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## What a year it has been!

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.

Here is a continuation of the big news stories for this great community. Enjoy the many topics ranging from the expansion and completion of the boulevard on Sashabaw Rd. to the creation of curriculums for Clarkston Schools new middle and junior high schools...

from the retirement of a respected Independence Township official and defeat of another to Clarkston Schools champion sports teams...

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 start off your new year, sit back, relax and enjoy the many headlines ending 2004.

## June

### June 2

**Candidates attempt to show differences:** School board candidates participating in the League of Women Voters - Oakland Area forum spent the night attempting to show their differences among many agreed upon issues.

**Residents discover the benefits of spring season walking:** Area resident Kathy Uchman assisted many Clarkston locals with discovering the benefits of taking advantage of warmer weather and getting out for a walk.

**Oakhurst charity event helps support 'Fallen Heroes':** The second annual Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial Charity Golf Event at Oakhurst Country Club on May 24 raised \$3,000 to support the statue saluting public service officers and another \$1,000 to the family of Officer Gary Davis, a Bloomfield Township police officer who was killed in a car crash on May 13.

**Clarkston golfers advance to state competition:** Clarkston finished third in the region with a team score of 361, edging out Grosse Pointe North, to earn a spot in the state competition. Top scores for the Wolves included Jackie Schram with 82, Lisa Lesko with 94, Nina Jackson with 93 and Sara Maesch with a 92.

**Millstream:** Cathy Forst was fea-

ured for her 25 years of dedication as the Springfield Township Library director.

### June 9

**Moving On!:** The Clarkston High School Class of 2004 graduated on June 2.

**Campfire Circle-issue hits road block:** The Independence Township board delayed an investigation into closing Campfire Circle, a road connecting the Lake Waldon Village and Spring Lake subdivisions, after learning that the street may actually be a private road.

**Schools push non-homestead tax:** Clarkston School administration and the five school board candidates voiced unanimous opinions for passing a proposal to restore the full 18-mill non-homestead property tax.

**Orion man charged with sexual assault:** Gregory Combs, of Orion Township, was arraigned for allegedly raping a 19-year-old Clarkston woman near the DTE Energy Music Theatre on May 28.

**Softball team captures fourth district in a row:** The Clarkston softball team captured their fourth district title, which was no big surprise going into the competition. The team defeated Pontiac Northern, Pontiac Central and Waterford Ketterington.

**Schram leads Clarkston golfers at state tourney:** The Clarkston girls golf team finished 11th in state competition at Forest Akers Golf Course at Michigan State University. This was the first time the team made state competition since 1976. Jackie Schram led the way with a 95 on day one and a 93 on day two.

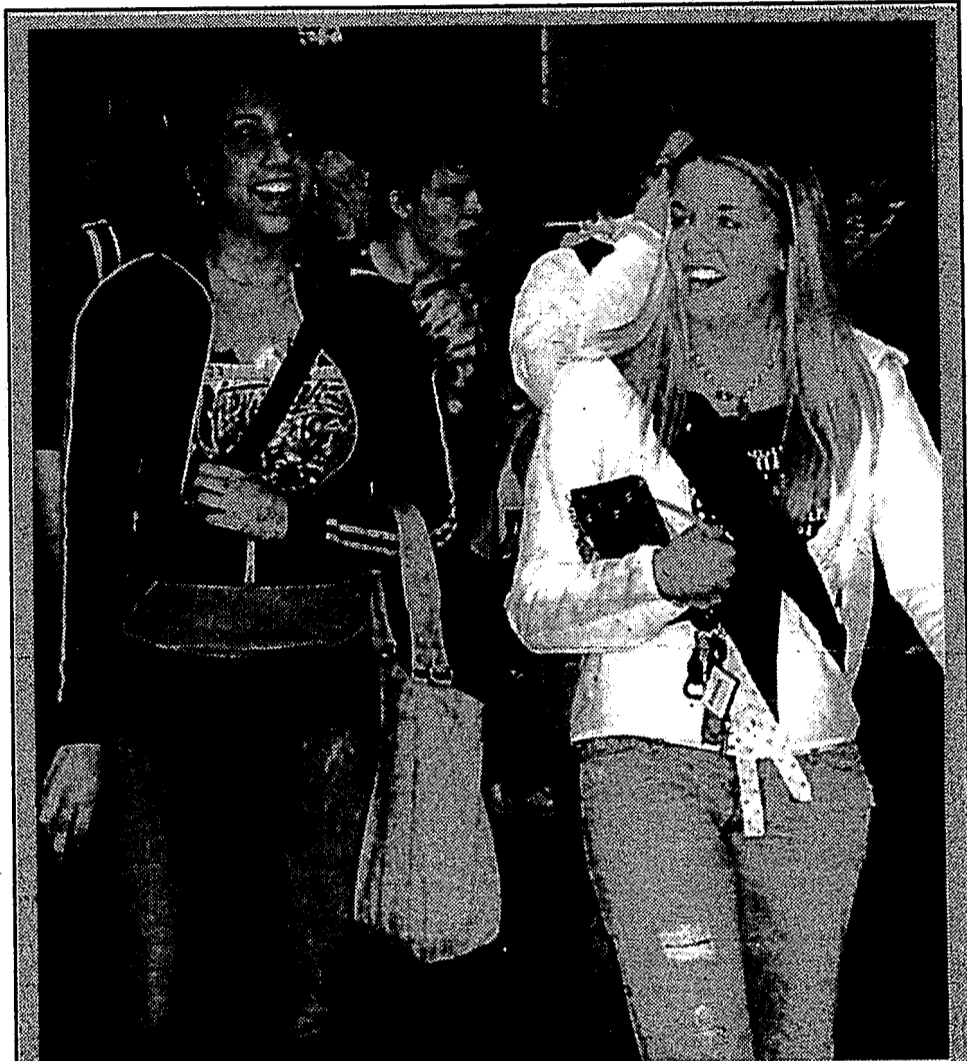
**Millstream:** For the second year in a row, Sharon Worden, a cancer survivor, led a team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

### June 16

**Clarkston School Board... Foyteck, Patterson win:** Incumbent Karen Foyteck and newcomer Joan Patterson won the two open 4-year seats on the Clarkston Schools Board of Education.

**Locals charged with murder:** Independence Township residents Lance Allen Schmidt and Joseph Wells Stepleton had preliminary examinations on June 14 in 52-2 District Court before Judge Dana Fortinberry. The two men were charged with second degree murder after Peter Richard, 44, died from an assault.

**It's a silver celebration for this**  
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*Glad to be back in school...*

Clarkston High School seniors Sharon Eggenball and Keri Hupe file into the hallway on the first school day of 2005. Photo by: Keith Purcell

## Developer eyes site for Wal-Mart store

BY JENNY MATTESON  
 Clarkston News Editor

Changes, changes and more changes.

Independence Township officials should be receiving a formal proposal within the next week for a possible Wal-Mart, Lowe's and 100-room hotel development near the Sashabaw Rd. and I-75 connection.

According to Supervisor Dave Wagner, township officials have spoken informally with Orco Investments Inc., a Troy-based developer, concerning development of a 72-acre parcel located across from the Farmer Jack. The parcel is surrounded by Waldon Rd., Walters Lake Rd., Sashabaw Rd. and

I-75.

Wagner stated the developers have informed him there are two small parcels in the vicinity that have declined to sell, but the developers wish to move forward with their plans anyway.

Wagner added he was told one parcel is owned by a Birmingham woman, and the owners of the second parcel have asked too much money. However, the supervisor stated he has not yet researched the property lines himself.

In addition to the commercial development, Wagner said informal talks have indicated that single family homes and condos will be included in the development.

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### Millstream

Where are they now?  
 Find out in this edition.

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### Find out more on the Elementary Redistricting

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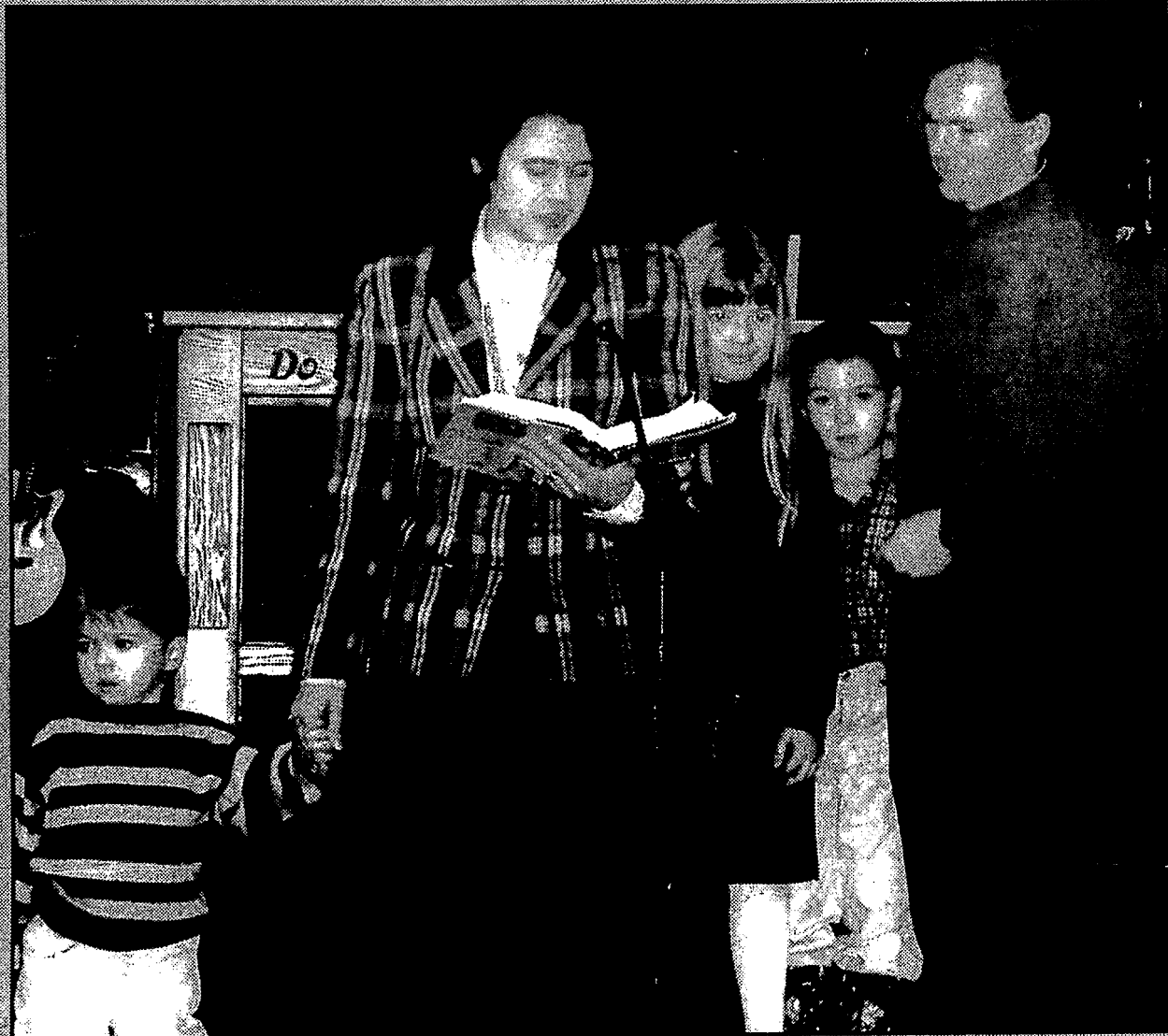


### Sports

Meet this week's Athlete of the Week.

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# Oh Holy Night...



A candlelight Christmas Eve service provides opportunities for worship and reflection at Clarkston Community Church on Dec. 24. Local churches offered special services for those who wished to celebrate spiritually. Above a family reads a scripture passage together. Photo provided

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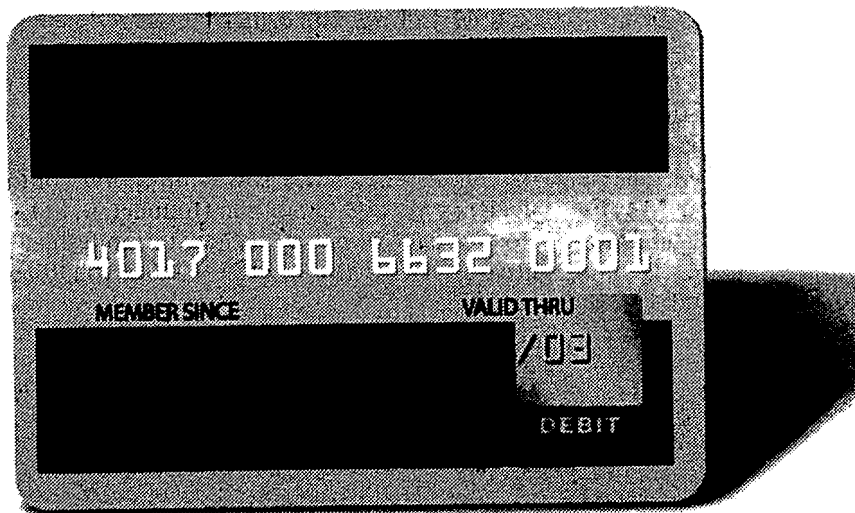


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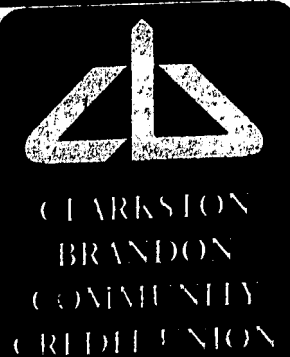
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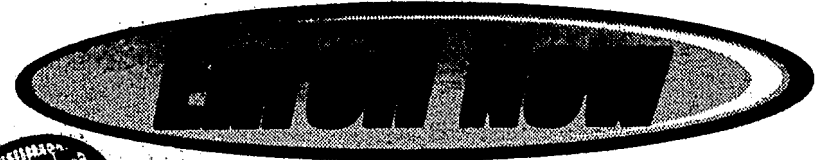
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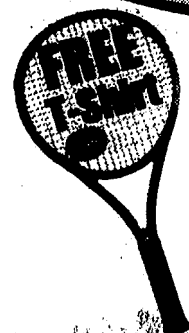
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### Edward Jones investment broadcast set for January 11

James Wilhelm and Scott Hazelton, the two Clarkston Edward Jones investment representatives, are hosting a free one-hour satellite broadcast titled: Outlook 2005, "Is the Uncertainty Over?" at 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 11. The broadcast will be held at 7183 North Main St., Suite C.

The recent presidential election brought many issues to the forefront and voters heard different solutions to these. The broadcast aims to look at what questions remain, and what those issues mean to the market and to investors' portfolios in the year ahead.

The broadcast will feature Geoffrey Colvin, co-host of Wall Street Week with FORTUNE, and Alan Skrainka, Edward Jones' chief market strategist.

Colvin and Skrainka will discuss:

- How the deficit and a weak dollar should impact one's investing decisions.
- What four more years of a Bush White House may mean to investors.
- How to take control of one's financial future.

