

Semi rollover leaks fuel, snarls rush hour



Independence Township firefighters inspect the scene of a tractor-semitrailer rollover on I-75 just north of M-15 on Monday. Just before 5 p.m., the southbound driver apparently lost control of his rig, which went into the median and rolled over into the northbound lanes. Attempts to obtain official details from the Michigan State Police were unsuccessful. Fire Captain Mike Fahrner said the driver, a 43-year-old Roseville man, suffered minor injuries and was taken to POH Medical Center-Clarkston primarily for observation. The truck leaked about 70 gallons of diesel fuel, Fahrner said. Firefighters did not clear the scene until about 9 p.m., and cleanup crews caused northbound traffic to be slowed even later into the evening. Photo by Christina Ulaj

Pine Knob El. celebrates new addition

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

On Jan. 11, Pine Knob Elementary officially honored its new addition with a ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication.

Faculty, administrators, students and supporters joined to hear presentations from principal K.C. Leh, Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and school board president Karen Foyteck.

"I am looking forward to even greater things for Pine Knob Elementary," said Foyteck.

Refreshments were available while individuals toured the building.

"It's gorgeous," said Jo Vaara, former PKE teacher. "It's a miracle for the children and I am really impressed."



Gathering to cut the ribbon to honor the new addition are (in back) Karen Fallis, Karen Foyteck, K.C. Leh, (in front) Jordan Stauffer, Kaley Lawson, Scott Ushiro, Jacob Csizmadia, Joshua Ward, Serena Stauffer and Ekta Dhir. Photo by Jenny Matteson

Millstream

DeGains raise a family of champion wrestlers

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Learn how to 'connect' with our community

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Sports

Hockey and basketball keep rolling along.

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A pet for all seasons?



Alaina Marr, 10, expresses affection for "Randy Isabella Marr," a "snowdog" she built with the help of her father, Paul, last week (before the big rains came). Father and daughter started to make a traditional snowman, but found the snow not quite adequate. "What could be cooler than making a snowdog, anyway?" Alaina said. Photo by Don Schelske

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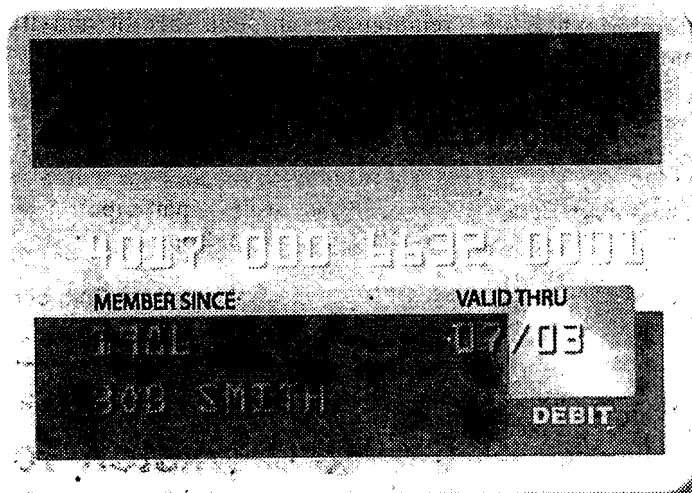


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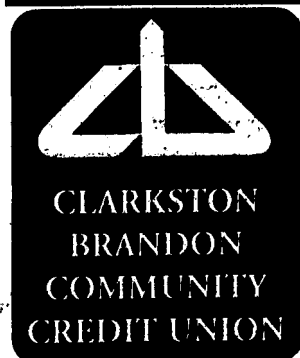
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The Second Front

Briefly

The Clarkston News has new phone system

Please excuse our slight mess - we are currently under construction...

The Clarkston News offices recently received a new phone system allowing us to better serve our customers. Callers can now reach individual staff members through their extensions, but still enjoy the personal service of a live person. Voicemail boxes are also now available to leave messages.

Please give the new system a try by calling 248-625-3370. We'd love to hear your local news!

Clarkston Optimists announce essay contest

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is once again sponsoring an essay contest. Students have an opportunity to win up to \$5,000 in scholarships by writing an essay on the topic "The Power of One."

Applicants have to be a high school student under age 19 as of Dec. 31, 2004. The deadline for submission (to be received) is noon on Feb. 11, 2005.

For complete details, pick up the official rules and application form from the Clarkston High School counseling office or call Essay Chairman Sherry Regiani at 248-625-5222 to have one mailed or faxed.

Businesses support 'Tips for Tsunami'

Several area businesses have agreed to participate in "Tips for Tsunami" on Jan. 28.

Organized by Jennifer Korsedal and Tara Johnson, waitresses at Classic Coney Island on Dixie Highway in Independence Township, the event is designed to raise money to help victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami which hit 11 Asian countries.

All money raised will be donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief fund.

Restaurants participating (either with promises of earmarked tips from servers and/or donations of restaurant sales) will include:

• Classic Coney Island, Dixie Highway (20 percent of sales, with all waitresses promising 100 percent of tips)

• Peto's Coney Island, Dixie Highway (\$100 donation)

• Calabrese Pizzeria, Dixie Highway (donation)

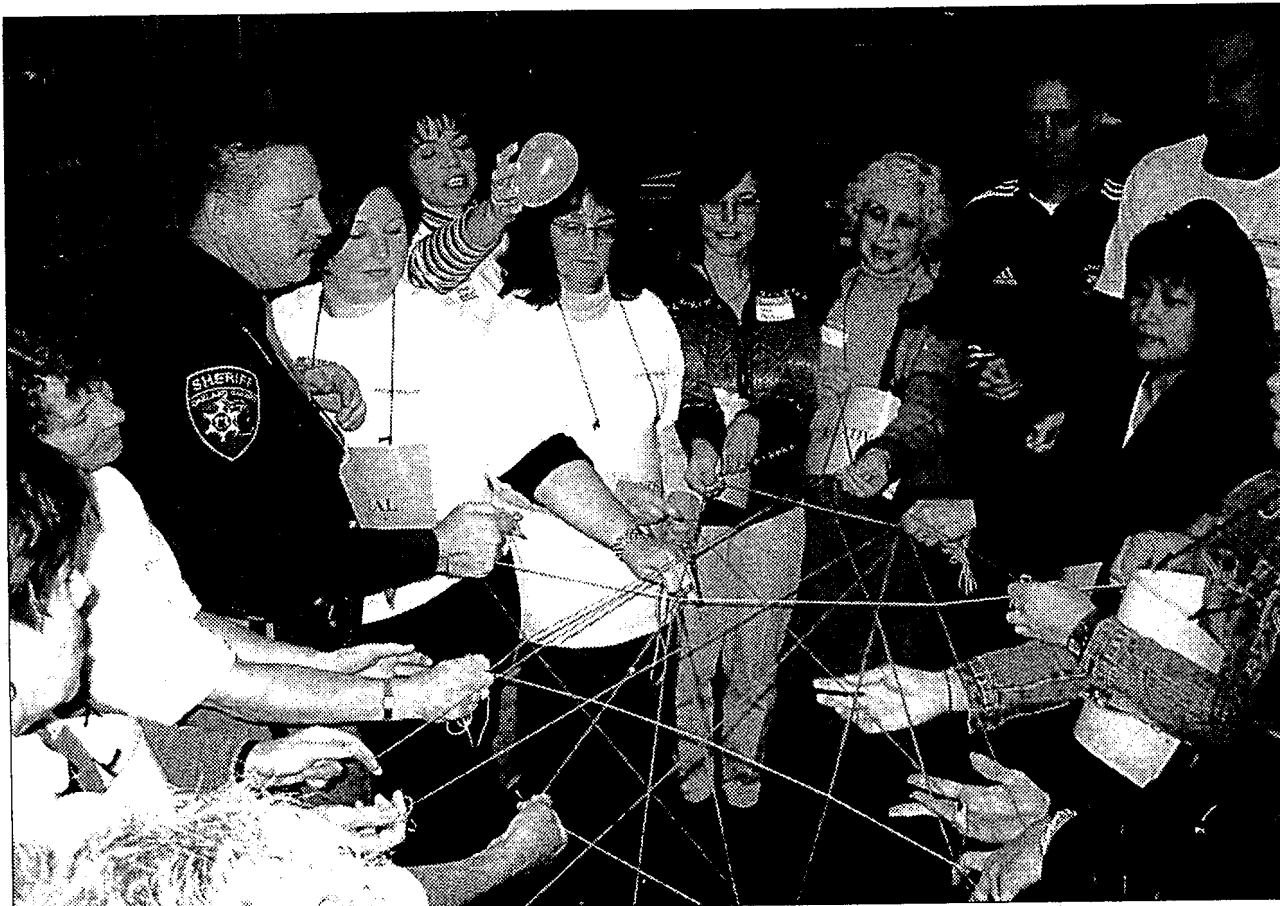
• Red Knapp's Amish Grill, Dixie Highway (donation)

• Tony's Coney Island, George Hill Road, Holly

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Correction

In "Where are they now" in the Jan. 8 edition, the location of Dr. Maria Liviakos' office should have been listed as Sibley Road.



Jennifer Arkwright (holding balloon) prepares to test a "community web" formed by participants at the Clarkston Coalition for Youth leadership forum in November 2004. Participants, each wearing a sign reflecting a different segment of the community, threw a ball of yarn back and forth to demonstrate how "connections" can help strengthen the community. The balloon represented a young person, and the exercise illustrated that more connections left fewer holes through which someone may fall. File photo

'Connecting' campaign kicks off

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There will be no large public rally to launch the campaign, nor will there be a "thermometer" to measure its progress.

The effort is so massive that a five-week period is needed to kick off "Each One Reach One...Connecting for a Better Community."

The Clarkston Coalition for Youth, with support from local schools, churches, businesses and service organizations, has issued a call for everyone to become active in the "community initiative" introduced last No-

vember.

The coalition wants individuals to develop better relationships through specific activities. Some of the actions are as simple as a smile or a thank-you note. The resulting "connections," however, will promote "40 healthy assets" in the community.

"I think anybody who has any kind of investment in our community — and very few haven't — why wouldn't they want to participate?" said Suzette Hart, president of the coalition.

Please see Connecting on page 22A

Locals mull poem's historic allusions

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When *The Clarkston News* ran a story several weeks ago about a historic poem about Clarkston, people began remembering — and wondering.

"On the Road to Clarkston Town," written by Detroit poet Orrin Alden DeMass in 1932, chronicles travels along Clarkston Road. It depicts not only the nature of the travel along the "rustic road," but also lists several memorable features of country living.

Some of the references need explanation to those who weren't around in 1932, however.

"The colonel's house on the Pine Knob Hill" refers to the mansion built by Col. Sidney Waldon in the 1920s, according to Toni Smith of the Clarkston Community Historical Society. The family's name, of course, graces

Please see Poem on page 22A

"On the Road to Clarkston Town"

By Orrin Alden DeMass
(as found in his 1932 collection, *Dream Summer Songs*)

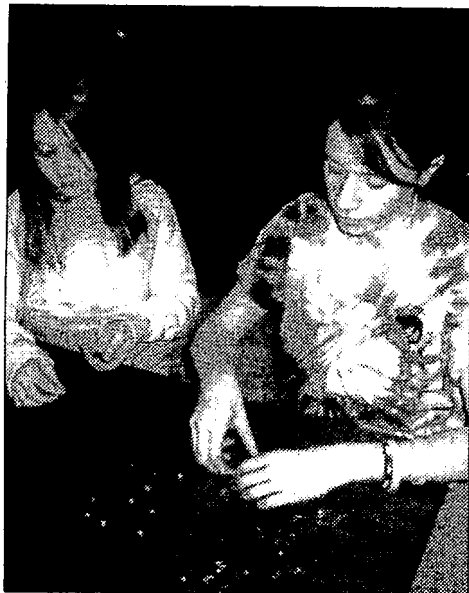
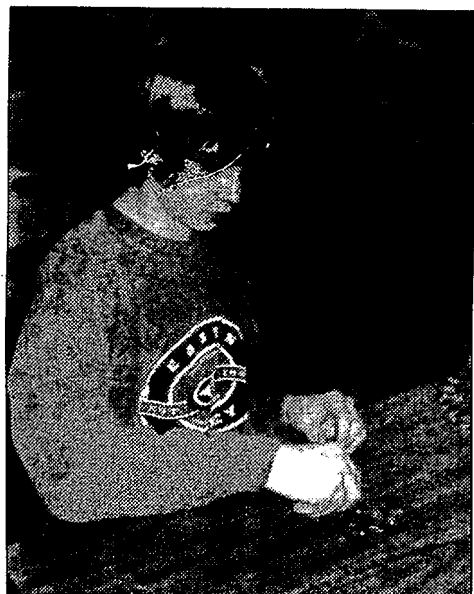
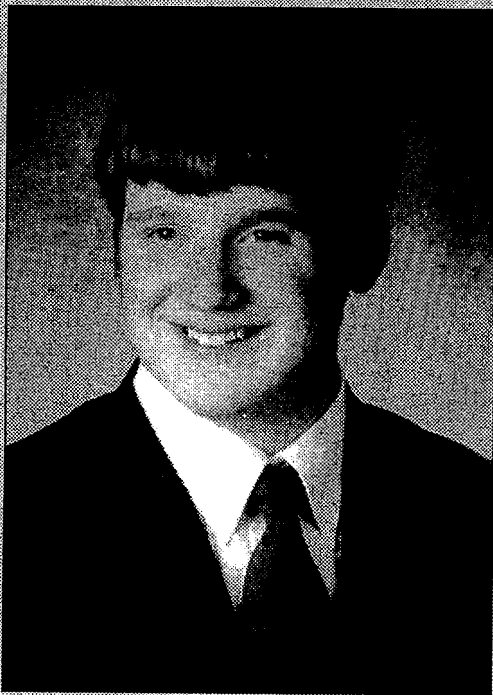
Long the rustic road to Clarkston town,
Over the high hill, winding down,
The grey road neighbors the blue lake's end,
Where dogwoods grow, and willows bend,
Where Lane Park's towers loom, and
The friendly road to Clarkston town.

The hills around me to my heart gaze
As my dreamy days are to childhood days,
And my heart is glad as I wind around
The friendly road to Clarkston town.



CHS Senior Spotlight

Name: Joel Cooper
Parent's Names: Raymond and April Cooper
Favorite Subject: Math
School Activities: Link for physically or otherwise health impaired students (PoHi) and active in Clarkston High School's Orchestra.
Outside Interests: Music, curling and rugby
What are your plans after graduation? Go to Minnesota where I will work on qualifying for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and beyond. Going to college and graduating is another huge priority as is being involved in music.
Where do you see yourself in 25 years? In 25 years hopefully I will be doing something with music. Although the last few years of my life have been mainly about curling, I really want to get involved in the music community because of all the great opportunities.
Best friends are people who: stick with you when you are down and throw you a prayer or two.
What worries me most about the world is: how many people don't know the word of God and how amazing he really is.
I will make a contribution to my community by: bringing a smiling face wherever I go.



Sixth grader Drew Delke (left) and seventh graders Alexis Schick and Kaleigh Kenny count change for the Clarkston Middle School penny drive. Photos by Christina Ulaj

CMS students go to 'war' to assist Tsunami relief

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Middle Schools Student Council desperately wanted to help the victims of the Tsunami.

After doing extensive research, the students realized there were many victims of the Southeastern Tsunami without clothing, shelter and food. They decided to do something.

The entire student body at Clarkston Middle School formed a Penny War. The Penny War was between nine teams from all grades. The teams competed to see who could raise the most pennies. In order to increase their chance of winning, teams would pay attention to other teams' jars to see where they stand. If one team had a lot of pennies, the other teams would try to set them back by putting silver coins or paper money in their jar. The jars with the most pennies receive positive points while the jars with the most

silver and paper receive negative points.

Tally boards were made to keep track of each teams donations. Students worked during and after school for a week to maintain the jars and boards. The winning team gets to choose a spirit day for the entire school.

Originally, the school set a goal for \$2,000. That was quickly changed when members of Student Council realized how much people were willing to give. The students raised a total of \$8,551.

With the help of World Vision, an organization assisting in the relief, the students will send all proceeds to families in need. Everyone at the school agrees their efforts will go a long way.

"This money will help a lot of people," said seventh grader Lacie Turnbull.

"The kids were thrilled with their idea," said student council advisor Jamie Rykse. "It was nice to see that this was the kids idea and not the teachers."

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Opinion

Connect with Clarkston; we will help

The Clarkston Coalition for Youth has developed a true community-wide coalition to launch what they call a "community initiative."

With the slogan, "Each One Reach One... Connecting for a Better Community," the campaign will kick off on Jan. 24 with five week's worth of specific suggestions which can promote personal "connections."

This campaign deserves everyone's support and we want to add ours.

This initiative promotes more than just a catchy, feel-good slogan. The campaign carries a specific, long-term strategy, based on carefully researched and time-tested values of family and community.

The coalition welcomes — and needs — the participation of schools, churches, businesses (of every category), law enforcement, service organizations, families and individuals.

They recognize the work already being done by good-hearted people in the community. They now call for a more unified, "intentional" approach, however, with a role for everyone.

The "40 Assets for Healthy Development" are worthy of detailed study, but the eight broad categories (which appear on page 22A) nicely summarize desired outcomes for both youth and adults. They balance principles of providing help to others and taking personal responsibility.

In addition to urging everyone to find practical ways to be involved, we pledge to do our part.

The Clarkston News "connects" with our local community, and has for the past 75 years. Our news and feature coverage is focused on the people and the events of the Clarkston area, and we believe we help promote many of these "healthy assets."

We will continue to seek out news stories to accurately reflect community happenings. We will continue to seek out feature stories to highlight the good things being done by the people of our community.

We also continue to welcome items from the community for publication in *The Clarkston News*.

For example, our Around Town calendar and In Our Churches (on the Religion page) are available to publicize local events. Our Milestones page is available for engagements, weddings, anniversaries, births, academic honors and business achievements.

We already work with schools and service groups to produce features and photo pages. We invite everyone to keep us informed concerning special activities.

We also invite folks to call us at 248-625-3370 with specific reports of new "connections" as a result of this campaign. Within the limitations of space, time and the definition of news, we will do our best to report how people are reaching out.

Our product is ink and paper, but we take great pleasure in working directly with people in our community. We gladly accept the challenge to increase that effort in order to "connect for a better community." —DS

Clarkston News Editorial



Further opinions expressed on elementary redistricting

A word of apology

This apology comes a year too late to make any difference. After dealing with the Clarkston School Board regarding what one reporter has labeled "the redistricting fiasco," I feel that I must tell our friend Tony Miller that we are sorry for not standing by him last year.

Like many people, I was thrilled to see him win his position on the board and I looked forward to some positive changes from someone from "our generation." His victory was short-lived as he struggled against Mrs. Foytek and Dr. Roberts on about every issue. Friends, associates, neighbors and classmates supported and applauded Tony as he tried to make the board accountable for some of the problems they were facing, such as budget issues, pay-to-play sports, etc. He questioned salaries and allowances, and such, and that is where the trouble began.

Each week we read on to see what was going on as the battle lines were drawn and the board refused to let Mr. Miller coach football in hopes he would give up his position. Again, like so many people, I felt sorry for him and wished him luck, but did nothing else to support him.

Tony, now that I see what you faced in the name of trying to make positive change for our children, I just want to say that I am sorry we were not behind you more.

The absolute lack of facts on the redistricting issue is enough to drive the involved parents crazy. Like most of the parents, if I could clearly see the logic I could swallow this bitter pill. However, the board admittedly states they cannot guarantee that this shuffling of students will alleviate the problem of absence of the "specialty" rooms. They admit this plan may only last a few years, but are hoping for five.

Even more specifically, I demanded an answer to what the projected new bus ride time would be for my daughter and they would not answer. This lack of an answer comes after first stating that the head of the transportation department was crucial in making this redistricting map. The best answer they could offer was that it would fall under the district rule of "under 60 minutes."

As a parent, I find a 60-minute, one-way bus ride for an elementary school child to be unacceptable. All I can do at this point is anxiously wait for the next board elections and hope we have some candidates with some common sense and backbone to stand up to the tired regime that exists.

Sincerely,
Stacey Taylor-Pass

More voices...

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the negative and disparaging remarks made about Geri Moore over the past few weeks; from the comments made in various editorials to the damaging remarks made by one of your own reporters at *The Clarkston News*. To her defense, Geri has been working very diligently facilitating the Boundary Line Committee. As a Parent Advisory Team (PAT) member, I have found her commitment to this redistricting effort commendable.

On December 6, Geri (along with Anita Banach) spent time with the PAT sharing extensive information, including, but not limited to, access to the current bound-

ary line map; the proposed plan E; and all of the data in regard to school numbers, capacity, previous plan data (A-D), etc. PAT members had the opportunity to question everything: busing routes, school capacities, potential for growth, leaving people where they are, what each school had to offer, where overcrowding exists and which schools are not being fully utilized.

