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Surviving and thriving in 2004



Doyle Elston shovels snow on the sidewalks of S. Main Street on Dec. 23, the morning after the area's first big snow of the 2004 winter season. The snow made for slow travel for those going to work or trying to finish Christmas shopping. Elston works for Rudy's Market, but after cleaning up in front of the store he decided to keep going past the offices of *The Clarkston News* to make things easier for all pedestrians. Photo by Don Schelske

Looking back over the news stories of 2004, one receives a sense of just how dynamic the Clarkston area community truly is. The City of the Village of Clarkston, Independence Township and Springfield Township are in a constant state of change.

The big news stories for the this great community ranged from the expansion and creation of the boulevard on Sashabaw Road to the creation of curriculums for Clarkston Schools new middle and junior high schools...

from the scandalous letter involving the 52-2 District Court judge's race to the opening of the Independence Township spray park by an international celebrity...

from Clarkston Schools champion sports teams to a former school board member's lawsuit against the district and his eventual resignation...

from the end of a decades-long middle school rivalry to the many staff changes happening right here at *The Clarkston News*.

Yes, oh yes, the Clarkston community has seen some sights. So as you ring in the new year, sit back, relax and enjoy the many headlines of 2004.

January

January 7

Springfield Kroger store back on track: A new shopping center on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township is taking shape, although perhaps not as quickly as some would like to see. A new Kroger store was advertised as being open in November 2003. The new target date is March 2004. A representative said construction did not begin in earnest until about August 2003 because developers were "waiting final approvals."

Clarkston State Bank celebrates fifth anni-

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City council mulls change in M-15 banner policy

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now that the Clarkston DPW has a new lift truck, some city officials fear a greater demand for publicity banners across Main Street (M-15), with greater expense to the city for that service.

At their Dec. 13 meeting, the city council adopted an annual resolution required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (which has jurisdiction over the state highway) for the erection of banners over Main Street near Waldon Road.

Separate from that vote was discussion concerning requests for such banners and the way they may be handled in

the future.

Prior to the purchase of the lift truck, the city DPW always requested help from the Independence Township DPW. That is no longer necessary, according to city DPW Supervisor Bob Pursley.

While there is no charge to erect the banners (which must be purchased by the sponsoring group), some council members wondered if requests might be coming too many and too fast.

In fact, the council rejected a request reported by City Manager Art Pappas from a group wishing to hang a banner on the bridge railing on one side of Main Street.

"It's a safety issue," said Mayor

Sharron Catallo, noting the risk caused by drivers turning their heads to read such a banner.

"It could be ruled an 'attractive nuisance,'" Pappas said.

Pursley said the requests for the Main Street banners are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. When there are time conflicts, banners are sometimes hung back-to-back. While no figures were reported, Pursley said he has been keeping track of workers' time with the lift truck on various tasks, including the hanging of the banners.

City Attorney Thomas Ryan said the council should adopt a formal policy to clarify what kinds of banners will be al-

lowed and how costs will be covered.

In a related issue, the council granted permission for the Clarkston Coalition for Youth to erect banners from Main Street light posts beginning in mid-January.

For approximately one month, the banners will publicize the new slogan, "Each One Reach One ... Connecting for a Better Community." The coalition adopted the "community message" as part of their effort to recruit other groups to promote positive developmental assets among local youth.

Officials noted the installation of the new street lights included the capability of small banners which should not interfere with motorists' visibility.

Millstream

Where are they now?
Find out in this edition.

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Holiday fun at Clarkston Schools

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Sports

Meet this week's Athlete of the Week.

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Wolfpack runners spread cheer to businesses



Members of the Clarkston Wolfpack Running Group took part in their own holiday tradition on Dec. 24. No one in the group can remember how long they have been donning "Santa" hats and running from business to business lightening spirits with Christmas Carols. This year's run featured stops at Kroger, Farmer Jack and Rudy's. Pictured above are Paul Garco, Kathy Noble and Bob Penilo leading a group along Main Street. To see more photos of the group, go online to www.clarkstonnews.com. Photo by Noah Purcell

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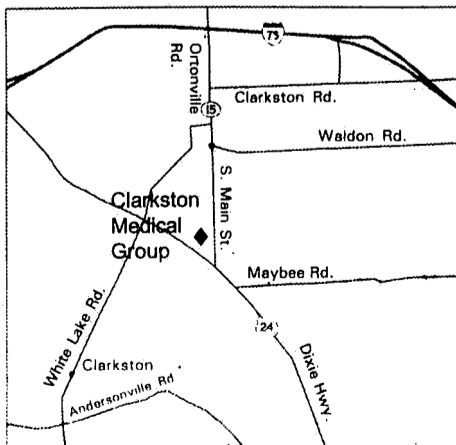
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Briefly

The Clarkston News closed for the holidays

The Clarkston News is closing for the holidays. The office is closed on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the New Year.

The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on January 4. Thanks and have a happy holiday season!

Lighthouse Hospice asking for volunteers

Lighthouse Hospice seeks volunteers to assist patients, families and staff. The Beacons of Hope Volunteer Program provides training and supervision for those who can assist patients and their families living with terminal illness. Opportunities include providing companionship, assisting in various creative projects, office clerical assistance, bereavement support, pet therapy, flower program and quilting.

You can make a difference in our patients and their families lives. Please call 1-800-311-5365 for more information.

Second Seger picture brought to The News

Independence Township native George White stopped by *The Clarkston News* with an update on our quest for the story behind the picture of Bob Seger in front of our office.



White brought in a framed copy of a similar picture which was dispersed through an issue of *Billboard* magazine. Although White could not remember in what issue the promotional shot ran, the picture is copyrighted 1978 Capitol Records Inc.

White, an employee with Clarkston Community Schools, worked for the community relations department of Pine Knob Music Theatre during the summers. He said he enjoyed following the entertainment scene and couldn't pass of keeping a copy of the picture when he saw it in *Billboard*.

Margaret Lavelle Roth passes away

Margaret Lavelle Roth of Clarkston, founder of the Food Town grocery stores, died on Dec. 24 of natural causes. She founded the first Food Town store in 1944 and watched the chain grow to include locations in Pontiac, Waterford Township, Oxford and Clarkston. Roth started out working in supermarkets as a teenager; with a shrewd business mind and hard work she was able to build her empire. Six years ago, Roth sold her stores to Farmer Jack. Today the only store still around is the Farmer Jack on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. Arrangements by Coats Funeral Home in Waterford. Mrs. Roth's full obituary will run in the Jan. 5 edition of *The Clarkston News*.

Correction

In the 75th Anniversary Story of the Dec. 15 edition of *The Clarkston News*, Ron Waldrup is the name of the individual from whom Jerry Darling received the picture of Bob Seger.

Horses heal in Davisburg



Linda Watson, the owner of Pretty Pony Pastures in Davisburg, addresses the crowd about the benefits of therapeutic riding. Her husband, Tom, leads Buttercup around the stable, who is being rode by James Cassar. Photo by Noah Purcell



Pretty Pony Pastures uses the Haflinger breed, which is like a mini-Clydesdale, for therapeutic riding. Here Samantha Carlson gets ready to mount Stella as Linda Watson (left) and Janet Cousins stand by. The muscles stimulated by riding are the same muscles we use to walk. Therapeutic riding has been known to benefit individuals afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis and numerous other ailments. For more information on Pretty Pony Pastures call Linda Watson at (248) 634-7276. Photo by Noah Purcell

Clarkston students show quick thinking in quiz bowl contest

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

On Dec. 1, Clarkston students from all elementary schools came together to compete in the statewide Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl. The students demonstrated quick thinking, preparation, knowledge and teamwork skills.

Clarkston students competed against 54 teams statewide.

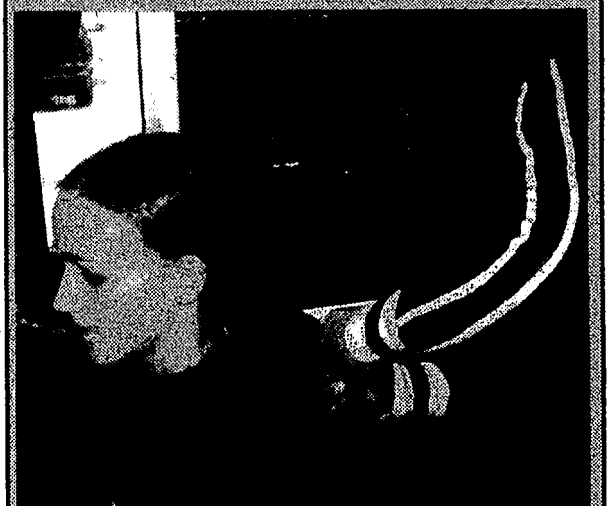
"The competition was exciting," said Susan Banworth, Clarkston Elementary teacher. "Our students did an excellent job representing our school."

The experience was both exciting and challenging. The Quiz bowl is designed for students to have fun while participating in a scholastic event.

Topics covered during the Bowl included math, geography, government, spelling, sports, science, English, literature and history.

Each team gathered around a computer to answer the questions—they were given two chances to answer the questions correctly. Teams were judged based on the pace of their performance.

Sending a 'Lock of Love'



Fifteen-year-old Stephanie Thornstad is in remission from Neuroblastoma cancer. She has been growing her hair out since she was 10 years old. Thornstad decided to donate her hair to "Locks of Love," through Gltz Salon in Auburn Hills. Above, Stephanie Thornstad sits while hair stylist Shauna Gutowski cuts her ponytail. Photo by Christina Ula

Year in Review

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versary: On a cold Monday morning on Jan. 25, 1999, officials gathered at 15 N. Main for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Clarkston State Bank. The bank has made great progress in five years, including expansion to five branches (and another planned for 2004), stock which has risen from \$10 per share to \$16 and involvement in many community organizations.

Millstream: Chuck Fortinberry, owner of Clarkston Chrysler Plymouth Jeep in Springfield Township, was featured for his work as senior co-chairman of the 2004 North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

January 14

MDEQ hears both sides of well debate: Residents packed the meeting room at the Springfield Township Library to voice concerns about a proposed "augmentation well" on Waumegah Lake. Many protesters feared the well would threaten private wells, but representatives of the Waumegah Lake Improvement Board said the group was merely attempting to restore the lake to its court-ordered level of 1,049.9 feet.

Veteran has reunion: World War II veteran and Clarkston resident Nick Lekas had a reunion with three of his fellow veterans in Washington, D.C. They had not seen each other for 52 years, but one of the group used the Internet to track down the others. Telephone conversations led to the in-person reunion.

January 21

Former deputy faces child porn charges: An Oakland County Sheriff deputy assigned to the Springfield Township substation was arraigned on 20 criminal charges about two weeks after he resigned from the department. John Gomez, 43, of Waterford, was accused of using a home computer to download and distribute images of child pornography. Waterford police had previously confiscated computer equipment containing "thousands" of such images.

Patrol investigators start in Independence Township: The Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation now has two new patrol investigators on the road. Deputies Charles Farley and James Bowie will focus on controlling crimes such as vandalism and speeding in area neighborhoods.

Staff 'brainstorms' to revise 6-7, 8-9 curriculum: Two new schools will debut in fall 2005, but not in new build-

ings. The current Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School will have a facelift in philosophy and curriculum, as district officials began discussion of how to turn the former into a building for eighth and ninth graders and the latter for sixth and seventh graders. Among issues to be decided were same-sex classes, accelerated class sequences and earlier requirements for a world language.

January 28

Commission regroups after Springfield fire: A Jan. 20 fire caused the loss of 17 pieces of equipment and severe damage to the Road Commission for Oakland County's Springfield Township garage. The alarm came in about 5:25 p.m., with several agencies assisting the Springfield Township Fire Department. With help from other government units and private services, the commission scrambled to maintain full road maintenance service.

School board to seek \$1.9 million in budget cuts: Clarkston Community Schools set a goal to cut an additional \$1.9 million from the projected 2004-2005 budget. With many details to be worked out, the school board identified a long list of potential moves to either trim services or increase revenue. Possibilities included "pay-to-participate" athletics, elimination of school accreditation, an incentive plan for staff resignations and larger class sizes to reduce the number of teachers.

'New' firefighters stand guard in Springfield Township: Ryan Hart and Matt Strickland are not new, but they were hired for new full-time positions authorized in the 2004 fire department budget. Both were formerly "paid-on-call" firefighters.

Millstream: Jim Evans was featured for his work as president of the Clarkston Foundation.

February

February 4

Administration 'disgusted' by test process: Clarkston school administrators participated in a practice long embraced by students: arguing about the accuracy of their grades. Michigan School Report Cards gave nine Clarkston schools a composite grade of "B." Within that, however, were three elementary schools with "F" grades in "achievement change" and two secondary schools ruled to have fallen short of "adequate yearly progress." Officials said the AYP measurements, especially, were based on inaccurate state record-keeping.

Building permit fee increase approved: The Clarkston City Council ap-

proved an increase in building permit fees on Jan. 26. Starting Feb. 4, fees will increase 30 to 40 percent. Building Inspector Sy Stone said this was the first increase since 1992, and was necessary because of updated codes and the volume of inspections requested.

Millstream: Don Brose was featured for his work coordinating six Junior Optimist Clubs in Clarkston schools. The owner of Brose Electric helped organize the clubs 10 years ago.

February 11

Students will 'pay to play': Clarkston school officials adopted a "conceptual plan" to save \$1.9 million in the 2004-2005 budget. The board vote was not unanimous, however, as Trustee Tony Miller opposed "pay-to-participate" athletics and a yet-to-be-finalized plan to privatize custodial services. The success of the reduction plan will depend, in part, on getting at least 20 top level teachers to agree to a severance package intended to cut personnel costs. Most of the board debate centered on the plan to charge flat fees of \$200 per high school athlete and \$150 per middle school athlete for 2004-2005.

