicated on S. Main Street near Middle Lake Road. A 35-year-old Clarkston man was found to have exceeded the 0.08 blood alcohol level.

Vehicle owner foils larceny in progress

One suspect got away, but another was detained by the owner of a vehicle targeted for larceny on Dec. 13, according to Oakland County Sheriff reports.

The incident occurred at the Park and Ride lot at Dixie Highway and I-75 in Springfield Township. The vehicle's owner arrived at the lot (driven by his son) to see two suspects at his vehicle.

Taken from the owner's van were numerous items of construction-related equipment, including a cement saw, cordless drill, air compressor and a tool pouch.

The victim detained one suspect, a 34-year-old Swartz Creek man, while his son called 9-1-1, reports said.

Deputies were awaiting formal warrants from the county prosecutor's office.

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Clarkston High School field to go synthetic?

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Next year Clarkston's football field will assuredly be green, it just may not be grass.

Synthetic turf and a slew of other athletic facilities improvements were brought before the Clarkston School Board at the Dec. 13 regular meeting.

This past fall the School Board heard arguments from CHS Athletic Director Dan Fife and Deputy Superintendent Dave Reschke about the high school's need for a new team room. At that meeting, several board members wanted to know exactly what other improvements to the school district's facilities were in order and the master facilities plan was conceived.

Reschke and Fife, who have since been joined by Bruce Bemer and Wes Goodman, have spent the last few months evaluating and estimating all the districts needs along with French Associates, the architectural firm working on the 2003 bond issue.

"We (did) not come forth with a recommendation, we (came) forth with information," said Reschke at the Dec. 13 meeting.

The master facilities plan which was presented to the board in the form of three aerial photographs, blown up to poster size and color coded to demarcate the suggested improvements, is thorough and wide sweeping. In total the plan bears an estimated cost of \$2.3-\$2.5 million. The main focus of the discussion, however, centered on one element of the plan rather than the entire operation.

The proposal for a synthetic turf field to replace the natural grass of the current CHS football field gained favor with the

school board.

"We can use one field instead of using three others," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "Presently, what that field would look like with all the teams using it would be horrendous."

Last year only the football teams were able to make use of the natural grass football field. If the school board was to okay the installation of synthetic turf, all CHS' teams, including physical education, could make use of the field, according to Fife.

"I spoke to a lot of other athletic directors and they use their (synthetic) turf fields extensively," said Fife.

According to several officials at the meeting, most notably Roberts, there is enough money in the current bond to finance laying down artificial turf at CHS. Sixteen schools in Oakland County have made the move to synthetic turf and the estimated cost is between \$700,000 and \$800,000.

Part of the board's rationalization for the field, despite the hefty price tag, is that over time the new synthetic turf will most likely save the district money. The possibility for multiple uses, as well as diminished maintenance costs played heavily on their opinion.

"Just from the standpoint of cost effectiveness this makes a lot of sense," said School Board president Kathryn Foyteck.

According to Reschke, the current natural grass field costs \$10,000-\$15,000 a year in maintenance costs coupled with \$3,500 in mowing costs. The increased usage on the synthetic field would lighten the load on the rest of the districts' fields, thereby reducing maintenance costs district wide. The maintenance costs for a synthetic field have not been brought be-

fore the board as of yet.

The School Board instructed Reschke and his committee to return for the Jan. 10 meeting with something concrete in regard to the synthetic turf field at CHS.

The rest of the plan will also be discussed at the Jan. 10 meeting. Some of the master facilities plan highlights include another turf field at the junior high, refurbishments to all fields both at secondary education buildings, expansion of and connecting the CHS parking lots, bathrooms

at the baseball field, and the aforementioned team room improvements.

"We do not have money in this bond for two turf fields. We would need another bond or a savings bond or a joint project with the community," said Roberts. "Frankly I think this community would support a plan to expand."

Beyond the synthetic turf the Clarkston school board is not expected to vote on any other parts of the master facilities plan at the Jan. 10 meeting.

Claus time in Springfield



Springfield Twp. 3½-year-old Norman Torres spent some quality moments with Santa Claus at the Hart Community Center. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation invited the man in red for a day of activities, treats and surprises. Each Springfield youngster got a snack, to make an ornament and a gift bag of "Cool Junk." Photo by Jenny Matteson

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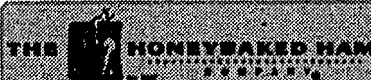
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New face at senior center

BY JENNY MATTESON
Clarkston News Editor

There's a new face seniors will want to know at the Independence Township Senior Center.

Senior Services Coordinator Karen Koenigbauer began working for the center on November 1. Her primary responsibility is to bring resources into the center and make them available to Independence Township seniors.

Koenigbauer, 41, lives in Waterford with her husband Tom and their two children Emily, 13, and Scott, 8. She will complete her associates degree in mental health/social work through Oakland Community College this May. She completed an internship involving work in both impaired and regular classrooms with the Waterford School District.

An active stay-at-home mom, Koenigbauer possesses a wide range of experience and skills. She worked as a seasonal employee at Goldner Walch Nursery in Pontiac, is a member of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association and teaches Catechism at Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.

So how did the newest senior center employee come across her career? A very close, personal concern showed her the way.

"While helping my mom to find services, I became aware of how much work was involved with finding the housing, the right prescription coverage and such,"

explained Koenigbauer. "I feel it's good to have one source to go to for answers to all these different questions."

"I'm most excited about bringing the information here and informing residents of what's available out there," she added. "I like to help clear up all the confusion so many seniors encounter."

Koenigbauer has several goals set for herself and her new position. First, she hopes to be a valuable resource for seniors and their families.

Second, she hopes to assist seniors in the decision making process regarding housing, healthcare and recreation.

Third, she hopes to enable seniors to maintain their highest level of independence.

And fourth, she plans to bring a new level of internet use and understanding to the center.

Even with these goals in mind, Koenigbauer knows her position will take plenty of time and footwork, especially when making seniors aware of the services she can offer.

"I want seniors to know that all they have to do is call and set up an appointment - they can come here to the center, or I can come to their home," said Koenigbauer.

"I'm excited to be working with the senior center and the Independence Township community," she concluded. "I'm pleased to be able to bring my abilities to the area seniors."



Karen Koenigbauer



Coach Penny Canada, Drew Canada, Emily Richmond, Eric Beckmeyer, Justin Workman, Mentor Alex Hardy, Katie Rolka, Julie Cole, Coach Kathy Schlaff, Andrew Schlaff and Parker Higgins. Photo by Christina UlaJ

SPE Lego Robotics Team heading to state finals

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Plains Lego Robotics Team advanced to the State Championship!

On Nov. 13, SPE attended the regional competition at Lakeland High school. A total of 26 teams were competed including six from Clarkston; two from Independence Elementary, two from Cedar Crest Academy, and one from Springfield Plains Elementary.

The Springfield Plains team was composed of six fifth grade and two fourth grade students. The team worked

hard for two months to build a robust robot with innovative programming and a high level of technical expertise. The team completed their goals, and demonstrated respect for all team members.

Alex Hardy, Clarkston High School mentor, volunteered many hours to assist the students through their first season as participants on the Lego robotics team. After the competition on Dec. 11, Springfield Plains Elementary finished in the top five for the "Robust Design Award."

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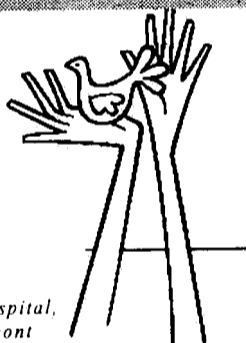


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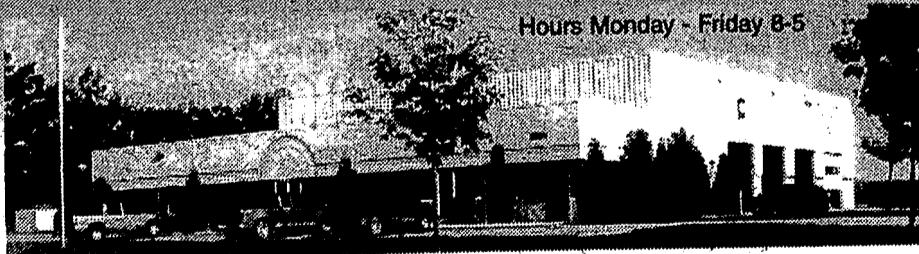
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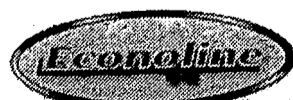


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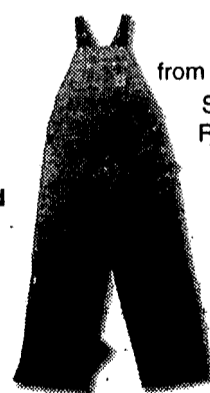
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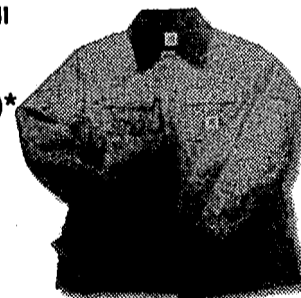
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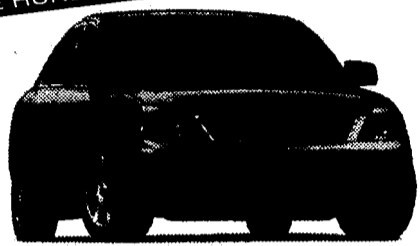
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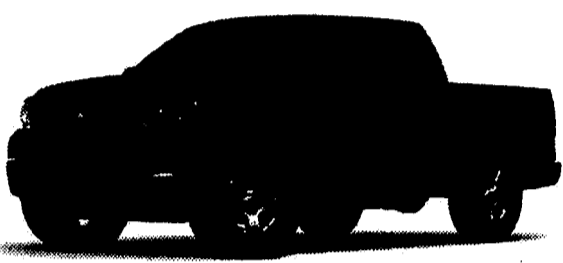
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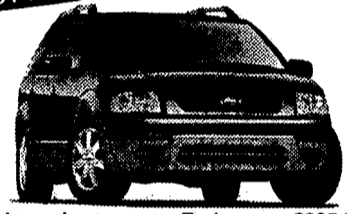


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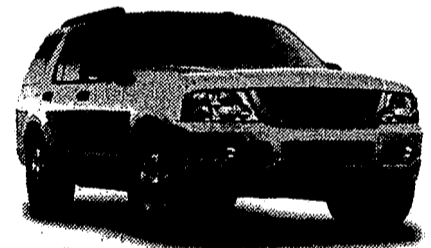
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Mentors spread holiday cheer



On Dec. 13, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Mentors were up to some special holiday cheer. 54 mentors and their matches joined together to celebrate the holiday, wrap presents for their family members and play games. The matches were given \$30 to buy gifts for their family members. Their Mentors, or shopping buddies, took them to stores and then joined us at a wrapping festival. Children laughed and spent a wonderful evening as a special guest in a bright red suit and a long white beard stopped by to hear what they wanted this year for Christmas. Joyce Bleim, the leader of Mentor plus, said the event was a huge success. Jeff Allstead said the kids had a great time making ornaments with pictures of them and Santa for their Christmas trees. *Photos provided*

District

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Dec. 6. Banach stated in her e-mail that all comments were reviewed and attempts were made to clarify why certain changes to the plan would or would not be suitable. She also stated PAT members said the process worked well compared to the process used in the past.

