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McLaren proposes \$600 million medical complex

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Add medical care facilities to Independence Township's development debate.

Representatives for the McLaren Health Care Corporation presented a plan for a large medical complex, including a hospital, to the Independence Township Building Department on Dec. 22.

The multi-phase plan would create virtually a one-stop medical facility on a nearly 100-acre tract of land located at I-75 and Sashabaw Road.

"It's an interesting proposal. We'll have to spend some time taking a look at it and see if it fits with the community," said Township Supervisor Dave Wagner.

"It took me by surprise, I didn't think McLaren would head this way."

Kevin Tompkins, Vice President of Marketing for McLaren Health Care Corporation estimated the cost of the project to be between \$500-\$600 million with \$500 million being conservative. He also emphasized the tentative nature of the discussions at this point.

"We're working closely with the township because we're talking about what could be a large project and want to make sure we're in line with the township's goals," said Tompkins.

According to Tompkins a 100,000 to 125,000 square foot medical office building would serve as the cornerstone of the project.

"We're talking about a medical office building for primary and specialty care physicians. Obviously the Clarkston

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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When local government wants to raise your taxes, rezone your neighbor's property or give themselves a pay raise they are to keep residents informed. In Michigan they are to post notices in a newspaper with circulations within their borders.

Starting in January, residents of Springfield Township can find those public notices in the pages of *The Clarkston News*. On Dec. 8, the Springfield Township Board of Trustees voted 4-3 to entrust these notices with Sherman Publications, Inc. -- publishers of *The CNews* and *Penny Stretcher*.

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The public notice link is located on the left side of the webpage.

We believe in the public's right to know what their elected and appointed officials are doing and we welcome Springfield Township aboard. Residents can look for the above Public Notice Logo to find notices affecting you.

Springfield Township joins Independence Township and the City of the Village of Clarkston who had already trusted *The Cnews* to keep their citizenry informed. -- DPR

Swinging into the new year, looking back on the old one

Growth, growth and more growth was the name of the game for 2005 in the Clarkston area. The headlines of the year centered primarily around development -- and the many changes that came along for the ride in the City of Clarkston, Independence and Springfield townships.

Take a moment to pause and peak at just a few of the expansions from 2005:

January

January 5

Developer eyes site for Wal-Mart store: Independence Township officials expected to receive a formal proposal within a week for a possible Wal-Mart, Lowe's and 100-room hotel development near the Sashabaw Rd. and I-75 connection.

According to Supervisor Dave Wagner, township officials spoke informally with Orco Investments Inc., a Troy-based developer, concerning development of a 72-acre parcel located across from the Farmer Jack. The parcel is surrounded by Waldon Rd., Walters Lake Rd., Sashabaw Rd. and I-75.

Family, friends remember Food Town chain founder: Margaret Lavelle Roth, founder of the Food Town grocery store chain, died on Dec. 24, 2004.

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

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

Library buys equipment: The Independence

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Andrew Nelson spins Kayla Hemingsen as they danced through the center of the audience at the end of "The Snow Party," a holiday musical presented by third-graders in Mrs. Comp's class at Andersonville Elementary. For more pictures from this event and other holiday celebrations at Clarkston schools, see page 20A. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Millstream

Steve Bettwy preserves images of Clarkston

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Ballers off to 3-0 start

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Fill the season with music...



Crowds gathered for the "Happy Holidays" concert presented by the Clarkston High School Choral Department the evening of Dec. 20. The concert mixed performances by the CHS Jazz Band, Varsity Concert Choir, Chorales and Madrigals. Pictured, the Chorales performed "My Favorite Things." Photo by Andrew DuPont

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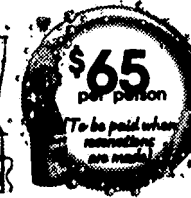
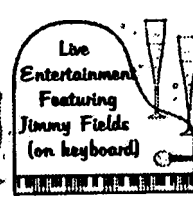
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Briefly

News offices closed New Year's Day

The Clarkston News offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 1. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Due to the holiday, changes in deadlines for the Jan. 4 edition are as follows: display advertising—Thursday, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m.; classified advertising—noon on Friday, Dec. 30; and news materials—noon on Friday, Dec. 30.

The Clarkston News is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To contact us with your news stories, opinions and advertising, please call 248-625-3370.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Winter survival training for women

The two-day "Women in the Wilderness" Winter Expedition is planned for January 21 & 22 at Independence Oaks on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston.

The program introduces participants to winter recreation and teaches basic winter survival, sport and camping skills. Clinics include gearing up for winter, quinzee hut building, winter mountain biking, winter hiking, ice fishing, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, geocaching, outdoor survival and winter camping. Jan. 21 night accommodations include tent camping, quinzee hut camping or a rustic fire-heated lodge. Expedition is held indoors and outdoors, so dress appropriately.

Cost is \$65 per person including all meals, instruction, clinic materials and equipment. Participants must be 18 years or older. Call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 248-634-0412 for more information.



Clarkston resident Sharon Saleski spoke to seventh graders at Sashabaw Middle School about her experiences traveling in Africa. Photo by Andrew DuPont.

Guest speaker describes African journey at SMS

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Geography is one of those subjects where first-hand experience can be difficult to incorporate into the learning process. Tactile learners can miss out because relocating to areas of study is just not feasible.

So Edward Lipke, seventh grade teacher at Sashabaw Middle School, brought the experience to his Eastern Global Studies students.

On Dec. 13, Sharon Saleski visited students to share her experiences from a trip to The Congo in 1991.

"Overall, the class benefitted from hearing firsthand accounts to go along with her beautiful pictures," Lipke wrote in an e-mail to *The Clarkston News*.

Lipke also wrote that students commented about enjoying the presentation which acted as a booster to students working on researching topics.

Saleski greeted students with "Jambo," the "hello" she grew accustomed to hearing on her trip. She then

shared stories and photos, via slide show, illustrating the people, environment and culture.

The first thing Saleski talked about was her arrival, and the differences in the hotel where she stayed. Saleski said she and others really wanted ice, but the power was out; and unlike back home, getting the electric turned back on was not a high priority. Likewise, the hotel offered laundry service, but not what one might expect.

"I saw someone cleaning my cloths with a rock in the river," Saleski said. "They came back pretty clean."

One major highlight of the trip for Saleski was seeing gorillas and chimpanzees in their natural environment. Saleski showed multiple pictures from her interaction with the animals, which she described as being gentle.

"They spent most of their day eating and that's about it," she said. "They were very playful."

Sadly, Saleski said some of the ani-

mals were now dead or missing limbs because of poachers.

Having such an experience required hard work though. The journey to see the gorillas required climbing a mountain, and there was no roadside assistance when the groups' truck broke down on the mountainside.

"They were able to fix whatever was wrong with a twig," Saleski said.

Saleski also shared the scariest moment of her journey. Near the border of Burundi, Saleski and her group were held up by thieves with machine guns.

"They wanted money, so we gave them money and they let us go," Saleski said, who added that with no police around, she felt helpless.

After her presentation, Saleski answered students questions and showed artifacts and art work she had brought home from her journey.

Despite the nerve-racking event near the border, Saleski had mostly positive things to say about her journey, and said she hopes to go back.

B&E on Washington, mom, wine bottle, son force out intruder

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A mother and son physically forced an intruder from their E. Washington home in Clarkston on Dec. 21 after he allegedly attacked the woman.

Rogelio Lopez Medina of Clarkston, 18 was arraigned on one count of home invasion before Judge Kelley Kostin in 52-2 District Court on Dec. 21. Bond was set at \$500,000 cash or surety.

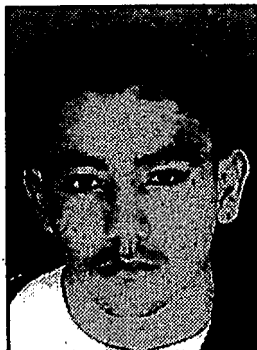
Police located the suspect walking west on Church Street east of Buffalo. Deputies wrestled the suspect to the ground after he reportedly ignored several verbal warnings to stop.

According to police reports, the woman was dropped off at home around 1 a.m. She entered the house to get the keys to move her son's car when she heard the floor creak. Thinking it was her 20-year-old son, she called out to him. Getting no response she checked his room and found him asleep.

The woman left the house, moved the car and reentered the house going to the kitchen when again she heard

someone walking.

Grabbing a bottle of wine she started walking through the house to investigate the noise. As she left the kitchen, she encountered a male wearing all black in the hallway.



Rogelio Lopez

The man allegedly grabbed her by both arms and tried to take her to the ground. The woman yelled for her son and was thrown against the wall. The report stated the man yelled at the woman in a language she could not understand.

Police reports state that eventually the son, woken by the scuffle, came downstairs and wrestled with the man. The woman then hit the intruder over the head with the wine bottle. They were able to force the man out of their home and call 911.

The woman had redness under her eye and had recovered a piece of black steel she said was not from the house. Police found no signs of forced entry on the front door. The woman stated that the front door was unlocked when she went outside to move the car.

Independence Township Fire Department was called

to treat the victim's injuries.

"I don't advise what the victim did, but kudos to her, she did a good job," said Oakland County Sheriff's Department Detective Lonnie Mullins.

Detectives attempted to interview Medina through an interpreter as he denied being able to speak English, but were unable to establish a motive or explanation for entering the home.

Mullins said the subject had had a few drinks, but was not intoxicated during the interview.

"When the testimony is taken there may be an enhancement of the charges at the preliminary exam because he was armed (with the metal object) and she was injured. This was quite a struggle," said Lt. Dale LaBair of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department substation in Independence Township.

A press release from Oakland County Sheriff's Department stated Medina is believed to be an undocumented person from Mexico and Immigrations and Customs Enforcement has been notified. He has no known criminal record in this country or previous police contacts.

Mullins said the preliminary exam is scheduled for Jan. 3 at 8:30 before Judge Kostin.

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

January 12

Done Deal, Schools OK redistricting: The long process surrounding Clarkston School's redistricting of the elementary schools finished on Jan. 10 – sort of.

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

After a great deal of discussion, board members decided to postpone the final activation of the redistricting.

Independence Twp. hires new legal representatives: The Independence Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 on Jan. 4 to hire new legal representation.

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

Servers to give 'Tips for Tsunami': Jennifer Korsedal and Tara Johnson spearheaded a campaign among local restaurants to donate money to help victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster in south Asia.

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

Millstream: Myron Grosz, who celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ownership of the Burger King restaurant on Dixie Highway in Independence Township was featured. He must reapply for the franchise in February.

January 19

Semi rollover leaks fuel, snarls rush hour: Just before 5 p.m. on Dec. 17, the driver of a tractor-semitrailer heading south on I-75 just north of M-15, apparently lost control of his rig, which went into the median and rolled over into the northbound lanes.

Pine Knob El. celebrates new addition: On Jan. 11, Pine Knob Elementary officially honored the opening of its new addition with a ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication.

'Connecting' campaign kicks off: The Clarkston Coalition for Youth, with support from local schools, churches, businesses and service organizations, issued a call for all residents to become active in the "community ini-

tiative."

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

The rivalry came to an end due to Clarkston schools shifting to a middle and junior high school setup.

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

January 26

School earns state Blue Ribbon: Superintendent Al Roberts announced that the Michigan Department of Education had named North Sashabaw Elementary School one of 32 Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools for 2005 on Jan. 20 at a surprise assembly.

State AYP report causes confusion: The issue was debated whether or not Clarkston High School met AYP requirements. In one link on the Michigan Department of Education Web site, CHS did meet requirements, and in another they did not.

When reporting results, the state requires each school to form subgroups amongst the students. Subgroups can include categories such as those with disabilities, those in special education and those who are a minority. One subgroup containing special education students was believed to have been the reason Clarkston High School did not meet AYP standards.

As stated on the Michigan Department of Education Web site, Clarkston Community Education Center received a grade D with an alert warning.

Township increases fees for building, planning, zoning: After allowing the schedule to sit dormant since 1994, the Independence Township Building Department took time to review the residential building, planning and zoning fees – with rate increases approved for both residential and commercial at the Jan. 10 board meeting. The new fee schedule took effect on March 1.

February

February 2

A 'Suite Dream' come true: "She deserves this. All of her life, all she's

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Independence Township firefighters inspect the scene of a tractor-semitrailer rollover on I-75 just north of M-15 on Jan. 17. Photo by Christina Ulaj

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known is the hospital. White walls and white lab coats. All I wanted was for her to have her own space. It's all about her, all about her. This is a healing room."

These were the words Anitra Williamson uttered more than once as she toured her 11-year-old daughter Kiara's brand new pink and purple bedroom, a gift from the Suite Dreams Project.

Suspects to face trial for murder: Two Independence Township men who have already served time in jail for assault will face trial for second degree murder in connection with the same incident.

Lance Allen Schmitt, 20, and Joseph Wells Stapleton, 19, were ordered to return to Oakland County Jail with no bond after a Jan. 27 preliminary examination before Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris. A jury trial was scheduled to begin May 23.

Remain Calm! Clarkston News offices still standing: At about 11 a.m. on Tuesday, an explosion in The Clarkston News building at 5 S. Main Street, attracted the attention of a lot of people, including the Independence Township Fire Department. A problem with the building furnace caused some concern, but no major damage and no injuries.

Icers stay in the groove, pick up two more wins: Consistent play is what Clarkston hockey Coach Bryan Krygier preached early this season with his team mired at 5-4. The Wolves have listened, and now find themselves at 11-5 (8-2) and ranked fourth in Division I by the Coaches Association poll.

Most recently Clarkston triumphed

over Grosse Pointe North 8-3 on Jan. 26 and followed up with a 3-2 win against Royal Oak on Jan. 27.

Millstream: Molly Arnold rides through life the same way she rides her horse — coolly with an air of confidence bred by experience and knowledge far beyond her years.

At 13 she sits on the cusp of her first professional rodeo and has survived a debilitating disease in spinal meningitis.

The cochlear implant which allows Molly to hear is a subtext in her life story. Paramount is her will to succeed, the same drive which preserved her life as a four-year-old child has propelled her to greatness on the back of her horse, Deja.

February 9

Pillar in Clarkston recognized outside the community: For Chuck Fortinberry, receiving the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award, gave him a deep draught of success which only the fulfillment of a life long goal could provide.

What makes the TMQDA especially sweet is that Fortinberry was chosen by his peers in the industry, some 240 auto dealers in the Detroit Metro area took part in the voting.

McCrary appointed: At the Feb. 1 regular meeting, the Independence Township Board of Trustees unanimously appointed former township clerk Joan McCrary to the commission.

Joan McCrary has served Independence Township in many different capacities over the years. She retired this past fall as township clerk after 15 years of service.

