

## Done Deal Schools OK redistricting

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ  
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Everything began Nov. 29, continued on to Dec. 13 and finally finished on Jan. 10 when the Clarkston Schools Board of Education voted unanimously the concept of redistricting – sort of.

Director of Pre-K Elementary Education Geraldine Moore and Director of Communications and Marketing Anita Banach both addressed the board and guests on the plan. The two began to re-explain the proposal and many comments arose after the presentation.

After a great deal of discussion, board members decided to postpone the final activation of the redistricting. During the meeting, the board received one change to the proposal. The redistricting committee recommended to move section (D) to Andersonville Elementary instead of Clarkston Elementary, and keep all other changes as presented. Because this change came abruptly, the board decided to approve the “concept” of the plan pending communication with the section (D) residents.

Board members then listened as area parents gathered to voice their thoughts on the new plan. The room was filled with parents, some agreeing with the proposal and many voicing opinions on the other side. Several parents became emotional while speaking during public comment.

“I believe the board was led blindly,” said Mark Matczak. “I will not come to the next meeting because the decision is made.”

Members of the Parent Advisory Team (PAT) attended the meeting and showed agreement with the plan, while other parents were disappointed with the outcome.

“There were many good points raised by parents,” said David Lohmeier. “It was unfair that the board had almost two hours to present and the parents were only allowed about 20 minutes.”

Many parents voiced concern about the well being of their children and the opinion that this is an emotional move. The board and the planning committee voiced their view that the plan is the best for the children’s future.

“The parents’ reaction is exactly what we expected,” said Banach. “They are obviously very passionate about their kids and the parents have shown so much effort.”

The board will announce the final implementation of the redistricting plan at the Jan. 24 board meeting.



## Winter freeze closes schools...

Kelsey Foy and Cece Heady have a snowball fight to celebrate their day off on Jan. 6. For more scenes of winter fun turn to pages 15A and 20A. Photo by Christina Ula

## Independence Twp. hires new legal representatives

By Jenny Matteson  
Clarkston News Editor

After more than 25 years with Secrest Wardle, the Independence Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 on Jan. 4 to hire new legal representation.

According to Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, the decision has been a long time coming, since before his election in the August primaries.

“I felt as if there wasn’t enough control of the consultants,” said Wagner. He also voiced a concern about continually increasing the township’s attorney fees while simultaneously cutting parks and recreation programs.

In 2002, the township budgeted \$125,000 for attorney fees. By 2004, the amount had more than doubled to \$300,000 and remained almost the same for 2005; trustees budgeted \$250,000.

“When you have revenue sharing being continually cut, you’ve got to start looking at everything,” said Wagner.

One of the platforms Wagner ran on during the elec-

tion was to review and possibly change the township’s legal representation. He spoke with five different firms and narrowed the search down to two: Karlstrom Clooney, LLP and Booth Patterson.

At the Jan. 4 regular board meeting, Wagner recommended to hire Karlstrom Clooney, LLP for the day-to-day operations while maintaining the right to retain Secrest Wardle, or any other outside firm, on a case-by-case basis.

“What I’m looking for is someone local to represent us in the way we need,” said Wagner during the meeting.

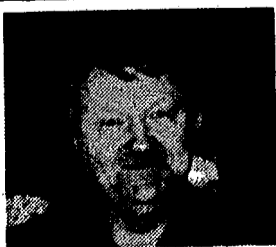
“(Secrest Wardle) is still involved,” he continued. “They are still involved. They are not our general council anymore, but they will be used for their specialties.”

In a later interview, Wagner stated he wanted to find someone local to help reduce the township’s expenses, while simultaneously keeping Independence Twp. tax dollars in the township. Karlstrom Clooney is located down M-15 – next to the courthouse, the township engineer

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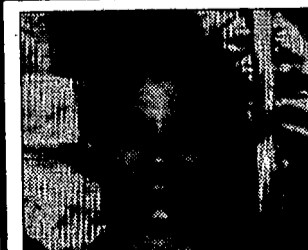
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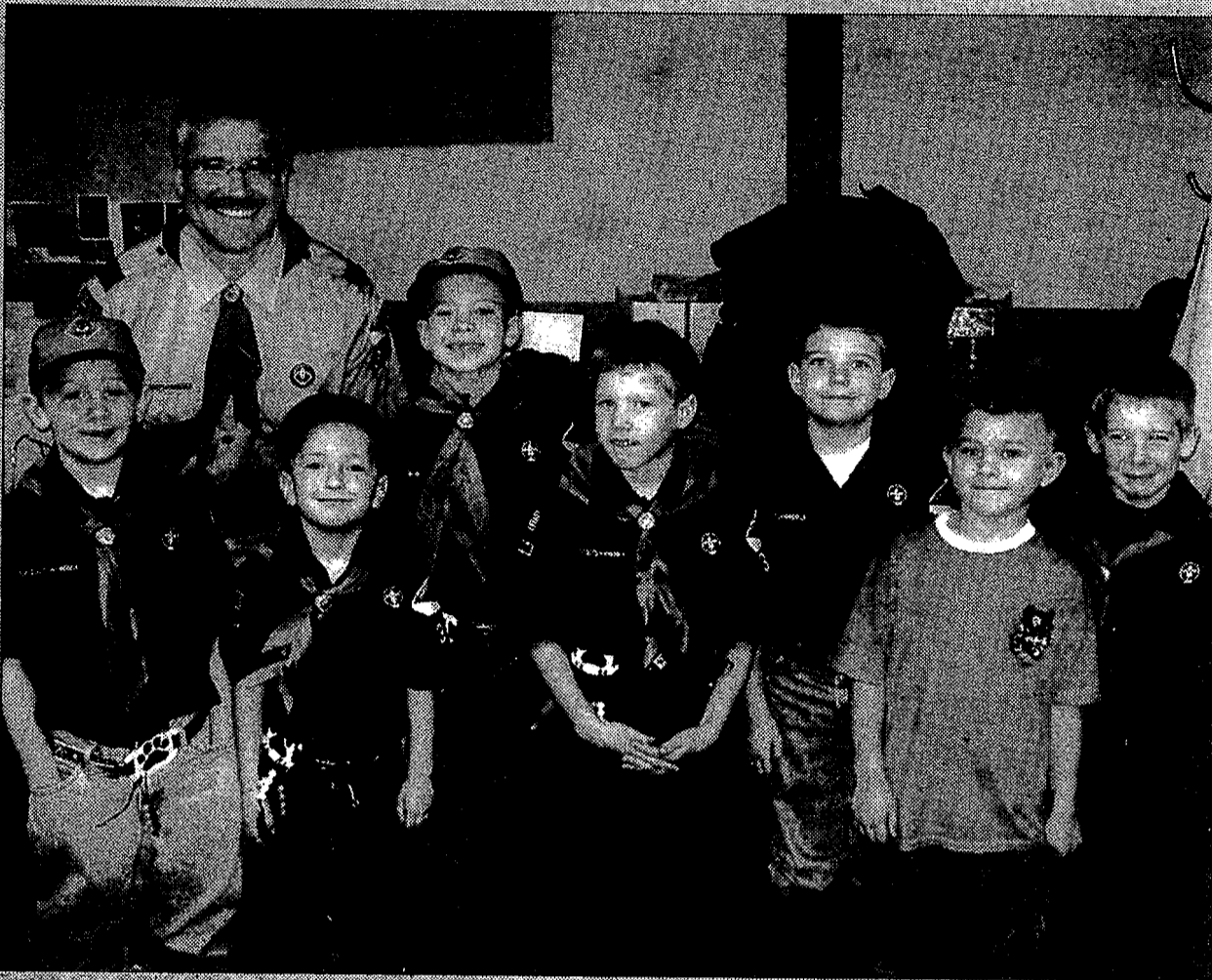


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Cub Scouts' first year Tiger Cubs, pack 341 from Bailey Lake Elementary visited *The Clarkston News* for a tour. Pictured above: Coach Walter Culver, Michael Kaufman, Seth Miller, Kordell Kirkland, Matthew Culver, Jimmy Haven, Peter Briggs and Sean Lucas. Photo by Christina Ula

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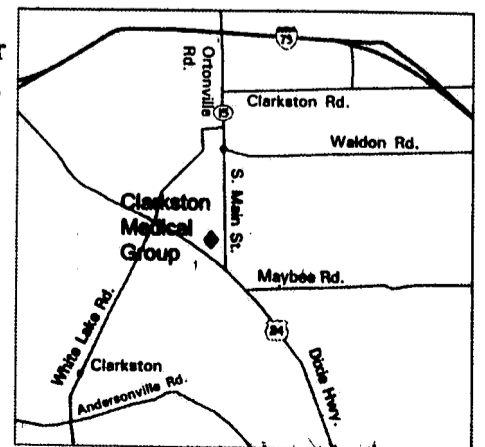
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This meeting is an opportunity to meet with administrators and discuss our schools in an informal setting. Deputy Superintendent Dave Reschke and Executive Director of Pre-K and Elementary Education will answer questions about several hot topics across all grade levels.

The event is free and open to the public.

For additional information, please e-mail ABC at abcinfo@sbcglobal.net or call Betty Reilly at 248-922-9134.

### Independence Twp. to get new voting machines

At the Jan. 4 regular meeting, the Independence Township board of trustees passed a resolution enabling the municipality to receive grant funding for new voting machines.

Due to recent federal legislation, known as the Help America Vote Act, all municipalities will be receiving new voting machines. The machines are more user friendly for those with disabilities.

Independence Twp. Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen attended a presentation on Jan. 7 where clerks from across the county voted on the model and brand of machine they wanted. The monies received from the federal grants will assist in paying for the new equipment.

VanderVeen said she is uncertain at this time how much the new equipment will cost the township outside of the grant funding, but she does anticipate purchasing at least one spare machine in addition to those

### Greener rubber pastures on the way for high school

At the Jan. 10 meeting, the Clarkston Community School Board unanimously passed a motion to go forward with installing a synthetic turf field at the CHS football field among other improvements as part of phase I of the master facilities plan.

"Given the direction of student activities, I think (the approval of the master facilities plan) is a good vote," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

Aside from the turf field, which will be bid on and confirmed in the next month, the baseball/softball fields at CHS will receive toilets, a stairway/entry will be added in the CHS gym, and work will be done to the CJHS and SMS playing fields. The cost estimate for all of the facilities improvements comes in at \$1.25 million. The money needed for these improvements will be drawn from the 2003 bond. With the exception of the turf field, all of the other construction jobs were allotted for in the bond.

Look for more on this story in next week's edition of *The Clarkston News*.

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Tara Johnson, Jennifer Korsedal and Tracy Schneider show the jar they have set up at Classic Coney to take donations toward tsunami relief in Asia.

## Servers to give 'Tips for Tsunami'

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jennifer Korsedal and Tara Johnson had the same reaction as many others when they heard of the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster in south Asia.

They wanted to help, but knew their limitations.

Korsedal and Johnson work at Classic Coney on Dixie Highway. They thought combining their efforts with staff at other area restaurants would have a big impact on disaster relief.

Within hours of sharing their thoughts, they started plans for "Tips for Tsunami." The Jan. 28 effort will earmark tips and a percentage of restaurant revenues for the American Red Cross disaster relief fund.

"I felt like I didn't have a lot of money to give, and I thought a lot of people feel that way," Korsedal said.

Then she thought of the combined resources in affluent Oakland County.

"We have so much money here to give," she said.

Having agreed to donate all of their tips for the day,

Korsedal and Johnson approached their manager, Tracy Schneider. He quickly pledged to donate at least 20 percent of Classic Coney's sales to the effort.

"I was overwhelmed with how massive the tragedy was," Schneider said, and his decision was an easy one. "It's the least I can do. I figure if everyone gets involved, we can make a difference."

Johnson said the news from Asia reminded her of the way people responded to the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy here in America.

"There is so much stuff here that we take for granted, and so much that we have," she said, noting how the tsunami devastated 11 different nations. "It's not like they can go to the grocery store and buy more food."

A Michigan native, Korsedal lived in California for more than four years. She heard about the tsunami from her mother, who told about the initial fatality count of 10,000.

"I didn't really believe it at first," she said. "I live in fear of earthquakes anyway after living in California."

Johnson and Korsedal have spent many hours talking to other area restaurants, promoting what began as a "Dixie Highway challenge."

They developed information packets for both man-

agers and servers, offering suggestions but ultimately leaving decisions to each restaurant and employee.

Participating servers are encouraged to wear a tag indicating what percentage of their tips will go to "Tips for Tsunami."

A lot of them are single moms, and they can't give a lot," Korsedal said. "We want to leave it up to each business and each waitress as to what's right for them. We don't want to assume that everyone has a lot of money to give."

On the other hand, their letter to servers encourages them to make the sacrifice.

"I'd like to see all the waitresses unite and really show how good-hearted we are," Korsedal said. "A lot of people have a bad idea of the 'grumpy waitress,' and it's not so."

Classic Coney normally closes at 4 p.m., but will stay open until 7 p.m. on Jan. 28. At least three servers have agreed to work the entire day and donate 100 percent of their tips.

Korsedal estimates that she receives \$100 tips on a "fabulous" day, but she expects patrons to be more generous for this project.

"We have some of the best customers. They really gave a lot to us during the holiday season," she said. "They're really generous

people and I think, given the opportunity, they will give a lot more to the people of Asia."

Schneider said the restaurant donated 10 percent of a day's proceeds to the Spraypark project, and he said his decision to donate 20 percent is only a minimum.

"If I end up having a crazy, busy day, I'm going to do more than 20 percent," he said. "All I plan to keep is what it costs me to open that day."

The restaurant has already put out a jar for donations toward the project, and has suggested that other restaurants do likewise before Jan. 28. Korsedal and Johnson are seeking other restaurants to join the effort.

They chose the American Red Cross as the beneficiary so those who donate can be assured that the funds will reach those who need it, and there are some ground rules to ensure accountability.

Restaurant managers and servers who wish to participate are asked to call (248) 620-8900 so a list of participating locations can be publicized.

"There is so much stuff here that we take for granted, and so much that we have. It's not like they can go to the grocery store and buy more food."

- Tara Johnson

# CHS Senior Spotlight

**Name:** Marguerite Warner  
**Parent's Names:** B. David Warner and Marlene Warner  
**Favorite Subject:** Law and Society  
**School Activities:** Student Council - Chair of Public Relations, NHS, French Club Vice President  
**Outside Interests:** Church Call Committee and Sound Board for Church  
**What are your plans after graduation?** I want to study law and business in college and study business in other countries.



**Where do you see yourself in 25 years?** I see myself as a judge in Oakland County or in a small third world country village helping locals build a new school.

**Best friends are people who:** laugh with you, love at you and listen to you.

**What worries me most about the world is:** health care because the U.S. doesn't have the worst health care system, but it sure isn't a good one, so imagine what the rest of the world's health care systems are like.

**I will make a contribution to my community by:** Doing community service and trying to make voters more educated about who they're voting for.

# Guido's Pizza brings recipes to Clarkston

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Thanks to Clarkston for welcoming us with open arms," said Del Yeoman, owner of Guido's Pizza.

Guido's Pizza originated in Oxford and has recently made its way to Clarkston.

Only in business for two-months, Guido's has already built a clientele of over 2,000 customers.

Yeoman has been in the restaurant business for 20 years. He opened chains such as Chili's and has even catered for automotive plants.

For his next move, he decided to start a new venture with Guido's.

Yeoman, currently a Macomb Township resident, hopes to move to the Clarkston area as soon as possible.

"I love Clarkston, it's awesome," said Yeoman. "Everyone in the community has welcomed us with open arms."

Guido's has made many area friends: the fire department, police department, Oakland County Sheriff's department and Independence Township building department—have all been enjoying the quality recipes.

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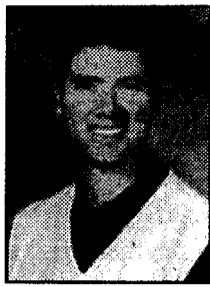
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Del Yeoman, owner of Guido's Pizza in Clarkston. Photo by Christina Ulaj

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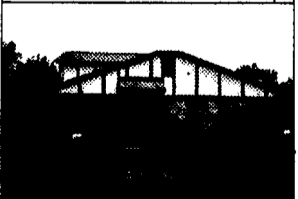
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# Suspect threatens ex-girlfriend via phone, videotape

BY DON SCHELSKE  
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A 22-year-old White Lake Township man was awaiting arraignment on Monday on charges of home invasion and repeated threats against a former girlfriend in Independence Township.

The suspect's threats of physical violence, up to and including murder, included multiple telephone calls and went so far as to include statements recorded on an Oakland County Sheriff patrol car video camera after his arrest on Jan. 9.