To reserve a seat or for more information, please call either Wilhelm at 248-625-1232 or Hazelton at 248-625-7016. If you are unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

### Help survivors of the tsunami in Southeast Asia

Here are some organizations striving to ease the suffering felt after one of the world's worst natural disasters on record. To donate or assist:

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## Family, friends remember Food Town chain founder

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A pioneering Clarkston business woman is being remembered as "a loving, kind person."

Margaret Lavelle Roth, founder of the Food Town grocery store chain, died on Dec. 24, 2004. The family chose not to reveal her age or the cause of death.

The first Food Town store opened in 1944, and the chain eventually grew to include stores in Clarkston, Waterford, Oxford and Hartland.

Mrs. Roth sold the chain to Farmer Jack about five years ago, according to her husband, Daniel Roth.

"It was the last of the independents," he said, noting the end of an era for many local shoppers.

Mrs. Roth's business acumen led to her being named Employer of the Year in October 1990 by the Waterford chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

"She was a giving, generous lady," Daniel Roth said, noting a scholarship program launched for Food Town bag boys. "I couldn't begin to list the number of people she helped through college."

A former member of the Joseph E. Bird Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Roth was also a former member of Central United Methodist Church in Waterford and a current member of Clarkston United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Roth is survived by sons Edwin (Gretchen) Adler of Lake Angelus and Robert (Peggy) Roth of Clarkston; grandchildren Tara, Chelsey and Jordan Roth of Clarkston; sister Ann (Lorn) Hayes of Waterford; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by son, David Roth; sisters, Willie May Smith, Clyde Schaver and Mayme Plamateer; and brothers Charles, Wendel and Harry Lehman.

Funeral was on Dec. 28 at Clarkston United Meth-



Margaret Lavelle Roth, founder of the Food Town grocery store chain, passed away on Dec. 24, 2004. Photo provided

odist Church, with interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

With a marriage lasting almost 41 years, Daniel Roth said he will remember her for her role as a wife and mother.

"It was a pleasure taking care of her," he said.

Mrs. Roth's giving spirit is being remembered through suggested memorials. Gifts may be sent to either the Independence Township Library or to the Bertha Ross Music Foundation (founded in honor of Mrs. Roth's sister, a music teacher for more than 60 years) in care of Evola Music, 2184 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

## A local salon offers makeover magic



Cindy Winther, of Oxford, pictured before her transformation (left) and after (right) her relaxing makeover session with Maria Rotondo Mark of MakeOver Place Salon in Clarkston. Photo by Christina Ula

Maria Rotondo Mark, owner of the MakeOver Place Salon in Clarkston, decided to do something special for a certain individual.

With the holidays peeking around every corner, Mark wanted to make one wonderful woman feel extra special. Her goal: to find an individual who has not been to a salon in over a year and desperately feels the need for a new look.

"There is so much confusion about make-overs," said Mark. "I just wanted to see if there was someone out there that would benefit from a makeover."

Mark posted an ad in Lifestyles. The ad directed interested individuals to write an essay on the reason they feel they should win the free makeover.

"I want something that reflects my spirit and something I can maintain," said Cindy Winther, contest winner from Oxford. "I just want it be realistic, not something that I am not."

Winther's essay won Mark's heart and she was ready to deliver. After an afternoon of pampering, Mark and Winther realized they had so much in common. Winther is a single mother of three. She recently graduated from Baker College and runs a preschool at the United Methodist Church in Lake Orion. She is busy and was ready to be spoiled.

Winther experienced a two-day session. The first included hair and makeup. The second day was nails and a massage. Winther definitely received a new look. Mark worked her magic and Cindy was thrilled.

"I do my part to keep America beautiful," said Mark.

- BY CHRISTINA ULAJ, Clarkston News Writer

# Library buys equipment

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

Residents won't notice much of a change in service at the Independence Twp. library, but workers there will certainly be aware of the difference, or actually a lack of one.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees recently approved \$74,282 for the purchase of 3M RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) equipment.

RFID equipment is the scanning system used by library employees at the circulation counter to check in and out materials. The equipment allows employees to log material simply by passing the item over a scanner.

Originally, the library was planning and saving to install the system for the 2003 and 2004 fiscal years. The goal was to increase circulation by 49 percent.

However, 3M selected the Independence Twp. Library as a test site for its new RFID equipment. The company would provide all of the equipment, while the library only had to purchase the tags for the materials.

Library personnel were able to implement the new system completely from the start using the saved money for the

township's contribution.

"The RFID is great. We all love it," said Molly Lynch, Library Director. "It has exceeded our expectations."

The test session has come to an end with 3M and the company has offered for the library to purchase the most up-to-date system at a significant discount. The discount will allow the library to purchase an additional equipment and still remain around \$2,500 under budget.

Approximately \$76,800 (\$45,000 in budget, \$28,000 for a self checkout and \$3,800 contributed by Friends of the Library) was set aside for purchase of this equipment. The board approved the following equipment for \$74,282:

- Five staff workstations
- Two digital library Assistant handhelds
- Digital data manager-software
- Two selfchecks
- Two oak cabinets for the selfchecks.

Currently, the library would only need the second selfcheck during high peak times. However, Lynch recommended purchasing the device while the discount is available. She said in a memo that once tags become available for DVDs and CDs, the checkout will be a necessity.

## Senior center to get new van

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

Independence seniors will be able to continue receiving the comfortable, quality transportation they have come to rely on from the Independence Township Senior Center.

The Independence Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a non-handicap lift van for the center at their Dec. 21 meeting. The van will replace a vehicle that has reached 150,000 miles.

"We needed a van that doesn't have a lift so we can transport a large number of people for a number of purposes," said Margaret Bartos, senior center coordinator.

The center is purchasing a 2004 Van

Terra for \$35,107 from Great Lakes Coach. The vehicle is scheduled for delivery in a couple of weeks.

The money for the van will come from monies set aside each year from the township's Community Development Block Grant funding. For a few years now, the township has set aside \$15,000 of each year's disbursement towards purchases such as this.

Currently, the account had \$45,000 available.

The senior center provides transportation to seniors, 55 and older, in Independence Township, Clarkston and Springfield Township. The cost is \$2 each way.

## Wal-Mart

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"There is already some single family housing that is near there," said Wagner.

Nothing to date has been filed with Township Planner Dick Carlisle, and Wagner said the developers will have one large hurdle to overcome: a residential zoning.

In other township news, the Independence Township Board of Trustees approved appointments to both the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals at their Dec. 21 regular meeting.

Supervisor Wagner's recommendations for the planning commission were met with some debate and discussion. Wagner recommended to replace township board representative Daniel Travis with Daniel Kelly. The other changes on the commission include replacing David Lohmeier with Dr. George Krull; replacing William Kessler with Richard Eagan; and re-appointing Sam Moraco and R. Jane Boyer.

"I don't feel real comfortable replacing him (Dan Travis), but I understand the supervisor has the philosophical concept to make this a rotating position," said Daniel Kelly during discussion. Kelly added he would not be participating in the vote.

The board approved the appointments with a 3-2 vote.

After the vote, Dan Travis made a few comments on the changes happening within the township's administration. He cautioned losing the institutional memory found within many continuing township officials and pointed to how retaining much of this can be beneficial to the residents. He also complemented the township's master plan, planner and building department for the many years of hard work and dedication that has brought the township to where it is today.

Travis ended his remarks with comments on his extensive work with the planning commission.

"In my nearly 30 years of working with the planning commission, I have never been told I was not doing an excellent job," said Travis.

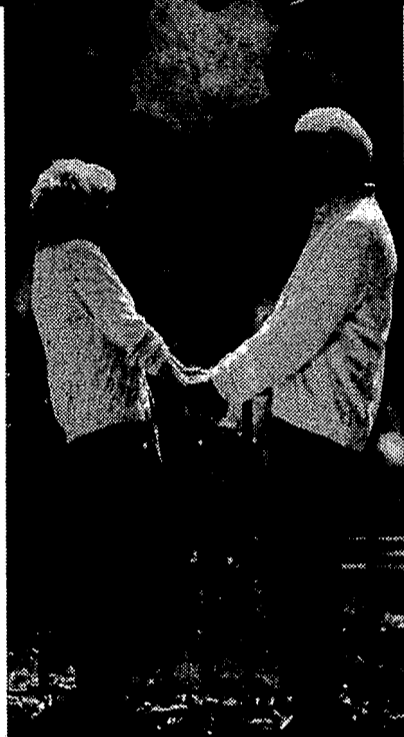
Supervisor Wagner echoed these final thoughts of Travis.

"I also have never heard a negative word in regards to Mr. Travis' work on the planning commission," said Wagner. "And Mr. Kelly's remarks are correct; my intent is to simply create a rotating position to present new ideas."

The township board unanimously approved the following members to the zoning board of appeals: B. Jill Palulian (2007), Stanley S. Cool, (2007), Thomas P. Andrews (2006), Larry Rosso (township board representative) and Cheryl Karrick (2005).

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# Year in Review

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**summer's 'Concerts':** Clarkston's "Concerts in the Parks" celebrated 25 years of bringing great music to residents. To celebrate the milestone, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce scheduled local performers to open each event and donated the profits earned by the concessions stand to a local non-profit charity or agency.

**Clarkston softball team takes regional title:** The Clarkston Girls Softball Team took its first regional title under coach Al Land when they beat Number 2 ranked Walled Lake Western and Birmingham Groves in the competition.

**Millstream:** Kathy Davis retired as a Clarkston Schools bus driver after 34 years of service. Davis was the senior driver for the district before her retirement.

## June 23

**Township shuts down Bangkok Massage:** The Independence Township board voted unanimously to revoke the license of Bangkok Massage and the masseuses who work there. The decision stemmed from an investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff Department where a female masseuse at the establishment offered to perform sex acts on an undercover officer for \$100.

**Cops catch burglary suspects:** Jamie Catherine Shallal, Eugene Anthony Lince and Anthony Wynn Owens were each arraigned on one count of first degree home invasion, and receiving and concealing stolen property. The three suspects were apprehended after breaking into

an occupied Independence Township home. Officers were investigating their possible connection to five other home invasions.

**Some suspect cruelty to animals:** Residents in the area of Tindall and Ormond roads reported incidents of animal abuse. Several residents reported their pets being injured after being outside. One feline was found dead in a nearby pond.

**Crash victim to be remembered for service:** Gina Verros, an Independence Township resident, was killed in a June 13 car crash. The 17-year-old was remembered for her love, kindness and dedication. Her family received many reminders of how the young lady "touched so many lives."

**School district falls short of budget reduction goal... Board votes 2.5 percent pay hike for Superintendent Roberts:** The school board announced they should be able to cut approximately \$1.6 million from their 2004-2005 budget, about \$0.3 million shy of their January goal. At the same time, the board voted unanimously to give Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts a 2.5 percent pay increase. He salary went from \$134,564 to \$138,000 with a "possible" \$4,000 bonus if performance goals were met. He was also granted a one-year contract extension with an expiration date of July 1, 2009.

**Millstream:** John Cesarz, a driver for the Independence Township Senior Center, was featured for his work with senior citizens and the handicapped.

## June 30

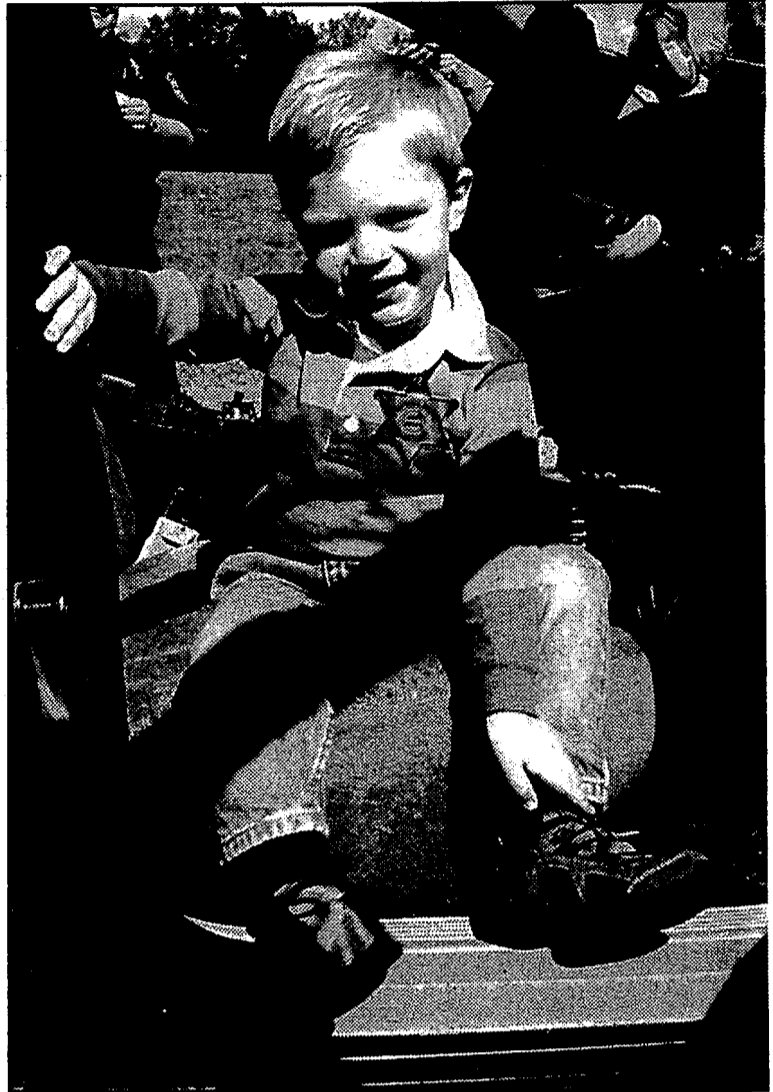
**District plans to spend \$69.6 million in '04-'05:** Clarkston Schools announced the district will need approximately

\$2.2 million from fund equity to balance the 2004-2005 budget. At the June 28 school board meeting, members approved a "major funds" budget with an anticipated \$67.4 million in revenues and \$69.6 million in expenditures.

**Residents protest plans for new natural gas pipeline:** The Michigan Public Service Commission held a public hearing on June 23 at the Springfield Township Civic Center to hear opinions on a proposed pipeline through the area. Consumers Energy was proposing a new West Oakland Pipeline with a route that included natural features, such as the Great Huron Swamp in Springfield and Buckhorn Lake in Rose Township. The proposed plan garnered plenty of protests.

**Slide vandalized in Depot Park:** A member of the Clarkston DPW staff witnessed two young adults vandalize the slide in Depot Park after the June 25 "Concerts in the Park" performance. The DPW staff member attempted to catch the youths, but was unsuccessful.

**Millstream:** Kathy Calcaterra was featured for her active role as a member of the Clarkston SCAMP Board of Directors since 1990. She experienced the benefits and joy of the program first hand with her daughter Carmen, who began attending the camp at age 4.



**AUGUST - Dominick Ward practices his driving skills for his license a few years down the road during "Tons of Trucks" at Clintonwood Park. Photo by Alicia Dorset**

military service read over a public address system. The Clarkston Jaycees helped the Independence Township Fire Department organize the Main street procession which had 89 entrants.

**Residents aim for downtown Clarkston farmers' market:** Anissa Howard and Lynne Millies took bringing a farmers' market to Clarkston personally. The two took their cause to the Clarkston and Independence Township governments asking that the market be held on Sun-

day mornings from May to October.

