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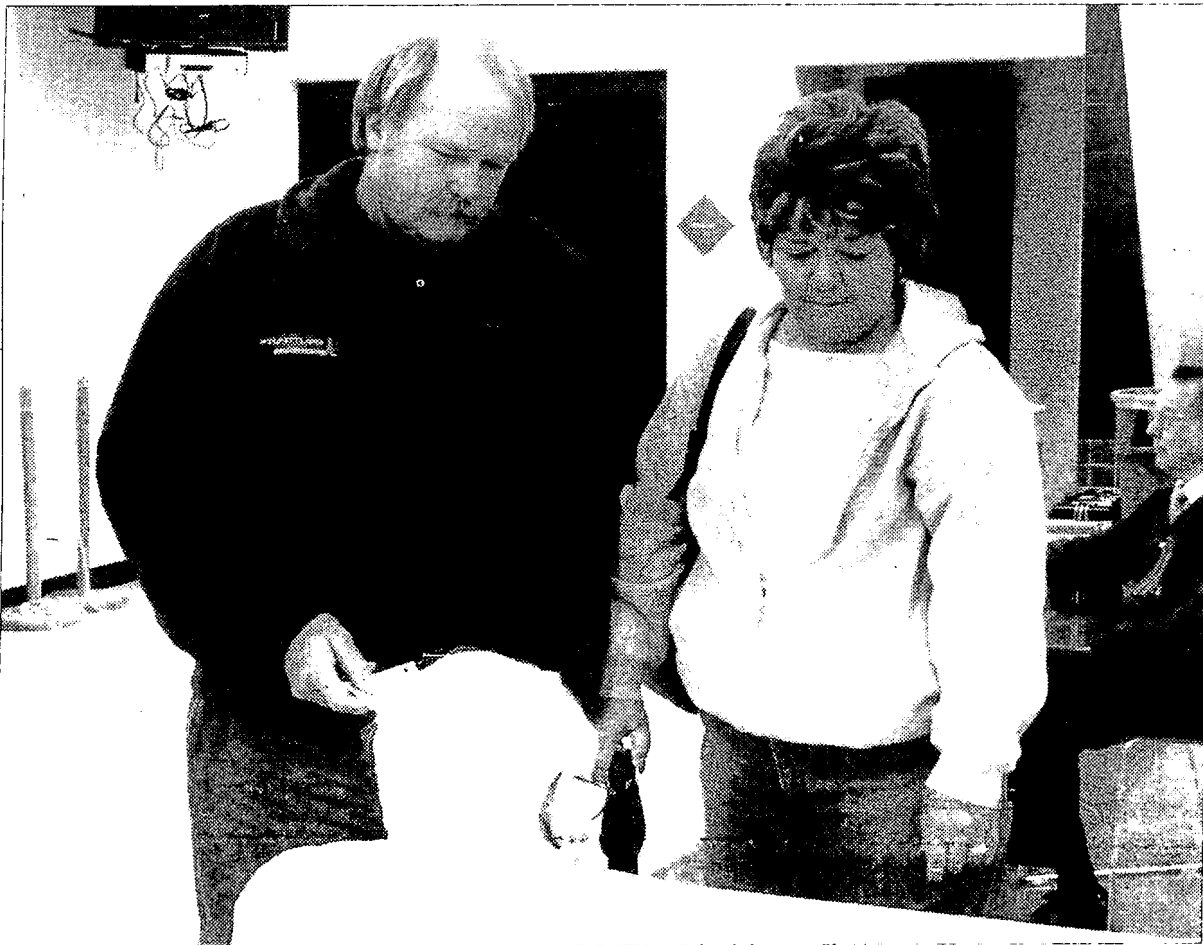
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Vote results are in...



Glen and Pam Cordial of Independence Township prepare to vote on Election Day, Nov. 7. Voter turnout was heavy, especially for a midterm election. Photo by Paul Kampe

It's the day after the election and the results are coming in. In Clarkston, 495 of 805 registered voters, about 61 percent, cast a ballot. In Independence Township, about 14,200 of 25,718 registered voters went to the polls, about 55.6 percent. In Springfield Township, 6,520 of 10,141, about 64.7 percent, voted.

"(The voter turnout) has been wonderful – I really like to see people voting," said Sandy Miller, Independence Township election administrator. "Everyone wants to get involved and put their two cents in."

"We're having a big turnout," said Art Pappas, Clarkston city manager, Tuesday afternoon. The rainy weather did not seem to be affecting voter turnout, he said.

"There's been a particularly strong turnout for this election compared to (the last gubernatorial election) four years ago," said Nancy Strole, Springfield Township clerk.

The following is an unofficial list of the results:

Clarkston Mayor

Sharon Catallo (incumbent): 248

Steve Wylie: 217

Clarkston City Council (three seats)

Kristy Ottman (incumbent): 288

Bill Rausch: 74

Mike Gawronski: 65

Walt Gamble: 64

Peggy Roth: 60

Teresa Coventry: 53

Independence Township

Bond Proposal: No, 8331; yes, 5876

Adult Activity Center Millage: No, 8908; yes, 5428

See an official listing of election results on our website at www.ClarkstonNews.com.

Veteran visit

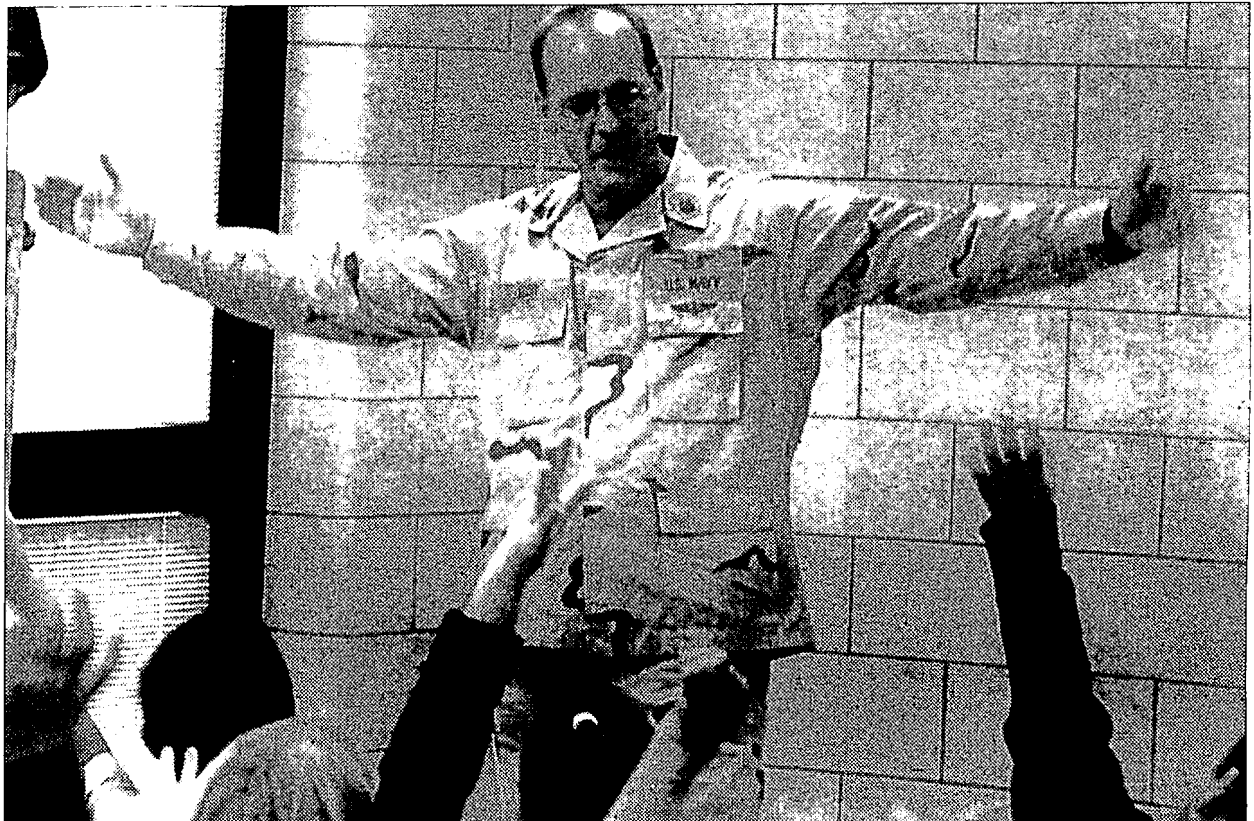
Everest students learn about life in uniform

First-grades students at Everest Academy got a very special lesson in being a hero from a man many would consider as one.

Lt. Commander Timothy Kerr, a Navy Reserve officer and engineer for Daimler Chrysler, just returned from a six-month tour of duty in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. On Oct. 31, he visited a group of student and talked to them about famous patriots in American history and how people like policemen, firemen and teachers can be modern-day heroes.

Kerr briefly touched on the effect of terrorism on America but focused mainly on what everyone can do to show their patriotism. He showed the students how to treat the America flag properly and how to salute.

Because it was Halloween and after getting permission from the teachers in attendance, Kerr passed out candy as well.



Lt. Commander Timothy Kerr explains his job with the Navy Reserves. Photo by Andrew Dupont

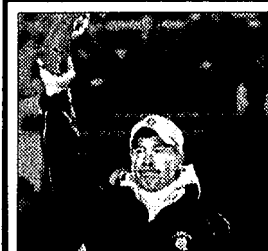
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Bus driving in disguise

As part of a continuing Halloween tradition, the bus drivers for Clarkston Community Schools wore costumes on Oct. 31 and held a contest during lunch. At left, bus driver Deb Keith won first place for her "Snack Bar" outfit. Photos by Andrew DuPont



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The Second Front

Briefly

New ordinance would allow signs

An amendment up for adoption tonight would allow Independence Township businesses to post temporary signs.

The amendment, up for second reading and adoption at tonight's Board of Trustees meeting, would allow businesses to post signs on a limited basis. The current sign ordinance does not allow for temporary signs. If passed, businesses would be able to apply for permits to put up portable, temporary signs. Signs would be limited to commercial, office, and industrial zones, and to a height of four feet.

The township board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. For more information, call 248-625-2585.

Poinsettia sale by Rotary Club

The Clarkston Rotary Club offers Poinsettias for the holidays. In cooperation with Bordine Nursery, the Rotary offers two sizes of plants: 4.5-inch table-sized pot, single-stemmed with multiple blooms 12 inches high; and 6.5-inch pot, double stemmed with eight or more blossoms 20 inches high. Four different colors are available: red, white, pink, and marble.

Rotarians are taking orders — deadline is Nov. 17. Delivery will be in early December. Orders can be large, such as for a church or business, or just one or two for an individual. The smaller size is \$7 each, and the larger, \$15 each. Funds raised will be used in the club's various charitable projects. For more information, call Rotarians Mike Spillum at 248-922-9250 or Tim Everhard at 248-625-5492.

County works on Maybee Road

The following Oakland County road commission project may cause traffic delays on area roads:

- The two intersections of Clintonville and Maybee roads in Independence Township. RCOC is widening both Clintonville/Maybee intersections (north and south of I-75) for future installation of traffic signals.

For more information, call (248) 645-2000.

The holidays are upon us.

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Amy Wilson, left, Uldene Jones, Robert Jones, and Greg Wilson share in the history of the house on Holcomb.

Making the walls talk

Family uncovers house's secret, shares story with HGTV

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the last eight years, Amy and Greg Wilson have slowly uncovered the stories hidden within their own home.

After extensive research and lots of tender care, the Wilsons shared their story on Nov. 4, when they and their home at 18 N. Holcomb were filmed for a future episode of the HGTV show "If These Walls Could Talk," which features historic homes and building in America.

"If our walls could talk, they would have a lot to say," Amy Wilson said. "Greg and I have a lot of pride that we pieced this back together to share with everyone."

When they first moved into their new home to raise a family, Wilson said they knew it had been a birthing house at one time many decades ago, but not much else.

"It really started unraveling once we moved in," she said.

The house, which is estimated to be nearly 90 years old, was the home of Mary "Grandma" Green, a local midwife. It was where women would come and spend a few days before and after giving birth.

After they began to discover more details about the history of their home, the Wilsons began work to restore the historic look of both the exterior and interior. Along the way, they uncovered artifacts from the past, ranging from old newspapers to moonshine.

The big discovery came when Tammy Schmidt, a field producer for High Noon Productions, heard about the Wilsons' home through the Clarkston Historical Society. High Noon Productions creates new episodes of "If These Walls Could Talk" for HGTV.

The date was set, but just a day before the crew arrived, the Wilsons got a surprise visit from Robert Jones of Clarkston. Jones, 69, was born in their home and had read about the upcoming filming in the newspaper.

The Wilsons invited Jones and his mother, Uldene, 94, to return to the home the day of the filming and partake in the show.

Before being filmed, Uldene spoke with Schmidt about her experience in the home nearly seven decades ago, saying hospitals had not yet replaced birthing homes.

"It's what everybody did," she said, adding that she spent approximately 10 days in the home under the care of Grandma

Green for the price of \$30.

To everyone's surprise, on the day of the filming, historic records had been found from the home with the details of births that had taken place there. Uldene was able to see the paper she filled out nearly 70 years ago when her son was born — the pages still looked like they had just been written on.

"I was amazed that they found those records," said Jones. "Most of my history is right here in Clarkston."

Episodes feature interviews with the home's current owners and stage reenactments of moments involving the home's history. As a result, the Wilson and Jones families became actors for the 10-hour shooting schedule day.

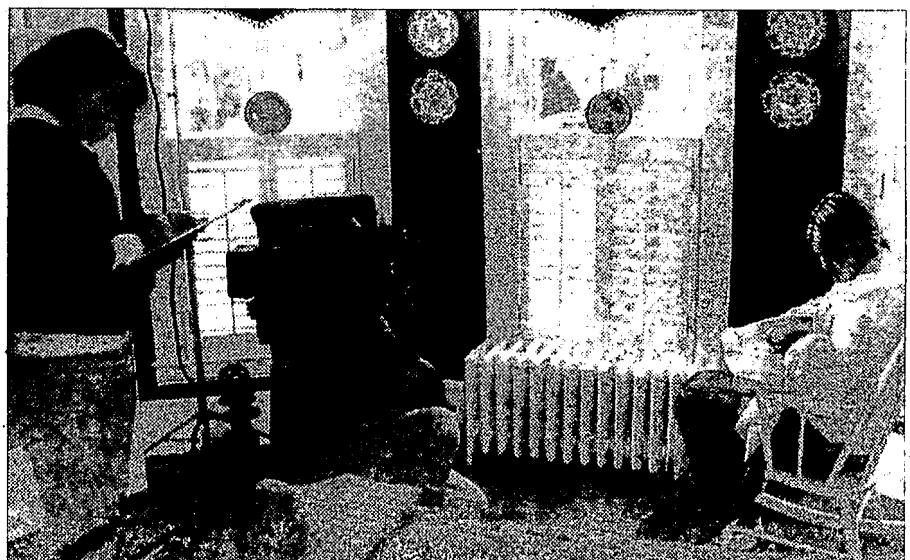
"It was a long day," Wilson said. "I was surprised by how long the whole day was for such a short segment."

Besides sitting for interviews and acting out casual family moments for the camera, Wilson and the Jones reenacted the moment they met at the front door several times, while the single cameraman filmed them from various angles.

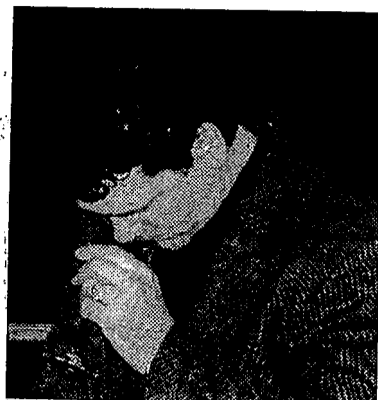
"Hello, I'm Robert Jones and this is my mother Uldene, and I was born in this house," Jones said numerous times.

Overall, Wilson said the whole event was very exciting and her daughters are very proud of the house, which has also been opened to school tours and a part of the Clarkston SCAMP home tours in the past.

Work is not done, though. Now their attention has been turned to the barn in the backyard, which is scheduled to be part of the historic barn tour next year. No date is set, but the episode of "If These Walls Could Talk" featuring the Wilsons' home is slated to run in 2007.



Producer Tammy Schmidt and cameraman Reid Riddell set up a scene with Jessica Johnson and her 8-week-old son Gavin Frezza to illustrate the house. Photos by Andrew DuPont



At left, Rotarian Carolyn Jones pours a glass of sparkling wine. Behind her is local Rotarian Mike Spillum. Above, Ron Heady, Michigan state manager for Foster's Wine Estates Americas, samples one of the bottles of wine he brought. He checks each bottle to ensure its quality.

A party for a good cause

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Tables filled with bottles of wine and plates of food awaited a crowd of tasters Wednesday, all holding their plastic sampling plates with built-in goblet holder.

Over 400 people strolled through Bordine Nursery at the Clarkston Rotary Club Fall Wine Tasting, sampling wines from all over the world, as well as cuisine from local restaurants.

"Bordines have been a great supporter of the Rotary," said Gary Hanna, vice president of the Clarkston Rotary. "They've been kind enough to open up their business to us for one night."

The wine tasting included varieties from France, South America, Germany, and Australia, as well as California, Washington State, and Michigan. Featured this year were sparkling wines.

Carolyn Jones, a Rotary trustee from Anchorage, Alaska, flew down especially because of that addition.

