

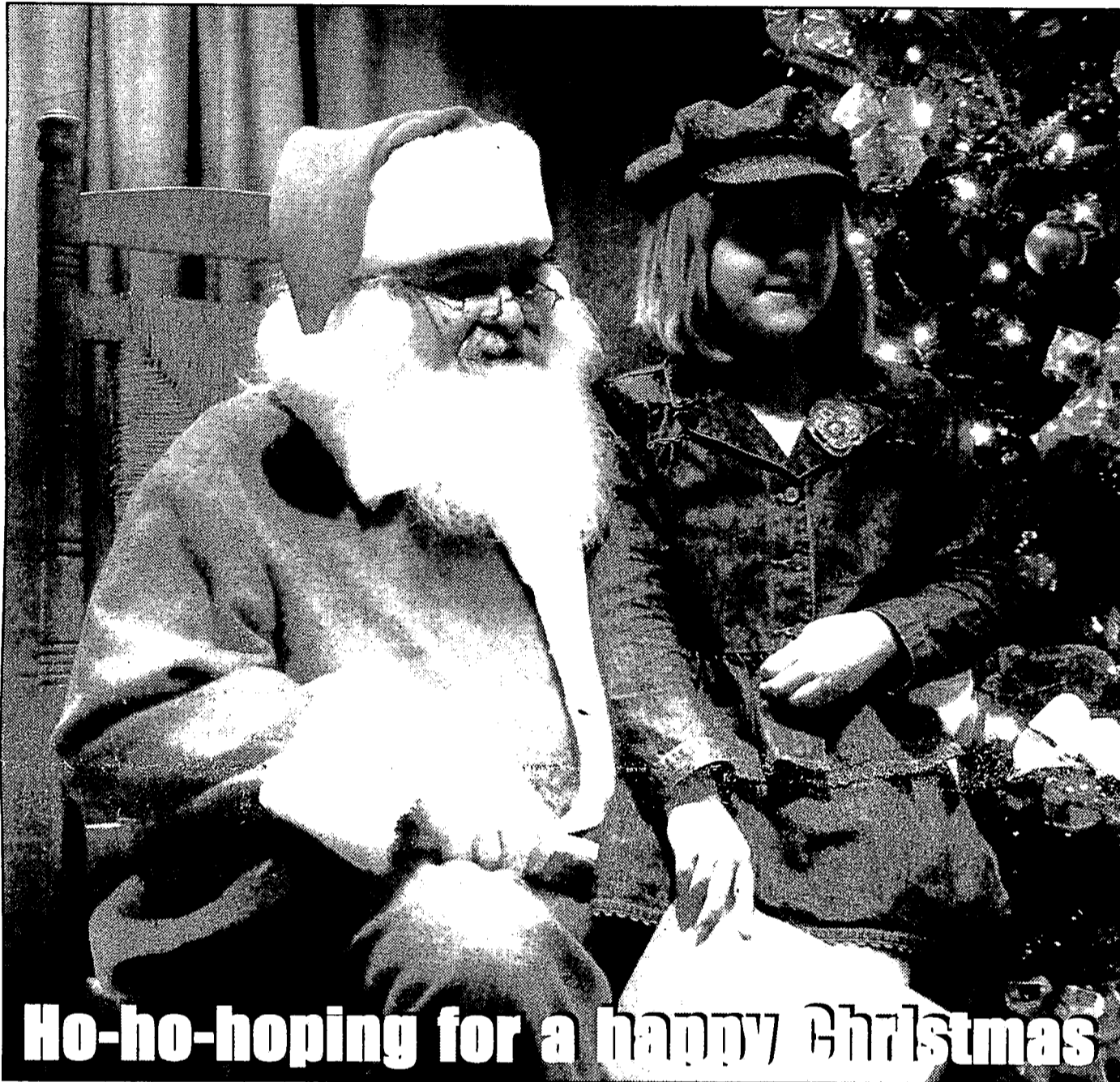
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## Ho-ho-hoping for a happy Christmas

Madelyn Dooling, 8, takes a moment to visit Santa Claus at the "Share your wish with Santa" event at Liberty Golf Course on Dec. 1. The event was sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. For more pictures of Santa's visit, see page 16B. Photo by Paul Kampe

## Bright lights at night

### Parade to march down Main Street

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, right down - Main Street?

Yes, it's time again for the Holiday Lights Parade, the sixth annual procession of holiday floats, music, and twinkling lights set to wind through downtown Clarkston Sat., Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

This year's theme, Hometown Traditions - Connecting for the Holidays, will be reflected in about 40 entries scheduled to take part in Clarkston's only nighttime parade.

"When people come home for the holidays, they have special traditions, things they do every year," said Penny Shanks, executive director of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, who hosts the event. "Whether it's putting up a tree, baking, maybe volunteering somewhere - we're sure to have some unique entries this year."

Santa and Mrs. Claus, of course, will take a break from their busy holiday schedule to make a special appearance

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## Cost vs. service Committee begins talks over local police protection

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer  
The ball is finally rolling.

The new Citizens Police Study Committee assembled for the first time Tues., Nov. 28, to begin sorting fact from fiction in the debate over maintaining the status quo with the Clarkston Police, or reverting to fulltime protection from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Lopping off the police force would allow the city to reclaim the department's

\$240,000 budget, a measure some believe would ultimately lead to lower property taxes.

While preliminary estimates show that subcontracting with Independence Township for service by the OCSO would cost the city only about half of the current police budget, many say the issue boils down to the level of service residents would receive.

Proponents in each camp have voiced sound - but often emotional - arguments.

With no agreement in sight, the city council has organized a committee to tackle the issue that first gained a foothold during last year's budget meetings.

The committee, comprised of eight men and two women volunteers, has been assigned the task of unearthing the city's collective opinion and presenting a report with recommendations to the city council.

"The biggest challenge will be sifting through all the information," said

former City Councilman Scott Meyland, who was elected to council in 1999, but opted not to run for re-election in November.

"There are a lot of rumors and opinions out there, but we've got a good group put together and I'm confident we'll be able to sift through all of it and get to the facts."

Meyland will serve as the committee's temporary chairman until all

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Renaissance High School Student Council members present a check to Clarkston Rotarian Mary Sloan for the Shoes for Kids program. Photo provided

## Students help Rotary's Shoes for Kids

The Student Council at Clarkston Renaissance High School presented a check for \$200 Thursday to the Clarkston Rotary Club's Shoes for Kids program.