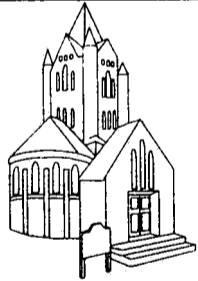
**Millstream:** Katie Anderson, having been named the new executive director for the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, was featured this week. Anderson in her work with the NOHLC strives to set up new protected areas for wildlife and maintain the current preserves in and around Clarkston and Oakland County.

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## July

### July 7

**Everybody loves a parade:** The Clarkston area exploded with patriotic celebration on Jul. 3. The patriotic partying included the traditional parade down mainstreet followed by a festival of fun and fireworks in Clintonwood Park. During the parade, military jets flew overhead complimenting the pageantry of flags and stories of



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5482 Winell-Clarkston (corner of Maybee & Winell)  
248-623-1224  
Service 9:00 • 10:30 • 11:45  
www.ClarkstonFMC.org  
Wednesday 7pm Youth & Adult Ministry

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**  
6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
Fr. Don Duford, D. Min., LPC  
Sunday 8 am & 10 am  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday School 10 am - Nursery Provided  
www.clarkstonepiscopal.org  
248-625-2326

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6051 Sashabaw Road  
Clarkston (248) 625-1344  
Services:  
Sunday 9am & 10:45am  
Morning Worship Service  
Exploration Station - Children's Ministry  
5pm Evening Worship Service  
Studio 7/S.C.O.R.E. -  
Children's Ministry  
Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life - Adult Life Ministry  
c.r.a.v.e. - Student Life Ministry  
Ozone - Children's Life Ministry  
\*Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services  
Our purpose is simple, to help you fulfill yours...  
www.bridgewoodchurch.com

**SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston  
Worship 10:30 am Nursery Provided  
Phone (248) 673-3101

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON**  
5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-3380  
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)  
Pastor: Russ Reetsma  
Sun: 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Choir Practice  
8:00 pm Evening Service  
Mon: 8:30 pm Awana  
Wed: 10:00 am Morning Prayer Partners  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

**CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
6300 Clarkston Road  
Clarkston (248) 625-1323  
Home of Clarkston Christian School  
Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman  
Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson  
Dan Whiting  
Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am  
School of Discipleship 11:00 am  
Nursery Care at all services  
Wednesday: Children's Ministries  
5:30-8:00 pm  
Sunday: Youth Ministries  
6:00-7:00 pm  
www.clarkstoncchurch.com

**ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod"  
7925 Sashabaw Road  
(1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater)  
Clarkston, MI 48348  
(248) 625-4644  
Worship: Sun. 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.,  
Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Preschool: 3-4 years old  
Preschool: 620-6154

**NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH an Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am  
Worship location: 4453 Clintonville Rd. at the corner of Mann Rd., 1/2 way between Maybee Rd. and Walton Blvd.  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 451 Clarkston, MI 48347  
Office Phone: (248) 922-3515  
Sunday Morning Phone: (248) 425-4279  
Website: www.northoakschurch.org  
Pastor Steve I. Brown

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
(248) 394-0200  
Interim Minister: Chris Richards  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am, 7:00 pm  
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am  
Nursery Available  
Call for special holiday activities and worship times.

**DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: www.dixiebaptist.org  
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool  
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service  
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA  
7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study  
Nursery available for all services.

# Opinion

## New plan, many differing opinions

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Well, the Clarkston area has had its share of unhappy parents lately, greatly because of the redistricting of the elementary schools.

I have attended the board meetings and I have spoken with many parents on this issue, so I have heard both sides of the story. Now, it's my turn to tell my side.

How it feels to be the middle man.

When this plan first came to my attention, I had to make certain I collected all the general information. As an education reporter, you would think I could find where the information without a problem.

That statement rings both true and false.

I started out practicing the normal techniques: attending the meetings and contacting the proper sources. And that is where my problem began.

I found it interesting when certain public employees were not very helpful; and in one case, wouldn't even speak with me. I made several attempts to contact the director of elementary education, Geraldine Moore, but was denied that privilege. According to the director of communications, Anita Banach, Ms. Moore does not feel comfortable speaking with the press.

That said, maybe Moore should take a step back and consider her title and responsibilities. Who else better to learn why a decision was made than from the person making them? If she's uncomfortable speaking with one reporter, how is she with a large group of parents whose children's futures are being discussed?

In the end, I did receive the information I needed through an email from the director of communications. I also received generic quotes from Moore in the communication.

On the other side of the tracks in this issue are parents, and some are not happy campers. After speaking with a number of parents, it became clear that we shared a common problem: we were both left out of the communication loop.

Once I focused on their thoughts and views, I was able to understand their frustrations. The lack of communication between the school board and parents and the surprise many felt at the proposed redistricting of their elementaries. Also, the struggle to form some sort of involvement were some of the many obstacles these parents feel cannot be overcome.

I give these parents a lot of credit because they have definitely done their research. During my interviews, I was presented with visual aides and statistics. As a matter of fact, the board should ask to see this presentation.

Overall, my journey through the redistricting fiasco has been a bit frustrating. The plan itself is done very well, however, the parents' views, from what I've witnessed, were not considered. I believe school administrators hear what the parents are saying, but don't know if they are necessarily listening.

For me, this issue is a story I must complete by deadline. For parents, it is their children and their children's security. I never try to rub someone the wrong way, but I do have a voice and I have experienced the irritations first hand.

So there you have it, my side of the story. I am curious to see what happens at the Jan. 10 board meeting when the final decisions are slated to be made.

It's not easy being the middle man, but someone's got to do it.

### My Reality



Christina Ulaj

## Give parents one more opportunity

The plan to redistrict elementary schools in the Clarkston Community School District has left a number of parents' heads spinning.

For administrators in the district, the redistricting, and the many options explored in relation, is not a new topic. School officials have spent over a year forming what has become a detailed and thorough plan that did take into consideration all areas of the school district.

But we are left with one important question - what is the sudden rush for approval? Let's consider...

Affected parents and neighborhoods were not presented a draft plan until the week of Nov. 15. They were not informed the plan was available for review until Nov. 12 when information was sent home with students. Then the Thanksgiving holiday struck.

On Dec. 6, the Parent Advisory Team (PAT) attended a separate meeting to discuss the redistricting proposal. How many of those in attendance are affected by the plan? Were the questions, answers and comments from the PAT meeting provided to those neighborhoods affected? Then the holiday break took hold with all the normal celebrations and festivities.

Now, the board plans to review the final plan for approval at the Jan. 10 regular meeting. The official redistricting will take place at the start of next school year.

Clarkston schools has and will continue to experience many changes in the 2005-06 school year. New buildings are under construction, additions are being made, curriculums are being adjusted and much more. All of these changes are to balance and promote a better learning environment. Somehow, for many parents, the redistricting - one of the biggest moves a

child can experience - became lost in the shuffle.

Again, what is the rush?

We would like to see the school board take an extra step for parents and neighborhoods affected by redistricting. Table a decision until the Feb. 14 meeting and hold one more public forum for those parents whose kids will be moved.

Give current and future parents one more opportunity to understand what's happening and why. Give them the reasoning behind the decided moves again. Give them one more outlet for their voices to be heard.

Yes, this will add time and may not lead to any alterations in the plan. Yes, parents can speak at the Jan. 10 meeting before a decision is made. Yes, this will mean more work for administrators and less time to implement a final course of action. Yes, this could be simply more talk that changes nothing. Yes, this could even be chalked up as just a hassle.

And yes, this could be that one moment where everyone agrees to disagree, but in the end, school officials can sit back and know they did everything for everyone they could.

So many changes are happening throughout Clarkston schools so quickly. Several will even take effect this year. However, just because one step is finished, does not mean another should be hurried. Parent involvement and time are just a couple ways the district can guarantee "No parent is left behind."

Clarkston has a wonderful school system and many residents agree their children's education is well structured. Taking this extra step will help the board and administrators display the caring and strength of their school community.

With plenty of time til the 2005-06 school year, let's take one more month to do the right thing.

- CU and JM

Clarkston News Editorial

## Parents speak on elementary redistricting

Where's the logic...

I was shocked when I uncrumbled a piece of paper in my child's school bag a few weeks ago.

As I looked over this redistricting plan, I wondered where's the logic. I went to the school board meetings, spoke with countless officials and made numerous calls - all in an effort to understand what the goal of the redistricting is.

I still have many unanswered questions. I invite all families who have children in the district to attend the school board meeting on Jan. 10. Although this redistricting plan may not affect you (this time) I believe, if this plan is approved in it's current form, we will need to re-district again-soon.

If the current proposal passes:

- In the distance my son walks from his classroom to the playground and back, he will now see children from three different schools.

- Wish I could tell you how long his bus ride will now be. The district hasn't actually studied that. They did say there is no state ordered time limit.

- At the first school board meeting, the redistricting committee mentioned some schools are using their art and music rooms as classrooms. They said this plan will "take back" those rooms.

Under this current plan, it does not. The only reason for regaining art and music rooms at Springfield Plains Elementary is the SPICE program is relocating to a different location. We are displacing somewhere between 200 and 300 children, and only have a net loss of 20 or so students at SPE. That's one per classroom. Where's the logic...

I ask the board, for the sake of our children, for neighborhood continuity and for after school

activities, (just to name a few) please look deeper into this plan, study the bus route times, future enrollment growth, before and after redistricting head counts. Is this proposal the best solution for our children and community?

I have confidence in the board the plan that is eventually adopted will be the best for our students and families. It will be the most logical solution with provisions for long-term growth. I do not believe this is true with this current plan and I ask the members of the board and the families of Clarkston not to support this plan in it's current form.

Respectfully,  
Mark Matczak

### Is Elementary Redistricting Required Now?

The proposed redistricting of the elementary schools in Clarkston may be a well laid out plan on paper, but in reality it does not seem to be required, at least at this time.

The main points from the school board are that overcrowding and the need for dedicated art, music and science rooms require our children to be moved between all seven on the elementary schools. However, after attending the board meetings, talking with teachers and parents at most of the schools, and reviewing the current school populations, I am not sure this is the true goal for these moves.

Yes, most schools are close to or at capacity, but shouldn't they be that way. The schools that are under capacity are in areas of new development - Pine Knob (with new developments along Sashabaw) and Andersonville (with new developments in Springfield

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## Don't look now, but somebody could be watching you

Well, this here is a new year, folks. And 2005, like every year before needs a good conspiracy. Personally, I really don't give a rat's behind about whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald acted by himself or with the mob or the CIA or the Russkies when he killed President Kennedy in 1963. Or, for the matter, if Jack Ruby was or wasn't hired by somebody to erase Oswald to keep him from talking.

Secret handshakes?  
Ruling elite?  
Council on Foreign Relations?  
Trilateralist?  
New World Order?

I don't care if Barry Goldwater said, "The Trilateralist Commission is international ... [and]... is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States. The Trilateralist Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power -- political, monetary, intellectual and ecclesiastical."

I put little credence into the theory that President Bush and his Jewish friends knew in advance whacked-out zealots would fly airliners into buildings on Sept. 11, 2001. And, I have absolutely zero tolerance/patience for those who subscribe to the "vast right-wing conspiracy" theory.

**No, this is bigger than Hillary's rant.**

I'm worried about something much more sinister. Something that touches the lives of millions of Americans of every age, ethnicity and religion. Something so subtle in its evil plan that most mere mortals won't realize what has happened until it is too late.

The other day, I dipped my fingers into the communal dish of M&Ms and discovered a startling revelation ... the blues are taking over. Soon there will be no green M&Ms ... and you know what that means. I don't know what it means. I am just an observer. All I am saying is I have seen with my own eyes the gradual, from the bottom of the bag to the top, rise of the blue. It's not my job to know what it means, just to report.

**But it has to mean something or it wouldn't be a conspiracy, now would it?**

"Officially" the folks at the M&M compound say every container of M&M candies is made of 30 percent brown M&Ms, 20 percent each of yellows and reds,



don  
rush  
don't rush  
me

and 10 percent each of orange, green and blue.

Right (*wink, wink*) ... and now they want us to believe it was all a coincidence after nearly 50 years of proud service to the public, tan M&Ms were replaced by blues because tans just wanted to "retire" and live out the rest of their lives in seclusion, somewhere in the hills of Tennessee.

Yep, sure ... I don't believe anybody will ever see a tan M&M again. Do the words "Jimmy" and "Hoffa" ring any bells?

**It's only been ten short years.**

The blues ousted tans in 1995 and it's becoming pretty darn clear their goal is world domination. There is no way, no how that blues only represent 10 percent of the total M&M population. It is a lie.

Why would they lie?

They don't want us to know the truth, that's why. We couldn't handle the truth. It is only a matter of time, maybe not in my lifetime, maybe not in yours-- but in somebody's we will all be slaves to the blues. There will be no greens. There will be no browns, no reds, oranges, no yellows. And then there was one. Only blue.

Oh the horror! I can't handle the truth ...

**Speaking of the truth.**

The other night while the television watched me, I think I woke to see some long-haired, long-bearded researcher wearing one of those harmonica hats Jewish guys wear. This Jewish researcher guy and his underlings say there is a secret Bible Code. And that by cracking the code, they say the Bible predicted things like airplanes crashing into skyscrapers -- that the Bible was full of hidden messages.

Can this be true? I always thought the Bible's message was pretty simple and upfront. Don't steal, don't kill, harm or take advantage of anybody else -- even if they want you to. Give of yourself, versus taking from others. Turn the other cheek and all that jazz.

Could it be we have been misled for all these years? I don't know and I am not going there ... I can't take one more conspiracy theory. Only one per year, please. Blue M&Ms have me worried enough. I guess there is something to the old saying, "None are so blind as they who refuse to see."

By the way, if I die suddenly and/or suspiciously, check for traces of blue candy coating.

*E-mail Rush -- dontrushmedon@charter.net only if you aren't paranoid some secret government agency is not tracking any of your messages nor Rush's.*

## A little humor to start another new year

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was and she told him her story. After listening he had her sit down and relax in another room.

The older doctor marched down the hallway way to the back where the young doctor was writing on this clipboard.

"What's the matter with you?" the older doctor demanded "Mrs. Reid is 59-years-old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren -- and you told her she was pregnant?"

The young doctor continued writing and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

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A group of U.P. friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked.

"Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry lying out there and carried the deer back?"

"A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one is going to steal Henry."

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A fellow was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone but agreed to the twosome.

They were even after the first few holes. The second guy said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing playing for five bucks a hole?" The first fellow said that he wasn't much for betting but agreed to the

terms. The second guy won the remaining sixteen holes with ease.

As they were walking off number 18, and while counting his \$80, he confessed that he was the pro at a neighboring course and liked to pick on suckers. The first fellow revealed that he was the parish priest.

The pro got all flustered, offering to return the money

The priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings."

The pro asked, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The priest answered, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation. And, if you want to, bring your our mother and father along. I'll marry them."

**Church Bulletin bloopers:**

• Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

• The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks On Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

• The peacemaking meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled due to a conflict.

• Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

• Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

• A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

2005 -- New war, old jokes

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

## A Look Back

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

### 15 YEARS AGO (1990)

•Flu season hits Clarkston area: The good news is the recent rise in "flu" cases may be dwindling. The bad news is the real flu, or influenza, may have yet to arrive. Area Physicians have been deluged with flu cases lately. Primarily it's two types of flu, according to Tarlika Dhabuwala, who practices from her M-15, Independence Township, office.

•MEAP results show 'good gains' in Clarkston: MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test results for Clarkston show students have made some good gains, said Judith Backus, director of curriculum, at the Dec. 11 school board meeting. MEAP test results were sent home to parents of Clarkston school children before the Christmas holiday break.

•Dog, family reunited: Firefighters at Independence Township's Station No. 2 were happy to perform a food deed recently. But just the same, they were a bit unhappy about it too. A blond cocker spaniel they had temporarily adopted was reunited with its owner after a story appeared here in *The Clarkston News* about the animal.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1980)

•Independence Township's CD funds. Few care about \$120,000: Budgeting for \$120,000 in Community Development (CD) funds in 1980 is a task the Independence Township Board faces with little public input. The first public hearing held Dec. 18 had only one interested group present -- the Independence Township Safety Path Committee. Requests for the federal funds for a mini-fire station in the Woodhull Subdivision area located in the southeast section of the township and for park development in that general area also were received from township department heads.

•Ice fishermen, skaters must bide their time: Unseasonably warm weather has prevented ice fishermen, ice skaters and other sportsmen from venturing out onto the frozen lakes this winter, but even lakes that appear solid during extended periods of cold should be treated with caution.

•Machines keep skiers schussing: Don't let a lack of snow on your front lawn or some mild temperatures fool you -- there can still be some excellent skiing at the local slopes this winter. Thanks to the technology of snow making, it's no longer necessary to have any natural snow at all to have the ski season going full tilt at places like Pine Knob in Independence Township.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1955)

•New school additions nearing completion: The Clarkston High School addition, the last of four additions constructed this past year, is nearing completion. The cafeteria and principal's office were put in operation Jan. 4, and the remainder should be completed within 30 days.

•Ground observers reactivated: For some time there has been a feeling that Clarkston should have a Ground Observer Group to watch for possible enemy planes which might try to enter the area. It seems that while the country is very well provided with radar screens that these do not pick up anything lower than 500 feet from the ground leaving a portion of our lands wide open for attack.

•March of Dimes started Monday: Freeing patients from iron lungs and releasing them from total reliance on braces and crutches are objectives of the 1955 March of Dimes scheduled to open this week, Carl W. Donelson, the chairman of the Oakland County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis declared today.

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## July 14

**Independence Township audit raises questions:** Trustee Dave Wagner and others were searching for answers when Independence Township's audit came back showing a lack of bank reconciliations and quarterly adjustments throughout the past year. The auditor, Plante & Moran PLLC, had to work much harder due to the lack of information, costing the township an estimated \$32,000 in additional funds. Wagner blamed then township supervisor Dale Stewart for a lack of leadership.

**Video catches robber in action:** On Jul. 9 at 12:33 p.m., Clarkston State Bank was robbed by a man wearing a "Harley" t-shirt, University of Michigan baseball hat and large sunglasses. The crime was caught on tape by the surveillance video inside the bank. The man escaped with approximately \$4,000 in cash.

**Vacant school board seat filled:** Barry Bomier was named to the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education on Jul. 12. He was selected from a field of seven applicants and replaced Tony Miller who resigned on Jul. 1.

**3 baseball players named All-State:** Addison Turk, Sam Palace and Aaron Powell were all named to the All-State team for their play on the '04 Wolves team which made the Regional finals.

**Millstream:** Ray Delasko was featured for his 30 years of service with Oakland County Parks. Delasko has been the Independence Oaks supervisor since the park opened in 1976.

## July 21

**Fortinberry leaves bar association in protest:** Dana Fortinberry, 52-2 District Court judge, resigned on Jul. 1 from the Oakland County Bar Association. Fortinberry was protesting the ratings system used by the association's Public Advisory Committee on Judicial Candidates. She felt the committee suffered from "prejudgment and bias."

**Campaigners cry foul over sign rules:** Several Springfield Township candidates reported that their campaign signs had been stolen Jul. 10-18. Along with accusations of unfair play, some candidates also pointed out that others candidates were flaunting the township's sign placement rules.

**Millstream:** L.C. Scramlin was featured for his work as the general manager for the Oakland County 4-H Fair. The position was created by the fair board to recognize the year round work that goes into putting the annual event together. Scramlin was president of the fair board from 1988-2003.

## July 28

**Low voter turnout expected for township primaries:** Joan McCrary, Independence Township clerk, predicted that 20 percent of registered voters would be at the polls for the Aug. 3 primary election. McCrary's counterpart in Springfield Township, Nancy Strole, expected 25 percent voter turnout.

**Springfield candidates square off at chamber forum:** The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon on Jul. 22 to get some answers out of Spring-

field Township hopefuls. Chamber President Tim Patterson asked questions which were written and submitted by an audience of approximately 50 people. Participants included Christine Reilly, clerk challenger; Jamie Dubre, incumbent treasurer; Nancy Strole, incumbent clerk; Collin Walls, incumbent supervisor; and Bill Sahutske, challenger for the supervisor post.

**Millstream:** Tom Brauti was featured for his work with the Free and Accepted Masons Cedar Lodge #60 in Clarkston. Braun is a past master of the lodge and is now chaplain. He has garnered numerous awards in his service with the Masons, but to him the most important accolade is the satisfaction of helping people.

# August

## August 4

**Wagner and Walls prevail in supervisor races:** Dave Wagner won the Independence Township supervisor race over incumbent Dale Stuart by a 2,458 to 1,703 margin. In the Springfield Township preliminary election, incumbent Collin Walls defeated Bill Sahutske, 1,319 votes to 887. Also prevailing in the primaries were Shelagh VanderVeen in the Independence Township clerk's race; and Dan Kelly, Larry Rosso, Dan Travis and Charles Dunn for the Independence Township board. In Springfield Township, Nancy Strole was victorious in her pursuit of another four years as clerk. Dave Hopper, Dennis Vallad, Roger Lamont and Marc Cooper were elected to the Springfield Township board.

**E coli closes county park beach:** Independence Oaks County Park's Crooked Lake Beach closed for one day due to E coli readings taken on Jul. 27. The water had 549 colonies per 100 milliliters of water. The allowable limit is 300. The beach was reopened on July 28 when the ratio of colonies per 100 milliliters of water fell to 238.

**DTE Energy Music Theatre patrons keep police busy:** Twelve people were arrested for a variety of criminal acts over July 26-27. The list of criminal behavior charged by the Oakland County Sheriff's deputies included: trespassing, disorderly conduct, malicious destruction of property and several alcohol related offenses.

**Millstream:** Robert Sloan was featured for his work as an Independence Township Parks and Recreation lifeguard. He has held the position for three summers now and was promoted to supervisor this past year.

## August 11

**Clarkston schools get report cards:** The Clarkston schools as a whole received an "A-" average for all school buildings in the district in 2003-04. Last year ('02-03), the schools received a "B" average. The elementary schools in the Clarkston area received an "A" grade and the middle schools received a "B" grade for the past year.

**Inaugral triathlon able to cross the finish line:** In helping raise money to fight cancer, 270 participants ran, bicycled and swam in the Craig Greenfield Memorial Tri/Du on Aug. 8. Between \$8,000-\$10,000 was raised for the Michigan Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at the event.

**Petitions filed for Clarkston City Council seats:** Incumbents Scott Meyland and Derek Werner are seeking re-election. Anne Clifton is stepping down from her seat. Steven Wylie, Kristy Ottman and Steve Coventry

are challenging the incumbents for one of the three vacant seats.

**Millstream:** Terri Bendes was featured for her work as the "event enthusiast/planner" for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. She is responsible for planning of all chamber activities.

## August 18

**Legendary journalist Joe Falls dies at age 76:** Former *Detroit News* columnist and Independence Township resident Joe Falls died Aug. 11 at age 76 due to heart failure after a battle with diabetes. Falls had a 58 year career in sports journalism and authored 18 books. He was only the second newspaperman voted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

**Schools to open amid construction:** At the Aug. 9 school board meeting, Clarkston school officials promised the construction projects that will be continuing when schools open on Aug. 23 will not be a burden on students. Parents and others motorists in and around both middle schools can expect delays though as bond-funded renovations are completed.

**Millstream:** Elizabeth Egan was featured for her role managing the garden project on the old McCord farm near Pine Knob. The garden produced 12,332 pounds of fresh vegetables for the Food Bank of Oakland County this past year. Most of the work done on the farm is by individuals serving "alternative sentences" for non-violent crimes.

## August 25

**Board waits for Maybee to be paved:** Developer Angelo Zervos' bid for a sight plan approval for the Morgan Lake development was tabled by unanimous vote by the Independence Township board on Aug. 17. As part of the agreement with the township, Zervos needs to pave Maybee Road from the Orion Township border to Clintonville Road before he can get final approval.

**Letter puts District Judge Fortinberry in center of controversy:** A letter written by District Judge Dana Fortinberry questioned the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association's endorsement of Kelly Kostin 52-2 for District Court Judge. The leaked July 20 letter was sent to OCDSA Vice President Dave Curtis. In the letter Fortinberry wondered why she was lied to about the association's selection process and questioned Kostin's suitability for the bench. Kostin and her husband, Bob Kostin, filed a complaint with the Judicial Tenure Commission.

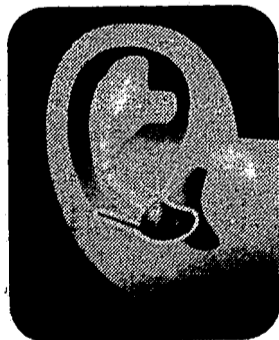
**Millstream:** Gerry Townsend was featured for her role as the primary receptionist at the senior center. Apart from her official duties, she started the euchre program, coordinates senior bowling at Cheery Hill Lanes, runs bingo on Thursday nights and acts as fill-in nutrition host.

# September

## September 1

**Recount set for Springfield Township election:** Even in the face of certified results and a wide margin of victory, a recount was ordered in Springfield Township due to alleged "mistakes" being made in handling ballots in the Aug. 3 primary election. The Oakland County Board of Canvassers was expected to meet on Sep. 2 in response to the request of three unsuccessful

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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**December 27:** Prescription fraud report at Clarkston Medical Center on Dixie Highway. A doctor said a patient attempted to change a prescription from one refill to three. The doctor refused further treatment of the patient.

Domestic assault on Maybee Road near Williams Lake Road. A 46-year-old Clarkston man was arrested for assaulting his wife.

**December 28:** Possession of marijuana arrest on M-15 near I-75. Deputies stopped a suspicious vehicle and found a 22-year-old Detroit man in possession of suspected marijuana.

**December 29:** Check fraud report at Bonnie's Hallmark on Dixie Highway. A subject used two counterfeit \$100 traveler checks to make a purchase.

Destruction to vehicle on Frankwill. Someone apparently shot out a window with a pellet gun.

Telephone threats report on Clintonville Road near Ray Road.

Domestic assault arrest at the Kroger store on Dixie Highway. A 33-year-old Waterford man allegedly hit his wife outside the store entrance.

Arrest for domestic assault and resisting and obstructing a peace officer on Holcomb Road near Miller. The victim reported being hit by her boyfriend. The 28-year-old man refused to cooperate with officers while being handcuffed. A deputy applied two separate Taser charges to the suspect's back before he stopped resisting, reports said.

Possible identity theft on Bristol Park Drive. A department store called asking for the husband concerning an attempt to open a credit card account in his name. The wife told deputies her husband died about three

weeks previously.

Operating while intoxicated arrest on Dixie Highway near Signet Drive. A 26-year-old Waterford man turned left in front of a patrol car. He later registered a blood alcohol level of 0.12 percent.

**December 30:** Subject arrested for operating while intoxicated and carrying open intoxicants at the Taco Bell on Dixie Highway. A 35-year-old Waterford woman allegedly kept pounding on the drive-through window after the restaurant closed. At first she refused a preliminary breath test, but consented at the Oakland County Jail, where she registered a blood alcohol content of 0.19 percent.

Larceny of a fireplace from a home under construction on Forest Valley Drive.

**December 31:** Credit card fraud on E. Circle Drive. The resident reported four unauthorized charges.

**January 1:** Trespassing report at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Waterford Road. Deputies responded to a report of an unauthorized vehicle stuck in the shooting range area. Two vehicle occupants admitted driving onto the private property after drinking the night before at a nearby bar.

Operating while intoxicated arrest on Maybee Road near Clintonville Road. A 52-year-old Waterford man refused a preliminary breath test and was taken to the North Oakland Medical Center for a blood test.

**January 2:** Assist to fire department for a medical call (accidental overdose) at Lancaster Hill apartments.

Family trouble and possible child neglect on Clarkston Road. A father wanted a newborn baby removed from the home because of the mother's alleged failure to provide proper care. The mother reportedly was suffering from postpartum depression. Deputies allowed the father to take the baby to a stepgrandparent's house while he was working, pending notification to the Family Independence Agency.

## Fight between roommates leads to arrest

A 26-year-old Clarkston man faces potential prosecution for felonious assault after he allegedly beat his roommate with a board laced with screws.

According to Oakland County Sheriff reports, deputies were dispatched to the Lancaster apartments on Dec. 28. Outside the building they found the suspect, who was bleeding from the mouth and had several scratches and cuts on other parts of his body.

Inside the apartment, deputies found a trail of blood leading to a room where the 26-year-old roommate was still on the phone with a 9-1-1 dispatcher. He had a "large amount" of blood coming from his mouth and wounds on his hands, arms and stomach, reports said.

The men apparently got into a fight after the suspect brought friends home and the victim wanted one

of the friends to leave. The suspect allegedly "flipped out" and caused damage to the apartment before attacking the roommate.

The piece of wood allegedly used in the fight was from an entertainment center, reports said, and had exposed screws in it.

Both parties in the fight refused medical treatment from the Independence Township Fire Department, but after arresting the suspect deputies ordered him taken to the North Oakland Medical Center before transportation to the Oakland County Jail. At the medical center, the suspect continued to be verbally abusive and again refused treatment, reports said.

Information on formal charges was not immediately available.

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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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candidates, all of whom were backed by Citizens for a Progressive Springfield. The petitions were filed by Bill Sahutske, who ran against incumbent Collin Walls for supervisor; Christine Reilly who ran against incumbent Clerk Nancy Strole; and James Ashley who was unsuccessful in his bid to unseat incumbent treasurer Jamie Dubre.

**Clarkston hockey players win European cup:** Steve Morin, Adam Peters and Trevor Johns spent Aug. 8-15 competing at the European Cup Tournament in Prague, Czech Republic. They helped their team USA-Midwest go 5-0-1 and bring home the gold medal in the tournament. The three Clarkston players skated on a line together and pumped in nine goals as a unit.

**Millstream:** Karen Price was featured for her role as President of the Springfield Branch of the National Woman's Farm and Garden Association even though she admitted she is a "terrible gardener."

## September 8

**Warm weather draws large crowds to annual Labor Day parade:** Close to 50 entries took turns parading down Main Street in the Labor Day Parade hosted by the Clarkston Rotary Club. Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary served as Grand Marshall, having been chosen for the honor after serving for 16 years as township clerk. Clarkston's American Legion Post 63 and the CHS marching band were some of the groups who entertained the crowds on a day which featured bright and sunny skies overhead and smiles on every face.