"Last year, I had a wonderful time, but I saw that my beverage of choice was not represented - there was no champagne," said Jones, who travels around the world on behalf of the Rotary, and has most recently started clubs in Russia.

"I told them that if they sell champagne, I would come back on my own nickel and pour it myself."

Jones poured sparkling wines from Argentina, Italy, and Australia, as well as from Champagne, France.

This is the eighth year for the wine tasting. Money raised in the event, about \$7,000, will all stay in Clarkston. It will fund projects including downtown Christmas lighting and decorations, scholarships, and Shoes for Kids.

The shoes program provides boots, hats, gloves, mittens, and other clothing items, in addition to shoes. It will help about 500 children in need in Clarkston this year.

"It's a really good cause," Hanna said.

"People think of Clarkston being an affluent area, but there are still a lot of people in need here."

Other Rotary projects include the Labor Day parade, SCAMP picnic and other community activities.

Clarkston Rotary members all help out with the wine tasting, said Rotarian Mary Sloan.

"It's wonderful - it makes the club more cohesive," Sloan said. "Everyone joins in to sell tickets, and bring in wineries and restaurants."

"We all have jobs," Hanna said. "It's a lot of work to get ready and organized."

The wine tasting featured 14 local restaurants, said Rotarian Bart Clark, the organizer of the event this year.

Getting it ready took about two months, but club members made the job easier, Clark said.

"I was more of a coordinator - everyone jumps up to the plate," he said.

Bordine's owners and employees have been very cooperative, he said.

"They're as good as it gets," he said.

The event is a good way to help the community, said Calvin Bordine, vice president of Bordine Nursery.

"It's easy for us and great for the community," Bordine said. "It's been a huge success - who doesn't like wine?"

The Bordine family has always been supportive of Rotary, said Rotarian Jeff Lichy, who organized the first wine tasting event.

"They go out of their way to help us - it's a pleasure to work with them," Lichy said.

The first year, the event was planned for the winter. Looking for available space, Lichy and fellow Rotarians thought of Bordine's, a nursery for plants.

"It's just grown since then," he said.

"People just want to have fun here. They see their neighbors - it's just a great community event."

College night at the high school

If you are a parent of a junior in high school, you are likely being bombarded with information about your child's future in college.

The Clarkston High School Counseling center would like to help find the answers to any questions parents might have about college by hosting "College Night" on Nov. 15 from 7-9 p.m. at the CHS Perform-

ing Arts Center.

Representatives from public, private and community colleges will be on hand to discuss planning for and choosing the right college.

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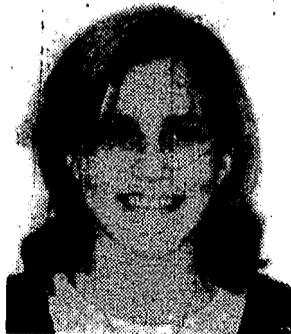
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Alexis is an 8th grade student at St. Hugo of the Hills. She is currently on the school volleyball team and plays the french horn in the school band. Alexis also enjoys art and golf. Next year she plans to golf for Notre Dame Prep where she will attend High School.

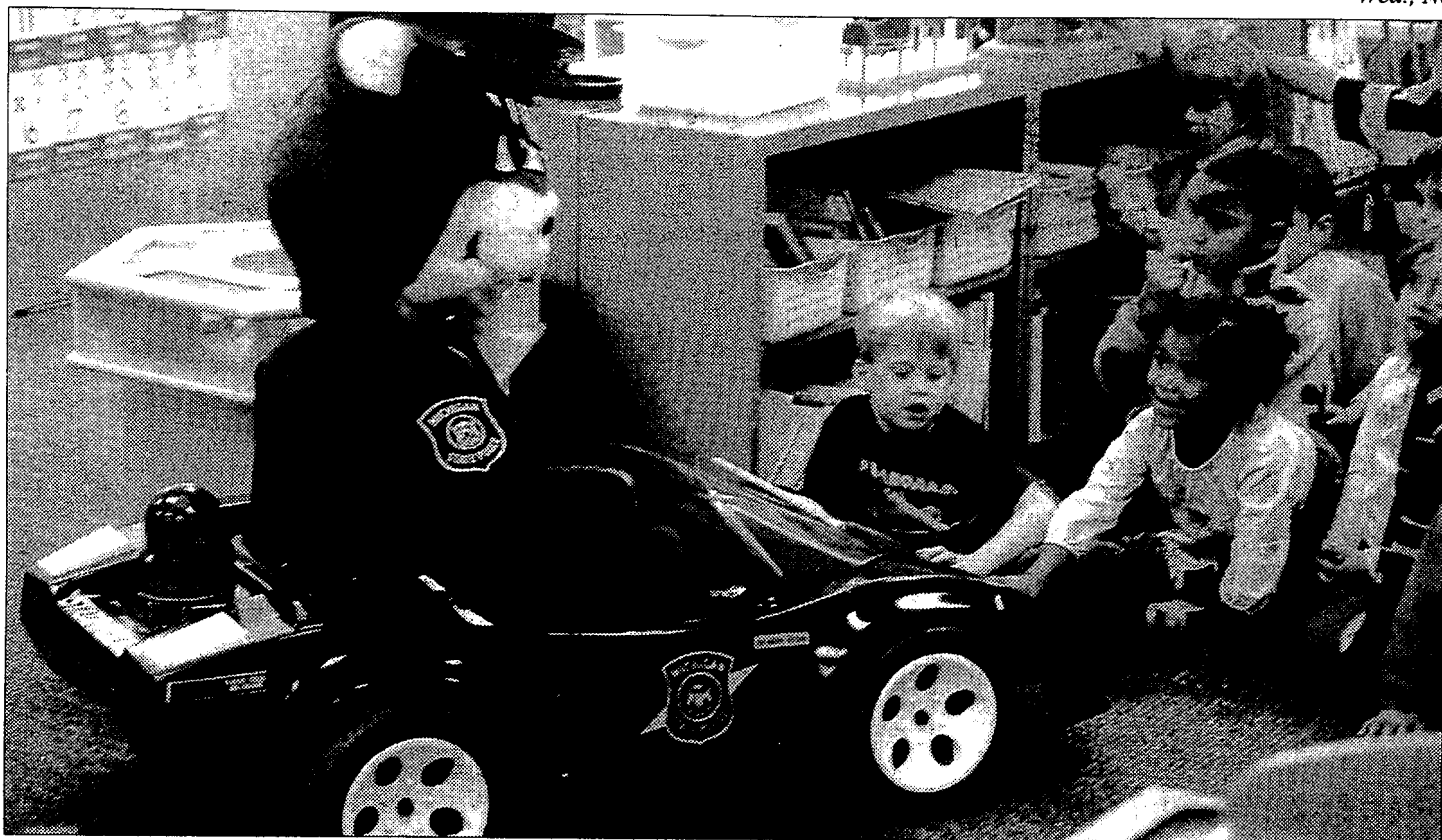
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At left, Trooper Bucklebear talks to children at the Early Childhood Development Center about safety. Above is Bucklebear's counterpart, Trooper Cynthia Edwards. Photos by Andrew DuPont

Bucklebear visits little troopers in Clarkston

BY ANDREW DUPONT
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Driving in school is usually not permitted, but the staff at the Early Childhood Development Center made an exception for Michigan State Police Trooper Bucklebear and his friend Trooper Cynthia Edwards on Oct. 31.

Edwards visited several classrooms

throughout the day, and talked to students about her job and why buckling their seatbelt is important. To help her get her message across, she invited Trooper Bucklebear, a three-foot bear in a miniature police car, into the room.

"Some children may be afraid of the police, but by the time I leave with Trooper Bucklebear, they are giving hugs and are

very excited. This has been a very rewarding program, for the children and myself," said Edwards, who has been the voice of Bucklebear for almost six years.

"The primary goal of this program is to promote safety," she said. "Whether it's car safety, buckling up, or 911. It is a great tool to get any safety message across to the children."

The troopers spent the day visiting all the classrooms at the ECD, asking questions and reminding students about the value of basic safety lessons. Edwards said the years she has been doing the program have been very rewarding, and she has received many hand-written thank you cards and pictures from the classrooms she has visited.

Election fever? Signs cause confusion about ballot

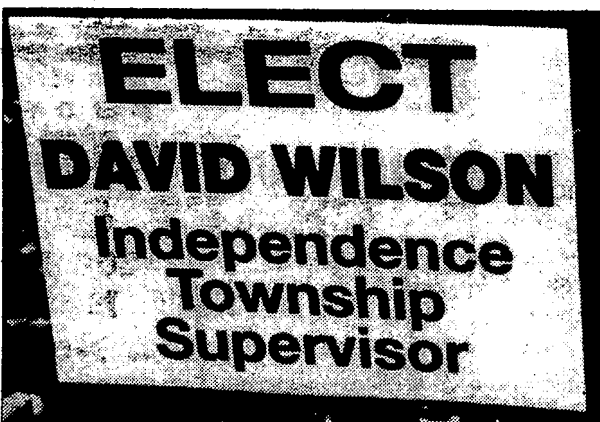
BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With several measures up for a vote this year, one which is not is Independence Township supervisor.

A resident, presumably from Independence, has placed political signs within the township announcing, "Elect David Wilson for Independence Township Supervisor." The signs have been the subject of many calls to township offices.

Supervisor Dave Wagner received a phone call from a friend nearly a week ago asking, "are you running for office? Do you know David Wilson?"

One such sign was placed near the intersection of Waldon and Sashabaw



roads, and another near a home on Paramus. The homeowner was unavailable for comment.

Wagner said this is the first he has

heard of Wilson and he doesn't wish to take the signs down because they are protected by the right to free speech.

He would have liked to talk to the responsible party to resolve any issues they might have had for making the signs.

"He must be disgruntled with me in some way or another," Wagner said.

"Sure he can put signs (out), but I wish he would have come to me. My door is open to everybody."

Township Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen said several people have

mentioned the signage to her. The appearance of the signs led her to believe those responsible invested much time and thought into the production.

"I looked at it, and it's not some cheesy sign, it looks professional and they're popping up all around the township," she said.

"Nobody knows what to make of it."

Wagner was elected to the township supervisor seat in November 2004, after defeating fellow Republican, incumbent Dale Stuart 2,458 to 1,703 in the primary.

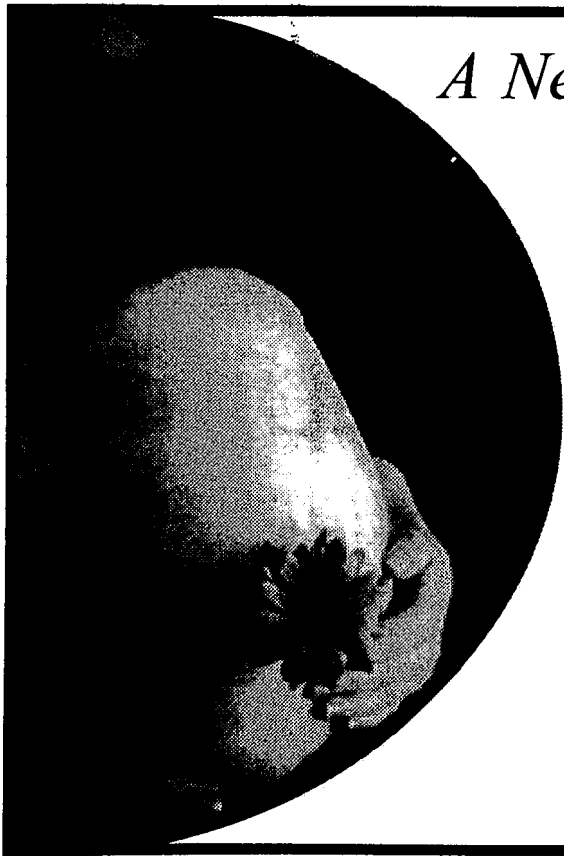
His position will be on the ballot in two years, during the election cycle of 2008.

Fund raiser for Baldwin

The Baldwin Center fund-raiser "A Casino Evening at Texas Tony's Ranch" will be from 7-11 p.m. Nov. 11 at Liberty Golf Club, 6060 Maybee Road, Clarkston.

The evening will include dining, dancing, and games of chance such as blackjack, roulette, craps, and Texas hold'em. Players can spend their chips at an auction at the end of the evening. Tickets are \$65 individual or \$120 for couples. Items are needed for the auction. Sponsorship opportunities include event recognition, table signs and entrance tickets.

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Opinion

Don't they know life can be better?

Nothing puts life in perspective faster than a trip down to the police station.

I make the drive a couple of times each week so I can compile enough information to fill the "Police and Fire" section on page 9A of the Clarkston News, and regardless of how my day is going or how many things have already gone wrong, I inevitably finish the task feeling thankful, blessed — and very lucky.

Sorting through that stack of reports, I often find myself dumbfounded, shocked, angry or saddened by the things that people do.

A couple of weeks back I read about a workplace scuffle that developed when two employees disagreed over placement of the mouse for a computer they shared. The gentlemen traded a few ugly words before one of them stood up and launched his stool at the other. Before you knew it: Pow! Bang! Crash!

Over a mouse? Seriously?

I read about restaurant employees who called police when a jealous patron spit in his girlfriend's face, a man annoyed by homeowner's association rules drilled his neighbor's trees

full of screws and popped in a couple of nails for good measure; a father who didn't want to pay for his child's medical expenses burst into a doctor's office and let loose a mouthful of obscenities while a group of wide-eyed preschoolers looked on.

To frost his own crummy cake, the man repeatedly questioned why people are always calling the police on him.

And then there are the reports about drunken and drugged-up drivers, idiots driving the wrong way down a one-way street, smashing into other cars, into trees and utility poles, into anything that gets in the way.

People also blame alcohol and drugs for causing them to abuse and neglect loved ones, rob, steal, vandalize, harass and run half-naked through the neighborhood clutching a bottle of vodka at noon.

But the reports with incidents labeled "family trouble" or "domestic violence" are the ones I feel the most. I read about boyfriends and husbands choking, threatening and berating the women they claim to love, and I read about abusive women who hit, kick, bite and throw childish tantrums.

The worst of it, easily, is reading reports about parents who call the police on their own adolescent children, almost always because the teen's hateful, demanding, abusive and destructive behavior has blown out of control.

And this is why reading police reports leaves me feeling thankful, blessed and lucky.

I've been there. My daughter Christy had a rough ride through her teen years, and I know the terror and embarrassment of finally picking up the phone to call the police. But we were lucky -- the right people walked into our lives at the right time and helped us find our way out of a dark, scary hole. It took four years of work, but we made it.

So now I read these reports and I remember where I've been, and I want to find these people, look them in the eye and say: Do something! It doesn't have to be this way! Life can be so much better -- if you're willing to work for it.

Out Loud



Laura Colvin

'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

Council member clarifies issues

Dear Editor:

I understand your paper will be able to print the results of Tuesday's election but I feel I must write this before I know the results. Your reporter, Andrew DuPont, used last week's edition to predict the winners and Laura Colvin wrote some excellent articles about the issues and candidates. I would like to add my opinion on the issues and some information for those who are victorious. I would also like to thank all those who ran for office and participated in the democratic process. Please continue to do so.

First of all, I would like to note a couple of corrections to last week's articles. Theresa Coventry, who was a write-in candidate for Clarkston City Council, has one daughter, two sons and two grandchildren. I do not see how the reporting of three daughters and three grandchildren will change anyone's vote but I suppose her family might want the record set straight. Next, Sharon Catallo has only been Mayor for 14 years as there has only been a Mayor since 1992 when we became a City. Prior to that I believe she was the Village President and a Council Member since first elected in 1984. A long and impressive life in public service no matter how it is presented.

As for last weeks articles and the election, I would like to clarify some issues with regards to the Clarkston Police and budget as these seem to have become the predominant local election issues. I drafted the resolution for forming a police services committee so that we could find out what our residents want from their police. As the author of that resolution, I am pretty confident in stating that it was not intended to be a referendum on local police versus sheriff, even if many seem

to think so. We cannot decide who will provide police services, how it is provided, or how much we will pay, until we know what services we want. My intent was to have a diverse, non-political, non-elected committee to research just that. I am confident that can still happen, regardless of the election results, and we already have many very qualified applicants. After this committee reports their findings, the City Council will then need to decide what to do with that information. As for the budget, it is very interesting that the election seems to have focused on this issue, and related it to the police, as the budget is established by the City Manager and approved by the entire Council. It is not created or approved solely by the Mayor. In fact the Mayor has no more say about this than any other Council member and unless the Mayor has at least three other Council members who agree, the Mayor cannot make any changes to our budget, or to anything else. This is the way City of the Village of Clarkston government operates and this election will not change that process. Just to let the public know, the Mayor does preside over Council meetings, can marry people and is the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The Mayor also has the power to suppress riot and disorder and if you find any snake known to be deadly poisonous you are to report it to the Mayor (formerly the Village President). I hope our Mayor will never need to participate in these last two activities.

I think it will be an exciting year and I am sure we can all work together productively for the good of Clarkston and the surrounding communities.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston City Council Member

Clarkston Barn Tour was a success

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 22, the Clarkston Community Historical Society (CCHS) presented a Clarkston Barn Tour featuring 10 barns within the city and township. Over 300 people enjoyed the tour despite the rainy, chilly weather.

Each barn was complemented by various craft people, demonstrating needlework, woodwork, broom making, wool spinning, chair caning, soap making, sauerkraut making or quilting. Docents along with the barn owners were on hand to answer questions regarding the architecture of the barn or the history of the barn and its original owners.