After hours of looking at the numbers, moving the subdivisions and streets back to their home schools and shifting things around, no matter how hard we tried, no matter how creative we sought to be, and most importantly without guidance from Geri or Anita, we ended up coming right back to the boundary proposals found in plan E. Our additional suggestions had to do with utilizing all available space at Andersonville Elementary.

Most PAT members had attended the meeting on December 6 with full intent of keeping their families at their home schools and reduce the number of families affected. We were frustrated by the fact that we consistently came to similar results as the Boundary Line Committee. It was very difficult to admit their findings were truly in the best interest of the district and that every angle had been considered.

These plans may not be in the best interest of those affected, including the best interest of myself and my family. However, I cannot condone personal attacks on members of the Boundary Line Committee for putting together a plan that is, in their educated opinion, in the best interest of our district as a whole.

It is also important to remember that the redistricting is only one part of Geri's position as Executive Director of Pre-K and Elementary Education. As PTO President of Independence Elementary, I invited her to speak at our general membership meeting in November regarding the 6/7 reconfiguration. She accepted without reservation. Not only did she present, but she took questions from the crowd, then chose to stay and talk with parents all on her own accord.

Personally, I think she has a very difficult position to uphold and as far as my own experiences with Geri have gone, I have been very pleased with the way Geri has handled herself. Furthermore, I have great respect for her and respect for the difficult (and controversial) tasks she has undertaken.

Mary Hubble

As a concerned parent of two children that would be uprooted from their current school and relocated to an unfamiliar environment, I felt that it was my duty as a parent to attend the January 10, 2005 board of education meeting for the Clarkston School District.

After listening to the redistricting committee's 1 1/2 hour presentation on why boundaries need to change and the limited questioning on such a touchy subject by the board of education, the discussion was open for the floor.

To the redistricting committee's benefit, the board of education limited the time for open floor discussions to about 1/3 the time allowed for the Committee. Even with the limited time, the points brought forth from the floor not only proved that the committee did not complete their homework assignments pertaining to proper research for such a topic, but also was missing a key representative on the committee, a voice from a concerned parent.

Since adequate time was not available for the floor, I would like to take this time to share my comments and concerns.

Please see Letters, page 18A

Discolored Paper

Go to the mountain top

About once a year I go back to the farthest, darkest, creepiest place of the office, pull out and dust off my soapbox. I hop atop . . . and preach.

Hark!

Here I go again.

Just what is a community newspaper?

A community newspaper isn't a regional, county, state or national newspaper. A community newspaper publishes news and advertising that is timely and relevant to the community it serves. A community newspaper may (and should) find a local angle to a state, national or international incident, but it won't fill its newshole with anything that ain't local.

I can imagine your reaction if the community newspaper you are holding in your hands was full of news from Pontiac, Rochester, Birmingham, Flint, Livonia or anywhere else but here. Our niche, the reason you and your neighbors read us, is local. Local, local, local.

Anybody can slap a name down on some newsprint and call it a community newspaper. Locally, we're the only ones who consistently pull it off! What did the old TV commercial voice-overs used to say?

"Don't be fooled by cheap imitations, buy the original Ramco-matic-slice-a-magic-banana peeler . . ."

"Hey, Bob. Can I borrow your weed whacker?"

A community newspaper isn't some stuff-shirted rag that minds its "P's" and "Q's," while dotting all the "I's" and crossing all the "T's." A community newspaper isn't written with the Queen's English.

A community newspaper is colloquial. It's the voice of its community. It reads and sounds like a neighbor on the other side of the fence. Hoity-toity? Nah, we're just simple country-folk. Anybody seen the piece of straw that was just hangin' from my mouth?

That is not to say we don't have to spell stuff cor-

rectly, we do (we try). And, it is a heck of a lot easier nowadays than in those thrilling days of yesteryear. (Note to editors and reporters: Can anybody say "spellcheck?")

Wake me up when the war is over.

A community newspaper is not indifferent. A community newspaper cares. Any community newspaper worth its salt is the cornerstone of debate from which all things local are established and built.

A community newspaper is the cheerleader when wonderful things happen locally.

A community newspaper is the voice of reason in turbulent seas.

A community newspaper mourns when the community grieves.

A community newspaper comforts the afflicted.

A community newspaper is a community's conscience. It promotes citizenship. Through providing relevant, timely and interesting information, a community newspaper helps foster togetherness -- a sense of community. A community is held together by a bond called the community newspaper.

A community newspaper affects change for the good.

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A community newspaper isn't a not-for-profit organization. A healthy community newspaper provides its owners and workers with a modest living, through delivery of good, local news and effective, enticing advertisements.

A community newspaper is a business.

So, what is a community newspaper? Take a gander at what is in your hand. You know the product. You know where to go when you have a complaint. You know the editor when you see him or her in the grocery. What you're reading is an award-winning community newspaper.

To be sure, we can improve and we will (with your help). Got ideas for us, send 'em in. Send them to me directly or to Shermanpub@aol.com.

Ah, I can get off the box and take a breather.

**Don't
Rush Me**



Don Rush

Where not to set your beer; a scope and a gift

I'm going to prove there are things to learn you didn't even think you needed to learn.

It was taught to me by a early-20s gal on a very slow night at a restaurant. She had stood at our table long enough to hear some of our conversation, which prompted her to tell an experience.

Seems she had been to a major outdoor event last summer, an event that caused the import of many portable toilets, that had been placed in a confined area. So confined that they touched each other.

When the need arose for, I'll call her Nadine, she carried her cup of beer into the totally inadequately sized plastic stall, only to find there are no shelves to sit said cup on.

Needing both hands to proceed, Nadine put the cup of beer on the toilet paper holder. About the time she got seated a neighboring goer left their portable and slammed its door so hard it rattled Nadine's toilet, causing the beer to fall.

Well, it fell into both pairs of her pants causing gasps, panic and outrage. What to do? Her decision was to wring out her wear, put on her determined, straight ahead stare and march hurriedly past the bewildered, yet smiling, sympathetic and staring line-up awaiting her exit.

Nadine, "It's really funny, now."

The lesson? Carry a bumper dumper.

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Several weeks ago I wrote of Dr. Benedicto Cortez calling me from the endoscopy room (emphasis on the END) for a procedure. Well, a few weeks ago the same Dr. Cortez called me from the same room for another scope . . . don't try to pronounce this . . . Esophagogastroduodenoscopy. He looked down my throat.

Anyway, I was to call him back in a week or so to find the results, which I did. He said everything was fine and to keep doing what I was doing until he saw me in three weeks.

I'm one who follows doctors' orders to the *nth* degree. But, I may not be able to do it this time. When he said keep doing was I was doing I was scratching my myself.

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For Christmas, 2003, daughter Susan enrolled me in the Bacon of the Month Club. Great gift for a toasted, bacon and tomato sandwich lover.

For Christmas, 2004, daughter Luan faked a membership for me in the Michigan Bacon of the Month Club. It came with three pounds of Oscar Mayer bacon.

**Jim's
Jottings**



Jim Sherman

The welcoming cover letter says, "We feature only the finest Bacon Products that can be found in any old common grocery store in Michigan. Each month you will receive anywhere from one to two pounds of high grade bacon along with its story and location of where to purchase."

"You should know that each of our Special Bacon Packages have been scrutinized not only by our special purchasing agents, but also by the finest buyers the grocery stores, like Farmer Jack, Meijers and IGA can offer."

Luan added, "Your new Bacon of the Month Club is the only one with a true Michigan feel."

Oscar Mayer bacon comes from Madison, Wisconsin. Oops!

Besides the bacon Luan gave me a rather large piggy bank. Pink, of course. Each time a coin is dropped into the bank the pig oinks and snorts.

During the Christmas season there were 27 guests in my house. Not a one of them dropped a coin in my bank which had a prominent place enroute to the dining table. They all listened as I dropped coins for hints.

Next year my guest lists will be much smaller.

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1990)

•State grants cityhood to Clarkston: The Village of Clarkston has been approved by the Michigan Boundary Commission to move forward in their plans for "cityhood." The decision was announced at a meeting in Lansing Tuesday, Ja. 16.

•Millage campaign in high gear: About 460 millage volunteers have their work cut out for them for the next few weeks. Convincing voters to approve an additional 5.5 mills for Clarkston school operations won't be easy. But the millage workers have a simple strategy: just present the information to the public, said David Reschke, school district co-chairman for the Blue Ribbon Kids Committee.

•Clarkston teachers hope for the best: Clarkston Senior High School science teacher Bill Mackson said a defeat in february's millage vote will keep much-needed textbooks and lab supplies out of his already ill-equipped classroom. But Mackson knows the real casualties of a defeat will be Clarkston students left with a sub-standard education and unprepared for college.

25 YEARS AGO (1980)

•Pine Knob wants amusement park: A 12-ride amusement park is Pine Knob's latest plan. Conceptual review of the about-five-acre site plan is tentatively set for the Jan. 24 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting, said Timothy Palulian, building and planning commission director.

•Clarkston kids' tests have one flaw: The Michigan educational Assessment Program has once again found Clarkston fourth and seventh graders performing well above state averages on reading and mathematics tests. However, the district's 10th graders, tested for the first time in the statewide program, fell below average for the percent who made minimal achievement on the math portion of the test.

•New ambulanceservice for area: Riverside Ambulance Service now has an office in Independence Township with a paramedic unit on duty 24 hours a day. After receiving an advance license from the state, the office opened last week at the Clarkston Professional Building, 5885 M-15. The ambulance service is to cover Independence, Springfield and Brandon townships, said Lee Moore, vice president of Riverside and paramedic coordinator for the corporation.

50 YEARS AGO (1955)

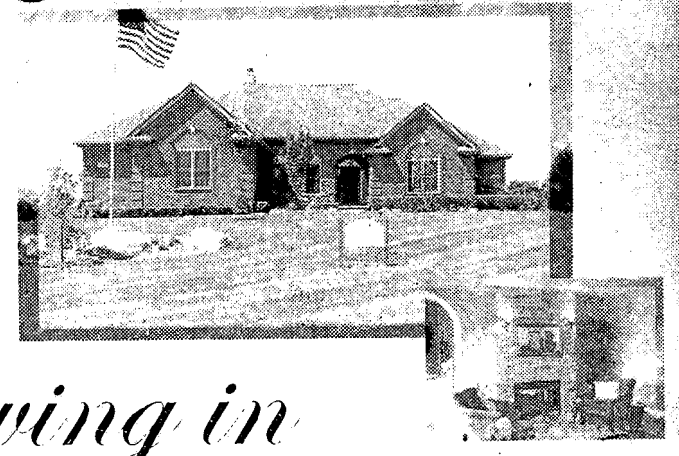
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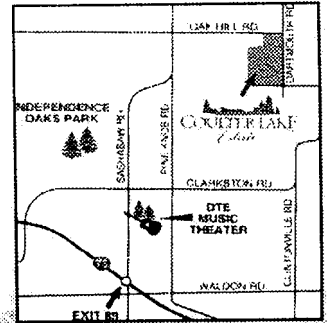
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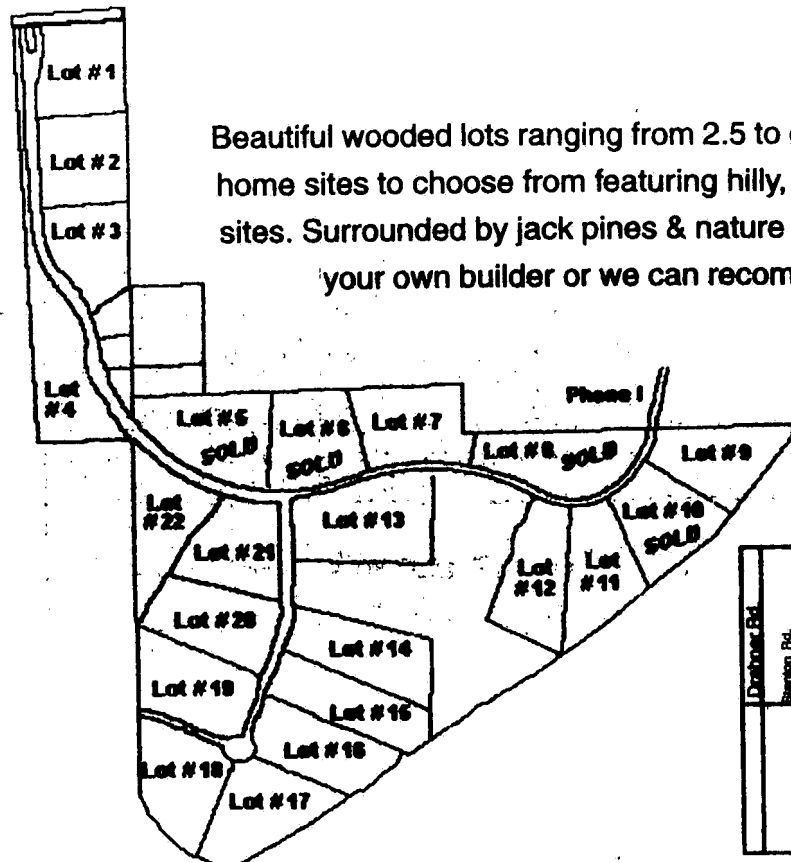
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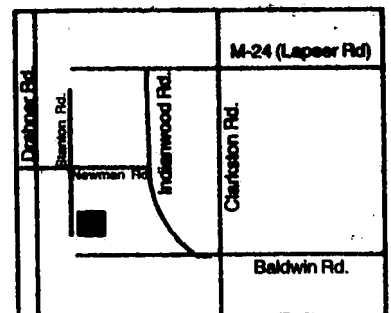
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DeRosia said the county probation department will likely file additional charges, since Esson had gained early release from prison in December after a previous conviction for felonious assault.

Deputies were first called to an address on Eastlawn Avenue on Jan. 8, when the victim said Esson threw a telephone at her during an argument.

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. Patrol units stopped a vehicle in which Esson was a passenger and took him into custody.

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

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The power of your credit reports

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

When was the last time you pulled up all three of your credit reports? Your credit score determines whether you can get credit. Using a series of complex mathematical calculations that compare you to tens of millions of other people, lenders could accurately predict how likely you are to pay your bills. The higher your score, the better you look — and the lower your interest rates will be.

Credit scores range from about 300 to 830. Generally, the higher the score, the lower the credit risk. Lenders have different standards for how much risk they will accept.

Scores also fluctuate depending on credit activity. Credit bureaus only calculate your score at the lender's request; it will be based on the information in your file at that particular credit bureau, at that particular time only.

Five steps to get your credit repaired

Blotches on your credit report always will cost you. So get started in repairing it and remember that it will not happen overnight.

1. Order your credit reports

Find out what the top three credit bureaus—Equifax (800)685-1111, TransUnion (800)888-4213, and Experian (888)397-3742—are saying about you. It is likely that they are all slightly different, because creditors do not have to report to all three credit bureaus; they typically report to the credit bureau to which they also subscribe.

It is also important to order all three-credit reports. Beginning December 1, consumers are entitled to a free credit report once a year.

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2. Examine your reports carefully

Nearly every consumer has an error on at least one credit report. Credit bureaus generate your report on information they receive from your creditors; they do not verify. It is your job to keep your credit clean, so carefully look for everything from typing errors, outdated and incomplete information to inaccurate account histories. You will want to make a thorough list of items you dispute and why. Be meticulous.

3. Dispute and Document

Remember, a bad report costs you money. Therefore, it pays to be thorough! You can either complete the dispute form provided with your credit report or write a letter. Clearly identify each mistake and state why it is wrong. A recommendation is to send a photocopy of your credit report with the mistakes circled to the reporting credit bureau. Include copies of supporting documents. Document everything, and keep copies and records of all the forms, letters and documentation that you send the credit bureaus, and dates sent. Credit bureau must investigate any relevant dispute within 30 days of receiving your letter. Any item that is not verified as accurate by a creditor is removed.

4. Solve and Dissolve Debt

If you are having difficulty making payments, be proactive. Call your creditors and negotiate to keep your accounts current and from being reported as delinquent or "bad debt." You can ask for reduced monthly payments, or even change due dates to balance out your monthly bills. Remember, that this is a short-term strategy. You will have to pay more interest to extend the repayment schedule, but it allows you to stay current and save your credit rating. Use the extra money to pay off debts one at a time, gradually increasing payments to other debts. Deal with any collection accounts. Unpaid collections are worse than paid collections. Slowly close out unneeded or unused credit accounts.

Most experts recommend carrying between two and four major cards. Remember that cutting up the card does not close out the account.

5. Add stability to your credit file

You can also work to add positive information and show stability in your credit file. You may have been denied credit because of an insufficient credit file, yet you have credit. Some creditors—such as, travel, entertainment, gasoline card companies, may not report your credit history, so call and ask if they can report your account information and monthly payment history to a credit-reporting agency. Not all will do that. If you have bad credit, perhaps even filed bankruptcy, do not let your credit status go dormant. The faster you begin to re-establish good credit, where you pay on time, every time, the faster you will improve your credit score.

Lastly, open a savings account at your bank. This shows creditors that you are working to save and that you have reserves to repay debts.

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A Glenalda Drive home shows evidence of damage after a fire on Jan. 17. The house was damaged after fire destroyed a storage shed in the back yard. Photo provided by the Independence Township Fire Department

Family escapes house fire

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Glenalda Drive family escaped from an early morning fire on Jan. 17. The fire destroyed a storage shed, however, and caused damage to the home.

The Independence Township Fire Department was dispatched at about 1:40 a.m., with the fire coming under control around 2:06 a.m., according to Fire Marshal Greg Olrich.

The fire started in the back yard storage shed, Olrich said, but spread to the back of the house, broke some exterior windows and traveled into the roof area.

The cause of the fire was not immediately determined, and the Oakland

County Sheriff's Department Fire Investigation Unit was called in to investigate. Olrich gave a preliminary estimate of \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of damage to the home, in addition to the loss of the storage shed and its contents.

A passerby saw the fire and awoke the family, Olrich said, allowing everyone to escape safely.

No firefighters were injured, although the frigid temperatures caused some challenges both to personal safety and fighting the fire. Olrich said crews had to keep all water lines flowing at least slightly to prevent freezing.

"It was very, very cold," he said. "It was a tough one to fight."

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Strole protests plan for running school elections

BY DON SCHELSKE

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Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole did not say, "I told you so." However, her reaction to the latest plan for conducting school elections is similar to predictions she made last year before the new state law was passed.

The Springfield Township Board last week backed Strole's decision to "opt out" of a plan proposed by County Clerk Ruth Johnson, requiring each municipal clerk to administer elections for each school district within their boundaries, in the same precincts used for general elections.

At issue is the fallout from a new state law limiting all elections to four specific dates a year and calling for all elections to be administered by county, city, village and township clerks.

Proponents said the law would reduce voter confusion and save tax dollars by requiring fewer elections overall. The details, however, have Strole and others questioning those claims.

"There's a lot of redundancy," said Strole, who predicted some of the problems last year before the Michigan Legislature passed the new law. "I don't believe it's cost effective. In fact, it's going to cost a bundle, and I don't think it's going to come with commensurate benefit to the voters."

Desiring to maintain their independence from municipal ballots and some semblance of their former June election date, most school districts have voted to establish their annual election in May (one of the options offered under the new state law).

The law no longer allows school districts to administer their own elections, as Clarkston Community Schools did in 2003 and 2004. Municipal clerks knew the state law would put the responsibility on them, but many assumed the predominant municipality (in

Clarkston schools' case, Independence Township) would be allowed to administer an entire district's election.

If allowed to stand, Johnson's decision means Strole will have to staff precincts with ballots for Clarkston, Holly and Brandon school districts. Further, since Holly and Clarkston school districts each overlap into a total of five municipalities, the law dictates that they will pay the costs incurred by each local clerks' offices.

Strole said the Holly district, currently attempting to cut \$2 million from their budget, could pay up to \$20,000 just for the public notices in the five municipalities.

With other school districts facing similar budget challenges, Strole said municipal clerks not protesting Johnson's plan should not expect to be immediately reimbursed for their expenses.

"If there are local clerks who think that when the bill comes to the school districts they're just going to turn around and write a check, I think they're off in la-la land."

In addition to financial issues, Strole said there could even be constitutional issues. For example, Springfield Township has a small portion of the Brandon school district within its boundaries, with only 39 registered voters.

Using a hypothetical 4 percent turnout for a school election, Strole said it could be easy to lose voter privacy.

"If two or three vote alike, you know how the person voted," she said.

Strole also noted the cost to order a minimum of

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Local area clerks react to election plan

BY DON SCHELSKE

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While some of the issues differ, Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen's office also responded to County Clerk Ruth Johnson's plan for the administration of school elections by issuing an "opt out" memo.

VanderVeen said last week that memo "may have been premature."

The memo echoed some of the concerns voiced by Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole in that parents are used to voting in school elections separate from municipal elections. Independence Township includes small portions of the Lake Orion and Waterford school districts, and Johnson's plan would require Independence Township to accommodate those districts, as well.