School board race draws six candidates: The Tuesday, May 3 ballot for



Bob Pursley of the Clarkston DPW helps install signs for the "Connecting" campaign late in January 2005.

the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education will include three incumbents and three challengers.

Those meeting the Tuesday nominating deadline for two four-year terms are Stephen J. Hyer, David A. Lohmeier and Ronald D. Sullivan.

Filing for the remainder of the term vacated by Trustee Tony Miller last year are Barry Bomier, Robin Matczak and Barbara A. Seiltz.

Athletes of the Week: Four stand out senior athletes from Clarkston High School signed on to ply their athletic talents in college. Mike Holody (University of Michigan) and Mike Klemm (Marquette) skills on the soccer pitch. Jake Meissnest signed to play football at Saginaw Valley State University. Gillian Nordquist committed to running track and cross country at Bucknell.

February 16

COG resurfaces to fight possible Wal-Mart complex: Reports of Orco Investments Inc. possibly bringing in a development near the Sashabaw Road and I-75 connection in Independence Township 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 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.

Man charged with threatening brother at gunpoint: 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.

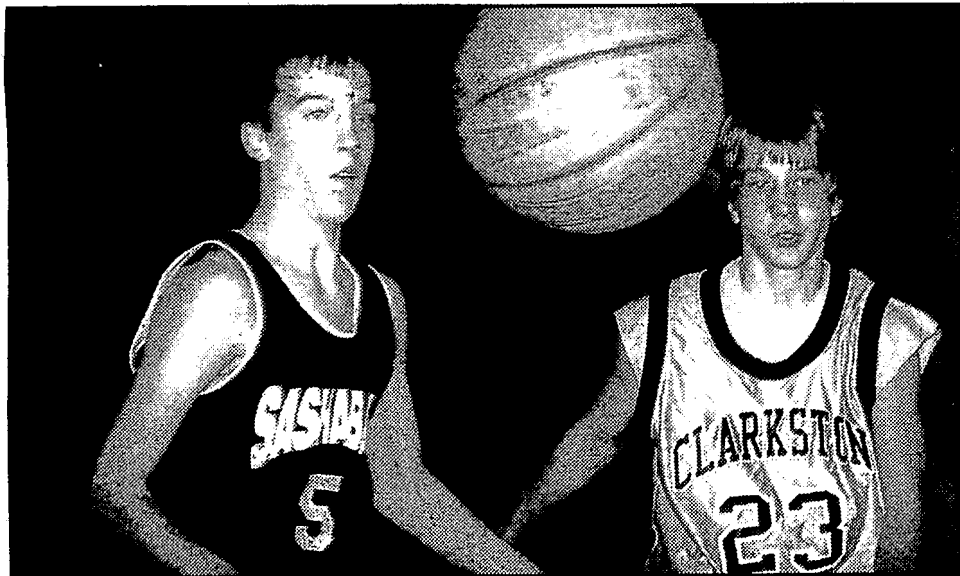
Kenneth Langley Abbott II, 26, was arraigned on Feb. 9 before 52-2 District Judge Kelley Kostin on charges of felonious assault and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Bond was set at \$10,000 cash. He is scheduled for a Feb. 18 preliminary examination.

Hats off to Clarkston area youth: Clarkston High School senior Anna Kerr, as well as her mother Maureen Tippin, joined 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.

Anna collected baseball caps to distribute on her upcoming trip from her classmates and friends. 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 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

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

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While our differences set us apart our similarities bring us together. Most people do not enjoy a good slap in the face with a large piece of ham. Most people would not enjoy slapping someone else in the face with a large piece of ham. But most people are not all people, and no matter how perverse, painful or sticky the activity, there is at least one person ready to enjoy it.

Perhaps in this crazy, mixed up world of different tastes and appeals there are a few people who eagerly await trash day each week. Not because they live in houses which create so much waste that by the time the garbage truck rolls around the house is practically overflowing with refuse. They enjoy trash day because they get to put on their special garbage day suit, pull on their boots, affix their goggles and slip on their gloves. At breakneck speeds they run with trash bags in tow from their house to the curb and back, only taking one bag at a time to extend the enjoyment. When their love of trash day spills into excess, entire black plastic bags affixed with yellow alligator tail ties are filled with bags of microwaveable popcorn, which they claim was burnt on accident. But one bag, maybe two is an accident, four trash bags full of a coal colored assortment of Butter Lovers, 99 percent fat free and Kettle Corn, is a trash day enthusiast gone wild.

The folks who would rather not take out the trash though are easily in the majority. Given the choice between having to take out the trash and not having to take out the trash, most people would avoid the dirty schlep to the curb altogether.

What would be the easiest way to get rid of garbage? Throw it out the window of course. When the pile of decay outside became too much to bear, a high-pressure hose could be brought to flush the mound of garbage into a neighbor's lawn. When the neighbor's complaints reached a fever pitch, the swampy globs could be easily set on fire. Then the process could start over again and everyone would be happy until the next pile rose to un-ignorable proportions.

In the same vein, what would be the easiest way to rid Americans from terrorist attacks? For starters, bug every phone. Once all communication over telephone wires was being monitored, cameras could then be placed in every residence and business. Then, of course, people would need to log any and all transportation with a central bureau, like the NSA.

While this system would take a pretty penny to implement, what price can we put on our freedom? Freedom from fear that is. Besides, just think of all the jobs that will be created in the "Monitoring" field, no college degree needed. In fact with college campuses becoming breeding grounds for seditious activities these days, it would probably best if they were fazed out sooner than later. Cutting \$12.7 billion in funding for student loan programs, as part of the spending cuts passed by a 51-50 margin in the United States Senate on Dec. 22, is a step in the right direction - if America has wholeheartedly committed to ensuring the next generation of innovation happens predominantly outside the lower 48.

But back to the NSA.

George Bush has a dream, and that dream is to not take out the garbage. He has guided his administration to the very edges of what the founders of this nation set forth in the Constitution and boldly crossed them. Allowing the NSA to spy at will and without checks and balances on American citizens may be an easy way to try to stop terrorism, but we deserve better.

If the only way we can prevent our way of life from being fractured by outside elements is by fracturing it ourselves, what do we have left? A smoldering pool of garbage.

Started Out Dumb



Noah Purcell

Opinion

Words of thanks for Springfield Fire Dpt.

Christmas night could have been a very tragic event for our family. A telephone pole located in front of our home that had a transformer on it somehow caught on fire. We noticed this and called the Springfield Township Fire Department. They came within five minutes. It appeared that there were 12 volunteer fire personnel at our home within 10 minutes. They were not able to do anything with the fire because it was an electric fire but they stayed until Detroit Edison came to make sure that the fire did not spread to our home. Once the DTE person came, she stayed in front of our house until the line personnel arrived. The line employees were able

to contain the fire and restore electricity to our house about 4:00 am.

Fortunately this incident did not lead to a tragic consequence, but we wanted our community to be aware that we are very grateful to our volunteer fire department and to the DTE employees. They had to be away from their family on Christmas Night. We just wanted to express our sincere gratitude to both of these organizations and to the people who were directly involved in this incident.

- Wisniewski Family
Springfield Township

Resident feels Bethlehem under threat

As the world talks of peace at Christmas, the Israeli government has built a wall that confiscates large tracts of Palestinian land in the Bethlehem area, where half of all the Christians in the Holy Land live.

This wall, Israeli-only road and Israeli settlements have turned the birthplace of Christ into a seven-square mile open air prison. Only three military controlled checkpoints allow movement in and out. Tourism, and thus the economy, has been virtually destroyed.

Since making a livelihood is almost impossible, nearly half the Christians have left for the Americas and Europe in the last several years. At the same time,

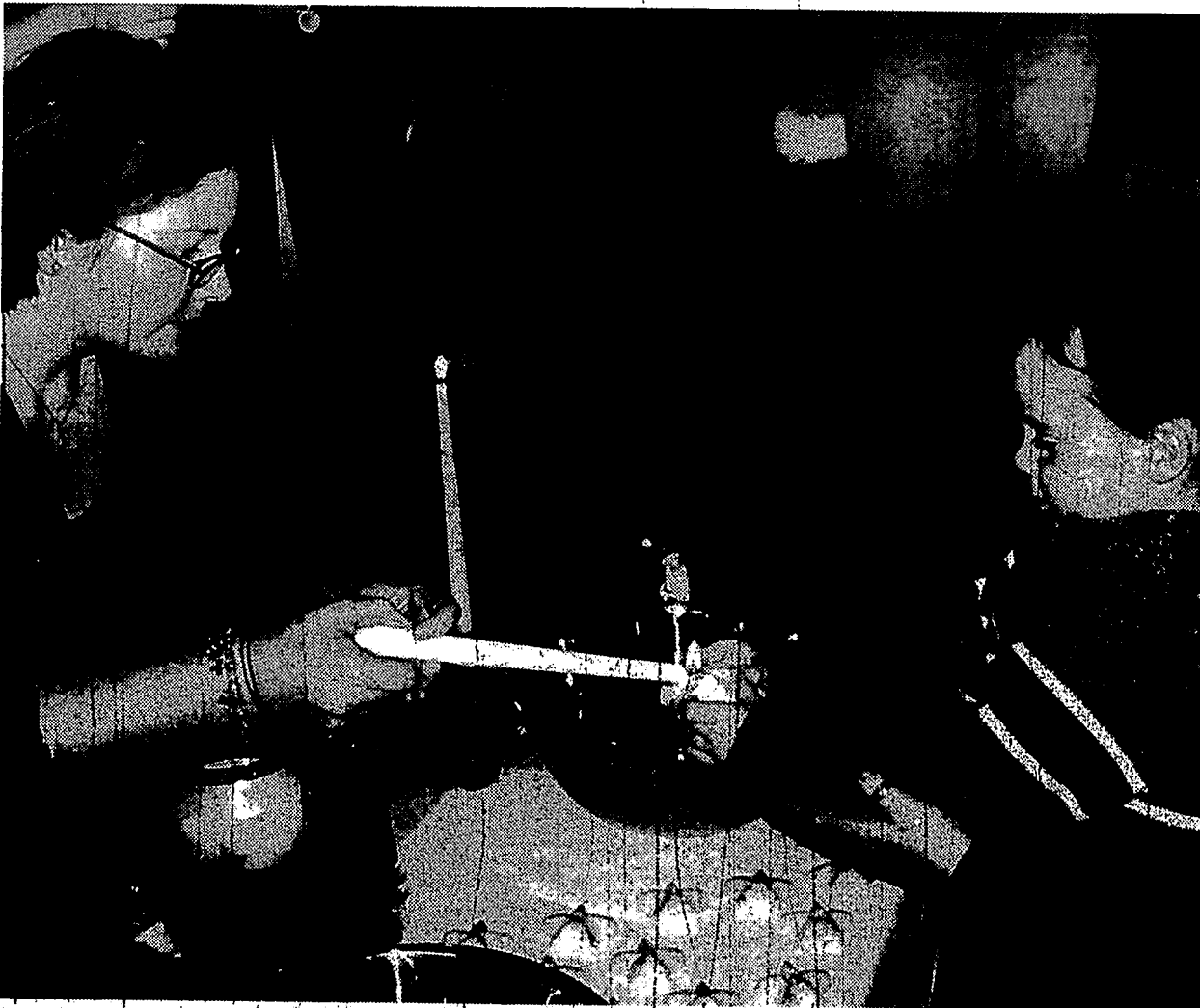
enlarging area Israeli settlements have doubled since the signing of the Oslo Peace Accords in 1993.

The "Little Town of Bethlehem," if nothing changes, will be little more than a small Christian museum with many ancient shrines, and no living witnessing community. Is this what the United States, the world and the modern state of Israel want?

We heard daily about Gaza, and now hear nothing about the strangulation of the Christian Community in Bethlehem. Pray for them if you sing the carol this Christmas.

- Pastor Robert D. Walters, Clarkston

Celebration of Music and light for Montessori students



Family and friends gathered at the Montessori School of Clarkston on the evening of Dec. 21 for a musical performance by students, followed by a light ceremony. The light ceremony represents love, joy, warmth and peace and echoes the lessons taught as part of the school's geography, world culture, and peace curriculum. Pictured above, Montessori teacher Miss Simone lights a candle with Tommy Fikes and his mother Julie as part of the light ceremony. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Best Image Possible

As we enter a new year a look to the past

My wife Jennie is always vigilant for possible column fodder for her very own husband. What follows she sent to me. If it is all true it would be very interesting reading. If it isn't true, it is still interesting.

So, as we say ciao to the year 2005, let's take a look at the past century, in particular the year 1903.

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

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

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

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

Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.

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

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

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

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

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

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

Coca Cola contained cocaine.

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

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

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

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

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

Comments for Don Rush can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@charter.net

A Look Back

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

14 YEARS AGO (1991)

• County economy slow but stable, U.S. economy may rebound mid-year, three forecasters predict. The U.S. economy in 1991 is likely to slow the first half of the year but probably will rebound with a strong surge in the last half, according to three area professionals.

Further, Oakland County is likely to be less affected by the slow-down than the rest of the state, the three predict.

25 YEARS AGO (1980)

• Levy gravel pit hearing on again: A public hearing on the Edward C. Levy Co.'s Inland Lakes and Streams application is back on again.

The permit is one of many the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires before Levy can mine approximately 400 acres in Independence Township.

50 YEARS AGO (1955)

• Large Crowd At Christmas Party: The annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club, around the large Christmas tree in front of The Clarkston State Bank was the usual big success. If anything, it was even attended by a larger group than ever.

• Clarkston Bank To Help Farmers: The Clarkston State Bank is cooperating with Michigan State University and the Oakland County Agricultural Extension Service by providing farm account record books, without charge, to their customers. They are giving these books to customers to encourage them in keeping good records.

The basis of any sound farm business is a good record. This is doubly important now due to income tax and social security laws recently passed. Research has shown that many farm families could save hundreds of dollars by keeping accurate records.

Jim's Jottings -- Holiday Greetings



Merry Christmas from me, the grandchildren and the family canine, Shayna. Christmas is for the young at heart and helping my ticker stay young are, from the left, Haley Speed, Dan Offer, Savannah Speed, Karen Offer and Trevor Speed. Here's to hoping all readers have the warmest, love-filled holiday ever. Again, Merry Christmas!