The shoes project provides shoes and boots for many local children the second weekend of December every year. The students selected this program to help because they recognize the Rotary Club as a strong supporter of the community and of worthy projects worldwide.

The students at Renaissance have joined with Rotary in other projects in the past. Two years ago, they supported a Rotary project by purchasing two bio-sand water filters for orphanages in Nepal. Last year, they helped by buying books for the Rotary Literacy project.

The Student Council raises money by operating the Student Council store, selling pizza, with bottle and can drives, and collecting change in "Penny Wars."

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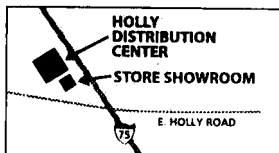
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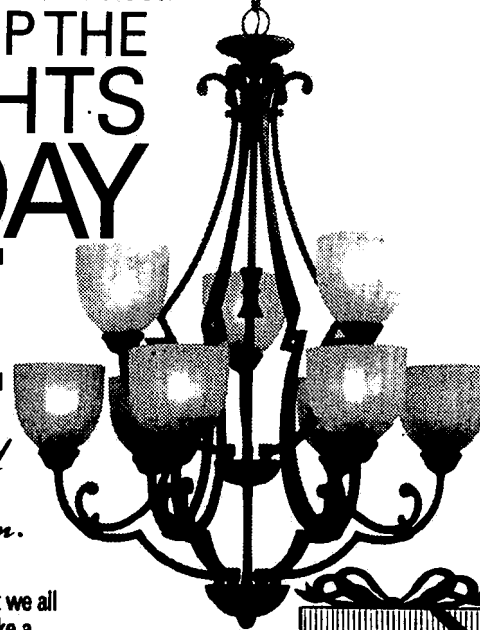
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### Good gift idea: address signs

Having trouble thinking of a gift for a loved one? The Independence Township Fire Department has a suggestion — an emergency reflective address sign for their house.

"It would make a good gift for the holidays," said Mike White, engineer and paramedic with the ITFD. "They make our response much more efficient. They make it easier to pick up the address."

The signs are \$15 each, and come in green or blue. The reflective numbers can be white or yellow. They are mounted on mailboxes or wooden posts so that the address number can be easily seen from the street.

The signs take 1-2 days to make. The department will call when they are ready for pickup. For those with special needs, ITFD offers help installing the signs.

To order, stop by any of the township fire stations, 6500 Citation Drive, 7825 Sashabaw Road, and 5241 Maybee Road, or call 248-625-1924.

### Clarkston funds to help Senior Center

The Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to allocate the entirety of the city's Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2007 funds for the support of the Independence Township Senior Center as follows:

- Toward Senior Center van: \$3,600
- Toward new Senior Center roof: \$4,400

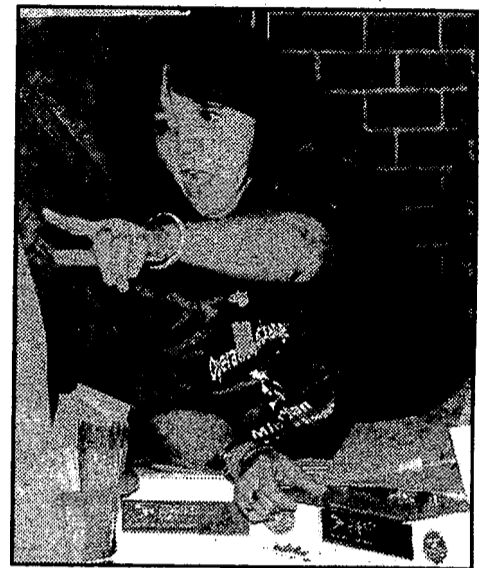
"We're pleased to be able to contribute to the Senior Center," said Clarkston Mayor Sharon Catala. "It's always a good use of the money any time you can contribute to a cause for the very young, or for our senior citizens."

### Library closed

The Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, will be closed today and tomorrow to allow for installation of its new computer system.

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At left, volunteers with Operation Care Package Michigan, organized by Joyce Fulgenzi, above, fill boxes with items for the troops in Iraq. Photos by Phil Custodio

## Volunteers work to support troops

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The approaching Christmas season means another holiday missed by the men and women serving in Iraq. Many here are working to make that loss easier to take.

Joyce Fulgenzi has made it her mission to support them.

"I won't let them be forgotten," Fulgenzi said.

She started sending packages overseas at the beginning of the war in 2003. Since then, her Operation Care Package Michigan has expanded to include about 40 volunteers from throughout Michigan, sending care packages to 14 countries around the world. The group has mailed about 50-75 packages a week for the past three years.

She uses her home as a storage depot, and as a place for volunteers to gather and hold "packing parties," twice a month. She and her family set up 8-foot-long tables in her living room, and the volunteers work there while videos and photographs of soldiers play on her television.

"It's crowded, but a lot of fun," she said. "We're always looking for volunteers."

Several local residents have joined Fulgenzi in her efforts.

"This is a good thing — they deserve

it," said Lori Gross of Independence Township, who heard about the project through word of mouth.

"I think this is wonderful," said Kerri Perna of Clarkston, who heard about the project while getting her hair done at a local Grondin's. "These guys cannot be allowed to think they're forgotten."

Perna brought a group of five volunteers from her local VFW post to help.

Funds and donations are collected at drop boxes, located at Grondin's 59 locations in Michigan, and collection canisters at local stores and restaurants. They also hold fund-raisers — a garage sale recently raised \$836. All of it goes to the troops, Fulgenzi said.

Much of it goes to postage. To send a standard-size box costs \$8.10.

"Paying for shipping — that's the hard part," she said.

For the Christmas season, the group is sending ornaments and toys, which the troops will give to Iraqi children, in addition to the basics. Always in need are all kinds of useful, small items such as baby wipes,

soap, sunglasses, cookies, candy, canned food, toiletries, foot powder, batteries, games, CDs, DVDs, books, and writing material.

"The ornaments are hand-made," she said. "A lot of them won't have Christmas trees, but they can still hang the ornaments to celebrate Christmas."

Several senior-citizen groups make the ornaments as well as hats, gloves, and other clothing items.

"Whatever we can do to put a smile on a soldier's face, we'll do," she said. "I'm not going to give up on them."

For a complete list of needs and other information, see the group's website at [www.ocpmi.com](http://www.ocpmi.com).