Since Independence Township has cooperated well with Clarkston Community Schools in the past, VanderVeen's office proposed handling the entire district, including portions outside Independence Township. To date that proposal has been rejected.

VanderVeen admits the objections may be academic, since all elections are now technically "municipal" elections.

"There may be a bug in this," she said last week. "I don't know if we will have anything on this ballot."

While none have been formally proposed to the Independence Township Board, a local ballot issue

would support Johnson's contention that all voters be required to visit only one polling location.

Even with the local contention, VanderVeen said the situation could be worse. Some municipalities have portions of as many as seven school districts within their boundaries, and she knows of one school district which overlaps three county lines.

"There are a few issues we have to resolve," VanderVeen said, and she is waiting to learn how Johnson's office will rule.

While VanderVeen is new to the job, she is grateful that Sandy Miller is a veteran elections coordinator within the clerk's office.

"I knew I was going to get my feet wet this year, but I didn't anticipate these problems," VanderVeen said.

Art Pappas, meanwhile, appears to be the only local official escaping the bulk of the confusion.

Pappas, who serves as both city manager and clerk for the City of the Village of Clarkston, told the city council last week he anticipates few problems, since Clarkston has to deal with only one voting precinct and one school district.

The biggest change, he said, will be the requirement for the city to issue a separate public notice for the May election, with expected reimbursement from the school district.

"It doesn't make much difference to the city," Pappas said.

Porn charges filed against local man

BY DON SCHELSKE

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An Independence Township man has been charged with 10 counts of computer-related pornography crimes generated by a Pennsylvania state trooper's investigation.

Nicholas Michael Baker, 20, was arrested by the Oakland County Sheriff Computer Crimes Unit in December, according to an announcement released by the sheriff's office last week.

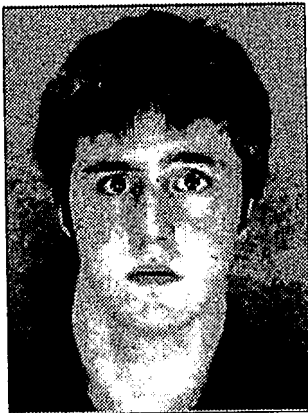
County reports said a Pennsylvania state trooper was investigating computer pornography. After tracing pornographic images of children to a file server based at Baker's address, the trooper contacted Oakland County sheriff investigators, who executed a search warrant and confiscated Baker's computer.

Baker later admitted to having around 4,000 pornographic images of children as young as two and three years old, reports said, in addition to having pornographic video files.

Sheriff Detective Carol Leposky said the formal charges include three counts of distributing child sexually abusive materials (a seven-year felony), two counts of possession of child sexually abusive materials (a four-year felony) and five companion charges of use of a computer in committing a crime (a four-year felony).

A preliminary examination is scheduled for Feb. 3 in front of 52-2 Judge Kelley Kostin. The combination of charges resulted in bond being set at a total of \$10,000, Leposky said.

Leposky said law enforcement agencies regularly cooperate in such investigations, especially because, "Pedophiles always network."



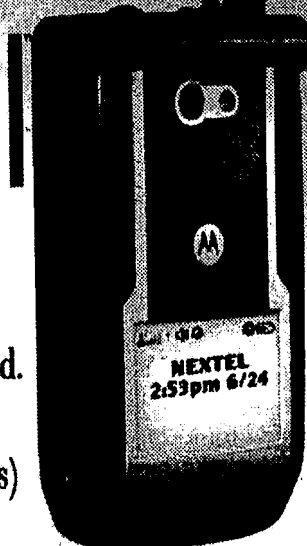
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Clarkston News Sports

Wolves keep churning out victories

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston basketball season has begun to make the leap from just a good start to a solid campaign. The Wolves improved to 8-0 (2-0) on Jan. 14 with a 75-59 victory against Pontiac Central.

For the second Friday night in a row, Clarkston fell behind early, letting the Chippewas jump out to a 10-2 lead. However, nine points from junior John Kast and two threes from senior Robbie Clark helped Clarkston

make a 17-5 run to close the first quarter. Kast had a game high 21 points to go with five rebounds, two steals and a block in the contest.

"I had been in a little bit of a slump and I was trying to get out of it," said Kast.

After the Wolves slight lull in the first quarter, they were able to set up their motion offense with ease - at one point burning close to a minute off of the clock late in the second quarter.

"Clarkston is very tough and very physical. No matter what happens they come down and run their offense," said Pontiac Central Coach Albrey Tipton. "After the first five minutes of the game we started gambling instead of playing solid defense. You can't gamble with (Clarkston)."

The half closed with a 38-28 Clarkston lead, which grew to a 15 point lead by the end of the third quarter.

The Chippewas went on a mini-run in the fourth, but Kast stepped up for the Wolves again. After blocking a shot that would have cut the Clarkston lead to 10, Kast went coast to coast for a layup and a 64-50 lead.

"I always worry about our competitive spirit and if we play hard. If we do those things I'm happy," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife.

Down the stretch in the fourth quarter Clarkston went 15 for 18 from the free throw line to seal the game. Senior Brad Goodman was particularly deadly from the line, stroking nine of 10. Goodman finished with 15 points and notched five assists.

While the Wolves were able to hold off the Chippewas in the end, the fourth quarter exposed a possible weakness going forward. Central, especially junior Donte Campbell and senior Maurice Hobson, worked Clarkston over on the offensive boards gathering in numerous put-back attempts.

"We just have to get better at (rebounding). Rebounding is a part of the game that is physical and competitive, we just give up a million easy baskets and then we have to play so hard to get baskets," said Fife.

Earlier in the week Clarkston worked over Birmingham Groves to the tune of 80-59. Clark led all scorers with 25 points in the game. Junior Joe Moran chipped in 21 points for the Wolves as well.

This week Clarkston will take the show on the road. The game Jan. 18 at Southfield Lathrup finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*. The Wolves play next at Troy on Jan. 21.



John Kast soars to the cup against Pontiac Central. Kast led all scorers with 21 points in the game. Photo by Noah Purcell



Hustle plays, like senior Adam Briceland leaping out of bounds to rescue the ball, are a big part of Clarkston's hot start this year. Photo by Noah Purcell

What's ahead

■ **Basketball:** 1/11 Clarkston 80 Groves 59; 1/14 Clarkston 75 Pontiac Central 59 (see coverage on this page), 1/18 vs. Lathrup inc. Upcoming games: 1/21 at Troy High; 1/25 vs. Avondale.

■ **Volleyball:** 1/15 Grand Blanc Invitational inc. Upcoming games: 1/20 vs. Groves; 1/24 vs. Rochester Adams.

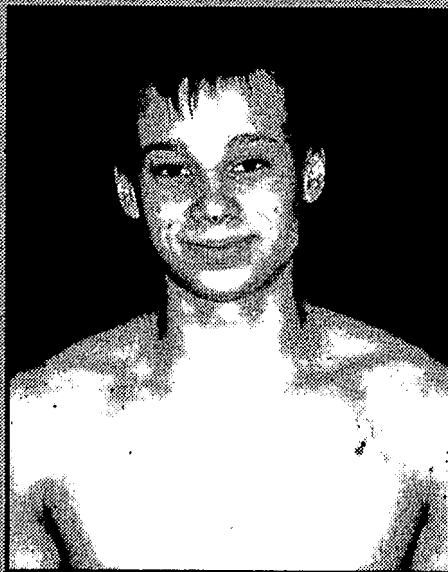
■ **Hockey:** 1/12 Clarkston 9 Waterford Mott 1; 1/13 Clarkston 5 Port Huron Northern 4; 1/15 Clarkston 5 Birmingham 3; 1/17 Farmington 2 Clarkston 1. (see coverage on page 13A). Upcoming games: 1/26 at South Pointe North, 1/27 at Royal Oak.

■ **Wrestling:** 1/12 vs. Lapeer West snowed out; 1/15 Bay City Western Tournament: 1-3 in dual matches Upcoming matches: 1/19 at Avondale vs. Lake Orion/Troy High.

■ **Swimming:** 1/14 Farmington Hills Harrison 114 Clarkston 75. Next meet: 1/20 vs. Rochester Adams.

■ **Skating:** Jan. 12/13 rained out. Next meet: 1/19 vs. Notre Dame, Rochester High and West Bloomfield.

Athlete of the Week Jim Peers



Junior Jim Peers is the athlete of the week for his performance on the varsity swimming team. Peers set two personal records in the swim team's last meet versus Farmington Hills Harrison.

His personal records were set with a 1:12.92 in the 100 breaststroke and a 2:02.60 in the 200 freestyle.

Jim started swimming competitively two and a half years ago.

"I liked swim lessons and I had run

out of them," said Peers.

Jim has lived in Clarkston with his parents Darlene and Brian for nine years. He has two siblings, Zac, 15, and Brienne, 9.

Aside from swimming, Jim enjoys playing the guitar. He knows he would like to attend college, but is completely unsure of where he would like to go. His two favorite subjects in school are math and science.

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Swim team's slow start not surprising

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston Coach Kenwyn Chock is not surprised with the team's 1-3 start in fact, she is surprised her squad was able to pull off their lone victory versus Rochester High on Dec. 14.

"Every team we've faced has had at least two State swimmers, we don't have any," said Chock.

Most recently Clarkston suffered a 114-75 defeat to Farmington Hills Harrison.

Clarkston did have some shining moments. Junior Ryan Kurrle won both the 50 freestyle and 100 yard butterfly for the Wolves.

The Wolves 200 medley relay also took first against Harrison. The relay legs were swum by freshman Phil Voorheis, junior Matthew Inch, sophomore Josh Badgerow and Kurrle.

Clarkston swims next on Jan. 20 at home against Rochester Adams.

Grapplers' strength not shown in record

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Although the wrestling team posted a 1-3 record at the Michigan duals, Coach Joe DeGain is not displeased with the team's performance.

"I thought we wrestled pretty darn good," said DeGain. "I'm really not too concerned about our record right now. Twenty years from now no one is going to ask these kids what their record was, they will just want to know where they ended up at the end of the season."

Clarkston beat Lapeer West 38-28, lost to Grandville 36-30, and Lakewoods 33-29, before being ousted from the tournament by Montrose 48-10.

Braden L'Amoreaux won all four of his matches on the day. Tyler Snyder and Tommy Ellsworth wrestled tough winning what DeGain described as several "gut check" matches.

"We wrestled better at the Michigan Duals than we did at the Oakland County tournament (first place). The Michigan duals is the best tournament in the state outside of the State tournament," said DeGain.

The Wolves wrestling team, having already had matches against West Bloomfield and Waterford Mott rescheduled for a yet to be determined date, will open their league schedule on Jan. 19 at Avondale where they will face Lake Orion and Troy.

"Lake Orion matches up real well against us. It should be a good match," said DeGain.

Pocket Sixes

The Clarkston varsity basketball and hockey teams are both ranked number six in statewide polls.

The basketball squad is the only team from Oakland County to crack the top 25. Their ranking does not reflect sizable victories against Birmingham Groves (80-59) and Pontiac Central (75-59) last week.

Hockey has plenty of company from the Oakland Activities Association in the top ten of the Coaches Association poll. Clarkston is currently sandwiched between number seven Birmingham and number five Farmington. The Wolves did lose 2-1 to Farmington on Jan. 17. But a 5-3 victory against Birmingham on Jan. 15, as well as two victories on Jan. 14, virtually ensure the Wolves will not be slipping in the next poll.

Hockey's had busy, fruitful week

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

This past week for the Wolves was make or break. After ending a three game losing streak in a rout against West Bloomfield on Jan. 8, the Wolves played four games in six nights, winning three and losing one to push their record to 9-5.

The centerpiece of the Wolves week was a showdown with Birmingham Unified. Having beaten Birmingham 4-0 on Dec. 10, the Wolves were looking to slam the league title door on the team which bested them late last year for the crown.

Clarkston, who came in to this week's action ranked number six in Division I, emerged triumphant, posting a 5-3 win over Birmingham, who ranked number seven.

"(Clarkston) probably has the bragging rights for the year," said Birmingham Coach Steve McIntyre. "If they take care of their business they should win the OAA."

Senior Bryan Morin drew first blood against Birmingham banging home a rebound past senior goaltender Bobbie Howe at 10:15 of the first period. Juniors Kyle Chartrand and Mike Medonis assisted on the goal.

A momentary lapse on defense a minute later left Birmingham's Brian Walsh alone in front of Clarkston goalie Michael Brach, who could do little as Walsh's shot whistled by his ear and into the net, tying the game 1-1.

The Wolves did not tuck tail after their defensive mistake. At 7:27 of the first, junior Ricky Spano got a feed from senior Trevor Johns and chipped the puck top shelf past Howe for a 2-1 Clarkston advantage.

With 2:37 left in the first period, the game started to get dicey when Clarkston senior Steve Eddy was sent to the penalty box for tripping, shortly following was an interference penalty called on Birmingham's Khortnal Delvecchio at 2:00 of the first, leading to four on four hockey. As Eddy left the penalty box Clarkston had a man advantage for the final :37 of the period.

Senior forward Mike Fogg stood out from his teammates Eddy leapt from the penalty box. Fogg, on one knee at the end of the bench, his chin



Ricky Spano gave Clarkston a 2-1 lead over Birmingham with this first period goal. Photo by Noah Purcell

perched upon the boards, seemed to know that Clarkston needed a goal. A save by Howe prompted a line change and Fogg was on the ice, with seven tenths of a second left in the period he had scored a power play goal putting Clarkston up 3-1.

"When they scored, we came back and scored a big goal and stopped their momentum and kept ours going," said Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier. "At the beginning of the year when (teams would score) we would go into a shell and we'd play frustrated and we'd take ourselves out of the game. We are starting to respond when they score against us and keep our composure and our discipline."

Walsh scored short-handed at the beginning of the third, but true to their coach's words, the Wolves answered back as senior Alex Handley popped junior Kyle Cummings pass into the net.

Later on in the third, Birmingham tallied a goal on an odd play: the puck ricocheted far above the ice, momentarily nestling in Brach's glove, before bouncing out and landing on Delvecchio's stick, before being sent into the back of the net. Clarkston again was not phased and Chartrand made the game 5-3. Junior Matt Prasil and Fogg assisted on the final goal.

"This is just like a play-off setup, just like a play-off mentality. This will give us a little taste of what is expected at the end of the season," said Krygier, speaking to the Wolves busy schedule.

Four games in six



Kyle Cummings keeps grinding for the puck along the boards against league rival Birmingham. Photo by Noah Purcell

nights finally caught up with the Wolves. On Jan. 17, when the team lost to number five ranked Farmington Unified, 2-1.

"I am not disappointed in how we played," said Krygier. "We outshot them 25-17. Their goalie was hot tonight."

Farmington scored in the first period and that single goal held up until late in the third. Clarkston pulled their goalie only to see Farmington ring up an empty net goal with one minute remaining in the game.

With 0:28 left in the game, Chartrand finally found a chink in the Farmington armor giving the Wolves hope and making the score 2-1. Fogg and Prasil got the assists.

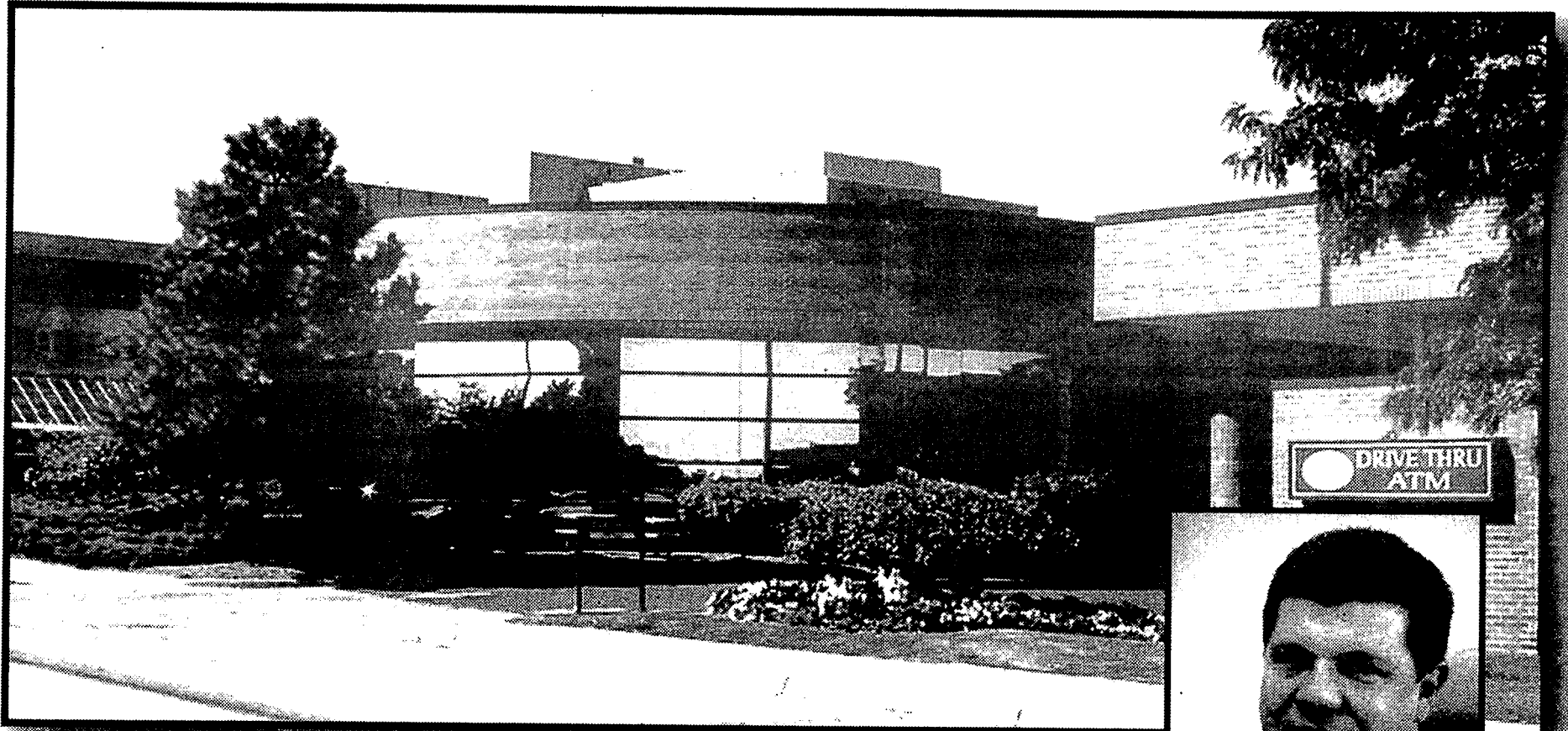
Clarkston kept the pressure high but the

Farmington goalie stoned the Wolves twice as time expired.

Clarkston began their gauntlet on Jan. 12 at Waterford Mott with a 9-1 win. Senior Mike Fogg had two goals in the game. Also scoring against the Corsairs was Cummings, Chartrand, Handley, Morin, senior Dan Mutz and Spano.

The Wolves game at Port Huron Northern was a bit closer on Jan. 13. Chartrand netted the winning goal with less than two minutes to go in the game, giving the Wolves a 5-4 victory. Morin had two goals and Johns and junior Maverick Erickson each tallied a goal as well.

Clarkston next plays at Grosse Pointe North on Jan. 26 and plays at Royal Oak the following day.



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Rubber grass to be installed at CHS football stadium



Sheila Hughes examines a sample of the turf which is scheduled to be installed at the CHS football stadium this summer. Photo by Noah Purcell

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The days of Astroturf are long gone. In fact artificial turf as a whole seems to have gone the way of the dinosaur. Synthetic is the word these days, and fields full of polyurethane blades of grass filled with thousands of pieces of rubber "dirt" is the norm.

As early as next year Clarkston High School football stadium will be the latest high school field in Oakland County to be upgraded to synthetic turf. The changeover from natural grass is estimated to cost \$800,000. The new turf is part of phase I of the Master Facilities plan which was passed at the Jan. 10 school board meeting.

Unlike the other items in phase I, the synthetic turf field was not specifically part of the 2003 bond, although there is a provision for an "upgrade of field surfaces."

"I hate to say we have extra money available, because we are not done with all the projects, but we have undesignated funds of \$1.8 million as we stand this very day. That is where the money is coming from (for the synthetic turf)," said Bruce Beamer in the presentation to the board on Jan. 10.

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts was quick to note the surplus funds are due to bond bids coming in under budget and the schools managing the bond money "very well up to this point."

The biggest drawing point of the new turf field is the flexibility and versatility the high school would gain. This past year, in the fall, only football games were played at the CHS football stadium since the grass could not be maintained under higher usage.

"By reducing the number of gym classes and practices on the other fields, you also reduce, to some extent, the maintenance costs on practice fields as well," said Deputy Superintendent Dave Reschke.

With new synthetic turf, the football team can split

practice time on the field with the soccer team, and both sports can play their games there. In addition the CHS' marching band, as well as any number of gym classes, will also be able to use the area without ruining the field for the Friday night football game.