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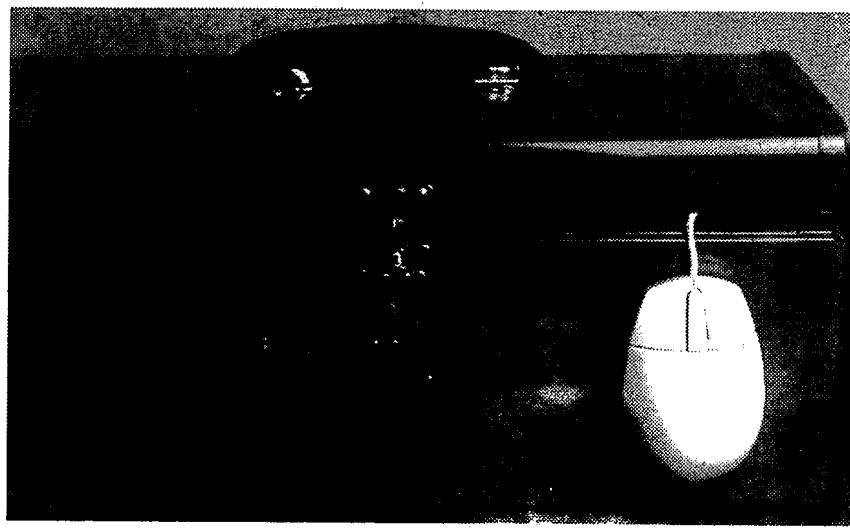
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The second annual Open Your Heart to Lighthouse fundraiser was held at the Clarkston area home of Fred and Sheila Ritter on Feb. 10.

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true appreciation," said Kerr.

Like a snowball going downhill: 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.

Millstream: Fred and Sheila Ritter opened their hearts and their home for the second annual Open Your Heart to Lighthouse fundraiser on Feb. 10.

Open Your Heart to Lighthouse is the creation of Bill Clark and the Lighthouse planning committee. Clark is on the Lighthouse board of directors, and with the planning committee, worked fast to arrange the extravagant evening.

February 23

Joyce resigns from Clarkston Police Department: Chris Joyce, who Chief Ernest Combs attempted to fire from the Clarkston Police Department last fall, chose to resign from the force on Jan. 25.

Combs announced Joyce's resignation at the Feb. 14 meeting of the Clarkston City Council in answer to a question from Council Member Scott Meyland.

New plan offered for McCord farm: At the Feb. 15 regular board meeting, township Supervisor Dave Wagner informed trustees he would like to look

into a new development option for the McCord farmhouse and barn property located on Pine Knob Rd.

The old farmhouse, barn and other outbuildings on 2.23 acres of land, in addition to 34.31 acres of open space across the roadway, were given to the township by Stonewall Farms, LLC several years ago.

Local artist travels the world teaching trademark techniques: Graduating from Western Michigan University with a degree in art history education, Gloria Rzakdo-Henry's latest achievement, The Watergraph Process, is a well-known trademark, literally.

The Watergraph Process is simple. The artist takes a polaroid photo of an individual; then chooses an art piece, such as the Mona Lisa, and transforms the polaroid photo into a style replica of the art piece.

Fond farewell for seniors, Clarkston wins final home game: After stilted play in the first half left Clarkston down 13-12, seniors Brad Goodman and Robbie Clark were not about to let the Wolves lose in their home court finale. The tandem came alive in the second half, pouring in 26 of Clarkston's 35 points in the third and fourth quarters to carry the Wolves to a 47-33 defeat of the Lakers.

Millstream: Bill Clark, manager and coach of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, and his multiple philanthropic endeavors in the Clarkston Community was featured. Clark had recently participated in the raising funds for Renee Przybylski Memorial Spraypark, Clarkston Lighthouse, Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots among other charitable endeavors. Clark and his wife Gwen, a breast cancer survivor, are longtime participants in Relay for Life as well.

March

March 2

Jury finds Orion man guilty of rape at DTE: On Feb. 25, Gregory H. Combs was found guilty of rape charges stemming from an incident at a summer concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre. Combs was set to reappear for sentencing on May 28. According to state sentencing guidelines, attorney expected a prison sentence of at least 17 years, although the maximum penalty is life in prison.

Group pushes education for orderly growth: After a Feb. 23 meeting with almost 300 Independence Township residents in attendance, Citizens for Organized Growth scheduled a workshop session for March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston High School auditorium. The focus was the structure of township government and the roles of the master plan, zoning ordinances, Sashabaw Road overlay district, PUD zoning and the Vision 20/20 plan.

Cedar Crest celebrates 20 years: On Feb. 26, Cedar Crest Academy held a gala to celebrate 20 years of operation in the Clarkston community.

The school first opened its doors in 1984, when founders Bette D. Moen, M.Ed. and Dolores Imbrunone, M.A., decided to establish the school on the belief that providing students with personal attention would help them develop full potential.

Three Wolves teams win League titles: To close their respective seasons Clarkston's boys basketball, hockey and both boys and girls ski teams all took OAA Division I league titles in 2005. Clarkston's Volleyball team also won their district this week.

Millstream: Rotary celebrates 100 years of service. Rotarian's came together to celebrate 100 years of Rotary Club on Feb. 23 at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion.

The guest list was long, including members of the Oxford, Clarkston, Davisburg and Waterford Rotary Clubs.

March 9

Residents protest plans for Springfield development: Despite protests at a public hearing preceding the vote, the Springfield Township Planning Commission on March 3 recommended approval of a planned unit development, which includes a gasoline station-convenience store, at the southwest corner of Andersonville and White Lake Road.

Road crews fight bumpy gravel roads: Unpaved roads were battered by record January snowfalls, followed immediately by an unseasonable thaw and heavy rains, followed by more heavy snow and subfreezing weather.

Crews attempted to fill some holes with gravel, but the combination of rain

and snow melt washed out the gravel. Lack of manpower meant other roads did not even receive the temporary fix, officials said.

CHS students get up-close look at local government: Ninth graders from Clarkston High School sat front row during the City of the Village of Clarkston council meeting on Feb. 28.

The two students, Jamie Shaw and Stephanie Titsworth, attended as a requirement for their civics class. The assignment: to work with core democratic values in the real world.

Postseason success for Wolves: As the wrestling team prepared to send Braden L'Amoreaux, Tommy Ellsworth, Josh McAllister and Mike Maguire to the individual state finals, two other Clarkston teams were making postseason waves. The Wolves basketball team won their district and the Clarkston hockey team charged into the regional finals.

Millstream: The Hyman family and their beautiful home which has been recognized by the Oakland Business Review and earned the front cover of Preferred homes.

Mark and Linda along with their children Julian, Halle and Justin, not only reside in the area, but also are highly involved in the community. Mark had also recently opened a Home Loan Center for Flagstar Bank in Clarkston.

March 16

Whoopee Bowl wins reprieve: The Springfield Township Board and the Dixie Highway business owners of the Whoopee Bowl reached a compromise, with the board rescinding their demolition order and the more-than-50-year-old salvage resale business agreeing to drop a lawsuit challenging that order.

Granholt congratulates The Clarkston News on 75 years: Gov. Jennifer Granholm sent a letter recognizing *The Clarkston News'* history in the community and in Michigan.

Clarkston grapplers give all at states: Clarkston senior Braden L'Amoreaux finished second in the state in the 145-pound division. The champion, Davison's Brent Metcalf did not lose a match throughout his highschool career. Also, the Wolves' Josh McAllister, Tommy Ellsworth and Mike Maguire qualified and wrestled at the state finals.

Millstream: The Clarkston Rotary's annual Spring Wine Tasting Gala on March 9 was featured in all of it's bacchanal glory.

March 23

Developer attempts to clarify plan for golf course condos: Mario D'Agostini, owner of White Lake De

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velopment, hoped to present a proposal at the April 5 regular board meeting asking trustees to approve a scenic easement relocation that would move the easement from nine holes added five years ago, over near and combined with the 25 acres covering the original 18 holes.

Judge sentences rapist to at least 24 years in prison: Gregory H. Combs, 35-year-old Orion Township man, was sentenced to 24-36 years in prison for raping an Independence Township woman last year.

The sentence, issued by Oakland County Circuit Judge John J. McDonald, came despite Combs' continued claims that the May 28, 2004 encounter with the then-19-year-old woman at the DTE Energy Music Theater was consensual.

Orco requests rezoning, COG moves into action: On March 15 Orco Investments Inc. of Troy, developers interested in bringing the well-discussed "big box" stores to Independence Township, filed a rezoning request with the Independence Township building department.

Citizens for Orderly Growth, fervently worked to break down the language in the request in order to continue their drive to keep Wal-Mart out of Independence Township.

Skiers name to All-State: Thirteen athletes between the boys and girls ski teams from Clarkston have been named to All-State teams.

Alex Rosengren was named first team All-State in both the slalom and giant slalom. Also on the boys side, Eric Weiland, Jeff Haladik and Kevin Vahlbusch were named to the second team in the slalom and third team All-State in the giant slalom.

Jennifer Stanton was named second team All-State in the slalom. Alyssa Vermeulen was also named to the third team in the slalom. Trisha Peters was named third team All-State in the giant slalom. Finishing out the awards for the girls was Erica Halsey and Mo Weiland who were both named honorable mention All-State.

Millstream: The Clarkston Area Optimist Club's annual fundraiser "A Night on the Town" on March 19. The event was held at the Liberty Grille and Golf Club in Clarkston.

March 30

COG investigates unorthodox millage: Citizens for Orderly Growth announced the creation of a committee to research forming a legal defense fund to help stave off a big box/convention center's construction.

New Deer Lake boat launch makes ripples: A new boat launch at Deer Lake may cost Independence Township more than they originally foresaw, but the long-planned project will finally be completed.

The original budget for the project was \$69,273, but items in the original proposal had to be reexamined when the township received only one bid, coming in well over budget at \$129,755.

Powerlifters grab, pull and jerk their way to third place at states: The Clarkston Powerlifting Club grunted and willed their way into third place at the Michigan High School Powerlifting Association's state meet on March 19.

Steve McIsaac led the boys team with a first place finish at 207 pounds, his second straight state championship.

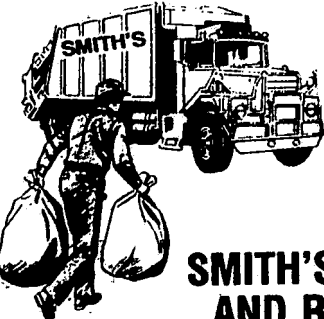
Millstream: Judge Kelley Kostin and her ascension to the bench of the 52-2 District was featured.

April

April 6

Deputies arrest two daytime burglary sus-

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pects in Springfield: Lucas Daniel Burnett, 25 of Davison, and Christopher Robert Reid, 19 of Clarkston face a combined 15 charges of home invasion following their arraignment. Interviews conducted by Sergeant Mark Gardner, commander of Springfield Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Independence Township Detective Jerry DeRosia produced confessions in connection with three Springfield Township incidents and four Independence Township break-ins dating back to March 27. The men allegedly entered a Softwater Woods Drive home at 12:50 p.m. on March 31, only to run into the resident who called police and gave good descriptions of the suspects.

Childhood friends reunite after 31 years: Dana Fortinberry and Barb Ross, friends since 1968, reunited at Caribou Coffee in Clarkston after 31 years apart. The two had went their separate ways in 1971 and did not know where each other lived until a mutual friend helped them find each other.

Long tenured and successful ski coach stepping down: After eight success-filled years, Bruce Rosengren stepped down as head coach of the Clark-

ston ski team. Under the eight years of Rosengren's tutelage, the girls ski team enjoyed a 66-1 record. The boys team went 61-6 during that same time span.

Millstream: Edna Stephens was featured for winning the 2005 Literacy Award from the Michigan Reading Association. The annual award recognizes "meritorious" literacy work by an individual. Stephens' Auburn Hills publishing company, EDCO Publishing Inc., and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources coordinated a "Learn about the past, Appreciate the present and Preserve our heritage" program. Through LAPs, Stephens and the DNR produced booklets to highlight the historic background of nine state parks and the state capitol building.

April 13

Kids using cell phones to download porn: A Clarkston parent learned recently that her child had been using a cell phone to download pornographic material. Clarkston School Liaison Officer Darren Ofiara of the Oakland County Sheriff Department advised

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Thanks to Rudy's Market, the Easter Bunny walked up and down Main Street on March 25 until he bumped into Austen Ike. Photo by Christina Ulaj

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

December 18: Assist fire department at 2 p.m. for snowmobile fire in driveway on Darcey Lane.

December 19: Phone threats made by the boyfriend of an employee towards her place of employment on N. Main Street.

Clarkston man discovered four charges totaling \$630.70 on his credit card that he did not make.

44-year-old Fenton man injured after slipping on sidewalk in front of business on Dixie Highway.

Television stolen from garage on Olympus Drive.

63-year-old Independence Township man electronically shocked while working on a breaker at Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road around 1:30 p.m. The man plugged in the box when a big flash of light blew in his face and burned his left hand. He was transported to St. Joe's Hospital in Pontiac.

December 20: Misty Hill Ct. resident reported two fraudulent purchases on her credit card made at two companies in Florida. The charges equaled \$71.91 and \$175.11. On Dec. 19 a box from one of the companies was delivered to the residence.

Police assisted a 55-year-old Clarkston woman after she suffered injuries in a fall on Parview at 10:47 a.m. The

woman fell trying to step over an indoor child gate, injuring her right knee and elbow and was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by the fire department.

Homeowner on Foxfire Circle caught her health care worker stealing her son's prescription medicine. After noticing the medicine missing on days that worker was in the home, the homeowner set up a camera and reportedly captured the worker stealing the medicine on camera.

A Commerce Township man says he has yet to receive payment for his \$47,000 boat which was allegedly sold from a business in Clarkston. The man purchased a new boat in 2004 and was reportedly told by the business owner the best way to handle the trade-in was to sell the boat from the lot. The boat owner states he learned the boat was sold in Sept. 2005, but that the business owner did not have the money to pay yet. The boat owner states he received a letter from the business owner saying the payment would be remitted by Oct. 15, but has not seen the money or the boat yet.

December 21: Police firearm discharged to destroy injured deer at 12:44 a.m.

Wellesley Terrace resident reported receiving 10-15 prank calls everyday since Dec. 14. The resident states that during the calls the caller says nothing until eventually a dial tone comes over the line. The resident said her husband had received a call from a phone com-

pany on Dec. 14 trying to get him to switch carriers. Allegedly the employee of the phone company called back later and told them it was not a telemarketing call and hung up. The resident believes there may be a correlation between the initial call from the phone company employee and the pranks.

December 22: Pink Knob Lane resident notified police that since she

purchased her daughter a picture cell phone last week, her daughter has received many prank calls and has been sent inappropriate sexual pictures over the phone.

December 23: Mann Road resident received threatening phone calls on three separate occasions harassing her and making sexual suggestive statements towards a youth in the house.

Papa Romano's employees attacked

On Dec. 20, a 22-year-old Holland man was tasered twice and arrested by Oakland County Sheriff Deputies after allegedly assaulting two employees of Papa Romano's on Main Street in Independence Township.