Deputies were first called to an address on Eastlawn Avenue on Jan. 8, when the victim said the suspect threw a telephone at her during an argument. While the suspect is no longer welcome in the home, he apparently still has a key, reports said.

Deputies returned around 1 a.m. on Jan. 9, after the suspect allegedly called to tell the woman he was

on his way over to the home with a gun to kill her, reports said.

While deputies were at the woman's home, the suspect called again. Without identifying himself, a deputy answered the phone and arranged a meeting with the suspect at the Clarkston Renaissance High School.

On Waldon Road near the school campus, patrol units stopped a vehicle in which the suspect was a passenger and took him into custody.

The driver, the suspect's mother, said she had been

held against her will and confirmed that the man had been at the woman's home earlier. In addition to being in the home, the suspect allegedly went through a vehicle in the woman's driveway.

Reports said the suspect continued to make threats against the woman after his arrest. In one instance, the man was in the rear seat of a patrol car with the deputy's video camera pointed at him.

The man had gained early release from prison in December after a previous conviction for felonious assault, reports said.

## Woman reports robbery at residence

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Oakland County sheriff deputies are investigating a strong-arm robbery reported on Jan. 7 at a residence on Pine Knob Lane.

The victim, reportedly a key witness in a domestic assault case against her ex-boyfriend, said she was visited by a woman identified as a friend of the defendant.

After hearing the woman honking her horn in the driveway, the victim went outside to find her in the company of two other men. She said the men could not enter the home, but the resident allowed the other woman to do so.

After entering the home, the woman allegedly hit her in the head, knocking her to ground. During that struggle, the two men entered the home and grabbed the victim's purse from a countertop.

The three suspects then fled the home and drove away.

Another deputy recognized the suspect's nickname and was able to obtain identifying information. The case has been turned over to the Independence Township substation detective bureau.

## New Clarkston Lions Club gives holiday donations to area family

BY KELLY DUBOIS  
Special to The Clarkston News

The new Clarkston Area Lions Club hit the ground running with a successful endeavor to give back to the community this holiday season. President Brace Case and First Vice President Mike Mercier helped organize the donation of a large quantity of food and presents to an area family in need in the area.

Two weeks before Christmas, the name of a family was given to the Clarkston Lions Club from the Lake Orion Club for a family in the area. The family consisted of a single mother and her three daughters — ages 3, 7 and 11.

A committee was formed and named "Lions Basket of Care" by Chairperson Marsha Mercier.

The charitable project was sponsored completely by the Lions Club's 31 members, as the newness of the club prevented any community fund-raisers. An anonymous donation a day later more than tripled the funds collected by club members.

"We couldn't have done it without the generous support of Kmart, who donated toys and gave us discounts on clothes and other merchandise," said Marsha Mercier.

Farmer Jack Supermarkets and Tenuta's Food Lane also donated gift certificates for food purchases.

The unwrapped items were delivered to the family on Dec. 18. On Christmas Day, the children received clothes, toys, books and pajamas. A bath set and candles were given to the mother.

Marsha Mercier said the basket giving will be



The Lions Basket of Care, their first fundraising event since formation, donated the items pictured above to a needy Clarkston family. Photo provided

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# Opinion

## More viewpoints provided on elementary redistricting

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! It was so nice to read an article by an unbiased source that summarized our feelings so well.

As a parent on Parview Drive, I have been battling the board since hearing of this plan. I have tried to have an open mind as I inquired on the facts surrounding the plan. Each attempt to get answers left me more and more frustrated.

I have sent every request by facsimile and regular mail so that I have proof that they are in receipt of the correspondence, and yet I still have not received any answers or even the courtesy of a return call. I have sent at least 7 letters and have had no response. My last letter I directed to the board and also to the transportation department, and once again I have had no answers.

My biggest concern aside from the disruption to my daughter is the length of the bus ride. I wanted to know from the board and the transportation department what steps have been taken to determine the length of

the travel time for the Parview kids. I have researched several things (including average travel time for kids currently attending Andersonville) and there is just no way that the time on the bus could be any less than 45 minutes. This is unacceptable at the elementary level in my opinion.

However, the board has failed to return my calls and letters which leaves me with the feeling that I am correct in that this bus ride is going to be a major problem, and like everything else with the board, they feel that if they ignore it the problem will go away.

It is very upsetting because we chose the location of our home specifically for Springfield Plains Elementary and have had the opportunity to sell our home at a very decent profit (we are on the lake). We have declined because we did not want to make our daughter change schools and give up the friends and security that comes with attending the same school. Now this decision has been taken away from me and it is not right.

Probably the most insulting thing about all of this is that ideally they are just hoping this plan is good for a few years, then they know it will need to be changed yet again. Many of the overcrowding issues are self-correcting next year—for example at our school we are moving the "Spice" and "Dolls" programs to Funshine which is opening up several rooms which will allow us to regain our art room. The reality of the problem only concerns a few schools.

Again, thank you for your help in letting the general voting public know what our board is up to!!!!

Stacey Taylor-Pass

I have been following the redistricting news with interest and all I can say is "here we go again."

We moved to the Clarkston area 12 years ago from southern Michigan due to my husband's job transfer. At that time, bond issues had failed, and schools were in dire need of updating and were overcrowded. I immediately got involved with the schools and worked on all the future bond issues that were passed, sometimes going door to door to make sure the correct information was delivered to voters. Sound familiar?

The problem I felt back then, and am now seeing again, is distrust with the district and lack of communication. Because of my husband's job (auto related), we had transferred three prior times, so my two children faced moving and changing schools many times. Are children resilient to change? Yes, but I never knew how much it affected both of them until reading things they wrote in high school and college about moving and making friends, etc. It's easy for adults to take things for granted. Each school, no matter where in the state it's located has a different "make-up." Kids learn to fit in, make friends and learn to trust others.

Change? Change is good as long as it doesn't affect those in an adverse way and I feel the district needs to better study the numbers and listen to the parents views and thoughts. After all, they know their children better than anyone!!

Both of our daughters graduated from CHS ('98 and '02). I am still proud of the accomplishments the district made during my daughters school years, but now feel much needs to be done once again for future graduates. Trust is earned, not given.

Ginny Propst

I am a member of the Parent Advisory Team for Clarkston Community Schools, and I feel I need to respond to some of the criticism generated from the proposed Elementary Boundary Plan.

The committee, headed by Mrs. Geri Moore, executive director of pre-K and elementary education, along with all of the elementary principals, the executive director of human resources, the director of communications and marketing and the district's transportation supervisor, have done a thorough job researching, analyzing and formulating the plans that were presented to the board.

They considered the following parameters prior to any changes being considered:

- Safety and traffic concerns.
- Optimizing building capacity while maintaining art, music and discovery rooms at every school (per bond proposal commitment).
- Retain room for future growth.

I am certain every effort was made by the committee to minimize the number of students impacted from this boundary change without compromising the parameters.

The Parent Advisory Team was given an opportunity in December to sit with Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Banach to discuss the proposal and ask questions. When all was said and done, we came up with the same plan they recommended.

Overcrowding at our schools isn't an event that will happen in a few years. It is happening right now. Students at one elementary experience "Art on a Cart." Their art room has become a classroom.

With overcrowding issues like this in mind, the determination was made that we need to utilize the classrooms that our bond proposal built at Pine Knob Elementary. In order to do that, we need to change the elementary boundaries.

The alternative is to leave the boundaries as they are and have these classrooms at Pine Knob Elementary remain underutilized. Meanwhile, other schools within the district will continue to have overcrowding concerns. This would not make parents happy, either. People would hold Dr. Roberts, his administration and our school board accountable.

I am thankful that our school board and administration had the foresight to plan for the overcrowding a few years ago when the bond issue was passed.

Some parents have cited the inconvenience of changing schools. I agree that changing schools can be a difficult experience for some children. It doesn't have to be. It can also be considered an opportunity to grow as a person. I recommend that parents schedule a visit with the principal at the new school. Tour the school. Meet the teachers. Attend the event that the parent teacher organization/association is planning to help ease the transition.

Learning should remain first and foremost. Clarkston only receives \$6,947 per child [from the state] to provide for their education. We need to ensure that this money is spent on education and not gasoline and buses. The recommended plan does this.

Support the proposed Elementary Boundary Plan for the good of all Clarkston students, present and future.

Barbara Seiltz

### Remembering a prosperous year

2004 has been prosperous for the Clarkston Heritage Museum.

The many donations (and purchases) of Clarkston artifacts this past year have enabled our collection to grow at an amazing speed. We thought it would be fun to recap just a few of the wonderful new items that have been added to our collection, some of which you can see for yourself at our newest exhibit "Capturing Clarkston: A celebration of daily life." This is the 9<sup>th</sup> exhibit display for the museum since its doors opened in 1999.

Doris Storer donated a great Clarkston scrapbook of WWII items. Full of clippings, poems, letters and train tickets, this memoir really speaks of a time when ration books and hometown heroes were a part of our everyday life. And speaking of albums, longtime Clarkston Community Historical Society (CCHS) supporter Virginia Walter donated a fantastic album full of daguerreotypes from the Addis, Petty, Linabury and Morgan families. It is an amazing collection of faces from the past.

One of the biggest surprises this year was finding a Clarkston ruby "flash" glass vase in perfect condition. Purchased at an antique mall in Northville, these souvenir vases are from the early 1900s. It's hard to believe we could find one in such an unexpected place. Another fantastic purchase was a large collection of Alger family items from a local estate. Two of the most interesting items in the find are the unique money till from Alger Hardware and an early child's school desk with the original inkwell.

We hope that 2005 will bring many more amazing treasures and surprises. It never fails to astonish us that after so many years Clarkston artifacts still have a way of surfacing and finding their way into the museum — from Florida estate sales to local flea markets, they've returned home. We like to think that the care and respect given to these objects is a fitting testimonial to the early settlers that first created this community. We think they would be pleased.

The museum is housed in the Independence Township Library and funded and operated by CCHS.

Historical Society



Toni Smith

More Letters to the Editor on page 17A - voices speak out on recent Independence Twp. board action, the possibility of WalMart and message signs!!!

Faded Ink

# Polish monster slayers and more!

## Keeping the monster away

Reader Barb VonKniper responded to the plight of little four-year-old Sean Rush -- his nighttime sleeping dilemma. Monsters were keeping the lad up. The lad was keeping his parents up. (So, really it was Sean's parents' plight/dilemma.) I wrote about Monster spraying the home with Sean to keep the darkness at bay. Barb said she used a trick she learned a from her own dear mother.

Years ago (and I am sure it hasn't been too many) Barb's mother would soothe the little Polish-American kids before nighty-night time with this blessing, "Idz Bogum."

Before you twist your tongue out of shape trying to say it, Barb says it's roughly pronounced, "Eedish Boagoom."

Or, "May God be with you."

For added protection against the evils of the night, Barb says her mother would then splash holy water on the kids and around the room.

If anybody else has a way of dealing with overactive young and not sleeping imaginations, send 'em to me. We can package them in a *Don't Rush Me, I'm Trying To Sleep* brochure.

I'm sure our efforts in finding a peaceful night's rest would be useful for other parents not yet in the know or folks considering altering their sleep patterns by raising kids.

Personally (and we'll just keep this to ourselves) I have resorted to slipping Sean a couple snorts of Irish whiskey before going to bed and then duct taping the kid to his mattress. He stays in his bed all night and Jen and I get sleep.

(Just kidding -- don't call the cops, Child Protection Folks or my wife!)

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## No driving like snow-driving

Last week's snowfall got me thinking: Is it better to drive in the snow with front-wheel drive or rear-wheel

drive?

I know the front-wheel drive gives you more geddip-and-go, but it seems to me, it's easier to control a spin-out with rear-wheel drive. It is just a gut feeling. I could be totally off-base and just reliving my illustrious youth. Way back then, kiddies, we learned to drive with rear-wheel drive vehicles -- and some of us even learned to drive with a "manual" transmission.

Anybody know the truth about snow driving?

(And, I don't want any smart-alecs to write in anything remotely resembling: "Just buy a stinking four-wheel drive, Rush.")

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## Kids are just too danged smart

Jen and I tell our little hellions we love them quite often. Recently, I told oldest Shamus, "I love you wider than the sky -- bigger than the sun --"

Before I could embellish any further, my waxing poetic was cut off, by himself, Shamus. "That would be about 13,000 Earths."

"What would? What are you talking about, Shamus?"

"The sun," he replied matter-of-factly. "The sun is about 13,000 Earths."

"Get to bed, show-off."

Kids today watch too much science television and read too many science books. Whatever happened to Scooby-Doo cartoons and books with Curious George and the man in the big yellow hat?

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## Progressing into the year 2005

Just a friendly reminder to those who do business locally: Our ad staff will be out selling our annual Progress section. This is our biggest undertaking of the year and (for those who don't know) is our annual business review. Area business buys an ad and gets a free story/photo.

During this time we put a leash on all reporter-types when it comes to publishing "new" business stories. Normally when we get notified of a new business, we'll do an interview, take a picture and run a nice story.

During Progress, we don't.

Comments for Mr. Smarty-pants Rush can be e-mailed to: [dontrushmedon@charter.net](mailto:dontrushmedon@charter.net)



Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

# A Look Back

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

## 15 YEARS AGO (1990)

•Clarkston cityhood decision Jan. 16: After a two year wait, Clarkston Village Council members will soon hear word of whether or not the village will enter into "cityhood." During the council meeting on Jan. 8, officials announced that a decision will be made by the Michigan Boundary Commission in Lansing Tuesday, Jan. 16.

•Icy back roads shut schools: Icy back roads caused school to be canceled in Clarkston Thursday, Jan. 4, though many of the main paved roads were clear. About 250 people--apparently many who lived on blacktopped roads--called the bus garage last Thursday to verify the closing, said Assistant Superintendent Mel Varra, adding that some couldn't believe school was canceled.

•Beefed up police force in township: Three Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCS) deputies have been added to the police force covering Independence Township. The addition of the three officers, effective Jan. 1 brings the number of police patrolling the township to 15.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1980)

•Independence reserve cops stay put: Independence Township's reserve unit is to stay on the job. The township board voted 5-2 at last night's meeting to maintain the local 16-member reserve program. On Dec. 6 the board voted to dissolve the local police department and contract solely with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for police protection.

•Maybe park? Maybe: A new park may be purchased by Independence Township in 1980. The land between 10 and 14 acres, is located north of Maybee Road and west of Sashabaw Road, directly across from Lake Oakland Woods Subdivision. Supervisor Whitey Tower and Treasurer Frederick Ritter were given the go ahead to have the property appraised and make the necessary arrangements for its purchase in a 5-2 decision by the township board last night.

•Sex bias wanes in Clarkston schools: Sex discrimination in Clarkston school is dwindling, according to Conrad Bruce, Title IX coordinator and administrative assistant for personnel services. "I'm not saying we're perfect but we've come along way," he said. But career counseling -- the area that needs the most attention according to a national organization devoted to ending sex discrimination in schools -- has had little attention, Bruce said.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1955)

•Bloodmobile in Clarkston January 25: January 25 is D-Day in Clarkston. January 25 is Blood Donor Day in Clarkston at the Community Center from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Blood is desperately needed every day. There is no substitute for human blood. Scientists cannot make blood, it must be donated. Your donated blood is given to the sick and injured who need it. Any blood not used for transfusions is processed into blood derivatives which are used in treatment for certain diseases and to counteract shock.

•Women to hear John L. Carey: John L. Carey, a prominent resident of Clarkston, will speak on "Subversive Activities in America before McCarthy" at the meeting of the Clarkston Community Women's Club. The meeting is to be held in the Community Center on Wednesday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m.

•Laura Ruggles named good citizen: General Richardson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently observed its 55th anniversary with a luncheon at Devon Gables. The chairman of the "Good Citizen" committee announces the names of seven high school girls in this area who have been chosen by the seniors and faculty as outstanding citizens. Clarkston High has selected Laura Ruggles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ruggles of Reese Road.

# The elected take taxes over spending cuts

This year, 2005, pay particularly close attention to your elected officials' taxing actions.

I mean on all levels: village, city, township, county, state and national. Many are saying they've cut spending to the bone, that services are going to have to be cut, more layoffs are imminent, tsunami is hitting Michigan followed by the end of the world.

Of course it isn't so, but the elected need to keep spending at a high level in order to get reelected. "Can't cut welfare, we'll lose their votes. Have to continue grants to assure votes. Got to build more public buildings to fill them with voters. Can't leave a child behind by cutting even fringe programs or we lose all parent, teacher, bus driver and custodian votes."