**Springfield recount yields same results:** None of the numbers in the contested races in Springfield Township showed any change after a recount of primary election ballots on Sept. 2. Collin Walls remained the victor in the supervisor's race over Bill Sahutske; Nancy Strole will still be the clerk, not Christine Reilly; and Jamie Dubre will remain as treasurer instead of James Ashley. The trio of Sahutske, Reilly and Dubre petitioned for the recount. They ran as part of a "slate" of candidates backed by a group called Citizens for a Progressive Springfield. The trio petitioned the recount because they felt they should have all received approximately the same number of votes.

**Clarkston News hires new sports writer:** Noah Purcell did not expect great things so soon after being hired on as the first full-time sports writer at *The Clarkston News*. But after just one week on the job, he had



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already saved two children from a burning building, synthesized a form of oil which burns cleaner and written his first column.

**Millstream:** Fran Cashin was featured for her 30-year career in education, including 20 spent at Clarkston Community Education. "You don't count how many people you've helped," said Cashin. "You just keep helping."

## September 15

**Kid Rock opens Spraypark:** On Sept. 12 before an audience of 3,500, Kid Rock opened the Renee Pryzbylski Memorial Spraypark with these immortal words: "Let's turn it on." Aside from the chance to splash and play for the first time in the spraypark, Clarkston residents were treated to activities and pretend tattoos courtesy of Palace Sports and Entertainment. Kid Rock and the Palace of Auburn Hills donated \$60,000 to help the committee reach its fund-raising goal in March.

**Clarkston Elementary welcomes new principal to community:** Dana Pennanen's teaching career has come full circle. She started out as a student teacher at Clarkston Elementary 10 years ago, and now, shortly before the 2004-05 school year, she was named the principal of CES. "This is where I started, so it's fun to come back," said Pennanen.

**Millstream:** Dan Stencil was featured for his continuing service to Oakland County Parks and Recreation after 28 years. Stencil has lived in Clarkston for 14 years and is trying to bring the 2008 pre-Olympic qualifier in Motorcross to Waterford Oaks.

## September 22

**Art brings people to the village:** What was once dubbed the "Craft and Cider Festival" became "Art in the

Village" this year. The festival has been going on now for 30 years and was coordinated this time around by the Clarkston Community Historical Society. Jennifer Arkwright, the President of the Historical Society, estimated between 10,000 and 15,000 people flocked to Depot Park during the festival and spent nearly \$20,000 at the society's four booths.

**Staff proposes major work at football stadium:** At the Sept. 13 Clarkston school board meeting CHS Athletic Director Dan Fife and Deputy Superintendent David Reschke asked the board to consider allocating up to \$225,000 over the next two years for a new team room among other improvements in and around the football stadium. Due to poor planning or oversight when building CHS in 1998, there was no space constructed in which to gather the entire football team. Also, the current set-up has the players and referees cutting through the crowd near the concession stand in order to get to the locker rooms. The school board responded by asking Mr. Reschke to draw up a Master Facilities Plan for a later meeting date.

**Auditors praise district but suggest improvements:** The Plante Moran accounting firm praised the School District at the Sept. 13 Board of Education meeting on thrifty spending during the 2003-04 school year. Only 95 percent of the allocated budget was spent last year. The thrifty spending, combined with previous cost-saving measures, allowed the district to end the previous year with an undesignated fund equity of 17.5 percent, well above the board of education's goal of 15 percent.

**Millstream:** Debbie Hansen was featured for her role as one of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors. She works at Clarkston area branch of Ox-

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## CHS Winter sports recap

• **Basketball:** 5-0 on the season. Average margin of victory: 15 points. Recent results: 12/23 Clarkston 83 Flint Central 63; 12/17 Clarkston 43 Rochester Adams 40; 1/4 Clarkston vs Rochester High inc. Next game: 1/7 vs. Pontiac Northern.

• **Hockey:** 5-4 (4-1) on the season. Currently in first place in OAA Division 1. Recent results: 12/17 Cranbrook 7 Clarkston 3; 12/18 Davison 5 Clarkston 3. Upcoming games: 1/6 vs. Farmington combined schools; 1/8 at West Bloomfield.

• **Wrestling:** 0-3 in dual meets, placed eighth, fifth and first in tournament play. Recent results: 12/18 Team took first place overall at Oakland County Tournament. Next meet: 1/5 hosting double dual meet with Waterford Mott and West Bloomfield.

• **Volleyball:** 3-5 on the season, including tournament play. Recent results: 1/3 Clarkston 25, 25, 25 Seaholm 15, 22, 22; 12/18 At Portage Northern Tournament, beat Pawpaw and Garber before losing to Plainwell.

• **Swimming:** 1-2 on the season. Recent results: 12/16 Berkley 103 Clarkston 82. Next meet: 1/6 vs. Troy Athens.

# Athlete of the Week – Kyle Chartrand



Kyle Chartrand has been a consistent offensive threat for the Wolves this season. Photo by Noah Purcell

Junior forward Kyle Chartrand is the Athlete of the Week for his steady productive play on the Clarkston varsity hockey team.

On the season, Chartrand has 15 points (six goals, nine assists) in nine games. He had a three game scoring streak snapped in the Wolves last contest versus Davison on Dec. 18. In the

5-3 loss, Chartrand was only able to skate for one period when a rib injury held him on the bench. However, he is now healthy coming off of the holiday break and ready to continue contributing to the team.

This is Kyle's first year at CHS, having transferred from Waterford Mott. Chartrand, 16, lives with his father, Tom,

and mother, Jennifer, as well as siblings Ryan, 20, and Chelsea, 18.

"I love (CHS), I have a lot of fun with the guys on the team," said Chartrand.

Kyle's father started him in hockey when he was three and he hopes to continue playing after high school either in college or elsewhere.

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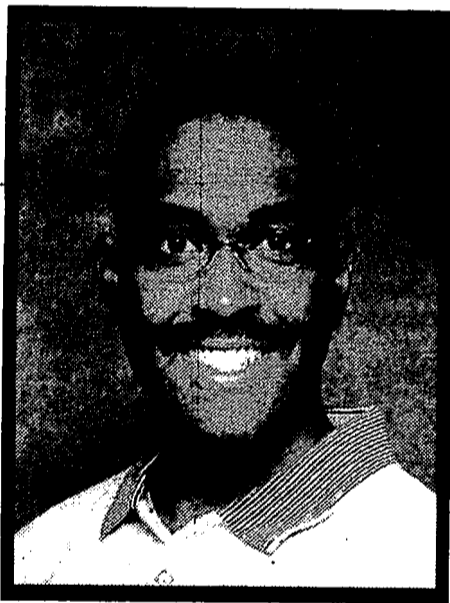
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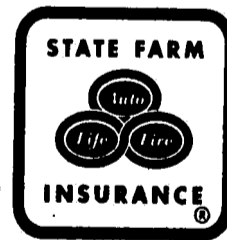
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ford Bank. "My job is to get out into the community and get involved and have a presence so when people think of Oxford Bank, they have a name to put with it," said Hansen.

## September 29

**Crowds pack Main Street for Taste of Clarkston:** Approximately 10,000 people attended the seventh annual "Taste of Clarkston" on Sept. 26. For the first time Main Street was closed down for the event which has outgrown the corner of Main and Washington. The event was put on by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Adult Ed faces challenges with large cuts:** This year's funding for adult education was cut by 75 percent due to state-wide cuts in funding to educational programs. The program must make due with a pared down budget of \$42,000 for the entire school year, despite posting nearly a 75 percent graduation rate last year. Due to the cuts, program officials had to consolidate classes and reduce the number of curriculum choices available.

**Millstream:** The Young at Heart senior group was featured this week. The group meets every Thursday for lunch at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg. On average, 30 people attend the weekly gathering, which provides not only a chance to chat with friends, but also a nutritious, home-cooked meal for \$4.

## October

### October 6

'Undisclosed' rumors still cause

**concern:** Residents voiced their worry over the city's police department and private rumors regarding its employees. The biggest rumor was a communication barrier between the council and the police department's Chief Ernie Combs. Council members attempted to address the rumors, but residents were reluctant. After the termination of Clarkston Police Officer Chris Joyce, Chief Combs could not comment on the grounds for Joyce's dismissal. Joyce requested an investigation on his termination by Combs. Joyce has the option to meet with the council during either a closed or open meeting. Because residents questioned open versus closed meetings, the council came together to discuss their concerns. Another issue discussed was the purchase of Taser's.

**Popular businesswoman passes:** Dr. Jacqueline Milzow, 66, died Sept. 30 from an apparent heart attack following the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Milzow's husband Forrest stated the cancer was diagnosed only three weeks prior. Milzow was the owner of the Deer Lake Athletic Club and had a career as an educator. The Milzow family will honor Jacqueline with the Jacqui Milzow Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will offer scholarships to those with special needs.

**Local Masons celebrate 150th anniversary:** Members of the Cedar Lodge #60's sesquicentennial threw a party at the Grotto Hall in Pontiac. The event's purpose was to honor 150 years of Masonry in Clarkston. The night included a catered meal along with kind words from lodge officers. Once the speeches were complete, guests were able to mingle and exchange stories.

**Millstream:** Kurt Miller, past president of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, was featured as a member of the chamber board of directors.

## October 13

**Fire destroys Springfield Twp. home:** A fire destroyed a home, which was under construction, in Springfield Township. Fire Chief Charlie Oaks said the fire does sound suspicious because the home had neither electric nor gas connected to the structure. Firefighters knew the house could not be saved, so they began to defend the neighboring homes, spraying them with water to keep the fire from spreading. No one was reported injured at the scene. Loss to the home is estimated between \$130,000 to \$140,000, and the two adjacent homes estimated damage of about \$40,000 each.

**Parents research history of middle school rivalry:** This fall, Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School will have new names along with new grade configurations. In 2005, CMS will house grades 8-9 and SMS will house grades 6-7. On Oct. 27, the schools' football teams will play their final game. In 1970, Sashabaw Middle School launched its own football program, and since then, a game between the two middle schools has been an annual tradition. Parents sought back issues of *The Clarkston News* to retrieve articles to document the history of the in-town rivalry. Parents believe it is important to help the players make a smooth transition.

**Tennis heads to state competition:** The Clarkston varsity tennis team finished third place in the MHSAA Division I Regional Tournament. The team totaled 19 points, this is the first time in 20 years a boys or girls tennis team from Clarkston will travel all the way to states.

**Millstream:** Robert Eshaki, co-owner of Rudy's Market, was featured for his passion for business and love for Clarkston.

## October 20

**City officials reinstate Joyce:** After his termination on Sept. 7, Officer Chris Joyce will return to the Clarkston Police Department. While collecting paperwork for Joyce to prepare for the hearing, City Manager Art Pappas discovered that procedures were not followed and the city charter was violated. Since Police Chief Ernie Combs did not contact Pappas on Joyce's discharge, the officer was reinstated with conditions. Pappas said he was unsure when Joyce would return to active duty.

**Springfield Twp. residents to vote on police millage renewal:** A proposal asking voters to approve 0.7289 mill for another 10 years was placed on the Springfield Township November ballot. The current levy is 0.7920, but Supervisor Collin Walls said the figure should be adequate with the current contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. The vote for the second levy will be in 2006. After a misleading ballot, library trustees are expected to fill a sixth seat after Theresa LaPorte decided not to take the job.

**Clarkston's singles go big at states:** 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.

**Millstream:** Brett Knapp was featured for bringing Red Knapp's American Grill to Clarkston. The Knapp family offers 50 years of experience in the restaurant industry.

## October 27

**Suspect uses bomb threat to rob bank:** At the Clarkston State Bank, located

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# Obituaries

## Dick Dickinson

Dick Dickinson, of Harlingen, Texas, and Oscoda, Michigan, formerly of Clarkston for over 20 years, passed away suddenly on December 27, 2004. He was 78.

Mr. Dickinson was the loving husband of Elizabeth "Betty"; dear father of Mary Kathleen Wright of Florida and Sheri (David) Cindea of Clarkston; and beloved brother of Rodney (Sylvia) Dickinson of Canton and Raymond "Pete" (Carol) Dickinson of Oscoda. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Dickinson was preceded in death by his sons Kenneth (1981) and Donald (1973) Dickinson; his grandson Jason Wright; and his sister Elaine Dickinson.

Mr. Dickinson was a huge sports fan. He especially enjoyed fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed reading.

Funeral service was held on January 4, 2004, at Coats Funeral Home in Waterford.

Private condolences may be sent to the family via the guestbook at [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com).

## Johnie W. Eaves

Johnie W. "Jack" Eaves, of Clarkston, passed away on December 28, 2004, at the age of 91.

Mr. Eaves was preceded in death by his wife Edna. He was the father of Cheryl (Robert) Futrell of Clarkston; grandfather of Jennifer (Allan) Robbins; and great-grandfather of Joshua Robert. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Eaves was a member of Waterford Township Church of Christ and retired from Schurrer Construction.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 31, 2004, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial ceremonies were held in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

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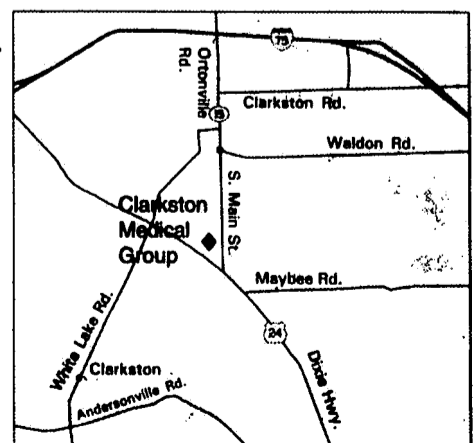
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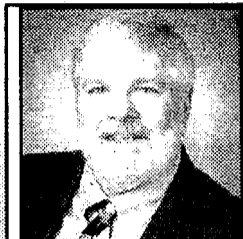
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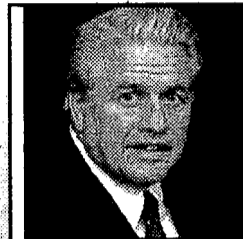
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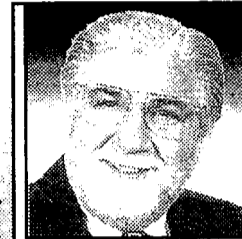
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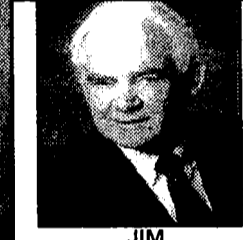
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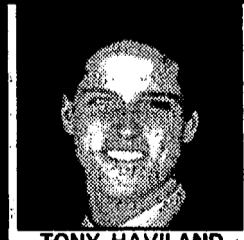
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"Great. My family is healthy and together."  
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"Great! Because I changed people."  
-Loren Sobott

By Christina Ulej

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## More '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 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.

The following is a continuation of the results of our search. Enjoy reading "Where" many Clarkston graduates have taken their lives.

### Jon Territo

For 1981 Clarkston graduate **Jon Territo**, going to Walt Disney World is just another day at the office.