According to the employees, the man entered the store around 4 p.m. claiming to know one of the employees. After asking about other employees the man walked behind the counter smoking a cigarette.

After an 18-year-old employee told the man to go back in front of the counter, the man allegedly attacked the worker. Witnessing the incident, the second employee called 911 via cell phone. On his way out the suspect allegedly grabbed a chair threw it at the counter worker.

The employee who called 911, followed the man outside staying on the phone and trying to see where the assailant went. As the employee walked

towards a car he thought the man went to, he was allegedly accosted by the man.

As police arrived they observed the suspect punching the employee outside the store. After the attacker ignored verbal calls, he was pulled off the other man. The attacker allegedly resisted the arresting officer and made several attempts to turn on the officer. At this point the man was tasered, but continued to yell and struggle from the ground. The man was tasered a second time as he continued trying to get up.

According to one of the employees, the suspect appeared intoxicated. Preliminary breath test results were .149.

Both employees suffered minor injuries, but refused medical treatment.

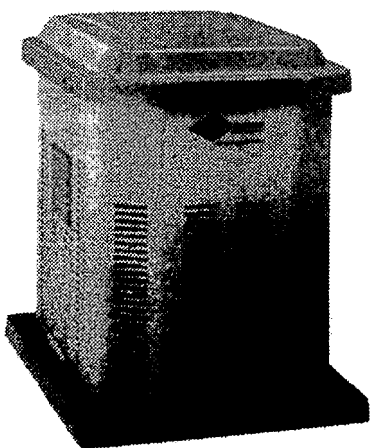
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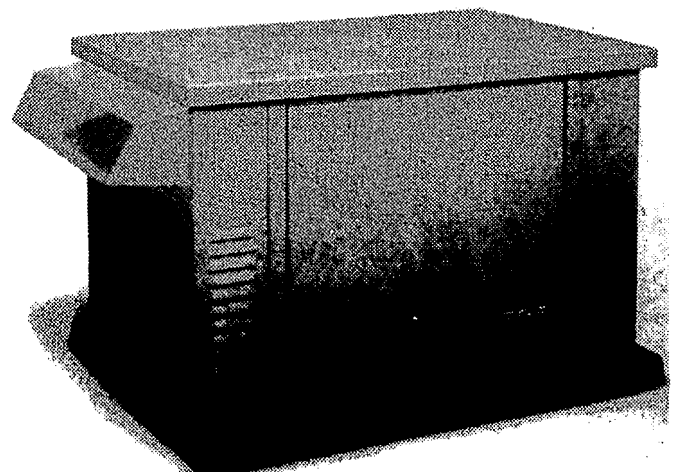


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Clarkston Scout earns Eagle rank: Independence Township resident Brandon Boozer, 16, earned Eagle Scout rank and was recognized April 10 at a Court of Honor at St. Daniel Catholic Church. A member of Troop 199, Boozer has been a Boy Scout for six years after spending four in Cub Scouts.

Golf gets into swing of things early: Like spring Crocuses, the girls golf team bloomed early this season by winning their first match of the year 201-211 against Troy. Minjoo Lee was Clarkston's medalist on the day with a score of 45. Filling out the score card for the Wolves were Jackie Schram with a 47, Courtney Henderson's 54 and Lyndsey Kitson's 55.

Millstream: Thanks to many generous people in Clarkston and the rest of Oakland County, Deer Lake Athletic Club was the site of a family dinner to thank and welcome new recruits to the Marine Corps family. The evening featured several prominent local and national politicians including: U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers, Michigan State Representative Fran Amos and Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner.

April 20

New tanks will help water flow: As part of the \$22 million water system upgrade project in Independence Township, the first of several large water storage tanks was installed by workers on April 14 in the Deerwood Road area. The project is slated to include three well sites

with disinfection treatment centers; seven sites with iron removal; and arsenic removal and disinfection treatment centers; two new brand new well sites and two new wells at existing sites.

Chamber, schools honor volunteers: Saying thank you was the theme of the evening for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Clarkston Community Schools first "Volunteer Appreciation Night" on April 13. The evening honored all those who generously give of their time and energy to the community through charities, service organizations and the schools. The highlight of the evening was guest presenter Tim Cusack.

Wolves crush Falcons and Knights, go over .500: Clarkston's baseball team certainly got a big win on April 13 running eighth ranked Rochester off the diamond to the tune of 16-0. The momentum accrued in dispatching the Falcons carried over to their next game, a 10-3 victory over Kimball on April 18. Their efforts improved their record to 4-3 (2-1) on the season.

Millstream: Businesses and residents from across Clarkston converged on Clarkston High School for the Clarkston Connects Community Expo on April 16. The expo, which was presented by the Clarkston Coalition for Youth featured 51 different businesses and eight separate demos of various activities, products and services available around the Clarkston area.

April 27

Candidates offer views on school issues: The Clarkston News sent out surveys to each of the Clarkston Community Board of Education candidates. The candidates included: Barry Bormier,



Road Commission for Oakland County employees work to remove traffic signals from M-15 at the northbound exit ramp from I-75 just before 9 a.m. on March 12, after a vehicle ran off the road and snapped one of the support posts. Photo by Don Schelske

Stephen Hyer, David Lohmeier, Robin Matczak, Barbara Seiltz and Ronald Sullivan.

Independence honors The Clarkston News: Independence Township officials passed a resolution honoring the 75th Anniversary of The Clarkston News recognizing the paper as the township's "hometown" newspaper since its first edition in 1929.

Millstream: Executive Director of the North Oakland Foundation, Bob Anderson, was featured discussing several things made possible at the North

Oakland Medical Center by the generosity of Clarkston area residents. "The Naz room," a five-bed unit which serves as the first step into the Pontiac-based hospital's birth center, was one example explored.

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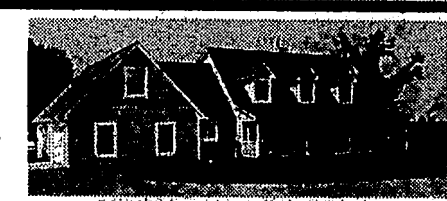
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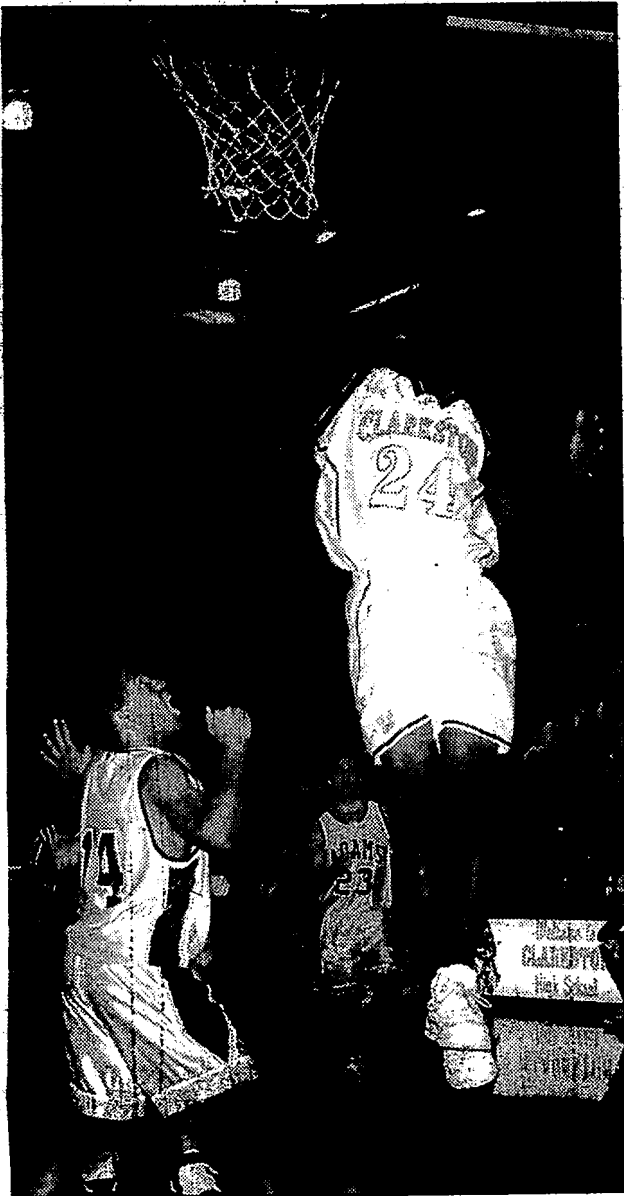
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Junior Oliver Kupe's athleticism is welcomed off the bench for the Wolves. Photo by Noah Purcell

As good as it gets — for now Wolves start campaign on the hardcourt at 3-0

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Even while questions about his team's speed and ballhandling played across Clarkston basketball coach Dan Fife's mind like so many sugar plums, the Wolves' and their coach were able to rest easy over the holidays with a 3-0 record to start the season.

"3-0 is pretty good, but we should be 3-0 right now," Fife said.

In the week leading up to the Clarkston Schools winter break, which runs from Dec. 23-Jan. 3, the Wolves outclassed two inexperienced programs.

Clarkston dispatched Flint Northern 80-51 on Dec. 22. The contest was originally scheduled to open the Wolves' season on Dec. 9 but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

"We shot the ball really well and (Flint Northern) is really young," Fife said.

Leading the way against Northern for Clarkston were senior Joe Moran and junior Dan Owens who each pumped in 16 points. Senior John Kast and junior Bren Bergquist each had 12 to help the winning effort.

"We are getting a lot of contributions from a lot of kids right now," Fife said.

On Dec. 20, Clarkston started slow but finished strong against Rochester Adams, winning 74-49.

The Highlanders were able to keep the game close early on, with the score knotted 12-12 at the end of the first quarter. Clarkston raced out to a 36-21 lead at the half, thanks in large part to Kast's poignant play at the point, as he tallied 6 of his 11 points and 3 of his 5 assists in the second quarter.

The Wolves continued to roll in the second half, out

scoring the Highlanders 22-10 in the third quarter to seal the game for all practical purposes.

Moran, Owens and Bergquist all registered a team high of 12 points against Adams.

"Our inexperience at guard hurt us. (Clarkston) is just bigger stronger athletes," said Adams Coach John Hall. "This is a bigger team than they've had in past years.

With 12 players on their 15 man roster listed at 6'2" or taller, Clarkston's size, especially in the back court, is undeniable. Though Fife enjoys the mismatch a player like the 6'3" Kast creates at point guard, he is worried about the Wolves' ballhandling and just how fleet they are of foot.

"Our overall team speed worries me and we have to become a much better passing team than we are. Against the competitive teams that really come after you, you have to take care of the basketball," Fife said.

A 54-49 win over Carmen Ainsworth on Dec. 13, in which turnovers nearly cost the Wolves the game still sticks out in Fife's mind. Over the break, a point of emphasis in practice will be firmly placed on handling defensive pressure.

A positive trend for the Wolves though has been the play of his bench, specifically from Owens' sweet shot, senior Robbie Ronk's tenacity and court sense and sophomore Oliver Kupe's boundless energy and raw athleticism.

The Wolves return from the break only to hit the road for four games straight. On Jan. 3 Clarkston plays at Rochester High. Jan. 6 features a showdown at Pontiac Northern. The road work continues Jan. 10 at Groves and Jan. 17 against Pontiac Central.



Athletes of the Week CSSC U9 Impact

The Clarkston Select Soccer Club (CSSC) U9 Boys Impact soccer team, completed its 2005 indoor youth soccer season with an exciting overtime playoff championship victory, decided by penalty kicks, over the U9 Bloomfield Force team on Friday, December 16th at the Oakland Yard indoor facility in Waterford.

The U9 Clarkston Impact boys soccer team was formed in June of 2005 and is comprised primarily of eight-year-olds, with all 10 of the boys attending Clarkston schools. Throughout the past four months, they have put together a record of 10-2 outdoors and 8-1 indoors while out scoring their opponents by over 60 goals in 21 games (18 wins and 3 losses). The highlight this year for the

boys was their stunning indoor playoff run which included come from behind victories in both the semifinals and the finals against the Birmingham Blazers and Bloomfield Force U9 teams respectively.

In the finals, with the Impact down, 2-1 and the clock ticking down, the boys from Clarkston generated the equalizer with less than two minutes left in the match, sending the game into overtime.

Impact goalkeeper, Grant Gotaas, turned back three consecutive Force shots with the crowd at Oakland Yard buzzing, while Joe DeFinis provided the offense to bring the indoor championship to Clarkston, capping off a great first year for this new team.

The CSSC U9 from left to right: (front) David Posawatz, Brandon Rankiewicz, Jimmy Todd, Ben Snider, Mark Croger, (middle) Joe All, Joe DeFinis, Alex Kassman, Isaac Marlow, Grant Gotaas, (back row) Coach Tony Posawatz and Head Coach Curtis Payment. Photo provided



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Wolves a few strokes too slow

In their opening match of the season on Dec. 20, Clarkston's swim team had their moments against Rochester High but in the end succumbed 96-90.

Leading the way for the Wolves was the all-senior relay team of Joshua Badgerow, Mike Nelson, Ryan Kurre and John Wilson, who took first place in both the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays.

Badgerow was assuredly the Wolves rock throughout the meet, also winning the individual 200 and 100 freestyle events.

Some other Wolves scoring points were: sophomore Greg Dedow (1st place: 100 backstroke) freshman Bobby Nelson (2nd: 200 IM and 100 backstroke), Mike Nelson (2nd: 100 backstroke) and the team of Bobby Nelson, senior Jim Peers, senior Evan McKenzie and sophomore Philip Voorheis (2nd: 400 freestyle relay).

The Wolves swim next on Jan. 5 at Troy Athens, then follow with an away meets at Berkley on Jan. 17 and Rochester Adams on Jan. 19.



Senior Keith Voorheis and the Wolves fell short 96-90 against Rochester High on Dec. 20. Photo by Purcell

Wolves eke out tie on the ice, stay alive in OAA

Coming in to their OAA I matchup against Royal Oak United on a two game losing streak, the last thing Clarkston's hockey team was hoping to find was a hot goalie – but such was the case as Royal Oak's Rick Hennard turned away 49 Wolves' shots in a 3-3 tie on Dec. 22 at the Detroit Skate Center.

"We salvaged a tie," Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier said. "I don't like to tie or lose OAA games. But that one point still means a lot."

Senior Kyle Chartrand tied the game, 3-3 with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

Clarkston never led in the contest, trailing 2-0 after one period. Senior Ricky Spano scored two goals, one in the second period and another in the third to tie the

game 2-2. But Royal Oak regained a one-goal advantage with eight minutes left to play in the third period.