Volunteer Annie Roe of Lake Orion fills a care packages for the troops overseas. Photo by Phil Custodio

## 'Taking care' of residents' business

### Office Depot moving in

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Residents will soon have no excuse for not taking care of business. Office Depot plans to open a store at 7151 Dixie Highway in the White Lake Commons shopping center, in the building formerly occupied by Franks Nursery and Crafts.

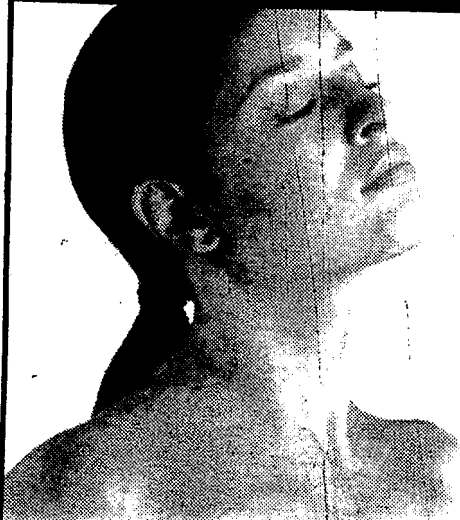
The company applied for a permit from the Independence Township building department in early August, which was approved in late September, to fill the store. It has been vacant since 2005, the depart-



When renovation is complete, the new Office Depot store should look something like this. Photo illustration by Andrew Dupont

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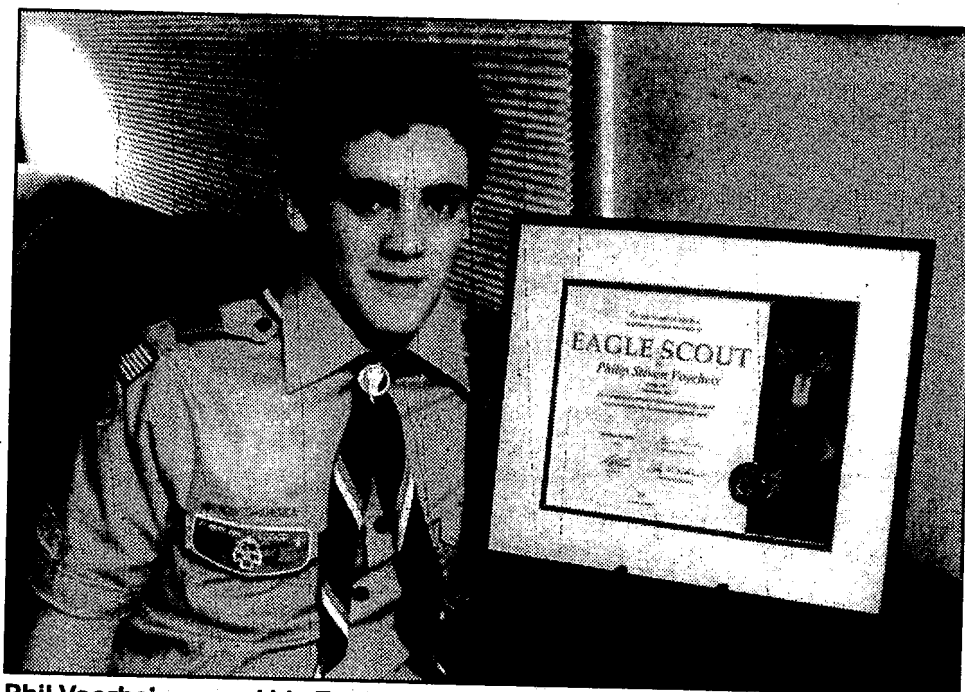
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Phil Voorheis earned his Eagle Scout rank with a project to help young Clarkston swimmers. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Eagle helps tots swim

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Phil Voorheis has always been around the swimming pool. So when Voorheis, Troop 189, Boy Scouts of America, was thinking of an idea for his Eagle project, he knew what to do.

A swimmer with the Clarkston High School varsity swim team, he talked to his coach about what the swim program needed.

As a swim instructor with the Clarkston Community Education Aquatics Department, he knows that the full-size Natatorium pool at Clarkston High School can be intimidating to young children.

So they don't have to cluster around the steps into the pool, he decided to build a new "tot-dock" for them.

Constructed with plastic PVC pipe and plexiglass, tot-docks are used when teaching young children to swim. A raised platform with railing, they are submerged in the pool to provide a place for children to stand and something to hold onto when becoming familiar with the water.

"It helps a lot," said Voorheis, the son of Steve and Cathy Voorheis of Independence Township. "The kids like using the platforms."

His Eagle project also included the repair of the existing "Tot-Dock," new storage cabinets, and two equipment carts.

For his project, he enlisted the help of 30 volunteers, youth and adult. Together, they worked 195 hours on the project.

Voorheis had no blueprints for the tot-dock, so had to study the existing platform to figure its dimensions and construction.

"I assigned tasks to small groups so they could specialize and take pride in their work," he said. "Certain people knew

what to do with different things."

One of the adults on his crew was a plumber, familiar with PVC and how to put it together.

"He just threw the things together," Voorheis said.

He was a Cub Scout with his brother, Keith, who is also an Eagle Scout, and joined the Boy Scouts in 2001. He most enjoys his troop's high-adventure trips to places such as Yosemite in California, Old Kia Kima Boy Scout camp in Arkansas, kayaking in Algonquin Provincial Park in New York, and backpacking the Appalachian Trail and King's Canyon.

In Yosemite, the troop hiked 9-10 miles a day, for a total of about 85 miles of steep, up-and-down trails, including to the top of the Half Dome cliff.

"I was so tired - but it was worth it," he said. "We saw a lot of cool stuff."

While kayaking in Algonquin, he paddled around a bend in the river and came upon a full-grown moose.

"It was huge," he said. "That was scary."

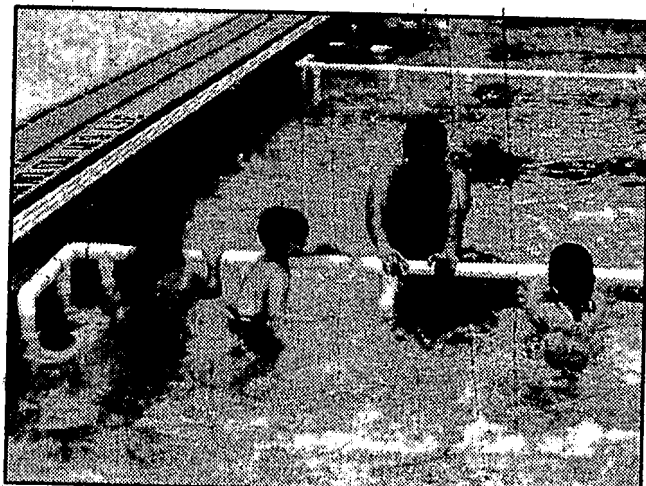
A member of Troop 189, he has served as assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, historian, senior patrol leader, and troop guide. He has earned 23 merit badges and the Order of the Arrow. The final steps to earn Eagle was to submit an application to the Boy Scout Council and interview with Council representatives. He was presented the rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 11 at Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church in Clarkston.