The current maintenance costs for one natural grass field in the Clarkston school district is \$11,250 a year, according to the packet given to the school board prior to their vote. This includes mowing, fertilization, aeration, topdressing, painting and irrigation repairs.

According to Rich Jordan, vice president of sales and marketing at General Sports Turf Systems, the maintenance costs for one of his company's synthetic turf fields is roughly \$5,000 a year. General Sports Turf Systems installed the field the Wolves played on (and lost on) at West Bloomfield High School and is currently working on three synthetic turf fields for the Rochester school system.

Jordan mentioned that a synthetic turf field must be groomed so that trash does not work its way into the rubber "dirt" fill, and occasionally the fill must be redistributed across the field.

"(Synthetic turf) is a turf management tool, it is not meant to replace natural grass," said Jordan, implying that Clarkston could shift usage of other natural turf fields to the synthetic one to further cut maintenance costs district wide.

The current timetable for installation of the new synthetic turf field includes having a bid confirmed and ready for the board at the Feb. 14 meeting and breaking ground sometime in March or April. The goal is for the field to be ready for the start of fall sports.

Synthetic turf just the tip of the iceberg

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While the featured item of the master facilities plan is the addition of synthetic turf to the CHS football stadium, the plan has many other facets which the board approved and looked over on Jan. 10.

The master facilities plan is divided into two parts: phase I and phase II. The Clarkston Community School Board approved most of phase I at the Jan. 10 meeting.

Phase I includes \$300,000 for the installation of toilets at the CHS baseball/softball fields; \$50,000 laid out for the construction of a staircase/entryway in the CHS gym; \$50,000 at both CJHS and SMS for site work and improvements to the game fields; and \$800,000 for a synthetic turf field at CHS.

All of the money for these projects is coming out of the 2003 bond. Unlike the other items, the synthetic turf field was not originally part of the bond, but was alluded to in the 2003 bond.

"In the bond application process we did have field renovation included. So (the synthetic turf field) is not a problem from the legal/moral high ground," said Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts.

Phase I also includes an additional \$5,000 for maintenance at CJHS which will come from the 2006 general fund.

One item of phase I, \$10,000 to relocate the football stadium ticket booth, was left out of the school board's vote because it can easily be integrated into projects of phase II.

Phase II calls for \$50,000 for added practice fields at CHS; \$100,000 for game fields at SMS; \$299,000 for parking lot improvements; \$200,000 to relocate the concession stand, which the ticket booth would be a part of; \$50,000 for team room renovations; and \$800,000 for another synthetic turf field.

According to the packet submitted to the board, phase II would be paid for by either a future bond, sinking fund or other means of teaming with the community.

"We had not thought this far ahead as far as the needs of the community," said Assistant Superintendent Dave Reschke, in regard to why some of the items in phase II were not part of the 2003 bond.

A bid is expected to be announced and confirmed by the school board in regard to the synthetic turf at CHS at the Feb. 14 meeting.

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Parents concerned over daughter's Internet use

My middle-school aged daughter is very interested in chatting online with her friends, but I'm a little worried about the hidden dangers of using the internet. How can I ensure her safety while also acknowledge her growing independence?

Using the computer and accessing the internet does seem to be the activity du jour for middle school children.

The preteen years are a time of rapid change in their lives. Although at this age preteens are still quite dependent on their families, they want more independence. Kids who are 9-12 years old also start to take an interest in the world around them, and relationships with friends become more important.

It can be an easy way for the kids to interact socially if parameters are set up to ensure a safe internet environment. Many internet servers offer parent controls or "locks" that permit access to areas only the parent has approved with the server.

I would recommend you attend a seminar or do a little research on internet safety further than this space allows so you are fully aware of the dangers. In fact, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is hosting a seminar on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School to address this very topic (call 248-625-9007 to pre-register).

Rules for internet use should be seriously discussed with your preteen. A direct and unambiguous approach is to draw up an internet use contract with your preteen and have them sign it. This will communicate that using the internet is a privilege.

And with privileges, come rules. An obvious consequence for breaking household internet rules, would be loss of the privilege altogether.

A contract can be structured as follows:

- I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

- I will not give out personal information such as my last name, address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.

- I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.

These next three contract items may seem unlikely if you have set parental controls with your server; how-

ever, these are scenarios that can happen every day and need to be addressed with your preteen:

- I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.

- I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.

- I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the online services.

As with most important topics, talking about safety on the Internet requires more than one conversation. You'll probably need to renegotiate limits as your preteens grow and develop. Keeping the computer in a shared family space is a good way to help preteens feel a sense of supervision without having someone constantly peering over their shoulders.

Allowing your preteen to use the internet for social purposes can give them a little independence, but only if you feel confident that it is safe. Your preteen's level of maturity, responsibility and communication skills should directly factor in your decision on whether it's an allowable activity in your household.



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School boards that work as a team guide districts to success

January is School Board Recognition Month and I thought it might be a good idea to use this column to provide readers with a historical perspective of the accomplishments of our Clarkston school boards, past and present. As many readers understand, it is the local school board that sets the vision for the district, approves the budget and hires the superintendent as its chief executive officer.

Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

Our educational vision starts way back in 1850 with Nelson Clark.

Mr. Clark erected a large two-story building at the west end of Parke Lake. The building was designed as an academy and was later purchased by Isaac Cochran who opened a select school and served as its professor for several years.

For a period of time around 1868, the district school was housed at the Gulick house at 54 Buffalo Street, and students were taught by George Taylor. One can still discern the original lines of the school by observing the center section. Enrollment at the time numbered 90 students.

Today, the school district houses approximately 8,000 youngsters in eleven buildings and maintains other structures for transportation, maintenance, community education, preschool and administrative functions! Some of our more recent construction projects include:

- The construction of a new Clarkston High School (\$52 million bond issue). That new high school was approved by the voters in 1995 and opened in 1998. The district student enrollment at this time



The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education: (from left) Joan Patterson, Ronald Sullivan, Stephen Hyer, Karen Foyteck, Sheila Hughes, John Koval and Barry Bomier. Photo by Christina Ulaj

rose to 6,507.

- The remodeling of existing elementary schools, renovations to Sashabaw Middle School, renovations to the old Clarkston High School for middle school purposes, renovations to Clarkston Middle School for community education purposes, technology improvements and the construction of a new elementary school. The June 1997 passage of a \$57.65 million bond issue resulted in the renovations and the building of Independence Elementary, which opened in Nov. 1999.

- Additions to alleviate overcrowding and consolidate programs and services,

renovations to the Community Education Center and Administration Building, the building of an Early Childhood Center and other capital improvements were approved by voters in June of 2003. The passage of an \$83.7 million dollar bond issue will result in a reconfiguration of grade levels with one school building housing grades 6/7, one school building housing grades 8/9 and Clarkston High School housing grades 10-12.

We have come a long way; but bricks and mortar, while visible, are only part of the story. Yes, school boards work hard to ensure their students have proper facilities, but they do so much more! First and foremost, they set policy that directs the administration to:

- Provide for the safety and welfare of students while at school or at a school-sponsored activity.
 - Set high expectations for students and staff; and offer our youngsters a rigorous curriculum designed to help them succeed in school and beyond.
 - Guide and direct the administration to be good stewards of the district's budget.
 - Hold all employees to a high standard of integrity.
- While no single board member holds any "power," their work as a board really sets the stage for any success that a district enjoys. Their ability to act as a

team is perhaps the most critical difference between board's that are successful, and those that don't make the grade.

For all intense and purpose, our school board members are volunteers. They work long hours for little remuneration. I can honestly say that our board members set aside personal viewpoints to see the big picture. The decisions they make are determined on the basis of information. They listen and they are not swayed by popularity or pressure; rather they respond from a framework of their own sense of what is in the best interest of the 8,000 young people we serve.

I hope readers will take an opportunity to express appreciation to our seven board members during School Board Recognition Month. They can be reached at the following e mail addresses:

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Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts shows off the diversity picture given to the board in honor of Board Recognition Month. Photo by Noah Purcell

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Players give 'Proof' of their talent

Two new additions to the Clarkston Village Players strutted their acting chops at the opening night of the troop's production of "Proof" by David Auburn.

Christine Marie Horstmann debuted as the lead Catherine, a brilliant young woman attempting to discover exactly how much she resembles her father, and how much she resembles herself.

The first thing to catch my attention about the new CVP actress occurred even before the opening act - I noticed in the program that Christine studied in the Studio Program at The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, and now works as a communication and project specialist for Oakland County Mental Health Authority.

I found this little bit of irony funny since her debut role with CVP is as a young woman with possible mental health problems being dragged to New York by a domineering sister. Talk about studying up for a part.

Christine did a wonderful job at creating a believable woman lost in a world of confusing relationships while trying to find certainty in numbers.

Also making his CVP debut is Adam Kipiniak as the nervous, "geeky" Hal, a math professor in Chicago.

Adam comes to the CVP stage with a wide variety of acting experiences, including composing the music, writing the book and performing in his one-night only production of Jenny: The Jennifer Michael Wickens Story, a one act musical.

The one point about Adam's performance that really caught my attention was how he turned looking uncomfortable into an art form. At first I thought he was simply nervous in his debut role - at least until my more highly educated, observant and loving husband Tom pointed out that was actually the demeanor of the character. Okay, so sue me - now I get the stiff on-stage awkwardness. I bow to the masters.

Finally, not to leave out the veterans, I would like to keep my comments on Cynthia Haaseth (Claire) and Verne Vackaro (Robert) like their performances: clean, simple and believable. Cynthia, I just want to say, I would truly hate having you as an older sister. And Verne, I've met many like you, and I miss them.

Now onto the play!

Anyone terrified after hearing the word "drama" can relax. "Proof" follows the definition referring to a rollercoaster of emotions, not simply an "allow-your-girlfriend-to-hawl-her-eyes-out" date requirement.

I laughed at moments, I teared up at others - and no, there were no free-flowing tears. I really became immersed in the play and the characters.

One thing I must mention - I did walk away unsatisfied with the ending. Allow me a moment to explain, while trying my hardest not to ruin the best part.

Simply stated - I wanted more. Not necessarily the happy blue sky with silver lined clouds over green rolling pastures more. Just more. I wanted Hal to give a little more, I wanted Catherine to demand a little more, like a little more I wanted Claire to at least try a little more.

I wanted more.

That's what made this play a good drama. I walked away not just understanding the main theme, but feeling it. I walked from the Depot Theatre understanding Catherine's search.

"Proof" runs January 21-23 and 27-29. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and Sunday performances, and \$12 for Friday and Saturday.

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The News to Me



Jenny Matteson

Letters to the Editor

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How did the Redistricting Committee determine the boundary change in such a short time frame? The last conversation I held with Anita Banach they were still putting together the committee and gathering information on the current enrollment at each elementary school within the district. Then approximately four weeks later the new boundary proposals were displayed at each of the elementary schools. This committee must have been composed of a bunch of workaholics or held to a very tight schedule for boundary submittal to the board of education.

This committee consisted of elementary school principals and transportation representation. Beyond their primary jobs, getting our children to and from school and educating them while they are there, the redistricting committee was able to gather statistical data on population growth in the school district due to new developments, determine the number of students at each school by grade level and their housing locations, and map out adequate bus routes for the new boundaries that would not have our children riding school buses for long periods of time.

They took this information and ran every possible change to the boundaries to limit the amount of affected children. Then they must have had an individual with a statistical background verify their calculations. Then they created a new boundary map to be displayed at each elementary school.

So lets look at this again: a committee was formed, statistical data was collected and analyzed and verified, and a five-year boundary proposal submitted. All of this was done within approximately four weeks after their daily assignments had ended. I don't know about you, but I find this very hard to believe, but then again they were only dealing with numbers and not children's emotions.

Some members of the redistricting committee stated during the meeting that their particular schools were unable to use dedicated classrooms because they were being used as regular classrooms due to the schools current student body size. They felt that the new boundaries would allow them to have the dedicated rooms back for their intended use.

This puzzled me since the sixth grade will no longer be taking up classrooms in the elementary schools. Simple addition and subtraction shows that at least two classrooms per school will become vacant after this school year. If those classrooms are empty, then why not move the classes that were utilizing the dedicated

rooms into the recently vacated sixth grade rooms since they will no longer be needed in the elementary school buildings? This would at least give the dedicated rooms back to the school for their intended purpose.

For the schools that have not lost the use of the dedicated classrooms prior to the boundary change, won't this allow for an estimated growth potential of approximately 40 students or more depending on the number of sixth grade classrooms currently in use and their class capacity? I don't know if this is an area the committee looked at, but it appears to me that some of the capacity issues are going to be resolved just by moving the sixth grade to the middle school and this did not even require a boundary change.

The final comment I would like to make pertains to a statement made at the meeting dealing with communication with the affected parents. I don't know about any other parents reading this, but I definitely saw a communication gap between the parents and the redistricting committee. Anita Banach stated in her sales pitch to the board that she received numerous phone calls from concerned parents, but if you noticed not one non-Clarkston School employee was on the committee.

If they were legitimately concerned about the well being of the student body being rezoned, wouldn't it have made sense to have some parents on the committee? At least the children would have been represented instead of someone representing the adult that has to push a cart full of art supplies from classroom to classroom.

I feel that the committee would have been surprised with the response of parental volunteers that would have been willing to represent the children had they communicated with the parents.

All in all I am very disappointed with the board of education for their quick decision on this delicate matter. Most of all I am disappointed with the redistricting committee especially after one of the principals boasted about the communication between the schools and their staffs.

Here is a bit of advice for you: how about including the parents in your communication next time!

Tim McLennan
Waldon Creek Resident

Editor's Note: Clarkston Community Schools does not have the sixth grade at the elementary level. Currently, sixth graders are housed at Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools. Next year, all six graders will attend Sashabaw Middle School as a part of the grade reconfiguration.

A soldier sends home a thank you

Dear Editor:

I am a soldier currently deployed in Baghdad, Iraq. Recently, I received holiday greetings from a few of the staff members of Clarkston High School. I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who have written me. I appreciate the thoughts and prayers that have been sent along my way, it means a lot!

While serving here, I have witnessed too much tragedy and much joy. This holiday season, I ask of the community to take a moment and reflect on the military. If not for my fallen comrades, we as Americans would never know peace, and the other countries in which we have conflict with would never know liberty and justice. Thank you to all veterans and their families. I appreciate you for your guidance and your sacrifices.

My mother (Janet Bertling) sends me a subscription of your publication to keep me up to date on current events around town. I love the "Milestones" section; I have to turn to it first every time. Though I have not lived Clarkston for over four years now, I still enjoy seeing how it has grown. Thank you so much for keeping me informed.

Also, I would like to include another thank you to the Clarkston, Lake Orion and Pontiac VFW chapters for their care and support. We love the care packages and goodies here, and are grateful for them dearly.

Sincerely,
Joanna Esther Bertling
Specialist, United States Army
Active Duty

'Angels' bring joy to CAYA children

There aren't enough words in the English vocabulary to say thank you enough to Suzanne Schmidt and the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union Members for the joy and happiness they brought to over 50 kids service by the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

Even though they did all of the work by shopping and filling the kids' Christmas/Wish Lists, I had the privilege of being part of the team delivering the gifts. I was able to witness first hand as a single father of four who had just lost his job eyes swell up.

Thanks to the Clarkston Brandon CCU's generosity, his kids had a Christmas.

I was not able to witness this firsthand, but I can only imagine how a 9-year-old girl's pain was eased a little on Christmas morning as she opened her gifts. All

she really wanted for Christmas was her mom, a U.S. soldier, back home from Kuwait. This wish could not be fulfilled, but her second wish for Bratz stuff was.

Then there is the story of a divorced mother of five who is dying of a brain tumor who was able to give her kids a special last Christmas together.

These are only three stories out of over 20 families whose lives were touched by the Clarkston Brandon Credit Union gift tree.

Thank you Clarkston Brandon Credit Union so much for being these kids' Christmas Angels. You gave them more than material gifts, you gave them hope.

Joyce Bleim
CAYA Mentor Plus Chair
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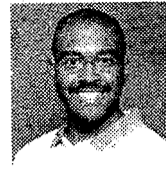


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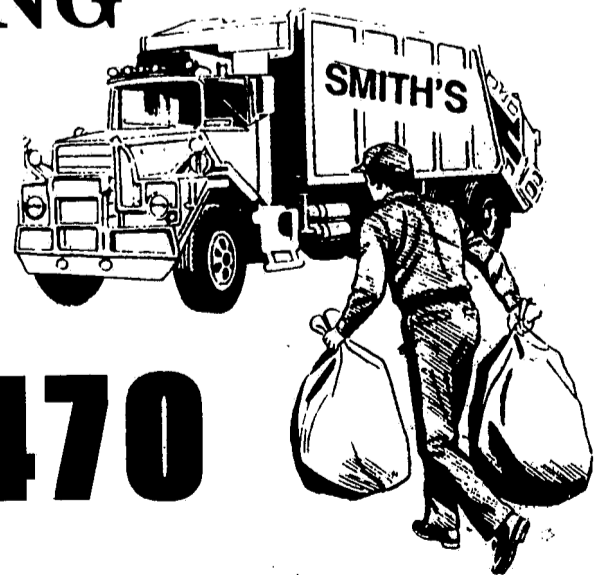
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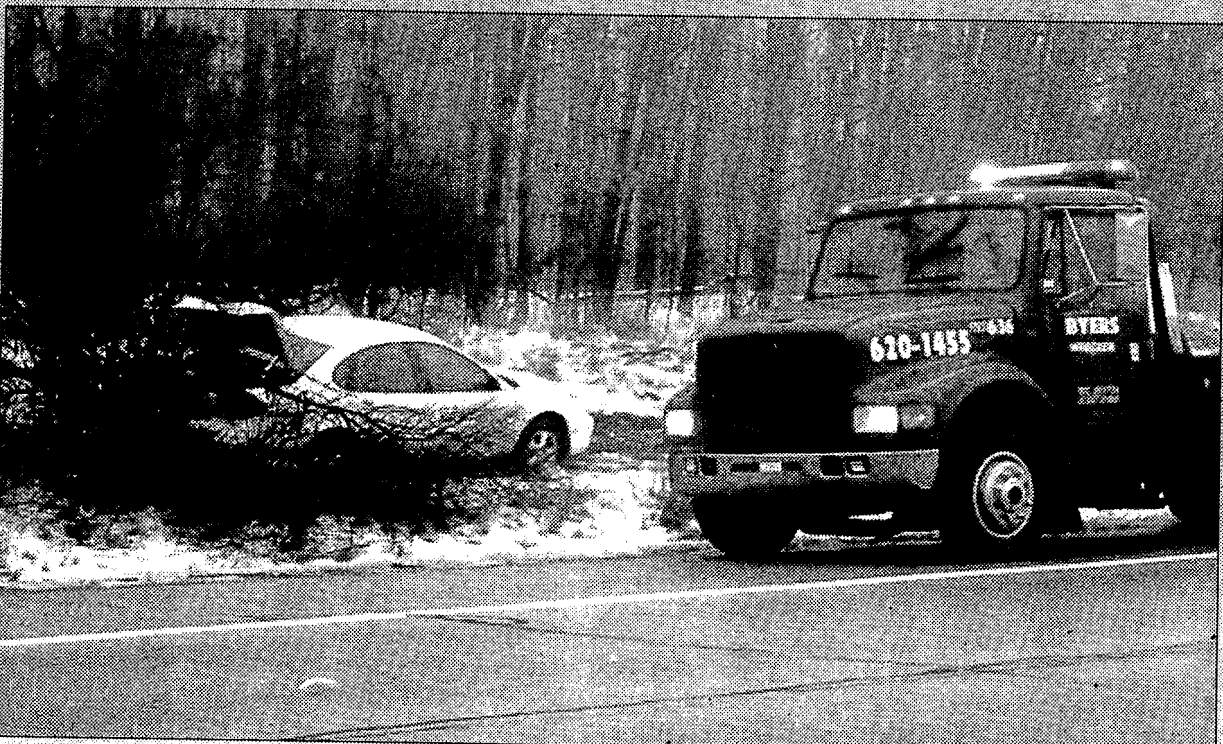
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Letters to the Editor

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Create a 'village message board'

Dear Clarkston News:

Just a brief word and idea regarding the banner situation on Main Street 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 its 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 Street 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 Street is a topic concerning the City of the Village of Clarkston and does not involve Independence Township.

Wolfpack says thanks

To the Editor,

We would like to thank all of the residents and family who donated their cans and bottles to the North Oakland Wolfpack AAU girls basketball. It is very much appreciated! Thank You!

Gina D'Autrement

Connecting

Continued from page 3A

More than a feel-good campaign, the "healthy assets" came from research conducted by the Minneapolis-based Search Institute into experiences and relationships needed for young people to be well-developed adults.

Such assets include everything from affirmation and personal self-worth to clear rules and consequences for breaking the rules. While targeted specifically at youth, the initiative's organizers believe they can still be modeled by and for adults.