"I'm glad we didn't give up. We had some energy and we didn't want to lose," Krygier said.

The Wolves record now stands at 5-4-1 overall and 4-1-1 within the OAA Division I, good for second place in the league standing behind Troy. Troy, 7-3-0 (5-0-0) beat Clarkston 3-1 on Dec. 10.

In the practice time afforded to them by the Clarkston Schools winter break, Krygier intends to emphasize the Wolves recent legacy in the OAA.

"This is my eighth season. In that time we have finished first five times and in second place twice. They

can't accept anything but first," Krygier said.

For all practical purposes, the OAA crown will be decided soon after the Wolves' layoff with six OAA games in a row in the month of January.

On Jan. 6 Clarkston plays at West Bloomfield, then on Jan. 7 at Stony Creek. A home stand featuring West Bloomfield on Jan. 12 and Farmington on Jan. 14 follows. On Jan. 26 the Wolves travel to face Royal Oak, then are at home on Jan. 28 for a rematch with Troy.

After the spate of OAA action upon returning from the break, Clarkston only has one remaining league game left on their schedule, Feb. 15 against Farmington.

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By Ernie Harwell



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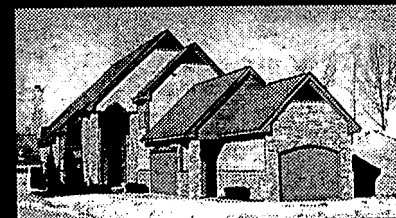
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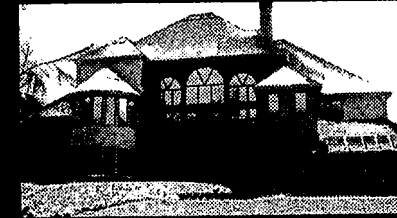
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Attorney General to file charges against local business

BY JAMES MARTINEZ
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Owners of Century Tool & Die in Springfield Township, could face charges from the Michigan Attorney General's Office for violating child labor laws which resulted in a 17-year-old employee losing four fingers on the job.

The possible charges stem from an incident in April when the employee, operating a mechanical power press, was injured when the press amputated four of his fingers. The company is owned by Michael and Nan Eskers.

Melissa Christianson, spokesperson for the Attorney General's Office, confirmed charges are in the process of being filed against Century Tool & Die. Christianson said the charges should be filed soon, but could not provide a more accurate date.

The Department of Labor and Economic Growth referred the case to the Attorney General's Office for prosecution earlier this month.

"We don't typically refer cases to the Attorney General, but this was highlighted by the fact that we had a similar incident resulting in the death of a minor in Grand Rapids recently. The employer claimed not to know about the law... That's one of the responsibilities of employers," said Deputy Director with the Department of Labor & Economic Growth David Plawecki.

"The more significant part of this is the fact that it seems to be occurring more and more and it's commonplace in these situations for employers to claim ignorance of the law when dealing with minors."

Plawecki said the owner could face the charges for violating the state's Youth Employment Standards Act by employing a minor without a work permit and employing that worker in a hazardous occupation. Both charges carry penalties of a \$500 fine and up to a year in jail.

"They're acting because of the injury, yet the act has nothing to do with if anyone was hurt. We don't have an egregious violation

here. We have an unknowing of the law, which I'd say probably happens at a lot of small businesses," said the Eskers attorney David Lawrence.

"The Eskers are very upset and feel bad for the worker. They feel terrible and are concerned. It was a horrible accident, but they were not aware of the standards," said Lawrence, who noted the company hired the youth through a co-op program with Holly High School.

"We have these laws to make sure in hazardous areas employers are careful not to employ minors," said Plawecki. "Employers need to be aware minors need to have a permit and can't work in hazardous spaces... We hope parents will question minors about how long they work and in what condition they work at their jobs."

The Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration (MIOSHA) originally investigated the case.

"Century Tool & Die did everything it was required to by notifying MIOSHA and the Workers Compensation Bureau," said Lawrence.

According to Lawrence, after the MIOSHA investigation, Century Tool & Die was issued citations for violations regarding the incident and the issue was resolved through a settlement, which included a non-admit clause, agreement to abate the violations and payment of fines.

MIOSHA notified the state's Wage & Hour Division when it was learned the worker was a minor, according to a press release from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth.

An investigator with the Wage & Hour Division probed the case and issued a corrective action notice to employer for violating the state's youth labor laws.

Plawecki explained that the correction action citation was issued saying no minor can be employed in a hazardous occupation or work without a permit to prevent future incidents at the company.

"We're waiting to see what charges may be filed and then will respond accordingly," said Lawrence. "It's a questionable use of state resources. It'd be better spent notifying employers."

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Medical Group would be a major part of that," said Tompkins.

He went on to say the initial building would also include a 15,000 square foot ambulatory surgical facility. Tompkins explained the complete proposed project would add several other medical buildings like a heart center and cancer treatment/research center to the complex. A separate standing 300 bed, 4-5 story acute care hospital would be constructed near the end of the project.

"We're looking to create a health care village. We want not only traditional services, but everything from pharmacy to medical supply and other yet to be determined health related services," said Tompkins who indicated the complex could include a bank and other retail stores.

Dr. Tim O'Neill, president of the Clarkston Medical Group, said moving the CMG to the proposed center, if approved, would benefit the community.

"As a lifelong resident of Clarkston we're excited for this type of medical project. There's enough people here to support this," said O'Neill.

"I think it brings (health care) local. Right now Clarkston overlaps with other areas and we have nothing to call our own... The first phase of this project brings in a lot of patient testing and treatment right here in Clarkston without having to drive."

O'Neill estimated that the Clarkston Medical Center could move over in 24-28 months if the project went smoothly. He said CMG would most likely fill 20,000 square feet of the initial building.

"We're in the early stages and I know there's concerns in the area about growth, but something like this is not like bringing in a big box. It would bring jobs and provide a good service," said O'Neill who explained the building is intended to be very inclusive to area physicians. "We'd be bringing in the best surgeons and specialists and putting them at one location under one roof."

In addition to the McLaren proposal, Wagner said representatives from Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak have a plan in the works for a medical facility at the northwest corner of I-75 and M-15.

"They say they will come forward shortly, with something," said Wagner. "They're not worried about McLaren's (proposal), they say there is plenty of room for everyone. These are two different proposals," said Wagner.

Beaumont Hospitals spokeswoman Ilene Wolff confirmed Beaumont has plans in the works.

"McLaren's plans are unlikely to affect our plans at all. We're building because we already have patients coming to Royal Oak Beaumont from the area," said Wolff.

"We're just exploring our options right now. It could be something from an ambulatory surgical center to nursing home to an assisted living center or some combination of some or all of those."

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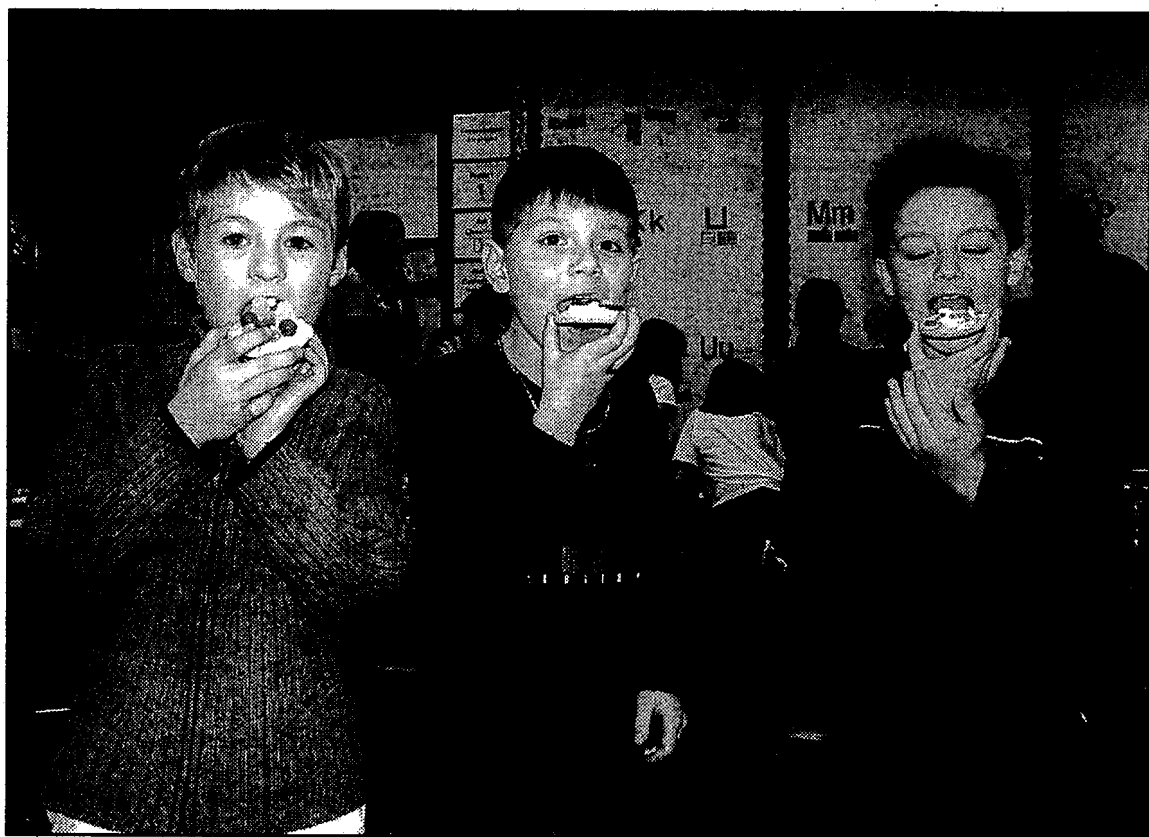
Happy Holidays at Clarkston Schools



How quickly can you wrap a present with one arm behind you back? Connor Dziewit and his fourth-grade classmates at PKE tried to find out. *Photo by Andrew DuPont*



Clarkston Elementary second-graders Justin Vienuzis and Abby Wilson show off their stocking crafts. *Photo by DuPont*



Spencer Wineman, Nicholas Wasik and Drake Parker enjoy their cookies at Springfield Plains. *Photo by Noah Purcell*



Singing holiday songs is part of the fun for these kindergartners. *Photo by James Martinez*



Students at BLE gathered for an all-school singalong. *Photo by Andrew DuPont*



Students got help with crafts at Independence Elementary. *Photo by Jenny Matteson*



First-grader Ryan Austrins, 6, of Mrs. Patnaude's class sips on a juice box. *Photo by James Martinez*

People Poll

What is your
New Year's
resolution?



"To try and be more organized."
— Kristen Strong



"I don't make resolutions."
— Linda Monk



"To play golf only five days a week, instead of six."
— Jim Egler



"I always leave things for the last minute and I should stop doing that."
— Jordan Guelde

By Andrew
DuPont

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Photographer brings new perspective to old sights

BY NOAH PURCELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The everyday spectacular, be it a tree flirting with perception through fog; the last fingers of light from the sun slowly withdrawing behind the horizon or even bright orange pumpkins outside a grocery store, is what Clarkston area resident Steve Bettwy tries to capture with his photography.

"A lot of the pictures have a mood to them, rather than just taking a picture of a setting, I try to zoom in on one portion of it to try and get that feel," Bettwy said. "When I'm looking at something I will have my own reaction to the scene. It's striking or it's calm or it's really reflective ... When I pick the picture I try and get that same feel so if somebody else is looking at it they get that reaction back."

A gallery show of Bettwy's work at The Artful Framer on Sashabaw Road began Nov. 18 and is scheduled to run through Saturday. Bettwy thinks with increased interest the run may be extended.

"With the stuff that is up on the walls (at the show), we wanted to get as much Clarkston and Clarkston area pictures as we could," Bettwy said, who also sells pieces online at www.LuminousVisions.com.

Since moving to Clarkston three years ago, Bettwy has found a muse in the natural settings which ease into the residential areas.

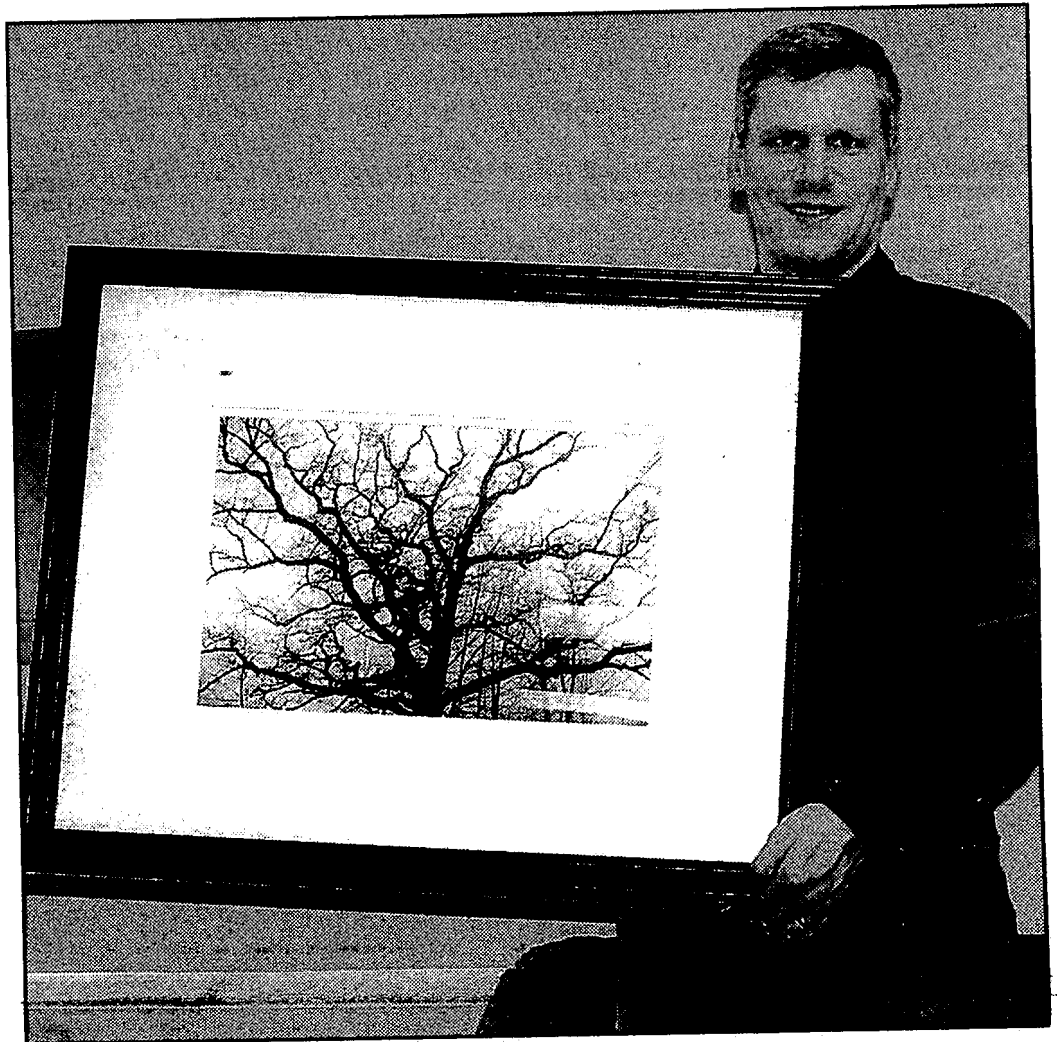
"I was transferred here from Milwaukee. We settled in Clarkston because of Clarkston, this town, this Main Street right here. We were never much for the Troy or Rochester kind of feel," Bettwy said, who enjoys the area with his wife, Kate, two children, Matthew, 5 and Carson, 2, and their dog Elvis.