"The board meeting is the stage for anyone wishing to verbally provide comments," said Banach, in her email. "All written comments are still accepted."

"Our goal is to balance all of our elementary buildings and to ensure that each school has the space to provide the same learning opportunities for students," said Geraldine Moore, director of elementary education. "This is an emotional issue, but the fact remains that every one of our elementary buildings provides a top notch learning environment, and I would never hesitate to send one of my own children to any one of the Clarkston schools."

Moore declined to meet and speak with *The Clarkston News*. The previous quotation came through the e-mail from Anita Banach in the communications and marketing department.

Through previous presentations to the board, Moore explained that a large amount of classroom space was added to Pine Knob Elementary. The redistricting team believes that the plan will alleviate some of the overcrowding issues within the elementary schools.

The proposed shifts from the draft

plan include:

- (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) Northcrest 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 school district is still committed to reviewing all comments and making changes when appropriate. A final decision is expected on Jan. 10.

The Clarkston News invites comments from parents who support the redistricting, including members of PAT.

Parents

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of Morningstar Drive. "We were given from Nov. 15 to Nov. 19 to send our comments and suggestions in."

The Pytels' daughter, Samantha, would be transferred from Independence Elementary to Springfield Plains Elementary under plan (F).

"My impression from attending both board meetings is that the issue has been decided," said Pytel. "I don't feel at the present time these changes need to be made."

"Unnecessary" is a word that many dissenting Clarkston parents apply to the proposals. Several parents said they are still walking around with question marks in their heads, due to the lack of communication between the school board and parents.

"The first meeting I felt relieved the board was allowing our input," said David Lohmeier, of Glenwood Creek. "The second meeting was more of a decision from the board and that was frustrating."

Lohmeier's children, Olivia and Emma, currently attend Clarkston Elementary and would be transferred to Pine Knob Elementary under Plan (B).

"They were setting a real sense of urgency with this plan," said Lohmeier. "They were saying we have to get this done and make sure the dedicated classrooms were all available."

After the meeting, Lohmeier and other parents said they believed the

dedicated science, music and art rooms were all at risk. After investigating, Lohmeier said he discovered that all schools currently have these rooms and he finds they are not in jeopardy.

"I think the biggest problem is the clarity of the goal," said Donna Carpentier, of Riverstone Court. "When it was suggested that in the future such important information be mailed to all parents well in advance, Dr. Roberts' response was, 'Thank you for your opinion.'"

Carpentier's children, Sebastien and Cameron, attend Independence Elementary and would be transferred to Springfield Plains Elementary under plan (F).

Redistricting is a sensitive decision, and some parents feel the move is unnecessary. This group has questions such as: Why shift these children when it is unnecessary or why are you doing this?

These parents have stated they feel the board is holding information, not "laying it on the table."

"The shift is absolutely unnecessary," said Kim and Gary Christie, of Morningstar Court. "We were told by the principal of Independence Elementary that there is no overcrowding issue."

Christie's child, Sean, currently attends Independence Elementary and would be transferred to Springfield Plains under plan (F).

These residents agree that Clarkston has wonderful educational institutions. For many, the issue is not that children have to be moved to a school they do not like, but that the security they have become accustomed to is being taken away.

Clarkston News Sports

Wrestlers stake claim to County title

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

When the mats are rolled up in March, the Wolves varsity wrestling team might look back on their first place

finish at the Oakland County Tournament as the turning point in the season.

Clarkston won their fourth straight OCT on Dec. 17 & 18, notching 262 team points, 26 points ahead of second

place Holly.

"This win could really catapult us into the second half of the season," said Coach Joe DeGain.

Clarkston came into the OCT with

a 2-8 record in dual meets.

Especially crucial to the Wolves victory were wrestlers Braden L'Amoreaux (145 pounds), Tommy Elsworth (152) and Steve Smiley (189). All three won their respective weight classes.

"I was really happy with the whole team," said DeGain. "Every single one of our wrestlers put up points for us."

Bryant Wood especially impressed his coach, after losing a match on day one, he pinned three straight opponents to take third in the 125-pound weight class.

The Wolves were further buoyed by the efforts of Bryan Webb (135) and Josh McAllister (160), who also finished third; Mike Maguire (103) who took home fourth; and Bryant Craft who scrapped his way into sixth place.

Aside from being charged with turning their season around, the Wolves also played host to the OCT. The tournament opened in a timely and orderly fashion, and the only setback was an overheated printer which held up the action for approximately thirty minutes.

In total, 46 teams participated in the weekend's activities—and Clarkston got a good look at some of their in-county competition.

"I definitely think Holly has put together a good team, and we'll see them later this year," said DeGain.

Clarkston will not wrestle again until after the holiday break when they take on Waterford Mott and West Bloomfield on Jan. 5.

According to DeGain, Clarkston will focus on mat strategy in the practice time over break.

"We are going to try to start peaking for the rest of the year," said DeGain.



Josh McAllister was unrelenting in his defeat of West Bloomfield's Yianni Moriatis. Photo by Noah Purcell

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Athlete of the Week Kim Vincent

Kim Vincent, 17, is the Athlete of the Week for her stellar backline play on the Clarkston varsity volleyball team.

In the past week, over four games, Vincent has collected 16 service aces. She also leads the team in back passing efficiency.

Kim has lived in Clarkston since she was two, and has played volleyball ever since she tried out for the sport in seventh grade.

Kim lives with her mother Denise and step-father Jerry Hill and has two older sisters Angela and Lyndsay.

Aside from playing volleyball, Kim plays the piano and is active in leadership youth group based at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Upon her graduation in the fall, Vincent will attend Central Michigan where she plans on studying elementary education.

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BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Instead of hosting a tourney like the wrestling or hockey teams, the Wolves varsity volleyball team traveled to the Portage Northern Invitational on Dec. 18.

While Clarkston did not finish in the top ten, the Wolves did come home with their first two wins of the season, bringing their record to 2-5.

"We are starting to move a little better defensively," said Coach Kelly Avenall. "We have a good team. There are just times when we have mental breakdowns."

During the tourney, the Wolves triumphed over Garber 25-2, 25-19 and Pawpaw 25-19, 25-17, before falling to Plainwell 25-19, 17-25, 10-15.

"Instead of just being happy about hitting it over the net, (the team) is really starting to look for holes in the defense," said Avenall. "And that's one of the things we are going to be working more on over the break."

Over the span of the tournament senior Stephanie Parkin had 30 kills, Kate Thomas led the Wolves with 57 assists and Kim Vincent served up 10 aces.

Earlier in the week, the Wolves lost to a very tough Lahser squad 25-23, 22-25, 20-25, 12-15. Parkison had 14 kills and Vincent recorded 6 aces.

Clarkston is off until Seaholm comes calling on Jan. 3.

Wolves Hockey continues to slip

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves varsity hockey team was a little too accommodating while hosting the Clarkston Christmas Tournament on Dec. 17-18.

Clarkston lost 7-3 to Cranbrook in the first round on Dec. 17 and dropped the consolation game to Davison 5-3 the next day.

"We are playing passive hockey right now. We need to get back to those basic things of hard work and discipline," said Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier.

Senior Forwards Chris Degan and Mike Fogg, and Junior forward Kyle Chartrand scored for Clarkston on Dec. 17 against Cranbrook. Even though Cranbrook (10-0) is a Division III school, they are considered to be one of the best teams in the State.

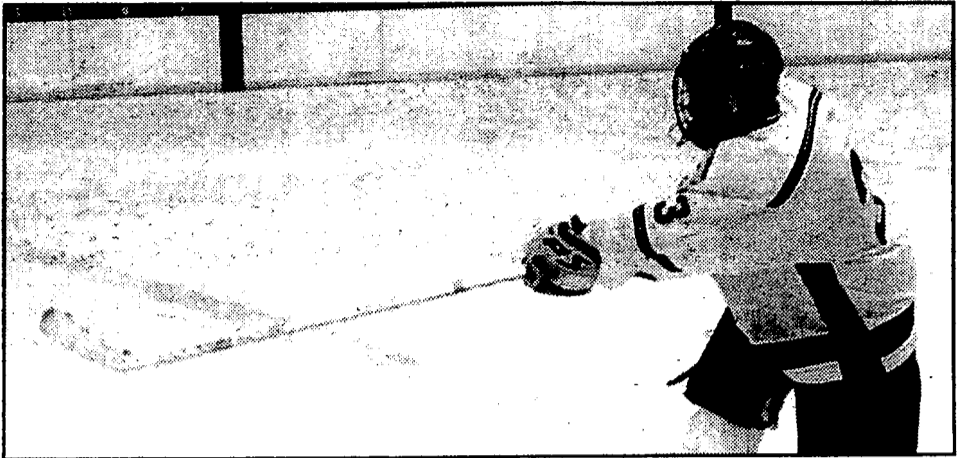
Clarkston fell victim to another State power from a lower division on Dec. 18 falling 5-3 to Davison, a team currently ranked second in Division II.

Much like the Cranbrook game, the Wolves scored first against Davison, but could not hold the lead in the end.

Senior forward Bryan Morin scooped up a rebound at 10:38 in the first period and was able to flip it by the blocker of Davison goalie Cory Maguire. Junior forward Kyle Cummings and Degen assisted on the goal.