After earning a music education degree from the University of Michigan in 1986, Territo moved to Florida in 1989. He and his wife both got jobs as musicians at the Orlando theme park.

Territo not only performed on "stage" in the park, but also learned a lot of behind the scenes skills as a stage manager.

Eventually, he felt a "pull" in a different direction and took the position of band director at the First Academy, a private school sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Orlando. He started with a group of students from kindergarten through 12th grade with no previous band experience.

Later, he added duties as orchestra director at the 12,000-member First Baptist Church, and that eventually became his full-time position.

Even so, Territo still finds time for occasional performances with the Disney organization and in the community at large. He recently conducted the Christmas candlelight procession at EPCOT Center, and was a guest conductor for the Orlando Philharmonic.

With such large productions, Territo still has a heart for Clarkston events such as the Independence Day parade and the annual Concerts in the Park (which he attends when visiting his parents, who still live here).

"It's still got the rural character," he said. "There is a flavor of Clarkston that is unique. Those of us who grew up here, we appreciate that."

As much as he enjoys his current job and home, Territo wishes people in Orlando could get a taste of Clarkston.

"We love to drive through town," he said. "We love to see the old houses. We



Jon Territo, a 1981 Clarkston High School graduate, enjoys a career as a professional musician, both as conductor of a church orchestra and as an occasional performer and conductor in musical events at Walt Disney World. Photo provided

love how people take care of them."

Territo gives a lot of credit to Clarkston's fine arts faculty for giving him a springboard into what would become his career.

"Those people were inspirational," he said. "We had marvelous training."

### Christine Stamas

**Christine Stamas** is a 1992 Clarkston High School graduate who now holds the unique position of gallery manager for the Detroit Artists' Market.

"I never thought she would have gone where she did," said mom Antoinette Stamas. "I always knew she would do something interesting, but I never expected this."

"Of all my children, she has the job that I think is the most satisfying fulfilling for her."

Stamas has worked for the Detroit Artists' Market for three years. She graduated in 2001 with a bachelor's of arts with a concentration in photography from The Center for Creative Studies College for Art and Design.

"While I was at CCS I tried several different career options, teaching, graphic design and such," explained Stamas. "I decided I wanted to be in the gallery because of the artwork and the people."

"I enjoy working with the artists, the curators, the clients, and of course the art. It's great. I love it."

Stamas said her first job was with Halsted Gallery in Birmingham. She started there as an intern and then hired as the as-

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sistant to the owner and director. After graduation, she moved upward in her career to the Detroit Artists' Market.

"I would eventually like to start working with the Detroit Institute of Art. That's definitely one of my goals," said Stamas. "Otherwise, I want to continue bringing great art to the community."

Stamas currently lives in Detroit, but comes back to Clarkston often. She continuously surprised by the changes and the growth.

"I miss the space there," she stated. "The property. The lakes. The trees. I miss the openness."

Stamas encourages everyone to visit her at the Detroit Artists Market and see some of the finest works southeast Detroit has to open. The artist show is free and open to the public.



Dan Longstaff, a 1987 CHS graduate, shows off one of the Emmy's he won for his work on the "NFL on FOX Halftime Studio Show." Photo provided

## Dan and Greg Longstaff

Brothers Dan and Greg Longstaff are both CHS alumni who have gone on to great things in the world of television graphics.

Dan, who graduated in 1987, won two Emmy awards for his work on the "NFL on FOX Halftime Studio Show." In his work for FOX over the past 11 years, he has been part of Super Bowl XXXI, XXXII and XXXVI. Dan also worked on the NFC Championship Game from 1997-2002.

"I only took a handful of classes for two semesters at St. Petersburg Junior College in Florida and then dropped out for a better paying job. Never graduated and never returned. Mr. Genshaw's "Media" Class was all I needed," said Dan Longstaff, who currently resides in Los Angeles, CA. "I am most proud of the fact that my parents didn't really have the money to send me to college so I had to make my way without a college education. When "the world" was saying you would

go nowhere without it, I proved them wrong. Though I wouldn't recommend it to kids nowadays."

Aside from his ongoing work with FOX Sports, Dan has done graphics for ESPN. From 1990-92 he worked on SportsCenter and in 1991 he was a part of the Sugar Bowl coverage.

Dan has also worked for Speedvision, "Later with Greg Kinnear," "The Roseanne Talk Show" and "The Wayne Brady Talk Show."

Greg graduated from CHS in 1989, went on to Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield and now lives in Temecula, CA. He is not to be outdone by his older brother, having won three Emmys for his work on the Rose Parade from 2001-03.

"Just being where I am today and having accomplished a successful career that I had longed for is a great accomplishment. Just thinking to myself when I work a FOX Football game, I am only one of 7 people in the world who gets to do this job, it just amazes me," said Greg Longstaff.

Greg has done live remotes for the NBA, NFL, MLB, MLS, NCAA basketball, NCAA football (including major bowl games) and the NHL (including the Stanley Cup Playoffs).

Greg has also been a part of broadcasts for professional boxing, the PBA, professional SuperCross and the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

In providing graphics for all of those sporting events, Greg has worked for ESPN, FOX Sports, ABC, World Feed International and FOX Sports Net. He has also been a traveling graphics coordinator for the San Diego Chargers; Los Angeles Dodgers; and Le Mans, Trans-Am and Speedbike races.

Aside from sports programming, Greg has worked with E! Entertainment on the O.J. Simpson Trial, "E! News Daily," "Coming Attractions" and "Talk Soup!"

## Maria Livieratos

There really is not much Dr. Maria Livieratos misses about Clarkston - something easy to understand since she not only still lives in the community, but also has her own private family practice here.

Dr. Livieratos is a Clarkston doctor with an office located on Waldon Rd. in the Genesys building. Previously, her practice was located on Sashabaw Rd.

Livieratos is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and the Clarkston Optimist Club. She has won numerous awards such as the Genesys-POH Achievement Award. She is also active with the Children are Precious Organization and was on the board of directors.

Dr. Livieratos received her doctorate from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1994. She also received her bachelor's of science in chemistry and biology and her master's degree in physiology from Wayne State. Her residency was completed in 1997 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

"I really enjoyed the sciences when I was going through school," said Livieratos. "I took every science class there was at Clarkston High School and then ended up taking independent study."

"I remember when I dissected my first frog, I was fascinated by how the organ's fit in place. That really pushed me to pursue the sciences even more."

Livieratos graduated from Clarkston High School in 1981. Today, she lives in Independence Township

with her husband David Dobbins and their two children Cassandra, 15, and Nicholas, 10.

Dr. Livieratos said the best thing about Clarkston is the people and the closeness they share. She finds everyone willing to lend a neighborly helping hand.

"I'm a hometown type of girl," said the local doctor. "I wanted to stay here and take care of all my family and friends, so that's what I'm doing."

## Daniel Travis

Daniel Travis began "paying his dues" with the Clarkston Village Players and in Clarkston High School drama productions. This year he made his feature film debut in "Open Water," depicting one of two people left behind by accident while on an organized scuba dive in the ocean.

In between, the 1986 Clarkston High School graduate worked the stage in works of Shakespeare and Tennessee Williams, then performing in guest appearances on television series such as "The Education of Max Bickford" and "Sex in the City."

Travis holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University (Ohio) and a master's from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University.

He grew up in Clarkston as the son of local artist Betsy Travis and Independence Township Trustee Dan Travis.

## Karen Barna

In 1986, Karen Barna graduated from Clarkston High School. She received her bachelor's degree from The University of Detroit Mercy and graduated from The University of Michigan Law School in 1996.

Now, Barna lives in Los Angeles with her daughter Jordan. She is a staff writer for the Warner Brothers' show "The Mountain."

Barna was discovered after being chosen to participate in a WB writing workshop. The workshop is a way for studios to find new talent. While living in Clarkston, Barna was always interested in acting, now, she prefers to work behind the scenes.

Barna recommends Los Angeles for those who want to write scripts. She feels near the action, but does miss her hometown.

"I miss a lot about Clarkston," said Barna. "I miss the seasons and open spaces and my family. There is a sense of community in Clarkston that you can't find in Los Angeles."

Barna hopes to visit her family and Clarkston as soon as possible.

## Alice Lounsbury Halsey

Alice Lounsbury Halsey graduated from Clarkston High School in 1959. She later received her bachelor's of science in nursing from the University of Michigan.

For many years after U of M, Halsey worked as the head nurse of obstetrics at Pontiac General Hospital. Then she worked at War Memorial Hospital, Lake Superior State University, where she experienced her field from the teaching end and loved it.

Halsey earned her master's degree from Wayne

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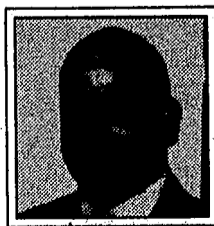
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State and became the Dean of Nursing at Lake Superior Hospital.

Now, Halsey is retired and spends her time as a founding member of Chippewa County Health Access Coalition, a program that helps uninsured individuals receive quality health care.

"It was not uncommon to have a student call her at home," said Halsey's daughter Wendy. "To this day, many former students contact her and want to use her as a reference because of her reputation as a professional."

## Ann McClellan

Ann McClellan graduated from Clarkston High School in 1989. After graduation, she enrolled at the University of Michigan in Flint, where she majored in English and completed with honors in 1993.

McClellan began teaching for a little while until she decided to return to school and receive her Ph.D. in English from the University of Cincinnati.

Now, McClellan teaches at Eureka College in Illinois and lives in central Illinois.

"I miss so many things about Clarkston," said McClellan. "I miss the small town atmosphere, the trees and the lakes."

## Bob Walters

Bob Walters graduated from Clarkston High School in 1982. Today, he is senior vice president for secondary marketing at Rock Financial and Quicken Loans in Livonia.

Walter is responsible for creating new products for

the company. For the past three years, he has been chief economist for a three hour program called *Real Estate Insiders*, which airs on WJR and is syndicated nationally. Walters resides in Northville, however, he remembers Clarkston for personal reasons.

"I miss the familiarity and the small town feel," said Walters. "You really can't replace the area you grew up in. I look at Clarkston through the eyes of a seven-year-old boy."

Walters also remembers the days when he would stop off at Rudy's Market to buy candy before heading home.

## Tim McCormick

Not many people can say they were selected behind Michael Jordan, Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley, and before John Stockton in the 1984 draft.

Tim McCormick can.

McCormick dominated the hardwood at CHS until he graduated in 1980, went on to star in the pivot at the University of Michigan and was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers as the 13th overall pick in the 1984 draft. During his eight seasons in the league, he played for the Seattle SuperSonics, Philadelphia 76ers, New Jersey Nets, Houston Rockets, Atlanta Hawks, and New York Knicks.

For his career McCormick averaged 8.3 points per game and 4.9 rebounds per game. He shot 53 percent from the field during his years in the NBA, similar to Robert Parish or Wilt Chamberlain's career marks in the category. His 54 percent shooting, in 1987, is still fifth place on the 76ers all time single season field goal percentage list.

McCormick now works as a college basketball television color analyst for ESPN and is also the Regional Director of Player Programs for the NBA Players Association. One of his duties for the NBPA is to run the

TOP 100 Basketball Camp for elite high school players across the nation. He has also been active in the NBA's Read to Achieve program.

Tim is accompanied in life by his wife, Michelle, and their two children Kellen and Danielle.



Tim McCormick finished his NBA career with the New York Knicks in 1992. Photo provided

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inside the Farmer Jack's on Sashabaw road, a man threatened tellers with a bomb if they failed to cooperate with his demands. The tellers did as they were told and the man got away with a large sum of money. A teller says the man approached the counter after retrieving a handful of plastic bags from the store—he looked around, left, then came back 15 minutes later demanding \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills. Witnesses say the man left the store by foot and no one saw a vehicle.

**Officials not concerned with federal court ruling over political sign ordinances:** Federal courts recently ruled in favor of first amendment rights regarding the length of time political signs can be displayed on property.

"Signs are like litter to our residents," said Township Clerk Joan McCrary. "We've tried to balance this with no signs at all. Dale Stuart, Independence Township Supervisor said he's not concerned about the ordinance. Township officials do not want to push the matter because residents don't realize where municipality lines stand.

**Wolves make playoffs by drubbing Dragons, 30-12:** For the first time in four years, CHS seniors beat

Lake Orion. The win qualifies Clarkston for the MHSAA playoffs, where they will come face to face with Utica Eisenhower.

**Millstream:** Owners of the Nickelodeon Restaurant, Michael and Demetrious Asim and Steve Gabriel, were featured for selling the historic Clarkston landmark.

## November

### November 3

**New face unseats council incumbent:** In the city of Clarkston, two new faces joined the board. Winning council seats are incumbent Scott Meyland with 249 votes, Kristy Ottman with 282 votes and Steve Wylie with 259 votes.

**Chamber hosts 18th annual Expo:** The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual 2004 Business and Community Expo at Clarkston High School. The theme was "Local Businesses are Red, White and True Blue." The event included many goodies such as exhibitors and door prizes. Cyndy Canty from Magic Radio 105.1 entertained guests with music and games.

**800 local residents without power:** On Oct. 30, many local residents were without power due to high winds. The winds caused about 165,000 people to lose power including 600 Springfield Twp residents and 200

Independence Twp. residents. The winds managed to miss the City of Clarkston, with the exception of mementary outages.

**Millstream:** Clarkston patrons were recognized for supporting the Oakland Symphony. Volunteers dressed up for a Medieval Feast to raise funds.

### November 10

**Tasers used by police to subdue larceny suspect:** 26-year-old Brian L. Wylie was arrested when Oakland County Sheriff deputies responded to a home invasion report. He faces two charges of larceny from an automobile and one charge of restricting and obstructing a peace officer on Eagle Hill Road in Springfield Township. After refusing to put out a cigarette, deputies used their Tasers to control the suspect. Both darts hit Wylie in the head and he was taken to the North Oakland Medical Center for treatment and then to Oakland County Jail.

**M-15 bridge construction brings a new safety path:** The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be reconstructing the M-15 bridge over I-75 this spring. MDOT is also willing to include a \$1.6 million safety path addition to the bridge project. The path will create a 14-foot wide safety path on the east

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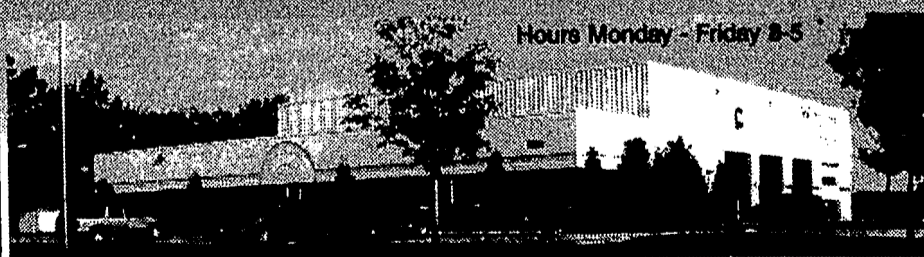
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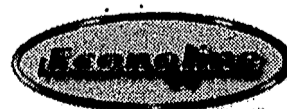
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area).

I would suggest that the school board keep this plan at hand, wait a year or two to clearly see the results of these and other developments, and then implement portions of the plan as deemed required. I believe in the carpenter's law - measure twice and cut once.