Like a photo negative, Bettwy's career in photography took time to develop. The initial shutter-click though came in the form of a camera given to him as a graduation present upon finishing college at Villanova.

"I took some pictures and found I had a bit of a talent for it. I started off with film and shot a lot of pictures, thousands and thousands of pictures, eventually I went digital about two years ago," Bettwy said.

For the photos which become Luminous Visions' pieces, Bettwy still alternates between film and digital work.

"You can't beat the convenience of digital, there's just no arguing that, but there are times when digital just doesn't behave. There's still times when film is going to get you a better picture. In a lot of low light situations, the digital just doesn't know what to do," Bettwy said.



Steve Bettwy holds his photo "Oak In Gray Skies." Photo by Noah Purcell

Regardless of the format he is working in, one key to his work is never being far from his tools.

"I have a camera with me almost all the time, so when I come across something and the time is right, I'll stop and take the pictures. Sometimes you don't have a second chance to get something so having the camera there is always good," Bettwy said.

No longer new to the area Bettwy knows the optimal conditions to nab shots. One piece, featuring the black tendrils of a tree on Rattalee Lake Road melting into fog called "Oak Against Grey Skies" is a perfect example of this.

"It was last March when we got about eight inches of snow one day and then it was like 50 degrees the next day and it was just pea soup fog. I took the afternoon off from work and took a bunch of pictures," Bettwy said. "We all see these things driving down the road, I just have to stop and grab that picture."

But Bettwy does not retrieve images from natural settings exclusively. Traces of humanity can be seen in his work from around the United States and the world in prints of a variety of bridges, barns, lighthouses and other historic structures. Even in Clarkston, what may appear like a mundane, albeit colorful,

autumn display to most, has become a photo subject.

"What would make you stop at Rudy's and look at a pumpkin? I'm not going to stop and look at a pumpkin, but you get a shot of this and you end up with something people will say 'hey that's very cool,'" Bettwy said of his work "Miniature Pumpkins."

When it comes to taking baby pictures though, Bettwy defers to his better half.

"I don't do well with people. My wife takes the kids pictures and the people pictures and she does a much better job than I do," Bettwy said.

While he may be at a loss for words when it comes to setting up a family portrait, Bettwy is quick to offer advice to budding nature photographers.

"Definitely take lots of pictures and with digital it's free, the more you take the more you get out of your camera. It's harder when you have to pay for film and developing and everything else and you have boxes of prints. The more pictures you take and the more you pay attention to what you've done and correlate that to the picture that comes out, the better they are going to end up," Bettwy said.

Please see Bettwy on page 8B



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Around Town

The Springfield Township Library announces their newest activities!

- **Storytimes** are here — registration begins on Jan. 3. Activities include stories, finger plays, music some crafts and fun. There are different sessions for various age groups through five years.

Pre-registration required. Please call for details.

- Beginning at 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays on Jan. 24, school-aged children can participate in the **After School Craft Days**.

Jan. 24 is themed "Snack for the Birds." Registration is required and begins on Jan. 3.

For information on these and all the other great library activities, please call 248-846-6550.

Here's something great to do this season with **Springfield Township Parks and Recreation**:

- A **Snowmobile Safety workshop** is scheduled for Jan. 10 and 12 from 6-9 p.m. on both days at the Hart Community Center.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department will teach the laws of safe snowmobiling and how to properly handle snowmobiles.

Participants must attend both days and successfully pass the test to receive the Snowmobile Safety Certificate. A minimum and maximum number of participants are required to hold the class, so please call ahead to register.

To register for an event or get more information, please call Springfield Township Parks and Recreation

at 248-634-0412.

Samaritan Care Hospice seeks volunteers to spend time with terminally ill patients and their families.

Hospice volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients on an average of 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers must be 18 or older and have reliable transportation. Two mandatory five-hour training classes are provided prior to your first patient assignment. Training classes are now forming.

For more information, call Chris Kokenos at (800) 397-9360.

The **Clarkston Lions Club** holds meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. The official meeting takes place at 7 p.m.

Beginning in October, the Lions will meet in the Carriage House, next to the senior center, in Clintonwood Park. For more information, please call 248-484-7130.

The Clarkston Schools Early Childhood Center and the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance are co-sponsoring six parenting workshops titled "**No More Whining!! Develop Positive Behavior in Young Children.**"

The workshops are facilitated by counselor and parent educator Jennifer Arkwright.

Workshops are held on the following dates: Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 7 and April 11 from 6:15-8 p.m. at the new Clarkston Early Childhood Center.

Participants can register for any number of workshops by calling 248-623-4350. The cost is \$10 each, or attend all six for \$50. Childcare is available on a limited basis and at a minimal cost.

Christmas In Action of Clarkston is hosting "**A Night at the Races**" fund-raiser on Jan. 21.

Wooden reindeer sponsored by local businesses, groups and individuals will race to the finish line at Columbiere Center.

CIA is a coalition of volunteers who come together the last Saturday in April to provide free home repairs to qualified low income seniors or handicapped homeowners. The Columbiere Center is located at 9075 Big Lake Road.

For information on sponsoring and tickets, please call 248-618-7433 or write to CIA of Clarkston, P.O. Box 644, Clarkston, MI 48347.

Crosshill Community Preschool, a non-profit organization, has several openings in the four-year-old and young 5's classes. A possible three-year-old afternoon class may begin in January on Tuesday and Thursday.

Classes are available for three-, four- and young five-year-olds. The preschool is located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church at 803 Broadway, Davisburg.

For more information, please call Susan at 248-634-2673 or the preschool director at 248-634-1064.



Waiting for Santa

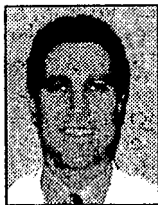
Christmas is a time for friends. Five-year-olds Sarah Lacey of Clarkston and Catherine Laube of Davisburg enjoy "Lunch with Santa" hosted by Springfield Township Parks and Rec on Dec. 17 at the Hart Community Center. About 100 people showed up to see the Man in Red. Photo by James Martinez

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New Year Resolution: *make connecting a part of your life*

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The Clarkston Community Initiative offers some fresh ideas to connect, build and sustain relationships. For more information, visit: www.clarkstonconnects.org or call 248-922-3004.

Who will you connect with today?

January represents an opportunity to start something new. Try focussing on these concepts and see what happens with the connections you make in your life:

- **Support each other** – be a person who cares, listens and accepts others
- **Value everyone** – insure everyone around you feels safe, valued and involved
- **Encourage others** - encourage others to be and do their best
- **Develop new skills** - create opportunities to de-

velop new skills and interests between youth and adults

- **Invest in lifelong learning** - develop and value the importance of lifelong learning

Support each other

Are there people in your life who have always supported you? Who are they? Do you know someone who doesn't seem to have a lot of support? What can you do to reach out to them?

- Think of someone you want to connect with to show them you care... then call them!

• Host a multi-generational hot chocolate party and have each guest share a winter memory and talk about the importance of helping each other.

Value everyone

- Take a moment and ask a co-worker, family member or friend how their day is going.

• Ask a youth to become a member of your organization's board or committee.

- Get to know your neighbors.

Encourage others

• Attend a Clarkston sports event and cheer for our hometown team!

- Host a game night at your home for a mixed age group and encourage everyone to have fun.

- Say at least one encouraging statement to a friend or family member each day.

Develop new skills

• Plan a talent hour/night at your school, neighborhood, business, church or family where youth &/or adults share their special expertise.

• Volunteer to coach a sport team, direct a play, manage a Destination Imagination group, mentor/tutor a child, teach a religious class or head up an after school club.

Invest in lifelong learning

What is/was the best thing about your school? Is there a way to share your interests with a youth or adult in Clarkston?

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Clarkston's Original



Dr. Nancy Crossley is affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital.

Care Center

The baby who won't stop crying

Article written by: Dr. Nancy Crossley

New babies cry for a lot of different reasons. It's one of the main ways they can let you know they need something. Still, it can be very frustrating, especially at 2 am!

As you and your baby get to know each other, you'll learn to tell their hungry cry from their pain cry. Here are some tips to help you sort out and answer your little one's needs.

CAUSES OF CRYING

Hunger - Newborns need short, feedings - usually 20 minutes about every 2 hours. If it's possible that your baby is hungry, try feeding first. Don't forget to burp frequently during and after feeding.

Clothing - Check baby's clothes to make sure they're not too tight, too cold or too warm. In general, your baby will be comfortable dressed as warmly as you are. Check fingers and toes to make sure there's not a thread or hair cutting off circulation.

Illness - Sickness can make your baby cry more frequently. Call or take him/her to the pediatrician if you think your baby is not feeding well, is very fussy or is much less active than normal.

You should see your pediatrician for any illness in a baby less than 1 month of age, or for fever higher than 100.4 in a baby less than 3 months of age.

Diapers - Most babies won't cry excessively with a wet diaper unless they have a diaper rash. Still, a change is worth a try.

Boredom - If you think your baby might be bored, you can try a car or stroller ride, dancing with them in your arms, or just holding them and walking from room to room.

Overstimulation - Babies can easily become tired and overstimulated because of playing, being handled and being in a very new and exciting world. Although it's important to include your baby in your activities, make sure to include quiet times too, with low lights, a quiet environment and a slower pace. You can also try swaddling your baby by wrapping snugly in a warm blanket with arms bent and held close to the body, or use a pacifier.

Colic - Colic is a general term used to describe the baby who cries for several hours at a time on a daily basis. Colic usually starts by 2 weeks of age; almost all babies outgrow these crying episodes by 3 months. The cause of these episodes is unknown. Vibration (as in a car or vibrating child seat) and white noise (a fan, washing machine, or dishwasher) can be helpful.

If you're getting angry and frustrated with your baby's crying, try to take frequent breaks by letting a spouse, family member or friend take care of your baby for a while. If you're so angry that you're afraid you might hurt your baby, call your doctor or an emergency room for help.

Some books that may help: *Happiest Baby on the Block: The New Way to Calm Crying and Help Your Baby Sleep Longer*, by Harvey Karp; Bantam Books, 2002.

Hush Little Baby: Gentle Methods to Stop Your Baby from Crying, by Barbara Hill; Avery Publishing Group, 1999.

365 ways to Calm Your Crying Baby; by Julian Orenstein, Adams Media Corp., 1998.

Dr. Nancy Crossley specializes in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. She's a Michigan native who is a graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine; she completed her residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. She looks forward to meeting and caring for all members of your family.

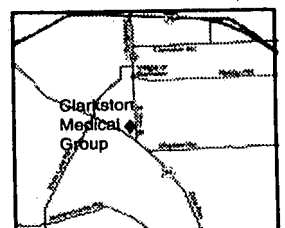


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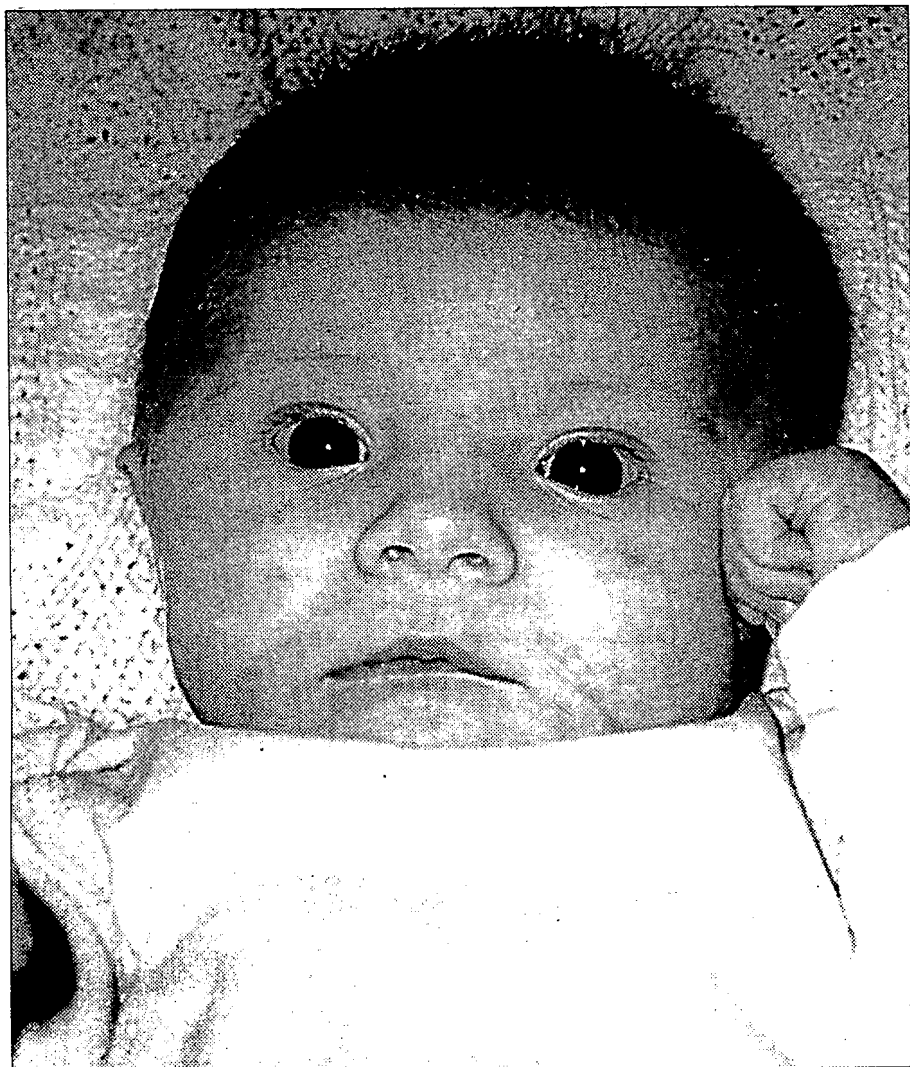
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Milestones

Welcome Hannah Sanderson



Marc and Chrissy Sanderson of Clarkston announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Hagen Sanderson. Hannah was born Nov. 1, 2005 at 6:25 p.m. at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She weighed seven pounds,

six ounces and measured nineteen inches long. Hannah is welcomed by grandparents Robert and Marykay Dorr of Clarkston and Robert and Karen Sanderson of Harrisville.