Governor Jennifer says she has cut state spending by \$3 million. That's a pittance compared to the total budget. By the way, have you witnessed any suffering from these cuts?

Maybe you would if you were an elected official. The "deep" cuts were in travel allowances and vehicle usage.

While she moaned about having to make these cuts, she was able to get fellow spenders to approve a fee and tax increases on cigarettes and other things and moved taxpaying dates ahead for some purpose yet to be made clear.

This year after having "slashed" spending, look for pushes for adding sales tax on hair cuts, lawn cutting, legal work and every other service currently un-sales-taxable.

Let's not forget raising property taxes back to levels voters took away from state and local coffers by passing Proposal A tell years ago.

This has been a crawl in the throat of the spenders ever since.

We expect heavy campaigning for these moneys that they say rightfully belong to schools. etc. The Headlee Amendment was a victory for taxpayers which must be overturned, the elected believe.

Give the elected the money and they'll spend it.

Through my half century of paying close attention to local governments in particular, I'm bemused over the changes that come over people shortly, after the swearing in ceremony.

People with moderate means get elected, take a seat alongside a gaveled person and almost immediately suffer a change in attitude about spending.

It's like taking an oath removes certain memory cells.

They go from opposing practically every spending action to becoming a cheerleader for spending.

They go from, "How dare they do that with my money?" to, "What the heck? It ain't my money."

In Washington we get approval for airports where there are no planes. Highways to nowhere and grants to study manure by people who would shout down such things prior to getting elected.

If there is one place to cut spending it's in grants. In Oxford there's a \$1 million plus grant to build a bridge over a state highway. If it was a needed thing, private money would

have built it, and probably for \$4.60.

"Grants" is just another word for seeking votes and building portfolios.

So, in 2005 look for a rash of tax increases, though hopefully not to the level as around Metro Airport where we pay 30 percent tax to park a car within five miles of the complex.

And our elected promoters will work hard to make it appear to be a gift to us because we're tired of hearing of all the programs that have a been cut.

Nowhere have we read of subcommittees of sub-communities being cut, study committees of study committees being lopped off, agencies of agencies being suspended or assistants to assistants of officer holders being eliminated.



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

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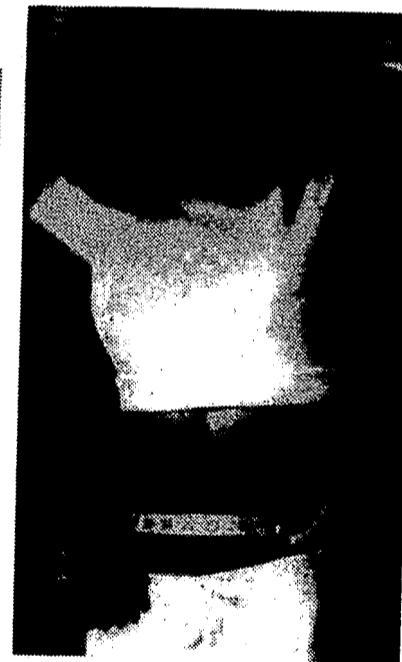
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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**January 3:** Assault and battery report at Sashabaw Middle School. A 13-year-old girl allegedly punched another 13-year-old girl in an apparent ongoing dispute. A staff member attempted to break up the fight and was accidentally hit by one of the girls. Parents did not wish to file charges. Both students were suspended, and the case was turned over to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

Home invasion on Flemings Lake Road. Someone ransacked a home and took a digital camera.

**January 4:** Assist fire department with medical response (drug overdose) on N. River.

Suspicious circumstances at Metropolitan Tanning on Sashabaw Road. A woman said a man was watching her undress in a tanning booth, over the top of a partition between rooms. She did not wish to file charges.

Careless driving and malicious destruction of property arrests on Briarwood. A 19-year-old Davison man and a 19-year-old Ortonville man allegedly damaged the victim's vehicle and chased it in the neighborhood.

Unwanted intoxicated subject on Waldon Road near Main Street. The resident did not wish to press charges.

Fraud report on Scenic Ridge Drive. Responding to an e-mail he thought was from an online payment service, a victim sent his Social Security and credit card numbers. Later he received a call from Western Union asking for authorization for a \$98 transfer to a party in Pennsylvania.

Home invasion and resisting and obstructing arrest on Pelton Road near Sashabaw Road. A 24-year-old Holly man was arrested after refusing to leave the residence. Deputies said he was intoxicated and, after being placed in a patrol car, vomited. While waiting for fire department paramedics to respond, the suspect at-

tempted to escape. Deputies used a Taser to subdue the suspect.

Larceny report at Clarkston Animal Medical Center on S. Main Street. A part-time employee is suspected of taking medications from the clinic.

**January 5:** Arrest for possession/use of marijuana on Glenalda. A 17-year-old Clarkston man was arrested after a traffic stop.

**January 6:** Larceny from vehicle and malicious destruction of property report at Pine Knob Ski Resort. Someone forced entry to a parked vehicle and stole about 50 CDs.

Arrest for possession/use of cocaine and marijuana on Silverberry. A 31-year-old Clarkston man was arrested after a traffic stop.

**January 7:** Operating while intoxicated arrest on Clarkston Road. A 51-year-old Lake Orion man registered a blood alcohol level of 0.18 percent.

**January 8:** Larceny of gasoline report at the Marathon service station at Sashabaw and Maybee roads. A man pumped \$12 worth of gasoline, then purchased beer, but did not pay for the gasoline.

Domestic assault arrest at Greens Lakes apartments. A 29-year-old Clarkston man also faces charges of violating a personal protection order.

Malicious destruction at Pine Knob Slo Resort. Assist Michigan State Police with home invasion and criminal sexual conduct case in Holly Township.

**January 9:** Assist fire department with medical response (drug overdose) on Sagamore.

Possible child neglect report on Lingor Drive. A neighbor reported hearing children crying too long during the day and both parents yelling and cursing at the children. Deputies found both a two-year-old and a one-year-old wearing only diapers in an apartment with much clutter and food crumbs. A report was turned over to the Family Independence Agency.

## Springfield Township

**January 5:** Assist fire department with medical response (drug overdose) at Bavarian Village apartments.

**January 7:** Suspicious circumstances at Bavarian Village apartments. A resident reported strange footprints near a sidewalk.

Fraud report on E. Holly Road. A resident accused an auto service of deceptive practices in demanding payment for services and parts.

Retail fraud at the Kroger store on Dixie Highway. A 16-year-old boy was caught stealing condoms, and was turned over to his stepmother.

**January 8:** Assist Michigan State Police with home invasion and criminal sexual assault case in Holly Township.

### Local resident dies after driving off road

A 74-year-old Clarkston man was pronounced dead at POH Medical Center-Clarkston after an apparent heart attack suffered while he was driving, according to Oakland County Sheriff reports.

Police and fire units responded to the Bank One on Dixie Highway near Maybee shortly before 10 a.m. on Jan. 7. Witnesses said a vehicle driven by Paul W. Arthur was moving slowly along the roadway, then went onto the bank's lawn.

Emergency crews found the driver unresponsive, and had to break a window to remove him from the vehicle, reports said.

No one else was reported injured in the incident.

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### Easy steps to being safe at home

By Ernie Harwell

I spent my broadcasting career watching folks work hard to be safe at home. But how often do we think of safety in our homes? So I was particularly interested when the

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that most household injuries are caused by hazards that are easy to overlook, and easy to fix.

Here's a checklist to help you avoid some of the most common indoor hazards.

- Cords**
- Cords across walkways can cause falls, shocks and fire.
- Never exceed cords' ULS power rating.
- Arrange furniture and the telephone so cords are out of the way.
- Replace damaged cords.
- Smoke Detectors**
- Many fire departments help eligible residents buy and install smoke detectors. All homes should have smoke detectors.
- - Install at least one smoke detector per floor.
- Locate them near bedrooms, on the ceiling or on a wall, 6 to 12 inches from the ceiling.
- Check the batteries according to the manufacturer's recommended schedule.
- Install at least one smoke detector per floor.
- Space Heaters**
- Heaters can cause serious burns and fires.
- Follow installation and operating instructions.
- Never place heaters in passageways or near flammable materials.
- Call your local fire department for more information.

Home Safety is another important way to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 35 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 1-800-245-3082.

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# Obituaries

## Richard A. Cassidy

Richard A. Cassidy, of Davisburg, passed away on January 4, 2005, at the age of 72.

Mr. Cassidy was the husband of Norma for 46 years; and the father of Mary (David) Thomas of Goodrich, Richard (Alicia) of White Lake, Loretta of South Carolina, Debra (Alen) Galloway of Florida and James (Christina) of Waterford. He is also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandson; and his brother Clarence (Sharon) of White Lake.

Mr. Cassidy retired from General Motors, Pontiac.

Funeral service was held on January 7, 2005, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Interment took place in Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Waterford Senior Center for the Encore Adult Daycare.

## Stella M. Deverix

Stella M. Deverix, of Clarkston, passed away on January 1, 2005. She was 82.

Mrs. Deverix was preceded in death by her former husband Frank Romano, second husband John Sytsma and third husband Raymond Deverix. She was the mother of Jerry (Joanne) Romano of Clarkston and Lori France of Flint; grandmother of Michael Romano, Scott Romano, Sheri France and Eric France; great-grandmother of Willow; and sister of Norman Dumbeck, Francis Dumbeck and Veronica McClellan.

Mrs. Deverix retired from Kroger as a cashier.

A funeral service was held on January 6, 2005, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Interment in All Saints Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the tsunami relief effort.

## Elizabeth Ann Wyrick

Elizabeth Ann Wyrick, of Clarkston, passed away on January 2, 2005. She was 72 years old.

Mrs. Wyrick was preceded in death by her husband Gordon and daughter Kathleen Marucci. She was the dear mother of Karen Rowden of Fenton and Kimberly Clark of California; grandmother of Michael and Andrew Marucci, Sarah Forgrave and Michael Godwin; and special cousin of JoAnne Rivard, Larry Martin, Ronald Martin, A.C. Martin, Janice Reppuhn and the late Donna Jean Martin.

Mrs. Wyrick was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church and had been a member of St. Michael and St. Joseph church choirs. She was a registered nurse for 44 years. She was formerly employed by Pontiac General, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and retired in 1992 from Clinton Valley Center. She was devoted to her weekly hour of adoration.

Funeral mass was held on January 6, 2005, at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Rosary service was on January 5, 2005, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Rite of Committal was in All Saints Cemetery.

## Geneva Juanita Shira

Geneva Juanita Shira, of Clarkston, passed away

on January 8, 2005. She was 93 years old.

Mrs. Shira was preceded in death by her husband Clare and son Michael. She was the mother of Karen (Joe) Krigbaum of Clarkston; grandmother of Megan, Kate, Marc, Shaun, Michelle and Corie; and mother-in-law of Kathy Shira of Fremont. Mrs. Shira was the youngest of the Bond family and outlived sixteen siblings.

Mrs. Shira was very active at Central Lutheran Church in Muskegon. She volunteered at Knollview Nursing Home, Hackley Hospital and Lakeshore Lung Association. She was the past president of Port City Playhouse and an avid gardener.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Friends in Faith held at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Clarkston. Friends may visit at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorials may be made to Lakeshore Lung Association. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

## Wellington Criger

Wellington Ledger Criger, of Clarkston, passed away on January 8, 2005. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Criger was preceded in death by his wife Frances. He was the dear father of Stephen (Donna) of Georgia and Cynthia (Michael) Bork of Dearborn; the grandfather of Carrie Ann, Jaime, Stephen, Elizabeth, Michael and Caroline; and brother of Avis Humphries of West Bloomfield and Lamoine Shirley of Gaylord.

Mr. Criger retired in 1982 after 47 years with Pontiac Motor. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

A funeral service was held on January 12, 2005, at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church of Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

## Honor Stickney Pollok

Honor Stickney Pollok passed away on December 17, 2004, in Key West, Florida at the age of 80.

Mrs. Pollok was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 31, 1923. Her parents were Mary Kathryn Malcolmson Stickney, the eldest daughter of the noted architect William Malcolmson of Detroit, and Mallory Napoleon Stickney, a descendent of a founding family of the United States.

Mrs. Pollok grew up on a farm on Pine Knob Road and went to a one-room school house outside Clarkston, Michigan. She enjoyed playing outdoors, camping, helping her father Mallory work the farm and riding her horses in the fields and woodlands. During high school, she played the clarinet in the band.

Honor belonged to the 4-H Club and raised prize-winning sheep.

Mrs. Pollok graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught in public schools for many years in Richmond, Williamsburg and Newport News, Virginia. She gave a place in her own home to her students at times when they needed help. Throughout her life, education was a priority, and, thanks to her, all of her children graduated from college.

Following her retirement in 1977, Mrs. Pollok lived in Williamsburg, Virginia and enjoyed gardening, crafts and traveling in the United States, Mexico and Europe. Beginning in 2000, she spent winters in Florida and summers in Massachusetts at the homes of her daughters.

Mrs. Pollok was a beautiful lady with bright blue eyes, raven black hair and a shy smile. She was a sweet and loving mother to her children, a kind spirit with great determination. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Mrs. Pollok is survived by her four children Joan Borel of Summerland Key, Florida, Mary Kathryn (Andy) Afable of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, Mallory (Deb) Pollock of Craig, Colorado, and Nick (Vivian) Pollok of Richmond, Virginia. She was also the grandmother of Catherine Georges, Key West, Florida; Cecile Afable, Sturbridge, Massachusetts; Alexander Pollok, Craig, Colorado; and Affia Pollok, Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Pollok is also survived by her sister Janet Stickney McCord of Clarkston, Michigan.

A celebration of Mrs. Pollok's life will be held in Lapeer, Michigan on August 10, 2005. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Salvation Army.

## Donna Ogans York

Donna Ogans York, of Clarkston, passed away suddenly on January 7, 2005. She was 79.

Mrs. York was preceded in death by her first husband Chester Ogans and her second husband Edgar York. She was the dear mother of Wilma (Gary) Wells of Washington, Dorothy (Ken) Garza of Clarkston, Betty (Dale) Judd of Oxford and Tom (Fern) Ogans of Ortonville; and the grandmother of Greg, Kim, Chad, Mike, Cheri, Gary, Kenneth, Jamie, Ashley, Hilary, Ross and Ethan. She is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren. She was the sister of Ala Wilson.

Funeral services were held on January 11, 2005, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

## Evan J. "Jake" Leonard


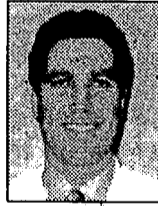
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# Clarkston Village Players perform award winning 'Proof'

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Village Players are once again stretching their acting talents in the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play "Proof" by David Auburn.

The drama explores the life of Catherine and her relationships to her deceased father, her remote sister and even herself.

Catherine has spent years caring for her brilliant, but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Shortly after his death, she discovers a mysterious notebook that draws out the most difficult question of all - how much like her father is Catherine? How much of his genius, or madness, will and does she have?

"I wanted to direct this because it's simply an outstanding drama," said Director Al Bartlett. "I really enjoy this play in terms of the insights about who we are, what we want and what we're afraid of about ourselves and what we know about ourselves."

"This production will attract anyone with an interest in a story that keeps you wondering," added Bartlett. "Anyone who enjoys characters and their development will really enjoy this play. It has a wonderful element of mystery throughout."

Although a smaller cast than many of their other productions, "Proof" features some of CVP's best talent: Chris Horstman as Catherine, Adam Kipiniak as Hal, Verne Vackaro as Robert and Cindy Haaseth as Claire.