Residents will pay more for water: Residents of Independence Township will soon pay more in water rates, but township officials promised improved service. The water rate per 100 cubic feet was approved for increase from \$1.02 to \$1.35 on March 16, with the one-time connection fee increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 on March 1, then to \$2,600 on June 1.

Resident continues plea for repair of ditch: For the past seven years, Davisburg resident Carole Overall watched the ditch at the bottom of her property continue to grow. The ditch was a result of a long-standing runoff problem from the Big Lake Road property. The Road

Commission for Oakland County widened the ditch and installed a cross-tube, but Overall believes those actions did nothing but create an eyesore.

Millstream: Skip and Carole Wendt were featured for their work with the Spray Masters Water Ski Show Club in Springfield Township.

February 18

School board proposes new cell phone policy: The elimination of a state law banning student use of cellular telephones led the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education to draft their own policy. The policy does not ban possession of the devices, but requires that they be "turned off, stored away and out of sight" during school hours.

Springfield officials continue fight against pipeline: The Springfield Township Board adopted another resolution protesting a plan by Consumers Energy to build a new 36-inch natural gas pipeline through "miles of sensitive wetlands and exceptionally rare natural resource complexes." Officials protested the plan in 2003, but added complaints about the utility company's alleged failure to make significant modifications to their plan before filing with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

February 25

Board approves parks and rec plan: After much discussion, the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department finalized a new five-year master plan. The township board approved the plan, which prioritizes needs such as renovation of the Bay Court Lodge, adding to or replacing the senior citizens center and

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JANUARY -- With the background of a burned dump truck, Road Commission for Oakland County Managing Director Brent Bair briefs reporters the day after a fire damaged the commission's Springfield Township garage. Photo, by Don Schelske



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making progress on long-term use of the Stickney/McCord property. Development of an indoor community center was also again listed as a need. Both a new senior center and the community center were voted down by Independence residents in 2002.

Powerlifters compete in honor of late teammate: The spirit of competition was overshadowed by the spirit of remembrance as the Clarkston High School powerlifting team staged an "internal meet" to raise money in memory of Kelly

Ray Firby. Firby, 17, died in a Nov. 28, 2003 car crash on I-75 near Clintonville Road. Donations were to be used for new equipment for the club sport.

Clarkston schools earn state blue ribbon award: Clarkston High School and Clarkston Middle School are among 13 schools to earn this year's Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School award. Established in 1982 by the Michigan State Board of Education, the program recognizes schools which demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence and significant academic improvement over a five-year period.

Wrestlers win district, advance to regional competition: The Clarkston

wrestling team accomplished one of their goals by capturing the district title. The Wolves won the district by defeating Lake Orion 58-15 and Grand Blanc 64-12.

Millstream: Bill Wint was featured for his work as the "son" in Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home. Wint said the giving spirit was promoted by his parents, and he is attempting to pass it on to his children.

March

March 3

Thomas vows to remain on Oakland Schools board: Despite multiple calls from state and school officials for her res-

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ignation, Clarkston's Janet Thomas vowed to remain a member of the Oakland Schools Board of Education. Also a former member of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, Thomas has served on the intermediate district board since 1994. She was the last of five board members who served during the administration of former superintendent James Redmond, who left office amid charges of financial mismanagement. Thomas said the crisis of credibility is precisely why she should stay, since she had "historically accurate knowledge." Former colleagues from Clarkston schools defended

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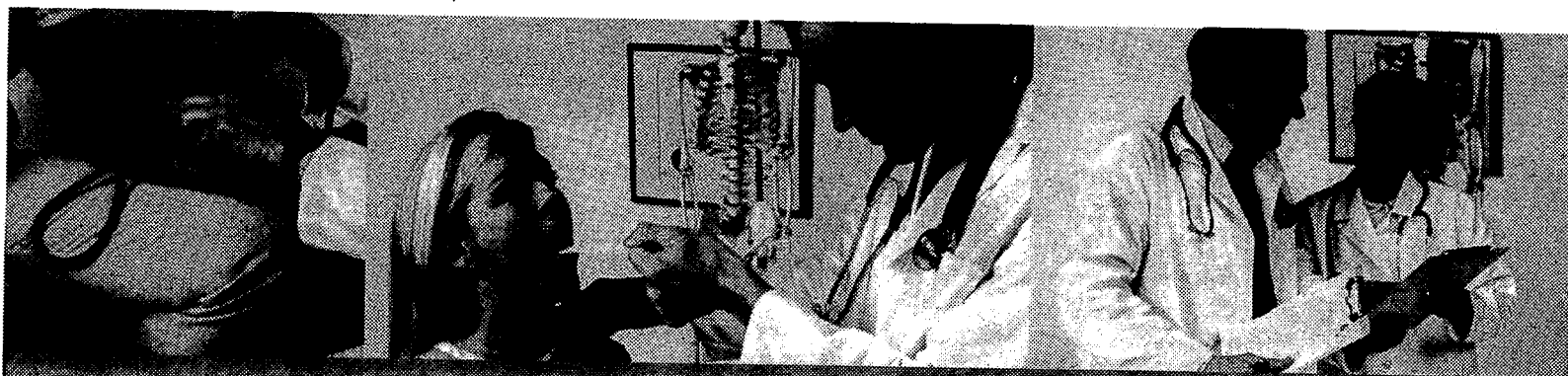
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Opinion

With a grain of salt

Six years have gone by since I, Noah Purcell, controlled the fate of millions. High atop a four story high pile of salt I stood, sweat beading on my brow, in the hottest part of July, 1998.

The days I spent basking in the sun, while working for the Oakland County Road Commission, holding stop signs, filling pot-holes and weedwacking kept me in shape, tanned and introduced me to the most powerful men in the county, the salt truck drivers.

Just imagine what a few flakes of snow would do to Michigan roads if we did not have salt to spread across them. I've seen what it would be like first hand, down south, where a laughable amount of frozen precipitation can shut down a city.

That's why I felt so powerful that day in '98, I was Lord of the Salt, Noah Caesar, and all of the county's winter roads were mine to control.

I should have never descended from my lofty position. I should have become king of the salt hill. My rule would have been one of benevolence - salt would have been doled out fairly and judiciously; children would have arrived safe to school and their parents on time to work. Much like things are today but with one key difference: I would have made mention to people that salt is not a cure-all for winter driving and even if a road is properly salted, it can still be dangerous.

Every winter I pray people have learned their lesson, that they will take note of icy driving conditions and ease off the accelerator just a tad. Yet every winter, the little devil and angel on my shoulders are thrust into a massive debate centering around this central theme: when someone flies by me in a snowstorm, spewing slush from their tires as they fishtail while changing lanes, should I feel bad about wanting to see their car or truck (usually truck) in a ditch a mile up the road?

I do not place all of the blame on the individual. For years here in metro-Detroit, we have been inundated with "drive as fast as you possibly can" advertising. Just last year, the H2 was featured dominating the arctic circle to a pounding techno beat. What did the owners of that neo-Hummer do when they ran out of gas three miles down the ice flow, but I digress.

As salt king, I could wield my power to teach people it doesn't matter what kind of traction control or four wheel drive system a car is outfitted with, ice will always be slippery. Certainly I understand (having lived in Michigan my entire life) getting people to slow their speeds on the roadways is a tough task, but as the salt czar I could teach the lesson with force.

Every year when the first snows came, and my loyal salt truck drivers started pulling on their boots and adjusting the mirrors of their plow trucks, I would stride into the corral and tell them to stay their hands. My voice cracking, I would tell them no salt would fall with the first snow of the year; that people would have to learn the fury of winter first hand without any salty buffer.

All of the children would get a day off from school, and likewise anyone with any sense in them would be able to call in to work. The only people on the roads would be those who felt invincible cozied inside their four wheel drive vehicles.

And those fools who ventured out would be taught a cruel lesson, one they would not be quick to forget - that winter roads are to be thoughtfully navigated, not wantonly bullied through.

When I set the salt truck drivers free upon their bounty of unsalted snow and ice, the scores of people pulled from ditches would greet the winter roads with a new found clarity and we would all be a little safer.

Purcell can be reached at purcellcn@yahoo.com

Started Out Dumb



Noah Purcell

Expo chairperson says thanks

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Chamber I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the individuals and businesses who supported the 18th Annual Business and Community Expo hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Because of your dedication and commitment, this year's Expo was our most successful ever! A special thanks and recognition goes to our corporate sponsors: Al Deeby Dodge, *The Clarkston News*, Oakland Eye Care, Dr. Thomas Biggs, Standard Federal Bank, Slick and Bubba's Elite and Expeditious Websites and Waterfall Jewelers.

I would also like to thank our hospitality sponsors: All Saints Cemetery, Bordine Nursery, Castlewood Custom Homes, *Observer and Eccentric Newspapers*, IGD Solutions, The Impressive Type, Law Offices of Robert and Kelley Kostin, *Oakland Press*, Oxford Bank, TCF Bank, Timeless Designs and Yellow Book. Your generosity helped us to continue to provide an outstanding business and community showcase event.

As a newcomer to the Business and Community Expo, I am grateful for the expertise and support of both the committee and volunteers who made this event run smoothly. The Expo committee members were Bill Burr, Desiree Heck, Robin Brose, Sue Jackson, Carolyn Parcha, Steve Ostrowski and Susan Fryer. They did an outstanding job!

To the volunteers that assisted, I extend the committee's sincere appreciation. I would also like to thank chamber staff members Penny Shanks, Terri Bendes, Val Henderson, Geri Batt and Zoe Aldrich for their hard work and attention to detail.

A special thanks to the Clarkston Community Schools for allowing us to host our event at Clarkston High School; to the CHS janitorial service for their invaluable assistance with the set-up; and to the Clarkston High School Marching Band students and Wrestling team for all their hard work and effort.

To Chef Ramone Herrera, Chef Deb Trudeau and the Culinary Arts students at the Northwest Campus of Oakland Technical for their continued outstanding food preparation and service for the Expo, we extend our deepest appreciation and thanks for a job well done. I would also like to thank the Clarkston High School Band for arranging their schedule to accommodate this year's Expo.

Lastly, I hope all who attended this year's Business and Community Expo had a wonderful time learning all about the local businesses that make our community so unique. I hope, as I am, that you are all looking forward to next year's event!

Sincerely,
Ron Davis

2004 Expo Committee Chairperson

Parent supports accused teacher

Dear Reporter,

Are you sure this was a 10-year-old student? I don't think so! He is at least 12.

This wonderful Teacher was trying to stop a fight between two students. What would they have liked her to do, let it go on?

She is one incredible teacher and she has so many students and parents behind her. I will personally do whatever I can to help and I have talked to so many others that feel the same.

Why is our justice system so quick to judge when

they don't even know her. My son, a seventh grader, was getting an outstanding education from her and now he and so many others suffer because she was accused and only accused!!

Sandy Wilton
Sashabaw Middle School Parent

(Editor's Note: The age of the student referred to in the Dec. 15 article was reported as listed on the Oakland County Sheriff report.)

Dr. O'Neill brings holiday cheer to Sunrise Assisted Living residents



Staff, friends and family from Dr. James O'Neill's office spread a little bit of holiday cheer to the residents of Sunrise Assisted Living. The group sang carols while Santa himself passed around cookies. Louise Farley, 91, enjoys a special moment, and a delicious treat, with the big man himself. Photos by Jenny Matteson



As we enter a new year a look to the past

My wife Jennie is always vigilant for possible column fodder for her very own husband. What follows she sent to me on April 6, 2004 at 9:24 a.m. If it is all true it would be very interesting reading. If it isn't true, it is still interesting.

So, as we say ciao to the year 2004, let's take a look at the past century, in particular the year 1903.

Where we were a century ago. This ought to boggle your mind. The year is 1903, one hundred and one years ago . . . what a difference a century makes.

Here are the U. S. statistics for 1903 . . .

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47.

Only 14% of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200-\$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500-\$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

90% of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost 4 cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen. Coffee cost 15 cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were: 1. Pneumonia & influenza; 2. Tuberculosis; 3. Diarrhea; 4. Heart disease; 5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. One in ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Coca Cola contained cocaine.

Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over-the-counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

18% of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

Anyone could own and carry any gun they could afford, and there were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

Just think what it will be like in another 100 years. It boggles the mind!

Will libraries be converted to museums? Will books be downloaded straight into your consciousness? Will there be newspapers? It would be interesting to see.

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A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1989)

•MEAP scores rank with 1989: Students in the Clarkston area tallied scores consistent with those achieved in last year's Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests. "The students did pretty good," said Dr. Judith Backes, coordinator of staff development and curriculum. "We saw some increases in the new reading tests, and the middle school students fared pretty well."

• Boy charged with manslaughter: A 14-year-old boy has been charged with killing a 15-year-old girl in his Oakvista, Independence Township, home last week. The boy, a Sahabaw Junior High School student, has been charged with involuntary manslaughter. He is being held because he is a minor. The girl, Carmen Blehm of High Street, Independence Township, was shot in the head Dec. 15, while visiting the youth's home.

• Judge's order restrains Deer Lake sewer for now: An Oakland County Circuit Court judge delivered a restraining order to Independence Township last week, so he could investigate a citizens' lawsuit over the Deer Lake sewer proposal. On Dec. 19, Judge Barry Howard prescribed the restraining order after listening to the basis of the suit.

25 YEARS AGO (1979)

• Thayer to give up council post: Michael Thayer, who has served as trustee on the Clarkston Village Council for three terms, will not run for a fourth term of office. Thayer also is an Independence Township trustee.