Respectfully,  
Robert Ferer  
Clarkston

## Elementary school redistricting plan deserves a failing grade:

Although I consider myself an actively involved member of the Clarkston community, I have never in the past felt the need to pen a letter to the editor. However, the current elementary school redistricting plan I believe deserves all our attention.

As a concerned parent, I would ask the members of the Clarkston School Board to reject the current redistricting proposal scheduled for a vote on Jan. 10. The district's own data, statements or even common sense does not support the current plan.

Affected parents have not been allowed to participate in the planning and continue to have unanswered questions regarding the need for redistricting. The following four key reasons for redistricting were presented at the Nov. 29 Board of Education meeting:

- Bond 2003 added classroom space.
- To best utilize all seven of our elementary schools.
- To ensure each building has dedicated rooms for art, music and science.
- To accommodate growth.

Subsequent discussions between parents and the school have strongly indicated that currently dedicated art, music and science rooms are not at risk unless radi-

cal changes occur in growth patterns. Furthermore, the overriding implied reason for the redistricting continues to be more for image (so that partially filled new classrooms will not give the appearance that the district added capacity unnecessarily).

Moving a child from school to school requires a great deal of adjustment. As a parent, I want to be certain that there is a compelling need for the change. The current plan falls far short of demonstrating that justification. Additionally, the current growth trends within our township would not support some of the planned moves as a long-term strategy.

I am hopeful that the board will exercise good judgment and reject the current proposal. The Clarkston school system has earned a reputation for excellence. The current redistricting plan is not representative of that excellence and its shortsightedness will shortchange our kids.

Respectfully,  
David A. Lohmeier

## Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my displeasure with the Clarkston School redistricting plan and the response from the Clarkston School Board to the parent's concerns.

The school administration has not explained why the redistricting is required at this time and parents are looking for answers to some key questions.

1) Why is redistricting required? At the first board meeting it was stated that redistricting was needed to insure that each school had rooms for art, science and music. At the second board meeting, it was stated the plan was so each school would be balanced and had room for growth.

2) What were the guidelines given the committee and were they reviewed by the school board? This information was not shared with the parents and a gen-

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eral comment made was that one objective was to move the minimum number of children and still provide room for growth.

3) What is the projected enrollment at each school before and after the redistricting? Based on the information parents were able to obtain from the school administration, only Clarkston Elementary will be over their target enrollment next year. Every elementary will have the art, science and music rooms, and are not in danger of losing them.

I met with Dr. Roberts to discuss these issues and was disappointed that he had no answer to any of these questions. Dr. Roberts did promise to get the information to me as soon as his staff returned from the Christmas break.

I am also disappointed that the school board did not ask these questions, either before the redistricting process was started or when the committee presented their results. The school board is elected by the citizens to represent us and guide the school administration. I do not understand why the board is not taking charge and is instead being guided by the administration.

A parent can understand having their children moved to another school to insure their child's education is the best that can be provided, but to move their kids to make room for potential future residents is not acceptable.

The reason we feel so strongly about this issue is not about the comparative levels of education that our children will get at the other school, but the breaking of friendships. Our school district has many homes in rural areas where the school friends are the only friends.

I ask that the school board delay considering the redistricting plan until the school board can explain why the redistricting is required and how this plan meets those objectives.

Sincerely,  
Steve Heckendorn

# Year in Review

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side of the bridge, connecting northern residents, southern residents and downtown Clarkston.

**Clarkston cross country champions again:** The Clarkston girls cross country team won the State championship—despite an awkward start. Five of the seven Clarkston runners involved in the opening stumble, include Junior Jenny Morgan. Senior Liz Mengyan managed to avoid the fall and finished third. The boys team finished 25th at the State finals.

**Millstream:** Tim Smith was featured as the director of event operations for Palace Sports and Entertainment. Smith is also a liaison to Independence Township government for events that take place at DTE Energy Music Theater. He lived in the Clarkston area for three years and is a former board member with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

## November 17

**City officials vow to fight MDOT-imposed signals:** Clarkston area residents are not thrilled about the new pedestrian signals located at Main and Washington.

In a Nov 8 meeting, the Clarkston City Council promised to lobby MDOT regarding the style and cycle of the signals. Area resident Mel Vaara said he witnessed several near car/pedestrian hits because of the confusing system. Officials noted a Nov. 4 incident where a car hit a pedestrian at the Main and Washington intersection. Police Chief Ernie Combs said the pedestrian did press the button to activate the signal.

**Springfield man charged with computer porn crimes:** Oakland County Sheriff investigators filed multiple charges against David N. Benton after his house cleaner called with a tip. Benton allegedly had numerous images of child pornography on home computers. Charges include two counts of criminal sexual conduct—second degree (children under 13), eight counts of possession of child sexuality-abusive material, eight counts of using a computer to commit a crime and one count of possession of marijuana.

**Millstream:** The Clarkston Rotary Club was featured for its annual "Taste for the Holidays." The event was held at Bordine Nursery and many Clarkston area residents and business people attended.

## November 24

**Traffic flows on Sashabaw:** Local and county offi-

cials came together at Pine Knob Elementary School for a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ceremony honored the opening of Sashabaw Road's new four-lane boulevard. Brent Bair, managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County, thanked businesses and motorists for their patience during the construction.

**Deer Lake Athletic Club opens women's circuit room:** The new women's circuit room at Deer Lake Athletic Club was dedicated to owner Jacqui Milzow, who passed away on Sept. 30. The center will have a 30-minute circuit routine, weighted machines and free-style stations. The room is directed toward women who are new to exercise, want to improve their health, or have time issues. The circuit is for ages 16-90 of all fitness levels.

**Millstream:** Ron Heady was featured as a Clarkston resident. Heady is the regional sales manager for Robert Mondavi wines for Michigan and Indiana.

# December

## December 1

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**Cops seek knife suspect:** Investigators are searching for a man who flashed a knife while tryig to rob the Subway shop in the Independence Town Square shopping center. After the man ordered a snadwich, he waited until the register opened and pulled out a three-inch long gold colored knife. The manager closed the drawer, then stepped into another employee that turned around to see what was happening. The man ran off, empty handed of cash but with his sandwich. Police are still investigating.

**Don't cry for me, Clarkston:** Eight-year-old Cassia Ward participated in the production of "Evita." She will play a part of the Childrens Choir. Ward is excited to perform at this level.

**Millstream:** Local business owners Peter and Ann

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### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Springfield Township Board will hold its regular meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 8

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The Planning Commission will hold its regular meetings, if required, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 as follows:

Workshop meetings: 1st Thursday	
January 6	July 7
February 3	August 4
March 3	September 1
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

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January 17	July 18
February 21	August 15
March 21	September 19
April 18	October 17
May 16	November 21
June 20	December 19

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January 20	July 20 (3rd Wed.)
February 17	August 17 (3rd Wed.)
March 17	September 15
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February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21 <sup>st</sup>
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 18
June 15	December 21

Questions regarding the above published meeting schedules and locations may be directed to the Office of the Springfield Township Clerk, PO Box 1038, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

Nancy Strole, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield

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Berishaj were featured as the new owners of the Nickelodeon Restaurant.

## December 8

**Fire leads to arson arrest:** 19-year-old Emily O'Connor was arraigned on one count of arson and one count of assault and battery. After a fight between O'Connor and her mother, O'Connor set fire to a pile of clothes on her bedroom floor causing an estimated \$50,000 in damages and a stop at the hospital for the mother. After fleeing the scene, O'Connor returned and confessed to officials.

**Freeway closes after crash:** Between 55 and 60 vehicles were involved in a crash that closed down I-75 between M-15 and Sashabaw Road on Dec. 1. The crash was a result of "tailgating" which turned into a never ending accident. A state police press release stated that only three individuals were taken to the hospital. Oakland County Sheriff Lt. Dale LeBair said the accident was the worst crash he had ever seen.

**Clarkston girl excels at PP&K:** At Ford Field on Dec. 5, Jackie Gipe participated in the Punt Pass and Kick competition at halftime. Gipe took second place. This is Gipe's second year participating and she enjoyed running on the field, throwing the ball, and seeing her face on the big screen.

**Millstream:** Ed Zull, owner of Pete's II Coney Island, was featured for his longtime family traditions and local connection.

## December 15

**Middle school teacher faces assault charges:** Sandra Lee Blomquist, a Sashabaw Middle School teacher, was charged with assault and battery against a 10-year-old student. Blomquist was arraigned and released on \$5,000 personal bond. According to reports, the teacher grabbed the student with both hands on his shoulders, then put her forearm against his chest and shoved him against the lockers. Under the terms of the teachers' union contract, Blomquist is on paid administrative leave. The assault and battery charge is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

**Parade lights up main Street and faces with holiday cheer:** The Heart of Clarkston holiday Parade showed downtown with lights and entertainment. The parade volunteers offered free hot chocolate and plenty of treats to citizens who came to enjoy the festivities.

**Rotary promotes healing overseas:** From Nov. 13 to Nov. 27, thre Clarkston Rotarians traveled to India to participate in the organization's world-wide Polio vaccination drive. The trip lasted two-weeks, visiting Delhi, Muradabad, Chaundosi, Bareilly, Agra and Jaipur.

**Millstream:** Hank and Barb Hogan are realtors with Maxbrook in downtown Clarkston. The two sell high-end homes throughout northern Michigan. The Hogans have an extensive history: from publishing to travel agency work. The Clarkston residents have enjoyed the area and the friends they have made.

## December 22

**Road garage reopens after fire damage:** Due to fire damage, a Springfield Township maintenance garage has been rebuilt. The 11-month project's total cost for construction and equipment is between \$5-6 million. The commission lost 17 peices of equipment and use of the building after the blaze.

**District officials support input and plan:** The Clarkston Community School Board feels their plan for redistricting the elementary schools will benefit everyone in the long-run. Because of additional space added to Pine Knob Elementary, the board seeks to balance the schools, making dedicated art, music and science rooms in all seven elementary schools. Comments and suggestions from parents are being considered.

**Parents question both plan and process:** Certain area parents are not thrilled with the plan to redistrict Clarkston Elementary Schools. They emphasized they do not want their children to be taken away from a school they love. Some parents are not pleased with the involvement of the parents and communication between themselves and the school board.

**Wrestlers stake claim to county title:** The Clarkston wrestling team won their fourth, straight Oakland County Tournament on Dec. 17 & 18. The team's points totaled 262. Forty-six teams participated in the tournament.

**Millstream:** Santa Claus took time out of his busy schedule to answer questions from all the little boys and girls of Clarkston. With over 15 questions, Santa had his hands full, but he was patient and kind and answered all questions fairly.

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**090 AUCTIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that on 1/21/05 at 10:00am the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Mini Storage Of Orion, 1007 Brown Rd., Orion, MI: Space Number: 645, James Mueller: 1 household furnishings. Space Number 307, Taryn Diane Lafnear, 1 refrigerator, 1 misc. small appliances, 2 household furnishings, 3 misc. household goods, 5 misc. boxes/ bags. Tenant: David Cain, inventory of goods in space number: 588, 1 TV, 8 household furnishings, 20 misc. boxes/ bags. I!ILX4-4

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- Space Number 116, Michelle Kibbe- 2 misc. small appliances, 5 household furnishings, 4 misc. household, 10 misc. boxes/ bags, 3 toys, 1 exercise equipment, 15 other misc. items.
- Space Number F2B14, Larry Louzon- 4 misc. small appliances, 19 household furnishings, 10 misc. household, 40 misc. boxes/ bags, 2 hand tools, 1 lawn care equipment, 25 other misc. items.
- Space Number G 8, David Driscoll- 1 misc. small appliances, 10 misc. household goods, 20 misc. boxes/ bags, 30 other misc. items, 1 toys.
- Space Number F2B43, Philip Unger- 5 household furnishings, 4 misc. boxes/ bags, 3 other misc. items.
- Space Number F2B20, Ella R. Bare- 11 household furnishings, 10 misc. household goods, 10 other misc. items.
- Space Number F 2B3, Michelle Gonzales- 4 household furnishings, 45 misc. boxes/ bags, 7 toys, 30 other misc. items.
- Space Number F 1B4, Mark Michalczak- 5 misc. household goods, 6 misc. boxes/ bags, 1 power tools, 40 other misc. items.

LX4-1f

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SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS: Friday, January 21, 2005, 10 A.M. Lake Orion Self Storage Center, Inc., 180 W. Church St., Lake Orion, MI 48362. 100 yards east of Lapeer Rd. (M-24). 248-814-8140

Unit #50012- Jodi Reetz: Couch, mattress & springs, bed frame, table & chairs, entertainment center & more!

Unit #40045- Terrance Kane: Motorcycle, tools, toolboxes, chainsaw, asst. boxes, & more!

Unit #40039- Nancy Best: Table & chairs, entertainment center, & more!

Unit #50040- Cecil Jones: Car ramps, bed frame, coffee table, bikes, asst. boxes, and more!

Unit #40024- Wendy Cooper: Washer, dryer, entertainment center, asst. Tupperware containers, and more!

Unit #30054- Melendy Parker: Computer monitor, car seat, asst. kids toys, Beanie Babies, coffee tables, holiday decorations, and more!

Unit #40054- Steve Huddleston: Weights, mattress, and more!

Unit #30062- Rachel Onweller: Antique couch with footstool; antique chair, bed frame, and more!

Unit #30004- Building Block Construction: wood shelves, plastic buckets, and more!

Unit #20051- Neil McCallum: Asst. Christmas decorations, pop-up shelter, VCR, jumper cables, and more!

Unit #30018- Vicki Duff: Paint cans; tarps, asst. Tupperware totes, Christmas decorations, and more!

Unit #30038- Debra Blanchard: Glass bathroom cabinet, kid's comforter, tent, paper shredder, asst. boxes, and more!