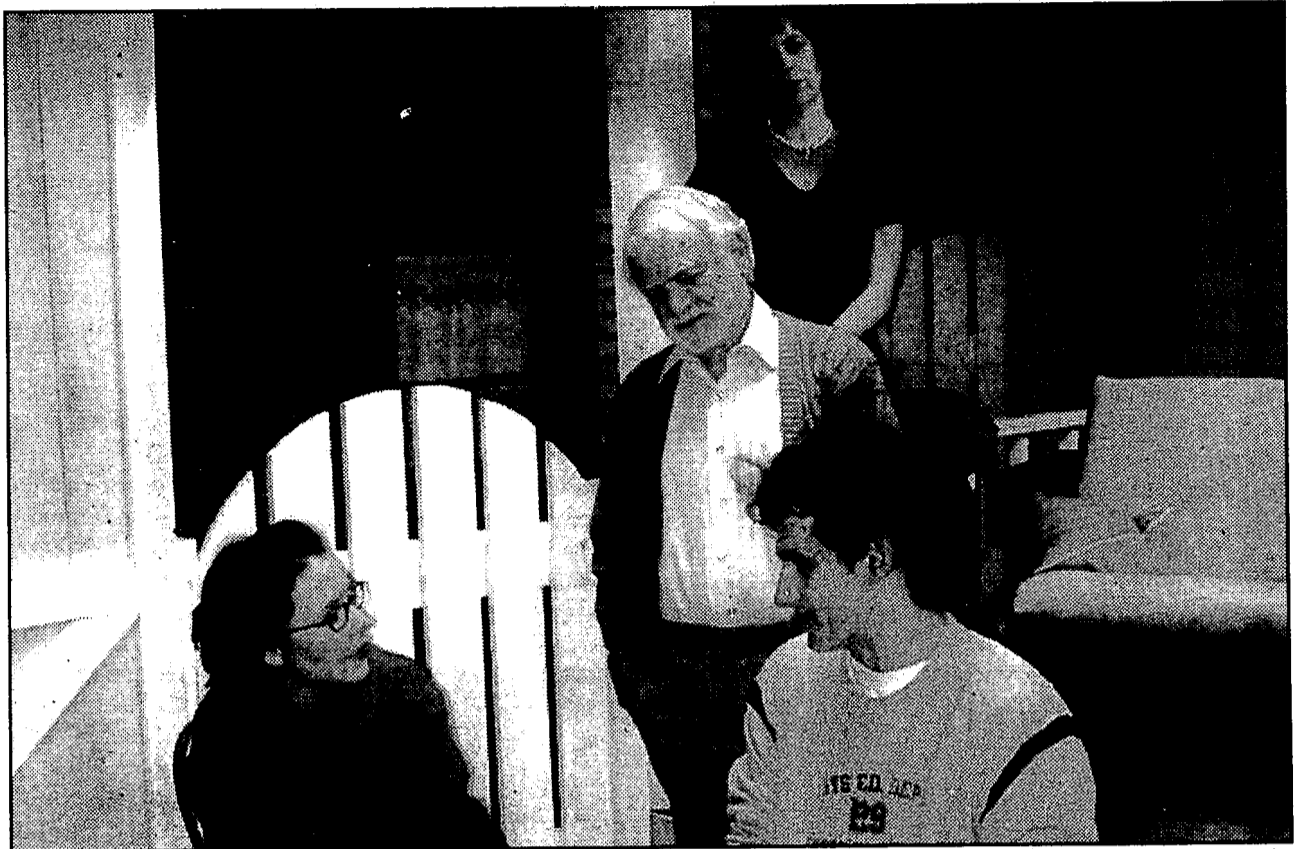
The scene is set in present time on the back porch of the family's Chicago home. The production has two acts.

"I hope people take away an appreciation for the work the author has written," he stated. "I hope they take away a better understanding of self."

"Proof" contains some adult language, including profanity, and is not recommended for children under 18.

"Proof" will run January 14-15, 21-23 and 27-29. Thursday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 p.m., and Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and Sunday performances, and \$12 for Friday and Saturday.

All performances are at the Depot Theater located at 4861 White Lake Rd. For directions or to reserve your tickets, please call 248-625-8811. For further information, please check the Clarkston Village Player's website at [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).



In dress rehearsal are Chris Hortsman (left), Vern Vackaro, Cindy Haaseth (in back) and Adam Kipiniak.



Like all good directors, Al Bartlett takes the time to reach high and bring the best he can to each production. For "Proof," his high reach led him to some set construction painting that needed done.



Melissa Breckenridge, pictured here painting a doorway, is in charge of set dress for David Auburn's "Proof." Photos by Jenny Matteson

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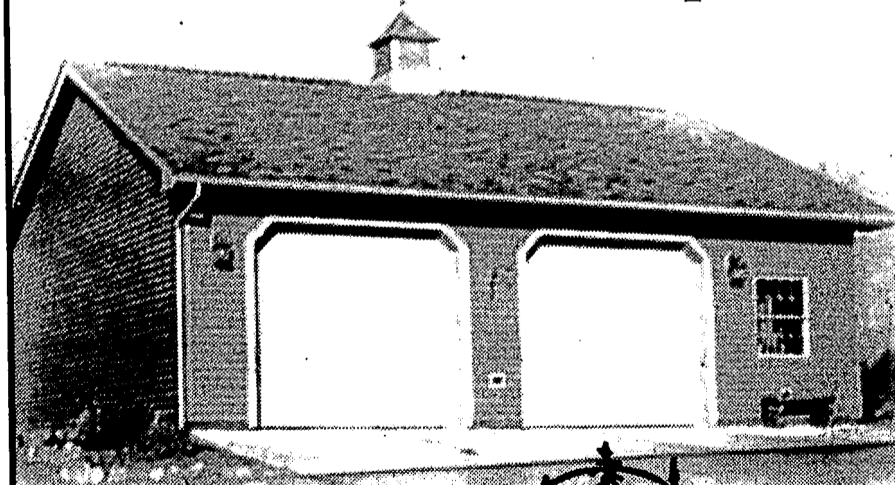
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# Clarkston News Sports

## Wolves outlast Northern, 59-48

BY NOAH PURCELL  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The snow started on Jan. 7 just as the sun dipped below the horizon, but inside the CHS gym, the rivalry between Clarkston and Pontiac Northern provided all the heat the packed house needed. In the end, to the delight of the home crowd, the Clarkston varsity basketball team came out on top in the first of two meetings between the two schools, winning 59-48.

Northern came out hot, jumping to an 11-2 lead, but the Wolves wrested control of the game back with a 21-4 run starting at the end of the first quarter and into the second.

"We were a little nervous. It was just a matter of not folding under pressure," said senior guard Robbie Clark. "We practice all year to beat Northern."

Clark, who finished with a game high 19 points, embodied his postgame comments during the contest. He hit a three-

pointer as time expired in the first quarter to giving Clarkston their first lead of the game, 15-13.

"The difference in the game was us not losing our composure," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife.

The Wolves carried the play in the second quarter, leading 28-17 with 1:28 left in the half. Northern stopped turning the ball over (16 first-half turnovers) and cut the deficit to eight, for a halftime score of 28-20.

The two teams traded baskets to start the third. At one point, Northern whittled the Wolves lead to six, and were racing up the floor on a fast break. Seemingly coming from out of nowhere, Clark kept the Wolves in control as he leapt out of his shoes to swat Arthur Wilson's layup attempt out of bounds.

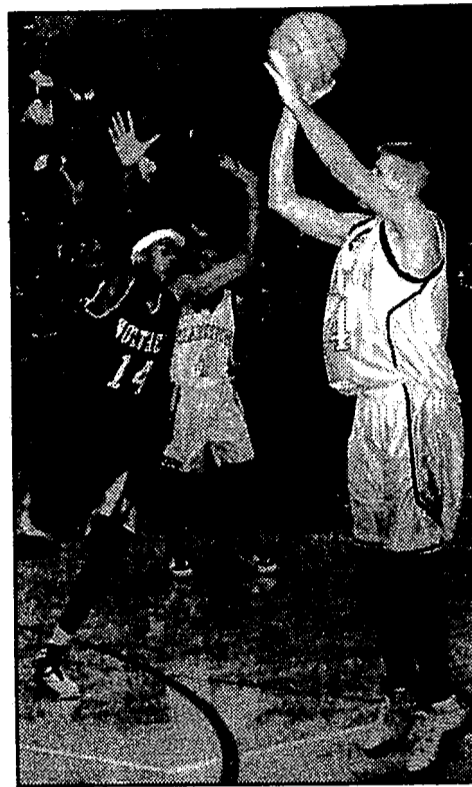
While the massive rejection was huge for the Wolves, to Clark the play had special significance.

"I've been waiting my whole life to block him," said Clark, who is friends with and plays on the same AAU team as Wilson.

The Clarkston guard was so pumped from the first block that on the next Northern possession he again sent a layup attempt out of play.

"If Dan Fife and I could combine our squads we'd have a dynasty in this state for years," said Northern Coach Robert Rogers, whose team out rebounded the Wolves 42-20.

Later in fourth quarter, Clark again displayed the shooting touch that had a college scout chatting with him after the game. With Clarkston clinging to a five-point lead, he got a speck of daylight and canned his fourth three-pointer of the



Robbie Clark's sweet shooting stroke helped Clarkston beat Pontiac Northern 59-48. Photo by Noah Purcell



Brad Goodman had a nice all around game against Northern. He made three steals in the first half during an extended Clarkston run and helped seal the game down the stretch with clutch free throw shooting. Photo by Noah Purcell

evening, even as a Northern foul sent him sprawling to the floor.

As the contest wound down Clarkston was able to seal the game from the free-throw line, shooting 10 of 11 down the stretch. Brad Goodman, who finished with 14 points and three steals, went 4-4 from the line as Clarkston put the game away.

The Wolves are now 6-0, having bested Rochester High 73-51 on Jan. 4. Sophomore Bren Bergquist had 17 points and Junior John Kast added 12 points against the Falcons.

Clarkston's tilt against Groves finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*. The Wolves play Pontiac Central on Jan. 14.

### What happened and what's next

■ **Basketball:** 1/7 Clarkston 59 Pontiac-Northern 48 (see coverage on this page), 1/11 vs. Groves inc. Upcoming games: 1/14 vs. Pontiac Central; 1/18 at Southfield Lathrup.

■ **Volleyball:** 1/8 Walled Lake Central Tournament; went 2-3 in tournament play; 1/10 Clarkston 3 Rochester High 0. (see coverage on page 13A) Upcoming games 1/13 at Troy Athens, 1/15 Grand Blanc Invitational.

■ **Hockey:** 1/8 Clarkston 7 West Bloomfield 2 (see coverage on page 13A). Upcoming games: 1/12 at Waterford Mott, 1/13 at Port Huron Northern, 1/15 at Birmingham, 1/17 vs. Farmington.

■ **Wrestling:** 1/5 vs. Waterford Mott, Avondale and West Bloomfield: rescheduled due to snow. Upcoming matches: 1/12 vs. Lapeer West, 1/15 Bay City Western Tournament.

■ **Swimming:** 1/6 vs. Troy Athens rescheduled for Feb. 3 due to snow. Next meet: 1/14 at Farmington Hills Harrison.

■ **Skating:** First meet of the year: Jan. 12/13 vs. Andover and Rochester Adams. Next meet: 1/19 vs. Notre Dame, Rochester High and West Bloomfield.

### Athelete of the Week Stephanie Parkin

Stephanie Parkin is the Athlete of the Week for her dominating front line play on the varsity volleyball squad.

Against Rochester on Jan. 10, Parkin recorded 18 kills in three games, leading Clarkston to a 3-0 victory. She was also on top of her game at the Walled Lake Tournament on Jan. 8 tallying a team high 34 kills over five matches.

Aside from her family and hanging out with her friends, Stephanie says that sports are "her life."

Parkin was also the

leading scorer on the girls basketball team this past season and runs track in the spring. Barring any unforeseen setbacks, Parkin will finish her senior year with 12 varsity letters — four each from volleyball, basketball and track. She will be the first female Clarkston athlete to achieve such sustained success in three different sports.

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



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## Young Cagers beat all comers



The Clarkston Scrapers Youth Basketball team recently won both the fifth and sixth grade fall regular season and playoff championships at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in Utica. The team posted a 12-0 record this year. (Left to right) front row: Tim Frieman, Trent Taylor, Evan Mahone and Connor Hall. Middle Row: Malaka Raphael, Connor Giroux, Tyler Decoster, Joey Goss, Jacob Forsten and Mitchell Baenzinger. Back row: Coaches Mark Taylor and Mark Giroux. Photo provided

## Local riders keep tradition rolling



Over 180 bicyclists participated in the annual New Years Day Bicycle Ride beginning and ending at the Independence Township Library. The course wound its way over two frozen dirt road courses, of 8 and 17 miles, in the northwest part of Independence Township. The Flying Rhino Cycling Club, a local cycling group, hosted the ride and has done so for the past 16 years.

## Wolves volleyball wants to overcome lackluster start

BY NOAH PURCELL  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Volleyball team is not where they envisioned themselves at the start of the year. They stand 6-8 (2-2) on the season.

Hopefully the worst is behind them as the Wolves polished off Rochester High 3-0 on Jan. 10.

Clarkston won 25-22, 25-16 and 25-10

"We should have beaten the teams we've lost to. We have not been playing well at all," said Senior Stephanie Parkin.

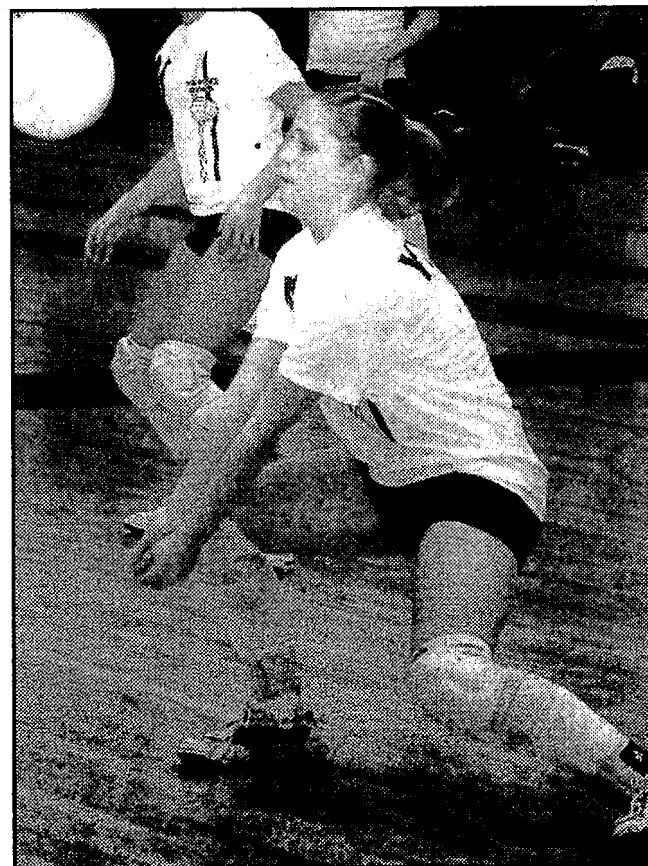
Parkin recorded 18 kills against Rochester in a performance which her coach Kelly Avenall referred to afterwards as "dominant." Parkin and fellow teammates on the front line Junior Laura Kupe and Senior Carolyn Murdock have been excellent this year according to Avenall.

"Our front line is solid. Our passing needs to improve. We are hard to beat when we pass well," said Avenall.

The team has addressed their focus when receiving the ball on serves and Avenall has examined passing technique as well.

"Sometimes (our passing) is on and sometimes we have just been so off. If you can't set your teammates up you can't win," said Parkin

Fortunately, in the win against the Falcons, the Wolves did not show any fatigue from the five matches they played



Junior Cori Pinkos digs a serve to the setter at the Walled Lake Central tournament. Photo by Noah Purcell

at the Walled Lake Central Tournament on Jan. 8.

Over the course of the tourney, Clarkston beat North Farmington and Waterford Mott, but lost to Marian, Walled Lake Northern and Farmington High.

The Wolves compete next in the Grand Blanc Tournament on Jan. 15 and follow up with a tough league test at Troy Athens on Jan. 17. After the flurry of action, the team will host Groves on Jan. 20.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to win the league. To do that now we need to win out (in league play)," said Avenall.

# Wolves whomp West Bloomfield again

BY NOAH PURCELL  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The season would be a whole lot easier for Clarkston hockey if they could play West Bloomfield every game. Having already beaten the Lakers 9-0 in the first game of the season, the Wolves emerged victorious again on Jan. 8, this time posting a 7-2 victory.

"It's a great start to the new year. We needed to get a win coming in," said senior forward Bryan Morin.

The Wolves were on a three-game losing streak prior to the contest, having lost to Troy High, Cranbrook and Davison.

The Wolves wasted no time gaining the advantage against West Bloomfield. Senior forward Trevor Johns scored :39 into the game on a wrist shot that wriggled through a crowd in front and past Lakers goalie Zack Lederer before he saw the shot. Senior forward Mike Fogg assisted on the goal.

Lederer bounced back from

the quick goal, stopping a Clarkston penalty shot and two breakaways. Finally, the Wolves, beat Lederer again, this time on a deflected shot which ricocheted off junior forward Kyle Cummings' stick and past the goalie's glove. Senior defenseman Alex Handley got credit for the assist. Clarkston out shot the Lakers 15-0 and won 10 of 12 faceoffs in the first period

"This is one game when you know that you are not going to catch a break," said West Bloomfield Coach Craig Warden.