• Many chop wood to cut fuel costs: As gas and oil costs continue to spiral, firewood sales are better than ever, according to Tom Ritter, owner of Ritter's Farm Market in Independence Township.

"I've noticed an appreciable increase in the amount of wood we sell," says Ritter. "It used to be just a decorative sort of thing for people's fireplaces, but now there are a lot of homeowners proud to say they're using it for fuel."

•Township moves on sheriff's pact: Winding down of Independence Township's police department has begun. The township board unanimously approved a mutual service agreement with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCS) and elimination of local coverage on weekends at last week's meeting.

50 YEARS AGO (1954)

•Car accident fatal to local man: A car accident on the Dixie Highway on Christmas Eve took the life of Harold E. Weston, 43, of 105 Wompole Drive, Clarkston. He was born in Lapeer on June 29, 1911, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weston.

• State Police Offer Safety Movie: A new traffic safety moving picture, "According to the Record," produced by the Michigan State Police is now ready for distribution. The 16 mm film, in color and sound, is intended for showing before all age groups, although the theme primarily concerns drivers of 25 years of age or less.

•Fire Department Answers Call: On Thursday night of last week, about midnight, the Independence Township Fire Department answered a call to the B. F. Evans Equipment on the Dixie Highway. They fought the blaze until about three in the morning.



Happy New Year from the grandchildren of Jottings' 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 Jottings topic.

Year in Review

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Thomas' position.

Local deputies increase action: There are notable decreases in some crime reports in Independence and Springfield townships in 2003, but Oakland County Sheriff statistics show more overall calls handled by deputies. While it's scientifically impossible to document what crimes were prevented, there were fewer incidents of criminal sexual conduct, assault, burglary, malicious destruction of property and disorderly conduct in Springfield Township in 2003. Independence Township also saw a decline in the assault, burglary, larceny and vehicle theft categories.

Local pastors promote 'Passion': Clarkston area churches contributed to the early success of "The Passion of the Christ" by renting theaters and giving away tickets to the film, but the box office numbers were not the primary focus. Local pastors reported a good number of people coming with questions about the Christian faith, and some churches planned followup sessions in their worship services.

Jury convicts area auto dealer after sexual assault: Springfield Township resident Thomas Dittrich, 36, was convicted of criminal sexual assault on Feb. 26. Charges included six counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct and one charge of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, all stemming from encounters with a 13-year-old girl in his home.

DeGain likes team's chances at state finals: For the first time since 1997, only one year removed since current coach Joe DeGain wrestled under his father, Mike, the Wolves will compete at the Michigan high school state tournament. The Wolves impressed a crowd at Rochester High School by winning the regional title by defeating Troy in the semifinal and West Bloomfield in the final.

Clarkston netters carry share of league title into districts: The Clarkston High School varsity volleyball team capped their regular season by going 4-1-1 in a weekend tournament at Andover High School. While losing in the final round of that tournament, they captured a share of the OAA I league title by going 10-2 in league play, sharing the title with Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Hockey Wolves claim share of league title: Five senior hockey Wolves played their last regular season game of their careers as they led Clarkston to a 6-3 win over Brother Rice and a 16-4-4 season record. They shared the OAA I championship title with Birmingham Unified.

Millstream: Monsignor Robert Humitz was featured for his more than 40 years as a Roman Catholic priest and more than 10 years as pastor of St. Daniel's Catholic Church in Clarkston. He planned to retire (but not simply fade away) in June.

March 10

Independence board concerned about pipeline: Count Independence Township as another local government concerned about plans for a new Consumers Energy natural gas pipeline. On March

2, the township board authorized attorney Steve Joppich to intervene on their behalf. Six miles of the 36-inch pipeline would go through Independence Township, and officials voiced concern about lack of information about the plan.

Sashabaw businesses prepare for road work: Some proprietors feared loss of business, one looks forward to more business and others simply had lots of questions concerning plans for Sashabaw Road reconstruction. Groundbreaking for the \$9.6 million road widening project was slated for March 10, and the Road Commission for Oakland County issued an advisory for motorists to seek alternate routes through November.

McLean opts not to seek reelection to school board: With an April 8 deadline to file nominating petitions, Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education President Karen Foyteck announced her intention to seek another four-year term. Trustee Mary Ellen McLean, however, said she will bow out after eight years. In adopting a resolution setting the final June school election (a new state law requiring changes in 2005), the board also voted to include a ballot question seeking a two-year, 4.5-mill renewal of the "non-homestead" property tax for school operations.

Morin's hat trick helps Wolves capture regional: Clarkston wrapped up its second consecutive regional hockey title by beating Traverse City West 8-1. Senior Steve Morin was seemingly everywhere on the ice, scoring the game's opening goal and two others.

CHS volleyball team wins district title: Not a bad first year for Kelly Avenall. The volleyball coach led the Wolves to their second consecutive district title with wins over Fenton and Holly on March 6 at Holly High School.

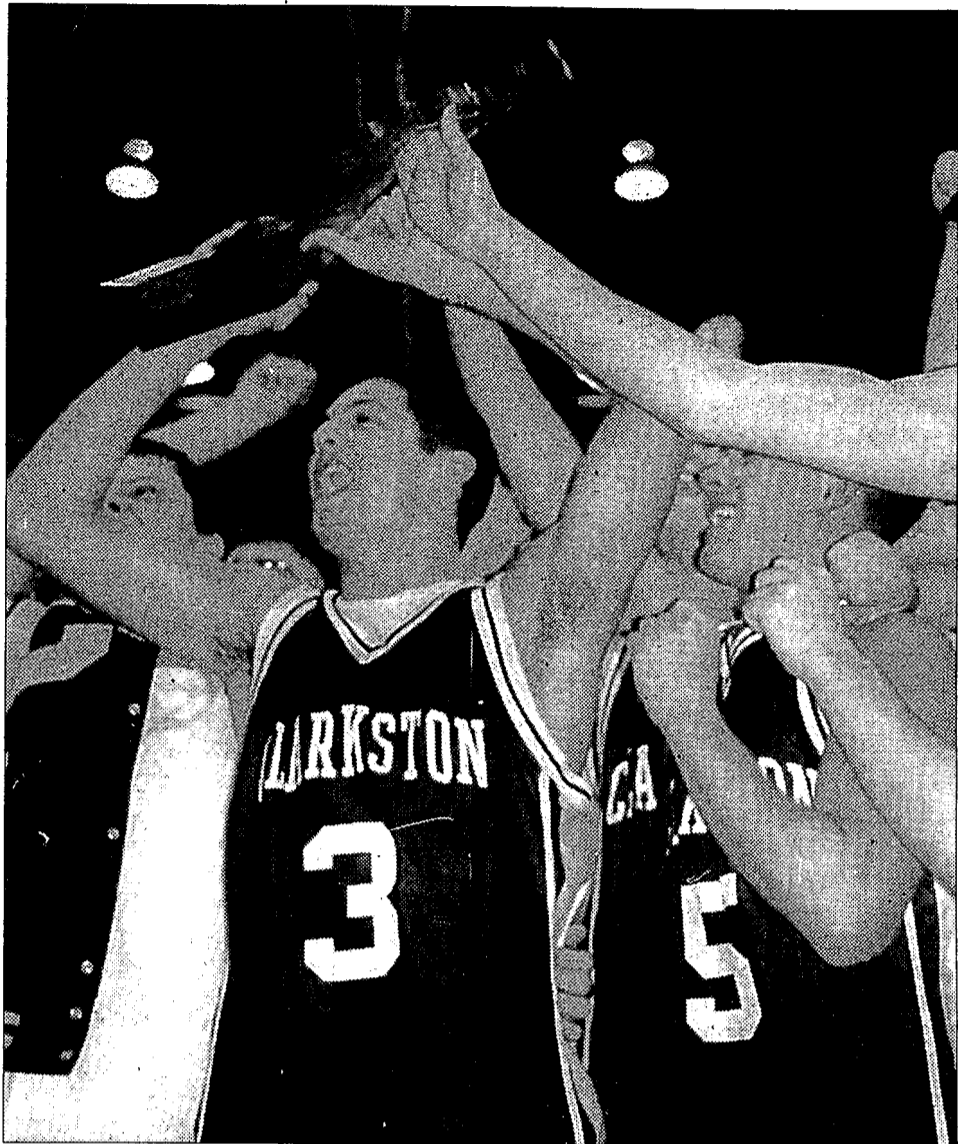
Wolves bring league hoops title into districts: There's a definite favorite in the Lapeer East basketball district, and it wears the colors blue and gold. The Wolves wrapped up the OAA I title on March 5 with a 90-61 win over Ferndale. Last year, the Wolves ended the season in a three-way tie for the league title.

Millstream: Lifelong Clarkston area resident Mollie Lynch was featured for her work as director of the Independence Township Library.

March 17

McCrary decides not to seek another term: While Independence Township Treasurer Jim Wenger announced that he would seek another term, Clerk Joan McCrary decided not to seek reelection. McCrary was appointed to the vacant clerk's position 16 years ago, then earned reelection three times.

Handwriting curriculum to return to old methods: Clarkston teachers were encountering problems in leading children to move from block printing to cursive handwriting. Using a transitional method called "D'Nealian" printing, students in recent years were encouraged to add "monkey tails" to printed letters, but many did not make the transition. School officials presented a new approach with some old twists as the board of education adopted "Handwriting Without Tears" at a cost of \$30,000.



MARCH -- Ryan Kaltz (3) and Kyle Rademacher (5) are all smiles after the Wolves' regional basketball victory. Photo by Ed Davis

Clarkston soldier's family thanks CMS student pen pals: Seventh graders at Clarkston Middle School were given the assignment to write a letter to a soldier serving in Iraq. Instead, they created a wealth of support, needed items and whoopee cushions. Chris and Julie Thomas, parents of Spc. Evan Thomas, visited students to thank them for their hard work.

Lajoie, L'Amoreaux win wrestling state titles: Six Clarkston varsity wrestlers headed to the Palace of Auburn Hills to go up against the best the state of Michigan had to offer. Two Wolves proved they were just that. Senior Tony Lajoie (130) and junior Braden L'Amoreaux (140) each took first in their respective weight classes, Lajoie for the second year in a row.

Hoops captures 11th straight district title: The Clarkston High School varsity basketball team spent the first four and a half minutes searching for their first field goal. But Waterford Kettering spent the rest of the game trying to stop Brad Goodman and Chris Johnson. The Wolves

earned their 11th consecutive district title with the 69-57 win.

Millstream: Keith Clement was featured for his work as president of the Clarkston Athletic Boosters, a group which has donated \$250,000 to school teams over a six-year period.

March 24

Officials set to revisit senior center issue: Independence Township officials and area seniors are once again planning to revisit the issue of new senior center facilities. The township Senior Advisory Committee is recommending a new building with an adequate basic structure, then adding on as expanded needs can be demonstrated and dollars are available. The committee said they do not want to combine the proposal with other township building needs, such as those defeated by voters in 2002. Supervisor Dale Stuart agreed with the need for a new senior cen

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December 21: Check fraud at TCF Bank on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road. Someone made unauthorized checking account drafts for \$600.

Fraud report at Country Cords on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road. Someone used two altered or fraudulent \$100 travelers checks.

December 22: Larceny at Clarkston Medical Center on Dixie Highway near M-15. An employee said someone took two credit cards and \$75 cash from her purse which was on a storage shelf.

Credit card fraud on Parview. Someone made unauthorized charges totalling \$1,811.

December 23: Arrests for larceny from vehicle, larceny-tampering with mail, possession of marijuana and possession of hallucinogens (mushrooms) on Perry Lake Road. A resident reported suspicious footprints

around his parked vehicle. Deputies followed the footprints to a Dale Court address, where they found a 19-year-old Clarkston man and an 18-year-old East Lansing man in possession of cash and items stolen from vehicles and sealed mail from mailboxes, as well as suspected illicit drugs. Formal charges were pending.

December 24: Stalking complaint on Pineridge. Four parents are accused of harassing a cooperative nursery director with actions such as a gift bag with an obscene note and contents.

December 25: Discharge of deputy's firearm to put down injured deer on Waterford Hills Terrace.

December 26: Assist fire department at medical call at Pine Knob Ski Resort for a fallen skier.

Attempted breaking and entering at Bridgewater apartments.

Larceny of \$30 worth of gasoline at the Shell station on Main Street.

Family trouble on Bristol Lane.

Fires damage 3 homes

Oakland County Sheriff deputies assisted the Independence Township Fire Department in three recent house fires, with none resulting in injuries.

An unoccupied Clintonville Road home caught fire on Dec. 23, and deputies closed the road as firefighters worked the scene. A fire captain told deputies that the apparent accidental fire started in the kitchen.

A Columbia resident awoke to the smell of smoke on Dec. 25, discovering fire behind a wall near the fireplace. He and his 12-year-old son escaped unharmed.

A Dec. 26 incident on Mann Road was reportedly caused by a resident emptying burning ashes onto the mobile home deck. He apparently thought the snow would extinguish the embers, but they melted part of the home's siding.

Rollover crash traps 2

County deputies had to kick in a rear windshield to rescue passengers covered in snow after their vehicle rolled over on northbound I-75 north of Sashabaw Road.

The incident occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on Dec. 24. Deputies found the car on its roof about 75 feet off the roadway with two passengers inside. One gasped for air after being uncovered, sheriff reports said.

Deputies then followed the driver's footprints to a Clarkston Road address, where they found the 22-year-old Clarkston man hiding behind a truck.

Deputies turned the suspect over to the Michigan State Police, which has jurisdiction on I-75. The state police report was not complete as of Monday, but a spokesperson said the driver was suspected of operating while intoxicated.

Details on the occupants' injuries were also unavailable from state police on Monday.