Clarkston seemed to be on their way to a win early in the Davison game: winning 16 of 18 first period face-offs and playing tough physical hockey.

Perhaps too physical as a boarding penalty with 4:16 left in the first led to a Cardinals power play goal.



Mark Brady had a goal for Clarkston in their 5-3 loss to Davison.

Two consecutive penalties at the start of the second period left the Wolves sucking air, and soon after Davison's Marc Thompson jarred the puck loose in front of the net and pounded it back for a 2-1 lead.

Clarkston was able to tie the game up on a wrist shot from the point from junior defenseman Mark Brady, which hit a stick in front and caromed past Maguire. Fogg found Maguire alone at the top of the left circle as he skated along the backboards and gave him a nice crisp pass to set up the goal.

"We're able to (play) in Flint and skate and unfortunately there is not much competition there," said Davison Coach Doug Towler. "I'd love to have this competition all year long."

Davison and Clarkston traded goals again at the end of the second and beginning of the third period. Clarkston knotted the game at 3-3 on a deflected shot from the point by Junior Defenseman Scott

Cooley with assists from senior forward Eric Paddison and junior forward Mike Medonis.

A win was not in the cards for the Wolves however as Thompson scored his second goal of the day on a breakaway, beating Clarkston goaltender Michael Brach high on the glove side.

Davison added an empty net goal to finish the scoring and officially put the Wolves on a three game losing streak.

"We are three games short of the half way point (for the season), it's good to have some of these games once in a while; but if we are not going to be consistent, be disciplined and outwork our opponents, we're going to have more losses," said Krygier.

Cranbrook beat Livonia Stevenson 4-2 in the tournament championship.

The Wolves play next on Dec. 6 against Farmington High School at the Detroit Skate Center.

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Sleep: It's what you need

By Ernie Harwell

It may sound odd, but sleep is an important part of living an active, healthy life. However, studies are showing that parents and children are not getting enough sleep. And when we get into this time of the year, it's even easier to miss out on our sleep, what with all the parties and visiting and such.



Now some people may think that sleeping is a waste of time, but really it's as important to our well-being as a good diet and exercise. Lack of sleep can affect our moods, our minds and our bodies. Without it we can be

cranky, not think clearly or perform as well.

So here are a few tips that I follow:

- * Set a regular bed time each night
- * Get into a routine to help you wind down
- * Don't eat before going to sleep
- * Give thanks for the good things that happened; forget about the others

Turn off that TV or that computer, and just go to sleep. You'll feel rested, recharged and more alert for the following day.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

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

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Clarkston squeaks by Rochester Adams

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The factors for a Rochester Adams upset of Clarkston were all there on Dec. 17.

■ Favored team (Clarkston) coming in off a big emotional blowout win? Check.

■ Early hot shooting by underdog home team subsequently lighting a fire under home fans? Check.

■ Cold shooting by aforementioned favored team? Check.

As far as intangibles went, the Highlanders had a lot going for them, but in the end two technical fouls and Clarkston's steely reserve carried the day for the Wolves 43-40.

With 4:44 left in the third quarter and the game knotted 27-27, Clarkston snatched the lead on a controversial technical foul which sent senior guard Brad Goodman to the charity stripe. He canned both free throws giving the Wolves a 29-27 lead.

Seconds later Goodman once again found himself alone at the line, due to a second technical foul called on Adams, and once again he calmly knocked both shots down.

Those technical fouls changed the game," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife. "We dodged a bullet... Our kids kept their composure."

The technical foul shots bookended a three from junior guard John Kast, all of which was part of a 17-2 third quarter run by the Wolves.

"All the situations that happened (during the run) we just did not handle well. We recovered but just not in time," said Rochester Adams Coach John Hall.

Early on in the game though the Highlanders had the Wolves on their heels, but thanks to senior guard Robbie Clark, Clarkston was able to weather the storm.

Clark scored nine of Clarkston's 11 points in the first quarter. He kept the Wolves in the game as Highlanders senior guards Herbie Kipke and John Wilson sank jumper after jumper early on, sending the raucous, yet well behaved Adams' student section into an uproar.

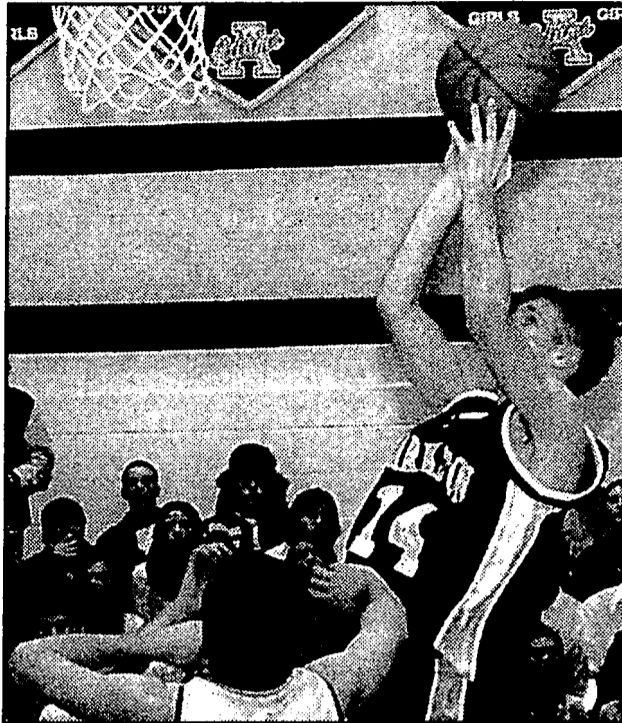
"Adams came out with such emotion we just could not offset it," said Clark, who finished with a game high 20 points.

Kipke, who finished with 17 points, and the Highlanders continued to shoot the ball well and at the half Clarkston was down 25-19.

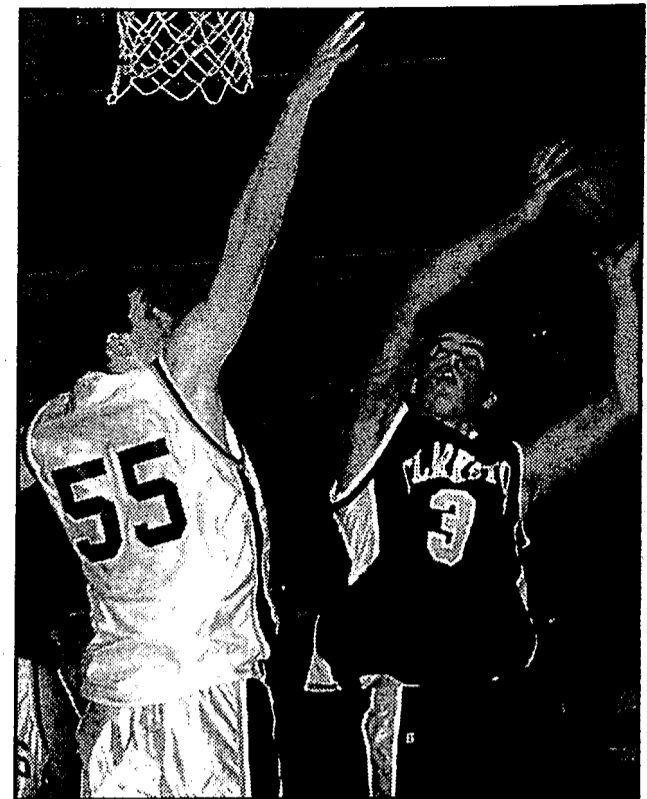
Surprisingly in the first half, Clarkston did not convert on a single jump shot, finding all of their points in the paint.

"We were making (Clarkston) work for everything, so they were not as open as they were accustomed to," said Hall.

After Clarkston went on their massive third quarter run Adams heated up again in the third, but the Wolves were able to overcome the Highlanders mad rush with some timely shooting and defense.



Robbie Clark's 20 point night helped the Wolves carry the day. Photo by Noah Purcell



John Kast gets to the hoop against Adams. Photo by Noah Purcell

Kipke cut the Clarkston lead to two with 6:20 left in the fourth with his fourth three pointer of the night. His fifth three rattled home later, with 1:05 left, making the score 41-40.

"I give their kids credit," said Fife. "They fought back."

With time ticking away, Adams was forced to foul Goodman who calmly sank two free throws to give the Wolves their final margin of victory, 43-40.

Sophomore Bren Bergquist was a monster on the boards for the Wolves grabbing 10 rebounds, five of them on the offensive glass and blocking two shots. One of his rejections came on a three point try by Kipke with 2:58 left in the game.

Goodman finished with 13 points, all of which came in the second half, and Kast tallied eight points.

Clarkston thumped Flint Carmen Ainsworth, the team which has ousted the Wolves the past two years from the State tournament, 71-38 on Dec. 15.

According to Coach Fife, Carmen Ainsworth was playing without its two best players.

Clarkston (3-0) plays next on Dec. 23 at Flint Central after which the Wolves will be on a layoff until Rochester High comes to the CHS gym on Jan. 4. Clarkston, having already beaten Flint Northern and Carmen Ainsworth is looking for their third win against a team from Flint.

Swim team starts slow but not poorly

The Clarkston varsity swimming team got a valiant effort from senior Andrew Riegel, but fell short against Berkley losing 103-83 on Dec. 16.

Riegel finished first in both the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

"He's good enough to make States this year," said Coach Kenwyn Chock.

Phil Voorheis finished first for Clarkston in the 200 individual medley. Junior Mike Nelson also helped the Wolves cause finishing first in the 100 breaststroke.

Clarkston is now 1-2 on the season.

