

Happy hosts...



Sheila and Fred Ritter enjoy their role as hosts at the Open Your Hearts benefit for Clarkston Lighthouse on Feb. 10. The Ritters again opened their home for the charity soire. For the full story and more photos, please see the Millstream section beginning on page B1. Photo by Jenny Matteson

COG resurfaces to fight possible WalMart complex

BY JENNY MATTESON
 Clarkston News Editor

Reports of Orco Investments Inc. possibly bringing in a development near the Sashabaw Road and I-75 connection in Independence Township has spread like wildfire – leading several area residents to begin doing a little research of their own.

According to a press release sent from attorney Neil Wallace's office, Citizens for Orderly Growth (COG) scheduled an informational and organizational meeting on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston High School auditorium regarding the Troy-based developer's possible intent to develop a currently residentially zoned 72-acre parcel near Sashabaw and Waldon roads with a WalMart, Lowe's and 100-room hotel.

The release states that after hearing reports, a core group of residents decided to take action. These individuals researched ways to assist the community in becoming informed and to organize effectively to voice their opinions. Their work led them to reforming COG.

COG is a non-profit organization first formed in 2001. The press release states, "members consist of concerned citizens whose purpose is to actively monitor, analyze and respond to development propos-

als in order to be certain that decisions about how Independence Township is defined occur with substantial public input." The press release continues to state that members hope to guarantee all development proposals are considered through the area's values, standards, ordinances, master plan and Vision 2020 Plan.

The press release states the Feb. 23 meeting is to provide information about the township's planning process, zoning ordinances and master plan, in addition to exploring ways to be heard by township officials. *The Clarkston News* spoke with several individuals involved with planning the public meeting; however, all refused to go on the record.

The Clarkston News also attempted to contact Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner for an update on the possible development and comments regarding COG; however, repeated phone calls have not been returned for the past two weeks.

At the last township board meeting, officials stated a formal proposal has yet to be presented.

For more information on COG, or for anyone unable to attend the Feb. 23 meeting, please send an e-mail* to newall@aol.com.

Man charged with threatening brother at gunpoint

BY DON SCHELSKE
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

An Independence Township man last week allegedly threatened to kill his family, police, his enemies and even himself.

During a family dispute, the suspect held two loaded weapons to back up his threats, according to Oakland County Sheriff reports, but was arrested before he harmed anyone.

Kenneth Langley Abbott II, 26, was arraigned on Feb. 9 before 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin on charges of felonious assault and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Bond was set at \$10,000 cash. He is scheduled for a Feb. 18 preliminary examination.

Deputies responded to a home on Pine Knob Road shortly after 1:30 a.m. on Feb. 9 after receiving a re-

port of a fight between Abbott and his brother. The fight had ended when deputies arrived, but the suspect admitted to pointing a Ruger .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol at his brother while holding a loaded .22 caliber rifle in his other arm.

"I threatened to kill my family tonight," Abbott said to deputies and asked to be taken to jail. He admitted to drinking earlier in the evening, and family members said he was on medication for depression.

Deputies also confiscated a 12-gauge shotgun, a

20-gauge Beretta and a variety of ammunition from the suspect's residence.

Abbott and his wife, who live in the basement of his father's home, reportedly had been arguing earlier. At various points in the dispute, the suspect's father, mother, brother and the brother's girlfriend were involved in trying to calm him. The brother held the suspect down while others took the guns, reports said.

After the armed confrontation, the suspect reportedly went into the kitchen to cook, and continued to make threats while stabbing a cutting board with a large knife. One of the family members called 9-1-1, fearing he would again lose control, reports said.

During booking at the Oakland County Jail, the suspect continued to talk of harming his brother, claiming his intent was to wound but not kill him, reports said.



Kenneth Abbott II

Millstream

Local people open their hearts and wallets.

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Antique enthusiasts gather in Springfield

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Sports

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Finding the beat...

CHS percussionists earn first place



Clarkston High School freshman percussionists earned a first place division rating at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival in Lake Orion on Feb. 5. The group is under the direction of Ms. Shelley Roland. They performed on xylophone, marimba, snare, timpani, bells, temple blocks, suspended cymbal and chimes. The annual event brings together high school music students from Oakland County to perform and is sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. The students at CHS have earned the honor to perform at the State Level on March 19.

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The Second Front

Briefly

Clarkston Chrysler Jeep gives to tsunami victims

Clarkston Chrysler Jeep participated with 39 other Chrysler Jeep superstores across southeast Michigan to raise \$87,400 in tsunami relief funds targeted to the rebuilding of the Sri Lanka village of Galle. All funds are donated through the Salvation Army of Southeast Michigan.

The amount came from donations of \$25 for each new vehicle sold or leased by one of the 40 store members during the month of January. The fundraiser came through the Chrysler Jeep Superstore Advertising Association of Southeast Michigan.

Dealership reports evening car thefts

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft of two vehicles apparently stolen from a local dealership's body shop while a night custodial crew was on duty.

Deputies responded to Bowman Chevrolet on Feb. 10 after the body shop manager reported that a Ford Mustang convertible and a Chevrolet Impala were missing. Another dealership employee said he saw someone driving a Mustang with the top down north on M-15 as he was driving into work that morning.

Later, deputies interviewed members of the custodial crew, who said men they believed to be delivering parts unlocked an access gate and were seen inside the body shop.

One of the custodians later saw the cars leave the dealership, but apparently did not suspect anything suspicious.

After receiving the report, a deputy remembered seeing men fitting the description at the BP gasoline station at M-15 and Dixie Highway the previous evening.

Further investigation revealed that the service station has a video surveillance system. That video and the various witness statements were turned

Sheriff offers free drug-alcohol test kits

In November 2004, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office began offering free drug and alcohol screening kits to parents at their headquarters office in Pontiac.

Drug kits are now available at local sheriff substations.

Kits may be picked up Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment on a first-come, first-served basis. (The Springfield Township substation requires an appointment.)

Parents may anonymously pick up a kit and administer the test in the privacy of their homes. The kits are able to screen for marijuana, cocaine, heroin and painkillers like Vicodin, ecstasy, methamphetamine and alcohol.

In addition, kits are pre-packaged with instructions and information on community resources available if it is discovered a child is using drugs or alcohol.

The Independence Township substation is located at 6560 Citation Drive (in the rear of Fire Station #1). The Springfield Township substation is located at 9075 Big Lake Road (in the Colombiere Center complex).



Anna Kerr has collected more than 75 hats for orphans in the Dominican Republic. Photo submitted

Hats off to Clarkston area youth

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Thousands of teenagers are drawn towards the equator around this time of the year.

Like so many, Clarkston High School senior Anna Kerr is jetting to balmy climes. Unlike the majority, Anna's trip is one of philanthropy.

Anna, as well as her mother Maureen Tippin, will join others from all over Michigan and Ohio on the Midwest Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic. Since 1974, the mission has provided relief to people seeking treatment of cleft lips, hernias, malnutrition, various kinds of infections, congenital disorders and other abnormalities.

"It feels great, but at the same time it is heartbreaking. Because there are always people at the end of the day that are lined up at the door waiting to get medical attention and we have to say 'I'm sorry,' especially on the last day," said Kerr.

Having taken part in the mission last year, Anna, a fifth year Spanish student, will reprise her role of translator for a team of close to 25, including nurses and surgeons.

"Obviously I don't do any medical stuff, but I did as much translation as I could (last year)," said Kerr, who added that some of her other responsibilities in-

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Love for theater brings Clarkston together

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A woman with a passion for theater wanted desperately to share her dream with others.

Her dream: to form an organization where participants can express themselves.

Janet Rose, 88, was one of the founders of the Clarkston Village Players.

When the idea came to Rose, she instantly shared her dream with her husband Pete.

"At first he laughed at my idea and said it was crazy," said Rose. "He said who would want to get up there and do all those things on stage."

In the end, Pete's actions spoke louder than words. He became one of the major actors of the Clarkston Village Players, and when he passed in 1989 he left a legacy. Every year, a lucky Clarkston High School student receives the Pete Rose Scholarship worth \$500.

The Rose family was very active in The Clarkston Village Players. She is proud that her children were involved in her dream. Her sons Steve, Hugh, Patrick and Chris helped with the productions both on stage



Janet Rose holds a picture of husband Pete.

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CHS Senior Spotlight

Name: Jason Kuhn
Parent's Names: Hope and Dan Kuhn

Favorite Subject: History
School Activities: Member of NHS, was a member of the football team from ninth through eleventh grade.

Outside Interests: Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, youth leader in my youth group at Clarkston United Methodist Church, attended Boy's State, snowboard instructor, working out, going to movies and hanging out with my friends.

What are your plans after graduation? I will attend the University of Michigan where I will study psychology, biology or politics. I would love to travel and see more of the world that we live in.

Where do you see yourself in 25 years? I see myself as a person who will be established in my community with a family and a career that I will enjoy.

Best friends are people who: you can trust and who accept you and love you no matter who you are. They don't try to compromise your ideals and goals in life and want you to have a better life because they are in it.

What worries me most about the world is: that society will not become more accepting of the many different types of people, ideals and opinions in the world today.

I will make a contribution to my community by: continuing to volunteer my time through organizations like Boy Scouts and by staying involved with my church community.



Clarkston school board elections offer new faces

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

At 4 p.m. on Feb. 2, the petitions were counted and three challengers have brought a variety of options to the Clarkston Schools board of education elections.

Currently, Stephen Hyer and Ronald Sullivan are rerunning for 4-year seats, while Barry Bomier hopes to finish out the remaining 2 years from his appointment. Challenging for seats on the board are...

David Lohmeier is running for a four-year term. He is active in Clarkston Schools and in his children's education. He attends all their school dances, parties and activities.

"I am strictly a dad," says Lohmeier. Wanting to run for the school board for many years, Lohmeier said this election was perfect timing. He said the latest activity within the school board has inspired him to run.

"I think I can dedicate myself to the board," said Lohmeier. "I believe my chances are good, and the community has been supportive."

Barbara Seiltz is running for a two-year term. She is currently the PTO president at North Sashabaw Elementary and the PTA treasurer at Sashabaw Middle School. Seiltz has also been a Parent Advisory Team member for two years. In addition, she is active with Spring

Into Reading and Destination Imagination.

"I am running because I feel I have skills to bring to the board," said Seiltz. "I feel I can do good for all Clarkston kids and not just my own."

Seiltz said she is a firm believer that as a board member you do what is right for the community, even if it's not in the best interest of her own children.

Robin Matczak is running for a two-year term. Her involvement with Clarkston Schools includes school activities as well as working from home to prepare for future ones. She has been a PTA member for years, and said she has what is needed to bring clear communication the board.

"I'm running because my exposure to how things have been handled has been unsatisfying," said Matczak. "It's all about communication."

Matczak has years of experience in the marketing/research field. She feels her professionalism will lead to positive choices for the school district.

"I want to be a part of the growth of Clarkston," said Matczak. "When decisions need to be made, I feel I can address them with solid, researched answers."

Matczak feels her chances of winning are great; she is seeking the support of friends and community members.

Continue to look in future issues of *The Clarkston News* for election updates.

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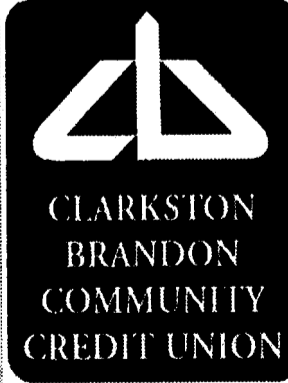


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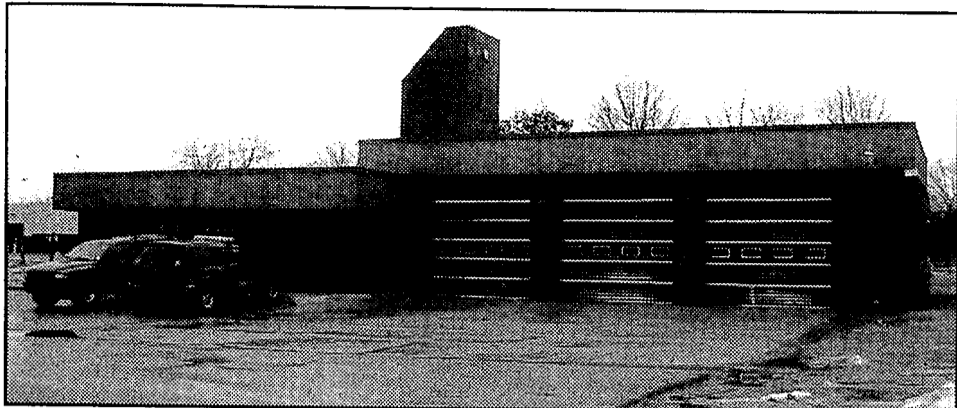
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Springfield Township Fire Station #2 sits at the northwest corner of Dixie Highway and Rattalee Lake Road. Photo by Don Schelske

Station expansion planned

BY DON SCHELSEKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township owns property earmarked for an eventual third fire station, but expansion and renovation of Fire Station #2 is a higher priority, officials said last week.

After some preliminary conceptual work, the township board voted on Feb. 10 to authorize soil borings and a topographical survey at Dixie Highway and Rattalee Lake Road. In addition, the township will hire a consultant to do "value engineering" in an attempt to cut the cost from an initial estimate of \$1.8 million.

Supervisor Collin Walls said a committee of township board members and

fire officers met last October with the CHMP consulting firm on conceptual plans to expand Fire Station #2.

The plan was large and comprehensive, and officials recognized it as too large to be accomplished in one phase or to be completed by a fire department deadline of Dec. 31, 2006.

Walls later said the \$1.8 million "guesstimate" included additional and expanded bays for fire trucks, space to accommodate the fire department headquarters offices (currently located at Fire Station #1 in downtown Davisburg) and a community/training room.

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Plea bargain reduces charges against cop assault suspect

BY DON SCHELSEKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The man charged with assaulting a restaurant manager and a Clarkston police officer pleaded guilty to a lesser charge last week and will face sentencing on two misdemeanor offenses.

Thomas M. Wilhelm, 45, of Lake Angelus, was previously charged with resisting and obstructing a police officer (a two-year felony), assault and battery (a 93-day misdemeanor), and disturbing the peace (a 90-day misdemeanor) after a Jan. 15 incident at the Clarkston Union Bar and Grill.

At a Feb. 10 appearance before 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin, the prosecution agreed to amend the first charge to another count of assault and battery and to drop the disturbing the peace charge. In exchange, Wilhelm agreed to plead guilty to the two assault charges.

After the staff at the Clarkston Union refused to serve alcohol to Wilhelm on Jan. 15, police reports said he became unruly,

grabbing a manager before attempting to leave the establishment. Wilhelm (who is confined to a wheelchair) later grabbed a police officer's jacket, pulled him down and punched him in the face.

Kostin ordered Wilhelm to report to the probation office for a pre-sentencing report before a date for sentencing is set.