Many barns also had antique farm equipment on hand including a buggy and many different types of tractors. Tour-goers enjoyed the occasional chicken, goat or horse, along with llamas and peacocks, too!

The society plans another Barn Tour next year in October.

If you have a barn, and are interested in putting it on the tour, please call the CCHS office at 248-922-0270. Barn Tour calendars, featuring 12 four-color photos of the tour barns, are still available as quantities last, call the CCHS office.

Special thanks to the barn owners, Mr. Craig Smith, Mr. Don Knapper, Mrs. Barb Hamilton, Mr. Bob McGowan, Mr. Al Frayer, Ms. Char Miller, Mrs. Al Frayer, Mrs. Dan Moulthrop, Mr. Dan Moulthrop, Mr. Daje Bond, Mrs. Dale Bond, Mrs. Craig Smith, Mrs. Don Knapper, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mizusawa, Mr. & Mrs. Don Simpson, and Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Schleusener.

Jennifer Arkwright
Clarkston Community Historical Society

Got an opinion? Then write a Letter to the Editor!

Please keep them short and to the point. We'll edit them for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity and length. We take the liberty of publishing (or not) all letters we receive. Please sign your letter (no photo copies!) and include a daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Monday. You can drop them or mail them to 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346; fax them at (248) 625-0706; or e-mail shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News. Any questions call The Clarkston News at (248) 625-3370.

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A Look Back

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

15 Years Ago - 1991

"Waste plan passes here" Independence and Springfield township residents voted two-to-one in favor of a countywide bond proposal to set up a solid-waste-management system. The system would be funded by the selling of up to \$500 million in bonds.

"Parents demand elementary school" A group of parents asked the school board to place a bond issue on the ballot in February for a new school. A new, 68,000-square-foot school was estimated to cost about \$8 million.

"Resident awaits word on his noise ordinance" A neighbor of the Pine Knob Music Theater presented an ordinance proposal to the Independence Township Board to control noise from the theater. Trustees did not act on the ordinance, but continued negotiations with Pine Knob to lower noise levels.

25 Years Ago - 1981

"Wayward bonfire's doused" Independence Township fire fighters put out a fire off M-15 near Dixie Highway. A bonfire had been left unattended.

"Independence tries to close arcade" The township building department took to court the owner

of a new video-game arcade on M-15, citing zoning and code violations. The owner said the arcade was not in violation.

"Maintaining hard stance on foster care homes" The Independence Township Board sought a restraining order against the opening of two new group homes. The township argued that the group homes would violate the single-family zoning ordinance.

"Hunters bring fear into woods" An Independence Township man spoke to the township board at its regular meeting to request that it consider banning the discharge of firearms in the township. Rifle shooting was already banned, but shotgun and pistol shooting is also dangerous, he said. The board made no decision at that time.

50 Years Ago - 1956

"U.F. Reaches Half Of Quota" The United Fund Campaign was reported to have collected \$2,500, 54.5 percent of its goal of \$4,588.80. The campaign had about two weeks left at this point.

"School Fair At Sashabaw" The Sashabaw School Fair was set for Nov. 9, 1956. Featured entertainment was Ricky the clown and his donkey Bambino, and the Pontiac Tumbling Club.

"Survey Relative To Water Supply" The Southern Michigan Water Authority discussed a supply project with the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The proposal was to supply water from Lake Huron to southern Michigan, paid for by a 30-year bond totaling \$110 million.

"Veterans Day At Methodist Church" The First Methodist Church in Clarkston was set to observe Veterans Day the Sunday, Nov. 11, with local Boy Scout and Girl Scout units, and the American Legion.

Time, it keeps on slippin' into the future

Dear wife Jennie startled me a week or so ago with this revelation, "By the time the boys are done riding the bus, I will have spent something like 21 days of my life, waiting for the bus."

Jennie calculated both Shamus and Sean would ride the bus up until the 11th grade.

Yikes.

That's dedication to her children. I sure hope they thank her sometime during their lives. Jen has a very scientific brain. She's very meticulous and accurate. In other words, she's smart. She's a scientist in training, so her pondering life's little questions is perfectly understandable. Unfortunately for you, her curiosity also got me thinking (which is always a scary proposition, so bear with me.)

Have you ever asked yourself, "How much time do I spend doing the stuff I have to do?"

If you haven't, relax, you just did. What am I blathering on about? This -- how much time is spent, say, brushing our teeth? Hmmm?

If you consider we brush our teeth at least twice a day, at two minutes a pop, you will come up with this bit of information: We brush our teeth 1,460 minutes a year.

If you started brushing your teeth regularly at age four, by the time you're 30, you will have spent 37,960 minutes brushing your teeth. That's 26.3 days brushing. Feel better about yourself?

If you're 40, you've brushed 36.5 days. At 50, nearly 47 days; at 70, 67 days. If you're 80-years-old, you will have spent 110,960 hours of your life (or 77 days) brushing your teeth.

By the time you're 90, you've brushed your teeth to nubs -- get some brand new, white dentures as you deserve it.

Ever the mathmagician, here's how I answer that question: 4 minutes x 365 days = 1,460 minutes a year. Multiply 1,460 by the number of years, divide by 60 (minutes) and then by 24 (hours) to get the number of days.

Continuing on this line of thinking, I also calcu-

lated shaving time for guys. (Gals, you're currently on your own in this endeavor. Us guys have a face and a neck to shave. You chicks have two legs, underarms and umm things to shave. I don't have a clue as to the time you spend. If you want me to figure it out, e-mail me your numbers and I'll add it to next week's column).

If you shave once a day, you spend five minutes a day whisking them whiskers away. That equates to 1,825 minutes a year or, about one and a quarter days a year shaving. That's why you'll notice the picture attached to this column is of me with a beard. I grow a beard to maximize my breathing time on this earth. By "shaving" time off of the time I spend shaving, I have more time to do the things I like to do -- like sitting on the couch and watching TV.

I am a productive American.

If we spend 10 minutes a day showering and another five minutes doing, er-umm, other things in the bathroom, at the end of a year, we will have spent 3.8 days worth of time showering and, er-umm, other things. So, if you add up all that time and then factor in some extra time for brushing your hair (if you have any, you're lucky to have extra time on your hands to do with what you wish), I figure we spend between an entire six to seven days a year in the bathroom. That's between one and two percent of our life doing bathroom things.

Interesting . . . so . . .

. . . If you sleep eight hours a night, that equates to 121.6 days of sleep a year.

. . . If you work a 40-hour week, that equals 86.6 days a year of work.

. . . If it takes you 15 minutes a day to drive to work, that means you spend 30 minutes a day driving -- or five and half days a year of driving to and from work.

. . . If you spend an hour a day eating (total for breakfast, lunch and dinner) you spend 15.2 days eating.

And, if you add all that up, I can account for 64.6 percent of your year, roughly 236 days. How you spend the other 3,096 hours (129 days) of the year is between you and your significant other. If she's okay with it, so am I.

E-mail your thoughts and comments to Don, dontrushmedon@charter.net



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Fatties, talkin' heads & thoughts to ponder

Don't you hate to read about a study coming out of any university that draws a very obvious conclusion? So obvious one can only wonder why a professor would undertake such a study?

First the conclusion of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign study: "Fat people use more gasoline."

Isn't that profound? For decades automobile manufacturers have been substituting aluminum for steel, plastics for metal and synthetics for fabrics to lessen the weight of cars so they get more gas mileage.

Sure, they saved some manufacturing costs, but everyone knows lighter cars use less gas.

Computer science professor Sheldon Jacobson wrote in *The Engineering Economist*, "Our nation's hunger for food and our nation's hunger for oil are not independent."

So, he went back to 1960, with the help of National Center for Health Statistics, and compared his and her weights to today's weights.

With the help of a doctoral student, Sheldon, I believe all professors have doctoral candidates as helpers, found adult men of today have gained an average of 31 pounds and adult women 24 pounds.

Sheldon said his research wasn't meant to be nagging, but to show an unexpected benefit to losing weight is one will use less fuel.

I'm sure everyone reading this result will go on a diet immediately, join a health club and or sign up for liposuction. And, they will all be yelling, "Thank you, Sheldon!"

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A comedian on Dick Purtan's show recently observed how nice it was for elementary school children to be able to take an NBA player to their class and teach the player how to read.

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It's so irritating to read the starting time for a televised ball game to read, say 8 o'clock, only to find talking heads filling up 30 minutes with their opinions on each player, each coach, the ball boy, the blonde (which is all of them) cheerleader, their stock pick and name 24 prospects for the Heisman Trophy.

Did I tell you I'm trying to teach ma'dog Shayna to eat spaghetti? I put the end of noodle in her mouth, but instead of sucking it in like normal dogs, she flips it up and gobbles it down.

I'll be glad when the hand-slapping fades. Whether it's a touchdown in football or a fumble, a home run or foul, a free throw or penalty, these so-called fans have to jump up, turn around and slap everybody's hand in rows 12 through 20. Ridiculous.

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We should all wonder about telephone poll figures. Politics or products, the promoters want to know the thoughts of readers and viewers, especially in the 25 to 40 age group. They are the ones moving mountains these days, it seems.

Well, these are also the ones who, more and more, are abandoning land lines of communication and going all cellular. I'm getting more and more operators saying, "The number you have reached has been disconnected."

I suppose this is a temporary problem for callers. They'll probably find a way to intrude on "un-lined" people, too.

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■ It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile. One nut to scatter it all over the road.

■ The best car safety device is a rearview mirror with a cop in it.

■ Believe in yourself. Trust others. See a sunrise. Listen to rain. Reminisce. Cry when you need to.

■ Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2 apiece on those bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards -- Naive.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Local therapist opens home office

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sometimes doctors' offices and labs aren't as personal as a friend's couch can be. That is the approach taken by Dr. Bonnie Parker Psy.D., a local therapist.

Parker, originally from Michigan, returned to the Clarkston area after seven years practicing in Florida, to open her own practice in her home.

Having her office in the same place she lives helps her serve her clients better, she said.

"It's a very cozy, warm feeling instead of going to a clinic...it's a little more confidential feeling coming to a home office, Parker said.



Dr. Bonnie Parker

"I like that part of it, it's makes it feel a little more personal. I deal directly with my patients, they don't call and get a secretary, they call me and I call them back."

"It's working out very well, I'm really pleased...I really enjoy it."

Having an office in her own home also cuts back on the overhead costs, Parker said, and she is also able to accept some insurance plans, something of a rarity with home offices.

Parker always found psychology interesting, and her mother's own career in medicine helped steer her that way.

"I was always interested in people and I think everybody has a natural tendency to want to look at why people do things," she said.

"My mother was a nurse. We always had 'Psychology Today' sitting around the house. She was very interested in people and taking care of people and I think that is part of what helped draw me into the field.

"It's a fascinating field, you meet so many wonderful people from so many backgrounds. I get to help people from every walk of life and each kind of field find a better way to live, and that's a very rewarding thing to do."

When Parker and her husband, Jason, were planning on moving back to the area, they picked their home because its size, which afforded them the opportunity for Bonnie to have an office. They also looked at the area's reputation.

"To raise a family, I couldn't think of a better place than Clarkston," she said.

Recent trick-or-treating helped solidify the values she sought when she moved.

"I love that it's a very family-oriented community and people care about their community and the schools. I went to Halloween over on Main Street and it was something you would see in the movies with all the children and the parents...the people were excited about Halloween and giving out candy and decorating. It's a nice community in that way."

Parker, mother of two, has been a therapist for 17 years, receiving her Doctor of Psychology degree from Central Michigan University in 1998. She also received her master's degree in clinical psychology from CMU in 1989 after earning her bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University in 1987.

Parker has been a part of several panels and discussions on psychological issues such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, depression and self-esteem and is affiliated with the American Psychological Association.

Parker offers individual therapy, couples' therapy, teen and family therapy and treatments for anxiety, trauma and depression. Parker is also a child psychologist, offering play therapy for children in addition to seeing adult patients. Parker can perform evaluations of personality, learning disabilities and ADHD.

Her office is at 8864 Big Lake Road in Springfield Township. She can be reached at (248) 922-9222 or e-mail at DrBonnieParker@aol.com.



Bobbi Friday (left) and Cheryl Deane own downtown Davisburg's Sweetgrass, and dub the shop "a store to awaken your spirit." Photo by Laura Colvin

The 'sweet' smell of success

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was the simple toss of a coin that finally gave Cheryl Deane the courage to trade a prestigious career and financial security for the freedom to follow her dreams.

Deane worked as a paralegal for nearly 20 years, and although she found the job mentally and emotionally exhausting, the fear of bankruptcy held her to the job as one year melted repeatedly into the next.

"All I knew was the legal field, but it wasn't what I wanted to do, ever," said Deane. "I always thought it would be cool to own a little spiritual shop in a quaint little town someplace."

She examined and reexamined the risks of leaving her job, weighed the pros and cons, but it was the straightforward suggestion of partner Bobbi Friday that finally propelled Deane to action: Toss a coin. Heads you stay, tails you leave.

"Everything happens the way it's supposed to happen," said Friday, who has a background in sales and marketing. "There are no accidents."

And tails it was. With one swift movement, Deane began to live life on her own terms.

She and Friday now own and operate Sweetgrass, a downtown Davisburg shop stocked with everything a soul-searcher might need to awaken his or her spirit — and all at a reasonable price.

The warm, earthy smell of incense cones, heaping in a dozen or so containers, greets visitors as they enter the shop. An eclectic mix of CDs line one wall, and exquisitely soft alpaca mittens, gloves, hats and scarves wait to warm a chilly soul during the cold winter.

"We wanted to stock the things we found pleasure in," said Deane. "I like to come in here every day know-

ing I feel passionate enough about these things to sell them to others."

The authentic Native American items and jewelry, on Deane's list of personal favorites, dangle from racks, while interesting trinkets fill boxes and baskets around the shop. In the reading room, motivational and inspirational books line shelves, and a row of tall Native American-inspired walking sticks stands along one wall.

Sweetgrass also stocks environmentally-friendly Earthragz clothing, rare Palo Santo holy wood, and, of course, Sweetgrass, a clean, sweet smelling grass used in Native American rituals.

Salt lamps, the store's most popular item, arrived via customer recommendation, and now dot shelves all over the store.

Deane and Friday both value customer feedback, and are always on the lookout for new sources of soul-stirring merchandise, as well as suggestions for new classes and workshops customers would like to attend.

"We are always meeting new people and making all kinds of meaningful connections," Deane said. "We treat every person who comes in the same way we'd want to be treated. We want people to enjoy the atmosphere and have a nice experience."

Sweetgrass is located at 616 Broadway in Davisburg. Contact Bobbi Friday or Cheryl Deane at (248) 634-7880

Sweetgrass is open Mon. 12-6, Tues.-Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12:30-4:30. After Thanksgiving, the shop will be open Thurs. and Fri. 11-7.

Sweetgrass will host Sleep Patterns, an instrumental jazz-fusion band, at 7:30 p.m., Sat. Nov. 11.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, or \$7 at the door. Call (248) 634-7880 for information.

Clarkston alumni opens real estate office

Clarkston alumni Kiley and Dreu Adams have opened a Help-U-Sell Real Estate office in Royal Oak.

Kiley (Maitrott) grew up in Clarkston and graduated in 1995 from Clarkston High School. She worked at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation for more than 10 years. She attended Western Michigan University where she earned a degree in public relations and journalism. She worked in sales and marketing for Olympic Entertainment and the Detroit Red Wings. She later joined Kelly Services World Headquarters in Troy, Michigan as Public Relations Manager and Trade Show Planner.

Dreu also grew up in Clarkston and attended Oakland Christian Schools. He was a little league supervisor, adult softball umpire and park ranger for the Independence Township Parks and Recreation. He graduated from Central Michigan University with a BAA in graphic design and advertising.

Kiley and Dreu met in 1990 while umpiring little league, and they continued to work together through

the years. They just celebrated their second wedding anniversary on Oct. 9 and have a son, Caden.

The fee-for-service concept behind Help-U-Sell eliminates the traditional 6 percent real-estate commission. The total savings allows for homes to be competitively priced and sell quicker. Help-U-Sell's fees are not based on an arbitrary number like the sale price of a home — they are based on the marketing system used to gain exposure for the property. Whether the home is \$100,000 or \$300,000, clients pay the same set fee and can save thousands of dollars over the traditional 6 percent commission structure. Help-U-Sell has an exclusive marketing system and exceptional web presence.

"We are proud of what we are doing and want to help as many people as we can through this tough real estate market," Kiley said.

For more information, call the Adams' Help-U-Sell, Central Market Center, 600 E. 11 Mile Road in Royal Oak, at 248-658-1120, or e-mail kileyadams@HelpUSell.com.

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Tues., Oct 31 A Clarkston woman filed a police report after discovering that a necklace valued at \$1,400 was missing from her home following a viewing by prospective buyers.

A 26-year old male was arrested in Independence Township after a motorist reported that a car traveling northbound on I-75 near Sashabaw had been swerving, then stopped in the middle of the expressway. Officers arrived to find the car on the median and a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle, where the man and his passenger were passed out in the front seat.

Police were called after a business owner discovered that thieves had climbed a rear fence during the night and made off with 400 pounds of copper wire that had been stored on a truck.

Wed., Nov. 1 A White Lake woman driving southbound on White Lake Road in Independence Township reported that she heard a loud noise as her right rear passenger window smashed out. The woman was unsure whether someone had thrown an object or if she'd driven over debris in the road.

An Independence Township man made a police report after an online banking session led to his discovery that an unauthorized check in the amount of

\$513.78 had been written from his bank account by someone who obtained his routing and account numbers and printed a fraudulent check.