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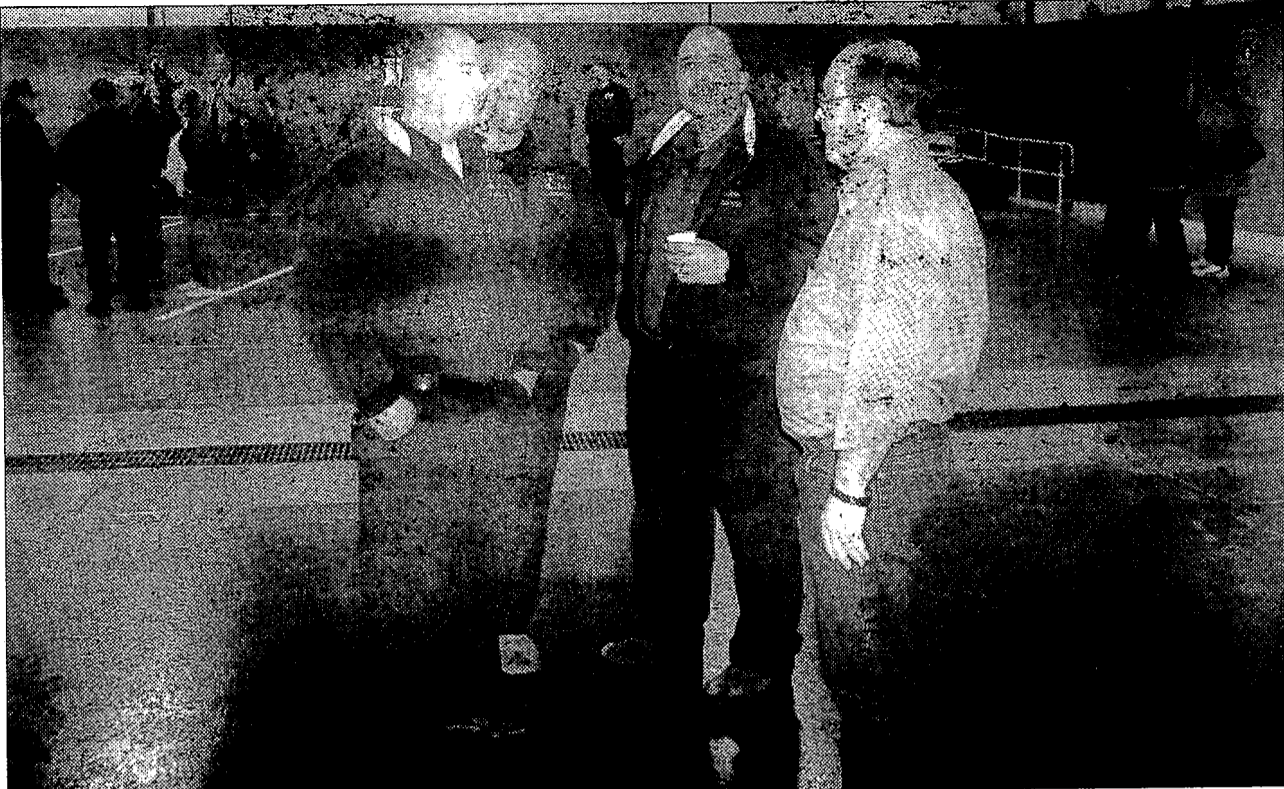
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Adam Frank (left), Ron Bray and Bob Pursley of the Clarkston Department of Public Works talk with Steve Weiss, a Road Commission for Oakland County foreman at the Springfield Township garage, at Monday's open house. Pursley said the city DPW gets their road salt from the commission garage, another example of their cooperative working relationship. Photo by Don Schelske

Garage

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minor, but that money will have to come from somewhere," he said, and the commission will spend future budget meetings ironing out those details.

The expanded garage (allowing for inside parking for 12 additional vehicles) and additional equipment will mean more efficient operations, officials said.

In prepared remarks, Bair praised garage staff and firefighters for saving as much equipment as possible, and thanked those who helped the commission maintain services while the garage was rebuilt.

In days immediately following the fire, local governments and private contractors helped plow and salt roads. Members of the Clarkston Department of Public Works were on hand for the dedication, and said their assistance was a natural response, recognizing help they receive from other agencies when needed.

Roberts

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been numerous transformations in the works (curriculum, transportation, school start times, etc.).

I believe listening to one another, recognizing the good works of others and building our capacity to change are actions that will make this great community even better.

In closing, allow me to suggest to readers that this is a good time of the year to jot a note to someone who has had a positive impact in an area that you are passionate about. Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Poem

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Glasel's possession when she inherited several volumns of DeMass' work as family heirlooms. In addition to *Dream Summer Songs*, she also has *Vagabond Verses*, *Sunshine and Shadows* (1926), and a single poem "A Letter from Home."

"This one poem has particular meaning to me because Clarkston Rd. was our life line to everywhere," said Glasel. "Whenever you went anywhere, you started out on Clarkston Rd."

"It's still a beautiful road. Busier and more crowded now, but still beautiful."

When looking over the poem, Glasel said she has difficulties finding that one line which tells the whole story. She finds that poem must stand as a whole, or not at all.

"When I read this poem I imagine the peace and tranquility of how Clarkston Rd. use to be," said Glasel.

"We would sometimes take two hours to walk home from school playing on that road," she said with a smile. "You would fiddle around so much. There was so much to do there. I can't believe when I look at it how we spent so much time on it," she added.

"I still love that poem, and that road."

The road commission also received a \$400,000 joint grant from Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to help continue this past year's preservation overlay program.

The road commission operated from a nearby vacant manufacturing facility during the reconstruction, and Bair boasted of uninterrupted service during the past 11 months.

"We didn't even know there was a problem," said Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls.

Condos

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cause people interested in buying those don't want to be parked out on the street," Huttenlocher said.

Recognizing the need for variances, Huttenlocher said the firm is willing to do the paperwork for the planning commission and zoning board of appeals.

"I think you're biggest problem is going to be with the historic district," Council Member Walter Gamble said.

City Manager Art Pappas said any plans would have to pass muster before the city's historical commission, but Huttenlocher believes the "Greek revival" architecture would receive a positive reaction.

Variances are likely needed in the area of height, setback and the total footprint.

Among other questions to be answered is the issue of the current grandfathered R-1 zoning. Some believe razing existing buildings would force zoning to multiple-family use.

City attorney Thomas Ryan said the first step would be for the developers to meet with the city's planner to determine needed variances and whether the next step would be to the planning commission or ZBA.

"On the Road to Clarkston Town"

'Long the rustic road to Clarkston town,
Over the high hill, winding down,
The gray road neighbors the blue lake's end,
Where dogwoods bow, and willows bend,
Where Lake Field farms lay spreading fair,
With peaceful kine in the pasture there,
The colonel's house on the Pine Knob Hill,
O'er the deep green wood where the whippoorwill
Sings his song when the shadows fall,
And night-time mantles over all,
Where the Sashabaw 'neath alders cool
Winds its way to the slumbering pool,
There's the old rail fence from the long ago,
Where the fox squirrels play and the wild grape grow,
The hills spread fair to my truant gaze
As my dream drifts far to childhood days,
And my heart is glad as I wind aroun'
The friendly road to Clarkston town.

Holiday parties kick off winter break in Clarkston



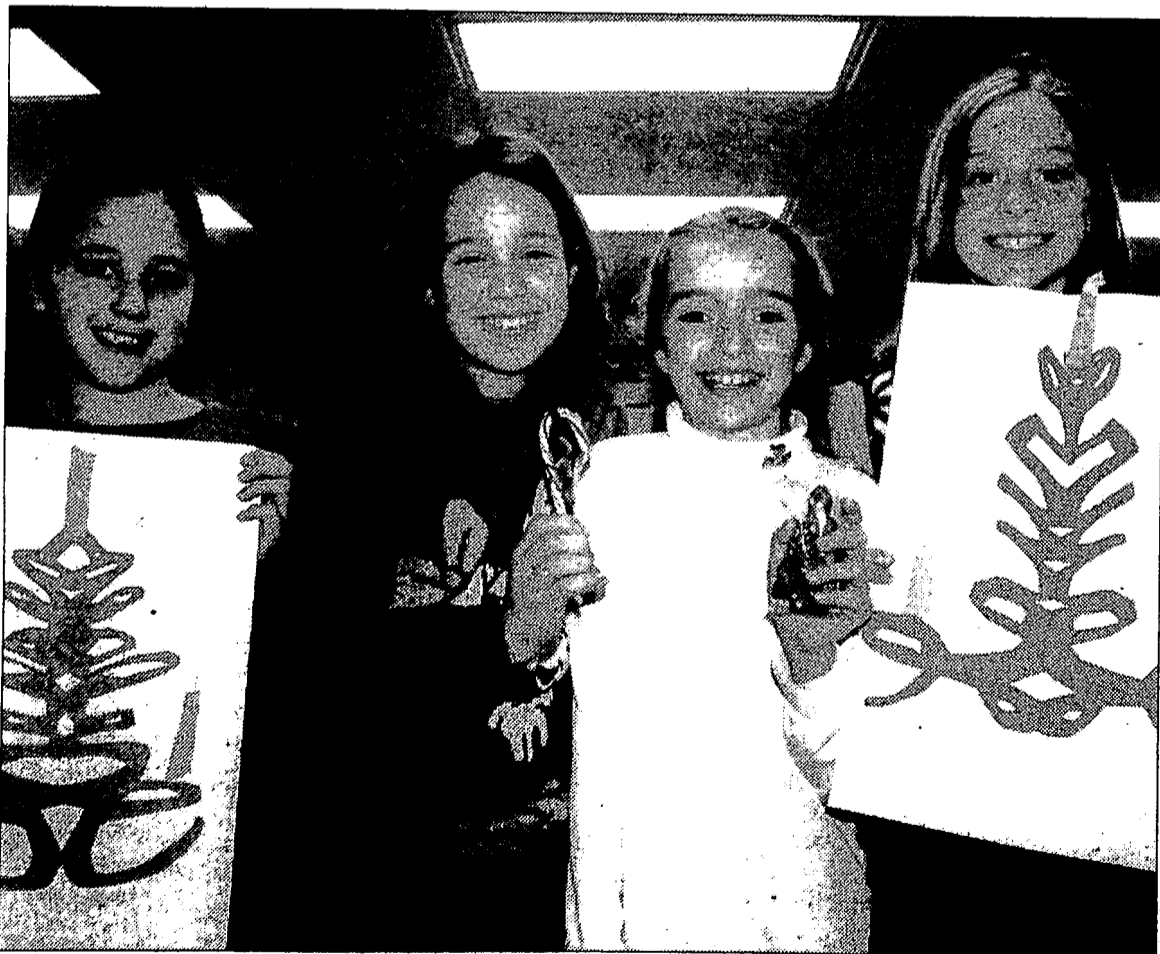
Giggling seemed to be contagious around Andersonville Elementary. Fifth grader Lauren Hartman enjoys a touch of merriment during a class holiday party. Photo by Jenny Matteson



Kindergartener Nora Storey checks out the spread at the North Sashabaw Elementary.