He is also a member and officer of Venture Crew 2245 from the Oakland County Sportsman's Club, which focuses on pistol shooting. He is presently ranked as a Sharpshooter Bar 7.

He hasn't been about to practice his shooting lately, though, due to the swim team practice routine. They practice for 17 hours during the week, and have a three-hour practice on Saturdays. During the Christmas break, the team will practice five hours a day.

His career plans include something in forestry, to preserve the outdoors, or the Coast Guard, for national security.

"I'd like to do something outdoors - I don't want to just sit at a desk," he said.



Phil Voorheis teaches children to swim, with the help of a "tot-dock" he built as part of his Eagle Scout project. Photo submitted.

# Clarkston bus drivers prepare for third annual Stuff-a-bus

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BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A relatively new but growing holiday tradition returns this weekend as the Clarkston School bus drivers host their third annual "Stuff-a-bus" charity drive.

Bus driver Tammy Layton started the drive as a way to give back to those in need locally.

"A lot of families in Clarkston need help during the holiday season," said Layton, who decided to donate all the items and money from the drive to the Clarkston chapter of Lighthouse Emergency Services.

Layton said the group started with the goal of filling a single school bus full of donations. By the second year, the group had already doubled their intake.

This year, the bus drivers will once again have two buses and two different locations on Dec. 9-10. Look for a Clarkston school bus in front of two Krogers located on Dixie Highway, one at the intersection of Maybee Road and the other near Davisburg Road.

Tina Fay, another Clarkston bus driver, said the group is looking for new toys (unwrapped) and clothing, personal care items, nonperishable food items, grocery gift cards, and monetary donations.

"If people want to give, we'll take it," said Fay.

They only have two buses to fill, but she's sure they could fill more with the outpouring of support they have gotten in the past. Fay said there is no shortage of bus drivers looking to help.

"Some of our kids even look forward to doing this," Fay said. "It helps the community and it's near and dear to everybody's heart."

As in previous years, the bus drivers will make a special stop at Lighthouse the next morning, Dec. 11, after dropping off students at school, to unload all the donations. Last year, in addition to two school buses filled to the brim with donations, the drivers donated \$3,000 to Lighthouse.

This year's event will run from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at

both locations. If you miss the event but would still like to donate, the Clarkston branch of Lighthouse is located at 6330 Sashabaw Rd. and can be contacted at 248-620-6116.



Charles Wallace peddled on a donated bike to Lighthouse North after last year's Stuff-a-bus fundraiser. File photo

## William Beaumont Hospital

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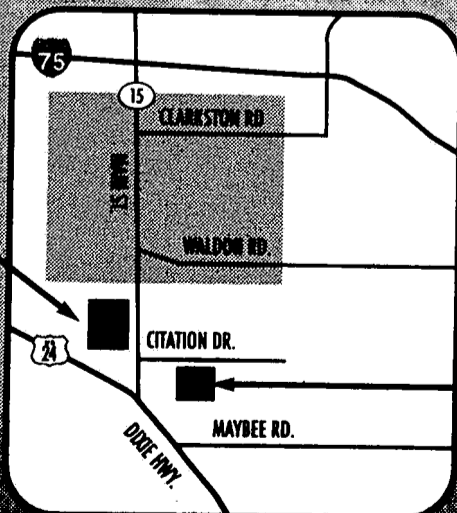
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# Opinion

## Hey, listen to this!

A woman wandered hopefully through the front door of the *Clarkston News* office a few weeks back, explaining that she was eager to find a picture of a mom and her little girl, a photo that had run in our paper back in the early '90s.

She was the mom, and the little girl was her daughter, returning from summer camp for the first time. The picture, she said, showed the two locked in a giant hug as the girl stepped off the school bus.

"No problemo," I told her. "I can relate."

I, too, once squeezed the stuffing out of my own returning camper. A photo would be priceless.

This woman was making a memory book for her now-grown daughter, and I made it my mission to help (I'm going to get organized enough to make a memory book for Christy one of these days. Really, I am).

Well, after looking through the June issues of six years' worth of the *Clarkston News*, we found the photo. I was happy. Leafing through those hulking volumes that line several shelves in our office, though, I also stumbled across all kinds of interesting information, and hence, I had a new pastime.

Getting to know my beat, I sat down recently and read about the history of Clarkston, the Clarkston Police Department, and Independence and Springfield townships in the old issues archived in those books.

I've come across things that make me chuckle, things that make me sad, things that make me say, "Hey you guys, listen to this!"

So guess what I found out?

There really was a guy named Rudy, and in 1933 he opened Rudy's Market in downtown Clarkston. He'd sell you a pound of mixed nuts for a quarter in 1941, and while you were there you could pick up a one-pound roll of butter for 37 cents, or a two-pound loaf of cheese - Kraft cheese, mind you - for 59 cents.

And yes, the ad said a "roll of butter" and a "loaf of cheese." I can prove it.

Three packages of assorted Kremel were going for 11 cents, which seems like a good deal, but, well, what's Kremel?

Fast forward 20 years, and Rudy was still passing out pork chops for 29 cents a pound.

When Rudy died in 1992, the *Clarkston News* remembered him as a man with a fondness for children, dogs and pigeons. Which might explain a thing or two, come to think of it, to the folks who wonder why Rudy's flock of feathered friends thumb their beaks at the fake owls on the roof across the street.

And there's more: anyone remember the hundred-car pile-up on I-75 near Dixie highway on a blustery February day in 1990?

What about when the residents of Middle Lake Road wanted to secede the union - I mean the city - after Clarkston's charter passed by only 12 votes?

But one particular story grabbed my attention in a big way.

What ever became of young Jimmy Territo, the 8-year-old Clarkston boy who was selected in 1987 to sing for Pope John Paul II in Hart Plaza?