Unarmed robber gets cash from BK

A woman wearing a ski mask successfully robbed the Burger King restaurant on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road on Dec. 21, escaping with a total of \$892 in cash, according to Oakland County Sheriff reports.

The suspect entered the restaurant at about 7 a.m., ordering employees to the back of the store. Although she neither displayed nor implied a weapon, employees obeyed her orders to open the restaurant safe, from which she took the currency and rolled coin.

While the suspect was taking items from the safe, an employee dialed 9-1-1, but the suspect apparently noticed and the employee hung up before giving any

information to dispatchers.

After taking money from the cash registers, the suspect put all the money in a Burger King bag and left the store, walking toward the north side of the building.

The suspect was described as a white female, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 160 pounds with medium build and medium length blonde hair. She wore a dark ski mask, dark coat and brown hiking boots.

A drive-through clerk previously noticed a silver sedan, possibly a Ford Taurus, in the area, and reports said a similar incident occurred the previous week in Waterford.

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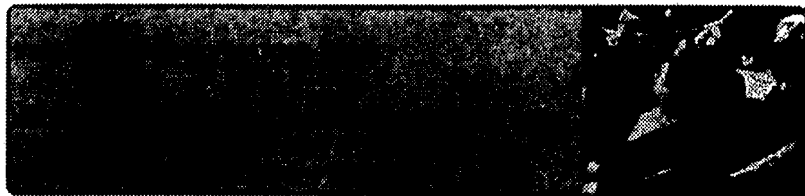
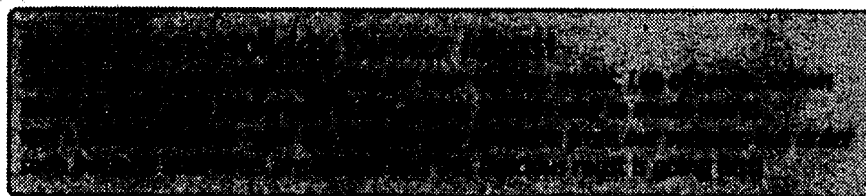


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ter and vowed to "explore all our options."
Sportsmen's club struggles to pay for river cleanup: An environmental cleanup project is proceeding, but representatives of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club believe the cost will threaten their charitable giving. While not admitting responsibility, the club is trying to pay for dredging of the nearby Clinton River to remove lead particles in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The project came about after dead swans were found in the area in 2000. The club believes the bill could come to \$200,000, but they had raised only about \$55,000.

Local Guardsman serves 3 tours of duty overseas: Maria Timmerman, a special education paraeducator at Clarkston High School, has learned a lot about patience over the past several years. Warren "Bill" Timmerman, her husband, is a staff sergeant with the 1775th Military Police Company of the Michigan National Guard based in Pontiac. The 27-year veteran was serving his third tour of overseas duty at age 54.

Clarkston hoops team returns to quarterfinals: The Wolves playoff run continued with a 74-55 regional championship win over Chippewa Valley, which improved Clarkston's record to 20-4 overall and put them in a rematch with Flint Carman-Ainsworth for the state quarterfinals for the second consecutive year.

April

April 7

Board member Miller protests termination of two custodians: Clarkston school board member Tony Miller voted against terminating two district custodians at the regular monthly meeting. The termination of the two employees was part of an entire personnel package which included 39 certified teachers and 15 support staff members accepting the district's early buy-out offer, and the layoff of two language arts teachers. Since Miller disagreed with the custodial firings, he voted against the entire package.

Robber hits TCF Bank: Despite numerous witnesses, police faced a difficult search for the man who took \$7,000 from the Dixie Highway branch of TCF Bank on April 4. The incident occurred around 2:20 p.m. and the man was caught on surveillance video; however, he was wearing a disguise. In addition to local investigators, the Federal Bureau of Investigation also responded to the incident.

Sex offender has day in court: A high-profile sexual conduct case made its way through the judicial system this week. Independence Township resident Guy Robert Erdrum was sentenced by Oakland Circuit Judge Raece Chabot to 18 3/4 to 30 years in prison for 12 counts of

sexual assault on children ranging in age from 18 months to 12 years old.

April 14

Fired custodians claim 'harassment': Steve Partlo, an 18-year-employee and custodian representative to the Clarkston Association of Support Personnel, and Diana Webb, a five-year-employee, claimed they were fired unjustly by school administrators on March 9, and included on an April 5 school board personnel report, in "retaliation" for their union-related activities.

Community garden may bloom again in two locations: The Independence Township board approved on April 13 the "concept" of a garden at the township-owned McCord property to be under the management of master gardeners and the Michigan State University Extension Service. The garden had previously been used by the 52-2 District Court and Community Corrections as a place to send nonviolent misdemeanor offenders. The board also received information that a second location is currently being considered for the court-based garden.

In response to residents' complaints... Independence Township to revisit sound ordinance: Due to complaints from residents in the Deer Valley subdivision, the Independence Township Board of Trustees revisited their sound ordinance. A subcommittee was created to investigate the noise problem and bring recommendations to the board.

April 21

Stuart seeks fourth term as supervisor... Trustee Rosso also seeks more years: Independence Supervisor Dale Stuart and Trustee Larry Rosso each announced his intent to seek another term in office. Stuart was looking for his fourth, while Rosso was seeking a third.

'Gumball bandit' caught: Jerome H. Dyczkowski, a 62-year-old Lake Orion man, was arraigned on April 16 with a \$5,000 cash bond for allegedly stealing money from gumball-style vending machines at the Independence Township Kroger. He was arraigned on a charge of breaking and entering the coin-operated vending machines.

Candidates prepare for school board campaign: Five candidates began campaigning for two four-year seats on the Clarkston Schools Board of Education: Jeffrey Allsteadt, Barry Bomier, Karen Foyteck, Joan Patterson and Diane Weller.

April 28

Passerby alerts family to multi-vehicle fire: The Pass family, on Parview Drive, will always be grateful to Jason Fogerty. Fogerty alerted the sleeping family to a fire in their garage. The family was able to get out of the home before the fire spread.

CHS set to remove pop from cafeteria: Clarkston Schools will remove all carbonated beverages from the



MAY -- Tony Miller gave up his fight to be both a school board member and an assistant football coach.

high school cafeteria's vending machines and soda fountains on July 1. The plan was to replace the beverages with water, juice and sports drinks.

DPW clerk resigns saying it was 'horrible experience'... Director Richardson believes situation blown out of proportion: Denise King resigned from her position as DPW clerk stating "it was a horrible experience" after working only two days on the job. King, who was hired by the board earlier in the month, claimed she was treated rudely and coldly by the DPW staff. The DPW hired Nicky Shann to replace King on April 26.

Kohut to run for Independence Trustee: Michael Kohut announced his intent to run for trustee as a Republican in the Aug. 3 primary.

Schram lead Clarkston golfers in county tournament: Jackie Schram medaled in the Oakland County Golf Tournament with a 13th place finish. She shot a 93.

May

May 5

Springfield Oaks is new site for 'community garden': The paperwork was completed and the site work began on the new 52-2 District Court and Community Corrections "community garden." An agreement was

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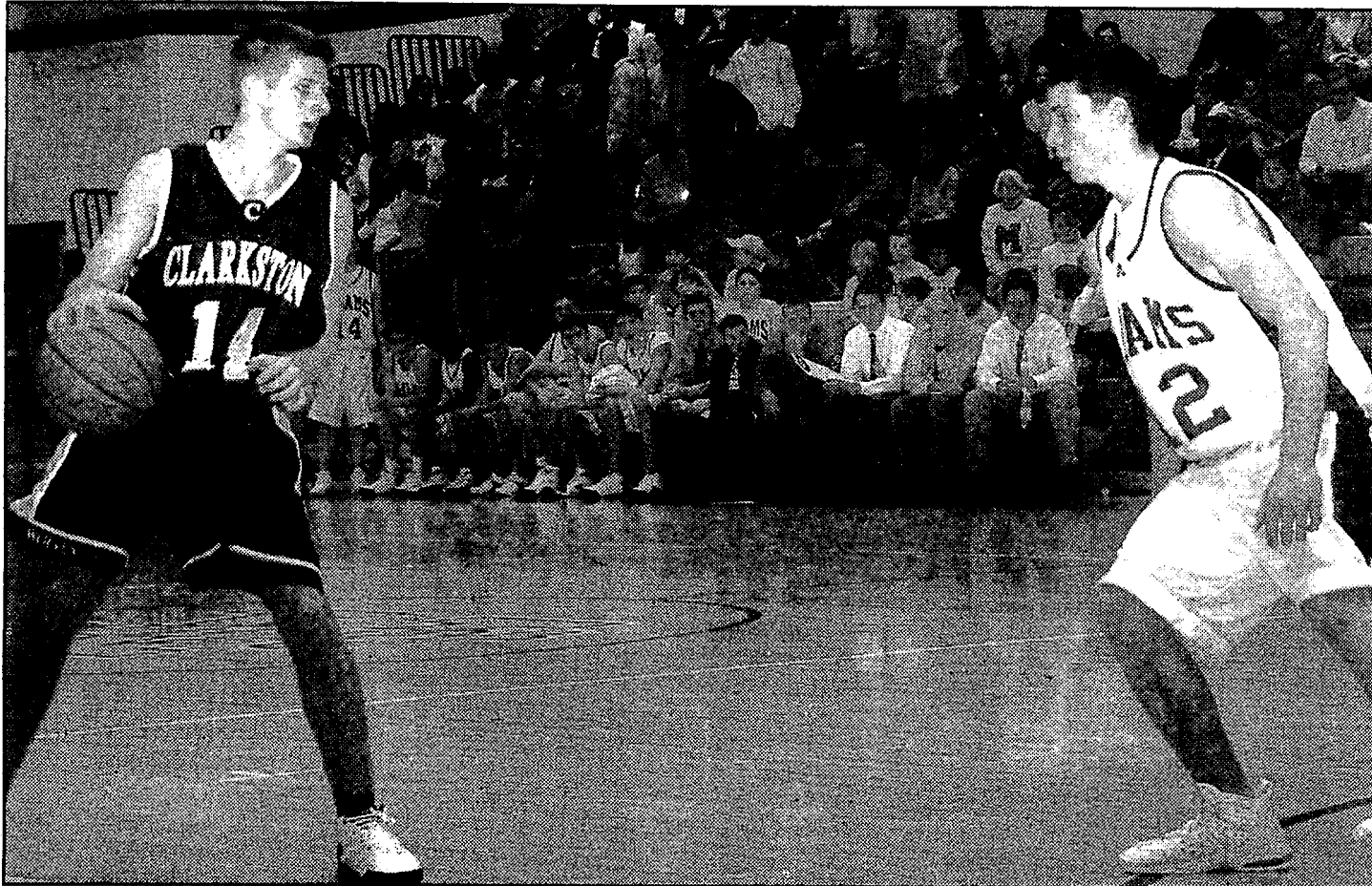
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Athlete of the Week - Robbie Clark



Robbie Clark in action earlier this year against Rochester Adams

Senior Robbie Clark is the Athlete of the Week for his play in the Wolves 83-63 win at Flint Central. Clark poured in 20 points for the second straight game to bring Clarkston's record to 4-0.

"If we are playing a good team, we have to beat them, but if we are playing a bad team, we have to beat them by more," said Clark. "People don't understand the pressure we are dealing with being so highly ranked."

Basketball, has always been a part of Robbie's life: when he was an infant his Grandmother gave him a small basketball to dribble around the crib. According to Clark, he has been shooting since he was three. In second grade, Clark got his first taste of organized hoops in the McGrath league.

Clark has lived with his parents, Harriet and Max, in Clarkston for 17 years. He has two siblings: Meredith who is 15 and Jordan who is 12.

Robbie has several offers on the table from Division II and III schools, but will not make up his mind about college until after basketball season. When he does get to college, he would like to study law and communications with a focus on media.

In his spare time, Clark enjoys hanging out with friends and watching movies. "Collateral" and "Catch Me If You Can" were two of his most recent favorites.

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One holiday tradition we can all live without

By Ernie Harwell

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,419 people were killed and 700,000 others were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the U.S. last year.

Perhaps the saddest news of all is that more alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur during the holiday period than any other time during the year. But it's important to remember that people typically don't plan to be impaired drivers. It's even more important to remember that everyone can plan ahead to make sure it doesn't happen.

If you plan to celebrate with alcohol, here are tips to help you enjoy a safer holiday season:

- * Avoid situations where there is a likelihood that you will drink and drive.
- * Find someone to be your designated driver before you take that first drink.
- * Ask for juice, a soft drink or coffee after you have an alcoholic drink or two.
- * Decide on a limit, such as two drinks, and stick to it.
- * If you have difficulty stopping, call a friend before you take the first drink — you may even decide not to take it. Simply put, if you'll be drinking, have a plan. It's the best way for you and others to celebrate and be safe. 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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SMS spreads spirit to seniors

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff

The Sashabaw Middle School Student Leadership and Council group visited with Seniors at the Independence Township Senior Center on Dec. 7.

A significant role of the group is designed to provide community service opportunities for students. With this in mind, middle school students pulled up their sleeves and spent the day entertaining Independence seniors with a Christmas Sing-a-long, and arts and crafts. Many students sat and listened while the seniors spoke of life and history.

"We wanted to come to a senior center so kids can visit and learn from them," said Sue Wilson, group sponsor. "I think it is very important."

The group coordinators tried to tie in history with the visit at the center. They hoped students would make connections with World War II and The Great Depression by hearing the stories from the source.

"It's wonderful to be with young people," said Harold Buckindail, Senior Center participant. "Being with these children is very rewarding."

The Sashabaw Middle School students made quite an impact that morning, and everyone parted with a smile.

"It was a very good experience," said SMS student Andrea Diemert. "I never thought of doing something like this before and it turned out to be a great thing to do."