Julle Covert (standing) and Molly Buchanan distribute Christmas presents to first graders at Clarkston Elementary School during their holiday party on Dec. 16. The special gifts had added educational value; they were books. Photo by Don Schelske



North Sashabaw Elementary fifth graders (left to right) Chelsea Wood, Alaina Nido, Danielle Dunn and Laura Smokoska display their artsy sides. Photo by Noah Purcell



Learning about different religions and holiday celebrations was an important part of the holiday festivities at Andersonville Elementary. Second grader Kevin Hoerberling shows off his most recent art and craft project from these lessons. Photo by Jenny Matteson

SANTA POLL

What's the best treat you've received on Christmas Eve?



"Cookies and milk is my favorite. Sometimes I like an apple or a piece of fruit too. Now, not many children know this but the reindeer like a snack too. Most children leave carrots or oats. Which they like but there is something that they really like. It's raisins, that's right, raisins."

-Steve Percival
Santa's Helper



"My favorite treat is Pumpkin bars."

-Independence Senior Center Santa



"The love of your family. There's nothing else more important."

-Dr. James O'Neill
Santa's Helper



"Christmas cookies with frosting, because I get them at Christmas - my favorite day of the year."

-Kienan King
Santa's Helper

By Matteson & Ulaj

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Santa takes time to answer questions

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Christmas is just around the corner, and I have experienced the ultimate holiday wish ever: I got to meet Santa!

Santa and I have known each other for a little while. Through phone conversations and email communications, I was offered the opportunity of a lifetime. Santa invited me to visit him at the North Pole! Reindeer led the sleigh and within minutes I was standing in front of Old Saint Nick.

The North Pole was COLD; however, I warmed right up when we entered the house.

It was bright, loud and joyous. Santa and I sat down to milk and cookies, and he answered all of my questions, and the questions of all the Clarkston boys and girls.

Now, I could personally answer this first question, but I'll let Santa take it from here:

Q. Kayla Disalle wants to know if you are real?

A. Well of course I'm real. Just ask me and I will tell you so.

Q. Ryan Tomecki and Natalie Risi want to know, how do your reindeer fly?

A. They fly by a special magic dust that is sprinkled on their food and over their bodies.

Q. Halle Hyman and Jessie Chapdelaine want to know, how long does it take the elf's to make our toys?

A. Well, the elf's start making toys after they get a whole month off. So on February 1st, they start making the toys for the upcoming Christmas season

Q. Justin Hyman and Emily Eicher want to know, How do you fit down the chimney?

A. Well, I have three keys that I carry with me all the time. One is to the reindeer barn, the other to homes without a fireplace and chimney, and the last one is a magic key that along with some magic dust, helps me to enlarge your chimney so I can slide right down it.

Q. Joey McMahon wants to know, how do you stay so quiet in the houses?

A. Well, Joey, sometimes it's hard, last year I tripped over a chair I didn't see. I made a loud ruckus and almost landed on my sack of toys. But most of the time I just try and be very careful when I'm in someone's home, so I don't break anything or disturb them.

Q. Alex Legg wants to know, how do you watch us?

A. Have you ever heard of a snow globe Alex? I have one at the North Pole. Its bigger than most though, and it's got a



Santa Claus adjusts Christmas ornaments before agreeing to sit for an interview at the North Pole. Photo by Christina Ulaj

bit of magic to it as well. I shake it and think of the child I want to see, and like magic, there they are inside my snow globe.

Q. Austin Loehr wants to know, what are you going to give me for Christmas?

A. Okay Austin, I know what you asked for, but you will have to wait until Christmas to open your presents and find out. Nice Try.

Q. Anna Grace Madison wants to know, what would you do if a reindeer broke his leg?

A. Well Anna, I would be very sad for sure. However, there are a few reindeer at the North Pole that fill in for the regular ones when they are sick or hurt. We would make sure that the reindeer gets better before they could fly again.

Q. Gabrielle Garlicki wants to know, how do you get the presents down the chimney?

A. Like many of my tricks, magic dust helps me to squeeze down and my sack of

toys.

Q. Ashley Palardy wants to know, how do you get in a house if there is no chimney?

A. One of the magic keys is used to get into the homes without a fireplace or chimney.

Q. Caroline Kelly wants to know, how do you not get a stomach ache after eating all those cookies?

A. Well Caroline, sometimes I do get a stomach ache. I have to be careful not to eat too many. That's why sometimes, I only eat one or two at each house I visit.

Q. Elizabeth Ailard wants to know, how do you handle apartment buildings?

A. Okay, Elizabeth, apartments are fun because the reindeer get to play on the roof for a long time while I visit each apartment.

Please see Santa, page 4B



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Around Town

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 Independence Township 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. Space is limited so please reserve your spot ASAP by calling 248-625-8231.

Local Edward Jones Investment Representatives Jim Wilhelm and Scott Hazelton are supporting the American Red Cross Blanket Days program by opening their offices as drop-off locations.

Local residents can bring in a new blanket to either Wilhelm's office located at 7183 N. Main St., Suite C., or Hazelton's office at 21 S. Main St. Both offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, please call either Wilhelm's office at 248-625-1232 or Hazelton's office at 248-625-7016.

The Red Cross is currently making an Urgent Holiday Appeal for Blood. The Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union is holding a drive at the main branch on December 29 from 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Please sign up at either branch. The Community Credit Union main branch is located at 8055 Ortonville Rd., Clarkston. For more information, please call either the Clarkston office at 248-625-2923 or the Brandon office at 248-627-9944.

The Widowed Support Group meets Thursday, January 6, at 7 p.m. at the Independence Twp. Senior Center in Clintonwood Park. The meeting topic is "Ring in a New Year: Resolution or Resignation?" The facilitator is Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown.

The event is for all area residents, men and women of all ages recently widowed. No registration is required, walk-ins are welcome and the evening is free. Refreshments will be served.

For more information or to be on the Widowed Support Group mailing list, please call 248-625-5231.

Clarkston Realty is currently collecting used athletic shoes to be recycled to produce athletic facilities and playgrounds for children.

The shoes will be sent to the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe program, which promotes healthier lifestyles for children through physical activity. Shoes of any condition, new or used, can be donated.

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Dressing up for the holidays...



Dressing up the town of Davisburg for the holidays is Mary Bertolini, Sue Valentine and Geri Hercka of the Springfield Garden Club. For more information on the club, please call 248-620-9281. Photo provided



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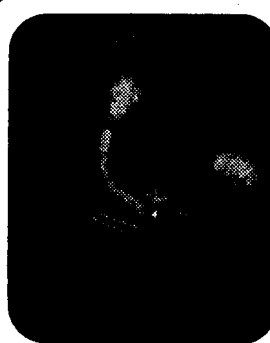
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Help children embrace giving during holiday season

How can I ensure my young children understand the true meaning of the holidays and the importance of giving more than receiving? It's sad to hear all the "gimme, gimme, gimme."

The holidays are upon us and each one of us has hopes for special family time full of joy, laughter and togetherness.

But despite our expectations for a "perfect" holiday, given the chance, children can become greedy little people and cause us to reflect and wonder what we've done wrong! You are not alone. This is the time of year when most parents develop severe worries concerning their children's sense of generosity — or their lack of generosity.

"Getting" really is fun and children are naturally self-centered. They see everything in the world as related to them and their experience. Real sharing is not self-motivated until the age of three or later. Children cannot see things from another person's perspective until the age of eight or older. Children naturally want to satisfy their own wants.

Just because self-centeredness is to be expected doesn't mean it is to be ignored. Parental guidance can do wonders in controlling greed. Children learn by what we do, not by what we say. We can set an example of giving from generosity and love if we want our children to develop a generous heart.

We can discourage greedy behavior by:

- Limiting television exposure and trips to toy stores. De-emphasize wish lists by setting a limit on the number of items. Even the youngest child accepts the fact that only a certain number of items go on the list "because Santa must have enough toys to go around."

- Helping children understand that a list is just for wishing. The surprise of Christmas morning is in see-

ing which items appear. If a child receives too much, nothing seems that important or satisfying.

- Offering constructive suggestions in helping your children select appropriate toys. Doesn't everyone know that Santa only brings toys that parents approve? Do not feel obligated to buy an inappropriate toy. Children may be angry at first, but they will learn that certain values are practiced in their family. Children need the guidelines and boundaries. Even though they complain, there is a sense of security in knowing what the limits are and knowing that parents care enough to enforce those limits.

While trying to contain greed, we can emphasize giving. We cannot simply demand that children be generous and charitable. Generosity must be taught. Teaching is a process made up of experiences in giving, especially during the holidays when getting is such a priority for children. We can teach generosity by:

- Helping kids make their gifts. Young children can share in the excitement of making special gifts and preparing such items for giving.

Don't be surprised if a child under the age of four wants to keep the gift for himself. In fact, plan on it. Prepare enough cookies to give and some to keep. Let a child give friends exactly the same thing and make sure there is one extra for the child.

By the age of four, children are ready to share in the planning and anticipation of giving gifts. Anything the child can make or help make is a better choice for

teaching the joy of giving. Have you ever seen a grandparent who preferred a store-bought gift to the gift of a child's own labor? A special ornament created by a child can become a treasured gift.

- If gifts are purchased, allow kids to use their own money. If children want to give a store-bought gift, it is necessary that they select the gift (with guidance if possible). A small gift purchased with their own money will mean more to both the recipient and the giver.

Office supply stores and hardware stores are worth investigating when the money is limited. Small but important looking gifts can be purchased on tiny budgets. If we want our children to learn the joy of giving, we must allow them to experience the hardship of sacrifice. Help them find ways to earn money by doing extra work around the house.

Holiday time for children is what we make it. We can talk about the spirit of Christmas and how much better it is to give than to receive or we can make the necessary plans for our children to experience the joys in giving.

Most kids can name off forty items advertised on television yesterday that they really, really want. We could buy everything on their lists and the holidays could still leave the family feeling empty, sad and exhausted. The truth is, there is no better gift to give our children during the holidays than relaxed and loving time with the family. Children need their parents' attention and love more than any gift.