Jimmy said he wanted to be the first American Pope, and after he sang for the pontiff, Jimmy told the *News* this: "I never had such a good experience in my life. It was one of the best things in my life, other than my First Communion."

You ought to see the kid's picture; he's got the face of an angel, and I just keep wondering: Where's Jimmy Territo now?



Out Loud  
Laura Colvin

## 'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

### Many to thank for new signs

Dear Editor:

By the end of this year the City of Clarkston will have some new signs, thanks to the generosity of many neighbors and business owners, and with the approval of the City Council.

Three new "Welcome to Clarkston" signs and the "Clarkston City Offices" sign are being installed. Two Welcome signs will be on Main Street at the north and south borders of town and the third will be on White Lake Road near Lakeview Cemetery.

While the new signs are about the size of the old ones, they are of a different design and use five colors. They have been made and are being installed by Jim Hamblin of the Hamblin Sign Company, who has been in business in this area for 27 years and has done signs for other communities and the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

In order for the word Clarkston to be visible to drivers from more than 100 feet away, the signs will say Welcome to Clarkston instead of City of Clarkston, Village of Clarkston, or City of the Village of Clarkston.

The plan for the new signs was previewed with the mayor, the chair of the Historical Commission, members of the Planning Commission, the city manager and donors before presentation to the City Council for approval.

More than enough funds were raised to pay for the development, production, and installation of the four signs, which replace the existing city signs. The following people are to be thanked for their support of this project:

• Steve & Jennifer Arkwright

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- Bill Wint
- Steve Wylie
- Anonymous

Tom Stone  
Clarkston

### A different perspective on Kid Rock

Dear Editor:

Eventhough we've all heard enough about Kid Rock to last us a lifetime, I have a different perspective that I'd like to pass along.

When my son, who went to school with Bobby (Robert Ritchie Jr., Kid Rock's son), mentioned that Bobby had moved, I told him that it was probably because his dad had gotten married. The other day I told

my son that Kid Rock was getting a divorce. My son's only response was, "I hope that means that Bobby gets to come home."

I am forever amazed at how kids can take something that is so complicated and make it appear so simple.

Candy Woodward  
Clarkston

### Parks and rec good investment for area

Dear Editor:

Young people are leaving the state in droves to seek out vibrant urban centers. Quality of life matters and they are looking for healthy, liveable and walkable communities that are aesthetically pleasing and provide creative environments. Those are the types of communities that are developed when parks and recreation is a priority.

Quality recreation and park facilities also draw business and industry to a community. All businesses want to attract a quality workforce, so they place a priority on locating in the most liveable and healthy communities possible. They recognize that survey after survey indicates that individuals consistently rank recreation opportunities and park facilities as a high priority when selecting a place to live. It is clear that investments in waterfronts and open spaces attract new business as

well.

Investment in parks and recreation improves the quality of life, which is a critical component for the economic vitality and viability of this state. As an advocate of parks and recreation, it is important that we do our part to positively impact Michigan's economy.

If we want to retain the best and brightest in this state, the development of healthy, vibrant, creative, communities had better become a priority; it will definitely drive the economy, and parks and recreation is an important part of the solution.

Parks and recreation delivers endless benefits to the community, reduction of crime, healthy lifestyles, that will bring the community together.

Mike Turk, director  
Parks and Recreation  
Independence Township

**Something to say? Write a letter to the editor!**

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## A Look Back

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

### 15 years ago - 1991

**"Fire, blast destroy repair shop"** A fire completely destroyed a building in Springfield Township. About 50 firefighters battled the blaze for about an hour. No one was injured, despite an explosion caused by a fuel-oil or gasoline tank.

**"Final I-75 corridor plan calls for road widening"** MDOT presented a plan to the public in Independence Township. The plan called for widening Sashabaw Road over I-75 to Maybee, Clarkston Road, Dixie Highway, M-15 in Independence Township, and other major roads in the area. Funding would be by the state, county, and local municipalities.

**"Citizens question cost of conversion to cityhood"** Residents met with city officials to discuss a plan for Clarkston to become a city. Reasons for cityhood included greater autonomy for city voters and leaders, and avoidance of higher taxes coming from development in Independence Township, according to village officials. They hoped to have a budget in place at the next hearing.

### 25 years ago - 1981

**"Clarkstonites are 'apathetic' AdMadoc**

**says"** The deadline for candidate registration for the 1982 election was approaching, but so far only three had registered to challenge incumbents for seven seats. Outgoing President Fontie ApMadoc said the lack of controversial issues was a reason for the non-participation.

**"Study aims to define dropout rate"** School officials started a study of Clarkston students who drop out of high school. They hoped to use the information to improve student-retention programs and strategies. In the 1981 school year, 138 students dropped out of school.

**"Can CHS sports be self-sustaining?"** Clarkston High School was set to host its first pancake supper, with the goal of becoming financially self-sufficient. Other ideas for raising funds was to increase attendance by holding more sporting events and selling more ads for the programs.

### 50 years ago - 1956

**"Piano artist thrills crowd"** Seymour Lipkin performed in concert at the Crary Junior High School. Playing for near capacity audience, Lipkin played selections by Beethoven, Brahms, Bach, Chopin, and other artists.

**"Choirs open Christmas season"** The three choirs of the First Methodist Church was set to perform on Dec. 9. More than 125 adult and youth singers were to perform several Christmas selections.

**"Council meeting village of Clarkston"** The council was to discuss alternative gas station designs for the corner occupied by the Caribou Inn. To accommodate the expected crowd, the meeting was to be held in the basement of the Community Center Building.

## Some Christmas gift giving ideas

When this column runs, there will be less than 20 days left to buy Christmas presents for them you love. Which means, I have plenty of time. If I start in about 19 days, I'll be okay. (And, I'll have plenty of cheap things to choose from.)

A couple of thoughts have crossed synapses inside my head. The southbound thought (Michigan's economy) and the northbound thought (gift giving) which passed in the night, with nary a scrape, recently were routed onto the same track. They ran into each other (like many of my thoughts) and I said to myself, "Maybe I could help Michigan's economy if I shop local and buy Michigan products for gifts?"

So, I thought, what's a Michigan product? And then a picture of a cherry appeared in a thought bubble above my head. Cherry products, hmmm? Boring -- cherry wine (blah), cherry butter, cherry pie. Despite this thought, I typed "cherry products" into the computer search engine anyway. I soon discovered the Cherry Pit Store, of Kingsley, Michigan. The Cherry Pit store sells, well, cherry pits and cherry pit pads.