Student achieves success

Mathew Banks, a 2003 graduate of Brandon High School successfully attained his Associate Degree in Automotive Technology from the University of Northwestern Ohio earning honors as a Cum Laude student. Mat will continue his studies for a Bachelor's degree and plans to obtain his Master's degree shortly thereafter. Mat's goals

to open and successfully run an automotive/body shop are in the very near future. Exceptionally proud family members are: mom - Terri Banks from Clarkston, brother - Josh Banks, dad and step-mom - Hillis and Joyce Banks from Tennessee and grandparents - Margaret and Gene Bennett of Clarkston. CONGRATS MAT!!!

Serving our country...

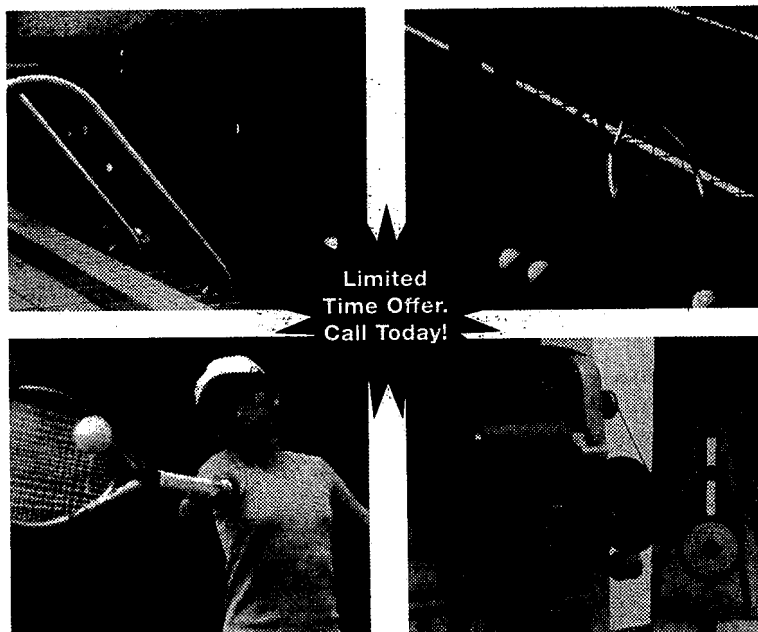
Navy Seaman Recruit Samantha M. Freidinger, a 2005 graduate of Clarkston Renaissance High School, Clarkston, Mich., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Freidinger completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed

on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence needed to succeed. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Got a Milestone to share?

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Ken & Jan Vaillencourt

Long time Clarkston residents, Ken and Jan Vaillencourt, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on a cruise to the Bahamas with their children, Debbie (Sam) Davis, David (Katherine) Vaillencourt & Shelly Vaillencourt. They were married November 26th, 1955 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Detroit. They have resided in Clarkston since 1957. They also have 2 grandsons, Ken (Stacy) Davis & Andrew Davis. One great grandson & 1 soon to be born great granddaughter.

"God Bless You Mom & Dad, we love you very much!"

Happy
50th
Wedding
Anniversary

Religion

Aslan, the Lion King of Narnia, is not Jesus

That's right! Aslan, the Lion King of Narnia, is not Jesus Christ of the Bible. I've just seen the movie and re-read the first three books of C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia" series and I'm convinced that Aslan is not Jesus.

Before I do some explaining, let me introduce you to Lewis' magical world. Narnia is a land created by author C. S. Lewis where animals talk, where a lion named Aslan is the king, and where human children have great adventures. While their adventures last months and years in Narnia time, upon their return to the real world they find they have been gone for only an instant.

Aslan is a lion who is the ultimate king over all of the magical lands including Narnia. Jesus is the eternal Creator of the universe who became a human being so that he could live a perfect human life and then pay for the penalty of sin by dying on a cross. He demonstrated his victory over death as he rose from the dead after three days. There are indeed similar themes of death, resurrection, and redemption included in both the gospel story and the life of Aslan. While Aslan is not Jesus, we can sure learn a lot about Jesus from watching and reading about Aslan.

One of my favorite parts of the book (which was left out of the movie) was the reaction of the four children when they first heard the name of Aslan the lion. Lewis writes as follows: "At the name of Aslan each of the children felt something jump in its inside. Edmund felt a sensation of mysterious horror. Peter felt suddenly brave and adventurous. Susan felt as if some de-

licious smell or some delightful strain of music had just floated by her. And Lucy got the feeling you have when you wake up in the morning and realize that it is the beginning of the holidays of the beginning of the summer."

Jesus also produces unique sensations in the people he reveals himself to. At different times in my life I have experienced each of the sensations that the four children experienced. Edmund felt a sensation of mysterious horror. When I realized that I had a sin problem which prevented any meaningful relationship with the God who made me, I also experienced a mysterious horror. I knew that judgment and a guilty verdict awaited me for I had fallen short of God's perfect requirement. I have also experienced what Susan felt when she heard the name - a delicious smell or delightful strain of music. What great joy there was when I found the way of escape from the judgment to come. Jesus had become my salvation. Jesus had become to me what another Christian author noted - "Jesus is honey in the mouth, melody in the ear, and joy in the heart." Lucy, the youngest of the visitors to Narnia, experienced what every kid loves to experience: schools out for summer. Jesus is our introduction to eternal life which is the best holiday imaginable. I have also felt like Peter did upon hearing the name of Aslan. I have felt brave and adventurous ready to experience my destiny and take on new adventures in God's kingdom.

No, Aslan is not Jesus. But he can teach us much about both the greatness and humility of Jesus. See the movie, read the books, and have a Happy New Year filled with exciting sensations and experiences associated with the name of Jesus.

(Steve I. Brown is pastor at North Oaks Community Church)

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Steve Brown

In our churches...

Join St. Daniel Catholic Church for "Coming Home" with scriptures any Tuesday at 10 a.m. for a small group study of the coming Sunday's scripture readings and get reacquainted with Catholic worship. For more info call Kathy Desrochers at 248-625-7397. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park.

Every Friday evening at 6 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church is offering "Celebrate Recovery." This is a Christ-centered recovery program to help people overcome life's hurts, bad habits and hang ups. The evening includes a simple meal, praise and worship, and group discussion. Calvary Evangelical is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive. For more information call 248-625-3288.

"Introduction to the Catholic Faith," a series of RCIA classes start Jan. 8 from 10-10:45 a.m. for adults who wish to explore the Catholic faith, update or prepare for sacraments of initiation at St. Daniel Catholic Church. St. Daniel is located at 7010 Valley Park. For more info call 248-625-1750.

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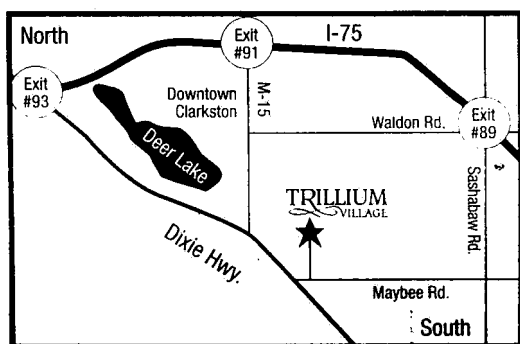
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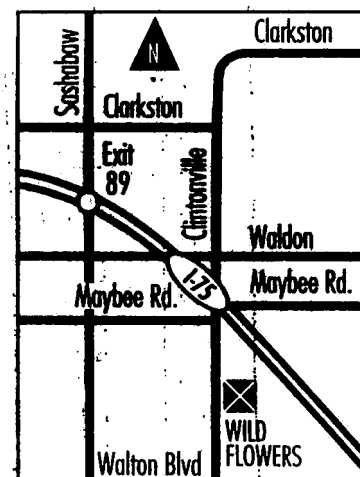
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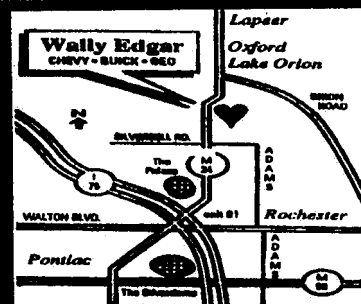
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Bettwy

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He also recommends classes in order to attain technical basics.

"(After learning the basics) then you start experimenting. Take lots of pictures of the same thing, different ways and see what happens," Bettwy said. "Don't be afraid to get very close or very far away or stand on your head. The viewpoint is everything and that's what makes it interesting. Anybody can take a picture standing up, when you change the viewpoint people get interested."

Bettwy himself has laid on his back, with his head upside down against the ground to attain the exact perspective he felt was needed for a shot.

"I tend to have an image in my mind's eye and say 'this is what I want to get' and with the digital you can make sure you are headed in that direction, before you

get to the computer. But there are still surprises when you find something in a shot you weren't expecting or you didn't notice. Sometimes it's good, sometimes it's bad," Bettwy said.

One area where Bettwy insists on no surprises is in the printing process of his photographs. While the digital revolution of camera equipment has made taking and tweaking photos at professional level from home palpable, quality printing is a step behind.

"I'm not a fan of home printers yet. You don't get a lot of the subtle tones that you can with a true photo processor, and secondly since it's a thermal process you don't get the longevity. The pieces I'm selling to people, I want them to be up there 10 years from now. I don't want them to look washed out and faded," Bettwy said, explaining why he sends his final proofs to a print shop in Lansing.

"It's consistency too, I'm offering only 50 of each,

so they're all limited editions. If someone sees something here they really like, I don't want to give them a finished product that looks different," Bettwy added.

Over the past year, and including the gallery show ongoing at The Artful Framer, Bettwy has entered in several art fairs, something he hopes to do more of in the near future.

"Next year I'll be focusing on getting into some more art fairs. I'd like to do another couple gallery shows," Bettwy said.

Though he has taken many photos which have delighted him on a personal and professional level, Bettwy lens is ever focusing still.

"I haven't taken the perfect picture yet, I'm still working on that," Bettwy said.

For more information on Steve Bettwy and Luminous Visions call 248-922-9677 or e-mail him at Info@LuminousVisions.com.

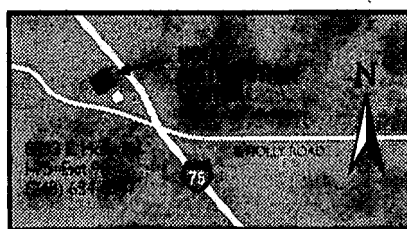
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INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD

AGENDA

7:30 P.M.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Date: January 3, 2006

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Forum - *Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2005, meeting
- b. Approval of Purchase Orders
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

Old Business

1. Keyholing Ordinance (For Discussion Only)

New Business

1. First Reading, Amended Final PUD Site Plan Approval, American House (Independent and Assisted Living for the Elderly), Sashabaw Orchard Acres, Northwest corner at Sashabaw Road and Bow Pointe Drive, 6.7 acres, PUD Zoning, 08-27-100-030 and 031

2. Non-Union salaries

Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business.

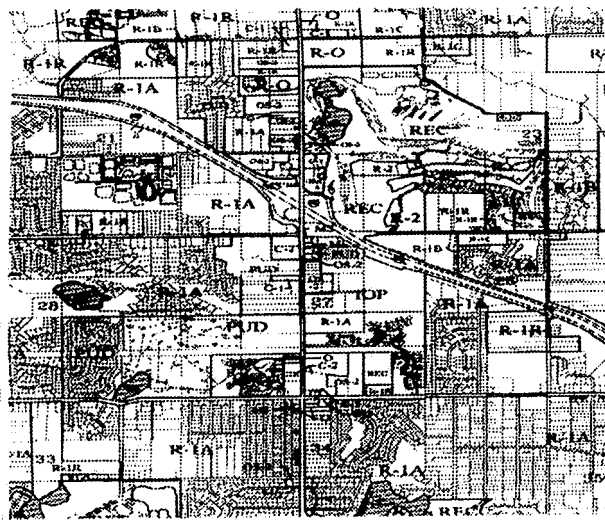
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on December 20, 2005, the Township Board authorized a First Reading Amendment of a rezoning request from IOP (Industrial Office Park) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), Proposed Self-Storage, Climate Control Storage on 7.29 acres (Water Tower Self Storage), SE corner Sashabaw Road and Waldon Road, 08-27-201-007, 024, 025, and 026, as follows:



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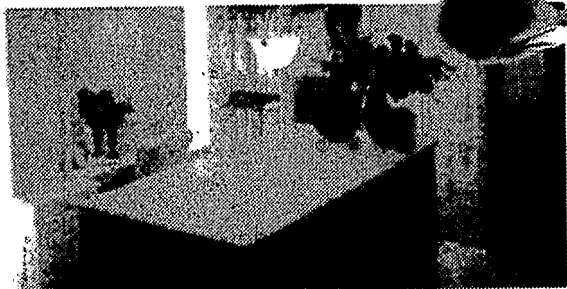
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Obituaries

Herbert "Bert" Swanson

Herbert "Bert" H. Swanson, D.D.S., M.S. of Waterford formerly of Clarkston passed away on Dec. 24 at the age of 84. Husband of Helen for 20 years; father of Mark Swanson, J.D. (Sharron Dascenzo) of New Baltimore, Judy (Bob Leonard, M.D.) of Gross Pointe and Tom Swanson, M.D. (Laura Swanson, J.D.) of Ohio; step-father of Mona DeQuis of Waterford;

grandpa of Nick, Jessica, Mark, Ian and Ellie; brother of Ever Swanson, D.D.S. (June) of Alabama, formerly of Clarkston.

Swanson served in the Air Force as a fighter pilot during World War II and a dentist in the Korean War. He enjoyed playing the trombone and loved racing sled dogs. He served many years in the Pontiac area as an oral surgeon.

Funeral service is on

Dec. 29 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, where friends may visit Dec. 28 from 3-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 Twenty-Fourth Street N.W., P.O. Box 97180, Washington, D.C. 20090-7180. On line guest book available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Evelyn Young

Evelyn H. Young of Troy passed away on Dec. 23, 2005. Preceded in death by her husband Russell; dear mother of Cheryl Dugan of Troy; grandmother of Carrie (David) Smith of Troy and Garrett (Sarah) Dugan of Royal Oak; great grandmother of Jordan; mother in law of Bill Dugan of Waterford; preceded in death by her sisters Gwendolyn Hall

and Joyce Bisanz.