Kostin also continued Wilhelm's \$100,000 personal bond, but defense attorney Larry Barnett successfully lobbied for permission for Wilhelm to visit Florida for two weeks to view a potential real estate purchase.

Barnett said Wilhelm has abstained from alcohol since his arrest and is now receiving counseling.

Neil Wallace, who serves as Wilhelm's civil attorney, welcomed the news of the plea bargain.

"I think it was a good resolution to a difficult situation," Wallace said. "[Wilhelm] is turning his own situation around."

Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs thought the case was worthy of full prosecution.

"I'm extremely disappointed in the outcome of the case," Combs said. "I was not in agreement with the prosecutor's office's decision to reduce the charge to the extent it was reduced. I strenuously objected."

Child sex offender suspect headed for circuit court

BY DON SCHELSEKE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Testimony last week by a now-14-year-old girl led to a decision to send a criminal sexual conduct case to Oakland County Circuit Court.

David N. Benton, 44, of Springfield Township, appeared before 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin on Feb. 10 for a preliminary examination on two counts of second degree criminal sexual assault against a child under age 13.

The felony charge describes unwanted touching with sexual intent, and carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

Kostin agreed to allow the youngster to testify in a closed courtroom concerning activities during numerous visits to Benton's Springfield Township home between January 2000 and December 2001.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Hala Jarbou said the youth, whose father worked with Benton and lived in the same neighborhood, testified to multiple incidents of "piggy back" rides which led to Benton's touching her in inappropriate areas of her body.

After about 35 minutes of closed door testimony and cross-examination, defense attorney Matthew Brown attempted to cast doubt on the girl's story, claiming there were too few details to prove probable cause.

"It's not clear whether there was incidental contact," Brown said to Kostin. "She didn't know how long [the contact] was... She didn't remember many of the details."

Jarbou argued for ample evidence of the criminal activity.

"We have a period of two years," Jarbou said. "This wasn't a one-time incident. This wasn't an accident."

Jarbou later said the prosecution did not present all the available evidence at the preliminary examination.

Benton still faces a preliminary examination on eight counts of possession of child sexually-abusive material, eight counts of using a computer to commit a crime, accosting and soliciting, and one count of possession of marijuana.

Feb. 10 was to be the preliminary examination on the computer-related charges, but attorneys agreed to an adjournment until March 4. Brown, only recently retained by Benton, has yet to view the images in evidence and the Oakland County sheriff detective in charge of the case was on vacation last week.

March 4 will also be the pre-trial conference date on the recent charge of accosting and soliciting, lodged after evidence that Benton allegedly sought to have his niece undress and allow herself to be videotaped in January 2003 while at his home just before they were scheduled to attend a funeral.

All the charges stem from a November 2004 investigation launched after a woman employed to clean Benton's home discovered evidence of numerous images of child pornography on home computers. That led investigators to identify the two young victims of alleged inappropriate personal contact.

Kostin continued bond, which now totals \$450,000 cash for the combined charges, and Benton remains lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

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Opinion

Leading Clarkston

Guess what. I'm looking forward to May. Why do you ask? Not because of a birthday or anniversary or any other specific holiday, but because I get to learn what the next step is for "Leadership Clarkston."

I get to learn what action will come from the abstract discussions on mission statements and community visions that took place at the Feb. 3 joint meeting. I get to learn who will take a "leadership" role in the action. I especially get to learn who will "foot the bill" of the action.

I wrote an article on "Leadership Clarkston" in last week's edition. I talked about the concept, the goals and the various participants. I even did a side-bar on the history and the results of last year's session.

Amazingly, what stands out most to me in those articles is not what was accomplished with the sessions, but who "led" those sessions and reached the resulting goal.

The News to Me



Without local business owners, everyone would have to travel for services. Up for an hour drive to get a pizza, anyone? Without local business owners, everyone in the community would be a commuter. Everyone would have to travel for their income. The "sense of community" would diminish.

Without local business owners, the schools would begin to fail and crumble. Imagine trying to pass a millage without the support of local businesses. Heck, Proposal A was created specifically to try and assist schools in low economic (and more likely than not low business) areas.

Without local business owners, there would be no need for a local government. The tax base to pay for one would be rock bottom. Employment counts in the area would be nonexistent. The population counts would drop dramatically.

Ultimately, without local business owners, there would be no community. The gold mine would dry up, and the area would become another American ghost town.

After last year's "Leadership Clarkston" meetings, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce (i.e. local business owners) took the lead and ran with the "volunteer" theme.

The chamber offered spotlighting in the business directory for non-profits. The chamber created and heads the Clarkston online community calendar. The chamber provided free advertising in the monthly business newsletter for non-profits, and so on. The chamber led.

What I'm anxious to see happen is for "Leadership Clarkston" to move beyond the vague ideas. I'm ready to see the joint effort find a solid, worthy project without all the bureaucracy.

I'm ready to see the government entities, the school district and the non-profits take as strong a lead as the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce did this past year.

I'm ready to see something happen in May.

Wompole Drive resident adds detail

Dear Editor:

After reading Mr. Schelske's article, one unfamiliar with the facts could get the impression that, after over 50 years of peaceful ownership by my family and I of our property on Wompole Drive, I am now an unreasonable neighbor. I would like to clarify the following facts:

• There are decorative boulders throughout the city placed by residents just like me to protect their property from vehicles that pass outside of the roadway bed.

The south end of Wompole has been lined with them for at least 70 years. These south boulders were straightened and moved closer to the road without complaint last summer when the Zupon's and I got tired of waiting for the city to fix them.

The north end of Wompole has had boulders in the past as well as a basketball hoop, all at the edge of the roadway without complaint.

• Prior to being arbitrarily ordered to move the boulders at the north end of Wompole by the council, a majority of the DPW and independent contractors were consulted and agreed to move the boulders.

• The council heard from other neighbors who expressed their outrage at the city's arbitrariness. The council learned of the unsafe driving habits of the Swaynes in backing up over 50 feet into my driveway and heard first hand what really happened when my vehicle was hit.

All of this leaves me with destroyed landscape and an exposed vehicle that has been hit in my driveway in the side at the exact same spot and from the exact same angle, and a bill for \$2,500 times two for repairs.

The Clarkston City Police Department refuses to issue tickets on Wompole or investigate because they consider it to be a private road. The five members of the city council who refused to listen to both sides of the issue feel I should be more neighborly. I leave the reader to their opinion.

Based upon their observations, they all agreed with Mayor Catallo that moving one boulder at the very corner of the Swayne driveway on my property would be sufficient to resolve the matter. Both observed the triviality of the situation, commented on the improvement the boulders and landscaping made to the neighborhood and expressed their feeling that it was unfair to ask me to move all this after the ground had frozen when the boulders had been in place most of the summer.

With difficulty due to the frozen ground, I removed the one boulder as requested. We felt the matter was resolved.

• On Dec. 13, 2004 the council (less Mr. Savage and Mr. Wylie who had previously announced he would be absent), Art Pappas and Tom Ryan, in concert with two of the neighbors, the Swaynes and the Johnstons,

elevated this trivial matter to crisis proportions.

This was no "mediation." The issue was not on the agenda, but Mayor Catallo made a comment that all the "parties were present." In essence, every effort was made to make sure that no one attended the meeting supportive of my position (the Swaynes have not attended a meeting since).

• On Dec. 20, 2004 I hand delivered a letter putting the city on notice that the resolution the council passed was not authorized under the city charter and that it was invalid. The city refused to explain why this interpretation of the city charter was wrong.

While Mr. Ryan, city attorney, alleges that my claim is without merit, long-time residents will recall that the city was found guilty of being "arbitrary" in the Ettinger matter and was forced to pay the Ettinger's legal fees. In the Kopietz matter, the Michigan Court of Appeals agreed with the Oakland County Circuit Court that the city failed to use "competent material and substantial evidence" in reaching decisions regarding the Kopietz matter as city residents.

This article reflects my confidence in some of the city council members who refused to listen to both sides of the issue.

Sincerely,
Bruce F. Whitmer

Rotary celebrates 100 years

Happy Birthday, Rotary!
On Feb. 23, 2005 Rotary International will turn 100 years old. How many service organizations have survived 100 years?

Rotary started as a group of four businessmen in Chicago who met weekly for fellowship and business contact, and has grown to include 1.2 million Rotarians with 32,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries. The original group rotated their meetings among the professional offices of the four men, hence the name "Rotary." From

their first service project (either a public toilet outside city hall in Chicago or the donation of a horse to a local doctor, depending on which project was really first) to the world-wide scope it has attained, the focus remains fellowship, service and ethics in business.

On Feb. 23, Rotarians around the world will celebrate the beginning of this wonderful organization. Happy Birthday, Rotary!

Mary Sloan
Member Clarkston Rotary Club

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Faded Ink

Droopy drawers and all

I'll be the first to admit, in print for all the world to read, I think pants that hang down half-mast look sloppy. I'll say the look looks bad. I admit when I see younger-than-I folks with their pants down, showing their undies and/or butt cheeks and/or specially placed tattoos, I cringe and think, "What, are they stupid? Pull them pants up."

I know what my dad would have done if I came home looking like that -- an hour lecture on the virtues of self-respect and on how first impressions often stick.

I can honestly say I hate that wardrobe style. Further, if anybody came to a job interview with that look, I would not hire them -- even if they were the best candidate.

I never said I was cool, hip or with it. Were I not so rotund, I'd call myself square.

All that said, I am amazed at the politicians in Virginia. Last week, one of their two legislative bodies actually drafted a bill that would fine folks fifty bucks for being caught with gravity defying pants. I thought this was still America, home of the brave and land of the free. Where if you don't mind looking like a bum, you can.

I mention this, because it's alarming to see where we are headed, in regards to freedom, as a nation.

Take for example this long-haired, leftist, blow-hard out Colorado way. Ward Churchill got my blood churning recently when news got around about what he wrote about victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. This pointy-headed, America-hating, university professor compared the victims to Nazis -- calling them "little Eichmans," referring to the Nazi official who helped oversee the Holocaust.

While I may take offense to what he said, thus coming to the conclusion he's a big fat jerk, I don't believe he should be shut up (though he might want to shut up). There's a big effort afloat out west to can Ward-o. Why? He's an American and he has the right to speak his mind. It is his prerogative.

Over in Okemos, near the state capitol of Lansing, a company by the name of Weyco Inc. has told its employ-

ees they can't smoke. They can't smoke at work or during work. They can't smoke in their cars going home from work. They can't smoke in their garages or basements. They cannot smoke, ever. To do so is to be axed from the company payroll.

The company is just trying to save money on health care insurance.

Yikes! Does the same standard apply to employees who take risky (yet legal) chances by eating fatty fast foods, engage in "un-safe" sex or riding a motorcycle without a helmet? And I wonder, does it apply to the top of the corporate ladder as well as those down a few rungs?

Ain't it great to be living, working and being in America?

Speaking of living in America, quick: What is the cornerstone of American life?

If you answered anything other than the First Amendment to the Constitution, I think it is time you went back and hit the history books.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Needless to say, it's a way of life in these parts. That's why I was disheartened to learn more than one in three American high school students said the First Amendment went "too far" in the rights it guarantees.

This survey of over 112,000 students was conducted with a \$1 million grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation last year.

More frightening was that 36 percent of the kiddies believed that the government should approve newspaper stories before being released to the public.

WHAT!?????

What is being taught these days? Better yet, what is not being taught? How much time is spent on the Constitution and the unique grandness of the document?

I don't know. It seems the more enlightened we become the more intolerant we become. If America is to fulfill its destiny, there has to be room for those long-haired, droopy-drawerred, smoking loudmouths as well as the flabby squares like me.

Comments to that radical, Mr. Don Rush, can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@charter.net

Don't Rush Me



Don Rush

Do long news stories cause readers to stop?

Newspapers that rely on subscriptions for circulation (which generates advertising dollars) have lost readers for some years now. Dailies have been particularly hard hit, but so have many weeklies.

As a person who has had newspaper ink in my blood for 50-plus years, I've recently noticed a trend of reporters and editors lengthening their stories. Almost no front page story is completed there on the front page. They may jump a couple pages.

When we started in this business (weekly) all stories on the front page were completed there... weddings, sports, millages, accidents, whatever, it didn't matter. Now stories go on ad infinitum.

As publisher I preached quick and short sentences, get into the topic and get out. I figured we wouldn't have a reader long, what with all the demands (real or imagined) for their time.

The same is true with column writers. Though my columns are relatively short, I'll admit, keeping them on one theme isn't easy when one's thoughts are short.

Like: You know you're getting old when more and more sales people are offering you lifetime guarantees.

Because, you know you're getting old when you are no longer interested in lifetime guarantees.

See, short and easy -- but where is the middle? How do you fill the space in between those two sentences to make a single-themed column?

Chesor, the cholesterol attacking pharmaceutical, has and ad that says, "See our ad in GOLF magazine." Are they saying golfers are predominantly fat?

For Christmas I got a big, pink piggy bank that oinks when coins are slipped in the slot. That's not hard to figure out is it? Drop coin, oink! The instructions, however, came in Deutsch, Italiano, Nederlands, Svenska, Dansk, Norsk, Portuguese, Suomi, three oriental tongues, Evvhinka (the vv's are upside down), English, Francais and Espanol. Why all the instructions?

When in a grocery store trying to decide between brands I often wait until a lady (who looks like a cooker) comes by to ask her suggestions. Recently I needed a

spaghetti sauce. I couldn't even find those words on a label. The lady said, "My favorite is Barilla, hope you like it." I did.

I always thought PETA was an acronym for People for Ethical Treatment of Animals. Following a beat up, old pickup recently I learned another acronym. His bumper sticker read: People Eating Tasty Animals.

When a recipe calls for a pinch of salt are they referring to some diminutive lady's fingers or a sumo wrestler's? This one really got me when making a Mexican casserole recently: One onion.

Do you know how many sizes of onions are at our farmer's market? A recipe for cooking a whole chicken sitting on a can of beer calls for an onion or potato to be stuffed in its neck. I drank the beer, cut the chicken in half and put it on the grill.

I haven't shot a deer or caught more than two fish a season for years, so why do I keep reading Gander Mountain, Cabela's and Bass Pro ads? Same is true with golf magazines.

I know it's the magician not the wand. Clothes, reels and stroke counters won't help me.

My dog, Shayna, says, "He took me to dog training for eight sessions and I finally have him believing I'll come when I darn well please."

Bacon update: Daughter Luan continues her Michigan Bacon of the Month Club offerings. The latest is "Old Fashioned Bacon" from Olsen's Market in Petoskey. It comes from the Circle M Ranch, South Straits Highway, Wolverine.

It's thick sliced and fries the crispiest of all the 14 other brands of bacon given me by daughters. It has a great taste and its aroma lingers long in our house, which is good.

So there you have it: one column many thoughts. What do you like better?

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

A Look Back

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

15 YEARS AGO (1990)

•Village passes by 685: The 5.6321 millage request for Clarkston schools was approved Feb. 12 with 4,063 yes votes and 3,378 no votes.