I called The Cherry Pit Store and Chris Storms answered, "Hello."

I stammered through my introduction and asked, "Is this The Cherry Pit Store?"

"Yes it is," he politely answered.

"Do you have pit pads and what are they good for?"

"You can heat them or use them as an ice pack as well," Chris said. "Over the years people have tried rice, beans, corn ... we stumbled onto cherry pits by accident."

Chris and his wife Joy, operate a cherry pit processing plant -- Kingsley is just south of Traverse City, Cherry Capital of the Universe and Beyond.

"They work very good," he continued. "They provide hot, moist heat. In 1993 my mother-in-law was having back issues. We made her a pit pad and she is still using it today ... well, she uses the same pits. She wore out the cover."

Well, Chris sold me, so I bought one and gave it to Dear Wife Jennie. She likes it, but not the name. "They should call them Cherry Southerners, not Pit Pads."

Go to [www.cherrypitstore.com](http://www.cherrypitstore.com) to order. I ordered mine on Monday and it arrived to my hot little hands by



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When I think of unique Michigan stuff, I also think of red underwear. No, not the sultry, lacy, skimpy red undies seen in a Victoria's Secrets catalog. Nope. I'm thinking of the long, cottony-good, rear-opening, warm, red-flannel kind. Those made Cedar Springs famous. Since about 1937, I think Cedar Springs is the Red-Flannel Underwear Capital of the Milkyway Galaxy.

I called Joy VanderMeer, Red-Flannel Underwear Queen of the Milkyway, and asked her how business was.

"Good," she said. "We hand sew about 2,000 a year. The drop-seaters we make these days are a 60-40 blend of cotton and polyester. It makes them easier to wear."

They make for infants up to XXL size. Joy said turn around time is three days. "Since Christmas is on Monday, you can order on Friday and with overnight delivery can have it in time to wrap and put under the tree."

Go to [www.redflannels.com](http://www.redflannels.com) to view the on-line catalog.

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Locally you can go to Great Lakes Mercantile, 8 S. Washington St., in Oxford for a wide-selection of Michigan stuff, too.

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Lake Orion historian Jim Ingraham has written a book on the town with lots of historic pictures, and that can be purchased at Ed's Broadway Gifts, 2. S. Broadway St.

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For the beer lover in your life, you can subscribe to Addison Township resident Rex Halfpenny's *Michigan Beer Guide*. A year subscription is under 20 bucks. Go to [www.michiganbeerguide.com](http://www.michiganbeerguide.com) for more info.

Also, out Halfpenny's way is the White Horse Forge. Bob Becker is a veterinarian and a blacksmith. Go to [www.whitehorseforge.com](http://www.whitehorseforge.com) to see unique sundials, trivets, pot & pan racks, chandeliers, benches and more.

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Of course there's chocolate gifts at The Chocolate Moose in Clarkston ([www.chocolattemoose.com](http://www.chocolattemoose.com)). In Davisburg you can buy candles at the Candle Factory and salt-lamps at the Sweetgrass place.

\*\*\* Elaine Hewitt, in Rochester, professionally records personal histories -- talk about a gift! Check out her website, [www.life-talk.biz](http://www.life-talk.biz).

There are a lot of places to shop locally, drive up and down the street, stop and shop. You'll support the local businesses that (gulp) support local schools and the community. Tell 'em Rush sent ya!

## Bring on the glow and snow, it's Christmas

It's Christmas time. Joy to the world. Hip, hip Hooray! Let there be light. Not just any light. Christmas lights. Everywhere.

This is my time of year. I like the shopping (spending). I like the giving. I like the partying. I like it to be snowing, and I try to smile through the entire season.

This is a joyous season, and when you're smiling in the crowded markets sometimes it reflects on the seemingly disgruntled shoppers.

I start the season early, like the first of November asking family members for their Christmas lists. They're still getting over Halloween, so I don't really expect any list.

I do not like buying (giving) something that may not be wanted. Part of that feeling comes from Depression-rearing cheapness, and part from my Dad's criticism of this holiday gift giving: "Why spend money you don't want to spend on gifts someone doesn't want to receive?"

Mother's influence proved stronger, then and now, so I think a lot about both practical and impractical gifts that might amuse, shock or befuddle the receiver.

Whatever I come up with, even if it's cash, I never feel it is adequate.

No matter how much I spend, or how many gifts I buy, on Christmas when the family starts tearing and tossing, I shrink from a feeling of not having done enough.

It used to be the same way at work. Never did I feel the Christmas checks were enough. I find myself repeating a former boss's remark when thanked, "I wish it could have been more."

And, while employees are always grateful and expressive, I wish I could have done more. That is my low of the season.

My highs, not in any order, are the tree, outside lights, decorated walls ... and the parties, which really means friends and family.

It's such a great time to be with friends. Smiles and happiness abounds. You have the feeling there is real sincerity in their wishing you well, in health, good luck and freedom from worry.

Having good friends is another of God's great gifts.

Just as I urge Christmas lists from the family, they expect the same from me. Of course, I don't need anything.

Hazel never needed anything and I don't need anything. That's the way it is with parents and grandparents.

However, there must be a list.

If you think about it long enough, a list can be made. Birdseed can always be used. So can the latest fishing lure. How about a banjo playing CD, jigsaw puzzle, ring of bologna, pickled herring, deodorant, ruby red grapefruit or a jar of jalapeno jelly.

But don't get me a how-to book, socks (cause mine have to be special), shovel or shorts. Or, candy, cucumbers or car polish. Or, funnel, flashlight or fastener.

And, I don't want another animal that might compete with Shayna for my attention. I haven't got any more attention time left. I would like to receive any and all anti-shedding lotion.

Right now I'm having a hard time getting her as hyped up as I am for Christmas. She just seems to go along like it's any other time of year.

Gotta go. There's lists to be filled.

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Mon., Nov. 27** A Sashabaw Road business was robbed over the Thanksgiving weekend, reported the owner, and thieves made off with a 2001 yellow GMC cube truck along with several heating and air conditioning units, and various tools.

**Mon., Nov. 27** The driver's door window was smashed from a vehicle parked in the owner's driveway in the block of Parkwood near Maybee and thieves made off with speakers, subwoofers and an amplifier.

**Tues., Nov. 28** The passenger window was smashed out of a vehicle in the 6900 block of Oakhurst and thieves made off with a ring of vending machine keys.