A Clarkston man called police to report a disturbance caused to his computer, television and telephone lines by a neighbor illegally "tapping into" his outside cable line. The man said the disturbance had damaged electronic equipment in the home.

A construction company reported about \$10,000 in losses after a racecar-type trailer with a drop down rear/ramp set-up housing a large amount of tools and construction equipment was stolen from a construction site near Maybee and Clintonville Road in Independence Township.

A Clarkston woman reported threatening phone calls by a former employee of her husband, who said he knew where the couple and their children lived, and had parked outside on several occasions.

Thurs., Nov. 2 A 17-year old employee at an Independence Township business on Sashabaw Road reported inappropriate sexual advances made toward her by a male coworker.

Fri., Nov. 3 A man reported that his car, containing \$500 cash, a passport and 200 music CDs, was stolen from the parking lot of his apartment at Maybee Road and Parkwood Blvd, sometime before 10 p.m. Police later informed the man that his car had been set on fire in Pontiac.

Accidents fill area roadways

Independence Township- A Saginaw youth was in critical condition and a Brandon Township woman was recovering from cardiac arrest after two serious traffic accidents marred area roads Nov. 4.

The first accident occurred around 2:45 a.m. as the unlicensed 17-year old driver of a stolen vehicle carrying five other passengers lost control and caused the car to roll over as it veered off the roadway and into a ditch on northbound I-75 near Baldwin Road.

Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies arrived to the scene to find three of the youths waiting for help. A 15-year old male was ejected from the vehicle and was critically injured when the 1998 Ford Taurus flipped. None of the teens were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident.

All six were transported to Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, where the 15-year old male was listed in critical but stable condition.

The 17-year old driver, who was placed under arrest, said he fell asleep at the wheel. It is not known whether alcohol was a factor. Authorities are continuing the investigation.

The second accident occurred as a 27-year old Brandon Township man and his mother, 48, crashed into a utility pole

on the return from a trip to 7-Eleven for morning coffee.

A clerk at the store called police to express concern about the man's ability to drive, saying he had pulled out of the lot very slowly and stopped at a green light.

The accident occurred around 9 a.m. Saturday and involved no other vehicles.

The man was traveling on northbound Sashabaw near Pine Knob Road and lost control of his 1998 Chrysler Sebring Convertible as he attempted to round a bend, causing the car to veer off the road. The impact of the crash broke the wooden pole in two.

Witnesses called police when the duo fled the scene, and authorities quickly located the car at Sashabaw Meadows Trailer Park.

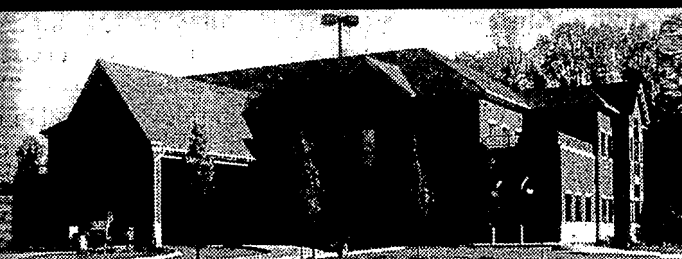
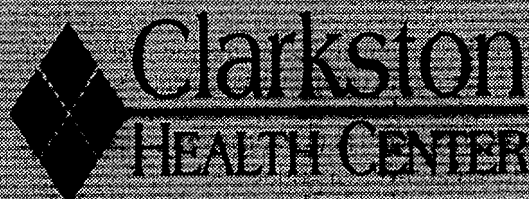
Deputies entered to find a woman bleeding from the face and neck area sitting on a couch with her son nearby.

The woman suffered cardiac arrest en route to the hospital, but she is expected to recover.

Both the man and his mother admitted to illegally using controlled substances before the accident Saturday, police said.

The accident remains under investigation.

To Your Good Health With Ernie Harwell and Clarkston Medical Campus



Don't fall into the trap of late night eating

By Ernie Harwell



All of us face the temptation of late night eating. It's late, the TV's on, and you find yourself munching on something. Before you know it, you've eaten too many chips or cookies.

When I'd talk to big league umpires, they'd tell me that their biggest temptation was going out after games, having a drink or two, and eating a big meal. They knew it wasn't good for them, but it was awfully hard for them to avoid.

The truth of the matter is that when you're eating late, you're probably adding extra calories that you don't need. And that means you'll gain weight.

Next time you're hungry at night, try to hold off eating until morning. If you can't wait, try eating a low-calorie snack like a piece of fruit. That way, when you're hungry in the morning, you can have a big healthy breakfast to get you going—and you'll have the whole day to burn it off.

And remember to take care of your health before it's lonnnngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Volunteers join effort to rebuild New Orleans

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Conditions are improving in New Orleans, but there's still much work to do.

"There's been a vast improvement since last time," said Stanley Garwood, volunteer with the North Oakland Disaster Relief Team. "But there are still huge malls, high rises, and houses that are vacant."

Garwood, his wife, Kathy Garwood, and 13 other volunteers travelled down to New Orleans for a week recently, returning on Oct. 28.

This was Stanley's third trip to the Gulf coast, which is still recovering after being severely damaged last year during Hurricane Katrina. During the previous trips, most of the time was spent "mucking out" houses and building.

Flood water, which rose from 7-12 feet in some areas of the city, swamped houses and buildings, and destroyed drywall, carpeting, electrical wiring, floors, clothes, and appliances. All of it had to be carried out and put to the curb for pick up. Workers had to wear helmets, safety

glasses, and masks or respirators because of the mold.

"It was really hard work," Stanley said.

This time, they worked on construction projects with Habitat for Humanity, he said.

"No masks - it felt cleaner," Kathy said. "It was a good feeling, hopeful."

Volunteers from all over the country, many from the Midwest, have been working to rebuild the area all year, Stanley said.

"I've been seeing a lot of college kids and churches," he said. "They've seen the need, and they've been sending people - it's cool to see."

Tom Forst and his sister Andrea Forst took time off from work and school to go on the NODRT trip.

"I enjoy the work - a lot of good people go on these trips," said Tom, who used his vacation time to go on his third trip to the area. "New Orleans does need the help."

They became part of the team initially through their involvement with the St. Daniel's church youth group. This trip, they worked on construction and food distribution.

The residents of New Orleans have been appreciative of the volunteers, Kathy said.

"People are very grateful - they meet us at the airport to say thank you," she said.

The area is slowly recovering. On a trip in May, the airport was mostly deserted.

"We were the only plane on the tarmac, and the airport was dirty and dusty," Stanley said. "Now, it's clean and beautiful."

People have started to come back, but many of those who moved away may have settled and won't return, he said.

However, tourism is starting to pick

up. One rebuilding priority has been Musicians Village, a place where entertainers can stay. The French Quarter, a popular tourist spot, was relatively undamaged during the storm.

"There's nothing wrong with Bourbon Street - people can go there and have a good time," Stanley said.

Another NODRT group of 13 volunteers is spending a week in New Orleans. They left Nov. 5 and are set to return Nov. 11.

NODRT is a coalition of churches, businesses, organizations and individuals in north Oakland County. Anyone 18 years old or older can join. For more information, call Stanley at 248-625-3123.

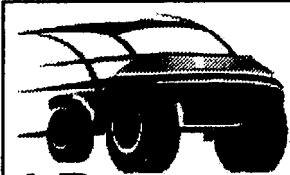


Kathy and Stanley Garwood work on rebuilding New Orleans. The Garwoods were part of the North Oakland Disaster Relief Team, a volunteer group from Clarkston. Photo submitted

Info seminar

The Happily Ever After & How to Get There informational seminar will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 2, at Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Walden Road. Free. Topics include health, housing, government agencies, home care, and money.

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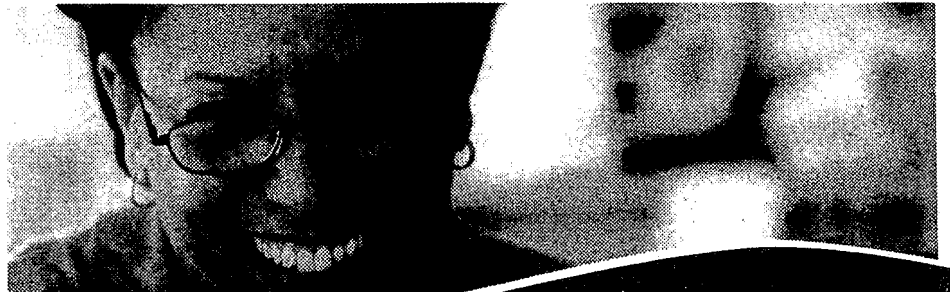
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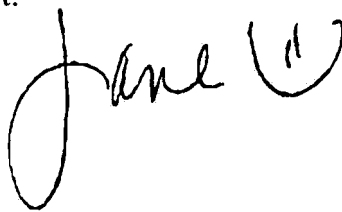

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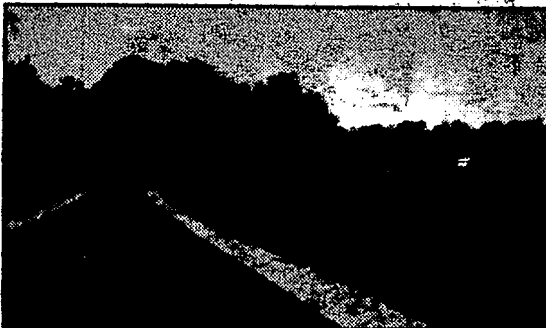
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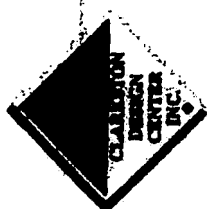
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Pilgrim's descendants act out ancestors' story

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When Linda Romanowski joined the First Congregational Church in Clarkston about eight years ago, she found the connection for which she was searching. As a direct descendant of a Mayflower pilgrim, she and the church share a common heritage.

She has used her research into her ancestor, Edward Doten, an original signer of the Mayflower Compact, and his journey to stage a play at the church, which is a direct descendant of the pilgrim's Puritan faith.

"I think he would be extremely proud to know that his granddaughter of 11 gen-

erations after his death, worked to bring his dream and story to life on stage for all to learn of the struggles and adventures they endured together," Romanowski said.

"The original Pilgrims that left England to seek freedom from religious persecution are one and the same group of people who founded the true meaning of the Congregational Church we attend today."

Romanowski spent much of the past year researching, writing, and organizing the play with her fellow church members.

"One of the most important aspects about being a Congregationalist is being able to be free to spiritually express yourself without ridicule with your God given talents," she said.

stage; how, when, where and with whom did this story unfold."

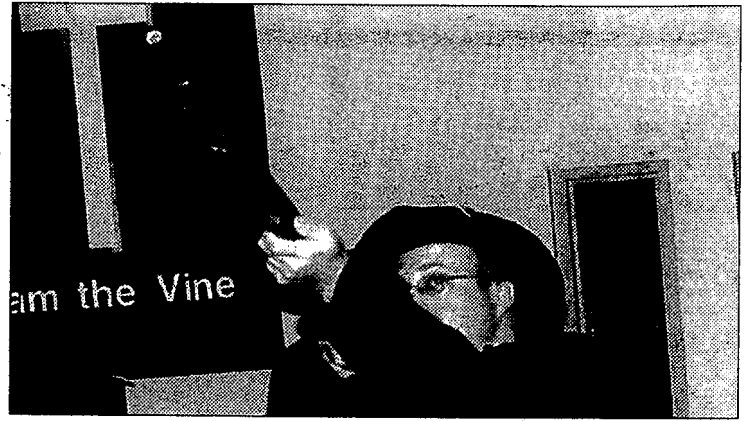
The play, "Our Forefathers Story," depicts events from the 1500s to the Mayflower trip in 1620 in three scenes. About 30 actors and actresses, youth and adults, wear period costumes and use props that are as historically authentic as possible.

"History itself is interesting, but to learn that your ancestor had signed such an important historical document, been part of the Puritan movement, survived through the harshest of times, survived to old age and brought forth another generation to tell

the stories," Romanowski said.

"This rewarding experience led me faithfully closer to the understanding of what it means to be a Congregationalist."

The play will be presented at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12, at First Congregational Church at 5449 Clarkston Road. For more information, call 248-394-0200.



Todd Masters of Waterford, as Governor Carver, takes up arms to help provide for the Pilgrims. Photo by Phil Custodio



Lydia Sherwood and Bryan Davis, both of Clarkston, check the script in preparation for rehearsal. Photo by Phil Custodio

"I've been empowered to educate others through this play, in understanding the reasons why the Pilgrims left England. I couldn't just stop at one answer, I had to express on

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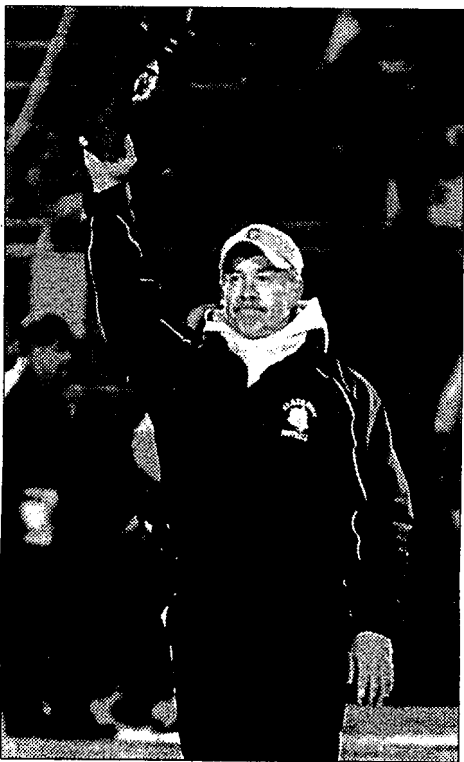
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Wolves go to rival's home, return with district championship

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Learning from mistakes is a universal tool, one utilized by the Clarkston Wolves in the state playoffs to avenge a 32-8 early-season loss to rival Lake Orion.

The Wolves (10-1) marched right into "Dragon Country" to a packed stadium.



Clarkston Coach Kurt Richardson is awarded with the district championship trophy. Photo by Ken Lemieux

They lingered after the game during a celebration of the team's accomplishment, a 34-14 victory over the Dragons (10-1) and the presentation of the district championship trophy.

Clarkston, determined not to repeat the two consecutive losses to the Dragons as they did in 2005, played completely different, holding the dragons to fewer points all night than those scored in the first half of the Oct. 20 game at CHS. The Wolves held Aaron Allen, who ran wild in the previous meeting, to negligible yardage. The offense carried the load as Bren Bergquist, Jimmy Popp (three touchdowns) and Erik Thompson provided enough firepower for Clarkston to overcome the Dragons.

"We talked about intensity and taking it to them and not letting them take it to us," an excited Clarkston Coach Kurt Richardson said.

"I thought the kids did a great job on both sides of the ball and our coaches called a great game," he added.

Quarterback Eric Ogg, unhappy with his performance in the first meeting, made his goal to step up his performance in this rematch, Richardson said.

His plan worked as he threw for 177 yards on 13-17 passing and one touchdown, with no interceptions.

Kevin Badgley, a frequent target for Ogg, said the team just needed to freshen up its approach to the Lake Orion showdown.

"We mixed it up a bit, especially on

offense. Last time we felt we were a little too predictable," he said.

"We came out and we ran a little bit, we threw a little bit and they weren't ready for it"

Lake Orion Coach Chris Bell said the difference between the first meeting and the district final was partly due to Clarkston's ability to limit the Dragons' offense.

"They did a good job against our running game and we didn't make plays in the passing game when we had to," Bell said.

The Wolves' offense was more relevant to the outcome this time, he added.

"They threw the ball more than in the past and they just executed on key downs. They made plays and moved the chains and took advantage of things and (that) forced us to make adjustments."

Clarkston jumped on the board on its first possession when Bergquist (three receptions for 61 yards) was on the receiving end of an Ogg 16-yard pass, making the leaping catch for the score at 8:30 of the first quarter. Defensive lineman Josh Allison held the lead to 6-0 by blocking the extra point attempt by kicker Ryan Breen.

In the second quarter, Popp finished what Thompson started on his 12-yard run to the one-yard line with a leap of his own over the line at 10:04. Clarkston added a two-point conversion when Ogg found Badgley in the corner for an over-the-shoulder grab, going up 14-0.

David Wurst caught a Chris Lum 10-yard pass to pull Lake Orion closer, 14-7, with 5:04 remaining in the half.

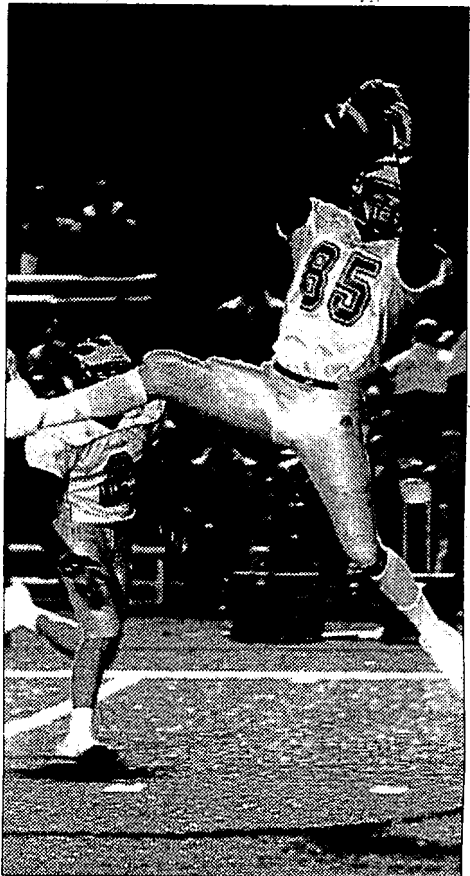
The Wolves responded, stampeding 85 yards to add another tally before the half. Thompson had an 11-yard reception with 11 seconds to go, making the score 21-7.