"It was busy," said Rosemary Howey, elections clerk in Independence Township.

About 7,441 of the township's 17,000 registered voters turned out. The vote total is not official until it's certified by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers, which takes about a week, said Howey.

•Clarkston's primary is Feb. 19: It looks as if the Village of Clarkston primary election Monday, Feb. 19, will determine the make up of the Clarkston Village Council.

Only members of the Republican Party are vying for spots on the ballot for the March 12 general election. No Democrats are running.

• Looking to the future: Pictured is Christopher Messing, of Wealthy, Independence Township, gets an early start on voting techniques. His mother, Deanette, stops in at the voting booth at Clarkston High School on Feb. 12 to cast her ballot.

25 YEARS AGO (1980)

•Without Pine Knob, Reserve cops' future glum: The future looks glum for Independence Township's reserve police unit, according to Supervisor Whitey Tower.

Township attorney, Richard Campbell, told reserve members last week they should not cover Pine Knob Music Theatre's traffic control, because they cannot write tickets or enforce state laws, Tower said.

•Flashing signs for school area: Flashing speed limit signs on both sides of Waldon Road at the Clarkston school complex are to be installed before the end of the school year.

"It will be a couple months maximum by the time they (the Oakland County Road Commission) get them in," said Supervisor Whitey Tower.

The \$3,054 cost is to be divided equally among Independence Township, Clarkston Community Schools and the road commission.

•Parents protest discipline policy: Parents in disagreement with Clarkston High School's method of disciplining students for absences by withholding grades took their complaints to the board of education Monday night.

After an hour and a half of listening to the faults the parents see in the policy and the ways in which it is administered, the board decided to ask administrators for a report on the matter, expected back at the board's March meeting.

50 YEARS AGO (1955)

•Rotary Club Hears Debate: Four students from the University of Michigan, under the leadership of Marvin Esch, presented a debate to the members of the Clarkston Rotary Club on Monday evening at the Community Center.

•Truth Dollars Fight Communism: The campaign for Radio Free Europe is on. Radio Free Europe is supported by Crusade For Freedom. Every American is asked to help.

General Walter Bedell Smith, former Under Secretary of State and former American Ambassador to Moscow, is the new President of the American Heritage Foundation, which sponsors the Crusade for Freedom.

•Freak Accident Causes Damage: On Thursday morning of last week at about 5:30 a Readi-Spud Potato Company truck traveling north on M-15 lost a right rear-wheel which ran across a vacant lot and then rammed a metal garage door at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Erickson, 6140 S. Main St.



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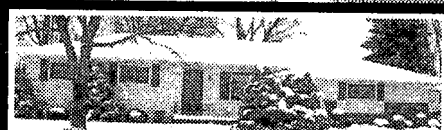
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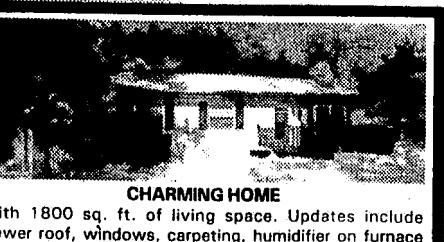
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Independence Township

February 8: Domestic assault on Waldon Road near Clintonville Road. A 56-year-old man was arrested for assaulting his wife.

Malicious destruction to vehicle report on Mann Road.

February 9: Attempted home invasion on Mann Road. A resident discovered damage to the back door and glass

at a home, but no entrance was gained.

February 10: Larceny of mail report at Maple Green apartments.

Fraud report on Ottawa Court. A man accused his brother of appropriating approximately \$30,000 from his retirement bank account.

February 11: Suspicious circumstances on Heartwood. A resident turned in a large hunting knife found on the ground near a school bus stop. The knife was processed for proper disposal.

Larceny of prescription drugs at

Adult Care Inc. on N. Eston Road. An employee is suspected of stealing 30 tablets of Vicodin.

February 12: Malicious destruction to vehicle report on Maybee Road near Dixie Highway. A driver reported something hitting the window while she was driving.

Larceny of a wallet from an unlocked vehicle at Bank One on Dixie Highway.

Malicious destruction to four vehicles at Hidden Lakes apartments.

February 13: Subject arrested for driving while license suspended and giving false identification on I-75 near Sashabaw Road. While investigating a personal injury crash, deputies arrested a 27-year-old Highland Park man suspected to be one of the drivers involved in the crash.

Assist to fire department at fire in basement on Deerhill Drive. No injuries were reported.

to take him into custody.

Larceny report on Andersonville Road near Clark Road. A woman whose husband recently died discovered that about \$6,500 cash and her husband's last will and testament were missing from desk drawers in their home. Footprints were discovered outside the home and in the home's thick carpet.

February 10: Assist fire department at basement furnace fire on Ridgewood. No injuries were reported from the fire.

February 11: Assault report at New Horizons Rehabilitation Services on Dixie Highway. A 17-year-old employee was accused of assaulting a fellow worker. No arrests were made because of conflicting versions of the story.

City of Clarkston

February 3: Operating while intoxicated arrest on Holcomb near Miller. A 43-year-old Marlette man was stopped for speeding, and in a preliminary breath test was found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.23 percent.

February 6: Operating while intoxicated arrest on S. Main Street. A 33-year-old Holly man was found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.23 percent.

February 7: Operating while intoxicated (second offense) arrest on N. Main Street. A 37-year-old Clarkston woman was found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.27 percent.

Woman reports peeping Tom at gym

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is investigating an incident in which a custodian is accused of peeping into a women's locker room by lifting a ceiling tile.

Deputies were called to the Powerhouse Gym at Sashabaw and Waldon roads on Feb. 9. A woman said she was in the women's locker room applying makeup when she saw a hand lift the ceiling tile near the wall mirror.

The custodian, who works out of a closet on the other side of the sink where the woman was standing, said

he was simply storing hangers in the ceiling area and denied any wrongdoing.

A gym manager and the deputy inspected the area, however, and discovered that the ceiling tile had a corner removed to make it easy to lift. Lifting the tile from above the ceiling made it easy to see the entire women's locker room, reports said, and it appeared the tile had been lifted and returned numerous times.

The case was turned over to the county prosecutor's office for review.

Springfield Township

February 9: Retail fraud arrest at the Kroger store on Dixie Highway. A manager saw a 47-year-old Davisburg man place several items inside his coat. The suspect left the store without paying and was detained until deputies arrived

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Clarkston News Sports

Wolves rebound from season's low point



Brad Goodman had 16 points to lead Clarkston to victory against Pontiac Central. Photo by Noah Purcell

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

With a 52-48 loss to Pontiac Northern on Feb. 8 still looming large, Clarkston's cagers were able to stave off Pontiac Central 49-38 to salvage the week.

After the victory though, the pain of their second loss of the season still lingered. Clarkston is 14-2 (6-2), and now tied for the league lead with Northern.

"That's damn near criminal in Clarkston, not being ready for a Pontiac Northern game," said Clarkston Coach Dan Fife. "If they are not ready for the Northern game, that's a team thing, that includes everybody including me. My job is to make sure they're ready and prepared and ready to come out and play."

Northern was able to close out Clarkston from the free throw line; however, against Central the Wolves got

to sit in the cat bird seat. Down the stretch senior guard Brad Goodman converted nine of 10 free throws

to seal the victory. Goodman finished with a team high 16 points, 13 of which came from the charity stripe.

The victory over the Chiefs also exorcised some demons from Clarkston's past. Last year the Wolves lost a nine-point lead in the final minute before being beaten at the buzzer.

"I didn't really think about (last year) until I heard someone say 'We'll beat them in 11 seconds just like we did last year.' It kind of reminded me it's never over until it's over," said Goodman.

Central came out of the blocks quick, scoring the first six points of the contest. The Wolves weathered the blitz and found themselves down 8-7 at the end of the first despite shooting 2-15 from the field. Clarkston kept themselves in the game in the first and on into the second quarter by forcing turnovers, especially by drawing charges.

"Against other teams, kids would go to the basket strong and we have looked like bull fighters out there—Ole'd them and let them go all the way. When somebody's out of control you have to make sure you get them, you have to be in front of them and take the charge," said Fife.

Central coughed the ball up 13 times in the first half, six times on offensive fouls, allowing the Wolves to lead 21-13 at the break.

"They play smart basketball. You know Clarkston is going to sit there and take those charges. (We have) to

pull up and shoot the little short jump shot instead of trying to force it to the basket and we kept trying to force it to the basket," said Central Coach Albrey Tipton.

After shooting 6-25 in the first half, Clarkston came out gunning in the second half pushing the lead to 31-17 with four minutes left in the third. Unfortunately for the Wolves, Central rallied, steadily cutting into the lead with aggressive play around the cup and spirited offensive rebounding.

Sophomore transfer Dameon Abram, who was ineligible for Clarkston's 74-59 win on Jan. 23, proved to be a major factor for the Chief's down the stretch. Abram had 14 of a game high 21 points in the second half. His efforts helped pull the Chiefs to within one, 36-35 with five minutes left in the game.

"Our effort was there. We are not going to beat any-

body on physical presence or natural ability. It is always going to have to come from effort and from within and I think that has al-

'That's damn near criminal in Clarkston, not being ready for a Pontiac Northern game.'

Dan Fife, Clarkston Basketball Coach

ways been the character of our program," said Fife.

With the Chief's at the Wolves door, senior Adam Briceland willed home a 15-foot jumper to give Clarkston a three point cushion. Briceland, one of seven Clarkston players stricken with the flu, left school earlier in the day, but still chipped in five points and three rebounds.

On Clarkston's next possession, junior Joe Moran made the score 40-35 with 2:42 left in the game. After an errant Central field goal, Brad Goodman was dropped to the floor by an intentional foul, resulting in two free throws and the ball. Goodman poured in Clarkston's final nine points from the line to seal the game.

"This is a tough place to play, as is playing two Pontiac teams in a row—two good teams... to win tonight in their gym is a good victory for us. We could have easily folded tent here," said Fife.

Sophomore Bren Bergquist sucked in 11 rebounds and blocked two shots for the Wolves. Senior Robbie Clark chipped in 14 points and Moran had 12 points.

The Wolves welcomed Troy to the CHS gym on Feb. 15. The Colts nearly shocked the Wolves with some hot shooting in their gym on Jan. 21 before giving up the ghost in a 53-49 Clarkston victory. The Troy-Clarkston game finished too late for this edition of *The Clarkston News*.

On Feb. 18, West Bloomfield comes calling, looking to avenge their 69-40 denigration at Clarkston's hands on Feb. 1.

Inside sports

■ **Basketball:** 2/8 Pontiac Northern 52 Clarkston 48; 2/10 Clarkston 49 Pontiac Central 38; Clarkston vs. Troy inc. Up next: 2/18 vs. West Bloomfield. *This page.*

■ **Volleyball:** 2/10 Clarkston 3 Seaholm 1; 2/12 Saginaw Valley Tournament, 6-1 total, honorable mention. Up next: 2/19 at Andover Tournament. *Page 12A.*

■ **Wrestling:** 2/11 Second place at OAA League Meet. Up next: 2/16 Team districts at Lake Orion. *Page 11A.*

■ **Hockey:** 2/11 Clarkston 2 Novi 2; 2/12 Clarkston 3 Riverview 3. Up next: 2/16 at O.L. St. Mary's; 2/18 at East Kentwood; 2/19 at Mona Shores. *Page 12A.*

■ **Skiing:** 2/8&9 Boys and girls first place SEMSL divisionals. Up Next: 2/17 Regionals; 2/21 OAA Championship; 2/22 SEMSL finals. *Page 12A.*

■ **Swimming:** 2/8 Clarkston 95 Royal Oak 91; 2/10 W. Bloomfield 135.5 Clarkston 49.5. Up next: 2/25 OAA League finals. *Page 11A.*

Athelete of the Week – Jennifer Stanton



Senior Jennifer Stanton is the Athlete of the Week for her dedication and leadership on Clarkston's girls ski team.

Stanton has skied competitively since her freshman year. She was taught how to ski at the tender age of two by her grandfather.

Coaches Bruce Rosengren and Tami Niemi are proud to have her as a member of the ski team as Stanton strives to keep morale up and make sure everyone

feels like they belong.

Jennifer, 18, has lived in Clarkston her entire life with her parents Chris and Toni. Next year she will attend Central Michigan University, where she will join her brother Ryan. She is interested in human resource management. Her favorite subjects at CHS are marketing and anatomy.

Aside from school and skiing, Jennifer enjoys going to the movies and hanging out with her friends.

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Clarkston grapplers come up short at league meet

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Going into the OAA Division 1 tournament on Feb. 11, Clarkston wrestling was looking for a measure of redemption for their 4-3 league record.

Clarkston trailed Lake Orion by only three points going into the medal rounds. But the Dragon wrestlers went 2-1 against the Wolves in the finals to push their winning margin to 169.5-160.

"This was a tough tournament to win. Clarkston, even though they're

damaged goods, they have some kids out of their lineup, they're still formidable," said Lake Orion Coach Doug Kline. "I'm still pinching myself, still trying to figure out how we accomplished so much with our kids being so young."

The last time Lake Orion won the OAA was in 1990. The Dragons also won the state title that year.

"It's always a bummer to not win league," said Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain. "(Lake Orion) has really had a heck of a season. A team like that deserves to win league."

Three Clarkston wrestlers netted individual championships in their weight class:

Steve Herron, despite being down on points, won the heavyweight division by pinning Troy Athens' Jimmy Kinaia at 1:43 of the second round. Herron advanced to the second round on a bye and won that match with a pin halfway

through the first round.

Braden L'Amoreaux, after pinning his first two opponents in the first round, won an 8-4 decision over Avondale's Chris Gillen to claim the 145-pound championship.

Mike Maguire stormed through the 103-pound championship match, besting Troy High's Jon Thomas 10-2.

Also placing for the Wolves were Josh McAllister (160) and Bryant Craft (140) finishing in second; Adam Lauzen (171) and Tyler Scheider (112) in third; and Steve Cooper (189) and Sam

Cooper (215) in fourth.