**Tues., Nov. 28** The passenger window of a vehicle parked at the owner's home on Westchester Court near Oakhurst was smashed and thieves made off with a purse containing about \$600 in cash after it was left sitting on the front seat of the car overnight.

**Tues., Nov. 28** Thieves smashed the passenger window out of a vehicle in the 4600 block of Watubury Drive and made off with the owner's coat and purse, which contained \$100 in cash as well as credit cards and personal papers.

**Tues., Nov. 28** A box containing speakers and an amplifier were stolen from the back of a vehicle after it was left unlocked overnight in the homeowner's driveway in the 9500 block of Susin. The thief also made off with a pair of shoes.

**Tues., Nov. 28** A laptop computer was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 5400 block of Woodcreek near Waldon overnight, the owner reported.

**Tues., Nov. 28** A 16-year-old male was issued an appearance citation after trying to leave a store on Ortonville Road with a bottle of alcohol hidden inside his coat.

**Tues., Nov. 28** Sheriff's deputies arrested and jailed an Independence Township man after stopping him on a traffic violation and discovering that he was wanted on an Oakland County Friend of the Court warrant.

**Tues., Nov. 28** A family returned from vacation to discover that thieves had cut the screen and opened a window to gain access, then made off with a plasma TV that was to be a Christmas gift, along with credit cards, savings bonds and several thousand dollars in jewelry.

**Wed., Nov. 29** An Independence Township woman called police after hearing gunshots and ascertaining that poachers had shot a deer in front of her house on Shappie Road, but drove off in a van after she went out to see what happened. They returned and tried to haul off the doe when the woman went back inside to call police. The DNR is investigating.

**Fri., Dec. 1** An Independence Township couple called police after a man phoned and told them they'd won \$1.5 million, but would have to write him a check for \$582 before receiving the funds.

**Sat., Dec. 2** Police responded to the scene of a car fire after a Hummer parked at an Independence Township residence erupted in flames originating under the reflector of the right rear passenger door. Cause was unknown.

## Use common sense to foil car looters

Thieves prowling through Independence Township neighborhoods during the past several weeks have smashed out car windows, looted vehicles and left residents with an overall sense of violation.

Laptop computers, iPods, car audio equipment, purses, wallets and other valuables have disappeared in large numbers from both locked and unlocked vehicles, and deputies are working several leads to track down the responsible party.

"This is the biggest thing we're working on right now," said Sgt. Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township Substation, estimating that the station has written about 18 reports of larceny from a vehicle during recent weeks.

"The characteristics of these crimes say it's a crew, an organized group of

people moving through the neighborhood with a getaway car running nearby. They won't stop until they're caught."

Detectives are working several leads from witnesses who saw a vehicle in the area.

Sheriff's deputies are advising people to use common sense: Park cars in the garage; close and lock garage door. If the car must be left outside, lock doors. Bring valuables inside, or cover them with a coat or blanket. Also, make sure outside lighting and motion detectors are working.

"We can't be everywhere, so we're asking neighbors to be more diligent and look out for one another," Baldes said. "If you see a suspicious vehicle, get a description and a license plate number."

Anyone with information is asked to call 248-620-4968.

**Sat., Dec. 2** A 21-year-old Lansing man was arrested and jailed after police pulled him over for a seatbelt violation near Sashabaw and Waldon Road and discovered brass knuckles, burglar tools, and open intoxicants in his vehicle.

**Sun., Dec. 3** An Independence Township man called police after waking to find his former girlfriend attempting to break through the glass door of

his living room with a broom handle. The woman had already shattered the outer pane.

**Mon., Dec. 4** A woman living in an apartment near Sashabaw and Willow Park Road called police after stepping out of the shower and spotting a man looking in her window, which he then began banging on. He was a white male, 5'7, mid-twenties.

## December programs at Wint Nature Center

Programs at the Wint Nature Center this month include:

- Holiday Crafting** - Nature provides many craft materials, and the holidays are a perfect time to use them. Make and take several holiday-oriented crafts. Bring a bag or basket to take home the treasures. Suitable for school-age children through adults. \$2/person. 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Dec. 9.** Pre-pay to register.

- Holiday for the Birds** - Learn how to attract feathered friends this winter. Make treats for the birds including a special bird feeder to hang at home. \$2/person plus \$4/feeder. 8:30-10 a.m. Dec. 16. Pre-pay to register.

The Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park is located at

9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston.

Nature Center hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Monday. Park entry is included for nature center programs with fees only. A park entry fee may be charged if guests use other facilities in the park.

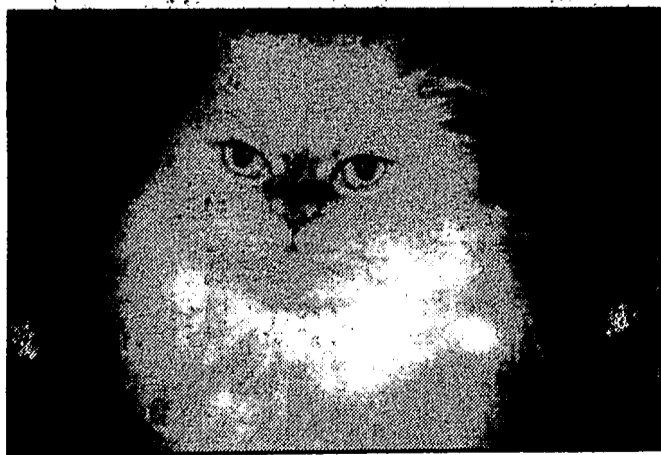
For more information or to register, call 248-625-6473.

## Choir fund-raiser

The Clarkston Junior High Choir will hold a fund-raiser dinner on Monday, Dec. 11, at Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway.

The benefit, from 4-8 p.m., will raise money for the school Vocal Department. Choir members will perform and wait tables that evening. Call Danielle Blanchard, choral director, at 248-623-5600.

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## Clarkston High School students to sing Dec. 10, 13

Clarkston High School students will perform from 4:30-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the annual holiday musical program in the atrium at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township.

The center is located by Holly Road and Baldwin Road in Grand Blanc Township. From I-75, take exit 108 and follow the signs to the hospital.

Other Dec. 13 performances in the free concert are

Aldelphian Junior Academy in Holly, 9:55-10:25 a.m.; Linden High School, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Durand High School, 1-2 p.m.; Davison High School, 2:15-2:50 p.m.; and Grand Blanc High School, 3-3:30 p.m.;

Also, the Clarkston High School choir will sing holiday carols at the Art Van Furniture store in Waterford, 5053 Dixie Highway, from 1:30-3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10.