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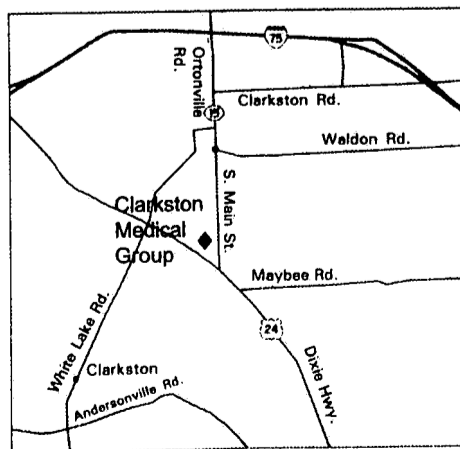
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Evans-Freer wed on Sept. 18



Julianne Carol Evans and James Michael Freer were married on Sept. 18, 2004, at Church of the Resurrection in Clarkston.

Julie is a 1995 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 1999 graduate of Albion College. She works as a reporter for C&G Newspapers in

Warren.

Jim is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford and a 1999 graduate of Albion College. He works as a global sourcing manager for Teleflex.

The couple resides in Milford, Mich.



Santa is looking forward to placing presents under Christmas trees in Clarkston in just a few days. Photo by Christina Ulaj

Santa

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Same as the homes without a chimney, I use my magic key for the front door.

Q. Shannon Disalle wants to know, how do you handle fires in fireplaces?

A. Sometimes I get the North Wind to help me out to blow the fire out, and sometimes I use magic dust to put it out until I go back up the chimney.

Q. Catalina Kenny wants to know, what happens if Santa gets sick on Christmas Eve?

A. You know, I have been doing this for long time, and Santa sometimes gets sick but not to sick that I can't come to your homes. One year I almost had to cancel Christmas, or put it off for a week, but thank goodness for magic peppermint sticks. I always seem to visit all the homes on Christmas Eve.

Q. Nicole Finn wants to know, how do you find us if we are not in our own

house?

A. Well Nicole, the elves keep track of you for the most part and let me know where you're going to be. But just in case, I always use my magic snow globe to see where you're at.

Q. Mary Allard wants to know, what kind of cookies do you like?

A. Chocolate Chip of course.

Q. Mary Jo Allen wants to know, how do you know who's been good or bad?

A. So Mary, just like you know what is right and what is wrong, when I see the children through my magic snow globe I can see if they are good or bad. Most are good though, did you know that?

My visit with Santa was a dream I had since I was a little girl. The day was overwhelming and something I will always remember.

All the little boys and girls of Clarkston, Santa says Happy Holidays, and remember to be good, cause he's watching.

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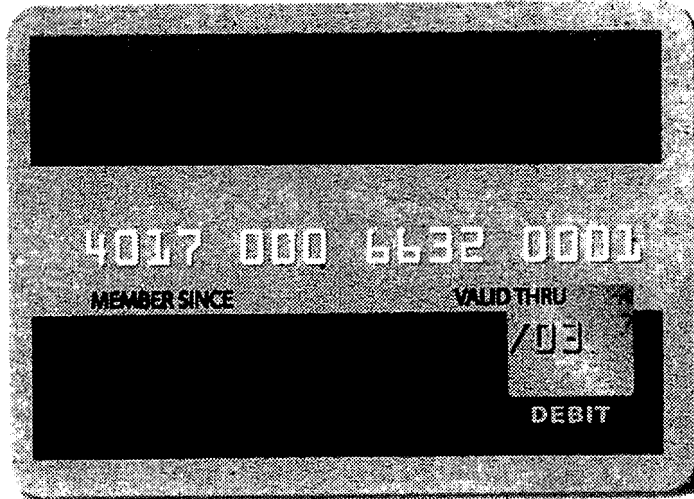
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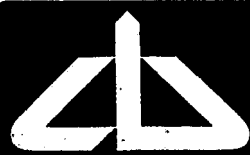
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Religion

Santa: A tradition of holiness?

We are deep into the holiday season. A few radio stations have played Christmas music non-stop for over a month now. Everyone is checking the sale ads. Santa is seen in department stores, on TV, and of course on cans of Coke.

The famous poem "The Night Before Christmas" describes this Santa we all are familiar with. We forget that long before Santa was found at the Mall or had a sleigh with eight reindeer he was simply St. Nicholas, patron of the sea, of children and of the unjustly punished. The Roman Catholic Church still celebrates his feast day on Dec. 6 as it has done for centuries.

In the fourth century, Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, a port city on the Mediterranean Sea. It was lush and green in the winter and hot and dry in the summer. In Nicholas' time, it was the capital of the Roman province of Lycia, but today it is just ruins outside the fairly small town of Demre in southwestern Turkey.

Nicholas was arrested, tortured and imprisoned for his faith during one of the sporadic persecutions of Christians during the reign of the pagan Emperor Diocletian around 303. Twenty years later, after Christianity had become the religion of the Roman Empire, Nicholas would be a respected leader and the first Christian Emperor Constantine invited him to a meeting that shaped the future of all of Christianity.

In 325, Nicholas was present at the Council of Nicea. Emperor Constantine summoned the bishops of the world to the first General Church Council to write a summary of the Christian faith. They wrote the Creed, a profession of faith that is still recited by most Christian denominations today. It begins "We believe in One God..." Nicholas argued forcefully that God was a trinity of Father, Son and Spirit. He

strenuously opposed the idea that Jesus was somehow less than fully God but more than an ordinary person. For Nicholas Jesus was human, and he was the Christ, and he was God and this is the understanding that the Church has maintained.

Many stories are told about St. Nicholas. One of the most famous is that there was a poor man with three daughters. The man had no money and faced with starvation, the daughters would have to resort to prostitution. When St. Nicholas heard of this he anonymously threw a bag with gold through the chimney of the poor man's home so the oldest daughter would have a dowry and could get married. Nicholas did the same for the next daughter. The poor man wondered who helped them and when Nicholas delivered the third bag of gold for the youngest daughter, the girl's father caught a glimpse of his benefactor and told the people of Bishop Nicholas' generosity.

Other stories describe how St. Nicholas saved some children from a deranged butcher, revived a drowned sailor and got innocent people released from prison after they had been falsely accused of treason. All of these stories give insight into why the people of Myra were so devoted to him and why, after he died in 342, the people themselves proclaimed him a saint. In 1087, Muslims took over the once Christian/Greek city and Christian sailors from Venice smuggled, or rather stole, the body of Nicholas and took it to Bari, Italy, where most of his relics now remain.

Later in the 1100s, French nuns began giving candy and gifts to children on his feast day. Children in Europe still put their shoes outside the door on Dec. 5, the eve of St. Nicholas' feast day, for candy. Or they hang stockings on the fire place or window. Sometimes a coal or a potato would be in them indicating that they had not been as good as expected. St. Nicholas would arrive with a big bag of toys over his shoulder.

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Spiritual Matters



Garrett Garcia



Helping Lighthouse...

Connie Stapleton of Clarkston Lighthouse (left) accepts a ceremonial check for \$1,000 from Elizabeth Piper of the women's ministry at Clarkston Community Church. In September, the ladies conducted an auction to benefit Lighthouse and Grace Centers of Hope. Photo provided

In our churches...

Mass will be signed for the deaf at St. Daniel Catholic Church at the 8 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24).

Beginning in January, the 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays will be signed regularly by a professional interpreter for the deaf.

Bridgewood Church will have a special service at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24).

Bridgewood Church meets at 6051 Sashabaw Road. For more information, call (248) 625-1344.

Clarkston Free Methodist Church will have Christmas Eve services with candle-lighting ceremonies at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Clarkston Free Methodist Church meets at 5482

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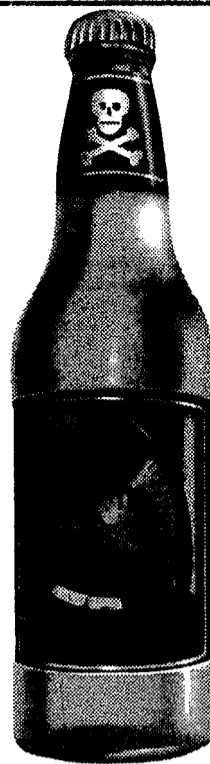
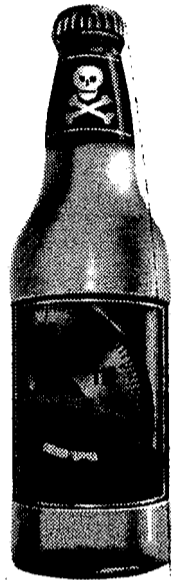


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Obituaries

Arthur J. Duva

Arthur J. "Art" Duva, of Clarkston, passed away on December 15, 2004, at the age of 82.

Mr. Duva was the loving husband of Bertha for 49 years; the father of Greg (Valerie) Duva of Port Huron, Dan (Kim) Duva of Holly, Patricia (Bob) Heath of Holly and Enzo (Tatiana) Duva of Clarkston; and grandfather of Angie, Damon, David, Ryan, R.J., Jacob, Enzo and Paula. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren and was the brother of Alfred (Lou) Duva of Florida.

Mr. Duva enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and being a husband, father and grandfather. He loved socializing with friends.

Funeral service was held on December 18, 2004, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Nancy A. Gaffney

Nancy A. Gaffney, of Orion Twp., formerly of Waterford, passed away unexpectedly on December

17, 2004. She was 79 years old.

Mrs. Gaffney was preceded in death by her husband Martin. She was the mother of Linda (Richard) Hurd of Clarkston, Marilyn (Mark) Johnson of Orion, Thomas (Peggy) of Wisconsin and Stephen (Kathryn) of Orion; grandmother of Matthew, Eric, Christopher, Jessica, Michael, Andrew, Alycia, Erin and Alexander; and great-grandmother of Arianna.

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Spiritual

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The immediate forbearer of our American Santa was Dutch tradition about St. Nicholas, or "Sinter Klaas." Traditionally, St. Nicholas was depicted as a tall, dignified ecclesiastical figure riding a white horse. Our Santa Claus — a chubby, bespectacled elf like man, dressed in red — took shape over the course of the 19th century, based on popular poetry and children's books.

The tradition of Santa Claus keeps alive the story of how St. Nicholas tried to live the charity of Jesus many centuries ago, helping the poor, the weak and those in need. It is his love for others, especially the children, that keeps St. Nicholas alive in our traditions and in our hearts as a true disciple of Jesus and an inspiration for all of us.

(Garrett Garcia is a parishioner at St. Daniel Catholic Church.)

In our churches

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Winell St. For more information, call (248) 623-1224.