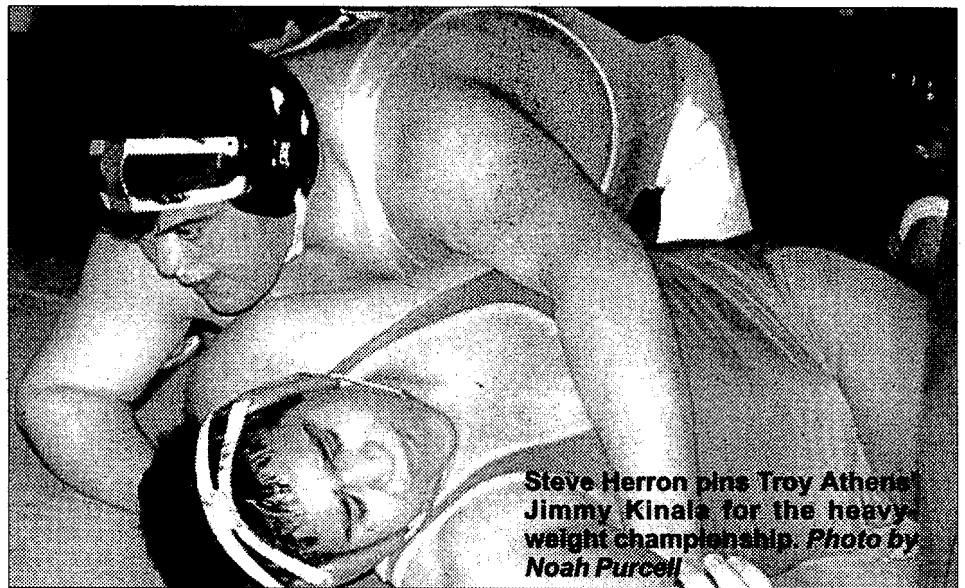
After Clarkston, Rochester came in third at the league meet with 145 points followed by Avondale (138), West Bloomfield (132), Waterford Mott (77), Troy Athens (57) and Troy (52).

"It will be nice to get one last shot at (Lake Orion) when we are 100 percent healthy," said DeGain.

Tommy Ellsworth left the league meet before his second match due to illness. Bryan Webb and Steve Smiley were sidelined for the past few weeks. All three, especially early in the season, wrestled well for the Wolves.

Lake Orion will host team districts on Feb. 16. Clarkston is scheduled to go up against Holly in the first round but could meet the Dragons in the finals.

"We match up well with Holly... But it's been shown multiple times this year that if we aren't on our game, we can be beat," said DeGain.



Steve Herron pins Troy Athens' Jimmy Kinaia for the heavyweight championship. Photo by Noah Purcell

'It's always a bummer to not win league.' Joe DeGain, CHS Coach

Swimmers now look to OAA's

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's swim team had an up and down week to close out their season. The Wolves won a close match, 95-91, against Royal Oak on Feb. 8 but fell 135.5-49.5 to West Bloomfield on Feb. 10.

Against Royal Oak the Wolves won seven of the 12 events. Top finisher for the Wolves was sophomore Josh Badgerow who won the 50 free; 100 butterfly; 200 free relay teamed with juniors Ryan Kurrle, Mike Nelson and John Wilson; and 200 medley relay with Nelson, freshmen Greg Dedow and

Kurrle.

Junior Jim Peers won the 200 and 500 free. Nelson added first place in the 100 breaststroke to his relay accomplishments. Freshmen Phil Voorheis won the 200 IM.

West Bloomfield, one of the better programs in the league, was a different story as only Badgerow won an event for the Wolves - the 100 butterfly.

The Wolves will now rest up and practice for the OAA league tournament which runs Feb. 23-25. Clarkston went 3-8 in the regular season this year.

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By Ernie Harwell

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Netters ready to peak

The Wolves' volleyball groundhog apparently did not see any shadows two weeks ago for Clarkston has been blooming as of late.

Having bested league rival Seaholm 3-1 on Feb. 10, Clarkston stormed into the Saginaw Valley tournament on Feb. 12 and took second place.

"For some of our younger players it has taken this long to realize varsity is a different level," said Clarkston Coach Kelly Avenall. "Some lights are coming on... they are starting to go a little harder and are getting to some balls they did not think that they could get to."

The Wolves beat Lapeer East (honorable mention in Class A rankings), North Branch (honorable mention in Class B rankings) and Goodrich before splitting with Waterford Mott to win their group at Saginaw. In the semifinals Clarkston exacted some revenge on Troy Athens who beat the Wolves 3-0 on Jan. 17 and is running away with the OAA Division I title on an 11-0 record.

Clarkston fell short in the finals against Walled Lake Northern, but according to Avenall, are pleased with their overall results and play.

Over the course of the tournament, Stephanie Parkin accrued 51 kills and 12 aces. Carolyn Murdock was voted player of the day by the Wolves and took home the honorable mention trophy.

In response to her team's spirited play over the weekend, Avenall gave them a day off practice this week. The Wolves play next at the Andover tournament on Feb. 19. They are part of a pool with Lake Orion, Port Huron and Madison.

"Looking at the pool of teams that will be at Andover, we have a good chance of getting to the finals again," said Avenall.

After this past weekend's action, Clarkston is one step closer to .500 at 15-16-1 (5-6). -Noah Purcell

Like a snowball going downhill

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston skiing inched closer to cementing their status as a dynasty as both the boys and girls teams won the South Eastern Michigan Ski League divisionals on Feb. 9 and 10.

The boys are defending the SEMSL title for the fourth year in a row. The girls have triumphed in the finals three years running.

"We are trying to do our best Lance Armstrong impression," said Clarkston Coach Bruce Rosengren. On the boys side, Clarkston tallied 41 points. Roch-

ester Adams finished second with 72, followed by Lake Orion with 136.

Clarkston's Alex Rosengren won both the slalom and giant slalom events. Eric Weiland and Kevin Vahlbusch finished fourth and fifth respectively in the slalom. Vahlbusch also nabbed third in the giant slalom.

"Alex seems to be peaking at the right time. (Everyone) skied real well and very strong. We have gelled as a team," said Rosengren.

The girls put up 52 points as a team, 35 ahead of second place finisher Cranbrook (87). Lake Orion came in third with 98 points.

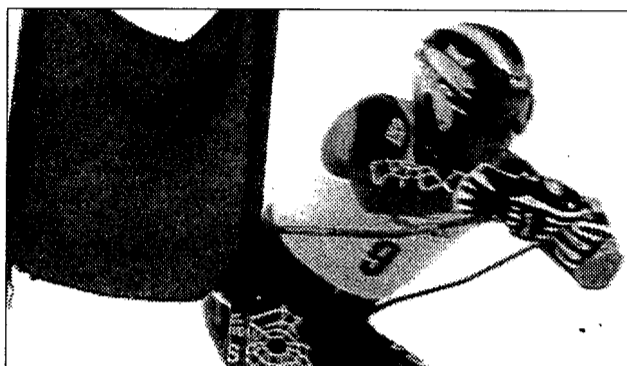
Mo Weiland was the top skier for the Wolves in both events, finishing third in the slalom and giant slalom. Trisha Peters also helped with her fourth place finish in the slalom.

"Peters has really stepped it up for us, she is one of the biggest surprises for us this year," said Rosengren.

The top three teams at SEMSL's divisionals advance to the finals on Feb. 22.

Clarkston was scheduled to compete in the OAA conference championship, but the meet has been rescheduled for Feb. 21 due to rain.

Before the Clarkston attends the OAA meet, they will compete in the Regionals on Feb. 17. All the ski team's upcoming action will be at Pine Knob.



Alex Rosengren took first in both slalom and giant slalom at the SEMSL divisionals. Photo by Noah Purcell

Wolves haunted by wins that got away

BY NOAH PURCELL

Clarkston News Sports Writer

After their fourth year competing in the High School Hockey Showcase the Wolves still stand undefeated— but that is not necessarily a good thing.

Clarkston's record stands at 0-0-8 after two more ties this year to Novi and Riverview on Feb. 11 and 12.

"Even though we tied it still feels like a loss," said Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier. "I think we gave both games away."

Against Novi on Feb. 11, Clarkston allowed two second period goals after scores by junior Matt Prasil and senior Mike Fogg. Seniors Trevor Johns and Bryan Morin assisted on the second goal.

"(Riverview and Novi) are both good teams, if you let your guard down for a period they will come back on you," said Krygier.

On Feb. 12, the Wolves let Riverview take a 1-0 first period lead. Clarkston rebounded in the second with three goals, but allowed Riverview to knot the game with two tallies in the third.

Scoring for the Wolves against Riverview were: Morin assisted by junior Kyle Chartrand; Johns assisted by Fogg and senior Alex Handley; and Chartrand from junior Mike Medonis and Morin.

Particularly worrisome to Krygier was the ineffectiveness of Clarkston's power play unit. He felt he might need to juggle the lines to rekindle the Wolves virulence from earlier in the season.

Senior goalie Michael Brach started both games at the showcase and recorded 46 saves over the course of both games.

The Wolves have a difficult stretch coming up next week with three road games on their schedule.

On Feb. 16, the Wolves, currently ranked fourth in Division I, play at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, who is ranked third in Division III.

Clarkston will then travel to the west side of the state to battle East Kentwood (Grand Rapids) on Feb. 18 and Mona Shores (Muskegon) on Feb. 19. East Kentwood is currently ranked ninth in Division I and Mona Shores is ranked sixth in Division II.

Clarkston is now 11-5-3 on the season.

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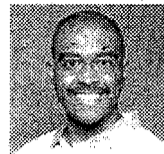
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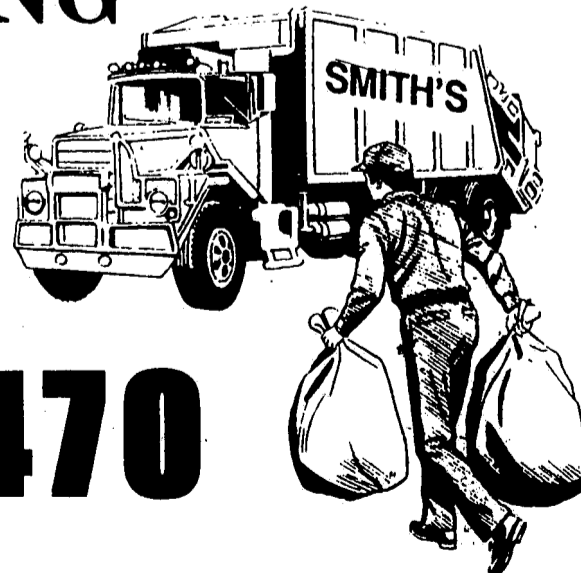
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The 10 Commandments of identity protection

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

Your personal finances are your responsibility. Last month we discussed the importance of keeping track of your credit score. This month we continue. You can protect your credit through protecting your identity and the new check clearing law pushed down from Washington, D.C. will also have ramifications for some.

Knowledge is power. The more information somebody has about you the more power they have over you. Here are the 10 Commandments of Identity Protection

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3. Review all your monthly credit card statements as soon as possible after they arrive each month.

4. Shred everything, and make sure whatever you do not shred you cross-out so that none of the numbers remain in a readable row. Destroy any unwanted credit card and refinancing offers.

5. Guard your mail from theft by collecting it regularly and forwarding it to a post office box if you will be out of town.

6. Keep the personal information you have at home and at work in a safe place. Do not put any information other than your name or address on your checks.

7. Guard deposit slips as closely as checks. Not only do they have your name, address, and account numbers, but they can also be used, to withdraw money from your account. All a thief has to do is deposit a bad check and use the "less cash received" line to get money out of the account.

8. If you are denied of credit, find out why, especially if you have not reviewed your credit report lately.

9. Do not carry your birth certificate, passport, or other cards that display your Social Security number in your wallet, except when necessary. Only carry as many credit cards as necessary. Photocopy everything that you carry to make canceling and replacing things easier if your wallet is lost or stolen.

10. Create unique passwords and personal identification numbers (PINs) and avoid using easily available information such as mother's maiden name, date of birth, or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

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determine acceptable and required standards for secure exchange.

Check 21 does mandate that institutions provide educational material to their consumer customers describing how an IRD is the legal equivalent of an original check, and descriptions of the consumer re-credit rights as per Check 21. The Federal Reserve will provide a 'sample' for financial institutions to use for their consumer awareness notices.

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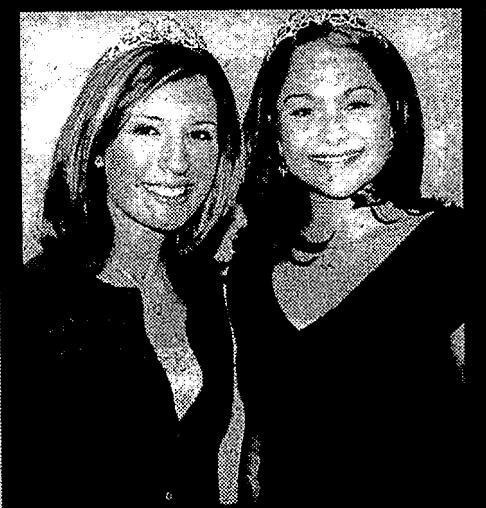
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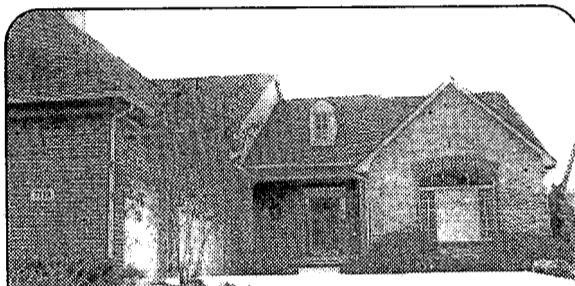
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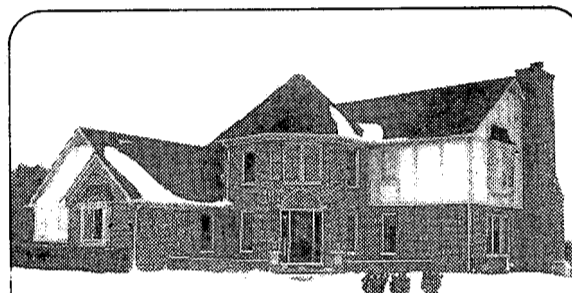
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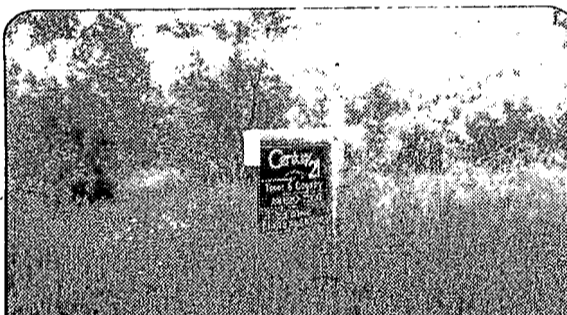
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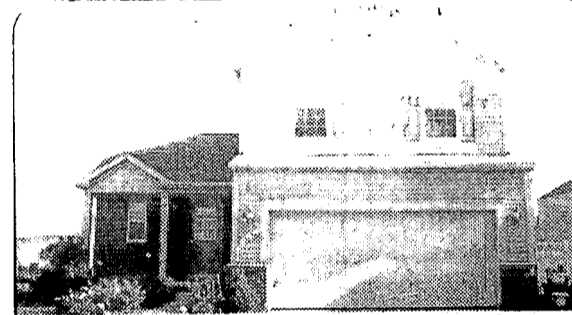
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Independence Elementary offers banking

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston State Bank recently expanded their services to better serve the public – specifically students at Independence Elementary.

On Feb. 10, Clarkston State Bank came into Independence Elementary to open its newest branch: One for deposits only that will be run by eight fifth graders.