"Everybody needs those things," said Jennifer Arkwright, a local parent educator who has received training from the Search Institute. "You can apply them to any age."

The "40 assets" are grouped into eight broad categories, which will be promoted in a variety of forms during the kickoff period.

Street light banners in downtown Clarkston will publicize some of the "community needs" with suggested actions to promote them.

A special calendar is being sent home with students, will be promoted in a variety of school and community newsletters, and appears on page 23A of this edition of *The Clarkston News*.

Each day of the kickoff period includes a specific suggested action, such as the wearing of Clarkston-related clothing (or school colors), writing notes of encouragement or thanks, making eye contact and saying hello to people on the street, and attending community activities.

The key is personal contact, Hart said.

"When we reflect on our lives, we recognize it has been other people who have helped us get to the places we are in our lives," she said.

At a Nov. 6 leadership forum, organizers used a "web" of yarn to illustrate the strength which can be created when more "connections" are created. The initiative is intended to create the same thing in the community.

"If we become intentional about these connections, we will make an impact," Hart said.

Organizers admit the impact may not be easily or quickly seen. Because the ultimate goal is to create an entire generation of "healthy" adults, Hart said it might be considered "an 18-year plan."

"It's not a program; it's an approach," Arkwright said. "It's very difficult to measure. I already have a

good feeling about my community."

On the other hand, Arkwright predicts there may be a marked change in some individuals.

"Before, they would not acknowledge you on the street, and now they will," she said.

Mike Stefanski, assistant principal at Clarkston Middle School and another coalition trainer, said school parents and students are being recruited to help. The kickoff calendar is being sent home with students in their "Friday folders," and school newsletters will also carry information about the initiative.

Building representatives will help promote "connections" in other ways, and Stefanski believes some current student projects may be expanded to include the entire community.

For example, one current exercise has students writing letters of appreciation to a school staff member. That may be expanded to include letters to other members of the community.

"Now we're making that link outside the school, not just inside the school," Stefanski said.

Charity projects conducted by students could become more powerful if everyone in the community joined in, Stefanski said, noting current efforts to aid tsunami victims in Asia as an example.

"Everybody is doing something, but if everybody does the same thing, wouldn't that be a powerful thing in our community?"

The "connecting" message is also being communicated through the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce newsletter, local cable television and "e-mail blasts" to various members of the community.

In addition, Hart, Arkwright and Stefanski continue to offer their time to present details of the "40 assets" and overall initiative to service clubs, business associations and other groups. Hart recently met with local pastors and has plans to meet with a group of child care providers.

After the kickoff, the coalition has other activities planned, including the "Clarkston Connects Expo" on April 16. A similar event last year focused on summer children's activities, but Hart said plans are to expand this year's program to include other family-friendly resources.

In the meantime, Hart is excited about the response so far and the potential down the road.

"I don't think we've ever had an opportunity for this kind of collective endeavor," she said.

To schedule a presentation to a group or to get more information on the initiative, call the coalition at (248) 922-3004.

Election

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100 ballots for such a small voter base.

Strole supported the proposal to have Independence Township serve as the administrator for the entire Clarkston school district. She also believes Brandon voters could still vote in a Groveland Township precinct with little confusion, since they have voted there for past school elections.

Township attorney Greg Need said the Independence proposal and other alternatives are legal.

"That's clearly consistent with the law," he said. "There's no reason that can't be done."

Local clerks who "opt out" of the county clerk's plan may still be required to perform certain functions, such as issuing absentee ballots and providing equipment and poll lists. All other duties would be the county clerk's however.

"I'm not trying to shirk any of my responsibility or the municipality's responsibility," Strole said, noting her office would still be actively involved in the process under the proposed alternatives. She said Johnson's plan, however, "is going to be a costly course of action."



What do community members need?

The following eight categories encompass the "40 Assets to Healthy Development" as compiled by the Search Institute, and are foundational to the "community initiative" to be launched on Jan. 24. All community members need:

- ...to be surrounded by people who listen, care for, appreciate and accept them.
- ...to feel valued and valuable.
- ...clear rules, consistent consequences for breaking the rules and encouragement to be and do their best.
- ...to value the importance of lifelong learning.
- ...strong guiding principles to help them make positive choices.
- ...the skills to interact effectively with others, to make difficult decisions and to cope with new situations.
- ...to believe in their own self-worth and ability to make good things happen.

Poem

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road signs throughout Independence and Orion townships, and the "hill" is now used for skiing and snowboarding.

The historical society archives has much information on Col. Waldon and his legacy, Smith said.

Smith shares questions about other quotations in the poem, as do even some long-time residents with family histories of their own.

For example, what and where was "Lake Field" (from the poem's line, "Where Lake Field farms lay spreading fair")?

Chuck Robertson (whose grandfather was a prominent settler in the 1880s), is among those who would like to know.

"I wondered about that too [after reading it]," Robertson said. "It was a beautiful poem."

While the current Sashabaw Road is familiar to all, and while some will remember the separate region known as Sashabaw Plains, the poem contains an unclear reference to "the Sashabaw 'neath alders cool," which "winds its way to the slumbering pool." Neither Smith nor Robertson could interpret that passage of the poem.

The Clarkston News invites anyone with knowledge of the community's past to help clarify these and other references of the historic poem.

Call the newspaper at (248) 625-3370 with any helpful information.

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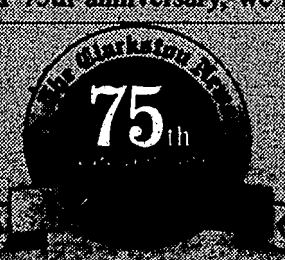

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Please help us with our history

At the offices of *The Clarkston News*, we have a good collection of back issues. We don't have them all, however. As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we're looking for old copies of the newspaper, specifically between the years of 1929 and 1934.

We know a lot of folks have an appreciation for the history of our town. If you have any old copies of the newspaper, please bring them to our office at 5690 Dixie Highway, Waterford, Michigan. We will be happy to pay you for them.

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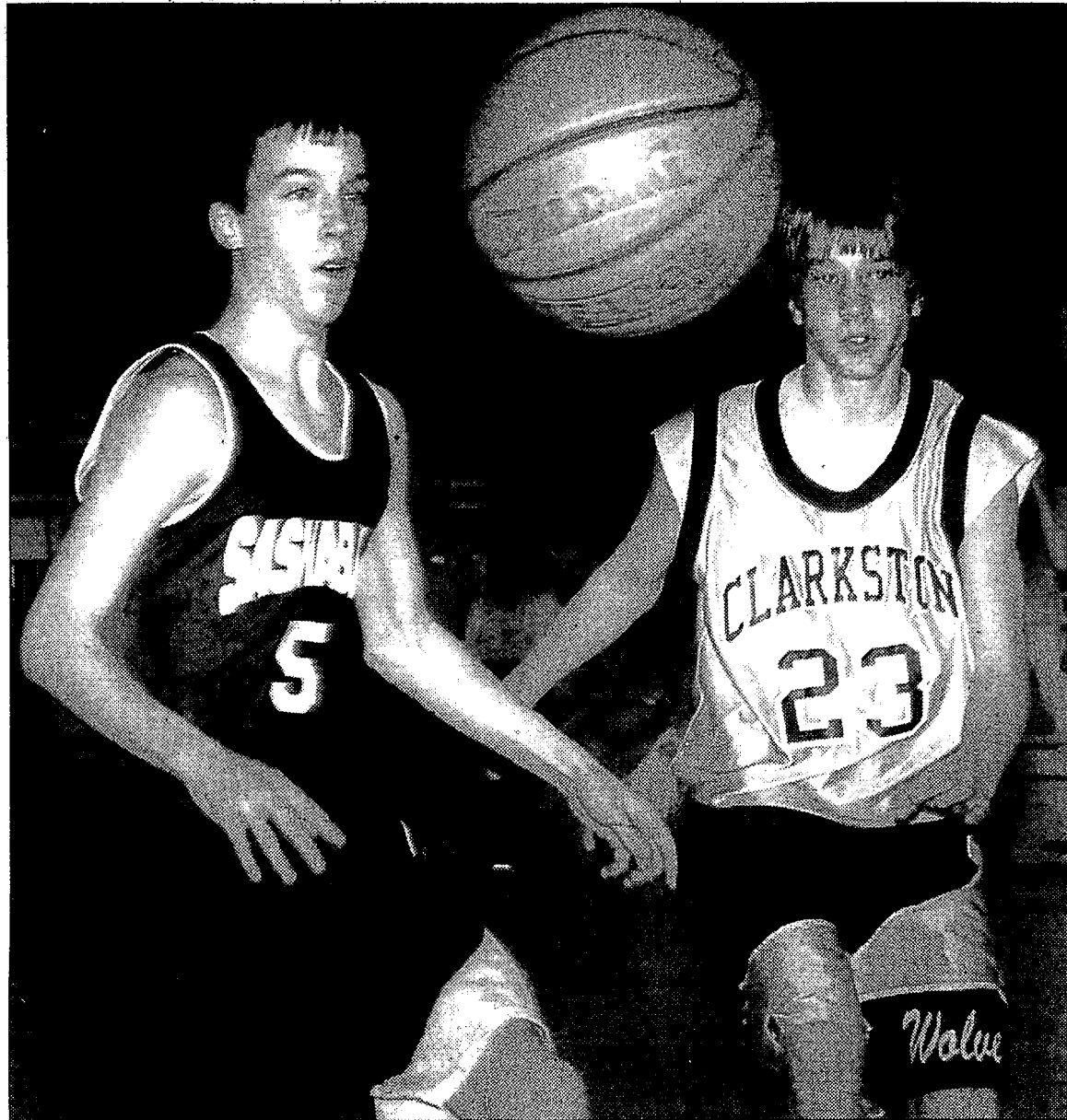
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 1 <i>Wear Clarkston-gear around town!</i>	<i>Consult www.clarkstoncalendar.org for activities Throughout the community. Plan to participate and show your community support!</i>				28 <i>Wear Clarkston hats, shirts or colors to work, school & around town. Show your support!</i>	<i>Be proud to live in Clarkston. Show your community Spirit!</i>
Week 2 <i>Acknowledge Everyone!</i>	31 <i>Write a good morning message and leave it somewhere in your house for family members to find.</i>	Feb 1 <i>Say hello to folks you pass in the halls, on the streets, in your office, store or neighborhood.</i>	2 <i>Ask a question of someone you speak with today that will express genuine interest and sincere listening on your part.</i>	3 <i>Compliment a community member on their helpful assistance, friendly smile, kind words or pleasant attitude.</i>	4 <i>Acknowledge someone often overlooked. Strike up a conversation, share encouraging words, pay them a compliment.</i>	<i>Acknowledge others in a positive way!</i>
Week 3 <i>Show Your Appreciation!</i>	7 <i>Pick up the phone and tell someone you appreciate them.</i>	8 <i>Write a letter or E-mail to a community member telling them how much you appreciate their efforts.</i>	9 <i>Reach out and visit or contact a friend/relative you haven't touched base with in a while.</i>	10 <i>Leave a treat or card for your postman, friend, neighbor, coworker, store clerk, expressing appreciation.</i>	11 <i>Give a hug, hand shake or pat on the back to those who go the extra mile.</i>	<i>Express your appreciation for others!</i>
Week 4 <i>Teach Learn Share A Skill!</i>	14 <i>Learn a new hobby or skill as a family!</i>	15 <i>Volunteer some time in the community at a school, church or organization.</i>	16 <i>Make a list of new skills you want to learn this year!</i>	17 FREE ACTIVITIES! <i>Karate, Knitting Scrapbooking, & more. SMS 6-8 Sponsored by Ind. Parks & Rec.</i>	18 <i>Make a connection with a community member to develop one of the new skills you wish to learn.</i>	<i>Share your skills and talents with others!</i>
Week 5 <i>Get Together!</i>	21 <i>Share a meal with family.</i>	22 <i>Take in a Community activity. Visit the web site listed at the beginning of the calendar.</i>	23 <i>Plan a game night with friends.</i>	24 <i>Have a night out on the town and eat at a local restaurant.</i>	25 <i>Plan a potluck with neighbors or co-workers.</i>	<i>We need each other. Spend time together.</i>
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<p>Mark your calendar for the Clarkston Connects Expo Saturday, April 16th @ CHS 9-12:00</p> <p>Purchase a community mug with the Each One Reach One logo at Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce & Independence Twp. Park & Recreation Department.</p> <p>Visit www.clarkstoncalendar.org throughout the year to learn about ongoing community activities!</p>						

Faded Ink

Middle school cagers finish crosstown rivalry



Perpetual bragging rights and the ball were up for grabs between Clarkston and Sashabaw Middle Schools on Jan. 10. Sashabaw's Chris Kowalk and Clarkston's Kevin Pinkos seek the favor of the basketball gods and possession of the ball, during the eighth grade game.

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Writer

Sashabaw Middle School's eighth grade students won themselves perpetual bragging rights as they escaped with a 22-20 victory in the final tilt with Clarkston Middle School on Jan. 10. CMS' shot to tie the game fell short as time expired.

The rivalry between the two schools is being coming to an end due to Clarkston schools shift to a middle and junior high school setup.

"These kids have played together for years in the McGrath program, so it should not be that big of an adjustment," said Clarkston seventh grade Coach Mike Greve.

Greve's squad triumphed over the Sashabaw seventh grade team 44-15.

"Looking back I'll probably

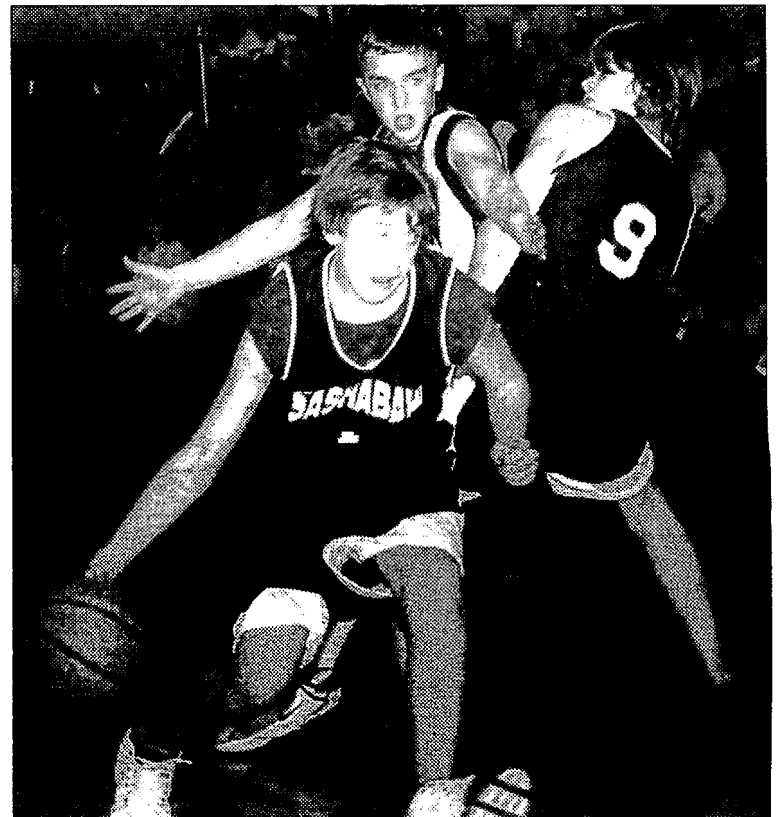
think (the game) wasn't fun they had so much size over us," said SMS seventh grader Sean Hoffman. "(The season) next year will be great playing with those big guys."

Both of the games were very well attended. At one point one of the referee's was heard to remark that the crowd could rival that of some high school's varsity games in size.

One group of students not affected by the School Building Shift is the cheerleaders, who already compose their seventh and eighth grade squads from both middle schools. They performed at halftime and in between the games.

Clarkston's eighth graders finished with an 8-4 record this season. Sashabaw's eighth grade students' pushed their record to 9-3.

Photos by Noah Purcell



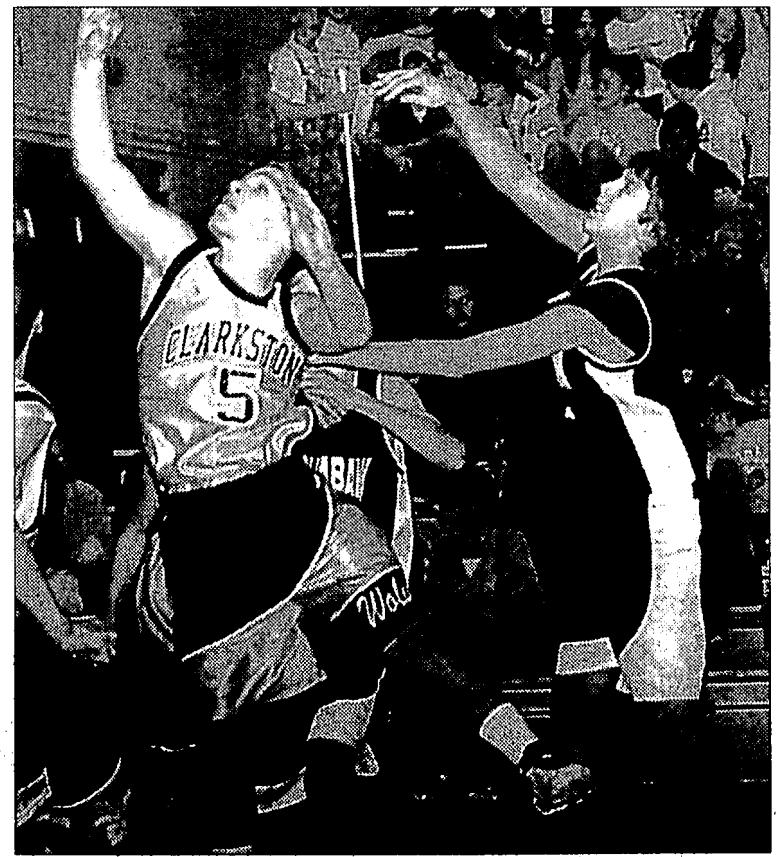
Jon Baenziger rips through the defense.



The fans came out in droves for the final basketball game between the middle schools.



(Left to right) McKenzie Gaulther, Jazmin Ranbeau, Angela Oriando, Kelsey Oaler and Katherine Geno of the seventh grade Clarkston/Sashabaw combined cheerleading team entertain the crowd at half time.



Eric Leichtman gets his shot off in traffic with Jon Baenziger on his draped on his back.

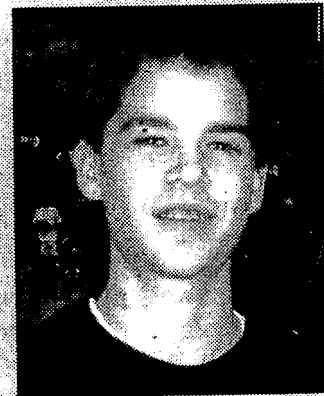
People Poll

How did the recent snow days affect you?



"It was a pain in the butt. Most couples both work these days. They need to announce (school closings) earlier."

-Diana Lindeberg



"(The snow day) gave me more time to study for exams. I needed it I had not studied enough."

-Steve Kast



"I'm retired now so (the snow days) did not affect me very much. But when I was a teacher we'd always have a snow pool everyone put a little money into. I wonder who won it this year?"

-Howard Webster



"(The snow days) gave me extra time to relax... and to study. I am a good student, though, I had already studied all of my review packets."

-Taylor Hosner

By Noah Purcell

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Pat, Mike, Donna, Joe and Clint DeGain are as tight a family as one of the boy's headlocks. Photo submitted

The DeGains never wanted a snowmobile

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

There was a time when a family would use a crest to advertise the feats of their brood to all who passed. Although the days of shields emblazoned with accomplishments blended into legend have passed, the DeGain family could easily fill one.

In the top corner of the crest would be four crowns placed upon a wrestling mat representing the DeGains' four high school state championships. Next there would be a wrestling singlet draped across a college diploma portraying the opportunities wrestling has afforded them. At the bottom of the crest, a burnt out candle would represent the long hours the DeGain family has put into wrestling over the years. And finally, a broken lamp set upon a wrestling mat would complete the crest.

"Everything in our house was plastic. Our mom wouldn't buy anything glass because we would break it," said Joe

DeGain, the oldest of three brothers and the current Clarkston wrestling coach. "You couldn't walk through the hallways without one of us kids tackling the other."

The DeGain household, and all the lamps and plates inside, somehow withstood Joe and his brothers Pat and Clint as they grappled their way to the top of the high school ranks and into college. While Mike DeGain, who like his sons was crowned a state champion in 1976, was an integral part of the boys success, Their Mother, Donna, was the one who introduced them to the sport.

"I didn't have any thoughts about getting the kids into wrestling," said Mike, who at the time was coaching wrestling at Royal Oak Dondero. "One day I got home and there was a note from my wife that said 'took the kids to wrestling practice.'"

A leaflet for the Utica Hawks had come home and Donna felt the time was right for the boys to step off the sidelines of the Dondero practices and onto the mat.