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

- 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 a.m. 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 Road. For more info, call (248) 625-1323.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Estate of JUNE D. HERSEY TRUST
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 2004-296,428-DE

In the matter of NEVA LADECE COOPER,
Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

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whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 12/17 at 10:22 p.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 before Judge for the following purpose:

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The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following case:

Case #05-0001 Howard O'Brien, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR GROUND SIGN ON NON CONFORMING PARCEL
Sashabaw Rd., C-2
Wendy's (Regency Center)
08-27-400-038

Case #05-0002 Gardner Signs, Inc., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR GROUND SIGN ON NON CONFORMING PARCEL
Sashabaw Rd., C-2
Flagstar Bank (Regency Center)
08-27-400-034

Case #05-0003 Steven Robinson, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FOR 8.5' FOR RUBY TUESDAY'S TO ALLOW FOR CONDOMINIUMIZATION OF SASHABAW CROSSINGS
Sashabaw Rd., OS-2
Ruby Tuesday's (Sashabaw Crossings)
08-22-400-005

Case #05-0004 Gregory Sundell, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VARIANCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2004 FOR A SIZE VARIANCE OF 159 SQ FT TO CONSTRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE ON NEW HOME
Clarkston Rd., Lot 6, R-1A
Walter's Clarkston Orion Acres
08-13-301-006

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk
Katherine A. Poole
Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON, MI 48346

The City Council meeting scheduled for December 27, 2004, has been cancelled due to the Christmas Holidays.

The City Offices will be closed on December 24 and December 27.

The City Offices will also be closed on December 31.

Art Pappas
City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.

Present: Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Ottman.

Absent: Savage, Wylie.

Minutes of November 22, 2004, accepted as presented.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 1, 2004, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of TASERS under Unfinished business.

Bills in the amount of \$52,915.22 approved for payment. Meyland congratulated those parties involved in the Christmas Parade and its success.

Ottman stated she was in contact with Oakland County to see if the City of Clarkston can be added to the Oakland County Web Site. Ottman further expressed concern at dogs being brought to the parades as she had witnessed a confrontation between two animals at the parade. Terri Brendes from the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce stated that "the Chamber would include comments to this issue in any Chamber notices of public events.

Corian Johnston reported that the Cable Board met on December 2 for a final meeting before the public meeting; however, COMCAST representatives were not present. The Cable agreement is pending in January.

Mayor Catallo expressed her appreciation of the Parade committee and the fine results in this year's Christmas Parade of Lights.

Chief Combs distributed the November Police statistics to the Council and discussed variances in the report. Chief Combs thought the Christmas Parade went well with some minor issues. One car was towed away from the front of the Clarkston State Bank. Some barricades were illegally moved. Chief Combs said that these issues would be dealt with at the next parade.

Director Pursley stated that he felt the parade went well. Some barriers were run over. The D.P.W. has been spending time salting and plowing during the recent snows. The City D.P.W. has been assisting Independence Township with salting as the Township's salting equipment was inoperative.

Pursley stated that the lift machine has been used for putting up the Christmas lights and replacing street light bulbs. The D.P.W. has also been resetting breakers on the light poles and putting up banners across South Main.

Resolved That as of December 13, 2004, all calls regarding City business to any of our professional consultants, Planner, Attorney, Engineer, should be made only by the City Manager or department heads.

Dawn Horner and Terri Brendes representing the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the City to assist in deferring costs that the city incurred in the Taste of Clarkston event. Both Ms. Horner and Ms. Brendes expressed their appreciation of the cooperation received from the City during the planning and the day of the event. The D.P.W. and Police Department were noted for their efforts put forth for the Taste of Clarkston held in September.

Resolved That the City Council approve the installation of Clarkston Coalition for Youth banners on the downtown light poles beginning January 20 for approximately one month.

Resolved That the City of the Village of Clarkston adopt the Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies (copy attached to the official Minutes) as required for the Annual Permit for Work on State Highways which covers parades, banner, and other operations as outlined in the Annual Application.

Resolved That the City Council authorize the purchase of one TASER, cost not to exceed \$1,500, and the additional TASER is to be furnished by donated funds. The funds for the City purchased TASER will come from the PBT and Fingerprinting budget income.

Greg Olrich and Ralph Przybylski from the Independence Township Fire Department were present to review the Fire Department's inspections procedures for business structures.

David Huttenlocher was present to discuss plans for converting the apartments on South Holcomb and Washington to a condominium project.

A discussion was held on Bruce Whitmer's placement of rocks at the end of Wompole Ct.

Resolved That the rocks at the end of Wompole Court road be moved back three feet by Bruce Whitmer within seven; if the rocks are not moved back in seven days, the City D.P.W. will move the rocks back five feet and the property owner (Whitmer) will be billed for these services.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas

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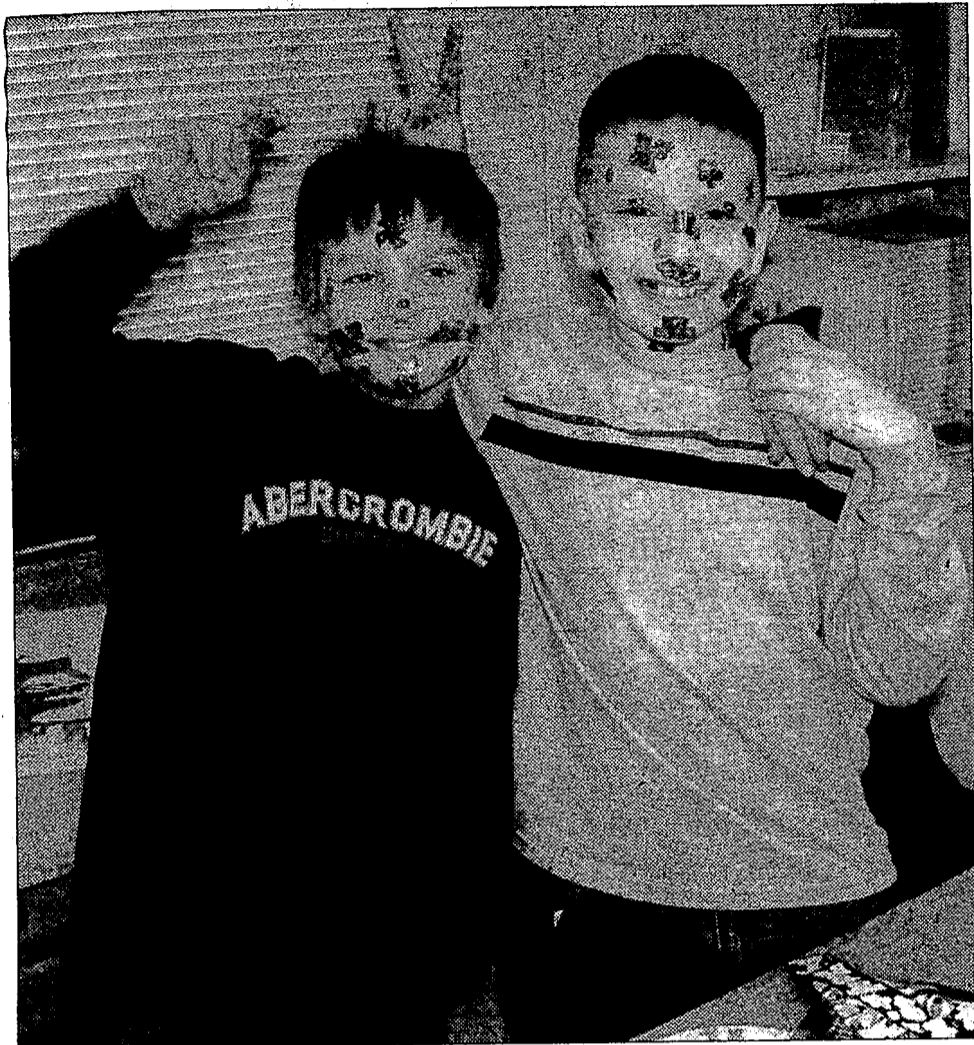


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More holiday fun at elementary school shindigs



Stick 'em up. North Sashabaw Elementary fifth graders Anthony Allen and Tyler Caswell really like decorating for the holidays. Photo by Noah Purcell



Narrator Frances Sobolak leads the Independence Elementary audience through Angela Comp's third grade class play "The Snow Party," adapted from the book *The Snow Party* by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers. Photo by Jenny Matteson



Dancing his way down the aisle in "The Snow Party" is Independence Elementary student Ryan Mantha as Tim Hortons Bakery Man. Angela Comp's third grade class put together the play adapted from the book *The Snow Party* by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers. Photo by Jenny Matteson



Devon Williams, a fifth grader at Clarkston Elementary School, adds sprinkles to his special holiday cookie during the school's holiday party on Dec. 16. Photo by Don Schelske



Students perform in the Bailey Lake Elementary Sing-A-Long. Photo by Christina Ulaj