The new branch is run by branch managers Olivia Dunn and Anna Manilla; assistant managers Lindsey Friend and Austin Klebba; and tellers Nick Dahl, Erika Anderson, Trevor Smith and Deanna Lueck.

"I'm glad we are doing this," said fifth grader Erika Anderson. "It's a big opportunity to help people understand banking."

The purpose of the new bank location is to teach students financial and banking skills. Not only are the students assisting in the overall production of the bank, but also the marketing.

The students put together commercials, which air in the mornings, and also worked together to make

posters for the school hallways.

The banking program is coordinated by Independence Elementary PTO members, and uses parent volunteers and sponsors.

On Feb. 10, students who made a deposit, of any amount, were given a 100 Grand candy bar as an incentive to get them involved.

"I'm excited because this is a great opportunity for the students to start saving and learning at a young age

how to manage money," said PTO president Mary Hubble.

This banking program is open for business through May, and then a new set of fifth graders will take over the responsibilities.

The New Clarkston State Bank is located at the main entrance of Independence Elementary. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:15-8:40 a.m.



The fifth graders at Independence Elementary running the newest branch of Clarkston State Bank are: Anna Manilla, Olivia Dunn, Erika Anderson, Trevor Smith, Austin Klebba, Deanna Lueck, Lindsey Friend and Nick Dahl. Photo by Christina Ulaj

Cancer makes 'Hart' stronger

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lauren Hart, a senior Clarkston High School, is once again back in Tennessee to fight her disease.

Hart was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a rare bone cancer, when she was in eighth grade. She attends St. Jude Hospital in Tennessee to improve her chances for survival. She lives in Clarkston with her mother Kathy, father Allen, brother Jacob and sister Sarah.

"Right now I'm at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital because it is literally the best cancer hospital in the world," said Hart. "Going there gives me the best chance to be cured."

Hart is a member of the CHS Japanese Club. Recently club members arranged a carnation sale in Hart's honor. All proceeds from the sale go to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Tennessee. Hart says she appreciates the club's efforts and thanked her Japanese teacher Rice Sensei for coordinating the sale.

"I think it's awesome that they would do that for me," said Hart. "I never thought people cared about me that much, but I guess I was wrong."

Hart said she was feeling well for a while. She continued traveling back and forth from Clarkston to Tennessee to receive her annual scans for check-up. The last trip to though brought bad news to the Hart family's ears.

"Unfortunately they discovered that the cancer is back and it's in several locations," said Hart.

Hart said the cancer is located in 1/3 of the left thighbone, on the tip of the right thighbone, in the number three vertebrae and in parts of two ribs.

"I'm not really depressed about this second recurrence," said Hart. "I'm just angry at it."

"How dare it come back in my body, it's not allowed in here."

Hart and her family are confident that this will be the last time Hart has to deal with the cancer. Their hopes and prayers are that she will be cured.

When Hart is away in Tennessee, she said she misses her friends and family greatly. She is very proud to be a Clarkston resident and says, "you never know how good it is until you have to leave it."

Hart expects to be home in March until she returns to Tennessee for chemotherapy treatments. Once the therapy has shrunk the tumor, Hart will remain in Tennessee for four months to get a stem cell transplant from her brother Jacob.

"When I come home, me and my friends are going to party like there's no tomorrow," said Hart. "I couldn't ask for better family and friends."

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Hats

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cluded checking in patients and fetching various medical items for the doctors and nurses.

During the eight days Anna spent on the mission last year, over 500 people were treated and 70 surgeries performed.

The mission also visited an orphanage, which left a lasting impression on Anna and made her want to do something more for the children she encountered.

"The kids have lice and fungus on their head. I just wanted to get them some hats for prevention and because many of them are embarrassed about their conditions," said Kerr.

Anna has been collecting baseball caps to distribute on her upcoming trip from her classmates and friends.

"I knew I wanted to do something after I visited the orphanage, but it did not really come into motion until a month or two ago. I really was not anticipating much participation. I thought (I'd get) 15 or so. A lot of kids are like 'Oh shoot, I've got to get you that hat.'"

Having given away a handful of baseball caps last year, Anna will return to the Dominican Republic this year with over 75.

(The kids) really don't have



Anna Kerr promotes smiles among the children she works with in the Dominican Republic. Photo submitted

much and when you give them something, like a hat, something that we would just be like 'Oh thanks' about, they light up and there is true appreciation," said Kerr.

Anna departs for the Dominican Republic on Feb. 18 and remains there with the Midwest Medical Mission for eight days.

Upon her return Anna will pick

up where she left off as an exemplary student at CHS. Her cumulative GPA is 3.96 and she is the vice president of the Spanish Club. Recently, she received the Daughters of the American Revolution's Daughter Award. Anna will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall, and is looking forward to their education program.

Station

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The priorities, Walls said, must be the apparatus bays, office and storage space.

The contracts approved last week are for work needed to be done regardless of the timetable or scope of the project, Walls said.

Soil borings will be done by Hartley and Associates of Plymouth for no more than \$1,900. Officials said the borings will be necessary to help plan for an adequate septic system and a probable water retention basin on the site.

Hubbell, Roth and Clark will provide the topographical survey at a maximum cost of \$2,000. The survey will be necessary to complete a future site plan.

Jay Noonan, architect with Design Resources of Clarkston, will earn \$75 an hour to review preliminary plans developed by CHMP and suggest a variety of cost-cutting and priority recommendations.

Fire Chief Charlie Oaks later said the conceptual plan was more of a wish list.

"We really don't have a plan yet," Oaks said. "We have an idea of what we want, but we're not far along yet to know what we can afford."

What is certain, Oaks said, is that the more than 20-year-old Fire Station #2 can no longer adequately house today's firefighting equipment. There is a lack of adequate work and storage space, and the growth in the Dixie Highway corridor has led to more emergency runs in that area.

"We have to anticipate the need, and the need is greater in the area of Fire Station #2," the chief said.

At last week's meeting, the board also approved a recommendation from Walls to begin setting aside money for the fire hall expansion project.

Income from cable television franchise fees not already earmarked for the public/education/government channel will go into the building and equipment fund in the fire department budget. The same will be done with 10 percent of the township's state revenue sharing.

With hopes that the fire department can save about \$400,000 over time, Walls anticipates having between \$700,000 and \$800,000 by 2006 for the fire station project.

"We still have to borrow some money, but we shouldn't have to worry about bond elections," Walls said.

Rose

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and behind the scenes.

Rose is thrilled to have nine grandchildren: Meredith, Nathan, Gayna, Stacia, Stephanie, Elise, Ben, Maggie and Abby.

"I love having a big family," said Rose. "I just love spending time with them."

Rose remembers her time with the Clarkston Village Players and cherishes every lasting memory. When she isn't reminiscing about the troupe, Rose enjoys

watching television, coloring and most importantly, loves to talk and make friends.

"I am so pleased to hear that so many Clarkston students participate in the Clarkston Village Players," said Rose. "That is exactly what it was meant to be and what it is good for."



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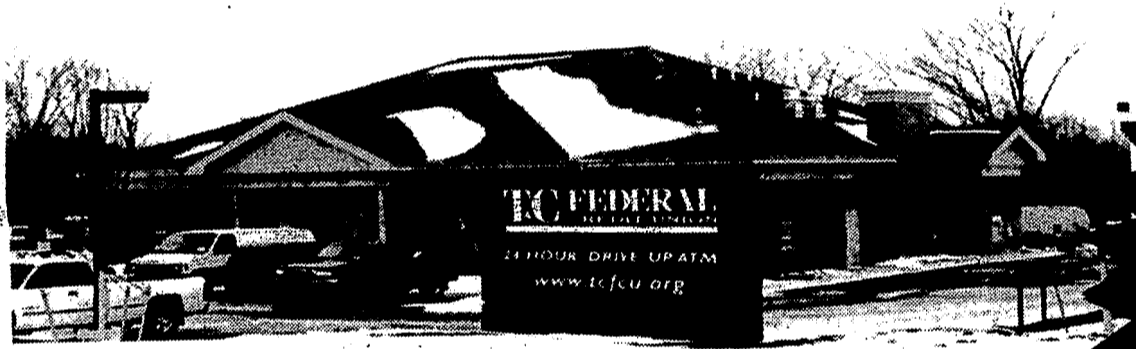
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The Springfield Township Friends of the Library held an Antiques Appraisal Fair on Feb. 10. Bruce McKenzie (above), owner of Knightsbridge Antique Mall in Northville, appraised everything from German steins to Barbie dolls.



Nancy Goelette brought in a commemorative mug and a German beer stein for appraisal.

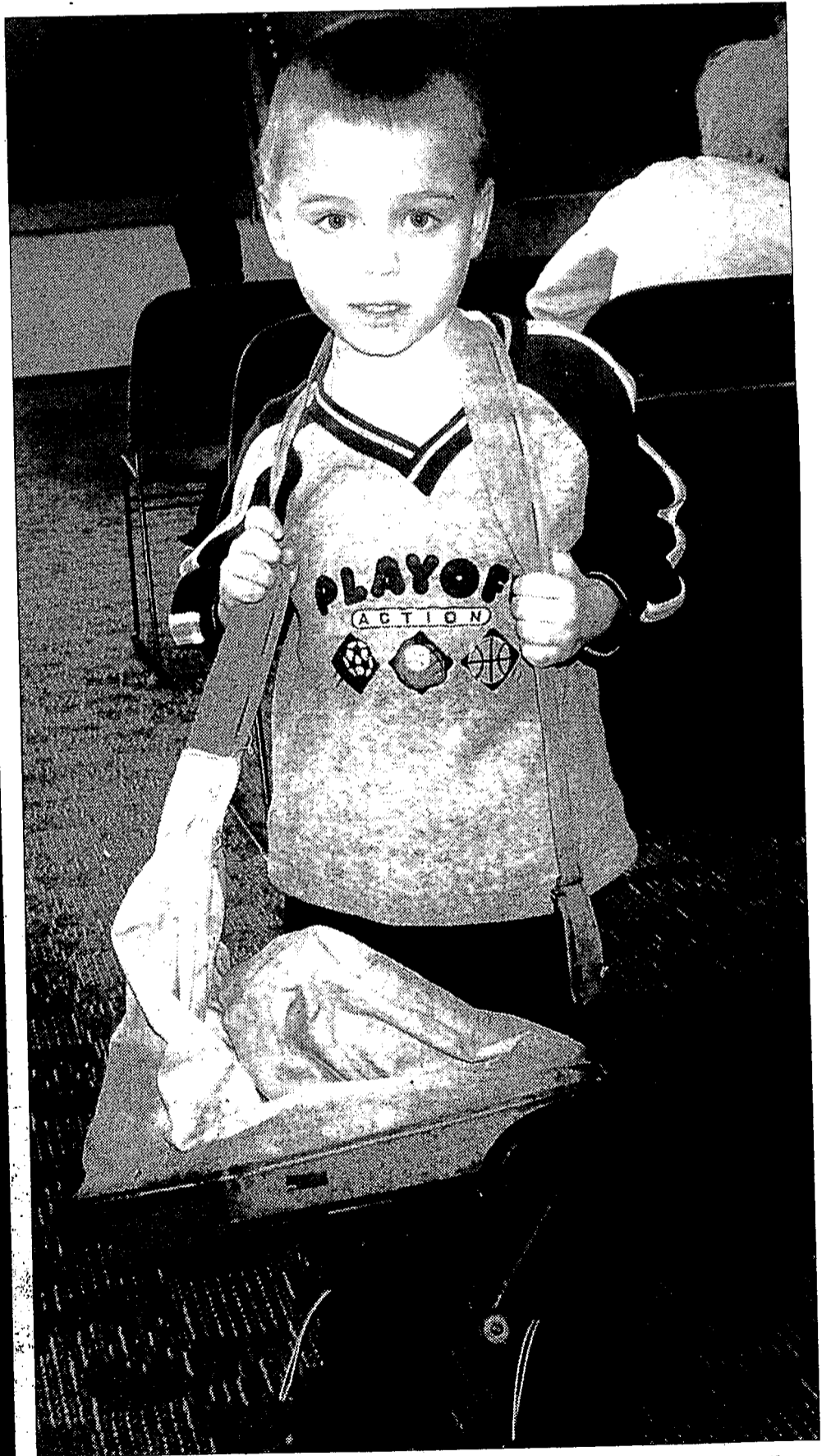
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Bruce McKenzie appraises Susan Kraly's Marx pinball table. The toy still has all of the original prizes, which according to McKenzie is rare.



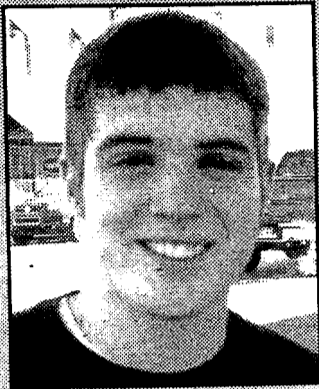
Carol Jones displays a vintage Barbie case and her 1959 "Ponytall Barbie."



Trevor King gets a feel for life on the farm in the 1920's as he dons this antique seed spreader.

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The event took five months to coordinate. The planning committee met as much as possible to ensure the event was spectacular.

Co-Chairs of the event were Fred and Sheila Ritter and David and Shelagh VanderVeen. The host committee included: Bill and Glen Clark, Bill and Dawn



Kristin Shelko chills a fresh martini by pouring the tasty drink through the Ketel One Liquor bottle ice sculpture. Photo by Jenny Matteson

Horner, Tom and Tami Lowrie, Mike and Michelle Maher, John and Renee Nannini, Rick and Megan Nini, Carolyn Parcha and Al and Pam Ruggirello.

When organizers say everything was donated, they are not kidding. The rooms were filled with lovely floral arrangements, courtesy of Teresa and Bob Petherbridge of Waterford Hill Florists. In addition to providing their home, the Ritter's also arranged for valet and worked with the Independence Township service center to have shuttle buses for the guests.

Open Your Heart sold 207 tickets at \$100 each. In addition, the fund-raiser offered four different levels of sponsorship.

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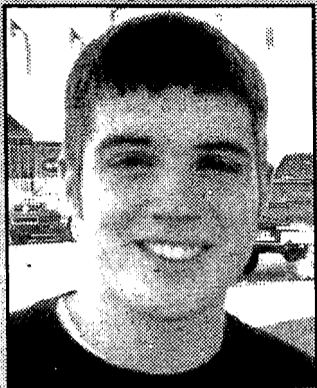


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The event took five months to coordinate. The planning committee met as much as possible to ensure the event was spectacular.

Co-Chairs of the event were Fred and Sheila Ritter and David and Shelagh VanderVeen. The host committee included: Bill and Glen Clark, Bill and Dawn



Kristin Sheiko chills a fresh martini by pouring the tasty drink through the Ketel One Liquor bottle ice sculpture. Photo by Jenny Matteson

Horner, Tom and Tami Lowrie, Mike and Michelle Maher, John and Renee Nannini, Rick and Megan Nini, Carolyn Parcha and Al and Pam Ruggirello.