Lake Orion had a near touchdown midway through the third quarter. However, Badgley, playing defensive back, broke up a fourth-down pass play.

The Dragons scored on the next drive though, as Wurst broke free for 59 yards and the score with 3:44 remaining in the third quarter.

The Wolves drove punched the ball in for another score on a fourth-down con

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Six-foot six-inch tight end Bren Bergquist makes a leaping catch for the first score of the game. Photo by Ken Lemieux, www.lemieuxphotography.com

Athletes of the week, Wolves runners go to finals

LaMora, Kuhl take boys cross country to state finals at MIS

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although this season has been difficult for the boys cross-country team at Clarkston, two of its members represented the team at the state finals at Michigan International Speedway on Nov. 4.

Senior Nick LaMora and sophomore Jeff Kuhl qualified for the trip on Oct. 27 at Clintonwood Park at the regional meet. Kuhl qualified by running a 16:29.3 and LaMora ran 16:35.0.

Kuhl made a nearly identical showing in Brooklyn, Mich. at the finals, finishing at 16:29.4. LaMora shaved nearly seven seconds off his time, finishing in 16:28.4.

Both have been running since their pre-teen days. LaMora was thrown into an outdoor race at age 10 and Kuhl was inspired by his performance in the mile



Nick LaMora (left) and teammate Jeff Kuhl represented the boys cross country team at the state finals in Brooklyn, Mich. Photo by Paul Kampe

run at his elementary school have to continue to advance in their sport.

"My mom threw me in an outdoor race to see if I liked it," LaMora said. "I was happy because I finished before her. She was excited for me because I would go far."

Both Kuhl and LaMora run track in addition to cross-country.

They both prefer the way they can let loose and get lost during the races.

"When I'm running...you lose yourself into it, and I love that," Kuhl said.

Coach Mike Taylor said when LaMora maintains his focus, he becomes a much better runner.

"When he applies himself, he's a tough character," he said.

Taylor said Kuhl has shrugged off the inconsistency that plagued his freshman season and adjusted his running.

Kuhl plans to go to the University of Michigan to become a family doctor. LaMora is deciding between Northern Michigan University and Oakland Community College, where he hopes to go into computer engineering.

One of Kuhl's goals is being able to compete at the state finals every season of his Clarkston career. LaMora plans to continue running after high school.



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Close ... but no victory

Kouri sends game to OT but Wolves fall

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

All good things come to an end, as does the Clarkston Wolves girls basketball undefeated overtime streak. The Wolves (12-6) fell to the Rochester Falcons (17-2) 55-51 at Rochester on Nov. 2, in its fifth overtime game this season.

Clarkston had been riding high on three straight victories coming into the contest, but ran into a brick wall in the first half against the Falcons' backcourt press.

After amassing a 4-0 lead early on, the Falcons' pressure got to the Wolves, forcing turnovers and missed baskets during an 11-0 Rochester run.

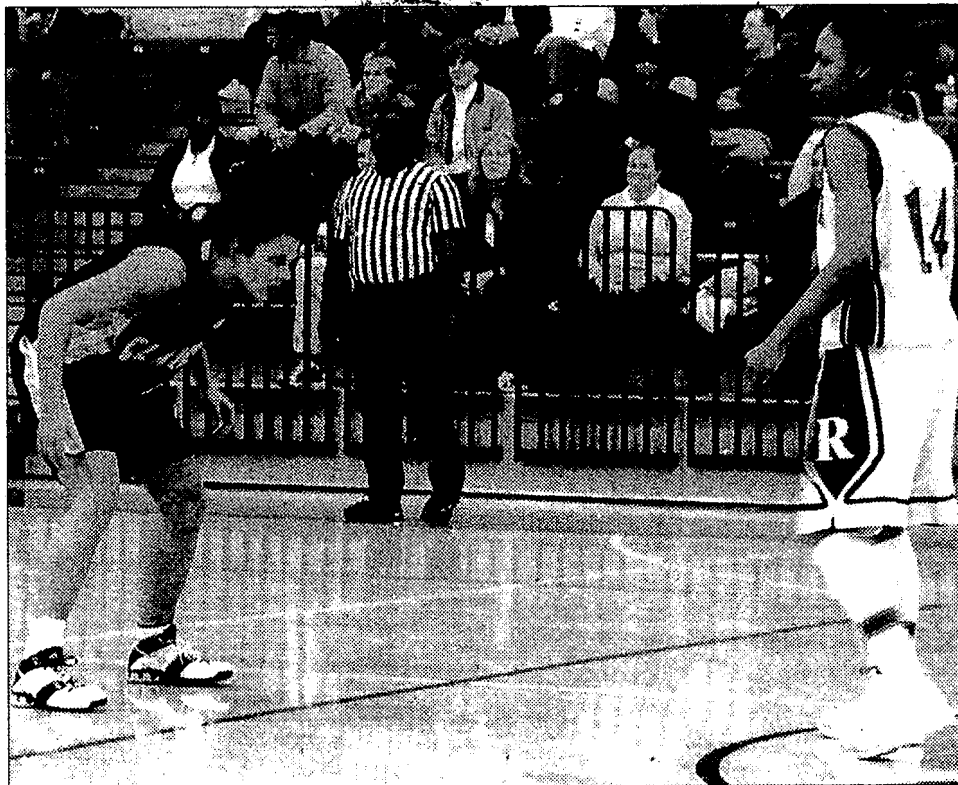
The Wolves battled back to keep the game close and went to the half shortening Rochester's lead to 23-18.

Clarkston outscored the Falcons 17-12 in the third quarter and the teams stayed deadlocked throughout the rest of regulation.

In the fourth quarter, with 2:23 remaining, Kaitlyn Davis swiped the ball and fed Lauren Allen for the lay-in, giving Rochester a 42-39 lead. Both teams failed to capitalize on scoring opportunities until Chelsea Kouri scored three of her game high 19 points with a three-point basket from professional range with only eight seconds left to play and the game went to the extra frame tied at 42 apiece.

"She's a big time player, she's not afraid to take those shots. She's made those shots for us her whole career," Clarkston Coach Tim Wasilk said.

"We had prepared for exactly what happened and they did a great job screening for Chelsea. And sometimes it's hard (to



Wolves Guard Chelsea Kouri defends against Lauren Allen from Rochester. Kouri forced overtime with a three-point shot with only eight seconds remaining. Photo by Paul Kampe

defend) when a girl is going to shoot from that far out," Rochester Coach Jeff Haney said.

"It's hard to get them to understand that you really have to go out that far."

Jennifer Johnston made a baseline jump shot to put Clarkston up for the first time since the first quarter, 44-42. Amber Brewster answered right back for the Falcons, making a hanging, running jump shot and was fouled by Johnston in the process.

Brewster, who had 17 points on the night, converted the free throw, putting Rochester back ahead, 45-44.

With less than a minute remaining in overtime, Betsy Mellen fouled Allen, sending her to the free-throw line, and a 53-48 Falcons' lead.

Kouri responded with a trademark clutch three-pointer with five seconds remaining to keep Clarkston alive, but Allen iced the contest at the stripe on Rochester's next

possession, sinking both free throws.

Clarkston moves to 6-5 in the Oakland Activities Association, while Rochester is now 9-2.

Jessica Palace added 10 points and Johnston had seven points for the Wolves.

"Last time we played them (Clarkston), we only got a couple steals against them the whole night in our press. We really felt like that was key to the game," Haney said.

"Against them you have to find a way to score some easy points (because) if you have to play against their defense the whole night, you're going to struggle."

Wasilk was encouraged by the Wolves' play in the loss because it will help them in the future.

"I told our girls after the game, I'm happy and pleased even though we lost, knowing that we played one of the best teams in the state in their own gym and we competed right with them," Wasilk.

"I like the way we came together and played on both ends of the floor tonight and I'm looking forward to next week in the districts."

The win keeps the Falcons' OAA record in good shape with a home game versus Auburn Hills Avondale on Nov. 9. Rochester fell to the Yellow Jackets on Oct. 17.

"We haven't been in that many big games in the last couple of years, but tonight was just a big game for us because winning tonight gives us a chance to play for at least a share of the conference championship," Haney said.

Brewster's return to the lineup from a wrist injury has helped make the team stronger, Haney said, because when she is driving to the basket and playing aggressively, the whole team plays better.

"I don't care who we play, Amber is going to be the best athlete on the floor."

The Wolves finish the regular season at Farmington Hills Harrison on Nov. 10. The team picks up district play on Nov. 14 when it faces the Lake Orion Dragons at Oxford High School at 5:30 p.m.

Clarkston Impact finish championship season in soccer league

The Clarkston Impact '97 White, Boys soccer team, capped off another successful season in October 2006 they claimed the Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) Under 10 Boys Division 2 championship for the fall outdoor season with a record of 8 wins, 0 losses and one tie (first place out of ten teams). This marks the second straight undefeated championship season for the local youngsters from Clarkston, having taken the 2006 spring outdoor title in the MYSL U9 Division 3 while completing a perfect 10-0 record.

The team holds a nearly 13-month undefeated streak in outdoor league play and will be promoted to the top U10 division of seven in the MYSL for the U10 spring 2007 outdoor season.

The Clarkston Impact '97 White team is comprised of 10 players, all attending Clarkston elementary schools. It has been together since the team was first formed in June 2005.

Their outdoor MYSL league record is 26-2-1, while recording two first-place finishes and a third place result in their first full season together in the fall of 2005. The team has also won indoor championships as well, and begins their indoor season in November. This includes participation in the National Indoor Soccer Championships regional qualifier in early December.

These 9-year-olds are quite enjoyable to watch, playing a brand of soccer that focuses on speed, teamwork, and quality soccer skills. These exciting pint-

sized footballers train about nine months out of the year and sport such colorful nicknames as: "the Bullet," "Boomer," "the Ice Man," "Golden Boot," "the Glove," "G-Money," "Hank-Meister," "shoeless Joe," "the A-train" and "Rock Star".

The team is coached by Curtis Payment, a former four-year starter in goal for Michigan State University, and Tony Posawatz. MaryAnn McCracken serves as the team's manager.

The team members are as follows: Joey Alli, Joe DeFinis, Grant Gotaas, Hank Grogan, Alex Kessman, Isaac Mansour, David Posawatz, Brandon Renkiewicz, Ben Snider and Jimmy Todd.

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Chiefs teams compete for the Super Bowl

Three Clarkston Chiefs squads competed for the Super Bowl at Wisner Stadium in Pontiac on Nov. 4. The freshman blue squad defeated the Lapeer Steelers 8-0 in OT, the JV Blue team defeated Pontiac 25-18 and the varsity squad fell to Pontiac 37-6. Congratulations from *The Clarkston News* on great seasons!



Clarkston middle schoolers take first and second

Both middle school teams from Clarkston took the top two spots in the girls race at the "Pumpkin Invitational" at Oakview Middle School in Lake Orion on Oct. 25. Nineteen teams competed at the sixth annual meet. Clarkston Junior High finished first with 74 points, followed by Sashabaw Middle School in second with 97 points. Pictured from Sashabaw: Delaney Kenny, Erin Billette, Erin

Castillo, Allison Starwara, Natalie Smith, Emily Pobuda, Kelsey Runft, Courtney Villeneuve, Colleen Napier, Jill Harris, Madeline Lossenhop. Pictured from Clarkston: Katie Stringer, Stephanie Boergert, Brianna Fox, Taylir Emery, Julia Douglas, Andrea Butler, Amanda Ejups, Caitlin Post, Ali Swanson. *Photo provided*



Jake Giola plows through the Steelers on the way to an 8-0 overtime victory.

Wolves roll through Dragons in playoffs

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version from the one-yard line when Popp scored, to go up 28-14.

Clarkston added another touchdown on a fourth-and-14 conversion late in the ballgame, set up when Bergquist barreled his way to the two-yard line. Popp took the ball the rest of the way for the touchdown. The

point after conversion was blocked and score was 34-14.

The win moves Clarkston to the regional finals at Dakota Field against Macomb Dakota High School (10-1) on Nov. 10. The Cougars stopped Clinton Chippewa Valley 35-7 to earn their berth in the regional finals.

Pistons' coaches to instruct basketball camp

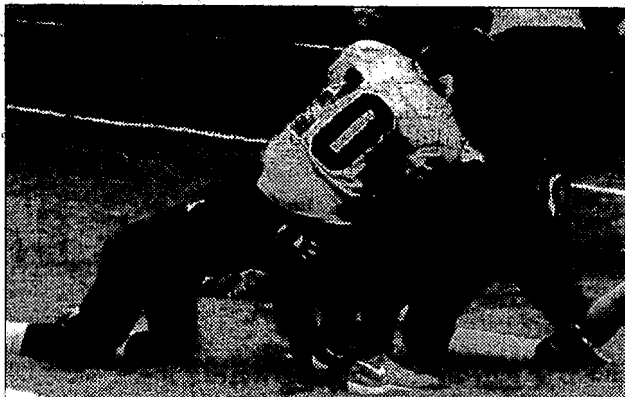
The Detroit Pistons' coaching staff is hosting a basketball camp for players interested in improving their skills. The camp will take place at Clarkston Junior High School on Nov. 10 from 6-8:30 p.m. for players in grades 1-6.

Players will work on passing, shooting and rebounding. There is a grade-level free-throw shooting contest

with trophies planned for the evening. Attendees will also take home camp t-shirts.

Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$25. Players must register at the Clarkston Community Education building at 6558 Waldon Road.

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Brendan Stokes and Del Duffield take down the Steelers' running back.

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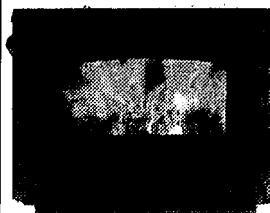
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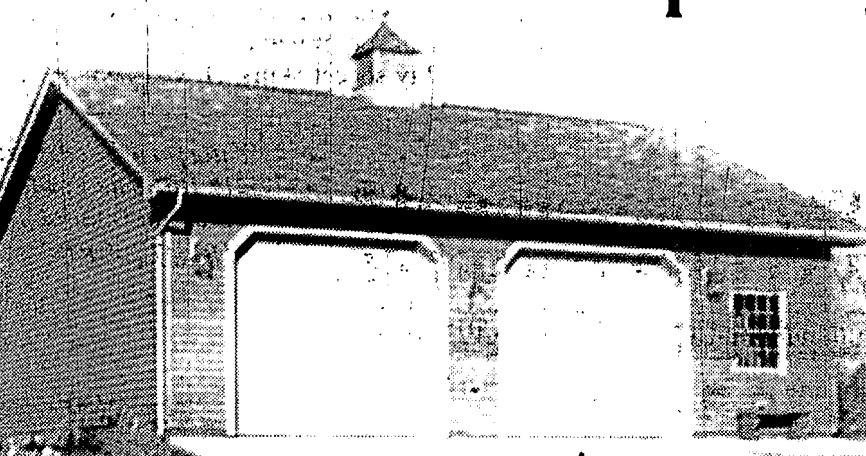
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Variety, solid acting in 'Enchanted April'

The Clarkston Village Players know how to be funny. My personal favorite performances are their comedies by far, so I was curious to see what they did with "Enchanted April." Some might not see the shift from American to British humor as drastic, but for many people, it can be hit or miss.

The English comic Eddie Izzard described British performances as mostly consisting of people walking through doorways going "Oh, I'm... oh, what? Well, I...oh..." This is obviously a humorous exaggeration about the subtlety of emotion and drama portrayed through dialogue, but I couldn't help but think of it during this performance. There was plenty of "Oh..." moments, especially during the second act. Numerous moments have supposedly proper people being flustered or unspoken emotional stilted, all of which comes clear through mannerism and, occasionally, short dialogue, a testament to the players as a whole.

There isn't much that can be said about the plot of "Enchanted April" that hasn't been said before. The story has obviously attracted lots of followers both here and in Europe, with it being a popular stage production and a feature film. Even so, you might not think a guy in his 20's would enjoy a story about four women enjoying an Italian getaway, but you'd be wrong.

Despite a slow start, the story picks up quickly, and by the final scene there isn't a single dull moment during this play. The humor is very subtle at times, and is a big change from the absurdity in recent CVP performances, but very enjoyable.

Hale Wells, despite playing a relatively somber character, manages to bring out much of the early humor in the production, especially as her character Rose contrasts against Jenna Kellie Pittman, as the naive Lotty. Even with the humorous overtones in much of the production, the relationship between these two women provided a solid backbone to the story, and Pittman and Wells did an excellent job.

Likewise, contrast plays a major role in both the humor and the conflict of the play, with Pittman and Wells playing directly off of their dismissive husbands, played by Mel Case and Mike Beukema.

The always enjoyable Linda Mishler plays the ridiculously uptight Mrs. Graves, and CVP newcomer Melissa Farr plays the less proper Lady Caroline, whose personalities collide with even more humorous results than Rose and Lotty.

Beukema, what can I say? I went to school with Mike (we both earned English degrees from Oakland University) and I guess the last place I expected to see him again was on stage at the Depot Theater wearing nothing but a towel, but hey, life is funny that way. Beukema does make a nice addition to the CVP crew though, and I hope to see him on stage again.