Sean Farrelly and Veronica Block play a driedel game. Photo by Christina Ulaj

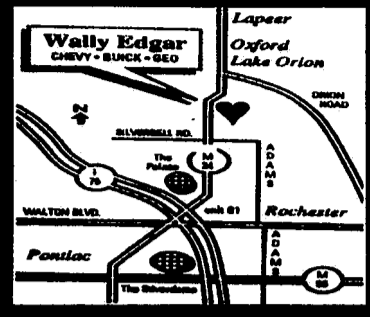
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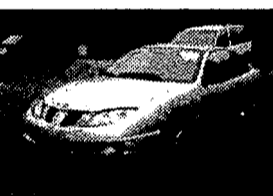
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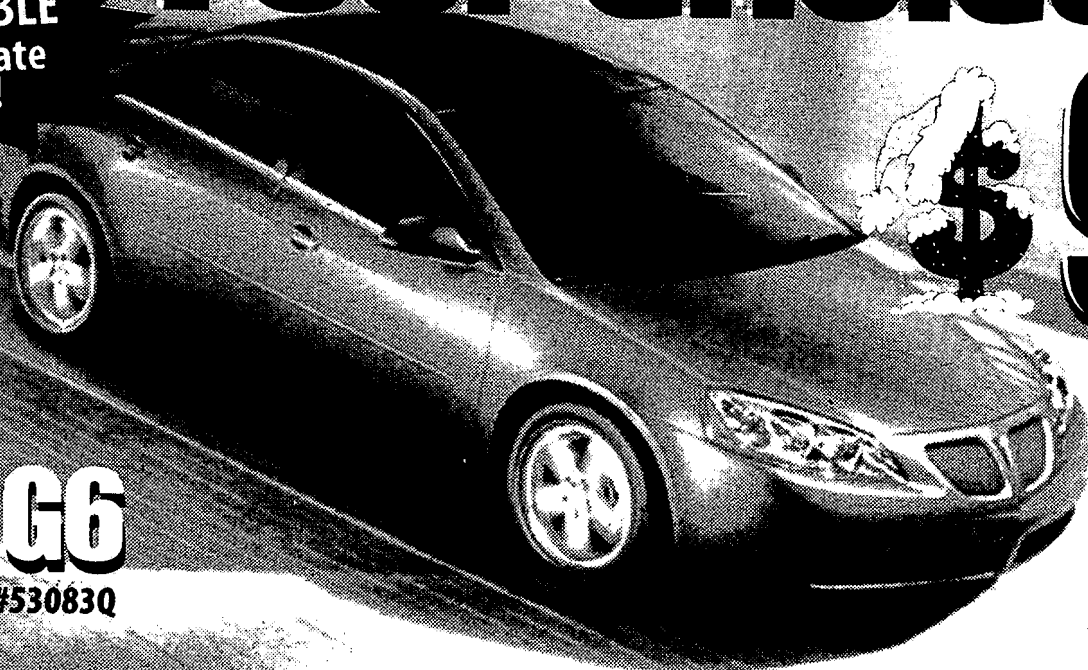
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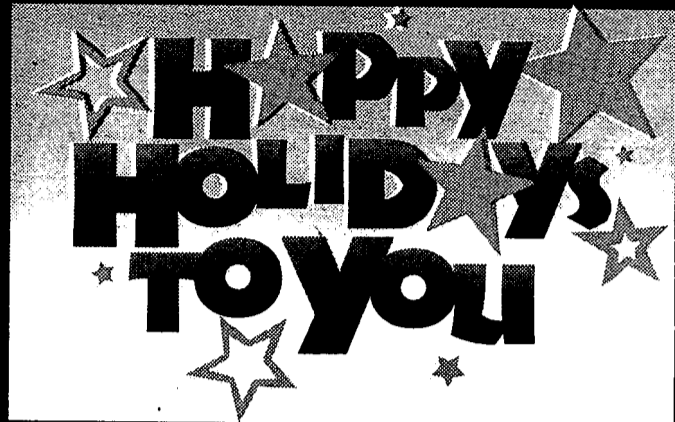
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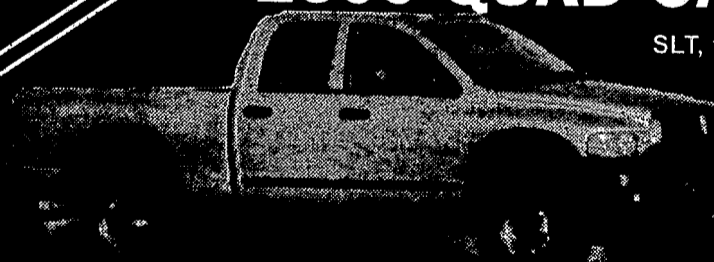
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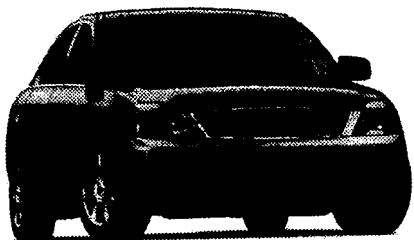
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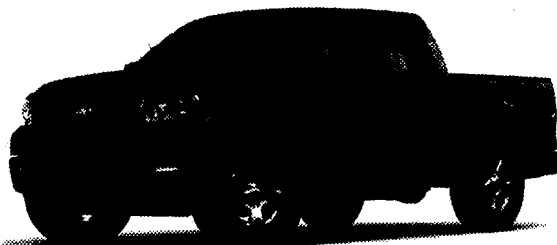
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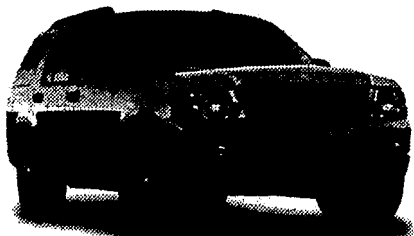
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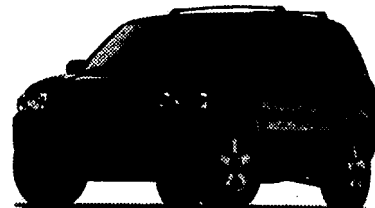
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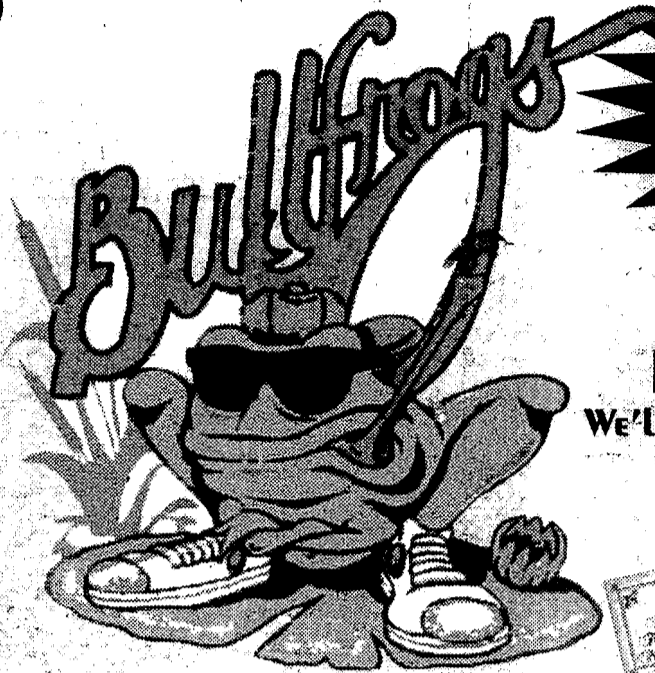
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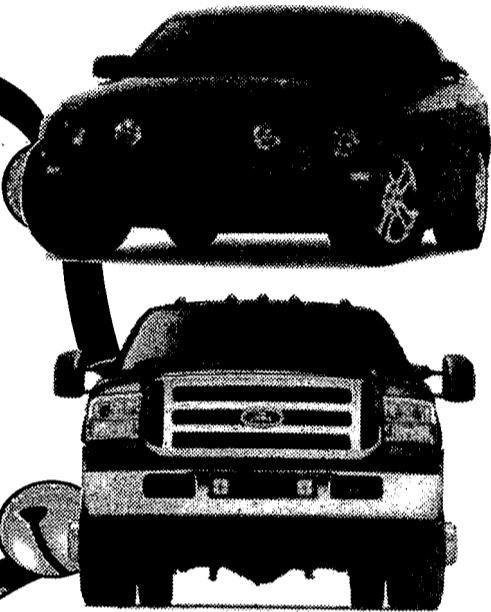
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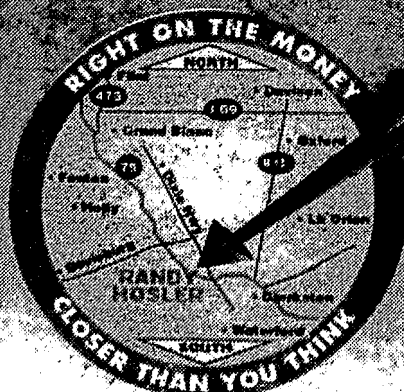


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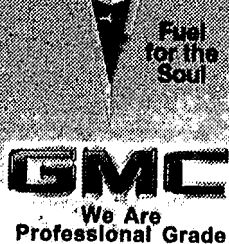
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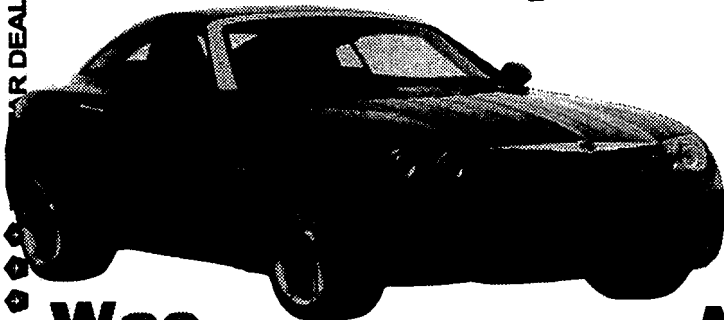
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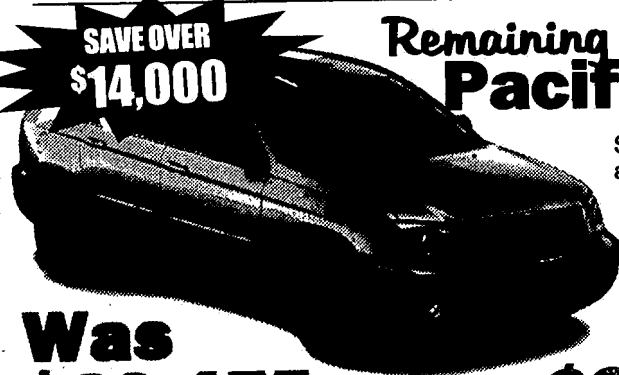
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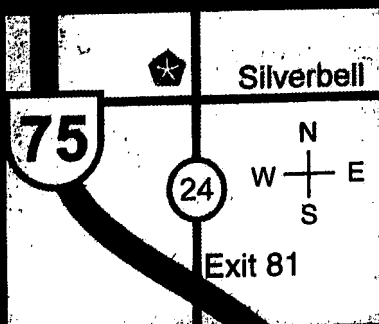
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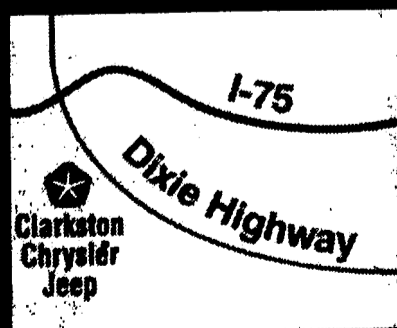
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