When organizers say everything was donated, they are not kidding. The rooms were filled with lovely floral arrangements, courtesy of Teresa and Bob Petherbridge of Waterford Hill Florists. In addition to providing their home, the Ritter's also arranged for valet and worked with the Independence Township service center to have shuttle buses for the guests.

Open Your Heart sold 207 tickets at \$100 each. In addition, the fund-raiser offered four different levels of sponsorship.

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Around Town

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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.

The Sanders Alternative Therapy Clinic is offering breathing meditation classes from 12-1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursday through March 8 Explore ways to enhance movement, breathing and balance.

First class is free. Teacher Osa Jackson Schulte, PhD. PT. For more information, please call 248-922-9234.

My Father's House Third Annual Fund-raiser is on Feb. 20 in Addison Oaks County Park in Addison Township.

The silent auction and hors d'oeuvres are from 2:30 - 4 p.m. and dinner is served at 4 p.m. with the formal program beginning at 5 p.m. The silent auction

will cash out at 6 p.m.

Guest speakers are Julie and Mati Gali, Mission Base Directors, YWAM Recife, Brazil. Tickets are \$50 per person. All proceeds to build "My Father's House," a home for girls who call the streets of Recife, Brazil home.

For more information, contact Event Chairpersons Emily Sutherland at 248-202-5910 or Rhonda Brown at 248-693-9129.

Come experience karate, knitting, archery and scrapbooking at a Free Activity Night at Sashabaw Middle School on Feb. 17 from 6 - 8 p.m. The event is part of Teach, Learn, Share a Skill week planned by the Each One Reach One Connecting for a Better Community Initiative. This event is sponsored by the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

The first ever Christmas in Action of Oakland County, Clarkston community work day is April 30.

CIA currently seeks volunteers to assist with home repairs for low-income senior citizens who live in their own single family home. Please help locate low-income senior citizens or handicapped seniors who could use the helping hands of community minded Clarkston citizens.

To volunteer to work or obtain an application for a senior citizen, call 248-618-7433 or write CIA, P.O. Box 644, Clarkston, MI 48347.

La Petite Gallery, located at 64 S. Main St., is hosting an Artist's Meeting on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Come in for an evening of sharing, inspiration and motivation to keep art alive. For more information, please call Terry at 248-625-2511.

The Davisburg Youth Athletic Association will hold registration for its 7 through 16-year-old spring baseball and softball leagues from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on March 8, 16 and 24 at the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd.

Registration fee starting at \$25. For further information, or if you are interested in coaching, contact Jim Ashley at 248-634-2909.

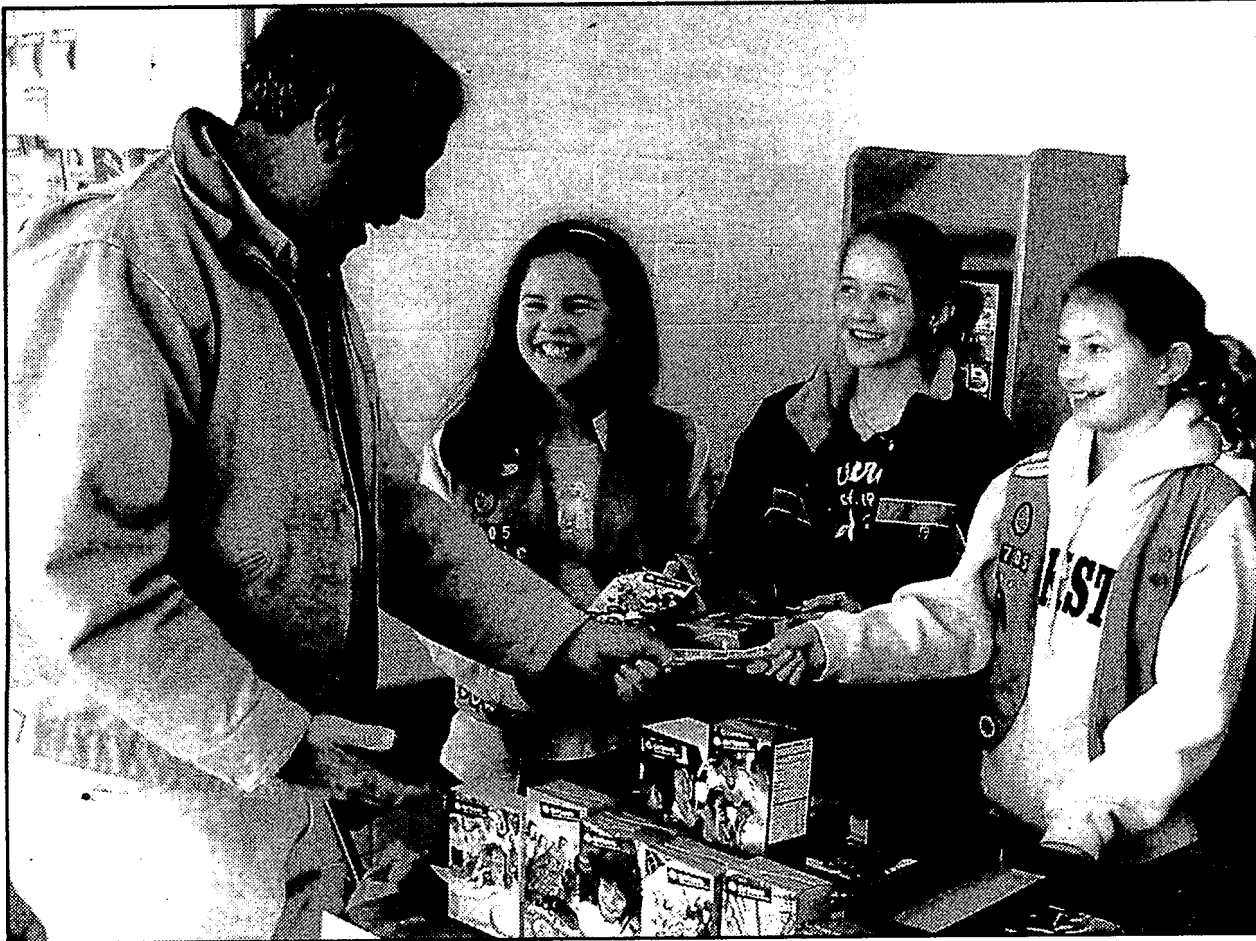
Several classes are currently being offered through Clarkston Community Education:

- Register now for swim classes at the CHS pool beginning in March. Group, semi-private and private classes will be offered.

- Excel Step By Step is held on March 1, 3, 8 and 10 from 6 - 9 p.m. at CHS. Microsoft Windows experience needed. Book fee is \$99.


- One Stroke Painting being held from 7 - 9 p.m. for four Thursdays beginning March 3 at the Community Education Center.

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Grandfather thinks cookies are cool...

Mike Kerr (left) happily pays for Girl Scout cookies being sold by his granddaughter, Geena Kerr, and her friends Krista Deo and Hanna Zeder. The youngsters are Junior Girl Scouts with Troop 1705, which meets at Pine Knob Elementary School. The Girl Scouts were selling cookies on Feb. 12 at the Dixie Highway Farmer Jack. Photo by Don Schelske



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Local Peace Corps volunteer seeks help for Africans

BY DON SCHELSKE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jodie Bargeron is already making a difference in the west African nation of Mali. With help from folks back home in Clarkston, she could do even more.

The 1999 Clarkston High School graduate left for training in August 2003, and will complete a two-year term of service this November. Before she leaves, however, she would like to see the completion of a birthing center to help the residents of Guelelenkoro, Mali.

Guelelenkoro is a commune capital which already has a small health clinic to serve basic needs. The five-bed clinic cannot adequately provide for the sick, injured or women giving birth, however.

In 1994, the village began construction on a birthing center, but did not have funds to finish it. Today, an empty shell sits, filled with grass and snakes, only yards from the overcrowded health clinic.

Bargeron went to Mali with a specific mission to help with health education, focusing on nutrition and HIV. The community approached her and specifically asked for help in seeing the birthing center completed. She facilitated meetings between community leaders and builders, and a builder has been selected.

The men of the village will provide the labor and about one-third of the money needed for materials. An experienced midwife is already available in the village.

That left a need for \$10,465 in donations from Peace Corps "Partners" in the United States. Bargeron helped develop a project proposal, and the Peace Corps

is coordinating the collection of donations.

"We are so proud of her," said Jan Bargeron, Jodie's mother. "I never thought of any of my children doing something like this."

As a proud mom, Jan Bargeron was one of the first to make a financial donation to the project via the Peace Corps Web site (www.peacecorps.gov/contribute). Hit the link for "volunteer projects" and look for the link for Mali's Guelelenkoro Birthing Center.

"It's really easy to follow," Jan Bargeron said, and the Web site shows only about \$4,000 to reach the goal.

Checks may also be made payable to Peace Corps Partnership Program (with project number 688-162 on the subject line) and mailed to 1111 20th Street NW, Washington, DC 20526.

Jodie Bargeron hopes the donations will be complete sometime in March so the work can be complete before she comes home in November.

In addition to being proud, Jan Bargeron is grateful.

"She's doing really well," she said. "She has stayed healthy and safe. That's been my two biggest concerns."

In a 2003 interview with *The Clarkston News*, Jodie Bargeron said she looked forward to "an awesome adventure." While she hopes to earn a master's degree in social work upon her return to the United States, she does not discount the possibility of going back.

"I can see myself doing this after retirement," she said. "They take people in their 60s and 70s."



Jodie Bargeron (right) makes friends with a villager from Guelelenkoro, Mali.



A partially-finished birthing center is the target of Peace Corps volunteer Jodie Bargeron's fund-raising efforts. Photos provided

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Milestones

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Congratulations to Horst and Eleonore Witte who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18. Horst and Eleonore's story is a true testament of love, friendship and family.

The couple married on Feb. 18, 1955 in Germany. Within a year, Horst moved to Canada to work in the gold mines with the hope of providing a better life for his new bride. After a year of working in Canada, he finally brought his lovely wife to be with him.

In 1959, the first of five children was born, Reiner. Barbara followed in 1962 and Ronald in 1964.

In 1965, Horst found a job at a GM plant in Pontiac. Once again hoping for a better life for his family, the Wittes moved to the United States. Shortly after, Erika was born in Pontiac in 1966 with Jurgen, the final child, in 1968.

The family found a beautiful home in Clarkston and settled into their community for the ride ahead.

On Dec. 14, 1991, Horst and Eleonore faced their most trying challenge. While on a mini-vacation to Mio, the couple was in a car accident that

left Horst as a paraplegic. Since that time, Eleonore has not only been his wife, friend and lover, but also his full-time nursing companion.

The Witte children are all grown, but have chosen to live near their parents to provide emotional support – and that closeness was once again brought forth.

In March 2003, the family once again found the love, courage and compassion to handle another tragic event. After a routine doctor's visit, Eleonore was admitted to the hospital for a triple bypass.

Almost two years later, Eleonore is once again Horst's primary caregiver, and the couple is still blessed with a loving family: children Reiner (Margurite), Barbara (Kurt), Ronald, Erica (Keenan) and Jurgen (Erica) and grandchildren Heather and Darian.

The family feels this story of love, courage and strength should remind everyone that no matter the obstacles put in place, love can always prevail.

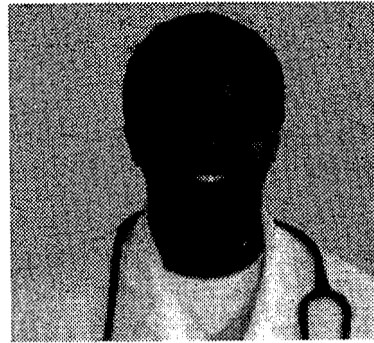
Once again, congratulations to Horst and Eleonore Witte for 50 years of marriage.

Welcome, Charlene Lemaster

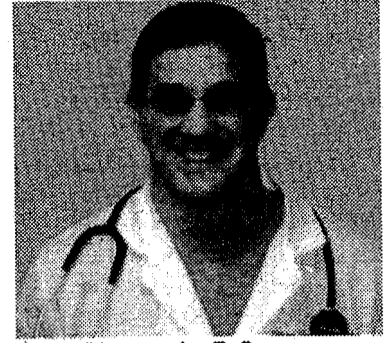


Richard and Maureen Lemaster, of Clarkston, are pleased to welcome home their new baby girl Charlene C. Lemaster. Charlene was born in Pontiac on Jan. 7. She weighed six pounds, nine ounces and measured 19 inches. Welcome home, Charlene!

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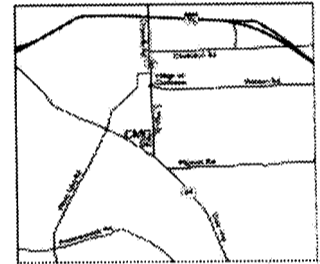
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Religion

Serving God brings the best of life

Did you know God wants to give us an enjoyable life? He wants us to have the good life. Many times this picture is in conflict with our stereotypical picture of Christianity or the church-going person. Regular public caricatures such as the Church Lady on "Saturday Night Live" show us as someone missing out on life or as someone hoping to keep others from having a good time.

Instead of seeing God as a loving God, we often times only see Him as a hard taskmaster, thinking that we have to earn His love and our way to heaven. In addition, we think the road to heaven is only paved with hardship, self-denial, strict rules, and little opportunity for enjoyment in this life.

A recent issue of *Time* magazine featured a special section on the science of happiness.

In a section titled "The Power of Uplift" the author Pamela Paul makes some startling observations on the impact of religion to a person's level of happiness.

She writes, "Studies show that the more a believer incorporates religion into daily living - attending services, reading scripture, praying - the better off he or she appears to be in two measures of happiness: frequency of positive emotions and overall sense of satisfaction with life.

"Attending services has a particularly strong correlation to feeling happy and religious certainty - the sense of unshakable faith in God and the truth of one's beliefs - is most closely linked with life satisfaction."

The truth is being recognized time and again; church is not just a religious obligation, it is also a place where we can find satisfaction in the presence of God. We need to know Jesus' plan was more than just eternal life; His plan was an abundant life.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

Psalms 16:11 declares, "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

The path of the Christian life should bring pleasure, enjoyment and satisfaction.

In God there is a difference. Pleasure is not simply our pursuit, it is the result of the pursuit of a relationship with Him.

As Christians we often have mixed ideas about pleasure. Traditionally, the church has suffered much hardship. In fact, the early church suffered great loss while their persecutors indulged themselves in every vice, resulting in the church idolizing suffering and persecution. What was once a condition thrust upon Christians by unrighteous rule became a normal expectation.

Often the church has failed to understand a basic premise; although Christianity does not shelter us from trouble, it does not have to be the source either. If we suffer for Christ this is a noble thing, but if we suffer just for the sake of suffering, it does not produce any benefits for the kingdom of God or for us.