Though Shaun Pittman and Karen McClellan have probably the least amount of stage time of everyone in the play, their characters certainly have the best responses, a strong reminder of the important details brought out by a solid ensemble cast.

I have to note that I wasn't the only person in the audience impressed by the elaborate set design. Do not be fooled by the relatively simple look of the English home interiors seen during the first act. The audience was literally struck with awe as the set opened to reveal the gorgeous interior of the Italian castle.

Overall, CVP has done another great job bringing this story to life and audiences will not be disappointed. Remaining performances of "Enchanted April" are scheduled for Nov. 10-12 and 16-18. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances, and \$10 for Thursday and Sunday. Tickets are available for purchase through www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org or by calling 248-625-2511. They are also available by leaving a message on the Clarkston Village Players ticket line at 248-625-8811. Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the performance. However, availability cannot be assured.

CVP review



Andrew DuPont

Holiday projects at Indian Springs Metropark

In honor of Veteran's Day, admission to Indian Springs Metropark will be free on Friday, Nov. 10. Boat launch fees will also be waived. For more information, call the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority at 800-477-2757. Also, the park will collect new, unwrapped toys for the Toys For Tots program from Nov. 18-Dec.

3. Toys For Tots, which requests that toys have no violent connotations, is run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to give Christmas presents to children in need. For more information, call 800-477-3192.

The park is located at 5200 Indian Trail in White Lake, Springfield Township.

Rotary Club's polio envoy to visit local organization

Rotarian Bob Scott will speak at the Clarkston Rotary Club's district meeting Nov. 9 at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights.

Scott, a retired family physician and former coroner for the Province of Ontario, Canada, is visiting local Rotary clubs to discuss polio-immunization program.

Scott is the chairman of Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee and is a trustee of the Rotary Foundation. He has taken part in National Immunization Days

in India, Pakistan, Nigeria and Egypt. "Despite tremendous progress in reducing the incidence of polio, it still exists," Scott said. "Polio will continue to threaten children everywhere as long as it exists somewhere. In this age of global travel, a new outbreak of polio might only be a plane ride away."

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Clarification
 A picture page on A8 of the Nov. 1 edition of the Clarkston News listed the Independence Township Fire Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department as sponsors of the Friendly Forest trick-or-treat event at Clintonwood Park Oct. 29. Although both departments were present and helped out at the event, Independence Township Parks and Recreation was primarily responsible for facilitating the event.

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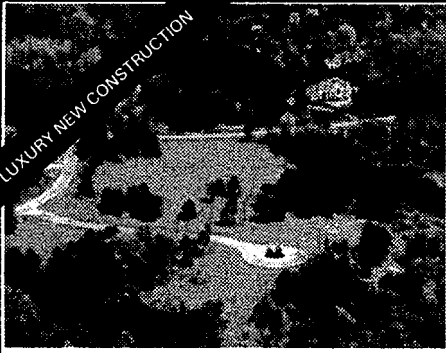
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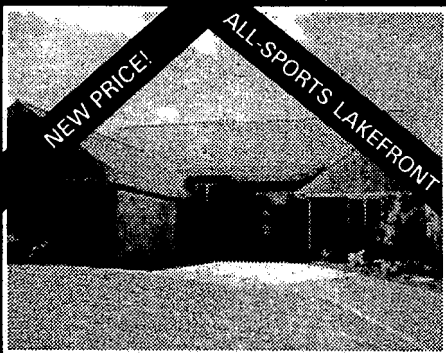
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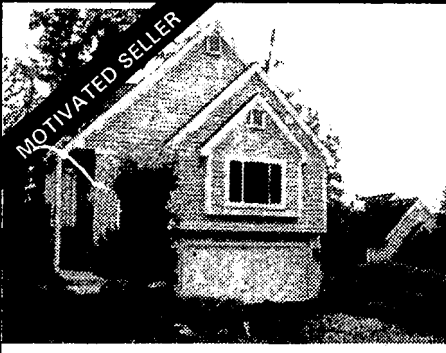
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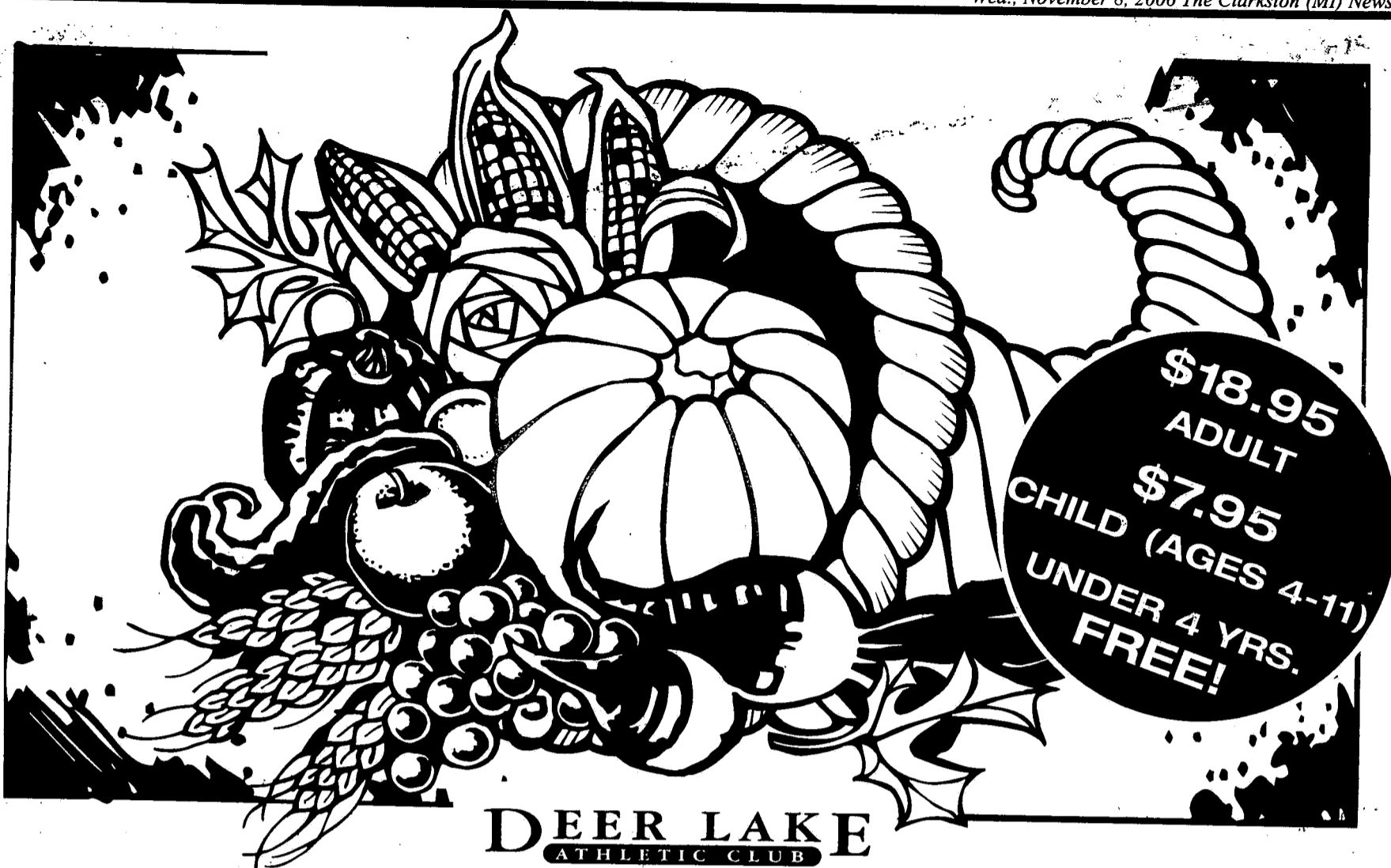


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Excitement at the Expo



Above left, hundreds circulate among the displays and exhibits at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Expo Thursday at Clarkston High School.



At top, Renee Breakie takes a break from the Glitz Salon display to win some money at the Clarkston State Bank's Money Machine. She won \$6.



Above, Eric Schulte of Allison M.B. Schute Eye Care provides information.

Photo story by Phil Custodio



Far left, Chad Wandrie serves up appetizers prepared by the North Oakland Technical Center's culinary arts program.



At left, Tatiana Duva provides information about Independence Township Park and Recreation, dressed in a turkey outfit.



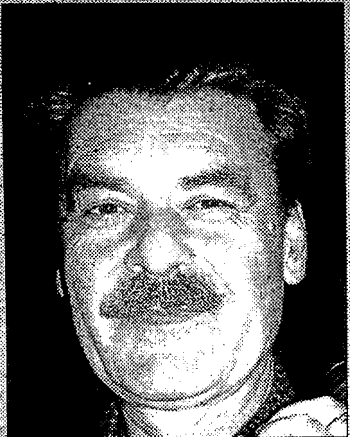
Below left, Lisa Gooch, Heidi Whitelam, and Tim Goodman of Maxx Self Storage man their display.



Below, Sara Arpke takes care of a kitten at the Advanced Pet Care display.

People Poll

What's best about local business?

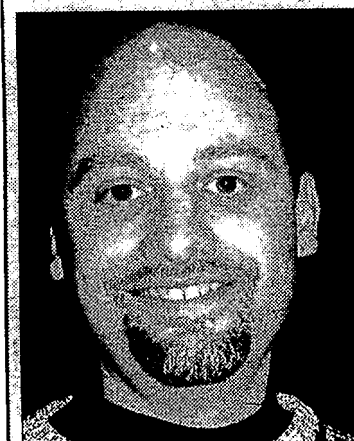


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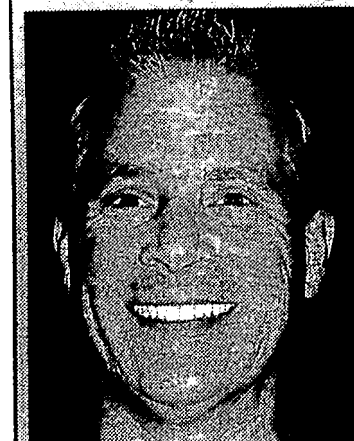
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By Phil Custodio

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One man making a difference

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tom Stone feels a sense of achievement and satisfaction when his Mr. Fix-it personality takes charge of a project, and the entire City of Clarkston will share in Stone's latest accomplishment before the New Year rings in.

Stone and wife Arlene are both avid walkers, and early last summer the couple was out for a jaunt around Clarkston when they began noticing and pointing out recent improvements to the city.

"Everything was cleaned up and we had all these new plantings and such," he said. "But there were still these tired old signs."

Three worn and rotting 'Welcome to Village of Clarkston' signs dot roadways around the area, with a fourth – in the worst condition – standing in front of the city office building on Depot Road.

As an involved citizen, Stone knew the city council had more pressing matters to consider and would not approve spending an estimated \$8,000 to have four new signs made.

So he took matters into his own hands and began raising the money himself.

"I'm not a fund raiser," he said. "But I've been active in a number of organizations and there are a number of people I'm comfortable with and a number who are comfortable with me."

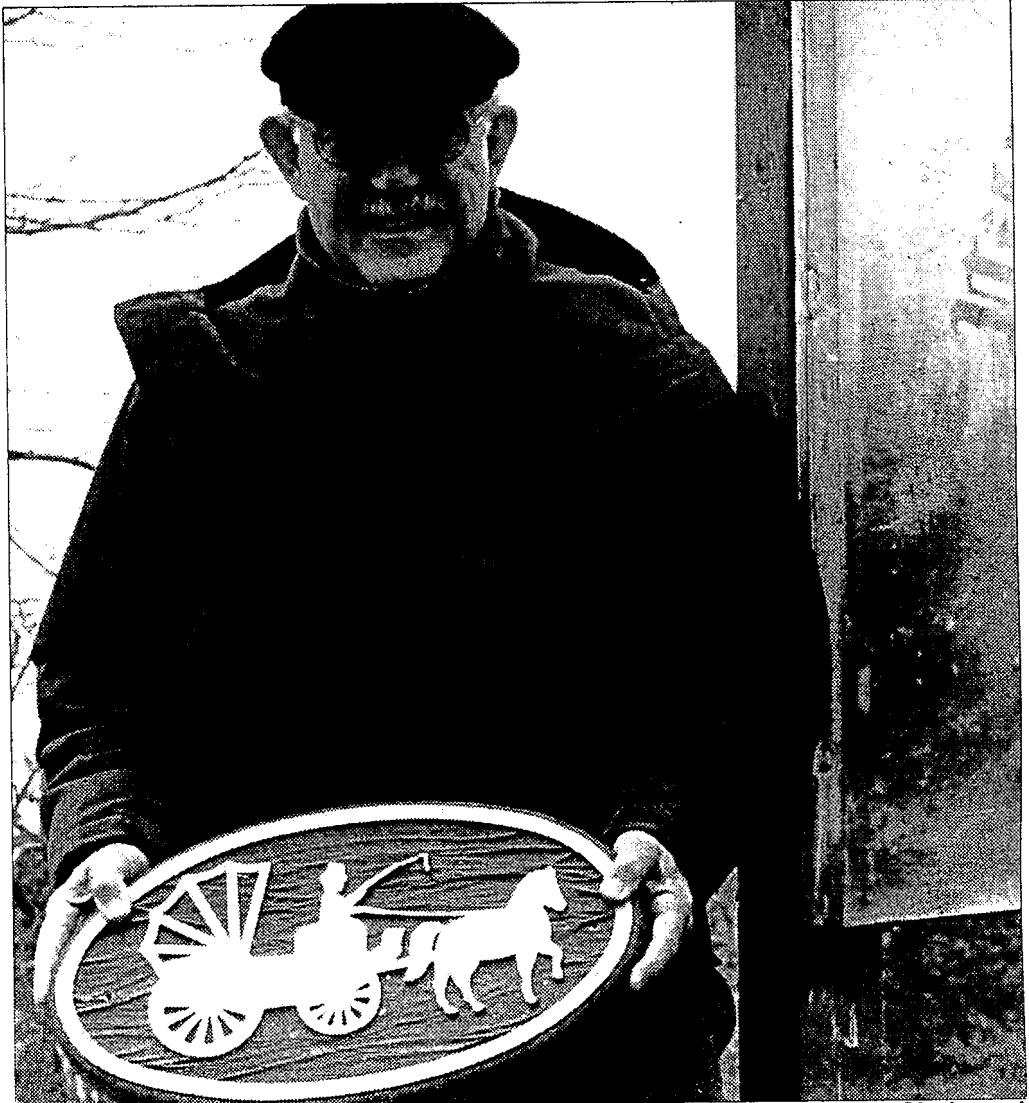
It was these long-term friendships and business relationships that allowed Stone to solicit donations for the project as a friend and neighbor, rather than a fund raiser. It was also an opportunity, he said, to reconnect with friends and neighbors.

"Tom has always been willing to offer his time to get involved with the community," said city Councilman Cory Johnston, who worked with Stone to raise money for the signs.

"And he's very good at staying focused and getting one project done before moving on to the next thing."

Of the necessary total of \$8,200, the sign fund currently stands at \$6,200 in donations from Clarkston businesses, organizations and private citizens.

In addition to raising funds, Stone also asked for cost estimates, researched options for the material and color scheme of the signs, and made presentations to the various governing bodies in Clarkston and finally assigned the contract to produce the signs to Jim Hamblin of Hamblin Sign on



Tom Stone, holding a sample from Hamblin Sign, is working to replace Clarkston's entrance signs. Photo by Laura Colvin

Dixie Highway. "I get a sense of satisfaction from getting things done," Stone said. "I have the skills, contacts, and resources to address problems and make a difference."

But Stone doesn't feel a need for recognition of his work in the community. The result is reward enough, and besides, he said, that Mr. Fix-it personality doesn't allow him to sit idle, anyway.

Stone retired several years ago after a 25-year tenure as a counselor at Oakland Community College. Always active in the community, Stone sat on the North Oakland Land Conservancy board for 25 years, serving 10 of those years as president, and continues to consult on environmental issues. He is also a member and past president of the Michigan Counseling Association.

Stone also makes sure he is informed about the happenings of the Clarkston community where he has lived with his wife Arlene for 33 years.

After they were married, the Stones rented an apartment on Church Street for one year before moving into their current home on Roberts Court.

"We've been married thirty-three years and we're still on our starter home," said Arlene. "That's how much we love this place. Tom has a real passion for the community and he's

like a dog with a bone when he gets into a project – he gives the best he can give."

Now that the sign project is approaching conclusion, Stone is employing his energy to help assemble a program that will help area seniors with household chores.

The idea originated with city Council woman Kristy Ottman, who recognized that some of her Clarkston neighbors needed a little extra help to get by.

Stone was receptive to the idea and pitched in right away.

"Tom began the process of contacting the appropriate people and writing the article and survey that was to be published in the paper and mailed to the qualifying residents," said Ottman.

"I asked Tom to please put his name before mine... because of all the work he had done, but in true Tom fashion he told me he would think about it and never made the changes."

But again, Stone isn't in it for the glory of recognition. He just wants to do what he can to help out where he's needed.

"I used to say that I'd like to leave the world a better place than I found it," he said.

"But that's kind of cliché. I've had a full family life, a full employment life, a decent retirement, I live in nice neighborhood. What else do I need?"



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Clarkston Community Women's Club annual Holiday Auction at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. Items for auction will include homemade crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, specialty items, and unique gifts. Call Gail at 248-623-9462.

Fall Prevention Talk. Monday, Nov. 13, 1 p.m., Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Learn about physical changes that raise safety issues. Penny Brown, R.N., will discuss the prevention of falls and home safety. All welcome. For men and women with fragile bones, this talk is a must. Call 248-625-8231.