"Joe (age eight) and Pat (age four) seemed to like it right off the bat. Clint (age two) was still a little young. He and I just rolled around on a mat in the corner," said Donna.

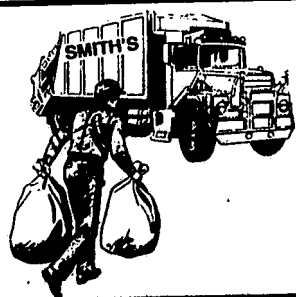
Being the baby of the family, Clint received extra training growing up from his brothers.

"They would come home from practice and still have energy left over and beat me up most of the time," said Clint. "In the long run (my brothers) got me where I am today."

Today Clint wrestles for The Citadel, although his freshman campaign has been cut short by an ankle injury.

Pat wrestles for Indiana University, and in his senior year is making a run at All-American status. He helped the Indiana team to a 19th place in the national collegiate wrestling polls and recently won the prestigious Midland Tournament heavy-

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Around Town

"Water quality and property values" is the theme of a meeting sponsored by the **Neighbors of Parke Lake** on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Independence Township Fire Hall #1 on Citation Dr. Everyone is invited.

Current happens at the **Independence Township Senior Center**:

• "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.

• One across: two six letter words - location where Clarkston residents can compete against one another on crossword puzzles of varying degrees. An-

swer: Senior Center. The senior **Crossword Puzzle Contest** is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

On Jan. 23, L.A. Cafe in Waterford and Glitz Salon in Clarkston are teaming up to sponsor a fundraiser for Rachel Mason who is suffering with Hodgkins Lymphoma. The fundraiser runs from 4:30-8:30 p.m. A \$20 donation is required and pizza and salad will be provided. All proceeds will assist with medical bills and medications. For tickets, call Glitz Salon at 248-625-1001.

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 consultant 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 host-

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

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Tiger Cubs visit *The News*...

Tiger Cub Pack 133 visited The Clarkston News this past weekend to see what it's all about. Reading an edition of the paper are Isaac Ekstrom, Greg Smereka, Tyler Shore, Devlynn Portscheller, Carl Klein and Keegan Allmand. "It was good," said Keegan Allmand. "It was cool," added Devlynn Portscheller. Photo by Jenny Matteson



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Faded Ink

Residents patent new concept for staircase

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston news Staff Writer

A new product is on the market – and the whole idea stems from a bare staircase and two dedicated women.

Clarkston resident Judy Hoddinott and Ortonville resident Judy McBride worked hard to create the newest trend in home decor – Volban.

What is Volban? To understand, Hoddinott and McBride began explaining from the root of their creation.

If you take a look at your staircase, you may not see much. Many are traditional wood or steel and are used for only one purpose, as a guide to walk up and down steps. The Judys saw something more.

At the foot of many staircases is a post called the newel. Usually, the post has a swirling design. Hoddinott attempted to place a vase on top of the post, but the idea didn't work very well. The vase was unstable and could have crashed down upon the slightest movement. She proceeded to tape it down, glue it, anything that would help, but nothing did.

That is when the idea was born: Hoddinott and McBride put their heads together and came up with...Volban.

Volban is a system by which a custom made vessel, bowl or pot is safely and securely stabilized on the post (vo-

lute) using a specialized, patent-pending fixture. With the help of ceramicist Don Fuchs, the specialized pots are already in production. Also, with the help of their husbands, Hoddinott and McBride were able to specify the details of their product.

"I expect to provide homeowners with the option to personalize their staircase," said Hoddinott. "It has been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun."

The pots are water tight and can hold eight inch potted plants, fresh flowers, dried silk flowers or any decorative piece of your choice.

Hoddinott and McBride have showcased their product at gatherings including the SCAMP auction.

"We are great partners," said McBride. "There were times that we were saddened by results and there were times that we were thrilled, but we stayed focused."

Volban is currently sold at The Parsonage, Frames N Art and North Oakland Trim and Mill Works Incorporated and Moran's Flora Incorporated.

Hoddinott and McBride have definitely worked hard and experienced great success.

Something they both feel has helped them achieve all they do is a saying by Winston Churchill: "No matter how tough it got, we never gave up."



Judy Hoddinott and Judy McBride display their unique concept for an attractive home staircase. Photo by Christina Ulaj

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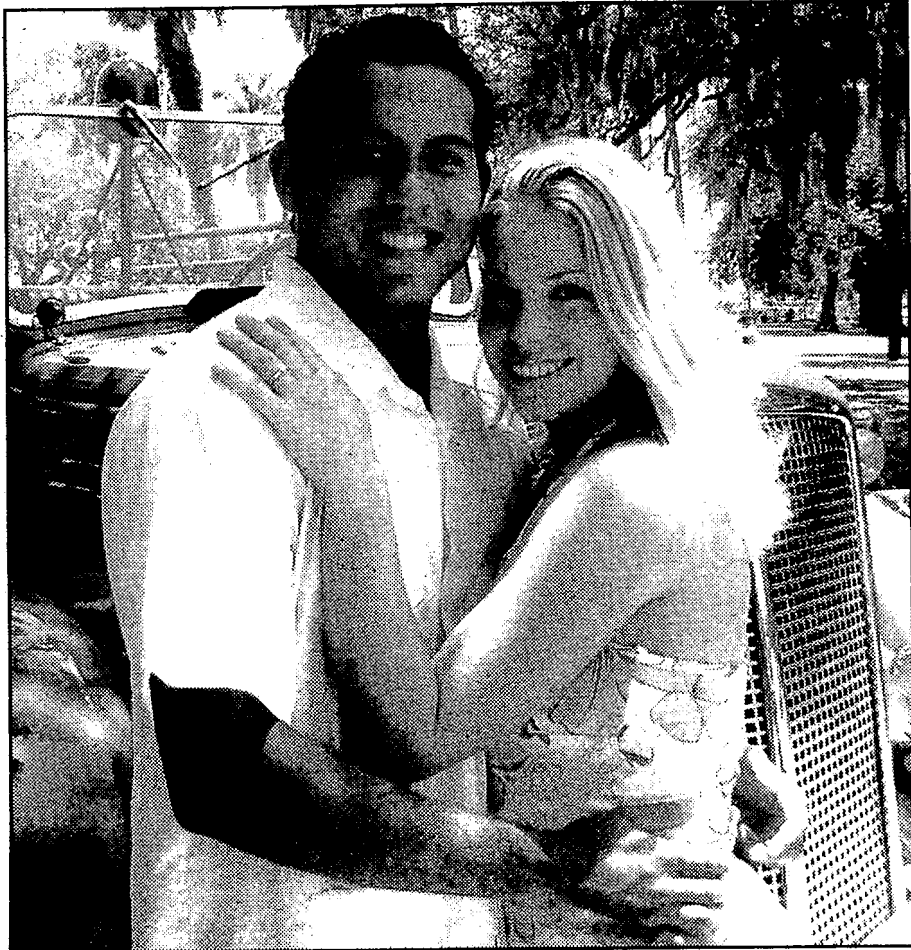
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Milestones

VanHorn and Patricio to wed



Chrystal Stewart of Fort Myers, Florida, and Mark and Penny VanHorn of Clarkston are honored to announce the engagement of their daughter Amber Marie VanHorn to Dana Martin Patricio, Jr.

The bride is a graduate of the University of South Florida and is currently employed as a kindergarten teacher with the Hillsborough County School

district in Tampa.

The groom is a graduate of Hillsborough County Community College and Florida State Fire College and is currently employed as a firefighter with Tampa Fire Rescue. He also works part-time in the Pediatric Emergency Room at St. Josephs Hospital.

A May wedding is planned and will be held in Sarasota, Florida.

Rogers announces 2005 military academy nominees

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers announced the candidates he has nominated to the U.S. military academies.

Clarkston High School student Chelsea Hassett was the only woman nominated by Rogers. She is the daughter of James and Elaine Hassett, of Clarkston.

Rogers nominated a total of 11 individuals from the four counties he represents: Clinton, Ingham, Livingston and Oakland.

"Military academies set high stan-

dards for admission, and these students were selected for nomination based on character, leadership potential and academics," said Rogers, who is a U.S. Army veteran. "These young men and woman are willing to reach out for an education and career of service to their nation. They are a credit to their schools, communities and families.

"We are very proud of each student nominee and wish them well as they continue through the academy application process."

CHS grad earns bachelor's degree

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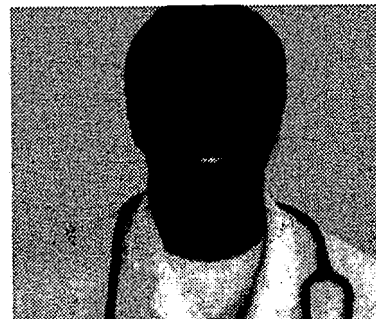
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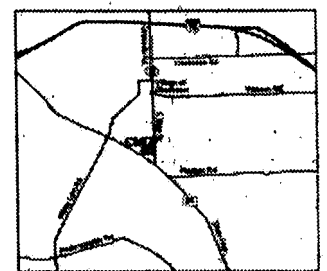
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Religion

Resolutions: Thoughts on the new year

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God has in fact given us many "messages." Messages of truth and love and hope and warning. The question is, "How are we responding?"

I am starting a new message series with my congregation on the book of Romans. Although the Apostle Paul wrote this letter almost 2,000 years ago, it remains a powerful and dangerous letter. Its truth will change your life if you let it.

As we start this New Year of 2005, many of us make resolutions — to lose weight, to join the health club, to save more money — whatever.

How about making some spiritual goals? I am suggesting two New Year's resolutions that come from the book of Romans...

1) Learn to see the world through God's eyes.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is" (Romans 12:2, NLT).

We tend to segment our lives into pieces. God and church over here; and our "real lives" over there. We may even go to church and sing the songs and go through the motions, but our hearts and minds and daily lives remain untouched by God. Our values and habits and actions are seldom brought before God for evaluation or guidance.

As we begin 2005, I encourage you to resolve: Learn to see the world through God's eyes. Ask him to transform you. Don't copy the behavior of this world. Get active in a good Bible-believing church. Ask God to change your heart and your life so that you start to see the world through his eyes!

2) Grow your faith by developing relationships with other believers.

In Romans 16, Paul greets many of his friends. Even the great Apostle Paul was not a "Lone Ranger" Christian. I believe the reason many Christians don't experience the joy of Christ is because they aren't following the plan of Christ.

God has told us very clearly how to grow spiritually. One key is to develop relationships with other believers.

A Christian who doesn't go to church is a contradiction in terms. It's like a football player without a team or a trumpet player without an orchestra. The most talented football player won't win any games all alone. The most gifted trumpet player cannot perform the "Messiah alone." Likewise, life was not meant to be a solo performance.

So, besides losing some weight this year, why not try to gain some friends and a closer walk with God?

(Greg Henneman is senior pastor of Clarkston Community Church.)

In our churches...

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

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A brunch to help kids in Afghanistan is being planned for noon on Sunday, March 6 in the St. Daniel Cushing Center social hall. Enjoy a family style brunch and, at the same time, support and learn more on how we can help the kids in Afghanistan. Keynote speaker will be Kris Nedam.

It is estimated that infant mortality in Afghanistan is 165 per 1,000 live births, while under-five mortality is as high as 257 per 1,000 live births. There are an estimated 400,000 internally-displaced persons in the country. Afghanistan has also seen a rapid increase in the number of returnees coming back to the country in 2002, mostly from Pakistan.

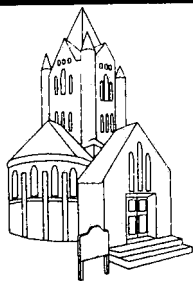
More than 1.7 million people returned in 2002, many more than anticipated. Many households are gathering in urban areas such as Kabul as they are not able to rebuild homes and livelihoods in their original places of residence.

Immunization remains a key concern in the area of

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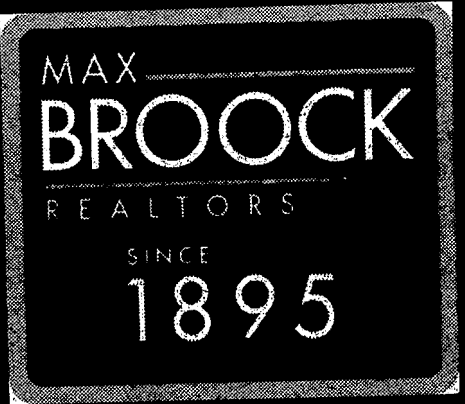
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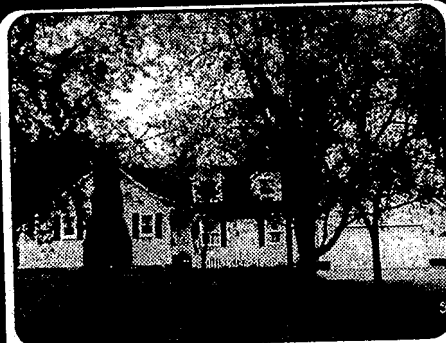
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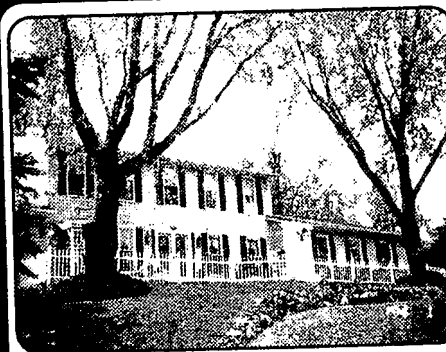
WALK TO TOWN
Built in 1922, this 2155 sq. ft. home has been remodeled, including furnace and water heater. Country kitchen with new countertops, hardwood floors and cove ceilings add to the charm. \$229,000 (54MAI)



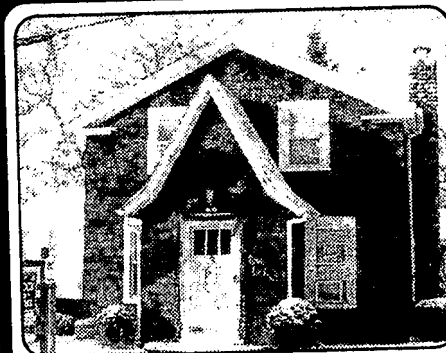
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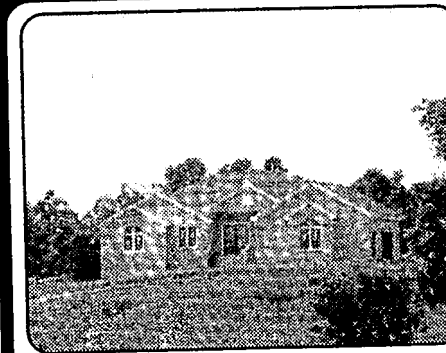
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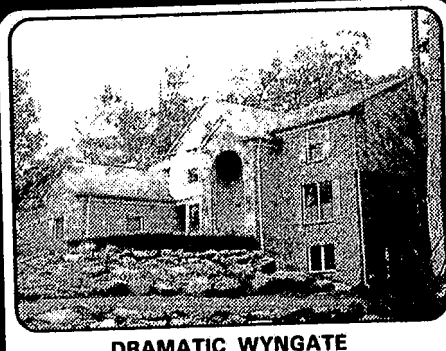
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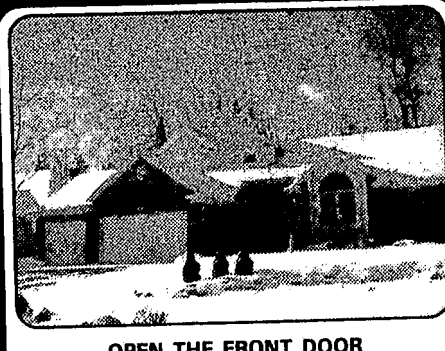
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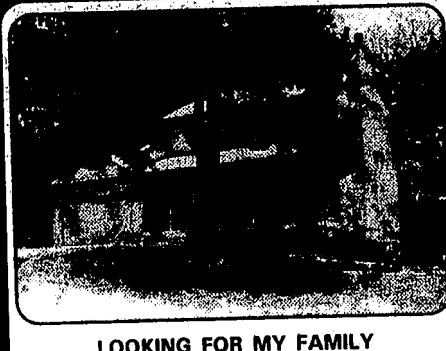
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School board OKs curriculum for grades 6-7

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Since the redistricting was introduced to area residents, many people put a lot of focus on the issue. Another important issue is the new courses for grades 6-7 and 10-12.

At the Jan. 10 school board meeting, Executive Director of Pre-K and Elementary Education Geraldine Moore reviewed the courses for grades six and seven.

Sixth and seventh graders at

the new Sashabaw Middle School will be required to take core classes including: language arts, math, science and social studies with technology being incorporated into the curriculum.

Moore then explained the flexible block plan, which allows teachers to work together to make certain each core curriculum receives their portion of minutes per week.

Sixth grade students will be offered an exploratory program containing two exploratory

blocks. Exploratory A includes two courses – performing arts and physical education. These classes will be held for a full school year. Exploratory B includes four courses – art, technology, learning to live/health and world languages.

These classes will be offered on a rotation through the school year.

Seventh grade students will be offered an elective program. Students will be required to take one semester of physical educa-

tion/health as one of their electives, and choose three more semesters of electives.

During their lunch hour, students will have the chance to participate in an enrichment activity or receive extra credit and tutoring.

Courses for Clarkston High School were also brought to the board by Deputy Superintendent David Reschke.

Reschke explained the new courses and revised courses in physical education, science and

language arts.

The new courses include: Literature and Modern Media, which will replace Literature to Film and Contemporary Publishing; Female Team Sports; Personal Fitness – Females; Stress Management; Water Polo; Aquatics (water aerobics); and AP Physics.

Reschke also recommended Oral Communications text.

The school board approved the proposals as presented.

Board members react to final redistricting plan

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston news Staff Writer

The Clarkston area is now educated on the redistricting of the elementary schools. Through board meetings and parental input, this issue has received plenty of energy and focus.

On Jan. 10, the school board listened as Executive Director of Pre-K and Elementary Education Geraldine Moore and Director of Communications and Marketing Anita Banach went over the redistricting plan for the last time.

The plan was the same with the exception of one change, section (D). The redistricting committee changed section (D) to rid some of the unevenness in that area, The Clarkston Bluff Condominiums. *The Clarkston News* attempted to contact the five families affected by the section (D) change, but they were unavailable for comment.

The board approved the plan conceptually, and although there were parents that agreed with the logic, there were many others who did not. Now that all is

said and done, the board has made a decision and adjustment seems to be the important word.

"The parents had complete facts, but the board has to do what's best for all of our students," said School Board President Karen Foyteck. "We had to do something so our students can utilize the dedicated rooms."

Board members did converse at the Jan. 10 meeting about the plan. They asked many questions and once again listened as area parents voiced their opin-

ions.

"I'm still looking at some of the figures presented by Mr. Lohmeier," said trustee John Koval. "This is a controversial and passionate issue no matter where it happens, and we worked to move as little around as possible."

Parents have voiced their views and board members have decided on this topic.

After speaking with several parents, they agreed everyone must move on and adjust to the new changes.

Locals included in *The National Dean's List*

The following is a list of Clarkston area students selected for the 27th annual edition of *The National Dean's List*:

(48346) Mary Brewer, Julie Crane, Sarah Edwards, Debra Garnett, Brandon Guelde, Jessica Nowakowski, Marja Kerney, Christopher Moore, Patrick R. O'Neill,

Kelly O'Neill, Andrew Standard and Timesha Wims.

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(48350) Nikki M. Baxter, Trista Gulde, Jody Robinson, Jennifer L. Sternemann and Stephen Tatangelo.

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Best teachers named in *Who's Who* book

Who's Who Among America's Teachers selected the following Clarkston Schools teachers for their 8th annual edition:

Kelly Jean Avenall, Daryl R. Biallas, Clifford K. Chapman, Charles Dwyer Claus, Karen S. Czarnecki, Michael Richard Greve, Nicholas David Hagewood, Loukea Nakos Kovanis, Laura Gosh Mahler, Monica Ward McGraw, Fawn Lisa Packard, Barbara Louise Rice, Paul R. Sabbag, Staci Second, Alex M. Sennabaun, Jennifer Kay Stairs, Richard Charles Swartout, Jeffrey Lee Tice, Renee Lynn Walker, Jessica Leigh Cameron, and J. Stephanie Creasey.

All the teachers on the list were nominated by former students, who are themselves currently listed in the *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the *Sports Edition* or *The National Dean's List*.

Funshine registration

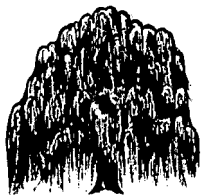
Funshine Preschool in Clarkston is taking registration for classes. Classes begin at the end of January running through the end of May.

Classes are held in Clarkston High School and are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Morning programs run from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Afternoon programs run from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Funshine Preschool is presenting a new program, Toddler Playtime, for working parents. The program is geared toward working parents and their children. The program is available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information call 248-674-3141.