Evelyn was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church and worked along with her husband as secretary for Young Bilt Homes, Inc. She also enjoyed golfing, needlepoint and crewel.

The funeral service will be held Dec. 28 at the Lewis E Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Private interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to Help Cerebral Palsey Kids, Corp. 1382 Potomac, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. An on line guest book is available at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

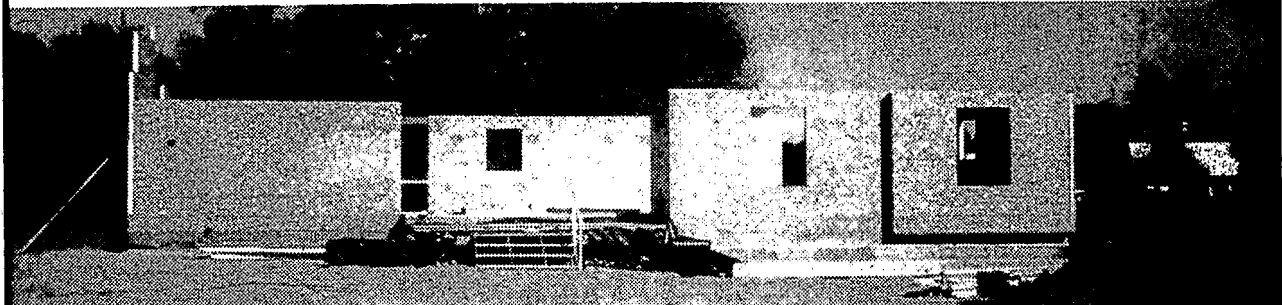
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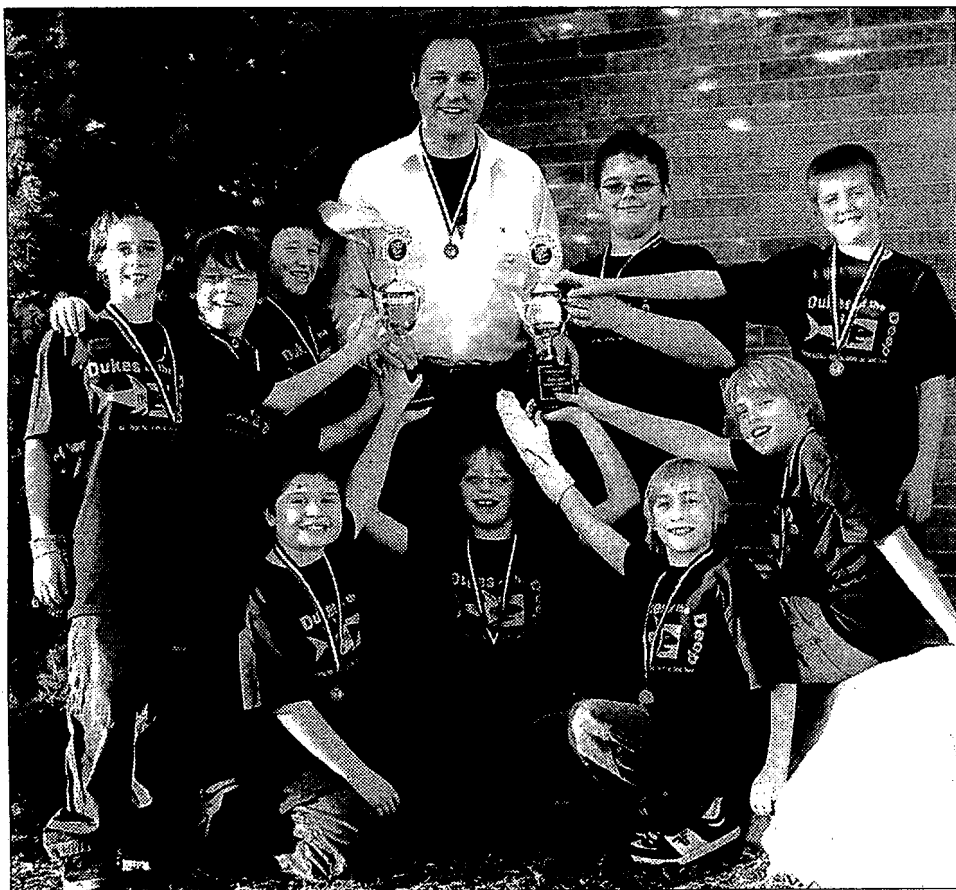
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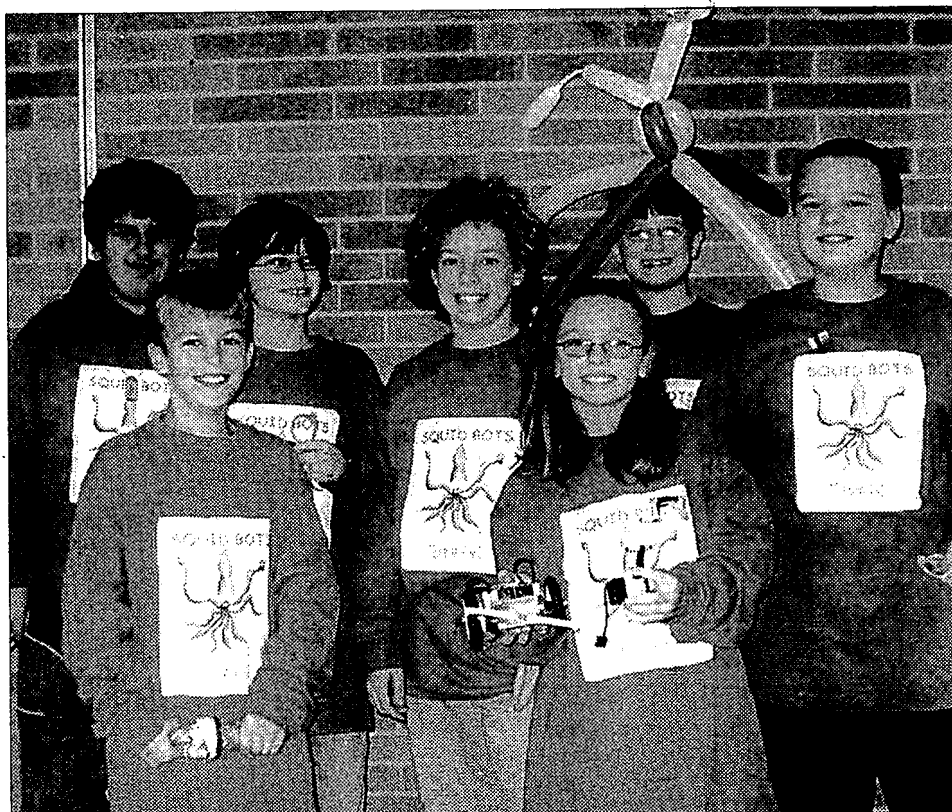
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Dukes of the Deep: Coached by Dan Olsen and managed by Mrs. McClelland, team members are Kegan Olsen, Mac McClelland, Nick Dobbins, Zachary DeLeary, Forrest Stone, Lucas Sanders, Daniel Tomas and Nick Lee.



Squid Bots: Coached by Edward Arner and managed by Sharilyn Richmond, team members are Edward Arner, Emily Richmond, Ross White, Stephen Plont, Max Lane and Brad Belevender.



Ocean Army: Coached by Dave Anthony and managed by Rick Pokrefky, team members are Chelsea Anthony, Josh Pokrefky, Logan Bedenis, Cody Ramsey, Kendall Allmond, Tim Jerolamon, Adam Macuga, David Pilon and Tyler VanHorn.



Sponge Boys and a Girl: Coached by Rod Farkas and managed by Mindy Higgins, team members are Andrew Farkas, Parker Higgins, Danielle Dunn, Jacob Kornas, Andy Fitzgerald, Eric Beckmeyer and Justin Workman. Photos provided.

One school, four teams

Sashabaw Middle School was represented by not one, not two, not even three, but four 6th grade LEGO teams at the 2005 LEGO Festival. The teams were the Dukes of the Deep, Squid Bots, Ocean Army, and Sponge Boys and a Girl.

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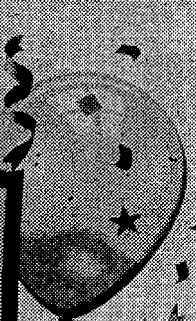
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 ROWS, 1 Household furnishings, 3
 Misc. boxes/bags, 1 Clothing, 12
 Other misc. items.

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 FRERICKS, 1 Stove, 1 Refrigerator, 1
 Dryer, 5 Household furnishings, 3
 Misc. Household goods, 15 Misc.
 boxes/bags, 2 Toys, 10 Recreation
 equipment, 1 Lawn care equipment,
 30 Other misc. items.

Space Number: 204, MICHAEL
 ANDERSON, 2 TV, 12
 Household furnishings, 15 Misc.
 boxes/bags, 1 Lawn care equipment,
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 MCKEEVER, 5 Household furnishings,
 30 Misc. boxes/bags, 2 Clothing, 25
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SPACE # C28, KEVIN AGELINK, 3
 misc. small appliances, 2 household
 furnishings, 2 misc. household, 20
 misc. boxes/bags, 2 clothing, 15
 other misc. items.

SPACE # A10, CHRISTOPHER COR-
 PUS, 1 washer, 1 dryer, 1 TV, 15
 misc. boxes/bags, 15 hand tools, 8
 power tools, 5 lawn care equipment,
 10 other misc. items, 3 rolling tool
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SPACE # K13, KATHLEEN LUPIN, 6
 household furnishings, 8 misc. house-
 hold goods, 35 misc. boxes/bags, 1
 hand tools, 10 other misc. items.

SPACE # I26, JOSEPH W. FRANCIS,
 1 washer, 1 dryer, 1 household fur-
 nishings, 2 other misc. items.

SPACE # G8, DAVID DRISCOLL, 6
 misc. small appliances, 20 misc.
 boxes/bags, 5 toys, 2 hand tools, 3
 power tools, 1 exercise equipment,
 40 other misc. items.

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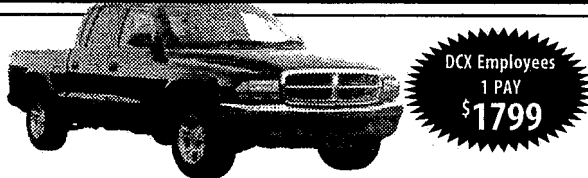
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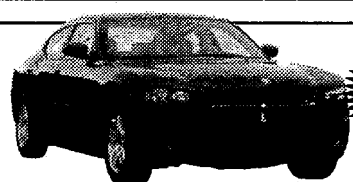
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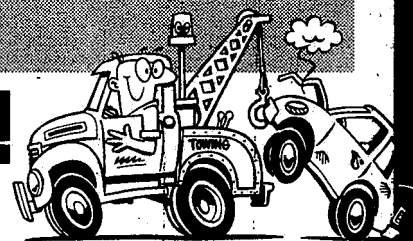
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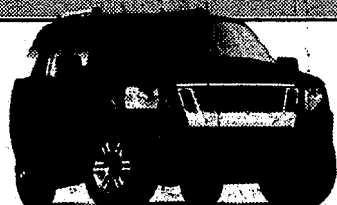
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Completed bids must be returned by **Tuesday, January 31, 2006** to:

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Attn: Treasurer's Department
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Job No. 03-0231
Date: 7/21/03
This is to certify that I, John Burt, Licensed Professional Surveyor, on this date have surveyed and mapped the land described as follows: Lot 1, Block "D", and the West 1/2 of "B" Street adjacent to, being part of the "PLAT OF THE HILLTOP SUBDIVISION", being a subdivision of part of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Town 5 North, Range 10 East, Oxford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. As recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, on page 38 of Oakland County Records.

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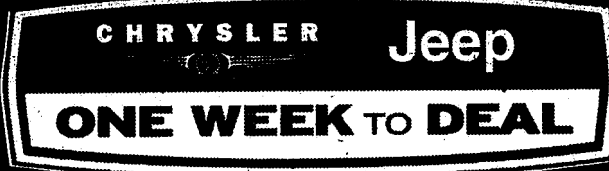
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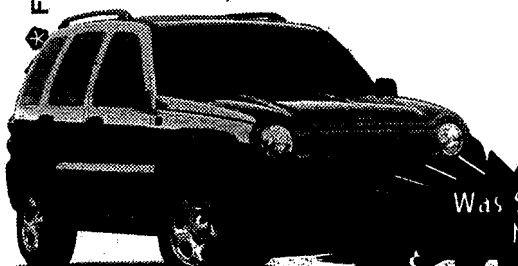
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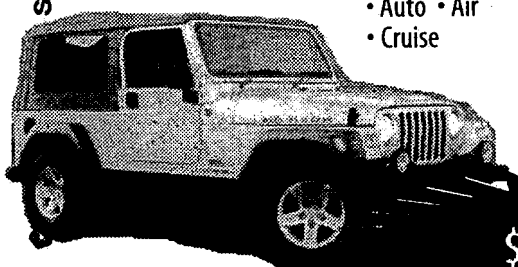
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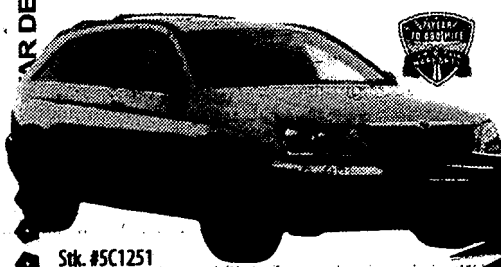
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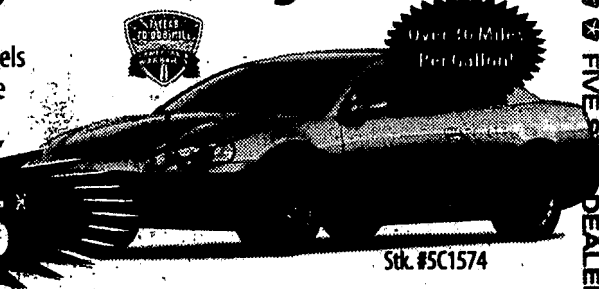
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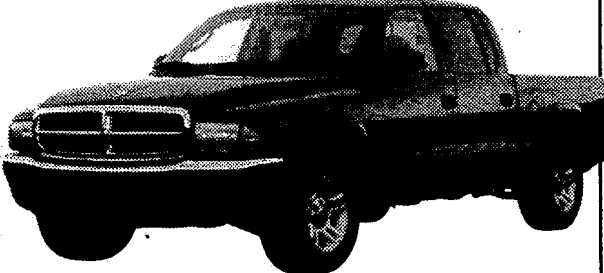


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