Casino Windsor, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 11:45 a.m.-7 p.m. Residents \$11/Non-residents \$15. Voucher for \$15 in coin (Canadian) or towards your meal. All guests must have or get a Player's Prestige card to receive the voucher. Remember to bring a picture ID plus a birth certificate or passport. Call the Independence Township Senior Center at 248-625-8231.

All-You-Can-Eat Italian Dinner to benefit North Oakland Right to Life from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Knights of Columbus, 5660 Maybee Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 for families. Call 248-623-9340 or 248-625-3933.

Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, Nov. 17, 5-7 p.m. All are invited. All-you-can-eat spaghetti and meat sauce, fresh salad, and Italian garlic bread. \$5. Children under 8 years, \$3. Call the Independence Township Senior Center at 248-625-8231.

Around Town



Above, congressional candidate Jim Marcinkowski greets Peggy Arthurs and her daughter Ella at Olde Village Cafe in Clarkston. Left, former diplomat Joe Wilson, supporting the campaign, talks to Chris Marusiak, at right, and Joan Balthazor.

Candidate for Congress stops by

In the final week of the election, candidate Jim Marcinkowski made a campaign stop in Clarkston. A candidate for U.S. Congress against incumbent Congressman Mike Rogers, Marcinkowski stopped at the Olde Village Cafe on Main Street this past Wednesday. The

Democratic candidate was joined by retired U.S. Ambassador Joe Wilson.

"Jim will make a good congressman," Wilson said. "He was one of the first to come forward and face congress to support me, so I'm here to support him."

Make Your Own Jewelry, Tuesdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Pat Arnold will teach this special art. All materials needed to make a stunning bracelet will be included in the cost of \$32. Make a great Xmas gift. Pre-register at the Independence Township Senior Center for this two day class. Call 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Historical Society will hold a benefit performance by the Clarkston Village Players of *A Talent for Murder* on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. This entertaining play promises plenty of mystery, suspense and laughter. Your \$18 ticket includes hors d'Oeuvres and wine/beer/soda. Proceeds go to the Clarkston Heritage Museum, located in Independence

Library. Call 248-922-3757 for tickets.

"Happy Ever After and How To Get There" a series of informational seminars on topics relevant to the aging population are scheduled for Saturdays, Dec. 2 and Feb. 3 at Clarkston Junior High School from 9 a.m. - Noon. Seating is limited. To reserve seats or for more information, call 248-625-5556, ext. 162.

Bowling on Mondays at 1 p.m. through May 7 at Cherry Hill Lanes. Informal league includes 3 relaxing games for just \$6 per person per week. No experience necessary. Bowlers are not obligated to bowl each week. No pre-registration is needed. Cherry Hill

Lanes on Dixie. Call 248-625-8231 for information.

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

A reading group forming at Sweetgrass in downtown Davisburg is one designed to feed the soul and awaken the spirit. For the six months, group members will meet on selected dates from 1-3 p.m. to discuss, question and ponder together that which they have read in the month's assigned book. Though no particular religion or ideology is set forth, a foundational understanding or yearning to grow in faith is the underlying commonality. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own book, which are available at Sweetgrass, located at 616 Broadway. Participants should have finished the book by this date and be ready to discuss it in whatever manner is comfortable. Walk-ins are welcome. November's book is "Life is short - wear your pajamas." by Loretta LaRoche. For more information or to RSVP, call 248-634-7880.

Are you a writer, but nobody else know? Are you a closet poet? Do you have a novel hiding within your soul just waiting to be drawn out? Would you like to gather with other who yearn to write and share that passion with others?

The new Sweetgrass Writer's Support Group may be right for you. The group will meet each Thursday at 1 p.m. at Sweetgrass in Davisburg. Plan to bring a sample of your work you might like to top share, paper and pen and a spirit of open creativity. Julia Cameron's book, *The Sound of Paper* will be used as a springboard for discussion and writing. Books are available for purchase at Sweetgrass. Please RSVP by call 248-634-7880. walk-ins are welcome.

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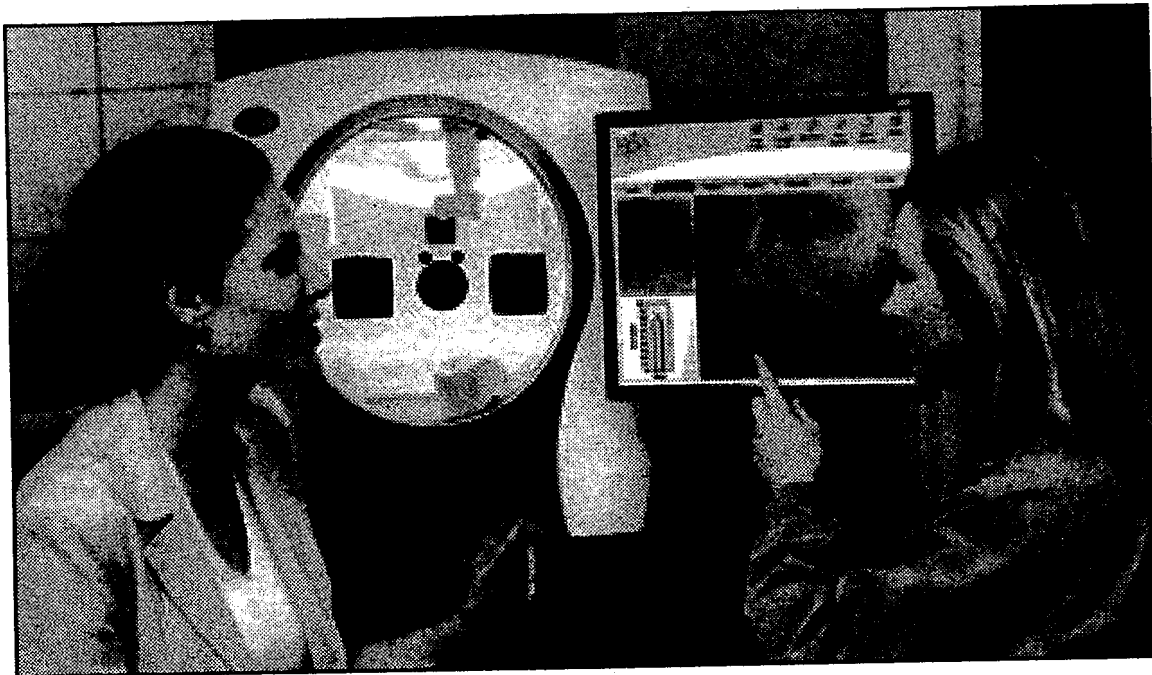
Dr. Wendy McFalda, Clarkston dermatologist, recently announced the installation of a new diagnostic and treatment assessment tool for skin care, called the Visia System.

"It is really amazing how we can create a clear diagnostic picture of sun damage, pore size and wrinkles," McFalda said. "This information allows me to develop a truly targeted treatment program, and then both the patient and I will use the Visia images to track treatment progress."

"We had a great turnout for our open house last month. In fact, so many people told us that they wanted to learn more, we are hosting an informational event beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 at Mesquite Creek restaurant to discuss new treatment options for psoriasis with a nationally recognized speaker."

Call the office for all the details and to confirm your registration. Similar sessions regarding other skin care issues are being scheduled.

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"We will also be available to answer any questions you might have about our other ser-

vices like Botox or Restylane. This could be the best time to treat yourself to something special and look great for the holiday season."

McFalda also offered this advice regarding laser hair removal,

"This is the ideal time of

the year to start planning and scheduling for laser hair removal. Most of us are spending less time in the sun during this time of year and the procedure is most effective on skin that is not tanned."

In addition to hair removal, many patients decide to have

the doctor help them reduce the appearance of spider or varicose veins.

"Some of my patients are embarrassed to show their legs in the summer and don't realize that they have options for change," she said.

Although the majority of cosmetic procedures are being requested by women, Dr. McFalda has seen an increase in men wanting to improve the condition of their skin and reverse the visible signs of aging.

"Some men wonder if they are overlooked for professional opportunities because they may appear older than they feel. There are other men who have seen their wife or partner receive cosmetic enhancements and want the same benefits for themselves."

Dr. McFalda would like to thank her patients for their continued support and for the referral of their family and friends to her office. The doctor would also like to thank the members of her team for their hard work and commitment to the patients they serve.

The Clarkston Dermatology and Vein Center is located at 7210 N. Main St., Suite 103. Call Dr. McFalda for an appointment at 248-620-3376.

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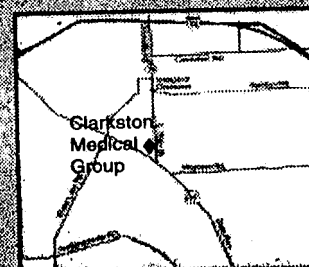
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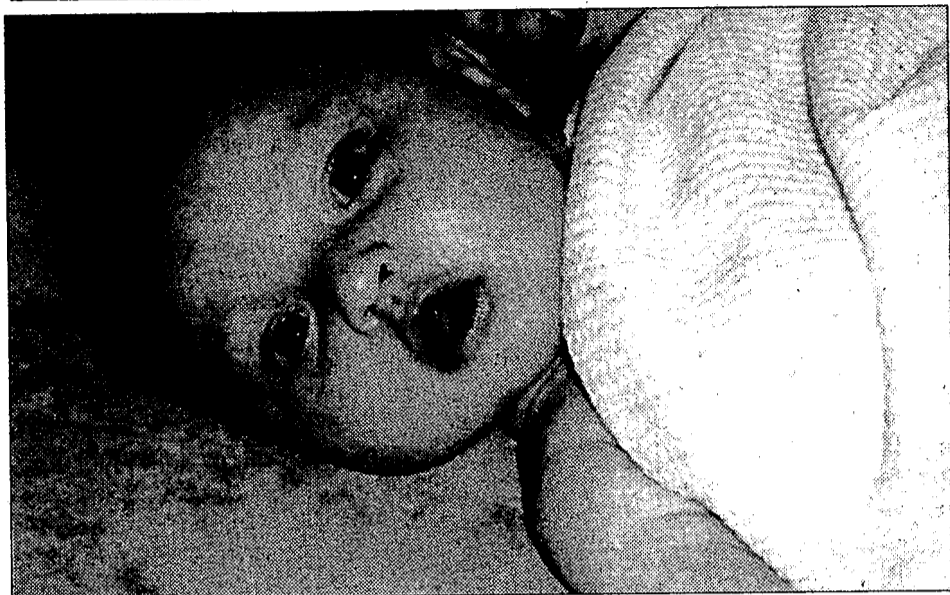
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Milestones



Welcome home Sophia Harp

Andy and Katie Harp of Berkley, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter Sophia. She was born at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital on April 2. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 22 inches in length. Her grandparents are Terry and Theresa Harp of Clarkston, and Dave and Roxanne Reschke of Clarkston. Great-grandparents are Art and Betty Harp of Oxford, William and Docia Wallace of Waterford, and Max and Dorothy Elliott of Traverse City, and her great-great-grandparent is Elizabeth Rains of Kingston, Tenn.



Clarkston couple gathers with family

The Ek family recently had a reunion at Mickey and Connie Benan's home in Gaylord. In the top row are Dr. Jack and Jo Alberts, Marlene Ek, Artie and Cathy Guerrero, and Betty Gogo with Scooter the dog. In the middle are Patty Ek, Mickey and Connie Benan, Clarkston residents Vio-

let and Bob Waid, and Barbara Ek. In front are Pastor Jim Ek, Charles Ek, and Bob Ek.

Family members travelled from Clarkston, Rockford, Lewiston, and Grandville, as well as Florida, Colorado, Arizona, and California.

Photo submitted.

Academic achievements

Heather Giroux, softball player at Eastern Michigan University, was recently selected for the All Mid American Conference Academic team. Giroux, who

has a GPA of 3.98, is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School. The team consists of student athletes who excelled both in the classroom and on the field.

Business briefs

Karen Van Dyke of Waterford was named to the Avon President's Club, earning her a cruise to the Bahamas.

"Her hard work and commitment to making Waterford a more beautiful place ensures Avon will remain an American icon for generations to come," said

Maria Peninger, Avon vice president of representative development. ***

Rudy Lozano of Clarkston recently resigned as chairman of the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners. Lozano's term was to expire at the end of the year

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Religion

Prioritize people over politics

The elections are finally over! After the barrage of commercials and reminders from the candidates most of us are glad to have the elections behind us. I have been an avid political watcher since I was a young child. When I was ten years old, back in 1964, I took my first serious interest in politics and became a vocal advocate for my views.

I lived in the outlying area of Independence Township in those days and found myself in the midst of neighbors who were UAW members from the south and were genuine Democrats while I was a Goldwater Republican. At one time in my life I thought that I would be running for President of the United States one day, but life certainly took me in a much different direction. Most people who are involved in politics believe there will be dire consequences if their candidates lose the election. I have observed, however, in my times of watching the political scene that this is not necessarily the case. The truth is, although the political parties have opposing camps leading them, in all actuality the prevailing opinions of the country eventually find their way to the top and govern the nation.

In the 60s our country was more "liberal" in its thinking than it is today. The Republicans were the conservatives and the Democrats were the liberals. Yet, in truth, the Republicans of the time in Michigan

were not like the conservatives of today but were more reflective of the thinking of that time. This is why Governor Miliken, who was a Republican of the 70s, sounds more like a Democrat these days. It also explains why the Democrats of today are crying for a balanced budget. For all the years the Republicans were a minority party that was their cry as well. The truth of American politics is the people in power will need to spend money when they are in power so the vicious cycle continues. The point of this is in a democracy the majority opinion will prevail because it is necessary for survival. If there is one thing that all of our politicians have in common it is the desire for survival.

There is another more important force at work than politics and it is the force that I have committed myself to which is the influence of God upon the nation through His work in people. I discovered a long time ago that the greatest force for change will not come from the top of the political system. The key is to reach the individual people. Although as a citizen I am still interested in the political affairs of our nation, I am content to know the more important task, especially as a Christian, is to set myself to minister to people, knowing that in the long run this will have the most impact. As Christians, we need to be good citizens and this certainly means maintaining political interest, but whatever the current trend of politics we have a far more effective pursuit when we commit ourselves to change people through the proclamation of the word and community involvement. We can

Please see Prayer, page 9B

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

In our churches...

Come enjoy an evening of music with **CrossWord**, a Christian rock band, during a free Coffee House concert, at Clarkston United Methodist Church on Friday, Nov. 10 from 7-9 p.m. If you have a song to share, bring it along. Coffee and desserts will be available. Clarkston United Methodist Church is located at 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

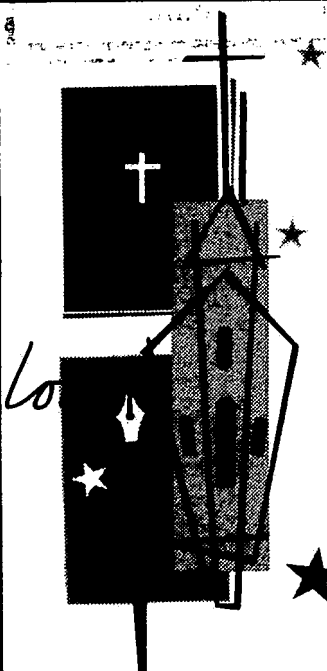
St. Daniel Catholic Community Church is hosting its 15th annual **Horn of Plenty** event on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Cushing Center. The annual event is the church's major fund-raiser for the year and includes a raffle, auction, dinner and dance. The church is accepting donations for items to be raffled off. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 248-625-4580.

A **Community Choir** will perform selections from Handel's *Messiah* with a portion of the Clarkston High School Orchestra on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. Rehearsals are Sundays from 2-4 p.m. at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. The director is Michael Anderson. Everyone is welcome to participate. For more information call 248-625-1323.