West Bloomfield's Anthony Giglio scored early in the second period, making the score 2-1. The goal lit a fire under the Wolves as they rallied to score two powerplay goals in a row. Mike Fogg scored, assisted by junior defenseman Matt Prasil, and Johns added his second of the game, assisted by Fogg and Prasil.

"I wasn't worried (by

Lederer's play) because we were pretty much dominating the game and I knew that the (shots) were going to go in eventually," said Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier.

Clarkston allowed another goal at the end of the second period, but goals by senior defensemen Adam Stoyek (assisted by Johns and Fogg) and Alex Handley (assisted by seniors Chris Degen and Mike Zak) in the third period put the game out of reach for the Lakers. Mike Fogg added another insurance goal with 3:06 left in the game to bring the score to 7-2. Johns and Prasil assisted again on the final goal.

The Wolves outshot West Bloomfield 46-7 over the course of the game. Clarkston junior goaltender Nolan Cesario got the win between the pipes.

"(This win) gives us great momentum going into next week," said Prasil.

Clarkston's OAA Division I showdown with Farmington was



Junior Shane O'Toole gives West Bloomfield's Ryan Rodd a rough ride. Photo by Noah Purcell

cancelled due to inclement weather on Jan. 6, and the game has been rescheduled for Jan. 17.

Farmington is second in the league to Clarkston right now and the game will be the last of

four contests in six nights for the Wolves.

The Wolves will play at Mott on Jan. 12, at Port Huron on Jan. 13, at league rival Birmingham on Jan. 15 and will wrap things up against Farmington at home.

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# When school's out it's some work and all play



Brett Bachusz was all smiles while sledding at CHS on the first snow day of the year, Jan. 6. Photo by Noah Purcell



Brooke Bachusz readies her sled for the long journey down the CHS slope. Photo by Noah Purcell



Sean and Jake Calvano laugh as they chase each other through the snow. Photo by Christina Ula



For some snow removal is easy, like Aaron Miller. Photo by Noah Purcell



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## Residents urged 'to watch' new board

One if not the leading expert in municipal law in the State of Michigan is Gerald Fisher of the firm of Secrest Wardle. Mr. Fisher lives in Independence Township.

For over 25 years, Mr. Fisher and the various firms with which he has been associated have represented Independence Township. The fees he has charged the township have been among the lowest charged by any law firm.

Recently, the lead attorney representing the township has been Steve Joppich. Mr. Joppich has never failed to represent the township with distinction. You would think that a relationship with that kind of quality would be maintained.

On a vote of six to one, all of that history and expertise has been lost. The leading municipal firm in Michigan has been replaced. Why would any thinking public body take such ridiculous action? I urge all residents to watch this new township board carefully. Several recent actions of this board have demonstrated that prudence isn't going to be their hallmark.

Before you know it, everything this community has stood and fought for will be lost.

Can Lowes, Home Depot, K-Mart and WalMart be far behind?

Sincerely,  
Dale Stuart

## Concern voiced over possible WalMart

Dear Editor:

The recent announcement of an out-of-town developer's proposal to build a Lowe's and a WalMart in Independence Township is disappointing and a cause for concern by every township resident.

These so-called "big box" retailers are just warehouses that cause a significant interference in any community. The location of these warehouses (along Waldon west of Sashabaw) would mean, among other things, a dramatic and dangerous increase in traffic at an already too busy intersection and throughout the community. It should be no surprise to anyone that these warehouses draw regionally, thus bringing new traffic into the community that stops at that location and then leaves without providing any benefit to the community.

Many years ago our township made a conscious decision to be a quality residential community. This meant we did not plan to be a regional doormat. Our master plan reflects these decisions. And these decisions have been reiterated by all our township leaders over the years, and are included in the township's Vision 2020 Plan and the Sashabaw Overlay District.

We are now faced with this out-of-town developer who is determined to force us to allow them to develop property in a way that is inconsistent with our master plan and our community ideal of being a quality, residential community.

Our new township Supervisor Dave Wagner is re-

portedly opposed to this project and said, "We don't want it; it's not properly zoned." At this point, we should take him at his word. But rejecting improper development proposals is not the work of one man, nor should it be left to the township board or the planning commission. We can expect the neighbors in the immediate area to be opposed. But this development will have such a dramatic impact on our community, all should be involved.

It is up to each and every one of us to monitor the approval process of this proposal. We all need to learn about the effects of this proposal. Everyone should attend meetings and write letters voicing their objections to the township planning commission and township board. We must show our support to our township officials to assure this proposal is rejected.

This is very likely to be a long and arduous battle, but our community has a history of good and reasonable planning and successfully rejecting improper development proposals. We must not abandon our master plan at the time that a "development tsunami" is headed up I-75.

To start out, each concerned citizen should write to the township board to express their concern and their support for the township's opposition to this proposal. We should all contact the planning department of the township to be asked to be notified of every public meeting at which this proposal will be considered.

Very truly yours,  
Neil E. Wallace

## Create a 'village message board'

Dear Clarkston News:

Just a brief word and idea regarding the banner situation on Main St. discussed in your paper on Dec. 24.

In the matter of costs, a "new" banner can run anywhere from \$250-\$1,000 depending on size etc. Granted banners are reusable to a certain extent with date/time changes for some, more elaborate changes for others.

In short, groups such as ours (The Clarkston Community Band) are spending many dollars collectively per year for banners. In some cases, the banners are up for a week or more, some more or less.

I have personally watched crews of 2-3 replace the banners at whatever the township labor costs are for many years, let alone equipment. Also, many banners are so full of information that the possibility of reading all of the banner is nearly impossible while keeping your eyes on the road. Even reserving times for a banner has become questionable at best. Some activities or groups are reserving their slots months in advance which closes the doors to new events to promote in this manner.

So at the minimum, the banners are a big cost to the groups, an unknown cost to the township and questionable readability to us all. Is there a solution to us all? Possibly.

I suggest the following to be researched by the township.

1. Obtain bids on an electronic two-sided message sign, programmable by one person.
2. Usage of the sign is on a rental basis per day, week, etc. to offset costs.
3. Determine what the actual costs of crew are to taxpayers, and equipment costs, etc.
4. Provide rates that are discounted to community groups or for public service messages.
5. Uniformity in appearance on both sides, just a simple message sign, no frills.
6. Ability to use as a community bulletin, such as

"schools closed for snow" or as an "Amber Alert" in emergency situations.

7. If banners are no longer allowed in the village for special events, then the only sign allowed will be the "Village Message Board," thus giving the township a monopoly for it's usage and a guaranteed payback.

8. Possibly place the sign in front of Township offices, similar to Waterford Mott High School, eliminating the overhead banner completely.

Each time our group schedules a concert we are faced with changing our banner, scheduling the banner to be hung up (several conflicts in the past several years have meant our banners could not be hung up on Main St.) and the costs of the changes to the banner. Not to mention the township costs of crews to put up and take down the banners could be minimized by the use of a "Village Message Board."

I believe a long term solution to all involved may be the "Village Message Board" which may satisfy all, and keep the costs for all of us to a minimum.

Sincerely,  
Gary Metzger, a founding member of the Clarkston Community Band

P.S. While I must admit the possibility of placing a banner on the bridge railing was not our first choice, scheduling of other banners basically eliminated our banner from being able to be placed at the Main St. normal location. The future possibility of a "Village Message Board" may solve our dilemmas of the past and open up future "advertising space" to other groups such as ours. Progress may be the ability to go with the digital age of fast, easy to read and cost effective ways of promoting the wonderful things that go on in Clarkston every week, and the "Village Message Board" may be a giant step in that direction.

**Editor's Note:** The discussion on the banners across Main St. is a topic concerning the City of the Village of Clarkston and does not involve Independence Township.

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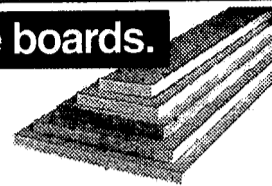


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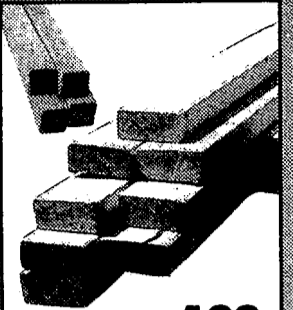
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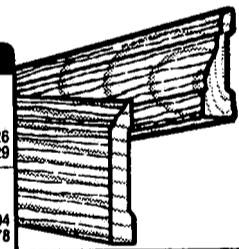
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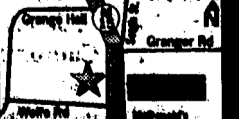
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and the township planner.

"I did discuss this idea with everybody because that's what I do. Everyone knows that," said Wagner during the interview. "Even if everybody doesn't agree, I'll bring it to the board."

Larry Rosso made the motion to hire Karlstrom Clooney for the township's everyday needs while retaining Secrest Wardle for specialty work. He was seconded by Charles Dunn.

During board discussion, many of the trustees voiced similar opinions:

"I think in the four years I've been on the board, we've received excellent advice," said Daniel Kelly, who added that this was not something he would have done, but he understands the supervisor's motivations.

"There is a certain amount of deference we must pay the supervisor," he concluded. "I think this is a very appropriate mix. It can be a very good mix."

"If I were the supervisor, I probably would not have

made this decision," voiced Larry Rosso, who also stated he understands the supervisor has to work with the township attorneys on a day to day basis. "This is about a business decision. We hope to save some expenses here."

Rosso added he wants to review the situation after a year to confirm the township is receiving the best legal advice possible. "I think it's worth doing at this point," stated Rosso.

"I have struggled with this decision as Mr. Wagner knows," said Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen. "Although I would not necessarily have done this, I support Mr. Wagner in finding a council he is comfortable to work with and trust."

One board trustee spoke strongly against the change. Daniel Travis mentioned that Secrest Wardle was a local firm when the township first hired them. He added that over the years, through joining different firms, the company has expanded, but maintained the quality representation.

Travis also voiced a concern because planning commissioner Kathryn Caruso, an attorney with Karlstrom Clooney, must now resign from her position.

"I'm concerned there is now a lack of knowledge of zoning and ordinance issues on the planning commis-

Wed., January 12, 2005 The Clarkston (MI) News 19A sion," said Travis. "We have had great legal representation in these areas from Secrest."

Travis was the one trustee who voted no.

One audience member commented on the recommendation. Independence Township resident Neil Wallace stated he was concerned a decision sounded reached with very little discussion. He worried the proposal was coming because of "change for change sake."

With Karlstrom Clooney as the general council, the township will be charged \$110 per hour for municipal work, up from the \$95 charged by Secrest Wardle. However, according to the firm's proposal, "there is no minimum retainer."

Also, "routine telephone calls of a quick nature from township officials as to the status of files or simple questions are not billed. Customary copying, postage and travel time are not charged unless out of the ordinary."

Supervisor Wagner stated he expects many township attorney costs to reduce thanks to these free services and the close proximity of the firm; however, he is uncertain what the savings will be.

Wagner will be bringing a recommendation for replacing Caruso on the planning commission at the Jan. 18 board meeting.

## Obituaries

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on January 7, 2005, at the age of 85.

Mr. Leonard was the husband of Virginia for 61 years. He was preceded in death by his daughter Jacquelyn Howey. Mr. Leonard was the grandfather of Meghan Howey of Ann Arbor and Cora Howey of Pennsylvania; the father-in-law of R. Michael Howey of Pennsylvania; the brother of Audrey Larsen, Gertrude Burr and Ralph (Dorothy) Leonard; and the brother-in-law of Dorothy Duncan and Lorraine Wedge. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Leonard served during World War II in the Army Air Corps Air Transport Command as a radio operator. He served in the China-Burma-India Theatre. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Metal and Good Conduct Award. Mr. Leonard was a salesman for Case Cutlery for 26 years, and owned and operated Knifeworks.

A funeral service was held on January 10, 2005, at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis-E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Independence Twp. Library or the Jacquelyn L. Howey Scholarship Fund.

## Paul W. Arthur

Paul W. Arthur, of Clarkston, passed away suddenly on January 7, 2005, at 75 years of age.

Mr. Arthur was the beloved husband of Emily for 54 years. He was the dearest father of Elizabeth (Andrew) Arthur, Gwendolynn (Thomas) Arthur, Lynda (Kirk) Witherell, Paul (Terry) Arthur, Laurence (Krysfen) Arthur and the late Virginia Arthur; brother of Perley (Polly) Arthur and Laurie (Paul) Walker; and the grandfather of four.

A graduate of Harvard University, Mr. Arthur retired from the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Community Presbyterian Church and an avid golfer.

A memorial service is set for January 14, 2005, at 1 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church located at 4301 Monroe (at Sashabaw Rd.) in Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home in Waterford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Presbyterian or Wayne State University School of Medicine, Charot-Marie-Tooth Clinic, 101 E. Alexandrine, Detroit, MI 48201. To send a personal condolence, please go to the guestbook at [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com).

## Lorraine Terry

Lorraine Terry, of Emmett, formerly of Highland, passed away on January 7, 2005. She was 80.

Mrs. Terry was preceded in death by her husband Morris. She was the mother of Pat (Judy) Terry of Holly and Kathy (Bob) Sims of Emmett; grandmother of Jason Hudson, Brennan and Timothy Terry, Allison Ludwig, and Joe and Jenny Sims; and the sister of Irvin (Ellie) Debolt of California. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Terry retired from Numatics Co.

A funeral service was held on January 11, 2005, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial took place in Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Foundation.

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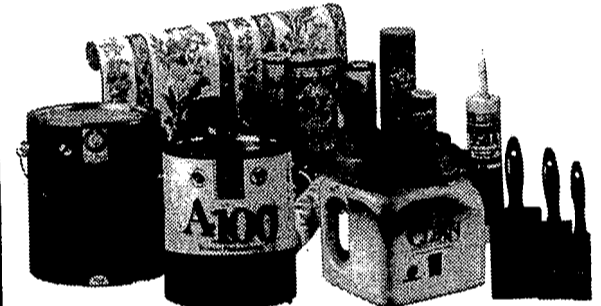


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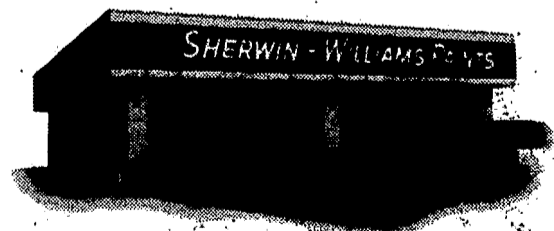
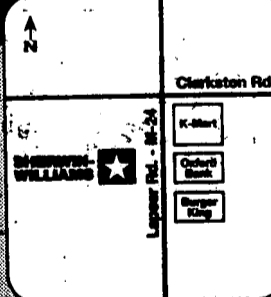
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# More snow day moments



Tommy Ronk got to stay home from school and go sledding behind CHS on Jan. 6. Photo by Noah Purcell



John Marx clears snow the old fashioned way. Photo by Noah Purcell



Lance, Carter and Alexis Linton enjoy building a fort during their snow day. Photo by Christina Ula



Chris Calvano starts to make a snowman during his snow day. Photo by Ula



Russ Joyner breezes through the snow on his driveway. Photo by Noah Purcell

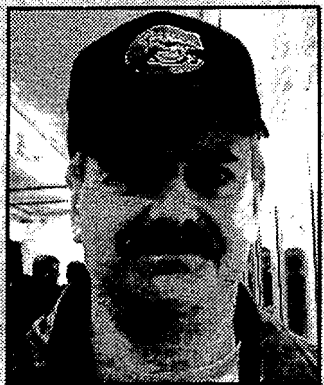
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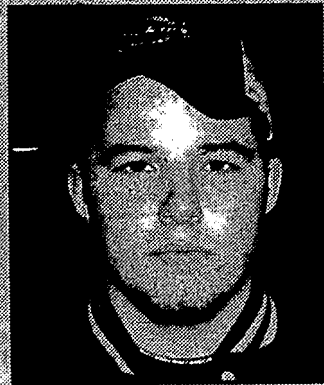
"Terribly. I'm a die-hard Red Wings fan. It just doesn't seem like winter without hockey."

—Kristy Eisenberg



"I miss it. It's hard to understand why the two sides won't just sit down and work something out."

—Doug Brady



"Yes, I miss it. I like to come home at night and watch hockey."

—Justin Anderson



"No, I'm not a big hockey fan. I went to Red Wings games as a child, but I've never really watched it on TV."

—Linda Ziehm

By Noah Purcell

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Restaurateur has gourmet view of life

**BY DON SCHELSE**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

As a boy growing up in Hamtramck, Myron Grosz remembers when a local Kiwanis club purchased Chicago Cub uniforms for his baseball team.