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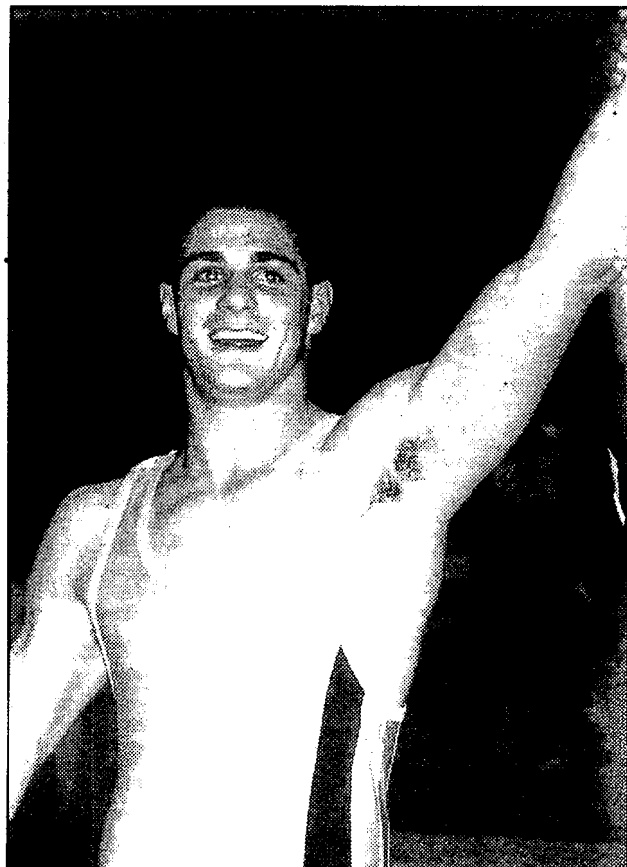
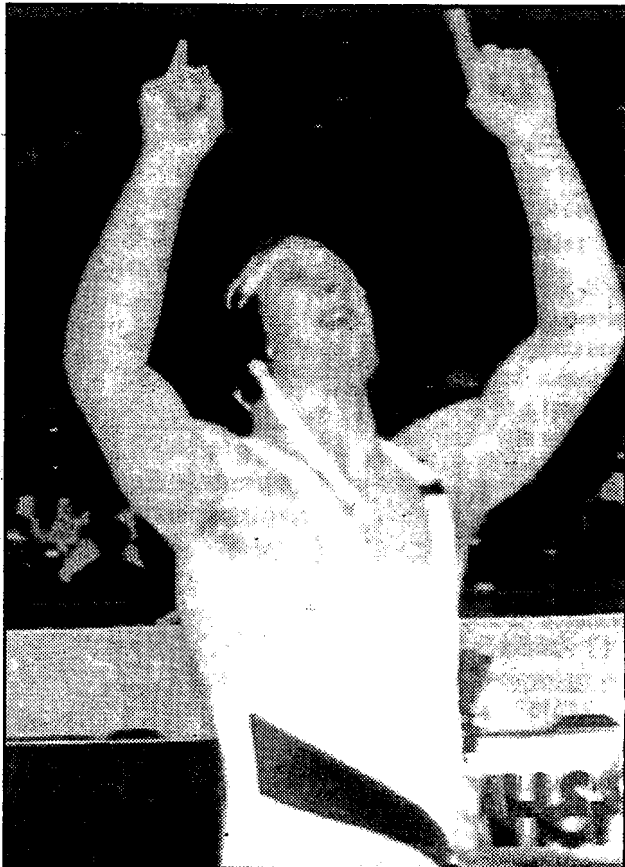
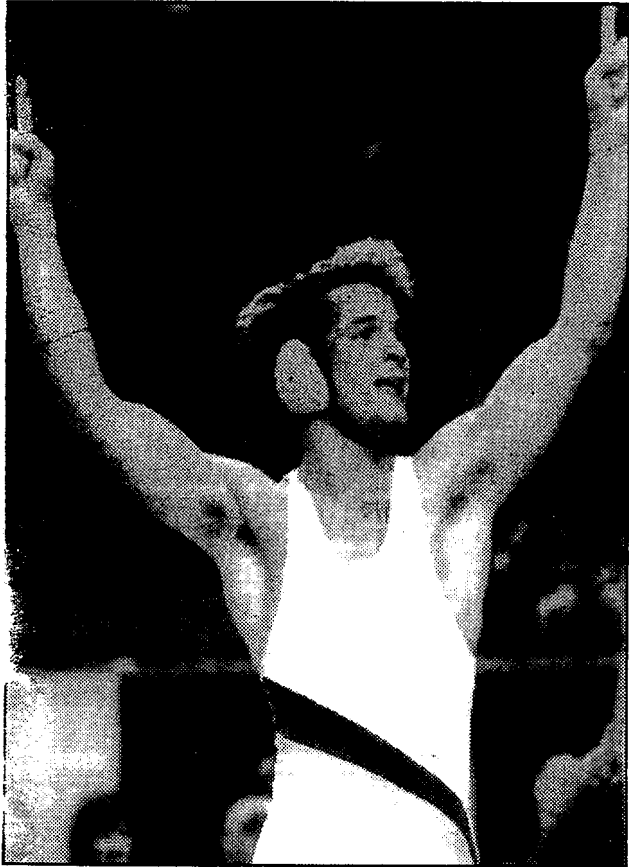
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Continuing a family tradition, Clint, Joe and Pat DeGain each celebrate their respective state wrestling championships. Photos provided

DeGain

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weight division.

Joe was a four-year-letter winner at Michigan, captain of the wrestling team in his senior year and named to an All-Big Ten team.

"Some parents make the mistake of pushing their kids before the child is committed to the sport. You have to keep some desire burning or they will burn out," said Mike. "We only let them go to one tournament a week (as kids), that seemed to be the key to keeping them from burning out."

Last season Joe took over for his father as the Clarkston wrestling team's coach. Mike was "not as young as he used to be" and tired of being an engineer by day and coach to the Wolves in his free time.

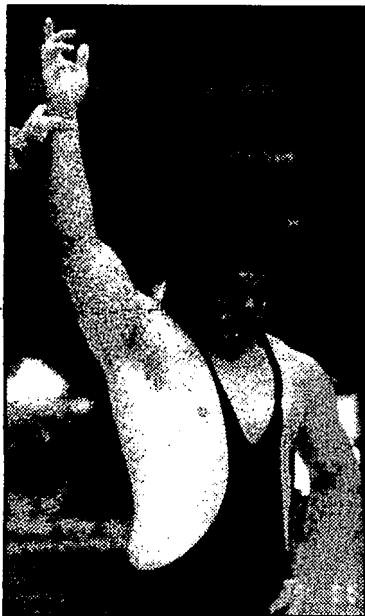
"I felt I left the program in good hands with Joe. He had already coached for two years (at Flint Kearsley)," said Mike. "He calls me a lot, most of the time he has everything figured out he just wants to see what I think too."

Mike still runs the Oakland County tournament, an event that he wrestled in when he attended Madison Heights.

"Eight years ago the Oakland County tournament was in real trouble. It is a hell of a tradition," said Mike.

Long before her boys ever wrestled in the Oakland County tournament, Donna remembers her sons sleeping in their singlets so they could roll out of bed, only to continue sleeping in the car on their way to a weekend wrestling tournament.

"My dad would wake us up and throw us into the car to get us to tournaments on the weekend," said Pat. "All of the Saturdays and Sundays (our parents) spent with us at tournaments and all of the entry fees



In a reproduction of a 1976 newspaper clipping, Mike DeGain celebrates his state wrestling championship. Photo submitted

they put up, thank god we could get scholarships and pay them back."

Time passed and tournaments were won and lost. Miles were traveled and singlets washed. Then in 1989, the DeGains moved to Clarkston. Mike coached the Clarkston youth wrestling program until landing the CHS coaching job in 1992.

"I don't think we've ever had a conversation without wrestling working its way in somehow," said Donna.

Wrestling was so entrenched into the daily lifestyle of the DeGains that one Christmas, Donna's attempt to introduce something else into her sons' lives backfired completely.

"We got them a snowmobile one Christmas, they all just looked at it like they did not know what to do with it. Finally Joe said 'we could sell this and buy a wrestling mat,'" said Donna.

Which is what they did. And while their Christmas present that year did not get the boys out of the house completely, the

wrestling mat downstairs did ease the pounding the DeGain household underwent on a daily basis.

These days Donna has taken her antique lamps, long stored out of harms way, out of the attic.

Her boys are grown and the mother who for so long was the "lunch lady and singlet washer" has been set free.

"I could move on to the next phase of my life but I'm having too much fun traveling and seeing them," said Donna.

Her next trip will be to South Carolina to be with Clint as he undergoes surgery, something she has not quite grown accustomed to, but knows is part of the sport.

Clint hurt his ankle in the first match of his collegiate career, but persevered to finish second in the tournament, going 4-1 on the day. He lost to a fellow teammate in the final.

While he loves the weather in South Carolina, Clint is still tied

to Michigan by his family and Linsey Walker whom he has dated since the two were freshmen at Clarkston High School.

"I'll be bumming out and I'll call her and she will dig me out of whatever rut I'm in," said Clint.

Clint may still have three years of college left but he is already thinking about graduation and the possibility of running his own wrestling program.

"I want to help others accomplish things I could not. I think it would be fun if I could coach a program in the same league or district as Joe. We could have a little battle every year," said Clint. "I'm trying to pay my parents back for all of the sacrifices they made for me... besides they told me I'm not allowed back home without a diploma."

Pat is actually closer to taking the brothers sibling rivalry to the next level. He will graduate from Indiana at the end of the year with a degree in physical educa-

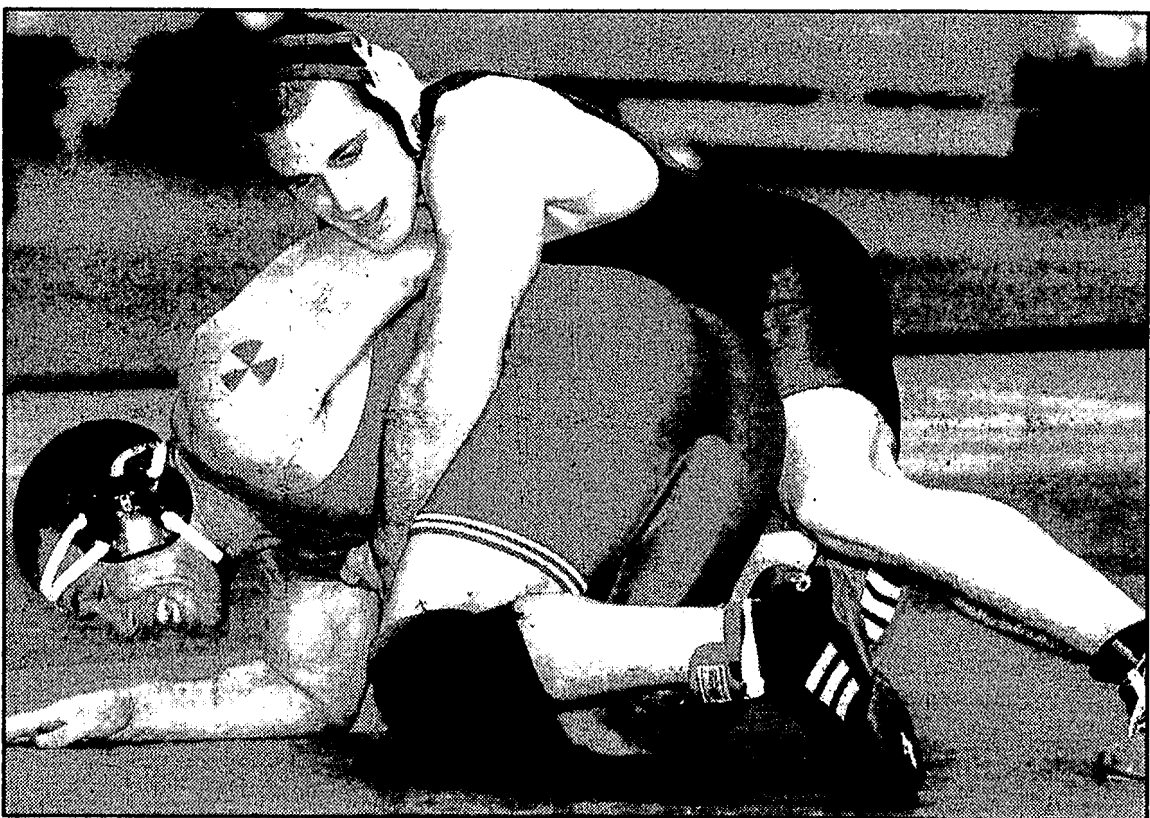
tion and wants to pursue teaching and coaching. Pat and his fiancée Nicole Hill, who also graduated from Clarkston, are currently deciding between beginning their professional lives in Chicago or someplace in Michigan.

"I miss everything about Clarkston, the people, my friends, I don't get to see many of them anymore," said Pat.

Joe and his wife Elizabeth, with their children Madeline, 8, and Lillian, 1, reside in Grand Blanc. The couple's third child is on the way and his name will be Sam.

Even though the boys have grown up, their sibling rivalry still continues to burn.

"We'll be sitting around having a good old time and then Joe will kind of egg things on," said Clint. "He'll mention how he won a state championship, and then Pat will say he won two state championships, but then I'll say 'I was three time state qualifier.' The argument just goes on and on from there."



Pat DeGain wrestles for Indiana University, seeking All-American status. Photo submitted

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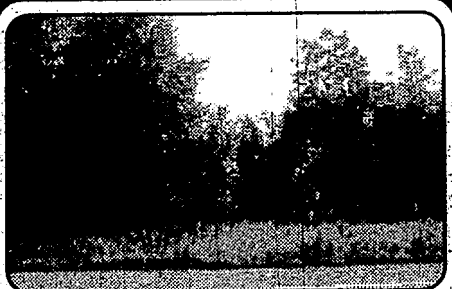
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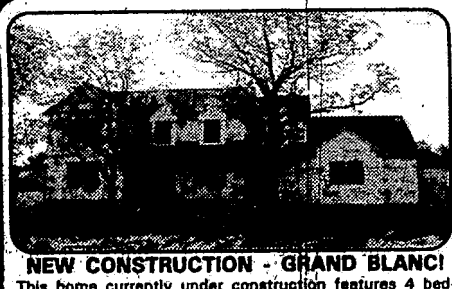
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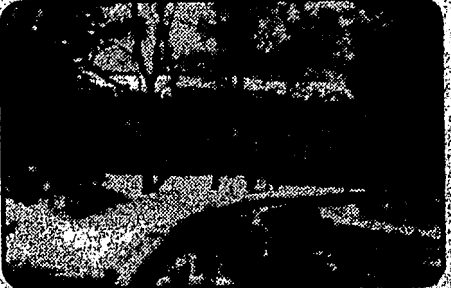
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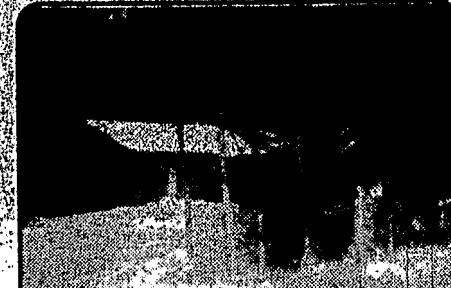
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City to crack down on restaurant sewer maintenance

BY DON SCHELSKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Downtown Clarkston businesses have caused thousands of dollars in "extraordinary maintenance" costs because of a failure to install and maintain grease traps, according to city officials.

In the future, responsible businesses will have to foot the bill, following action by the Clarkston City Council on Jan. 10.

The issue has been discussed at various times over the past six or seven years, but the hard line strategy was adopted after officials saw videotapes documenting grease discharge into the sanitary sewer system.

"You're going to start getting bills from Independence Township for extraordinary maintenance for these facilities," said Gary Tressel, the city's contracted engineer through Hubble, Roth and Clark. "This is an issue that has to be addressed. You have to have a mechanism to recover your money."

The council sent an advisory letter several years ago, but City Manager Art Pappas said no one took responsibility for

the problem.

"People came in and said, 'It's not me, it's the other guy,'" Pappas said. After recent meetings with the Independence Township Department of Public Works, however, there is no question.

"We watched the videotape, and everybody's the cause of it," the city manager said.

"It is happening throughout [downtown]," Tressel said. "Anyplace that processes food."

Because of markings inside the sewer lines, a snake-like camera is able to record conditions at individual connections from local businesses and homes, officials said.

Tressel said the township DPW does maintenance checks every four to six weeks. The most recent sewer maintenance bill came in at \$2,300, which is being paid from the city sewer fund. If the problem isn't fixed, such bills could range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and that isn't the

worst-case scenario.

"They're doing extraordinary maintenance because the discharge from these units is not being appropriately handled," Tressel said. "The ultimate problem is going to be when someone discharges something that causes the sewage to back up into the basements of people upstream. They're going to come to this body to pay to clean the mess up."

The council voted to charge responsible businesses for the "extraordinary maintenance" (which requires the DPW to use acid to break up the grease buildup) and for any "consequential damage" to the sewer lines or property, caused by backups.

Billing will be done based on the businesses' "residential equivalent unit," which is also used to compute regular sewer charges.

Council members wanted to be kind in communicating the new policy, but agreed to hold businesses more accountable.

"The problem is not unsolvable," Mayor Sharron Catalo said.

'The ultimate problem is going to be when someone discharges something that causes the sewage to back up into the basements of people upstream. They're going to come to [the Clarkston City Council] to pay to clean the mess up.'

Gary Tressel of Hubble, Roth and Clark Contracted engineer for the City of Clarkston

Pedestrian signal will change: Wylie

In other business at the Jan. 10 meeting of the Clarkston City Council:

• Council Member Steven Wylie said he received an e-mail promising a change to the pedestrian signal at Main and Washington streets.

According to Wylie, an e-mail from a staff member at the Road Commission for Oakland County said an electrician will reprogram the system to return the walkways to an automatic cycle, eliminating the need to push the pedestrian crossing button before crossing M-15.

Officials had complained about the new push-button system, installed by the road commission under orders from the Michigan Department of Transportation when new traffic signals were installed at downtown intersections last year.

Wylie said such changes usually take about two weeks. City Manager Art Pappas said he had not received notification that the change was approved.

• The city administration will ask the Traffic Improvement Association to conduct a study at Washington and Holcomb streets to see if stop signs are "warranted" for all four legs of the intersection.

Wylie suggested the study, but other council members predicted controversy.

"From my perspective it's a good thing to do," Wylie said, noting he tends to try to stop there even without a stop sign. "It seems like a natural place to put a stop sign."

Council Member Kristy Ottman, however, warned

that stop signs on Holcomb would cause traffic backups, making it difficult for Holcomb residents to get in and out of their driveways.

"We talk about it every year" with the road commission, Pappas said, and others noted previous debate on the issue.

Because the city is a member of TIA, there will be no cost for the warrant study.

Ottman also volunteered to poll Holcomb residents to gauge their reaction to the idea.

• Council Member David Savage proposed that the city revisit their master plan with contracted planner McKenna and Associates.

Officials briefly debated both the need and the process of such a review. Mayor Sharron Catalo said the master plan is technically under the authority of the planning commission, but council members are welcome to share their suggestions.

• Recognizing that poverty can be an issue in Clarkston, the council established guidelines for use by the city board of review for property tax appeals.

Pappas said two homeowners made such appeals last year. For such purposes, local governments are allowed to set poverty levels no lower than that determined by federal guidelines.

The city council voted to set the official poverty level at a point midway between the single person federal minimum of \$9,310 and the Oakland County minimum level of \$14,700.

— Don Schelske

Museum hosts
'Capturing Clarkston'

'Capturing Clarkston: A Celebration of Everyday Life' is on exhibit at the Clarkston Heritage Museum, located at the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road. This is the ninth installment by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, who opened the museum's doors in 1999.

The exhibit focuses on the daily life of Clarkston's earliest residents within the village and surrounding farms. Each display case is centered on different themes such as elementary school, high school, early childhood, business, women's fashion and handiwork, and also religion.

In the early childhood case are items such as a wind-up toy giraffe, child's parasol, hand stitched nightgown and images of small children at the turn of the last century. Because children have a way of growing up, the exhibit also covers high school years with old yearbooks, a marching band baton, as well as photos of the local soda shop and pool hall.

Business exhibits include the Porritt Diary, Setterlin Bros. Chevrolet Dealership, Addis Hardware, Miller & Beardslee lumber yard and even a Hydro plant owned by Henry Ford.

On the fun side, there is a collection from when Clarkston was a popular tourist destination.

The exhibit will be on display until late spring. For more information, please contact the Clarkston Heritage Museum at (248) 922-0270.

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High school students selected for national listing

Who's Who Among American High School Students has announced the selection of the following Clarkston High School students for the publication's 38th edition:

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Students are nominated for the list by high school principals, guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

The listing features approximately 600,000 high school students, or about 5 percent of the 15,000,000 high school students in the United States.