Sashabaw Middle School Students, Alexa Gentile and Ariel Croney enjoy spending the day at the Independence Township Senior Center to celebrate the holiday with crafts, laughs and songs.

Photos by Christina Ulaj



Fern Schultz and Shayla Woody paint crafts together.



Sashabaw Middle School student, Kevin Kelly listens closely as John Nicholson shares stories of his life.



Frank Pfeiffer, Zach O'Toole, Scott Messer and Courtney Morse share stories and memories at the senior center.

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Year in Review

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reached with the Oakland County Parks and Recreation and Oakland County 4-H to locate the garden in Springfield Oaks County Park.

Candidates file petition for judge position: Four candidates filed petitions to fill the seat left vacant by retiring Judge Michael Batchnik at the 52-2 District Court: Jason Douglas, Larence Kozma, Magistrate Kelley Kostin and Magistrate Colleen Murphy.

Despite bad weather, 'Walk and Roll' raises big funds, support: The 2004 SCAMP Walk and Roll, despite cold temperatures and scattered rain showers, raised more than \$15,000. The event saw an encouraging large turnout.

May 12

School board member Miller resigns: Tony Miller chose to resign from the Clarkston School Board deciding that the fight on the football field was more important than the fight in the political and legal arenas.

Teacher of the Year: Jill Santola was selected as the teacher of the year by the Clarkston Foundation and Suburban Ford of Waterford. She received a new car and a group hug from many of her students.

Independence board aims for \$1.4 million senior center: The Independence Township Board discussed the option of building a new senior center on land near the Independence Township Library owned by the school district. The board planned to ask the schools for an extension of the township property line south 200-300 feet. They also planned to ask the schools for an easement for road purposes that is 50-100 feet in width running along the east border of the library property.

Child porn deputy to serve jail time: Former Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy John Gomez was sentenced to one year in county jail, an additional year of house arrest with electronic tether, three years probation and 500 hours of community service by Oakland County Circuit Judge Nanci Grant. Gomez was found guilty of multiple felony charges.

Local same-sex couple hopes to promote awareness with holy union: Heidi Barnette and Angela Kurtz stood in front of the Oakland County Courthouse and participated in a "holy union" ceremony to recognize International Day of Clergy Support for Same-Sex Marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Deb Dysert of Clarkston's Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church on April 27.

Millstream: Cheryl Pellici highlighted the efforts to bring back the Clarkston Jaycees, an international organization devoted to "leadership training through community service."

May 19

County to decide if road will close: Independence Township residents gathered to voice their opinions on the possible closing of Campfire Circle, a street connecting Lake Waldon Village and Spring Lake subdivisions. Many residents argued the street was being used as a cut through with high levels of traffic, vandalism and speeding. Other individuals were against the closing arguing safety and emergency access concerns.

Whoopie Bowl cited as 'dangerous building': Springfield Township officials scheduled a "show cause" hearing for June 10 for the Whoopie Bowl on Dixie Highway to answer for allegedly failing to answer an order from hearing officer John Steckling. The "finding of fact" from the 2003 hearing found that the building had seven specific "defects" such as a partially collapsed roof and obstructed doorways.

Millstream: Jenna Hart and Matthew Prunte were selected as this year's Young People of the Year in Clarkston as part of the 19th annual Michigan Week Community awards breakfast on May 19. The event was sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

May 26

Springfield birthday party attracts good crowd: Springfield Township enjoyed a birthday bash that featured a parade down Broadway followed by "day in the 'burg'" with local businesses, historic building tours and entertainment. The "Happy Birthday, Springfield" event

was May 22.

Woman dies after vehicle crash on Dixie: Joni Be Daley, 44, of Sterling Heights, was pronounced dead after a crash early May 23. Police believed Daley may already have been unconscious when her car left the roadway on northbound Dixie Highway then collided with parked cars at Bridge Lake Auto Parts just north of Cobblestone.

Schools study senior center land deal: The Clarkston Schools administration was authorized to "investigate the impact" a land deal with Independence Township would have on the district's future needs. The township requested 2.5 acres of land between the township library and the school district's administration building.

Board hears other side of sound debate: Passing a new sound ordinance in Independence Township was tabled once again after outdoor recreational vehicle own-

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ers came to the May 18 board meeting and let their voices be heard. The issue was brought forth by residents of the Deer Valley Subdivision.

Board hopefuls to meet in candidate forum: The League of Women Voters Oakland Area hosted a candidate forum on May 26 for those running for the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education.

Millstream: John Cocciolone, president and CEO of Easter Seals-Michigan, was featured for his 20 years of work with the organization. He also won the prestigious Medders award from the national charity.

Next week:
More 'Year in Review 2004'

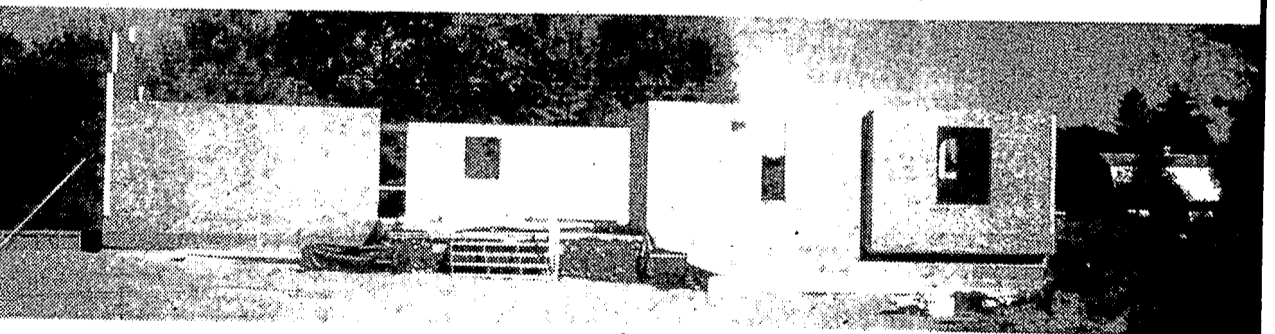
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Carolers from St. Anne's Catholic Church Youth Group showcase their holiday spirit by singing Christmas songs in front of Village Apparel & Gifts in downtown Clarkston. Photo by Christina Ula

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Springfield government to be more active with lake boards

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township government will soon take a more active role in the administration of lake improvement boards.

Some of the details will not be worked out until early 2005, but trustees on Dec. 5 agreed to at least house records of what Supervisor Collin Walls calls "quasi-governmental" agencies.

By next March, trustees are expected to revise guidelines for the township representative to Springfield's four lake boards.

Walls put the issue on the township board's October agenda based, in part, on a proposed Senate bill intended to change the makeup of the lake boards.

While state law allows for the creation of lake improvement boards, the same law does not specifically address issues such as record keeping. The first draft of the proposed bill would have given municipalities more responsibility in that area, but at the last board meeting, Walls said changes to the bill have eliminated that revision.

In Oakland County, the drain commission handled many administrative functions until late 2002 and early 2003 at no charge to the residents. Now, there seems to be little consistency in administration.

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

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

"When we don't have all the information, that is very frustrating," Treasurer Jamie Dubre said. "We are billing them, we are collecting, we are holding the money, but we do not make any decisions and we cannot give them any real information. Definitely something needs to change."

By housing such records at the township hall, offi-

cialists will not necessarily vouch for their accuracy, but they will be able to make information available to those with questions about their special assessments.

"I'm not assuming perfection," Walls said, but he believes the township administration will also do a better job posting official notices about lake board public hearings.

Since trustees agreed that the new administrative services should be paid for by the lake boards, they directed attorney Greg Need to draw up agreement documents and gave Walls the authority to sign them on behalf of the township.

Trustees did not reach consensus on how to improve township representation to the lake boards. Walls believes the revised state law may still replace lake boards' Michigan Department of Environmental Quality representative with a second representative from the local municipality. Walls recommended a set list of "expectations" for township representatives to promote better communication between the respective bodies.

"Our responsibility is to explain what it is lake board reps should be doing," Walls said.

Trustee Dennis Vallad went further, proposing that the township's four elected officials each assume a lake board representative position.

"The trustees can serve as the interface between the township and the lake board," Vallad said. While they may only serve the lake board in an advisory capacity, he said trustees have more understanding of township government operations.

Vallad said he did not mean to insult current township lake board representatives.

"Their intentions are good; I just think they need a little help," he said.

Trustee David Hopper agreed with the township administration of records, but he was "up in the air" on whether trustees should be lake board reps.

"I know nothing about lake boards," Hopper said. Trustee Marc Cooper also questioned the idea. "I'm not sure that four different trustees on four different lake boards is going to provide the continuity," Cooper said.

Also to be debated further is the length of term for township representatives. Walls recommended four-year terms, but others believe the current three is adequate.

Senior center party



Senior Center members, Irene Reed and Jeanne Johnson enjoy their holiday feast.

The Independence Senior Center celebrated the holiday's with a tasty dinner and a visit from Old Saint Nick.
Photos by Christina Ula



Seniors eating a delicious holiday dinner.



Catherine Reeve takes a moment to whisper to Santa what she wants for Christmas.

Students celebrate holidays with music



Everest Academy preschoolers enjoy their holiday sing.



An Everest student feels the music.



A Cedar Crest student takes the stage with solo.



Cedar Crest class sings holiday songs during sing along. Photos by Christina Ula



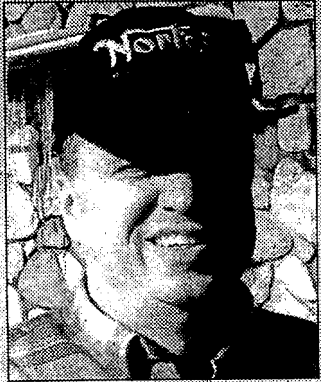
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People Poll

Did the first winter storm affect your holiday?



"We should have snow at Christmas. (The storm) showed who the truly committed family members were."

-Mark Stesney



"I was glad it snowed. I was happy for all of the people coming home from down south because they got a white Christmas."

-Jean McBride



"It was tough to get to work on Thursday. Once the initial snowfall came down and the plows came out (the storm) wasn't a problem at all."

-Blake Coe



"I was lucky, and actually people even came in (during the storm). They must have been desperate."

-Carol West

By Noah Purcell

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Where are they now?

The Clarkston area community has been the home of many fascinating people for years and years - but exactly where do some of them go? Who do they become? What do they do?

Recently, The Clarkston News asked the question "Where are they now?" The staff here received many suggestions and responses for where to find local successes - and set out on a treasure hunt to find the answer to our big question.

Following is the results of our search. Enjoy reading "Where" many Clarkston graduates have taken their lives.

Don Rush

Don Rush never truly left the Clarkston area. In fact, he is closer than some would think - just over the hill in Brandon Township with his wife Jen and their two sons seven-year-old Shamus and four-year-old Sean.

Rush, an Independence Township native, graduated from Clarkston High School in 1981. Four years later, he graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelors of arts in journalism with an advertising minor.

Today, he is the assistant publisher of Sherman Publications, Inc. in Oxford.

"I always liked to write. I've been writing since the fourth grade," said Rush. "I figured the only way to make money at it though was in journalism, so here I am."

However, Rush didn't begin his working life in journalism. His first job was as an Independence Township DPW worker. He began working summers there in high school and continued through college.

In his junior year of college, Rush received a scholarship from publisher Jim Sherman Sr. He interned at Monthly Detroit Magazine, Crane Communications, and began working for Sherman Publications straight from college.

"I like community journalism," said Rush. "I feel its the closet thing to affecting change in your community. At a national or daily level, your an anonymous person."

"If I pen an opinion in my column say about Clarkston Schools, people feel the heat and don't like me for it. I know them, the area and they know me."

Rush writes his own column for Sherman Publication's four weekly newspapers. Over the years he has won numerous journalism awards from the Na-



Don Rush hangs a Christmas wreath outside the offices of The Clarkston News. Such tasks demonstrate the variety of his duties as assistant publisher for Sherman Publications Inc. Photo by Jenny Matteson

tional Newspaper Association and the Michigan Press Association in feature writing, column writing, editorial writing, photography and editing weekly newspapers.

So what does Mr. Rush miss most about Independence Township? The lakes, the lake living and Little Dana's Pizza.

"I really miss knowing the area where I grew up as well as I use to," he added.

Mike Weverstad

Mike Weverstad grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1996. He briefly attending Michigan State University before realizing his passion for acting.

Weverstad entered the prestigious Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute in New York City, which counts among its alumni names such as Al Pacino and Robert DeNiro, and trained under intensive acting methods for two years.

After working in independent films, Weverstad landed a role on the CBS prime-time show "Hack," and then moved to Los Angeles and was seen on two more CBS shows "Line of Fire" and "The Handler."



Under the stage name Michael Raymond James, he has since appeared on Fox's "North Shore" and NBC's top rated "ER."

The Clarkston native's background was sent to The Clarkston News by his sister, Angela Barker Aguilar. She stated that Weverstad has always been an actor.

"He had an early calling for this for sure," she stated. "He would enact different characters and such when we were little."

"I'm very proud of him and not surprised at all of where he is," she said. "He's more about the craft than the publicity."

Aguilar said she expects his time as an unknown actor to soon come to an end.

"As his sister, I am extremely proud of him for pursuing his passion and defining his own success."

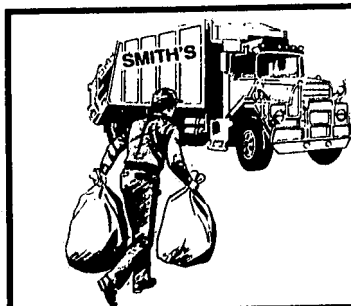
Adam Kline

Adam Kline graduated from Clarkston High School in 1982. Today, he is president pro-tem of the Village of Goodrich.