"It was the full uniform, not just the t-shirt," he said, recalling the pride with which he wore that uniform to a fifth grade Halloween party. "At age 53, I still remember that some guy from that Kiwanis club forked over money to give a uniform to a kid he didn't even know."

Grosz now has a track record of giving himself, having become a successful area businessman, and he doesn't mind the raised eyebrows when people learn of his career path.

"I went from my mother's catering business to being a trained chef to running a Burger King franchise," said Grosz with a chuckle.

Grosz is coming up on the 20th anniversary of his ownership of the Burger King restaurant on Dixie Highway in Independence Township. He must reapply for the franchise in February.

He still exercises his culinary skills, however, primarily for charitable purposes in the Clarkston area and beyond.

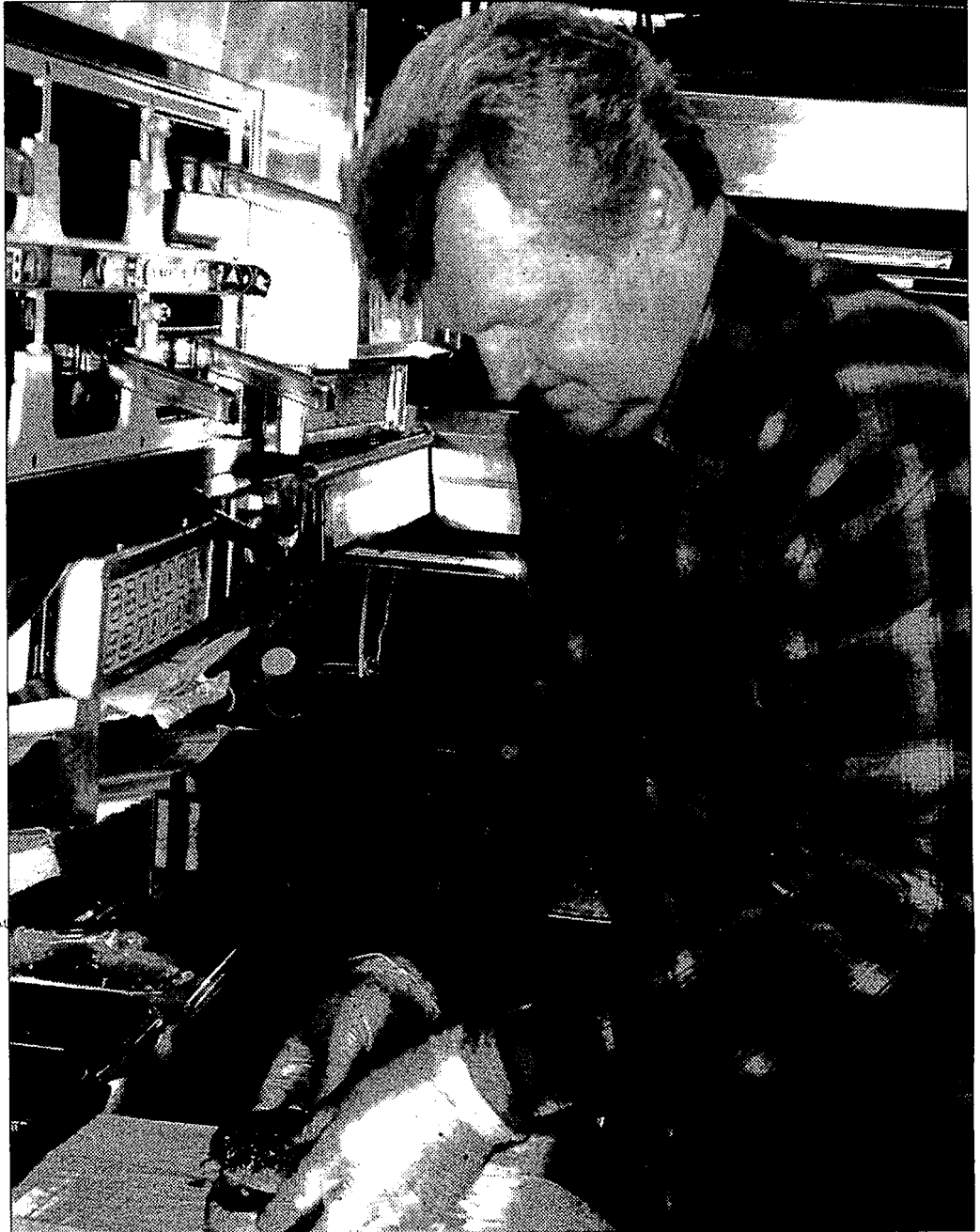
Grosz began working for his mother's catering business at age 15. He completed the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College, then attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York.

With those credentials, Grosz continued to help with the family catering business, but he was also recruited to take over the food service at DeLaSalle Collegiate High School in Detroit.

There he met a business partner with whom he first attempted to secure a McDonald's franchise. When that attempt was unsuccessful, the partners gained the Burger King franchise, which was then down the road in Waterford.

The early years were a challenge, Grosz said, with the first location being what the parent company admitted was a "bad location." Part of the deal, however, was the brand new Clarkston restaurant, which turned out to be more profitable.

Grosz laughs about early attempts to



Despite being a classically-trained chef, Myron Grosz has no problem practicing assembling a Whopper sandwich at his Burger King franchise in Clarkston. Photo by Jenny Matteson

expand to another location on M-59.

"We were taking our profits here and paying for our losses there," he said.

Grosz had not intended to be a full-time franchise owner, but a combination of events (including medical problems for his partner and the wind down of his mother's catering business) led to just that.

The business is successful because of a great location and a great staff, he said, with managers and employees who stay longer than the average fast-food restaurant staff.

"I take about 5 to 10 percent of the credit," he said. "The place almost runs without me. The real heroes in any business are the hourly workers."

Grosz sets the direction, however, and that includes a strong emphasis on service. He has little patience with business experts who spend most of their time with graphs and charts.

"You have to be a people person, because you're constantly dealing with your customers," he said. "People give you their business."

Myron Grosz, owner  
Clarkston Burger King

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# Around Town

Join members of the **Independence Township Senior Center** at "Menopause the Musical" on Feb. 13. Motorcoach transportation is provided to and from the Gem theatre. A group dinner will follow after the performance at the new Canterbury Grill in Olde World Canterbury Village. The cost is \$74 for residents and \$77 for non-residents. For more information call the Senior Center at: (248) 325-8231.

Other upcoming events at the Senior Center:

•Spelling contest brush-up sessions are being held Mondays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1 p.m. The Senior Center will begin prepping the community on Jan. 12 for the annual Regional Spelling

Duel, which takes place on Feb. 23 in Rochester. Leaders for the brush-up sessions will be Bob Borrer and Nan McDavid.

•One across: two six letter words – location where Clarkston residents can compete against one another on crossword puzzles of varying degrees. Answer: Senior Center. The senior **Crossword Puzzle Contest** is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. \*\*\*

The **Clarkston Community Women's Club** would like to welcome the community to their next meeting on Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in which they will discuss identity theft. The guest speaker is Jeffrey Omtvedy, an independent con-

sultant and co-author of the book "What is yours is mine or it will be." For more information please call Carolyn Morrison at (248) 625-2924 \*\*\*

Anyone with an unfinished basement or just unhappy with their current setup will be interested in **Clarkston Community Education** and the **Oakland Builders Institute's** basement remodeling seminar on Feb. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Education Center. Those attending can learn everything from how to plan a project to successful completion of a basement remodeling. The seminar costs \$99 plus a textbook and material fee of \$10. Pre-registration with payment is required no

later than Feb. 3. Those interested can call: (248) 618-9620, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \*\*\*

The **Springfield Library** is hosting all sorts of fun events for residents young and old in the new year:

•The **Library Book Club** for Adults meets at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. At the Jan. 27 meeting, "Cry the Beloved Country" by Alan Paton will be discussed. All of the books for the Book Club, as well as more information, is available at the Springfield Library circulation desk.

•The **Family Book Club's** selection for next month is "A Year Down Yonder" by Richard Peck. The club will meet on Feb. 8 to discuss this book. Kids in fifth through seventh grades can pick up the book at the circulation desk of the Springfield Library.

•**Rock 'N' Rhyme** is every Tuesday Jan. 25 through Apr. 12 from 10-10:30 a.m. For babies up to two years and caregiver.

•**Two of Us** is every Tuesday from Jan. 27 through April 12 from 11-11:30 a.m. For two-year-olds and caregiver.

•**Three's and Mom** meet Jan. 27 - April 14 from 10-10:30 a.m. For age three and caregiver.

•**On My Own** meets Jan. 27-April 14 from 10:45-11:30 a.m. For ages four and five, but not yet in kindergarten.

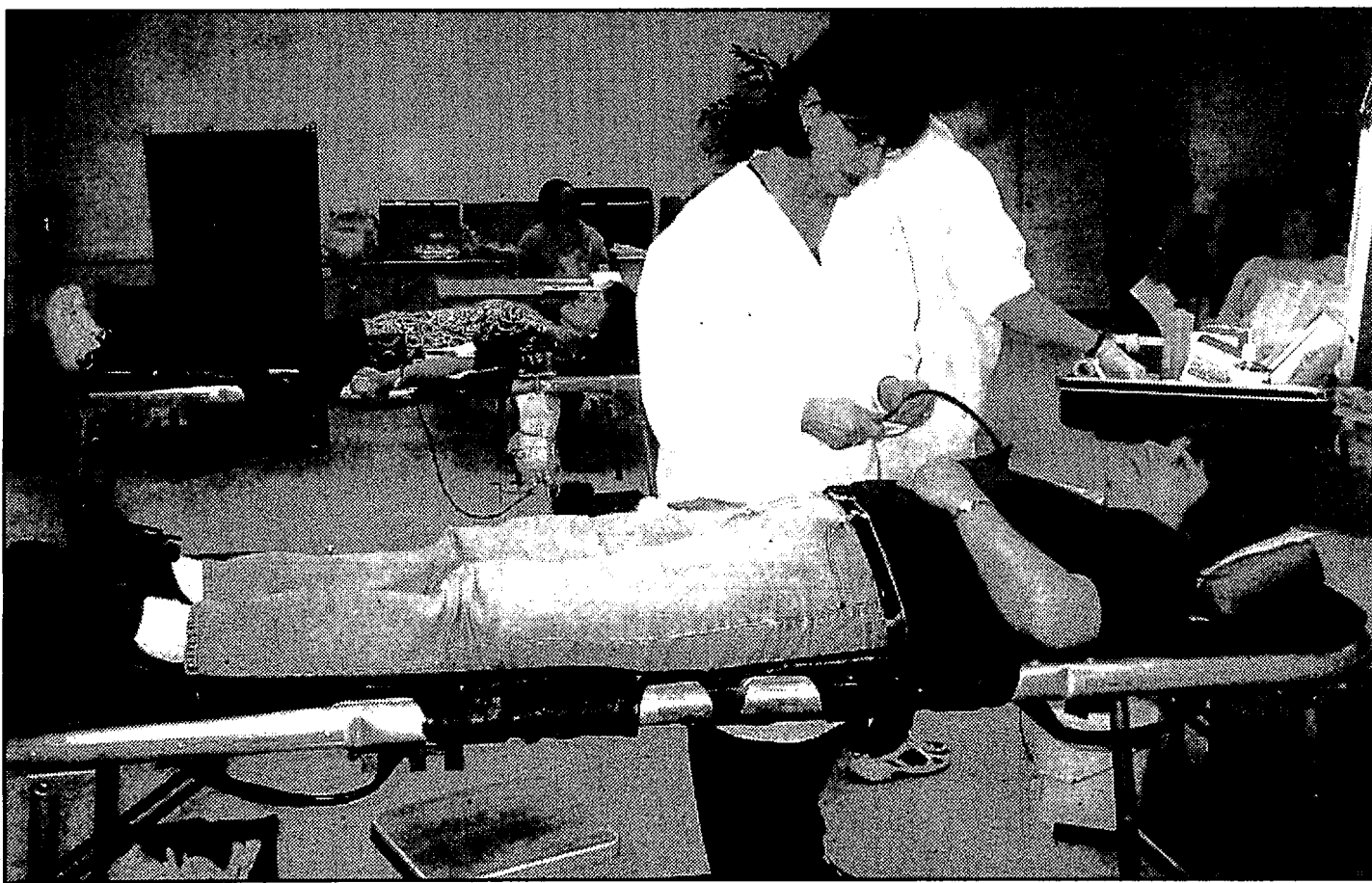
For more information on any of these programs call the Springfield Library at (248) 846-6550. \*\*\*

**Independence Township Parks and Recreation** is trying to help people beat cabin fever this winter with a slew of programs aimed at keeping residents active:

•There will be a softball pitching clinic for girls ages eight-14 (as of Jan. 1, 2005) on Wednesdays from Feb. 2 through March 16 from 6-7 p.m. The Clarkston varsity softball coaching staff, along with other softball personalities, will be conducting the lessons. Registration ends Jan. 26.

•For first and second grade boys and girls looking to learn basketball basics, P&R is offering an introductory course teaching the correct way to dribble, pass and shoot, as well as

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## The precious gift of life...

Linda Glowczewski prepares to give blood, with the assistance of American Red Cross nurse Joan Cykowski, at a Jan. 5 blood drive at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg. The Davisburg Rotary Club organized the event, setting a goal of 20 pints collected. In reality, 47 donors responded with 40 pints collected. Photo by Don Schelske

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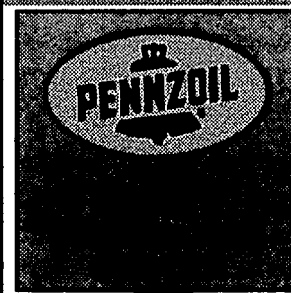
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# Catholic community launches 2nd year of new local ministry

A Catholic Mass Station was established in 2003 to serve the growing Davisburg and Springfield Township area population. The community is celebrating its second year of service to families and individuals of all ages.

A 10 a.m. Mass, with a children's Liturgy of the Word, are offered each Sunday at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center located near Davisburg.

Two priests, appointed by Cardinal Adam Maida,

and a deacon serve the Mass Station community, which has attracted many young families. A steering committee and lay ministries provide direction and organization.

Religious education programs and sacramental preparation for children and adults are available, along with first communion and baptism.

Individual members are participating in music, worship, stewardship, faith formation and Christian service

ministries.

As a first step in forming a parish to serve the growing Davisburg and Springfield Township area, the Archdiocese of Detroit established the Mass Station in 2003 and purchased 130 acres of land. The first Catholic Mass was celebrated on Sept. 14, 2003.

For more information, call (248) 634-4841, e-mail to [Davisburgmass@aol.com](mailto:Davisburgmass@aol.com) or visit [www.davisburgmass.com](http://www.davisburgmass.com) on the Internet.



**In holiday concert...**  
The group "Men of Grace" perform in a Dec. 26 concert at Clarkston Community Church. The singers are all men whose lives were turned around through the ministry of Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac. Photo provided

## Around Town

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basic offensive and defensive techniques. Registration deadline is Jan. 21. Cost of the program is \$35 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

For more information on Independence Township Parks and Recreation programs call: (248) 625-8223.

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Grab a fishing pole and head to the **Oakland County Parks Ice Fishing Contest** on Jan. 15 at Independence Oaks County Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the contest runs from 9 – noon. For more information call: (248) 858-1486.

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The **Oakland County Parks** is offering several programs this winter at the **Lewis E. Wint Nature Center** in Independence Oaks County Park.

•Cabin Fever Crafting: the Create-a-card is on Jan. 30 from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Participants will learn basic card-making techniques and how to recycle old cards to create a beautiful one-of-a-kind greeting. The cost is \$3 per person.

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U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' 8th District office staff will meet with Oakland County residents on Jan. 17 from 9-11 a.m. at Independence Township hall.

To contact the 8th District office, please call 517-702-8000 or 1-877-333-MIKE.

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## Milestones

### Kiser appointed vice president of operations



James D. Kiser, a graduate of Clarkston High School, was appointed vice president of operations by ADS North America LLC, a leading procurement consulting firm. In his new position, Kiser is responsible for all operational activities and quality assurance.

As a managing consultant, Kiser has worked with leading U.S. and Canadian companies in consumer products, food, pharmaceutical and automotive industries to develop and implement best practice supply chain strategies. His specialty is helping companies manage their indirect spend through devel-

oping internal competencies to drive out complexity, streamline processes and save money.

Kiser has had articles published on U.S. and global purchasing and supply chain magazines and is a sought after speaker on procurement, cross functional teams and project management topics.