We need to remind ourselves that God does not set guidelines just to test our ability to suffer lack; rather, He gives us guidelines that actually help us find the best of life.

When you begin to see the scriptures in the context of time and culture you will see God's laws are for our good.

The pleasure of Christianity should be all encompassing and affect us in every area of our life including relationships with others, our job, our home and in our life's pursuit.

When we realize the source of all pleasure comes from God, we will have the key to the abundant life prepared for each of us.

Do you want to find pleasure? Why not pursue God and His ways?

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

In our churches...

Dr. V. Bruce Rigdon, president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, will visit Clarkston United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 22. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the lecture immediately following at 7:15 p.m.

The topic will be "Christianity in the 21st Century." Dr. Rigdon will address many issues, including what should be the focus of, or the dominant issue for, 21st century Christians in today's multicultural world; and what Christians can bring to the table in a dialogue between Christians, Jews and Muslims in this time of increasing conflict.

Dr. Rigdon is pastor emeritus of Grosse Pointe Memorial (Presbyterian) Church and a former professor of church history at McCormick Seminary in Chicago.

Ticket prices are: \$10 per adult, \$3 for children (child care provided) and \$25 for a family. To purchase tickets, call the church office at 248-625-1611.

Davisburg United Methodist Church Men will host their annual fish dinner from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 803 Broadway in Davisburg.

Cost for the all-you-can-eat dinner is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids age 5-12 and \$2 for those under age 5.

For more information, call 248-634-3373.

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection is hosting special seminars which are open to the community:

- An alcohol and drug addiction program will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays through March 6.

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

Handouts will be distributed, and coffee, tea and beverages will be provided. There is no charge for the series, although free-will offerings will be accepted.

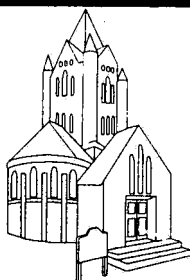
- A thematic Bible Study, including a walk through the Old Testament (Hebrew Scripture) and New Testament (Christian Scripture), will be from 7-8:30 p.m.

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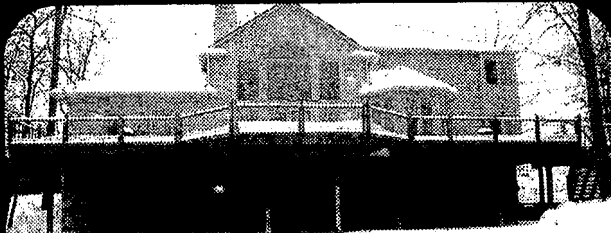
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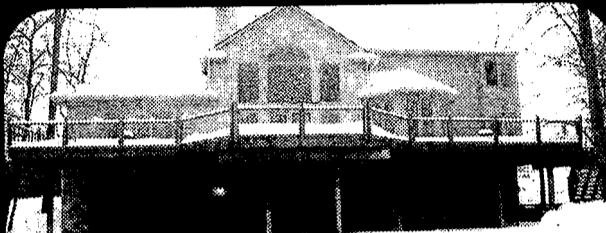
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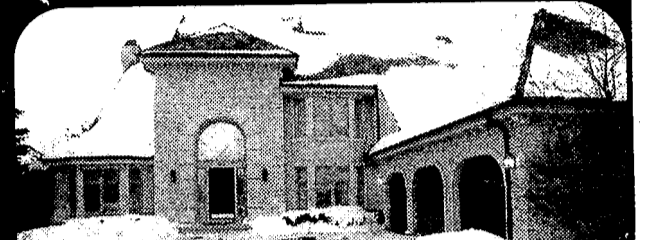
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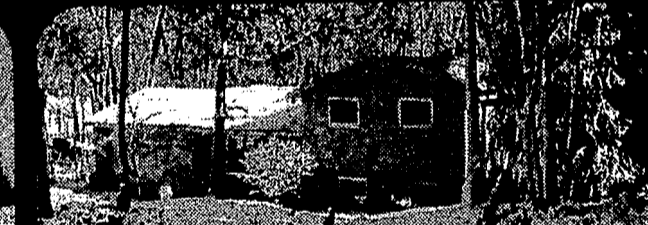


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Clarkston family offers charity beyond borders

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Mike and I always said we would never be able to retire," said Emily Sutherland. "Our second career will be much different, it won't provide a weekly paycheck."

Michael, Emily and Jennifer Sutherland are involved with YWAM (Youth With a Mission). The organization is one of the largest Christian mission organizations in the world.

With thousands of staff members and volunteers, YWAM represents more than 130 countries, assisting poor children who live on the streets.

"My husband Mike and I were inspired by Clarkston resident Jack Byers," said Emily. "We always wanted to do something like this and we started a bit earlier than expected."

Mike and Emily became active in the organization in 2000. With all the different destinations and plans, in 2001 Emily and her daughter Jennifer decided to travel to Brazil to work with the street children.

The family's latest project, "My Father's House," is the third annual fund-raising event for YWAM. The project is to open a restoration home for girls presently living on the streets of Recife, Brazil.

The fund-raiser is a silent auction, and the goal is to raise \$100,000. Currently, the organization has raised \$36,000 and is left with \$60,000 to reach the goal.

"The girls stole our hearts away," said Emily. "This is when I made the decision to do something about the need for a girls home."

The mission project has a home for boys, but not for the girls. So, with the passing years, Emily has made a total of nine trips to Brazil and hopes for an extended stay once the girls home is open and running.

Michael and Emily's daughter Jennifer recently graduated from Calvin College and is training to serve



YWAM members Jennifer Sutherland, Julie Gali, Emily Sutherland, Mati Gali and Mike Sutherland while on a 2004 mission in Brazil. Photo Provided

full-time with YWAM in Brazil.

"I can't wait for the day we open the doors to 'My Father's House,' said Emily. "It is a dream that has been years in the making."

Emily and her family dream of what the house will look like, how it will be furnished and the life that will be offered to the girls that come there.

"I have never felt so loved and cared for as I have when I have been in Brazil," said Emily.

Although traveling to Brazil and assisting in the well being of these young children is rewarding, Emily does

have a least favorite part to her job.

"My least favorite thing is leaving to go home," said Emily. "Especially leaving the children I have come to know and love on the streets."

Full-time YWAM members, Julie and Mati Gali from Brazil will speak at the "My Father's House" fund-raiser on the condition in Brazil.

"My Father's House" fund-raiser is on Feb 20 at Addison Oaks County Park 1480 W. Romeo Road, Rochester. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, call Michael or Emily at 248-922-1346.

Students 'brush up' on dental hygiene

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ

Clarkston News Staff Writer

On Feb. 11, Clarkston Elementary first grade students received a special visit from Clarkston Village Dental.

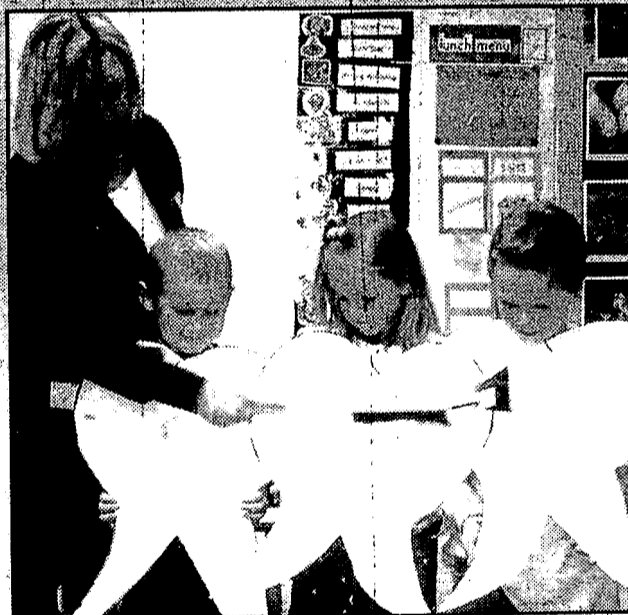
To honor National Children's Dental Health Month, Dr. Robert Bice, of Clarkston Village Dental, sent workers to teach the students about dental hygiene.

Hygienist Amy Wilson and dental assistant Jann Neil explained the importance of teeth - how to brush, how often, what to eat and what certain foods do to teeth.

With the help of visual aides, Wilson helped the children understand about healthy teeth and gums. Once dental professionals completed their presentation, students got another wonderful surprise.

Dr. Bice, Wilson and Neil worked together to prepare goodie bags for over 300 teachers and students. The bags contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, a Clarkston Village Dental mirror and, most importantly, a sugar-free sucker.

The staff at Clarkston Village Dental said they look forward to participating next year.



Hygienist Amy Wilson (left) demonstrates to Carter Slunick, Abby Wilson, Matthew Covert and the rest of the first grade class, the proper way to brush teeth. Wilson (right) uses pudding and colored sugar to demonstrate plaque. Photos by Christina Ula



Clarkston Area Pre-School Meet & Greet

Wednesday, February 23, 2005
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The Heart of Chocolate sponsors include: Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Marketing Department; Harry, McMillen and Fiederlein LLT; Plum Hollow Home Décor; and Bruce P. Mercado, DDS, P.C.

"It's amazing how generous this town is," said Renee Nannini of Clarkston Big Boy. "We are happy to be a part of the night and Lighthouse."

"You can't donate to a better cause

than Lighthouse," said Priscilla Pandrak. "It seems to have many charities in one."

"I'm sure there are a lot of people who are surprised that there are people in need in Clarkston," said Wilton. "I know that everyone that attended the event wants to help those people."

Lighthouse hosts many special events, about 15 a year, to assist local residents. Open Your Heart to Lighthouse is certainly one of the most anticipated.

"Clarkston is a warm and generous community, and I'm grateful to be a part of it," said Clark.

For more information on Lighthouse, visit www.lighthouseoakland.org.



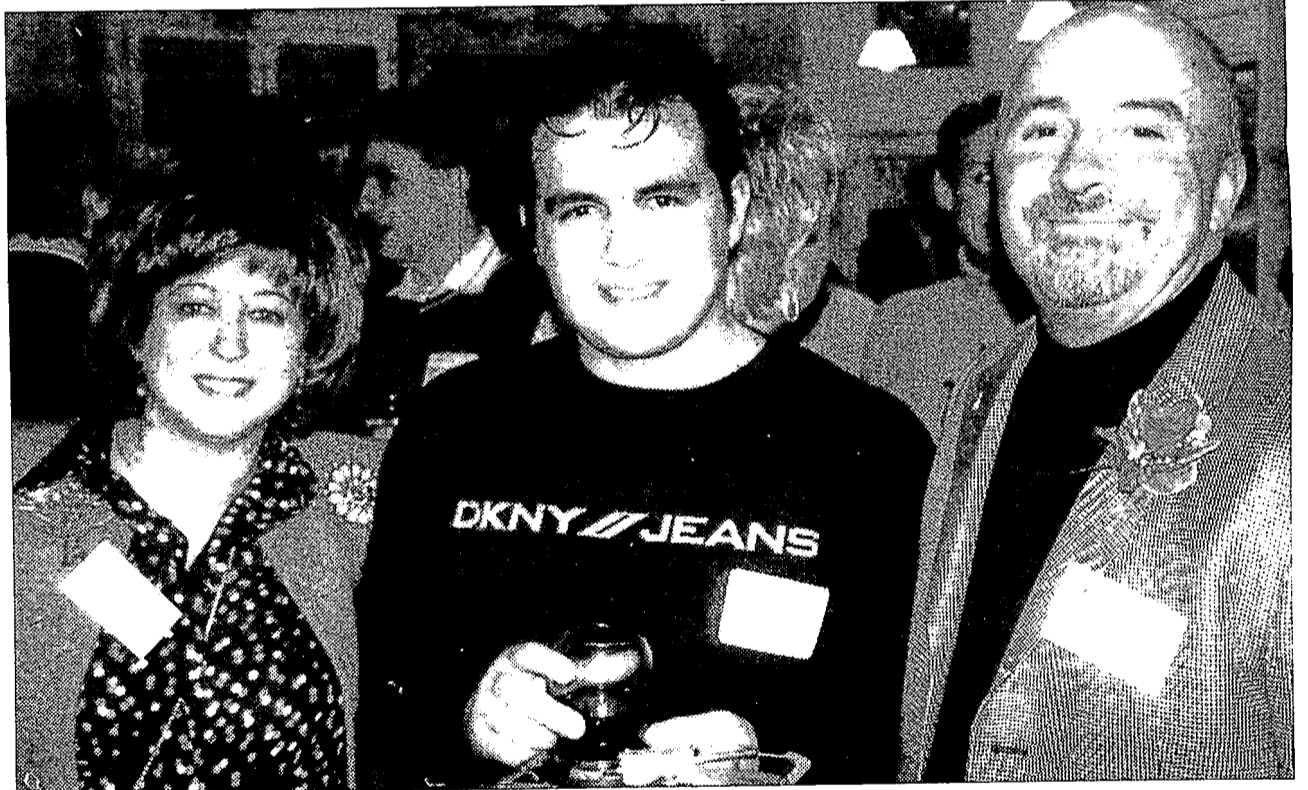
Pictured above were the gracious hosts for the evening: Sheila and Fred Ritter and Shelagh VanderVeen. Enjoying chatting with guests are Sandy Wilton and Lighthouse Executive Director Emily Nadeau.