Kline moved out of Clarkston shortly after graduation at the age of 19. He went into the army for three years and obtained the rank of sargeant. Shortly after, he attended the Detroit Police Academy and went to work for the White Lake Police Department.

Kline has been with the White Lake

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department for 18 years. He is currently a detective and holds an associate degree from Central Texas College. He is working towards a bachelors of science in criminal justice from Ferris State University.

During his career, Kline has been honored with a couple accommodations and named Officer of the Year. He also graduated first in his class from the police academy.

Kline moved to Goodrich in late 1997. He lives there today with his wife Mary and his five children: Ryan, 18; Sara, 16; Heaven, 5; Honour, 4; and Harmony, 1. He was elected president pro-tem for a second term in 2000.

"I decided to run because I thought it was a way to help out the community," said Kline. "I don't know that I really want to go into politics or anything like that. I enjoy the small community too much.

"I'm proud of the work I've helped with on the new complex and recreation plans for the future," added Kline. "I've enjoyed laying the structure and foundation for this."

Kline said there is plenty he misses about living in Clarkston, but to him the hardest loss was the many extracurricular activities (like football, basketball, baseball, going to drive-in movies) he would participate in and attend.

"I still hang out with many of my high school friends," said Kline. "I simply miss attending all the events."

Chris Houston

Chris Houston is a 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School who currently works as principal scientist in analytical research and development for Pfizer in Kalamazoo.

Houston's career path included graduation from the University of Michigan-Flint honors program before moving on to graduate work at Indiana University. He eventually earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry.

Memories of Clarkston are vivid for Houston in several respects.

"I think about the friends I had at the high school," he said. "They had great impact on my life."

He believes Clarkston High School gave him a good start in education.

"There were some classes and some instructors that really stand out," he said, including advanced placement English taught by Linda Denstaedt. "It was a high school class taught at a college level. I felt like I grew tremendously."

Since last living in Clarkston during his UM-Flint days, Houston gets back to visit only two or three times



a year.

"There's been a lot of growth," he said, and he appreciates some of the progress in areas such as road maintenance, but some of the changes have not been welcome.

He remembers that his family moved to Clarkston from a more rural area, and he enjoyed the freedom to walk downtown even as a fifth grader.

"I used to walk down to Hallman's Drug Store and buy a pop or some candy," Houston said. "I always feel a little sad that it's not there anymore."

Houston is also an avid pilot, and is a docent at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.

Greg Molzon

Greg Molzon was an active athlete during his days at Clarkston High School, playing basketball, baseball and on the first-ever Wolves soccer team.

Now he covers sports for a living. The 1984 CHS grad recently took over as sports director and weekday sports anchor at WJRT-TV12 in Flint.

After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's from the Syracuse (N.Y.) School of Journalism, Molzon began his career in Traverse City before moving to Waco, Texas. He jumped at the chance to come back to Michigan in 1994 to work sports in Flint.

"It's a lot more fun covering the teams you grew up with," said Molzon, who was preparing for a trip to cover Michigan's visit to the Rose Bowl this weekend.

Since Clarkston regularly plays Flint area teams, Molzon has had several opportunities to visit his alma mater, which is now a different building.

"It was strange being at Clarkston High School when it was not my Clarkston High School," he said.

Currently a Grand Blanc resident, Molzon enjoys bringing his family to Clarkston for parades and other special events. Despite the growth of the community, the town still feels like home.

"It's maintained, at least somewhat, its small-town feel," he said.

Molzon's junior and senior years on the varsity basketball team were the first two years of Dan Fife's tenure as coach. He still feels Fife's influences.

"Playing basketball for Dan Fife, you learned how to compete and work hard," he said. "That applies to everything in life, both the successes and the failures."



after 34 years of teaching. She spent 29 of those teaching kindergarten through sixth grade at Andersonville Elementary, Clarkston Elementary and Bailey Lake Elementary. She once owned a home on Maybee Rd.

After leaving Clarkston, Bailey taught for two years at the Instituto Laurens in Monterrey, Mexico as a bilingual educator. She has spent the past three years in Rawlins, Wyoming in public school work before deciding to quietly slip into retirement.

Today, Bailey lives in Rawlins, Wyoming, where she is teaching English to two ladies from Thailand, who plan to open a restaurant in the town. She is also a volunteer at the Wyoming State Penitentiary where she teaches parenting skills to inmates.

Miss Bailey would love to hear from former students and colleagues. She has sent word that she will respond to all correspondence. Please write her at 1216 Mt. View Blvd., Rawlins, WY 82301.

Sheryl Molzon Crowe

Sheryl Molzon Crowe is a busy person, but she has achieved one of her life goals.

"I knew I wanted to do something that would allow me to travel," said the 1988 CHS graduate who now works as a contracted event manager. "Now I have friends all over the world."



After graduation from Michigan State University in 1992, Crowe began her career with non-profit and fund-raising organizations and has worked for companies specializing in travel, motivation and pharmaceuticals. In each case, she specialized in organizing corporate sales, marketing and annual meetings.

She now does the same kind of work on a freelance basis, and her itinerary takes her virtually around the world. Even so, she laughs when mentioning meeting a Clarkston resident on a trip to San Diego.

Although she's had homes in places like Manhattan and Aspen, Crowe believes Clarkston is "still a great community." She has fond memories of summer water activities on Deer Lake.

Crowe is grateful for another experience of youth, having been able to take up skiing again, with one difference.

"Now I get to ski on mountains," Crowe said. "It is kind of like riding a bike. I'm glad I was able to do that when I was younger."

Kurt Richardson

Kurt Richardson, who graduated from CHS in 1971, has been the CHS head football coach since 1987.

"There is added pressure (coaching in my home-

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Students participate in 'can do' fundraiser



Sashabaw Middle School recently held a contest to see which class could collect the most cans for Lighthouse Clarkston. Mr. Ostrom's advisory class was announced the first place winner, with a total of 404 cans, which awarded them a pizza party. Second place winner was Mrs. Butki's advisory class with a total of 363 cans, winning them ice cream, and third place was Mrs. Richardson's class with 341 cans, winning them candy bars. All together, SMS accumulated a grand total of 4,322 cans. The donation was delivered by council and leadership to Lighthouse Clarkston on Nov. 19. Photo provided



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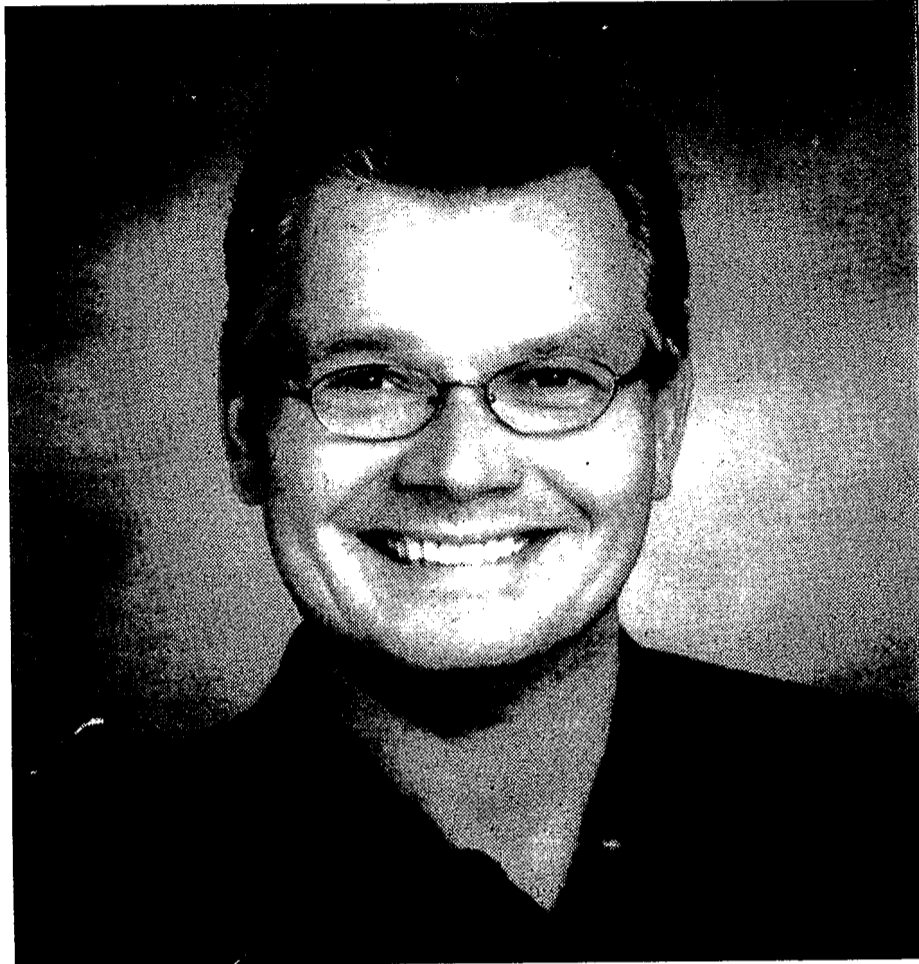
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Milestones

Dr. Hershey elected to AAOF Board of Directors



Dr. Stephen E. Hershey, an Independence Township orthodontist, was elected to the American Association of Orthodontist Foundation (AAOF) Board of Directors representing the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists.

The AAOF is a charitable arm of the American Association of Orthodontists. Its mission is to raise endowment funds used to support research awards and teaching fellowships that benefit the specialty of orthodontics, its practitioners and patients.

"I am grateful to be of service to the specialty of orthodontics and to ensure the future of quality care," stated Dr. Hershey.

Dr. Hershey graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and completed an additional four years of advanced training in orthodontics at the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan. He specializes in orthodontics for children. He resides in Independence Township with his wife Patti and three of their six children.

Davisburg man graduates from local police academy

Congratulations to Trevor Sanford, of Davisburg, for graduating from the Oakland Police Academy.

Following 17 weeks of intensive training, the Oakland Police Academy of Oakland Community College graduated its 87th Basic Police Training class on Dec. 10.

Commencement ceremonies began at 8 p.m. at the Royal Oak Campus Lila Jones Johnson Auditorium. Pontiac Police Chief Rollie Gacksetter was the principal speaker.

Twenty-five of the 37 graduates

were independent, or self-sponsored, students who have met State of Michigan standards for entering the field of law enforcement.

The remaining 12, including Sanford, were sponsored from police agencies throughout the greater metropolitan Detroit area. The students entered the academy as officer trainees after they were accepted for employment by their law enforcement agencies.

Sanford will work for the Oakland County Sheriff Department.

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Thanks! And keep those special times coming!



Coach Kurt Richardson gives a pep talk to his players. File photo

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town), but there is added incentive, too," said Richardson. "I feel lucky to be where I'm at."

As a head coach, Richardson has amassed a 120-57 overall record.

"I've enjoyed every single team I've coached... I've had some great kids," said Richardson. "I've (had) a great staff too, 75 percent of them are from Clarkston and that's special."

Some of the teams that stand out in Richardson's mind are the '99 (11-2) and '00 (12-1) teams which reached the State semifinals.

Also the '94 Wolves (9-2), which featured Jeremy Fife, Jason Groves, Pat Mullins and Brad Agar brought up some pleasant memories for the CHS coach.

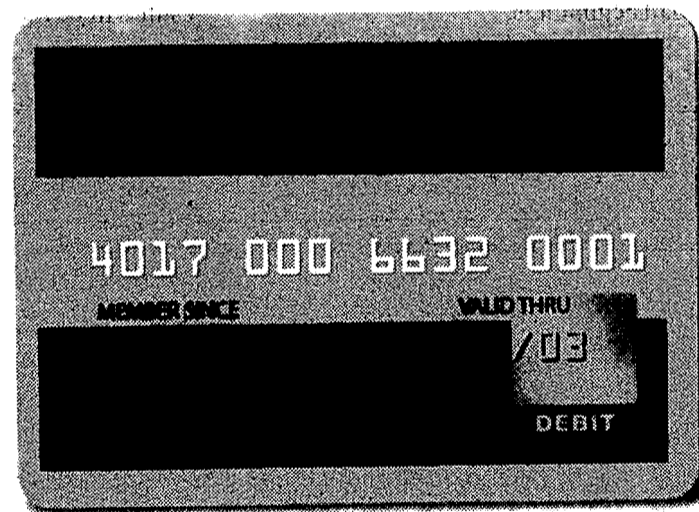
"That was just an awesome bunch of kids," said Richardson.

The two losses the '94 team suffered were in the first game of the season to Troy High, 7-0 and in the playoffs to Troy again, 14-0. Troy incidentally went on to win the State championship that year.

Richardson graduated from Oakland University in 1976 with bachelor of science degrees in education, physical education and social studies. Currently he is head of the physical education department at CHS, teaches strength training and fitness, and has coached baseball for the past 17 years.

"Clarkston's a great place to grow up, to raise kids and to work," said Richardson.

In next week's edition of The Clarkston News: More "Where are they now?" stories.



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Religion

New year can be a new beginning

It's almost time to celebrate a new year. It is hard to believe it is already 2005.

It seems like we were just hearing about the impending disaster for the computers many expected when we entered the year 2000. No calamity ensued, but the drama added to the anticipation of the new millennia.

I did not expect anything overly dramatic at the time. I have learned by life experience and the study of history that time usually hands us ordinary circumstances when the calendar makes extraordinary changes like a new millennia or even a new century.

The funny thing is, we fail to realize our calendar is not the only one in the world.

Different people mark the change of time differently. Yet, the new year on our calendar gets me excited about the possibilities of change and fresh beginnings.