Kiser received a bachelor's of arts in communications from Michigan State University. He also earned a Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) certification from the Institute for Supply Management.

### Springfield man receives doctorate in engineering



Congratulations to Springfield resident Nicholas G. Zorka, who received his doctor of philosophy in engineering on Dec. 18 from Oakland University.

Mr. Zorka is employed full time by the Ford Motor Company, Scientific Research Staff as a research engineer in Dearborn, and is currently teaching

a night course, Advanced Computer Applications, at Lawrence Technological University. He also tutors middle and high school students in math and science.

Zorka and his wife Carol have been Springfield Township residents for 25 years.

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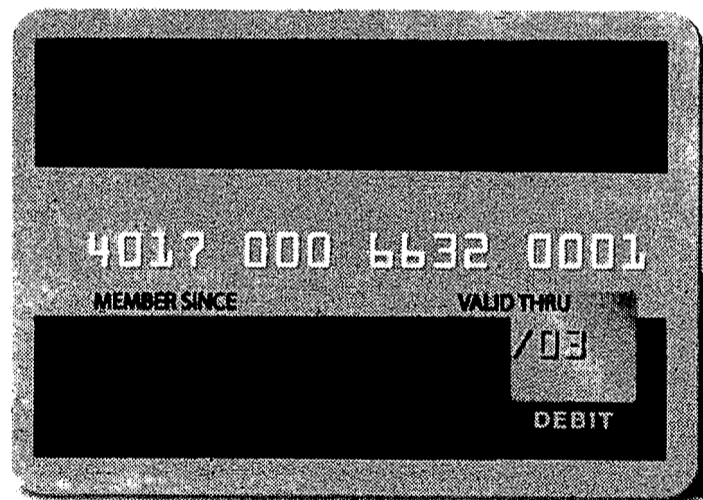


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# Religion

## Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness

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Even our Founding Fathers had some of this in mind as they sought to establish a nation where everyone would have the opportunity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

One of my seminary professors recently shared a humorous story about one person's opinion on how to find happiness in life.

It's a story about an American tourist who complimented a fisherman in a small Mexican village on his fish. The American asked the Mexican fisherman if it had taken him long to catch the fish.

"Not very long," the fisherman replied.

Then the American asked the question that is peculiarly American. He asked the fisherman why he had not stayed longer and caught more fish. The fisherman replied that he had enough to meet his needs and those of this family.

"What do you do with the extra time?" asked the American.

"Well," replied the fisherman, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children and take a siesta with my wife. In the evening, I go into the village and see my friends, have a few drinks, play the guitar and sing a few songs. I have a full life."

"I have an MBA, from Harvard and I can help you," the American said. "You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat. With the extra money the larger boat will bring in, you can buy a second boat and a third and on and on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers. Instead

of selling your fish to a middleman, you can negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City, Los Angeles or even New York City. From there you can direct your huge enterprise."

"How long will that take?"

"Twenty, perhaps 25 years," replied the American.

"And after that?"

"After that," said the American, "you will be able to retire in style. Maybe move to a village on the coast, sleep late, play with your grandchildren, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings drinking, singing and enjoying time with your friends."

How is your pursuit of life, liberty and happiness going?

Is your quest wearing you out? Has your life turned out according to your best laid plans? Are you working hard for real meaning in life, but failing to see any significant results?

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30, NIV).

Jesus promises us that if we seek after him he will provide our most basic needs. He gives his followers real purpose for living.

He enables them to live a life of true freedom from the dominating power of sin. He gives his people a growing sense of assurance that when they die things are going to be all right.

What are you searching after? Purpose, freedom and assurance? Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Jesus has the answers that you seek.

(Steve Brown is pastor of North Oaks Community Church.)

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Steve Brown

## In our churches...

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection will host two special seminars:

• An **alcohol and drug addiction program** will be presented at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays from Jan. 16 through March 6.

Led by Fr. Don Duford, who holds a Doctor of Ministry degree and is a licensed professional counselor, the series will include sessions on alcoholism, drug addiction, treatment, relapse and relapse prevention.

There will be no charge for the series, although free-will offerings will be accepted.

• A **thematic Bible Study**, including a walk through the Old Testament (Hebrew Scripture) and New Testament (Christian Scripture), will be presented from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from Jan. 19 through Feb. 23. The six-week study will follow the theme, "God is Faithful."

Cost for an optional resource workbook is \$17.50.

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection meets at 6490 Clarkston Road.

Preregistration is required for each program. Call (248) 625-2325, extension 3 for more information.

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Clarkston United Methodist Church will offer "**Beginnings: An Introduction to the Christian Faith**" from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 26. A light supper will be included.

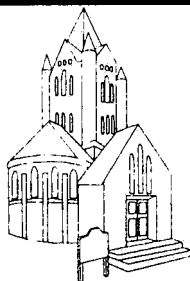
The 12-week small group study about basic Christian beliefs is intended for adults who want to explore their faith. In each two-hour session, participants will share a meal, watch a short video, develop the spiritual disciplines of Christian conversation and Scripture study, engage in meaningful discussions, and explore Christian faith and teachings.

Topics include "Who is Jesus?", "Sin and the Cross," "Death and Resurrection," "Can I Trust God?", "The Bible," "Forgiveness and Wholeness," "Prayer" and "The Good Life."

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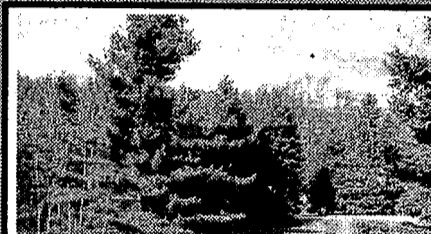
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Call Linda Walsh, 248-625-5556 Ext 909



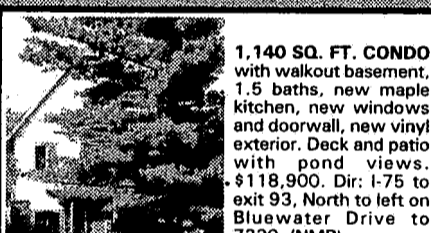
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Call Patti Gilman, 248-625-5556 Ext 121



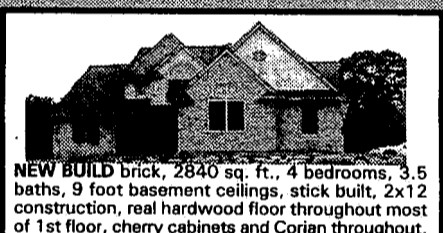
**WONDERFUL HOME!** Wonderful home in popular Oak Valley sub. Over 2500 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, bonus room, awesome kitchen with full granite. Daylight basement, 3 car attached garage. Super. \$379,900 (PG)  
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**GREAT OPPORTUNITY!** Brand new listing! Wonderful 1350+ sq. ft. ranch on a quiet street outside the village of Clarkston, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, full partially finished basement, 2 car garage, over 1/2 acre. \$212,900 (PG)  
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**1,140 SQ. FT. CONDO** with walkout basement, 1.5 baths, new maple kitchen, new windows and doorwall, new vinyl exterior. Deck and patio with pond views. \$118,900. Dir: I-75 to exit 93, North to left on Bluewater Drive to 7230. (NMB)  
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**NEW BUILD** brick, 2840 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 9 foot basement ceilings, stick built, 2x12 construction, real hardwood floor throughout most of 1st floor, cherry cabinets and Corian throughout, bath ceramic. \$339,900 Dir: US-23 to Owen, exit 98 towards Fenton, R on Owen, R on Pine Lake Forest Dr. L on Hill Forest Drive, L on Whittaker to 5209. (NMB)  
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**ELEGANT CONDO** Close to I-75, Orion/Rochester area. 1st floor master, 3,200 luxurious sq. ft., hardwood, Corian, vaulted ceilings, so much more. \$324,999. Dir: I-75 North on M-24, left at Greenshield head south on M-24, immediate right on Autumn, right on Four seasons to 109. (NMB)  
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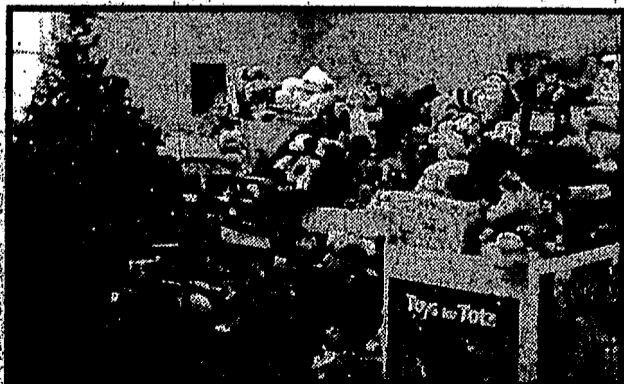
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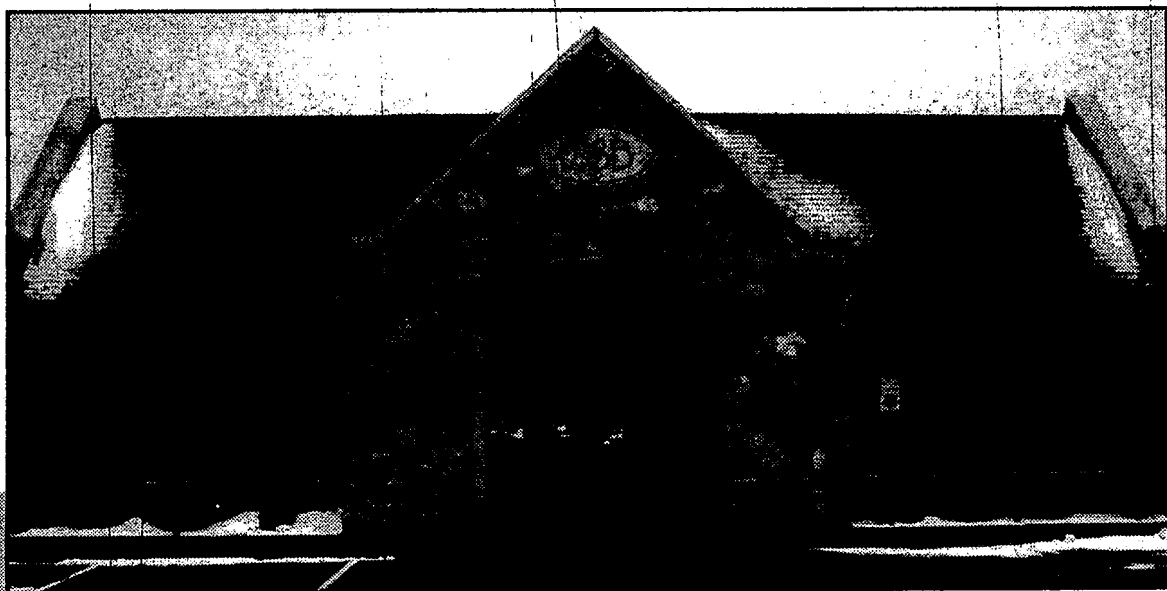
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# Beautiful Home specializes in unique home decor options

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

Are you looking for that one of a kind gift for a corporate client, special birthday, wedding shower or company gifts? Then

Beautiful Home has you covered.

Beautiful Home offers professionally arranged baskets, specialty gourmet foods, unique gift items and a complete line of

decorative home and kitchen accessories as well as silk florals and holiday gift ideas.

"A lot of the items we carry, the companies we buy from, are not mass merchandized," said Lisa Ryan, owner. "They are specialty items. Your going to find a lot of original gifts here."

Beautiful Home, located at 6684 Dixie Hwy, Suite F, opened the third week of October. Ryan said she got the idea for the company while researching her options for floral arranging businesses.

"I kind of came into it in a round about way," said Ryan. "I was doing research on the web and came across making gift baskets and such. I knew I didn't want to own a flower shop, and making the gift baskets with unique products tied into my floral arranging nicely."

Beautiful Home features several Michigan and Midwest product lines. All of the companies used as suppliers are small, privately owned establishments.

"We have a continuously changing product line," said Ryan.

For more information, please call Beautiful Home at 248-625-5800. Business hours are 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Appointments are available for specialty orders.



Lisa Ryan prepares a sample gift basket for store display. Photo by Jenny Matteson

# Park Place Mortgage brings full services to Clarkston branch

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Park Place Mortgage has made its mark.

The business opened in December of 2003 with a staff of only two.

Now, just a short year later, the company has a full house with ten loan officers.

Branch manager Claudia Armstrong worked for Park Place Mortgage for several years before deciding to open the Clarkston branch.

A Waterford resident, Armstrong liked the convenience and the Clarkston community.

"Clarkston is a wonderful community," said Armstrong. "And we are looking forward to building more wonderful relationships."

Park Place Mortgage offers financial help in many areas including: commercial, vacant land and manufactured housing.

Park Place Mortgage is one of the few lenders in Michigan that is trained and qualified to perform reverse mortgages.

Park Place is a full service mortgage company that also



Claudia Armstrong, Park Place Mortgage branch Manager.

works with non-profit organizations and churches in the area, raising funds. In addition, the company is arranging funds for the tsunami disaster.

"I am looking forward to another wonderful year of business," said Armstrong.

Park Place Mortgage is located at 5710 Bella Rose Blvd. in Clarkston.

Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Earl's Cleaners opens in Springfield

BY JENNY MATTESON  
Clarkston News Editor

Springfield Township's newest business offers residents a place to receive top-notch care for those delicate cleaning items.

Earl's Cleaners, located at 9768 Dixie Highway, provides professional cleaning services for all clothing items.

In addition, the business offers shirt laundry, wedding gown preservation, drapery cleaning, comforter cleaning and professional alterations.

"We provide a high lever of service," said owner Dimitri Polychronou. "Every piece is gone through by hand by myself and then taken to Clawson where my father goes through and pre-spots the item by hand."

"It's not unusual to clean something two or three times to make sure our customer gets the best care possible. We're very meticulous about the quality of cleaning."

Earl's Cleaners has been family owned and operated in Clawson since the 1940's.

The Polychronou family purchased the established in 1975.

Dimitri Polychronou decided to open the newest branch on Nov. 1.

When customers go into the store, they won't be assisted by just anyone, they will receive the best service from the owner himself.

"I always go out of my way for my customers," said Polychronou. "We can handle emergencies whenever possible."

Earl's Cleaners offers normal next day service; however, Polychronou may request extra time for heavily soiled items.

Same day service is sometimes available for emergency situations.

Earl's Cleaners is open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, please call 248-922-EARL.