Photos by Jenny Matteson

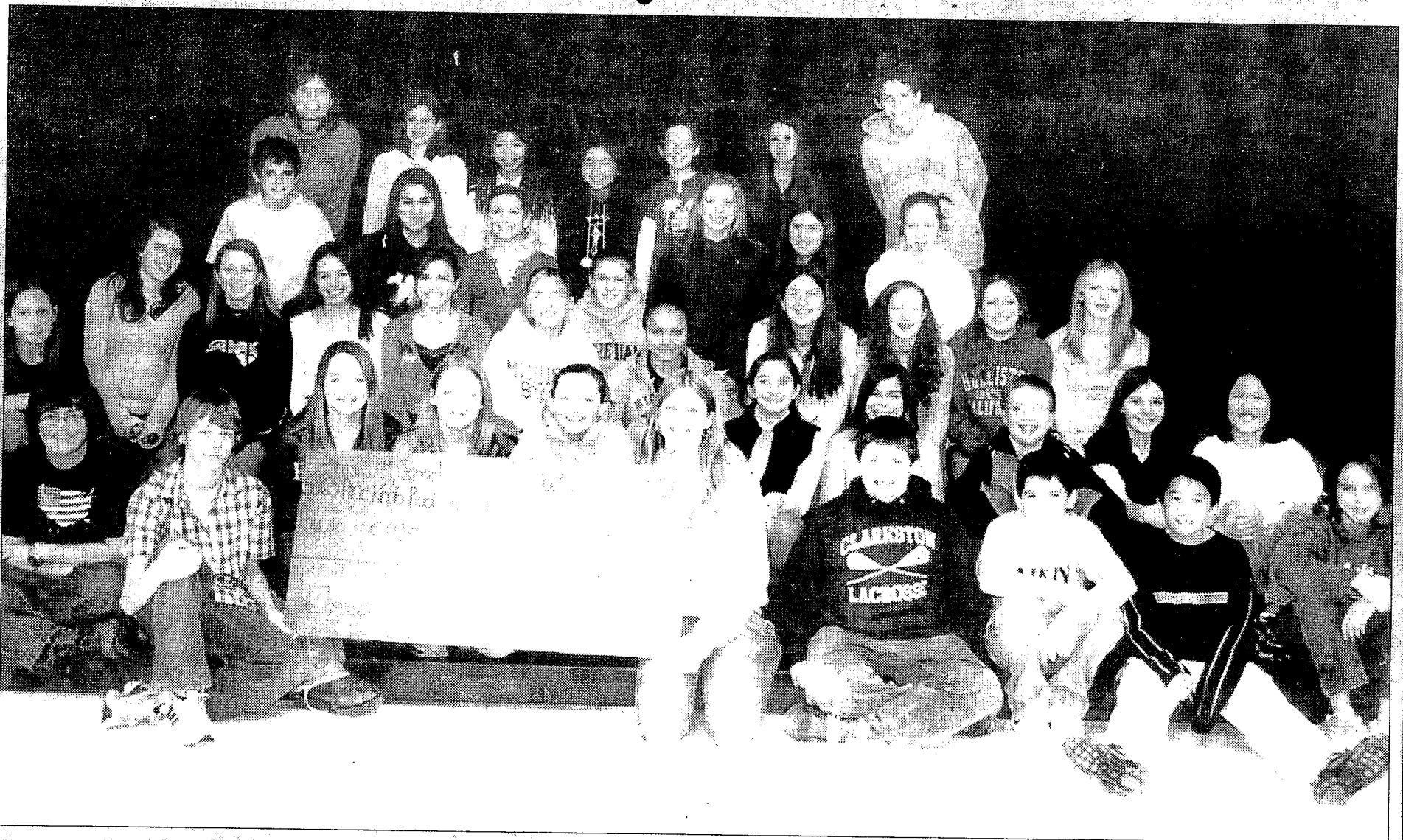


Carl Matisse (above) samples some of the scrumptious buffet treats provided by local restaurant owners Renee Nannini, Lorenzo and John Nannini (pictured right).



Open Your Heart to Lighthouse was definitely an evening of food, fun and laughter – as demonstrated by guests (pictured left) Debra Malfrott, Rich Little and a friend. Mary Agnus Vanktaveren (above) gets a hug from a fellow friend.

SMS raises money for tsunami victims



Students at Sashabaw Middle School raised \$1,776.49 for the tsunami victims. Student council members sold wristbands to students that wanted to participate in spirit week. The bands were \$1.25 for one day, and \$5 for the whole week. Spirit week included hat day, flip-flop day, pajama day. Photo Provided

High school plans month-long emphasis on alcohol awareness

BY CHRISTINA ULAJ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Alcohol Awareness Month is here, and Clarkston High School is working full force to bring students up to speed.

The Clarkston High School PTSA has designated February as Alcohol Awareness Month.

The school will offer many activities to educate parents and students on the dangers of alcohol consumption among adolescents.

The main activity is a Poster/Public Service Announcement contest open to all students. Judging will take place on Feb. 23 at the panel presentation.

On Feb. 23, the PTSA will sponsor a presentation from local experts on alcohol abuse. The panel includes: Judge Kelly Kostin; ENCARE; Clarkston 52-2 District Court; Diane Benson; several

registered nurses; Cindy McCue; and a speaker from Be Responsible About Drinking B.R.A.D.

The presentation will discuss the law, myths and consequences of alcohol use. Senior students who attend will receive \$2 off prom tickets and may receive extra credit in some classes.

On Feb. 25, juniors and seniors will attend an assembly by ENCARE (Emergency Nurses CARE).

The presentation demonstrates the seriousness of drinking by showing the students graphic photos and video clips of actual emergency room cases with young people.

The Clarkston High School PTSA urges the community to take advantage of these activities and the opportunity to educate the students on the dangers of alcohol consumption.

Obituary

Wallace E. Lemmons

Wallace E. Lemmons, of Clarkston, passed away on February 10, 2005, at the age of 83.

Mr. Lemmons was preceded in death by his wife Veda and special friend Lena Behn. He was the father of Joetta (John) Weckle, the late Jimmy Clark, the late Glen Clark and the late Bonnie Watson; the loving grandfather

of 13 and many great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lemmons retired from Fisher Body. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Funeral service was held February 13, 2005 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home. Burial in Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Lighthouse Hospice.

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Around town

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• Looking for some new recipes? **Creative Vegetarian** cooking class is teaching the basics on how to use seasonal vegetables, nuts, grains and starches. Class is on March 7 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Community Education Center. The cost is \$21.

• **Forensic Science** for middle school students is held afterschool for six weeks on Thursdays from 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. at Sashabaw Middle School. The cost is \$40.

For more information on these courses or to register, contact Clarkston Community Education at 248-623-4321.

The **MOMS Club of Clarkston** is hosting the second annual **Preschool Meet and Greet** event on Feb. 23 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.

Representatives from 17 local preschools will be available to distribute materials describing their programs as well as answer parent questions. Children are welcome and there is no charge.

For more information, please contact Holly Gartland at 248-393-2091.

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is hosting a **Sportsmens Swap Meet** on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at their Indoor Range building. Vendors will sell or trade all types of sports related items.

The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is located at 4770 Waterford Rd. in Clarkston. For further information, please call 248-623-0444 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday.

Camp Wilderness, a youth group campground at Independence Oaks County Park, is now taking reservations for the summer.

Open from May through October, Camp Wilderness is on a 10-acre site. Two areas accommodate up to 160 campers for organized groups such as scouts, churches and day camps.

Amenities include six platform tents (each sleeps four), two pavilions for meals and activities, water, electricity, grills, picnic tables, fire rings and benches. A heated, modern bathroom offers showers and restrooms. Additional tents are permitted on the grounds, but only first aid and supply trailers will be permitted.

Campers have access to fishing on Crooked Lake, a lifeguarded beach, hiking trails and a 2.2-mile paved path. The Wint Nature Center offers naturalists services, customized programs and exhibits, plus sensory

and water gardens.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 248-625-0877.

The Clarkston Health Center is now offering a two-part **Diabetic Instruction Out-Patient Program** on March 22 and March 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. The program will discuss diet, medication, blood glucose monitors, exercise and prevention of complications.

The fee for the program is \$35, and one additional guest is allowed at no extra charge. The Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place, just off Dixie Highway.

For more information or to register, please contact Brenda Pauly at 248-338-5389.

For anyone interested in American history, there will be a **Pioneer Show and Sale** at Springfield Oaks Activity Center on Feb. 19-20 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The center is located on Anderson Rd. in Davisburg.

The Massachusetts Provincial Battalion will be recruiting people who are interested in French & Indian War period re-enactments (1750) in the area. James Schultz, a Clarkston resident, will display his 18th century medical equipment. Period clothing, crafts and artifacts will be for sale. Food is available.

The event is sponsored by area boy scouts.

In our churches

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on Wednesdays through Feb. 23.

The study follows the theme "God is Faithful." Cost for an optional resource workbook is \$17.50.

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

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

A brunch to help kids in Afghanistan is being planned for noon on Sunday, March 6 in the St. Daniel Rushing Center social hall.

Enjoy a family style brunch and, at the same time, support and learn more on how to help the kids in Afghanistan. Keynote speaker will be Kris Nedam.

For more information, call 248-625-4583.

Join the St. Daniel Catholic Community Saturday, March 13 from noon to 3 p.m. for **Pysanky-Ukrainian Egg Decorating** with Carol Schwarb, who will give basic and intermediate instructions.

Ukrainians are famous for intricately hand designed and colored Easter eggs, an art which dates back to

antiquity. Each district of Ukraine had its own designs and favorite color combinations. Families in the Carpathian Mountains used geometric patterns; those in the lowlands used flowers and animals.

Pysanky are never made to be eaten. They are given as gifts exchanged with friends, used to decorate a mantle or corner cabinet, or given as part of the centerpiece on a dining table — not only at Easter time, but throughout the entire year. Ukrainian women collect Pysanky as American women collect fine china.

RSVP to Carol Schwarb at 248-625-0562. Supply kits are available for \$6. Eggs, several colored dyes and miscellaneous supplies will be furnished free.

Clarkston Community Church will host a "Celebrate Your Mate" marriage seminar on April 15-16. The Friday session will begin at 7 p.m., with the Saturday event running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Guest speakers will be Jay and Laura Lafoon. Cost is \$150 per couple, which includes admission, three Saturday meals and conference supplies. A deposit of \$50 is due at registration (deadline of Feb. 27), with the remainder due by March 13.

For more information, call the church office at 248-625-1323.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Fire Station #1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear year 2005 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 14, and 16, 2005 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, and on March 15, 2005 from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The year 2005 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, it is required that you have an appointment with the Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office at (248) 625-3114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Please use your parcel identification number when referring to your property so that your records can be quickly accessed.

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

Sincerely,
David J. Kramer, ASA, CMAE4, Assessor

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 4:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #05-0008 Douglas Meyers, Petitioner for ACO Inc., APPLICANT REQUESTS OUTDOOR STORAGE OF SEASONAL PRODUCTS (MARCH 1ST THRU AUGUST 31ST) Sashabaw Road, C-2 Zone ACO Inc. 08-27-300-022
- Case # 05-0009 Denise Whipple, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO OPERATE HOME BUSINESS FROM ACCESSORY BUILDING Hadley Rd., Lot 2, R-1R Nelson Acres 08-04-100-029
- Case #05-0010 James Mellema, Petitioner for Dennis Walters APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 53' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME (EXISTING HOME TO BE DEMOLISHED) Phelan Dr., Lot 1, R-1C Deer Lake Pines 08-19-452-008

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

Respectfully submitted,
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Deceased Date of Birth: January 1, 1916
TO ALL CREDITORS:

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, MARY SOPHIE HOCKSTER, Deceased, who lived at 2127 A Hidden Meadows Drive Walled Lake, Michigan 48390, Michigan died December 19, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paula Hockster, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

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NEWS RELEASE AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

FLOOD RISK INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED

THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS) FOR OAKLAND COUNTY. THIS STUDY PROVIDES BASE FLOOD INFORMATION AND DELINEATES AREAS SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT FLOOD HAZARDS IN THE COUNTY. THIS FIS INCLUDES ELEVATION PROFILES, CHARTS AND A NARRATIVE REPORT TO BE USED BY PERMIT OFFICIALS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE FLOODPLAIN (A ZONES).

THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY AND ITS ACCOMPANYING MAP WILL BE PRESENTED AT AN OPEN HOUSE, TO BE HELD IN THE OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM IN THE CITY OF PONTIAC AT 1200 N. TELEGRAPH RD., BLDG 12E TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND AND WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2004 AT 5:00 P.M.

THE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE STAFFED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, TO PROVIDE YOU THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT FLOOD RISK, FLOOD INSURANCE, FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND FLOODPLAIN MAPPING IN OAKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITIES. NEW FLOODPLAIN MAPS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR INSPECTION. WHEN THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE, THESE MAPS WILL BE USED BY FLOODPLAIN PERMIT OFFICIALS, BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS, LENDERS, REALTORS, INSURANCE AGENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO DETERMINE FLOOD RISK AND TO ENCOURAGE WISE AND RESPONSIBLE RISK MANAGEMENT DECISION MAKING.

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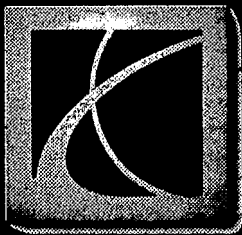
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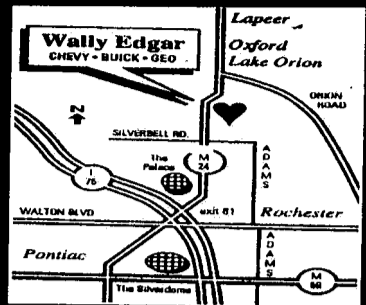
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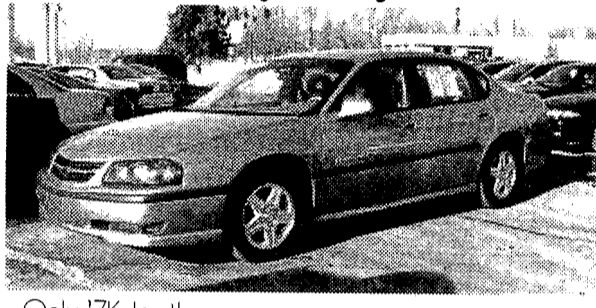
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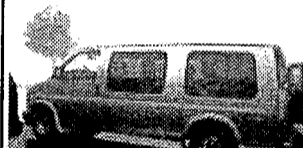
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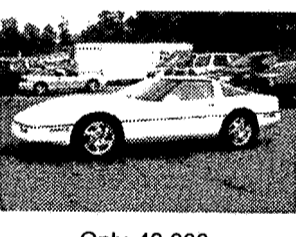
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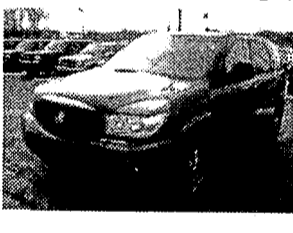
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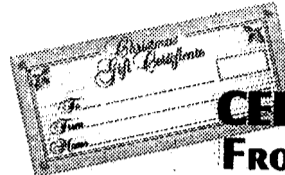
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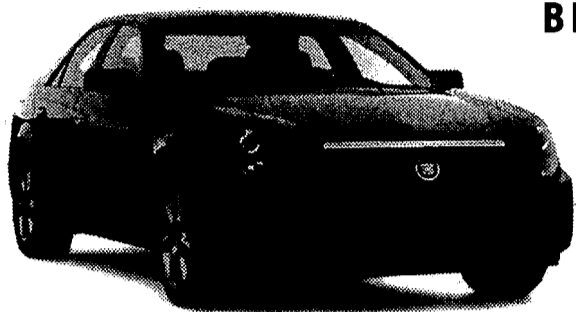
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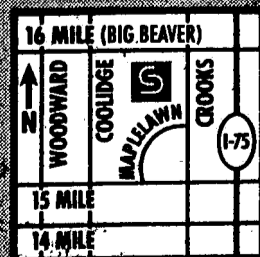
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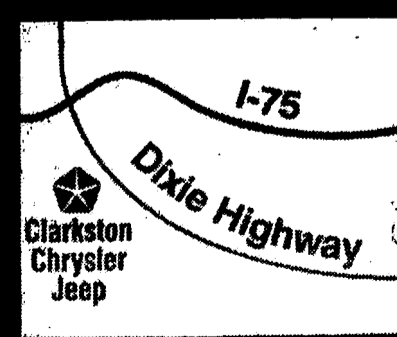


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