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SOLID OAK ROUND dining table with leaf & 4 chairs. Like new. \$200. 248-693-8845. I!ILX3-2

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**FIREPLACE: gas, ventless, 39,000** BTU, \$275. 2 ladies size 6, quality ski suits, \$65 each. 810-614-4730. I!ILX4-2

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 ABANDONED white cat - very loving, to good home only. 248-766-6996. IILX20-2

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AKC REGISTERED LABS. OFA, dew-claws & first vaccinations. \$350. 248-628-0669. IILX3-2

3-4 MONTH OLD Kitten looking for loving home. Very affectionate, playful. Has shots. Healthy, but positive for feline leukemia. Was rescued from outside. Please help! 586-260-3380. IILX4-2

ITALIAN GREYHOUND female, 11 weeks, needs good loving home. She has had all required shots and comes with all supplies needed. Food, toys, cage, etc. \$900. Please call 734-626-4613 IILX4-2

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SMALL, PRIVATE barn has 2 openings for retired horses. Excellent care given. Call for details. 810-797-6162. IILX4-2

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JOHN DEERE TRACTOR 39hp, 4x4, loader. Like new, extras. \$18,500. 810-864-9380. IILX4-2

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LINCOLN MARK VII 1988 - Classic, very nice condition, 76,000 miles, \$2950. 248-625-5354. IILX17-12nn

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1999 MAZDA MIATA, 5sp, AC, PW/PMI/CD, rear defog, performance intake, stainless exhaust, \$10,900. 248-860-0737 IILX50-12nn

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1993 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE - 4 door, 3800 V-6, emerald green, all power, 70,000 miles, excellent condition, \$3100 obo. 248-343-8804. IILX46-12nn

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1997 SATURN SL2, 73,500 Miles. \$3500. 248-628-6897 IILX4-2

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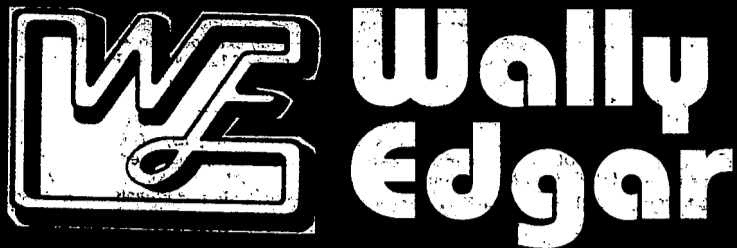
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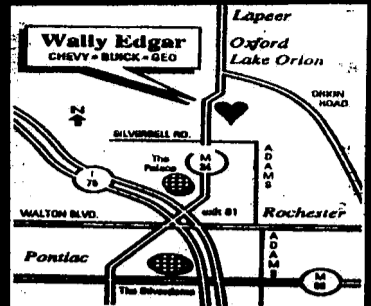




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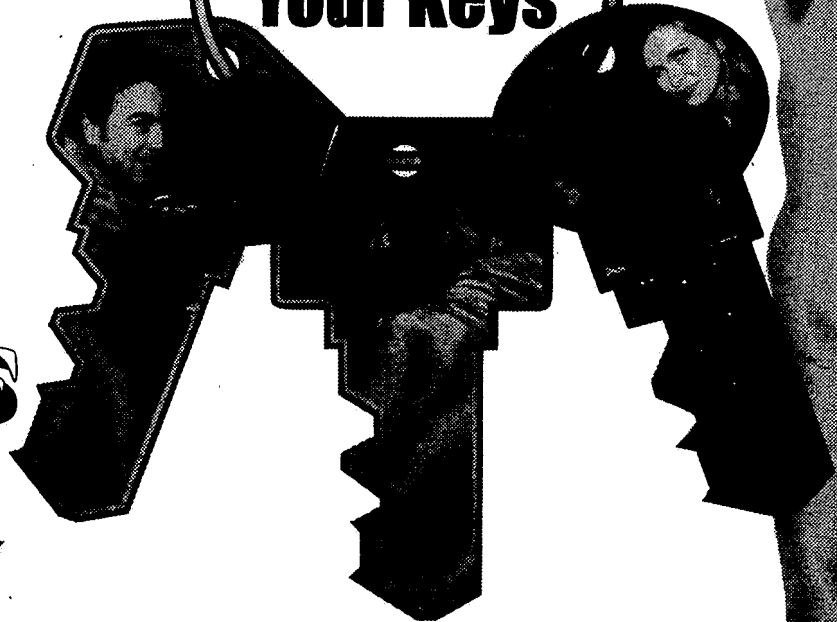
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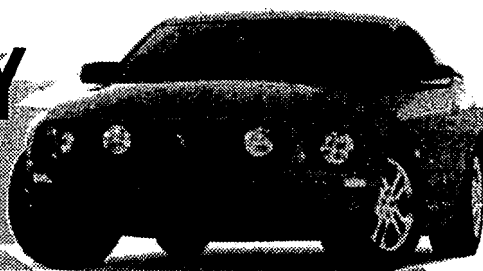
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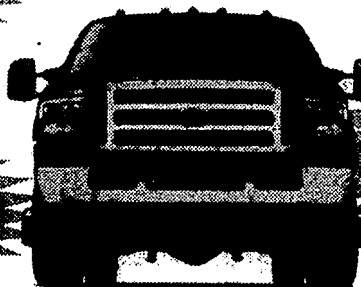
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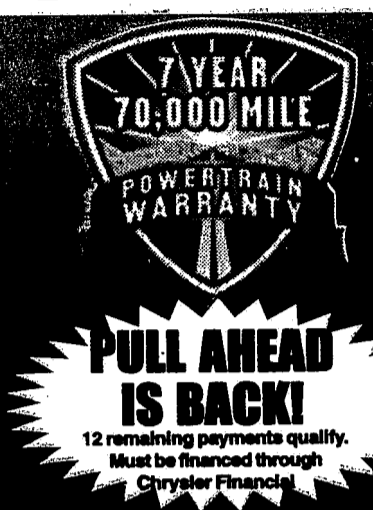
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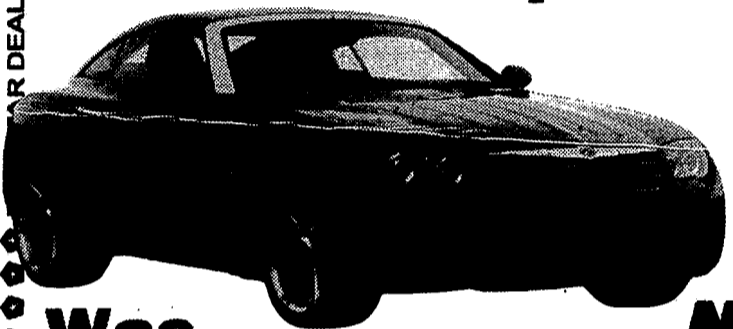
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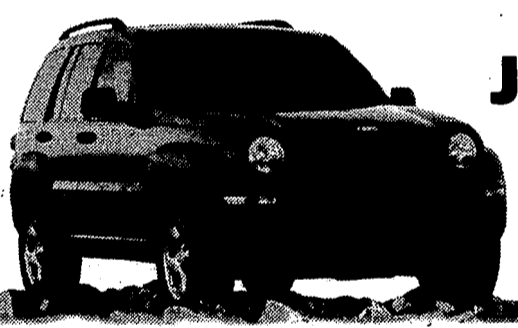
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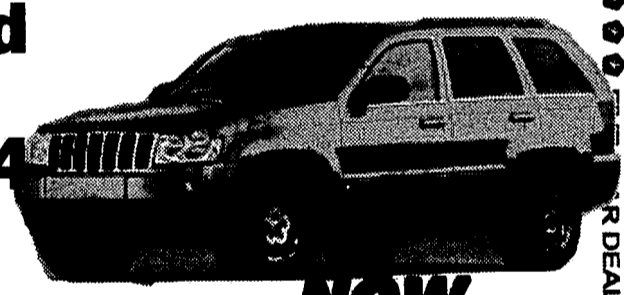
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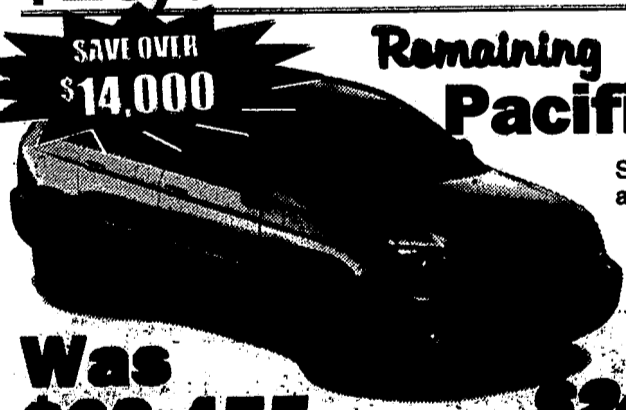
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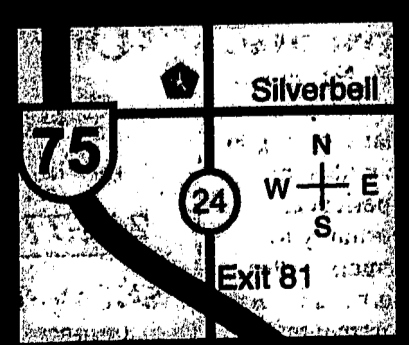
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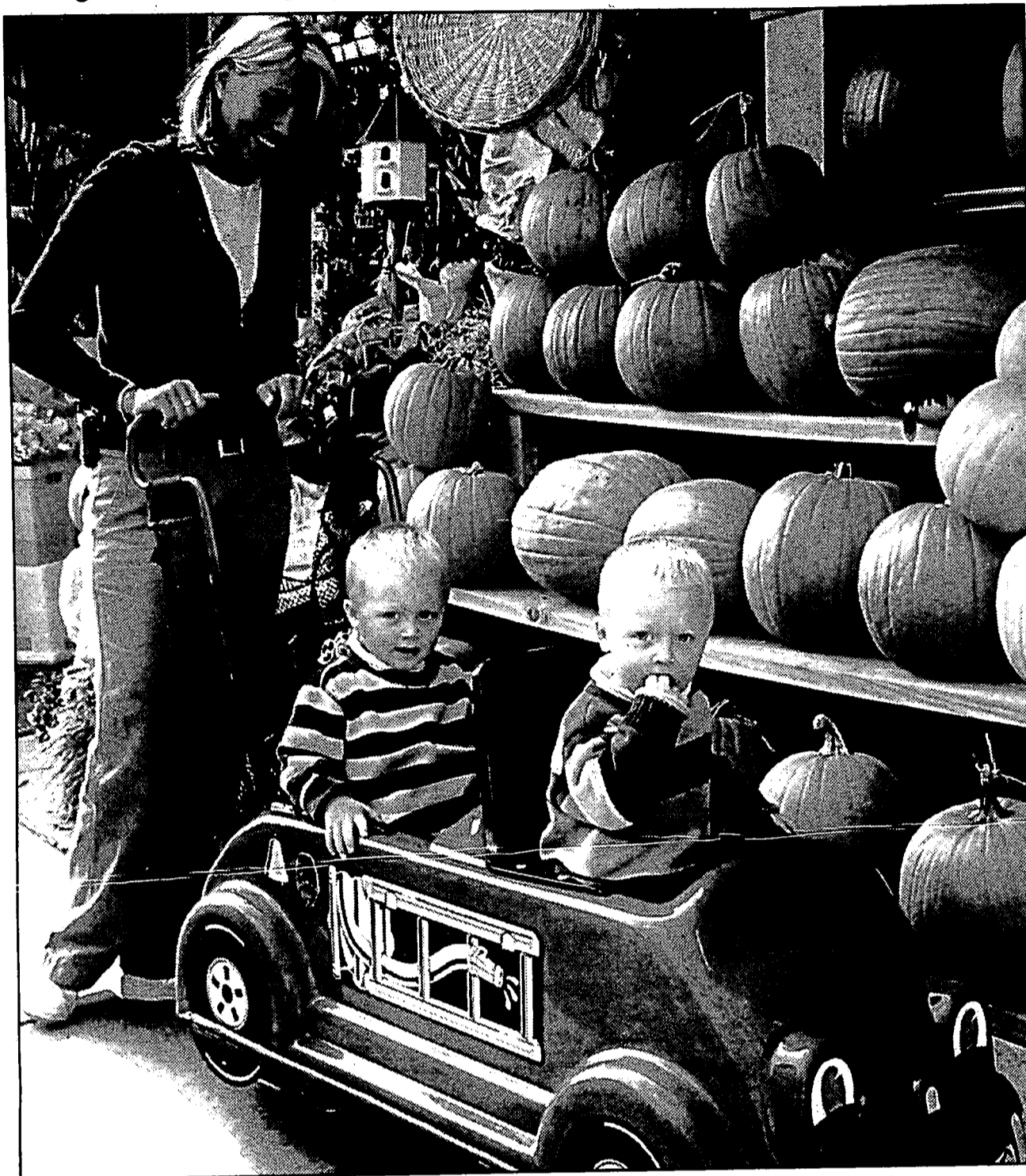


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# A year of fun photo moments



Cruising downtown... Diane Pearson takes nephews Nicholas and Matthew Miller, 2-1/2, on a fun ride through downtown Clarkston. They especially enjoyed the pumpkin display outside Rudy's Market.



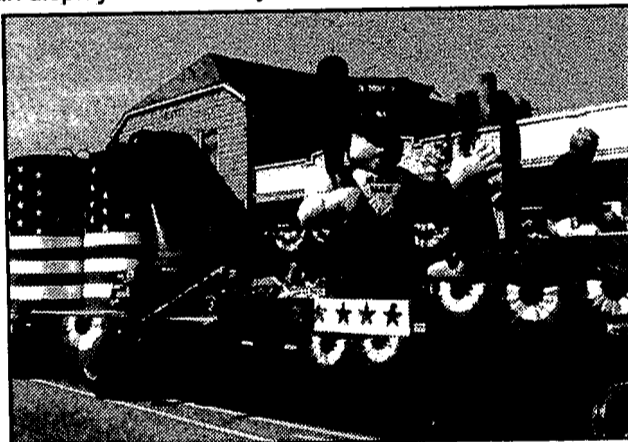
Seniors Sarah McGinnis, Heather Giroux and Amy O'Neil are all smiles after the Wolves captured their regional title with a win over Birmingham Groves on June 12. Photo by Ed Davis



Brendan Tracy is all aboard on the new play structure at the Springfield Township Library. Photo by Noah Purcell.



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



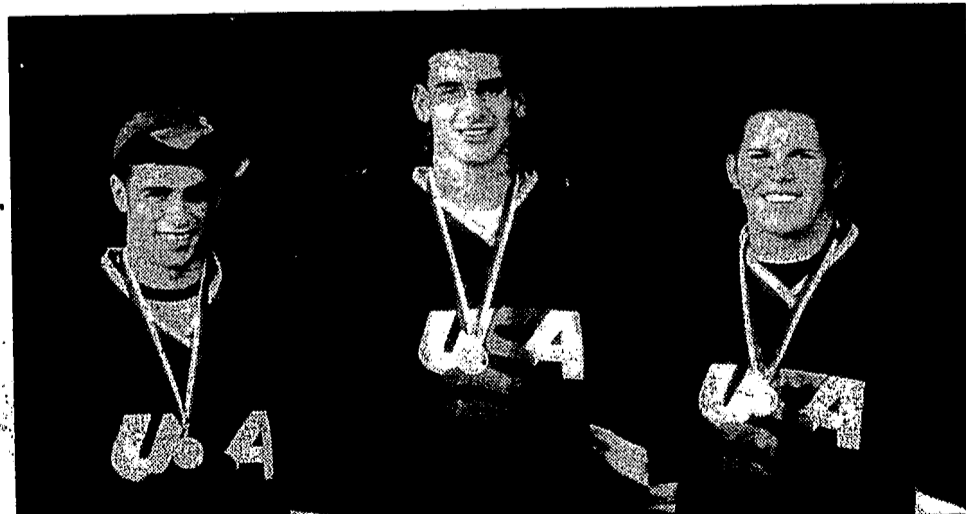
Many area businesses showed their patriotic spirit with floats and treats during the Independence Day Parade. Photo by Don Schelske



Area residents converged on Springfield Township for the annual Oakland County 4-H fair. Spencer Kuhn tries his hand at a fishing game. Photo by Kyle Gargaro



The Clarkston High School volleyball team celebrates a district title prior after winning the tournament at Holly High School. Photo by Ed Davis



From left to right, Trevor Johns, Steve Morin and Adam Peters were members of Team USA - Midwest, and they took a moment for a snapshot. Provided