Dimitri Polychronou spot checks a garment before taking it to Clawson. Photo by Jenny Matteson

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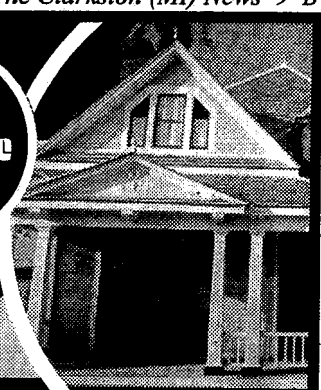
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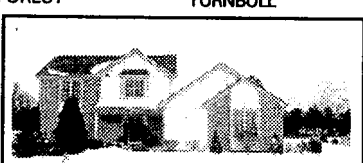
**3651 Baybrook Drive, Waterford**  
Brick Ranch in turn key condition. Many updates: kitchen, hwd floors, all windows. Freshly painted. Partial fin L/L w/bar. Fenced yard w/deck & shed. Must See! Only \$179,900 MLS#24146698



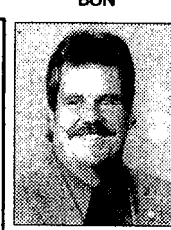
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**4355 Budd, Waterford**  
Better than new Ranch in sub with access to 3 lakes. Too many upgrades to list. 3br, 2.5 baths. Basement garage. Fenced yard, deck & shed. Must see inside! \$204,900 MLS# 24126538



**6719 Canterbury Lane, Clarkston**  
**Custom Clarkston Colonial**  
4BD, 2.5BA, 1st floor laundry & 3-car garage. Hardwood entry flows through kitchen, hall and nook. Glistening island kitchen w/appliances. Nook door wall leads to deck which overlooks nicely landscaped yard. Large family room with tall ceiling and FP. Immediate possession. \$284,900 MLS#24145892



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**8051 Bridge Lake Road, Clarkston**  
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**1135 Dolans, White Lake**  
3 bed, 1.5 bath home backing to park with play structure, basketball court & soccer field. Home features hwd flrs, newer windows, newer kitchen & gorgeous backyard. \$175,000 MLS#24152499



**4740 Fox Chase, White Lake**  
Huge yard with sprinklers & brick patio. Spacious bedrooms. Master has full bath & walk-in closet. 3 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. 1912 sq ft. \$245,000 MLS#24138091



**3683 Hidden Forest Drive, Orion**  
Beautiful Colonial with Great Room. 1st floor bedroom/den option. Large eat-in kit, white cabs, all appl. 1st flr laundry. Master Suite w/private bath. 4 br/2.5 bth/2car car garage. Private, wooded backyard w/deck. Sidewalks, comm. w/swim & tennis club. Close to I-75/Auburn Hills. \$307,900 MLS#24148089



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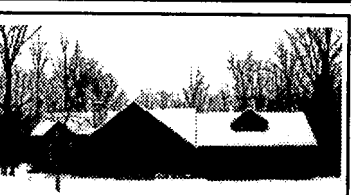
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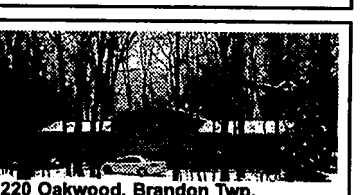
**6785 Hubbard**  
Come see the difference! Custom colonial in Clarkston \$335,000. Custom, light cherry kit with maple wood flooring. Master suite with Jacuzzi & sep shower. Pella windows, family room with fireplace. MLS#24149744



**3668 Lake Oakland Shores Drive, Waterford**  
Waterford Bargain! 4 bedroom, Brick Colonial, Family Room, Fireplace, Formal Dining, Finished Basement, Lake Privileges, 3 baths, Extra 2 car gar for workshop. Priced below assessed value @ \$229,900 MLS#24155861



**10470 E. Maple, Goodrich**  
Quality & Craftsmanship show in this gorgeous log home w/ open fir plan. Hickory cabs, Corian KIT, GRT RM & MSTR BD has fir to ceiling stone fps. 3.5 car gar, partially fin BSMT with 9-foot ceilings. One look and you will fall in love! That Up North feeling is only 35 minutes from Auburn Hills. \$399,700 MLS#24007181



**220 Oakwood, Brandon Twp.**  
Recently appraised for \$226,000! Enjoy country living yet be close to everything you desire! Home is nestled on an absolutely gorgeous piece of property with pvt pond for your enjoyment. LL with office/study or 4th bdrm adds approx. 500 sq. ft. of living space. Updates in November '04 to kitchen, baths and some new carpet. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity! \$199,900 MLS#24149522



LINDA PENROD



KATE ZACHAREVICH



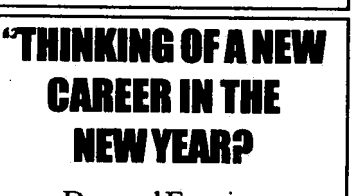
**3510 Shady Lane**  
Beautiful ranch home on a private 6 acres. Amazing views with new custom deck, great room w/ cathedral ceilings and fireplace. Master suite with his & her closets, sinks and a whirlpool. Brand new roof, fresh paint, huge unfinished basement, wood casement windows and much more! Priced at \$279,900 MLS#24156531



**6954 Terrell, Waterford**  
84 feet of frontage on Lotus Lake gives this home a beautiful panoramic view. 2 fireplaces newly remodeled kitchen and a finished walk out basement, that features a full bath w/jet tub and kitchen. 3 car plus garage, parking above and below. Separate 1 bedroom apartment w/ views of lake. Plenty of parking for those lake parties. \$498,000 MLS#24154495



**8490 Waumegah, Clarkston**  
Picturesque views from every window in this fabulous 4 bedroom new construction home. 1st floor master bedroom with 14X9 walk-in closet, pan ceiling, jet tub and more. White kitchen with granite counters. Walk out basement. 3 car garage! \$389,900 MLS# 24120350



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# Chef

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His efficient restaurant allows Grosz to be involved in several side ventures, including regular opportunities to demonstrate his culinary skills for good causes. He has staged several in-home catered dinners to benefit groups such as the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis clubs and societies promoting the prevention and cure of cancer and leukemia.

Such groups call on Grosz to serve top notch food and wine for parties of eight to 10 people. Such small parties allow him to be creative and artistic.

"I have a great time doing stuff like that," he said, especially when they give him the freedom to develop the menu. "It's like putting me in a candy store. It gives me a chance to play."

Grosz has also donated his restaurant's space for special events such as a dinner for the disabled sponsored by the Kaleidoscope Foundation of Davisburg. He knows "giving back to the community" sounds like a cliché, but he can't help using that phrase to describe his motivation.

For his own personal enrichment — and investment — Grosz uses both his formal training and personal research as a wine collector.

"It's gone real well," he said, and even "bad" investments don't go to waste. "If I can't sell it at a profit, I get to drink it. Where's the loss?"

Grosz also took a class in glass blowing through the Detroit Institute of Arts, expressing a fascination in an art one cannot touch while creating it.

"It takes about 10 years before you get decent," he said. "I don't want to tell you how I was after 24 hours of class."

In addition to all the above, certain



Myron Grosz knows the food service business, from fast food restaurants like Burger King to gourmet catering of fine food and wine. Photo by Jenny Matteson

childhood memories also motivate Grosz to be a regular sponsor of youth teams through Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

"What's different these days is that I make sure to support both boys and girls teams," he said.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
FILE NO. 2004-296,392-DE  
Estate of George Glenn Gagnon, Deceased  
Date of Birth: May 1, 1955  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, George Glenn Gagnon, Deceased, who lived at 907 Stag Ridge Rochester Hills, Michigan died March 22, 2002.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Nancy Gagnon, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

Nancy Gagnon  
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Because the People Want to Know  
**CLARKSTON**

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
375 DEPOT ROAD  
CLARKSTON, MI 48346  
City Council  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
January 10, 2005  
7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll: Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Ottman, Savage, Wylle
  4. Minutes of Last Meeting
  5. Approval of Agenda
  6. Approval of Bills: \$278,726.41
  7. Committee Reports/Council Comments
  8. Mayor's Comments
  9. Police Report
  10. D.P.W. Report
  11. City Manager's Report
    1. Leadership Meeting, February 3, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
(Location to be announced)
    2. School Elections
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
1. Gary Tressel-Sanitary Sewers/East Alley
  2. Correspondence-Bruce Whitmer
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. HAVA Resolution
  2. MML Resolution-Mr. Goodman
  3. Poverty Levels Resolution (For Board of Review)

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
OAKLAND COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION  
Decedent's Estate  
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING  
FILE NO.

In the matter of Charles France Degenhardt, Deceased  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

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

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

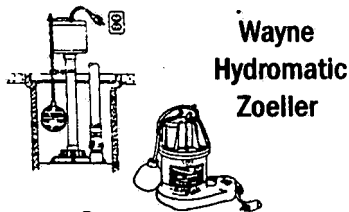
**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on 1/5/05 at 8:30 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Pontiac, Michigan 48341 before Judge for the following purpose:

Application for Informal Probate and/c Appointment of Vicki Bristol as Personal Representative.

12290  
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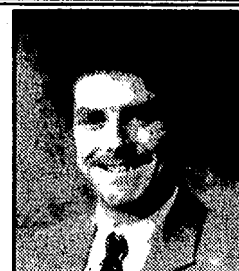
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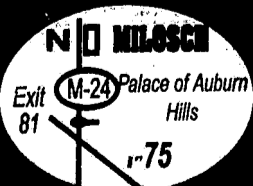


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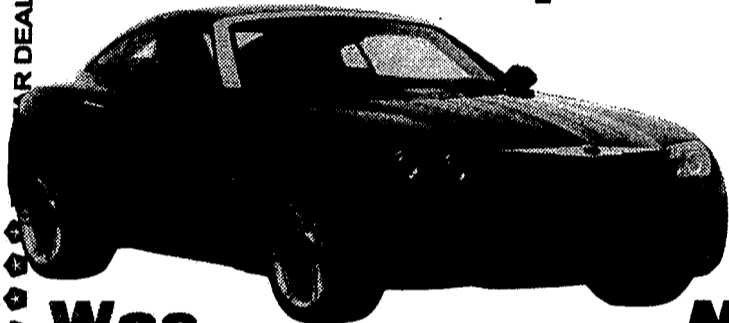
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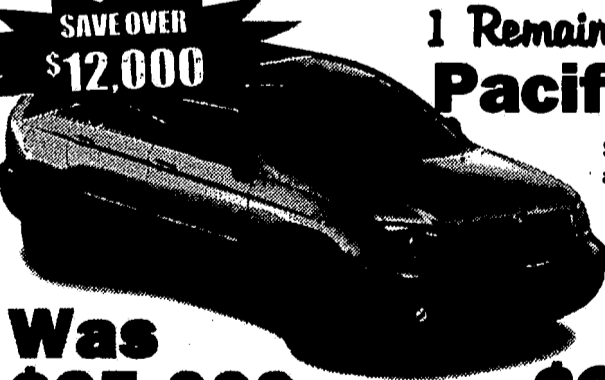
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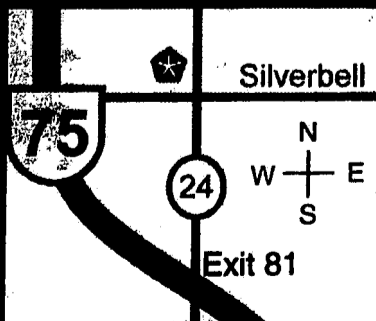
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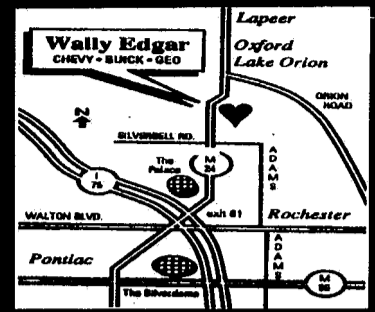




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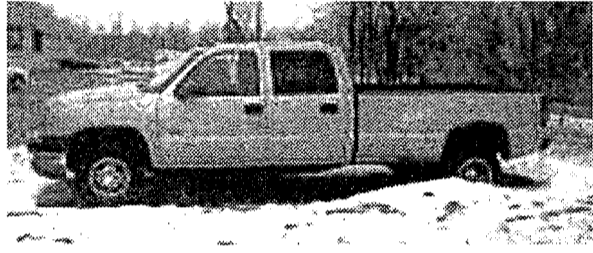


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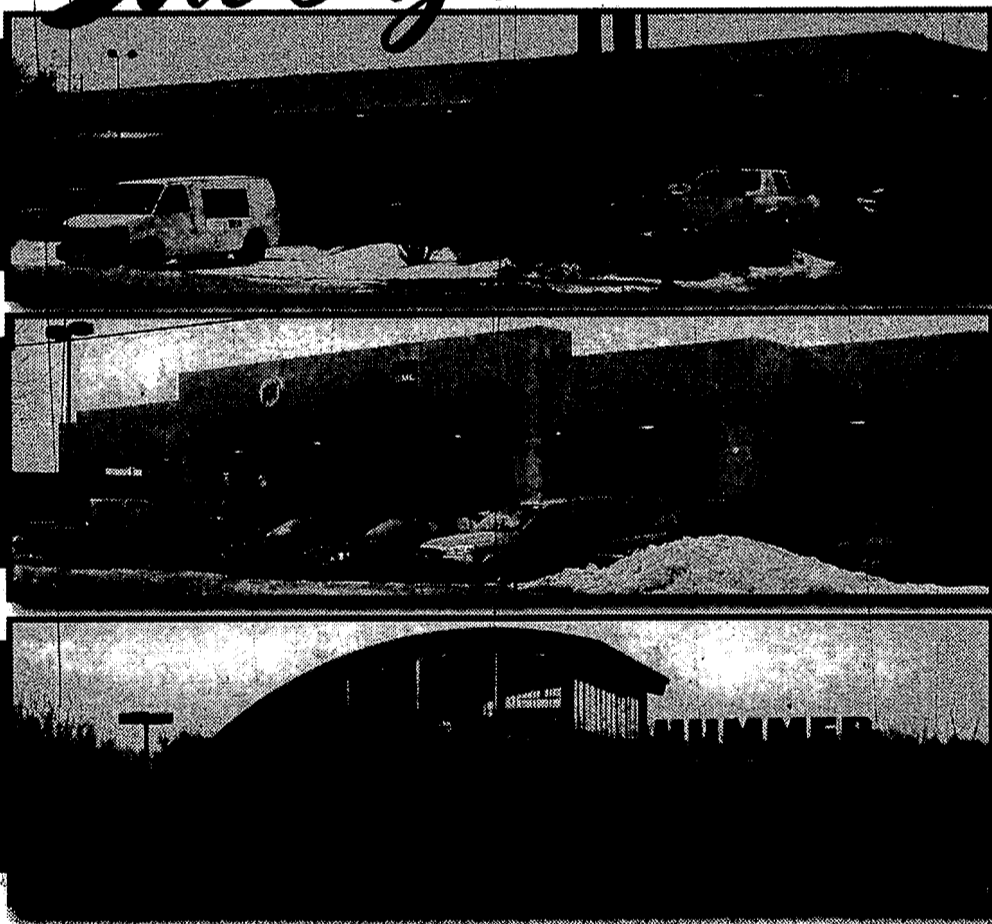
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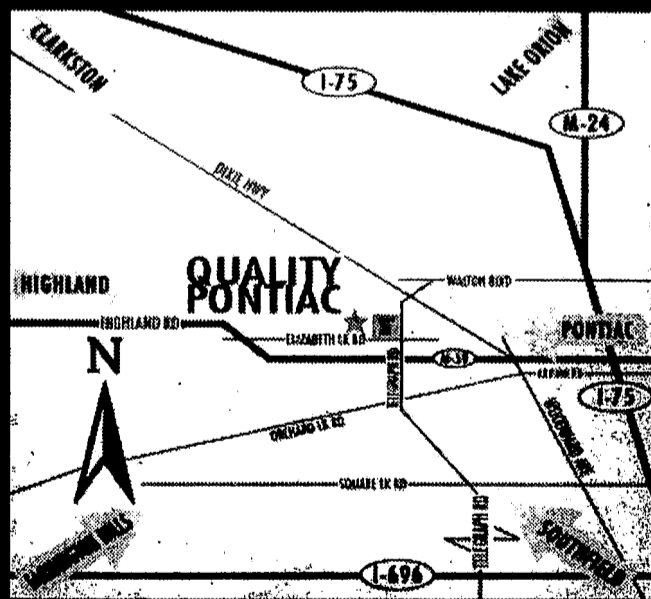
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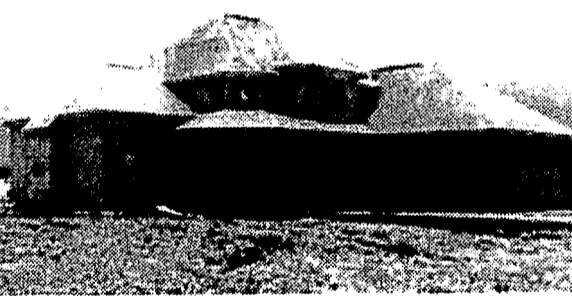
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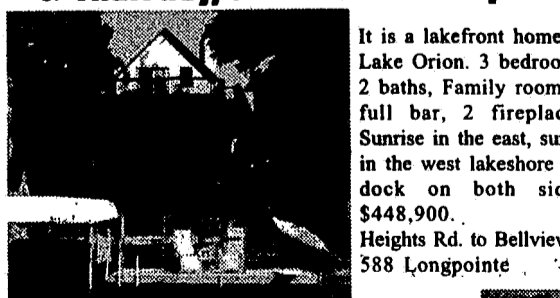
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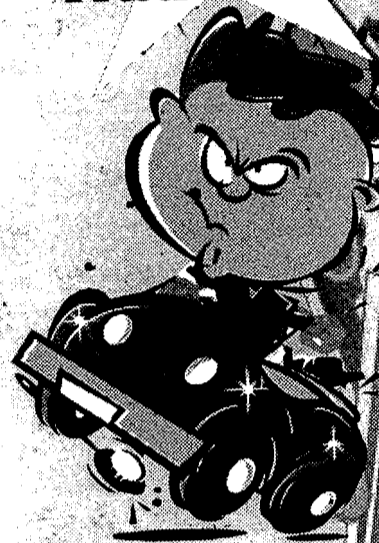


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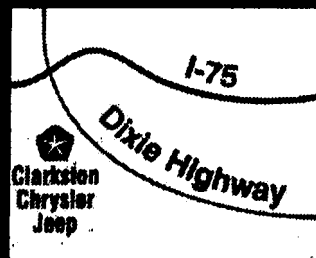
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