Around Town

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•The Start Smart! program is revving up again for the winter. Registration is open for parents and children, ages 3-5, looking to learn sports basics. The classes open this winter are basketball, soccer, baseball and the sports development class. Instruction will begin in February on Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the class.

•The Tot Lot at the Anderson Elementary gym lets kids in second grade and younger enjoy some of parks and rec's equipment on Mondays, starting Feb. 7-Mar. 21 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Parent supervision is strictly enforced and there is a \$2 drop in fee for Clarkston schools students, \$3 for non-resident students.

•Rockin' Kids' Fridays are back for children in grades one-five on Feb. 11, Mar. 11 and Apr. 15. Each evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner and continue on into the night (until 9:30 p.m.) with exciting activities and games. The P&R staff will be chaperoning these events and the cost is \$13 for residents and \$18 for non-residents per evening. Registration deadline is the Wednesday prior to each date.

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

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.

•Hooray for Homeschoolers: Celebrate Groundhog's Day, Feb. 2, 1:30-3 p.m. Learn about mammals and animal tracking. Activities are designed for elementary school children.

•Snowshoe at Twilight, Feb. 6, 3-5 p.m. School-aged children and adults will enjoy a snowshoe trek followed by marshmallow roasting and cocoa sipping. Cost is \$3 per person.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is hosting the annual Night on the Towne dinner-dance and auction at the Liberty Grille and Golf Club on March 19. Tickets are now on-sale for the event at \$75 each or \$150 per couple.

For more information, to purchase tickets or contribute an auction item, please contact any Optimist member or Event Chairman Jill Popour, through Clarkston State Bank, at 248-922-2700.

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health. Measles, for example, is estimated to kill 35,000 children every year. Major successes have been achieved, both during and after the Taliban era: in 2002. More than 11 million children were immunized against measles (measles immunization coverage now stands at about 80 percent) and some 6.4 million children were immunized against polio in each of five rounds of vaccinations (polio coverage exceeds 80 percent). There is a concern that cross-border transmission may occur if maximum polio immunization coverage is not achieved soon.

Access to healthcare for women was severely restricted during the Taliban era and a recent study undertaken in four Afghan provinces indicates that the country still has one of the highest maternal mortality ratios in the world, estimated at 1,600 deaths per 100,000 live births. Other health issues of concern are goiter and stunting — both related to the lack of iodized salt in Afghanistan — and anaemia due to iron deficiencies.

Diarrhoeal disease is prevalent among children, especially during summer months, because of severe water shortages, notably in rural areas. Approximately 65 percent of the population in urban areas and 81 percent in rural areas do not have access to safe water, with considerable regional disparities.

There are an estimated 3 million children now attending some form of learning, the vast majority at the primary level. Nationally, girls make up on average 30 percent of the student population, a massive increase even compared to the years prior to the Taliban restric-

tions on girls' education. However, in southern and eastern parts of Afghanistan, girls enrollment rates remain unacceptably low. In addition, the enormous demand for education has placed more pressure on the school system in terms of physical access, the need for classroom supplies and the shortage of qualified teachers.

Land mines continue to threaten the lives of women and children on a daily basis. Latest estimates indicate that between 150 and 300 people are killed or injured by land mines every month in Afghanistan, many of them children.

For more information on the March 6 brunch, call (248) 625-4583.

Clarkston man named 'Who's Who' from DeVos

Mark Theriot, receiving his Executive MBA from Northwood University's Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management, was selected as a national outstanding campus leader.

His name will appear with 20 other students from DeVos in the 2004 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

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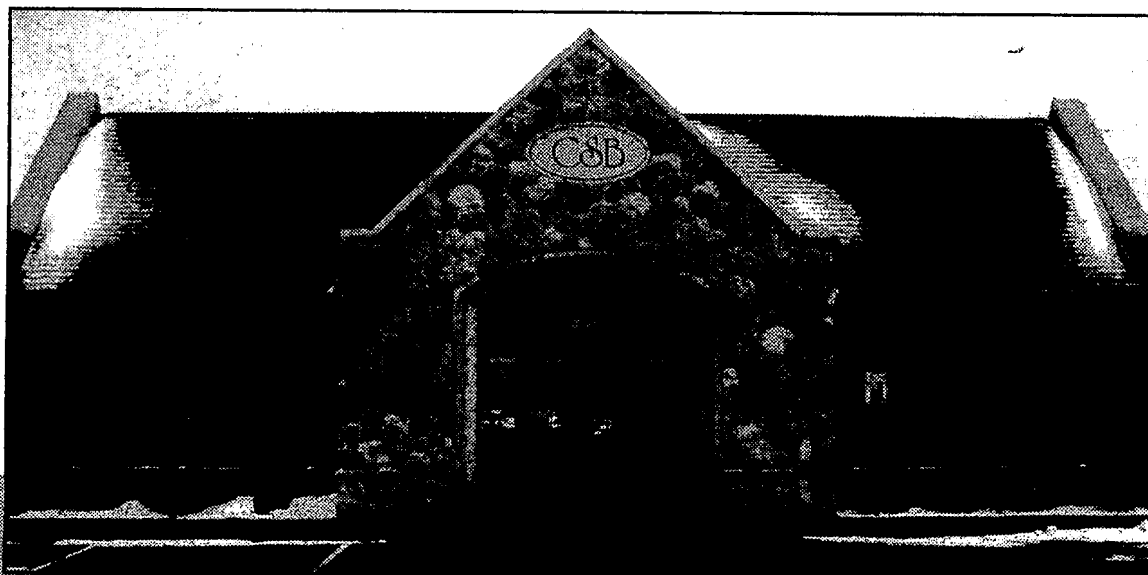
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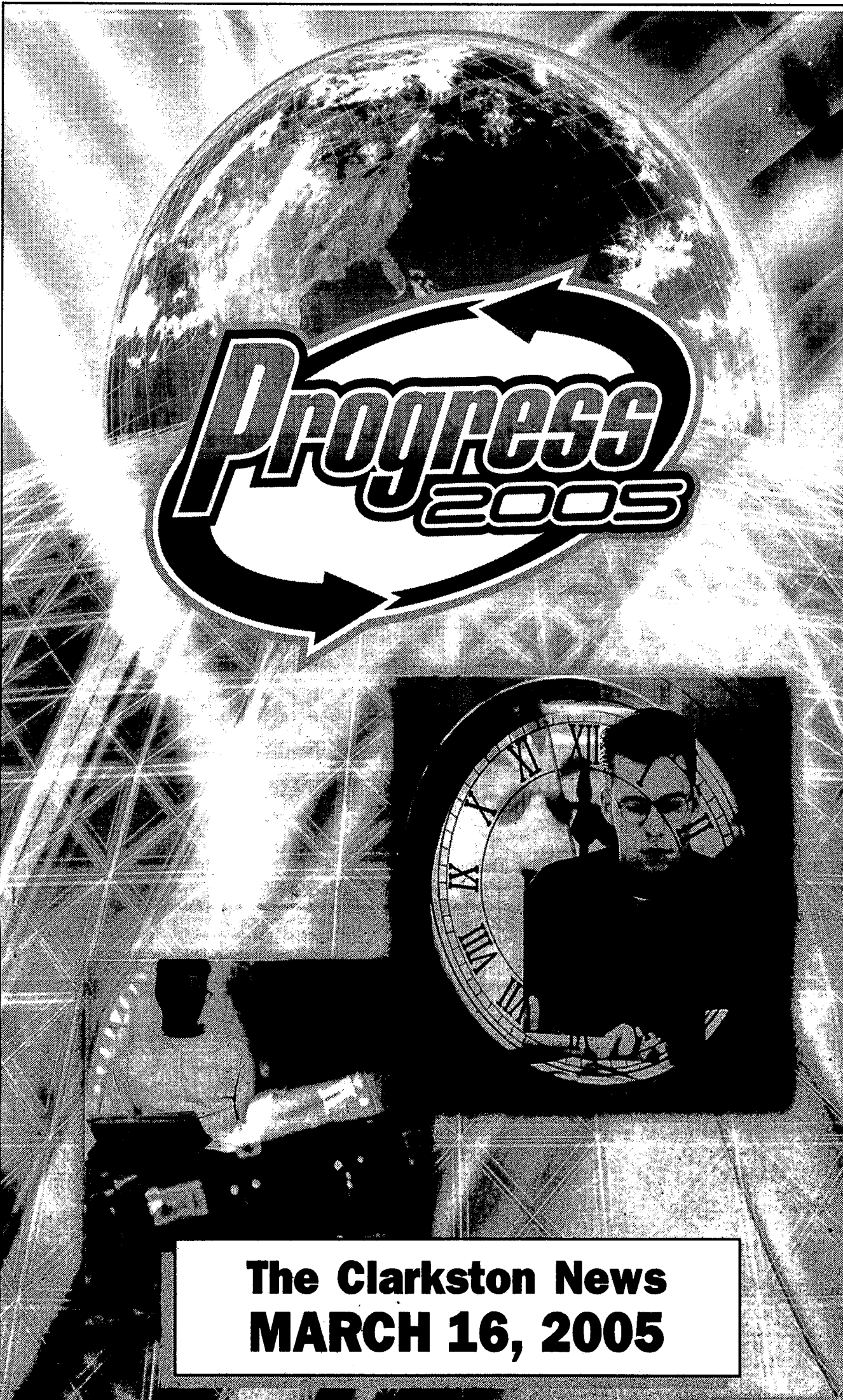
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Obituaries

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) Afbale 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 Afbale, 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.

Myrna Irene Laity

Myrna Irene Laity, of Ft. Myers, Florida, formerly of Pontiac, passed away on January 12, 2005 after a three year battle with cancer. She was 68.

Mrs. Laity was the loving wife of Robert, also formerly of Pontiac. She was the mother of Jeffrey Laity of Milnor, North Dakota, Jennifer (Greg) Arvanigian of Portage, Michigan, and Jana (David) Cothran of Georgetown, Texas; grandmother of Andrea, Alex, Nicholas, Samuel, Simone and Sophie; daughter of Irene and the late Paul Webster; and sister of William, David and Paula Daul. She is also survived by many cousins in Florida and Indiana.

Mrs. Laity was a 1954 graduate of Pontiac High School and attended Wayne State University in Detroit, where she met her husband of 48 years. She loved her family and friends, and enjoyed playing bridge socially. She enjoyed being employed by the banking industry.

A funeral service was held on January 18, 2005 at Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial took place in Ottawa Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 Heath Park Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908 or the American Cancer Society.

Florence "Pat" Maloney

Florence "Pat" Maloney, of Clarkston, passed away on January 14, 2005 at the age of 63.

Mrs. Maloney was the loving wife of Dan; the mother of David of Clarkston, Terri Ann Brakebill of California and Randy of Clarkston; the grandmother of Alexandria, Kody, Michael and Hayden; and the sister

of Mary Ann Longroy of West Branch, Jeanette Haley of South Lyon, Richard Surdu of Royal Oak, Bob Surdu of Southfield, Judy Balas of Southfield, Ann Karay of Florida, Grace Daibess of Dearborn and Carolyn Faraj of Dearborn.

Funeral was held at St. John Baptist Catholic Church in Detroit. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to St. John Catholic Church.

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SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.
Roll. Present: Catalo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Ottman, Savage, Wylie.

Absent:None.

Minutes of December 13, 2004, accepted as presented.

Moved That the Agenda be accepted as presented with the addition of Tim Smith re: Plum House and the deletion of Item 2, Bruce Whitmer Correspondence from Unfinished Business.

Resolved that bills in the amount of \$273,786.51 be approved for payment.

Ottman reported that she is still investigating the feasibility of a website for the City.

Savage requested review of the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

Wylie stated that he had received an e-mail from the Road Commission regarding the new timings for the walk/don't walk at M-15 and Washington that will be changed. Wylie will be informed when this change occurs.

Discussion of a four-way stop at Holcomb and Washington resulted in the Council instructing Pappas to request that the T.I.A.study this intersection to determine the feasibility of a four-way stop.

Mayor Catalo complimented the D.P.W. on maintaining the streets during the recent snow storms.

Chief Combs reviewed the Police Department statistics for December and the statistics for the 2004 calendar year.

Chief Combs reported that Officer Steve O'Neil would be resigning and he is reviewing candidates for officer positions as well as two reserve candidates.

Pursley reported that Mike Perrault, D.P.W. employee since May, resigned to accept another position. If necessary, a replacement employee may be requested at a later date.

Pappas distributed information from the Chamber of Commerce regarding a Leadership Clarkston Joint Board Meeting to be held on February 3, 2005, at the Springfield Township Civic Center.

Pappas reported on the proposed new School Election procedures whereby each City and Township in a school district will be running school elections rather than either one Township or the school administration.

County Commissioner Tom Middleton was present to report on the reorganization of the Lake Boards and new committee assignments.

Mr. Tim Smith was present to ask Council of the feasibility of changing the zoning of 69 South Main from residential to commercial. Discussion followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitmer were present to protest the City's moving the rocks that had been placed on the City right of way.

Corey Johnston, 61 Clarkston Road, referred to Wylie's recent letter to the Council and asked if Wylie was involved with the Whitmer property. Wylie responded that he had no involvement with the Whitmer property.

Gary Tressel was present to report on the extraordinary maintenance that has been performed by the Independence Township D.P.W. on the sewer lines on Main Street. Video taping of the sewer lines indicated grease being released into the lines from the commercial buildings served by the sanitary sewers. Independence Township D.P.W. crews have had to use acids to break up the grease and open up the sewer lines.

Moved that the City Manager draft a letter indicating that charges incurred for extraordinary maintenance will be billed to the properties involved on an REU basis, and that any consequential damages as a result of sewer backups will also be borne by the property owners. The City Engineer, City Manager, and City D.P.W. have reviewed video tapes which were made available by the Independence Township D.P.W.

City Council adopted a resolution authorizing Oakland County to act as agent for the grant fund purchase of new election equipment.

City Council adopted a resolution recognizing George D. Goodman's service to the Michigan Municipal League as Executive Director as well as other positions held.

City Council adopted poverty guidelines for use by the Board of Review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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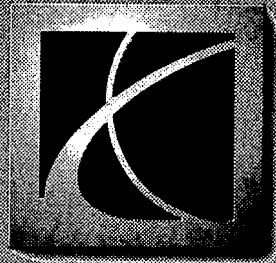
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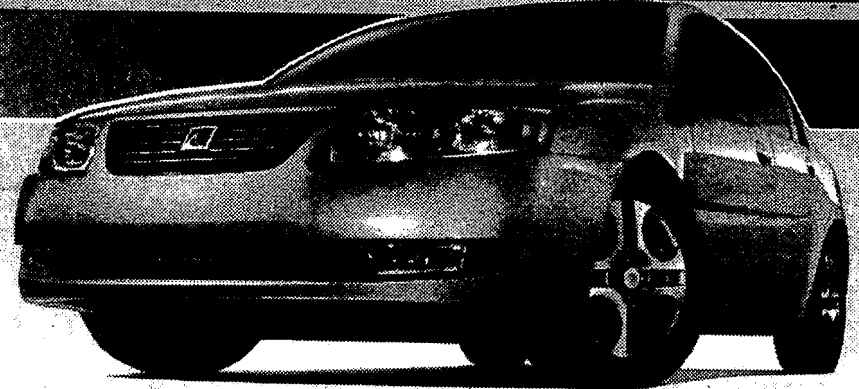
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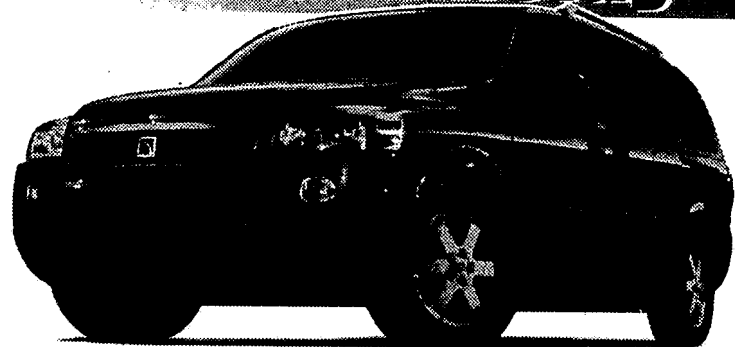
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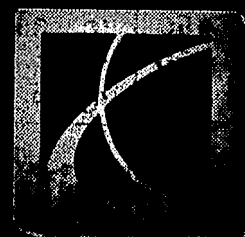
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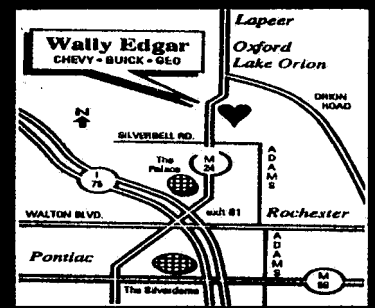
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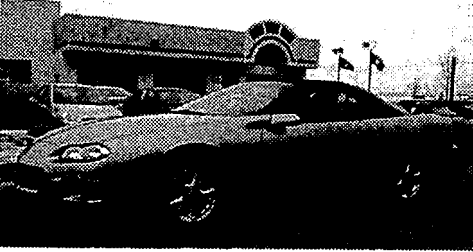
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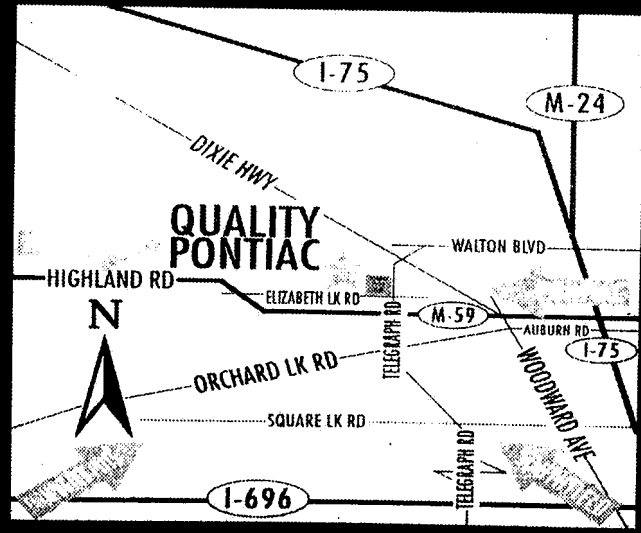
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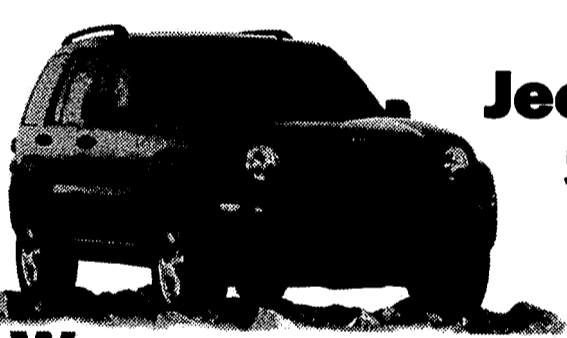
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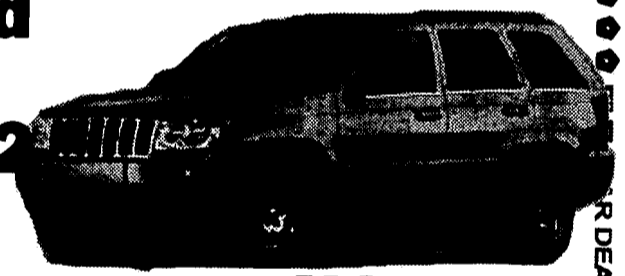
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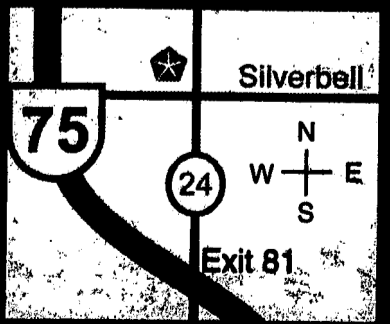
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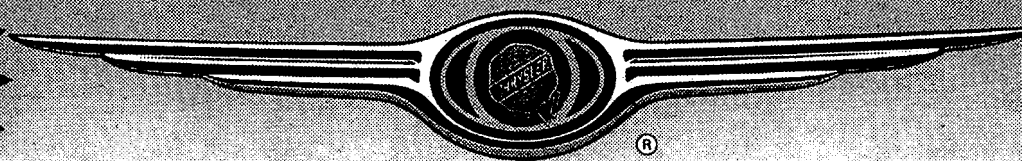
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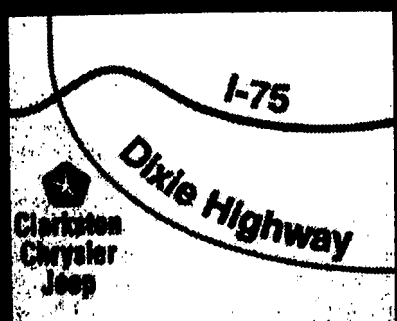


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