The prophet Isaiah in the Bible declared, "The former things have come to pass and new things do I declare to you, says the Lord."

One of the greatest teachings of the Bible is that God offers us fresh starts and new beginnings. Sometimes in our life we just need to sweep the past behind us and say, "It is time to start over. This time I'm going to do things better and expect some better results from life!"

There is always room for improvement. We must remember, however dramatic the change, it usually begins with small beginnings.

Sometimes it is just the choice to start with a new expectation for the future.

A positive choice for the future is always a good start. The Bible calls this repentance or a change of direction with a change of mind. "Repent and be con-

verted" are the words used by the Apostle Peter in talking to his contemporaries.

This means change your mind and set a new direction. A simple choice will set the stage for a whole new experience in life.

The Apostle Paul gives us another important part of the equation. He says in Philippians, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."

In order to have an improved future, there is typically something we have to let go of in order to move forward. Sometimes it is a bad experience or a debilitating attitude.

Forgetting must be a part of our choice to change. We have to say to ourselves that I can and will forget. I am moving forward and not being tied to my past any longer.

Once you decide to let go you have to let it die. How do you do that? The answer is to quit talking about it. The Bible says the power of life and death is in the tongue. You can let it die or you can keep resurrecting it.

We need to let our past die and let resurrection or new life come to us. Are you ready for something new? Make your choice today. Let your conversation be set for the new day that is set before you.

Finally, if you want a good tomorrow, you have to start planting the seeds for your future today. Remember, even the mighty oak tree starts with just a little seed.

A new day requires new actions. Start small. Start with the resources and strength you have today. The result will be multiplication and increase for your future.

The results can be very dramatic, but you will only find out if you set your new course today.

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

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

Beginning in January, the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Daniel's Catholic Church will be signed regularly by a professional interpreter for the deaf.

St. Daniel's Catholic Church meets at 7010 Valley Park Drive in Clarkston. For more information, call (248) 625-1750.

"Jesus Night," a student led evening with the sole emphasis being Jesus, will take place from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 30 at Clarkston Free Methodist Church.

Several rooms will be set up throughout the church building where a person may come and go as they would like.

There will be a room for prayer, a room for worship music, a room for letter writing and reading, and a room showing the movie, "The Passion of the Christ."

Yet another room will contain a prayer walk called "The Labyrinth." Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only one path; there are no dead ends. People walk the labyrinth slowly, as an aid to contemplative prayer and reflection, as a spiritual exercise or as a form of pilgrimage.

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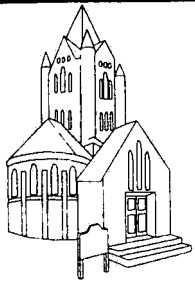
Recommended time to go through is about an hour, but it can be experienced in a shorter or longer amount of time. All are welcome, and no signups are necessary. Just show up and be ready to meet with Jesus.

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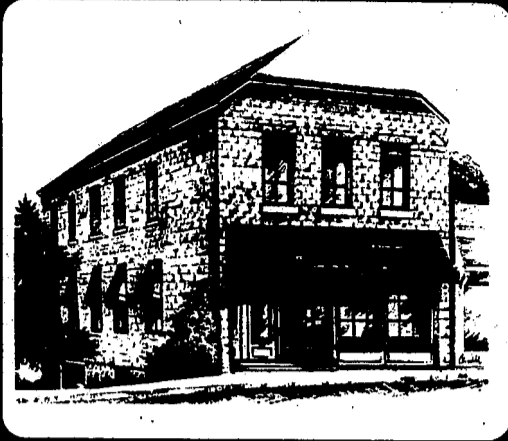
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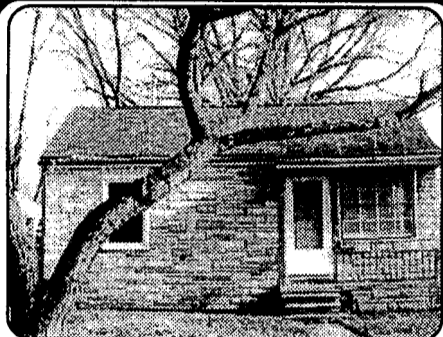


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5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath colonial with walk-out, granite counters, cherry cabinets, hardwood and ceramic floors, 1st floor master bedroom, paneled library and dining room defined by columns. 3 car garage and 1 acre lot. \$596,900 (000AK)



MOVE RIGHT IN

Clean colonial backs to woods... Great room has wall of windows... Kitchen doorwall leads to expansive deck... Neighborhood park has two ponds, walking paths and a fountain. \$200,000 (39HIL)



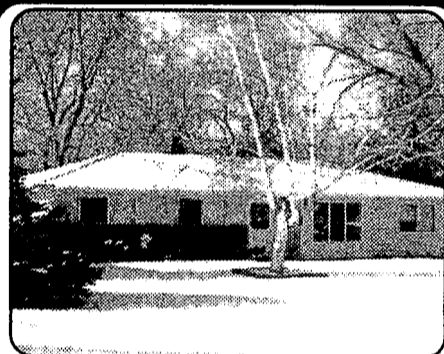
FABULOUS 2002

European design home on 1 1/2 acres. Open floor plan with hardwood floors & soaring ceilings. 1st floor master suite, kitchen with custom island, granite countertops, Welbourn cabinets and is opened to hearth room. \$949,000 (51SOM)



COUNTRY ESCAPE

Charmer in a delightful setting where deer and songbirds entertain you. Relaxing fireplace and paneling in family room, spacious kitchen with island, quality appliances and hardwood floors, master with cathedral ceiling and Jacuzzi. \$359,900 (76BIR)



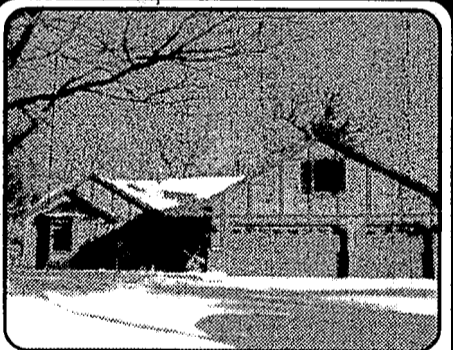
GREAT STARTER HOME!

3 bedroom ranch with fresh paint and new carpeting throughout, hardwood floor in the dining room walkout to your deck with fenced back yard and two sheds, nice treed lot, all appliances stay. \$140,000 (83CAR)



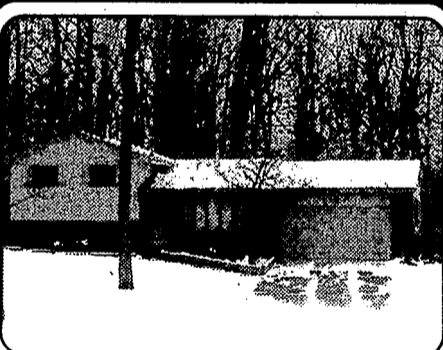
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Great ready for this prime property of 160 acres on the Pine River. 12 miles from Oscoda and Lake Huron, Home sits on 1-40 acre parcel and sleeps 8 comfortably. Must see to believe. \$590,900 (20ARM)



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2 in 1. 3 bedrooms (including master/kitchen) on main floor and same on walk-out level. 3 car garage and 3.5 baths. Lots of decking \$380,000 (30WAL)



CLARKSTON SCHOOLS

3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with 2 doorwalls that lead to the decks and wooded backyard. The family room has a large stone fireplace for cold winter nights. An oversized garage to store the toys and a great basement. \$209,900 (60CRO)



HOME OF THE SWANS

And sand cranes. Small ranch on all-sports Bush Lake in Holly. Unbelievable lake views and sunsets. Sandy beach! New driveway. All appliances stay. Finished walk-out with master bedroom and bath. Easy access to I-75. \$275,000 (36RIV)



CHARMING & PERRY LAKE PRIVILEGES

With cathedral ceiling, stone fireplace, picture perfect kitchen, 1st floor laundry, full finished walkout, tiered deck w/view of the lake and garage. \$170,000 (60WOO)



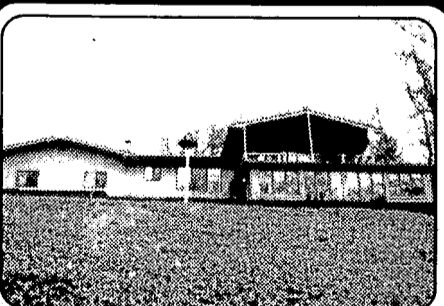
QUALITY BUILT

Florida room with fireplace and skylight. Partially finished basement with office. Updates roof, furnace, central air, HW and hardwood floors. Newer windows and entry doors. Fresh painted 2.5 car garage with 220 electric. Huge lot in a tree lined sub. \$189,900 (60NOR)



INVITING HOME

Offers 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and hardwood floors. Freshly painted in soothing neutral tones. Updated kitchen, bath, furnace and central air. Family room could be used as 3rd bedroom. All this on 1 1/2 lots. \$125,900 (68WAK)



BREATHTAKING NATURE SURROUNDS YOU

Wooded 13 acres on a hill, views that will captivate you. 4 levels with 2 fireplaces, Florida room, master with whirlpool tub, French door entry, 2 his/her walk-in closets. Deck, basement, 3.5 attached car garage and 2nd detached 2-car garage. \$475,000 (95KEN)



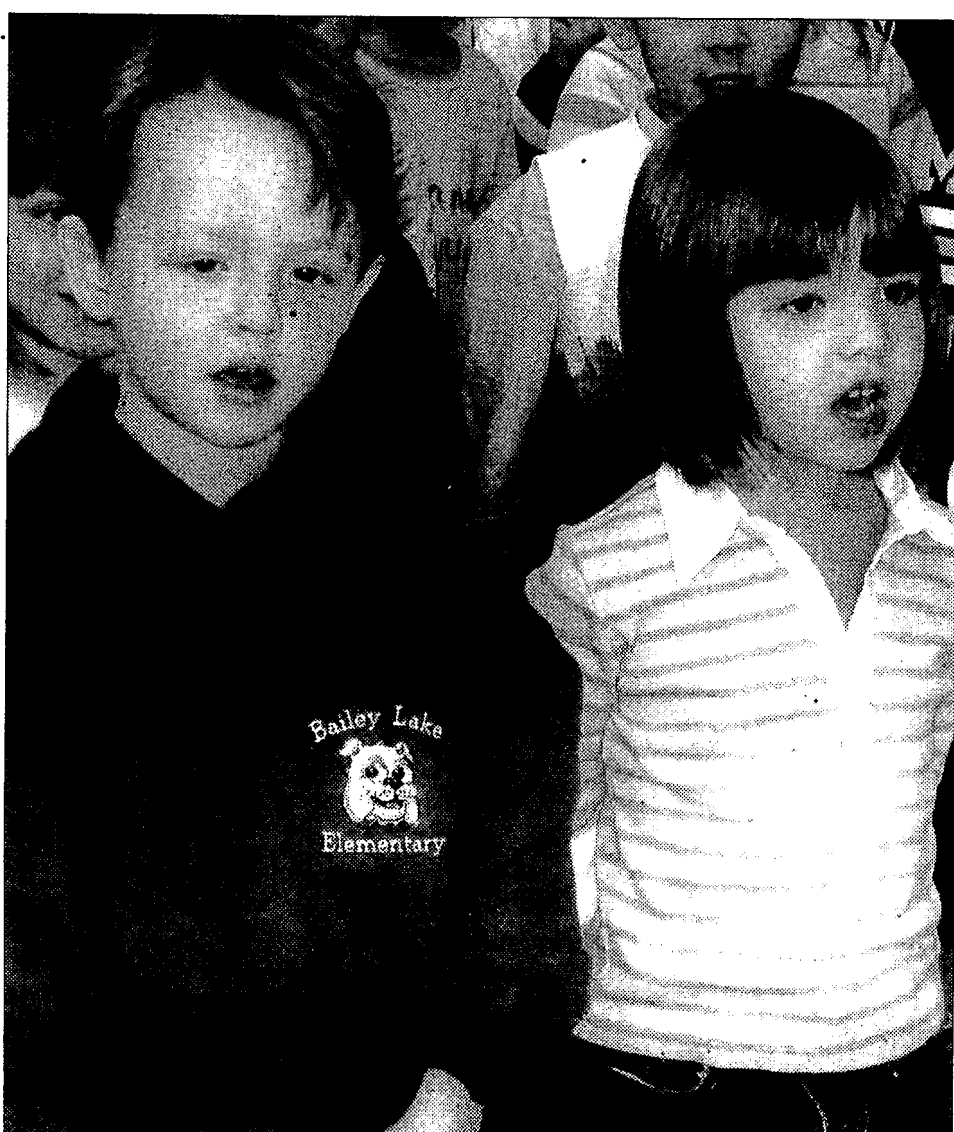
LIFE CAN BE A YEAR-ROUND VACATION

This sumptuous luxury condo with view of lake and golf course. From the vaulted ceiling with skylight, marble fireplace, Jacuzzi and full body massage shower, to the gourmet kitchen with advanced cooking system. \$304,900 (81GOL)