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

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11:00 am Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service
Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA
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6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
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Website: clarkstonumc.org
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Sunday Connection Service: 6:00 pm
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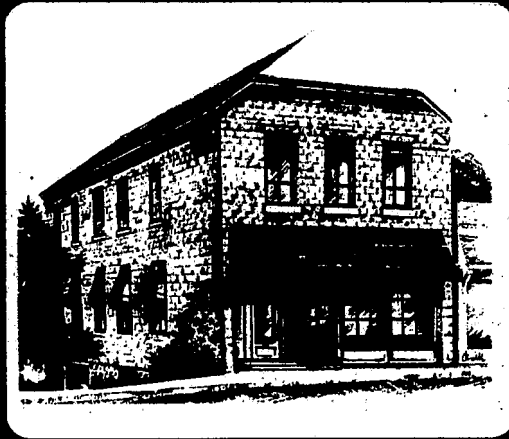
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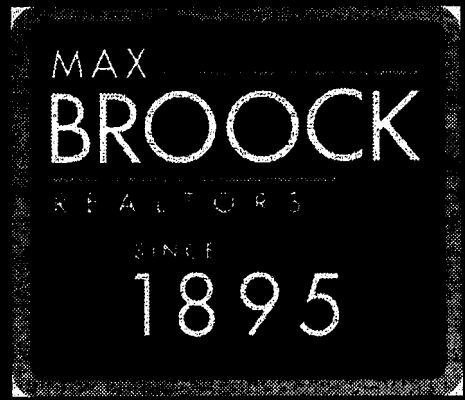
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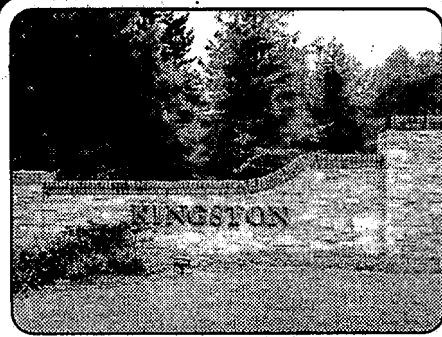
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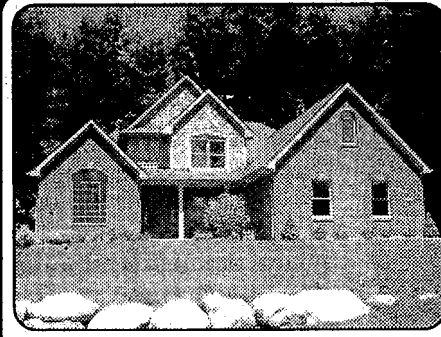
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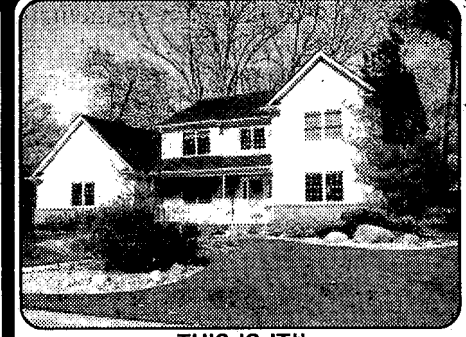
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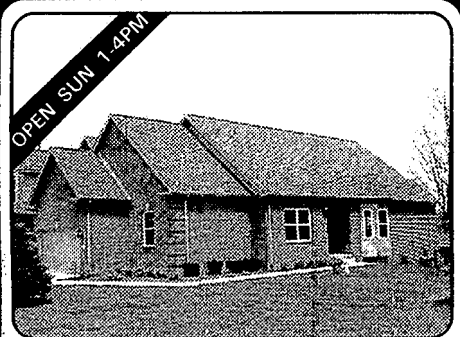
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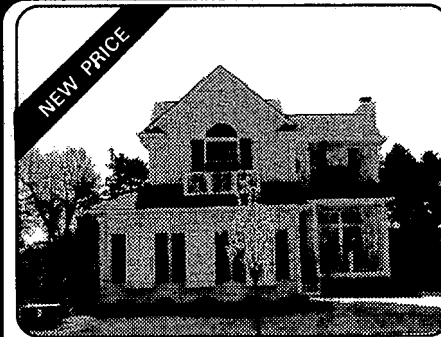
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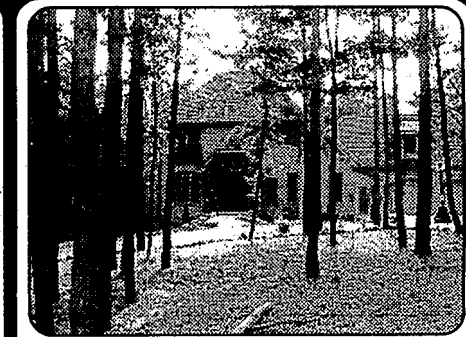
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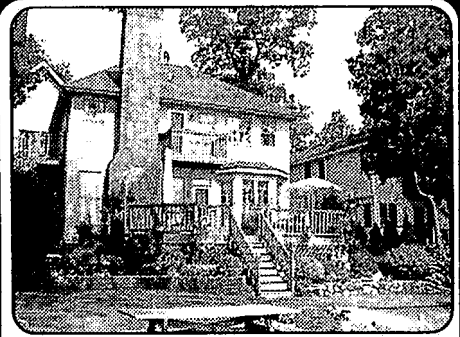
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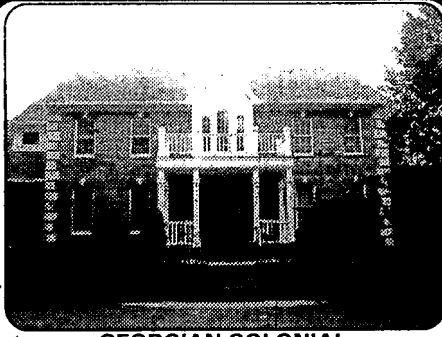
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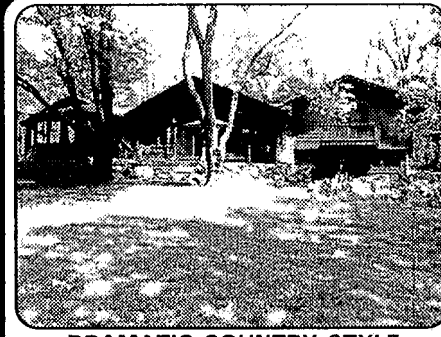
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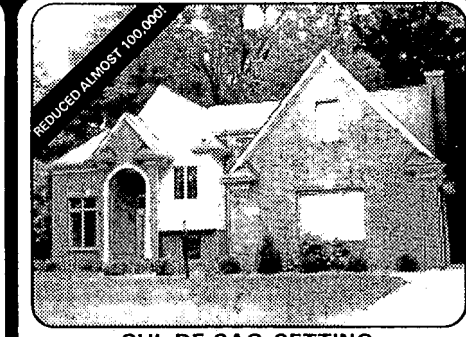
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Beaumont osteopathic doctor takes a closer look

"Do you have a Beaumont doctor?" the catch phrase asks us.

Dr. Elissa Gartenberg, D.O. is a Beaumont doctor, right in Clarkston.

As an osteopathic physician she offers complete medical care for the entire family, from newborns to senior citizens as a member of the Beaumont Outreach program while working at Clarkston Lakes Family practice. She has been with the group since February of this year.

Gartenberg knew she had an interest in medicine as a child, even taking in rounds with her uncle, a cardiologist, as a teenager. She said her uncle's career really inspired her to get into medicine.

"I loved it. I had a passion for medicine and taking care of people," Gartenberg said.

"I've always wanted to practice medicine, it is a calling and passion for me."

Gartenberg likes bonding with patients and seeing them through their troubles.

"I love my patients, meeting people and hearing their stories. I love diagnosing problems, finding solutions and making people feel better. It's an honor and a privilege to be part of people's lives in a close way," Gartenberg said.

Gartenberg applies a holistic approach to treat her patients, which incorporates mind, body, heart and spirit.

"The whole idea in osteopathic medicine is the power of touch," she said.

"We don't just focus on the problem at hand but at what could be contributing to the problem. If someone falls down the stairs and breaks his arm, we

don't just fix his arm and send him home. We try to figure out why the fall took place. Did he get dizzy or have a blood sugar problem? We dig a little deeper," Gartenberg said.

Gartenberg is a graduate of the University of Michigan, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and she got her master's degree in biomedical science from Harvard University. She graduated from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her medical training at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz. as well as with the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit and Warren.

"It's been a long road, the commitment lasts a lifetime," Gartenberg said.

Dr. Elissa Gartenberg, D.O., can be reached at (248) 575-3111 for an appointment. Her office is located at 5825 South Main Street, Clarkston.



Dr. Elissa Gartenberg

Relay For Life event planned for Clarkston

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to help organize a Relay For Life event in Clarkston.

At a Relay For Life, teams of people camp out overnight at a local high school arena or campus, and take turns walking the track. The event includes team fund raisers, Luminaria Ceremony, and a cancer survivors' Victory Lap.

Volunteers help plan family activities and entertainment, and oversee event details. Committee members and team captains are needed. For more information, call Kelli McCoy at 248-483-4333.

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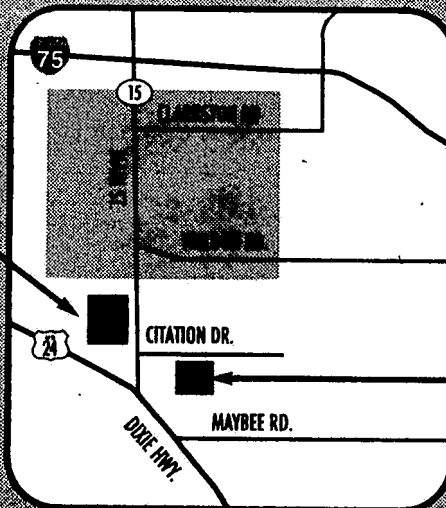
Dr. Gartenberg completed her residency in Family Medicine at the prestigious Mayo Clinic. She is a graduate of both the University of Michigan and Michigan State College of Osteopathic Medicine and is a Beaumont-employed medical staff member.

Dr. Gartenberg offers a holistic and personalized approach to caring for her patients including a special interest in preventative medicine. She provides medical care for the entire family, including newborns and senior citizens.

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Oh when the saints...



On Nov. 1, in honor of All Saints Days, the student at Everest Academy held a parade featuring teachers and students dressed as angels and their favorite saints. Photos by Andrew DuPont

A young Mary carries baby Jesus



Religion teacher Thresa Radick leads the march dressed as Saint Sister Faustina.

After the march, students played games in the school gymnasium



St. George marches his way through the hall.



In Our Churches —

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call 248-625-3288.

Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly **Wednesday Evening FEAST**. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15- 8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston holds **scripture study** every Tuesday at 10 a.m. The group will cover the Gospel of Matthew at 10 a.m. every Thursday. At 7:30 p.m., the group covers the gospel of John every Monday. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park Drive. Call 248-625-1750.

Church of the Resurrection has **bible study** every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Study is currently on "Paul's letter to the Romans." Church of the Resurrection is located at 6490 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-2325 for more information.

Prayer

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land." Our prayers will not only bring healing to the people but also impact the outcome of elections. Whether you are happy with the results of the election or not, we must remember that the Bible also says, "Promotion does not come from the east of the west but promotion comes from God."

Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Temple in Clarkston.

Former resident passed away

Beverly Denton Rathbun, formerly of Clarkston, died this past Wednesday at her home in Montville, Conn. She is survived by her husband, Rollin Rathbun Jr.

of Montville, and mother, Roberta Denton Mann, stepfather Charles Mann, and brother George Denton, all of Clarkston.



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Obituary

Dennis Robert Allen

Mr. Allen of Waterford died peacefully at home on Nov. 5 at the age of 62. He was the loving father of Lisa Allen of Waterford and Lora (Don) Boka of Plymouth; cherished grandpa of Nicholas, Lucas and Allison; brother of James (Mary) Allen of Waterford; also survived by many loving family and friends.

Denny was a talented cabinet maker at Clarkston Design who loved the outdoors, especially fishing. Funeral service was Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Harriet Eliza Anderson (Hemingway)

Mrs. Anderson of Clarkston and Lansing passed away on Nov. 6 at the age of 89. Harriet, the daughter of Bert and Nettie Rae (Shinn) Hemingway, was born Aug. 18, 1917, in Otter Lake, Michigan. She graduated from Wayne State University and was an educator in Oakland County for 42 years. Harriet is preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Casper (Cap) Anderson, who passed away in 1984. Surviving are her daughters Cynthia (William) Gehman of Grand Ledge and Kyle Ann (Scott) Guernsey of West Olive; grandchildren, Deborah (Steven) Haggerty, Melissa (James) Booth, William (Mary Rae) Gehman, Brooke (Ian) Broughton, Dane

Guernsey and Britt Guernsey; and five great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and Wacousta Community United Methodist Church. She participated in Bible study and helped with vacation Bible school. Harriet was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her attention to her family's lives will be greatly missed. Memorial service Thursday, Nov. 9 at 12:30 p.m., visitation Thursday 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Inurnment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fairview AFC, Hospice Wing Fund. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

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Those interested in submitting a proposal may contact Jennifer Tucker, Director of Parks and Recreation at (248) 634-0412 for information concerning specification components. The closing date for submittal of bid proposals is Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 4:00 pm.

This is a Federally Funded project. The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24CFR part 85.36(i), the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

JENNIFER TUCKER, C.P.R.P.
Director of Parks and Recreation

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-307, 148-DE**
Estate of JEAN D. DOUGHERTY, DECEASED. Date of birth: 9-10-1920
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JEAN D. DOUGHERTY, DECEASED, who lived at 3203 McCormick, Waterford, Michigan died July 7, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathleen Dougherty, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate
FILE NO: 2006-307, 120-DE**
Estate of William Thomas Lundy, Date of birth: 1-7-1925
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, William Thomas Lundy, who lived at 4574 Homestead Dr., Orion, MI 48359, died 10-2-2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Wilma S. Cook, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48340-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT- FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Decedent's Estate
FILE NO:**

In the matter of MARY N. HEWITT, DECEASED
TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS INCLUDING:

whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: **TAKE NOTICE:** a hearing will be held on November 15, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge BARRY M. GRANT for the following purpose(s): Petition to Appoint Mary Hansen as Personal Representative. Determination of Heirs.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary N. Hewitt, who lived at 6017 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan 48327 died September 23, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Hansen, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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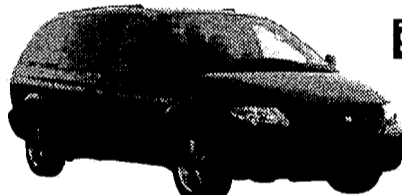


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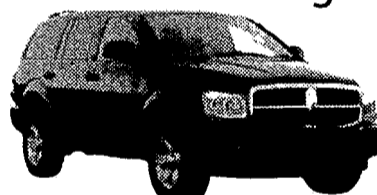


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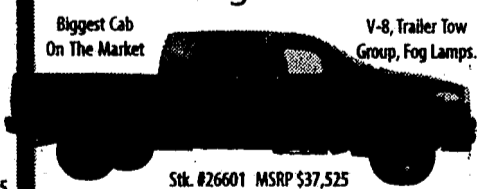
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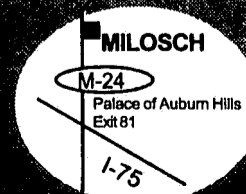
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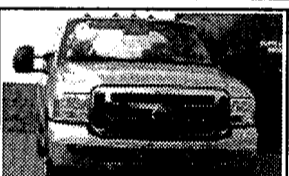
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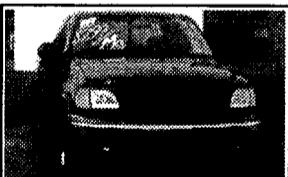
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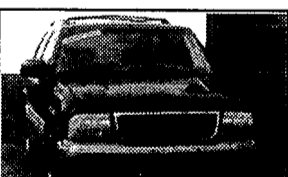
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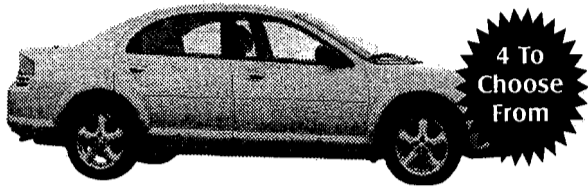
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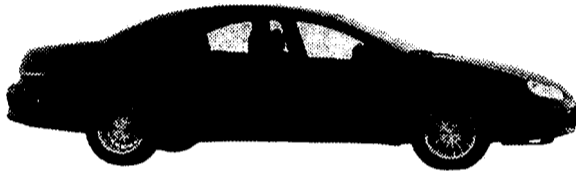
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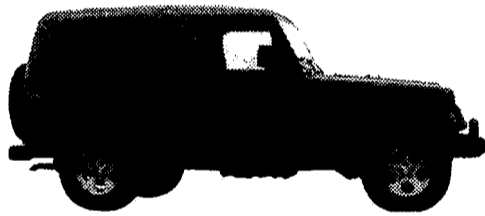
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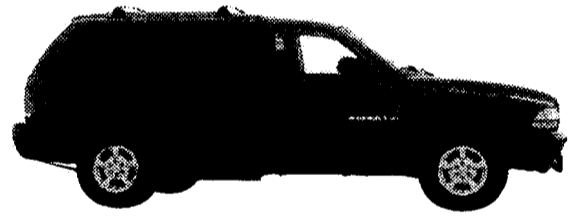
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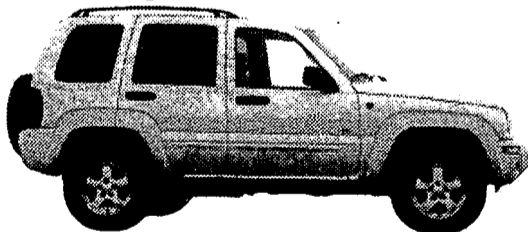
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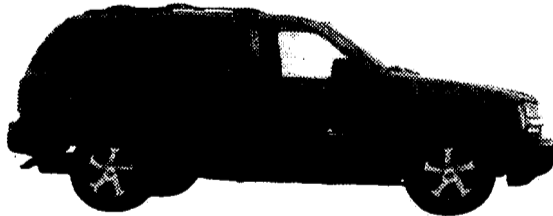
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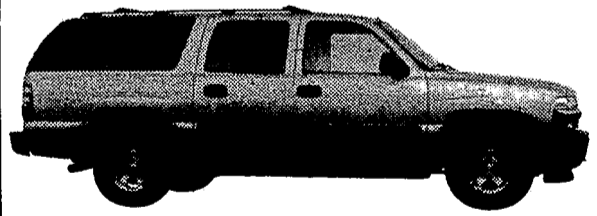
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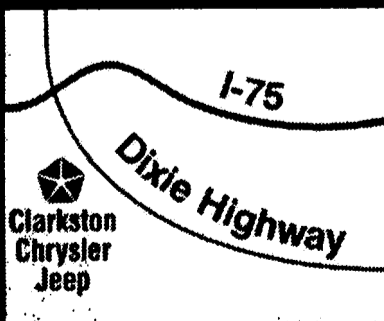
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