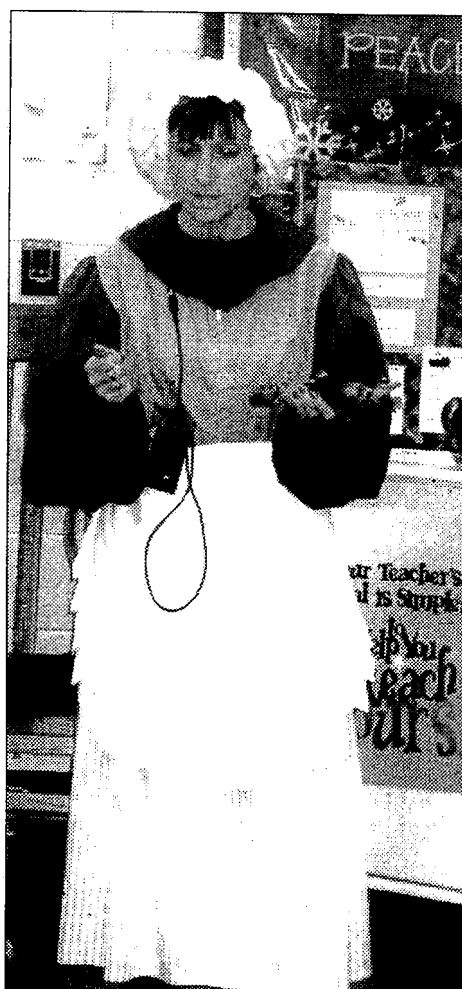
More holiday photos from our schools



Holly Woods enjoys her pop-up book.
Photo by Christina Ulaj



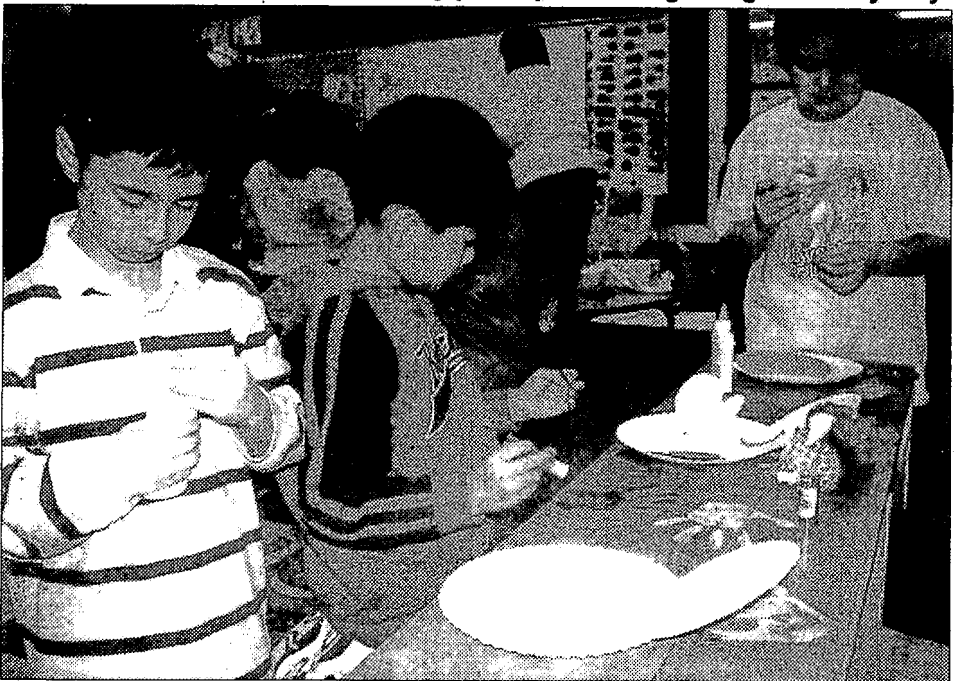
Students at Bailey Lake Elementary participate in sing along Photo by Ulaj



Parent volunteer, Nancy Penvose, represents Great Britain. Photo by Ulaj



BLE student sings Jingle Bells



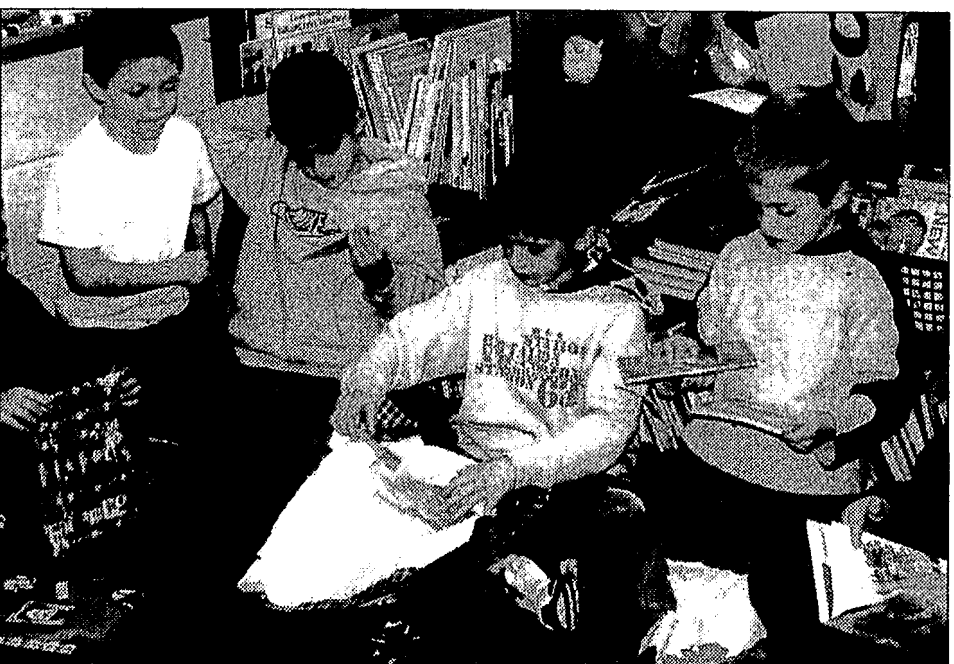
Second graders (left to right) Austin Bell, David Lewis and Jessye Tinson make some Michigan themed holiday crafts at North Sashabaw Elementary.



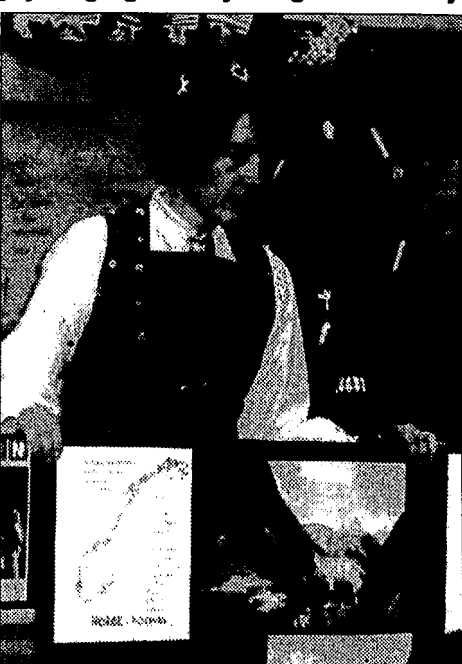
Bailey Lake Elementary students enjoy singing holiday songs Photo Ulaj



Playing the role of Little Old Woman in the Independence Elementary play "The Snow Party" is Emma Johnson.
Photo by Jenny Matteson



(Left to right) Anthony Holder, Caden Austin, Quentin Littleton, Justin Selke and Erik Wakly take part in North Sashabaw Elementary's second grade book exchange. Photo by Noah Purcell



Jayne Bannister, Learning Recovery teacher, represents Norwegian customs. Photo by Christina Ulaj

220 HORSES

WARM BLOOD CROSS mare. Gold with brown points. 4yrs. 16hands. green broke. 248-969-1748 !!!ILX3-2

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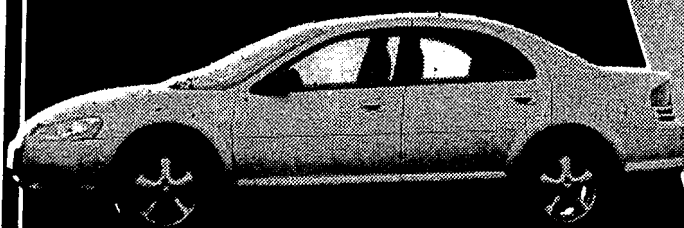
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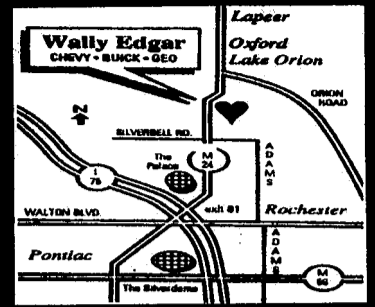
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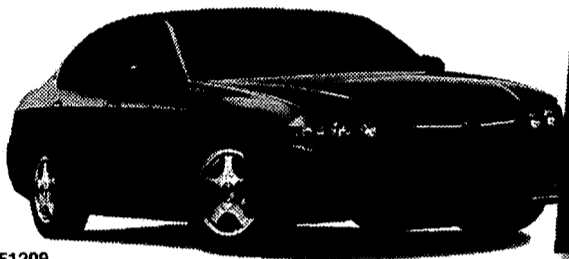
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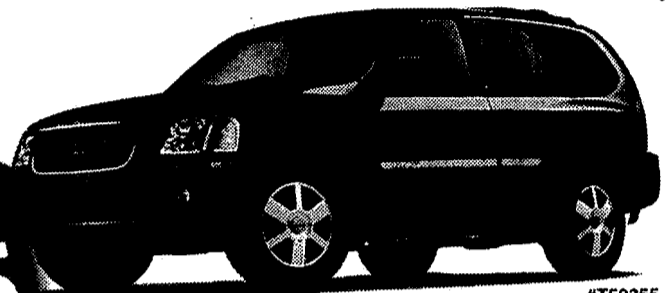
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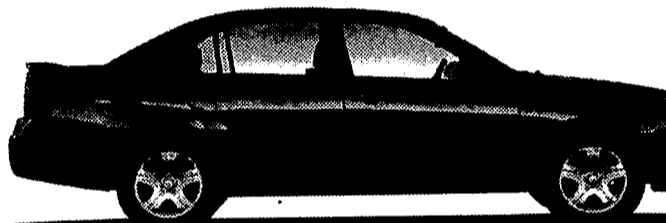
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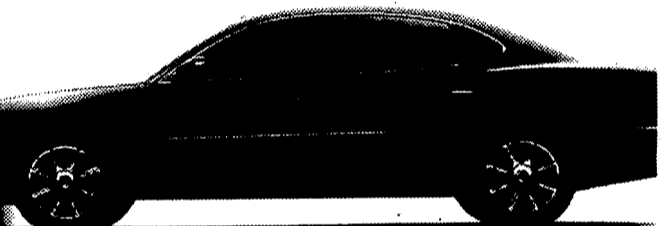
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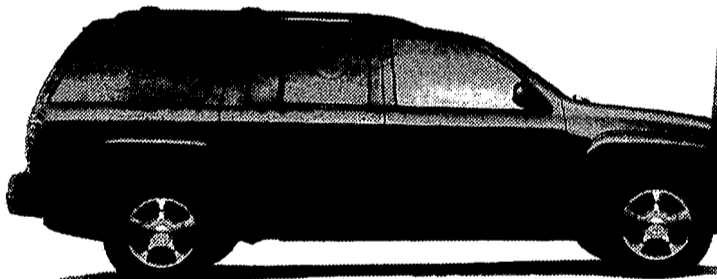
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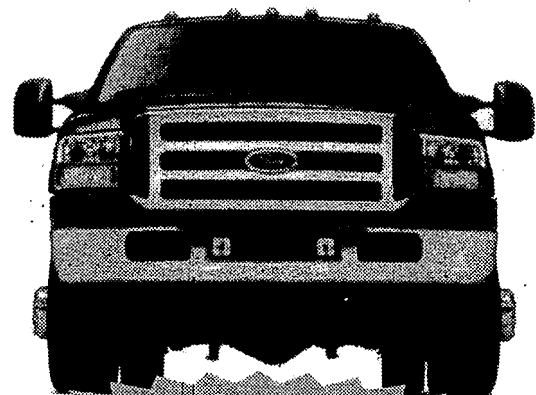
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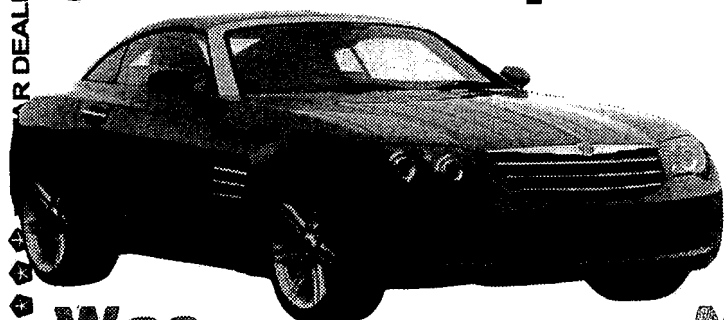


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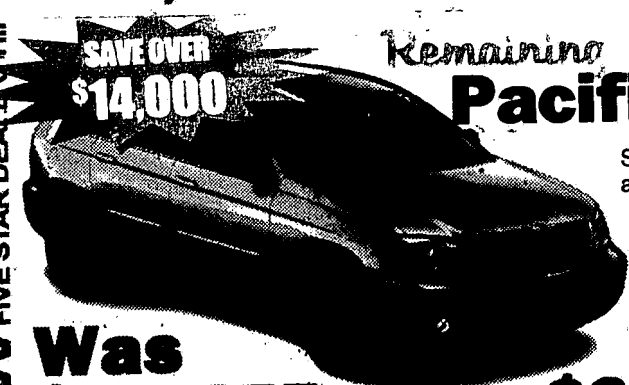
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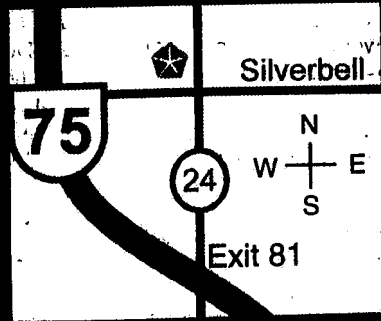
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