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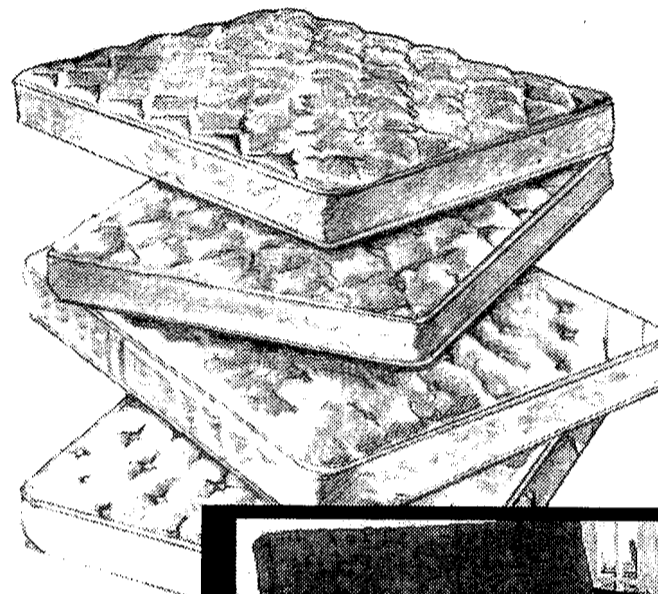


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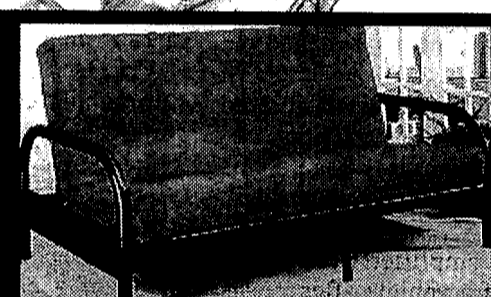
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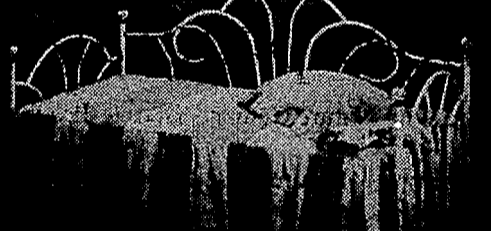
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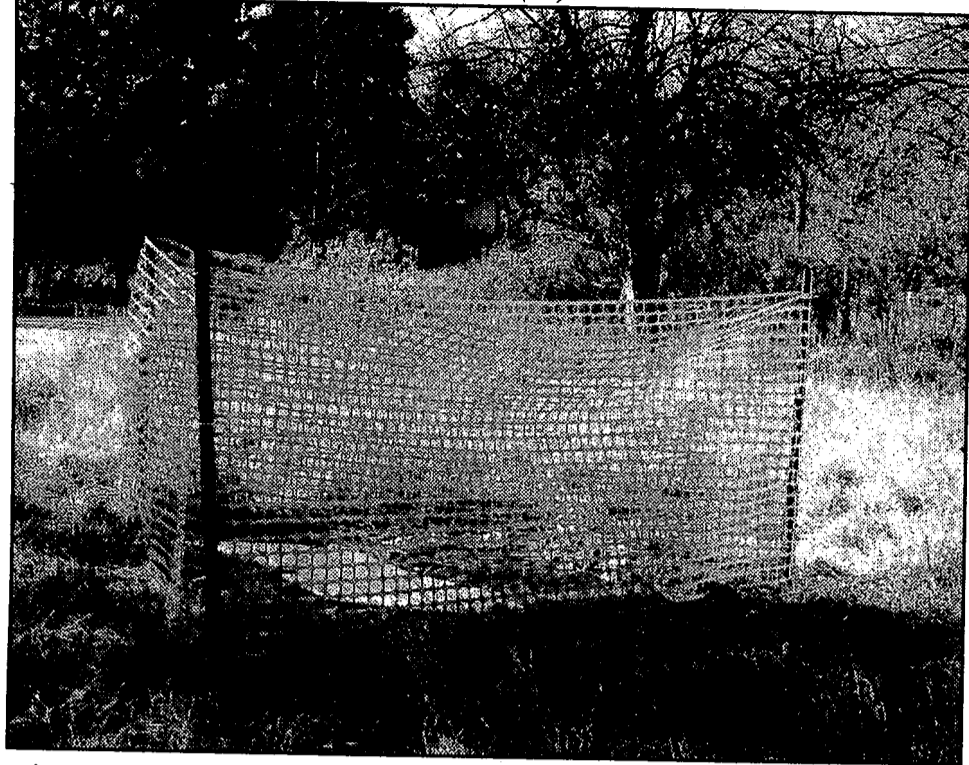
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## A step in the right direction

Plastic fences were recently installed to surround the ruins of homes on Mann Road in Independence Township. The homes were burned by the Independence Township Fire Department as part of practice drills, but the responsibility for cleanup remains with the property owners, Mann Development and Sidec Ventures, LLC - subgroups of JR Management, a property management company in Bloomfield Hills. The properties are slated for demolition to make way for a new housing project, but major work is not expected to begin until 2007. Photo by Andrew DuPont

## Church to host Bob Jones speaker

Maranatha Baptist Church of Clarkston will host Dr. Stephen B. Jones, president of Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Jones is a frequent speaker at churches, camps, and conferences throughout the United States and around the world.

He serves on the boards of the Gospel Fellowship Association and Evangelism Foundation, Inc. He and his wife, Erin, reside with their three children in Greenville.

The public is invited to hear him speak at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located at 5790 Flemings Road, near I-75 and Sashabaw. Call 248-625-2700.



Dr. Stephen B. Jones

## New Office Depot in township

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Office Depot, based in Delray Beach, Fla., is a retail store dedicated to selling business- and office-related products.

The company operates more than 1,000 stores in North America. This will mark its 25th location in Michigan. The nearest locations are in Troy and Southfield, both more than 15 miles from the Clarkston area.

"It's key, to provide a convenient location for our customers," said Office Depot Spokeswoman Melissa Perlman. "It's our goal to provide (those) and the service they expect."

Perlman said the company chose the area after tracking its customer base.

Kimco Realty Corporation, based in New Hyde Park, N.Y., owns the shopping center, which it purchased in 1996.

Work is being done inside the 19,500-square-foot building to get it ready for a Jan. 14 grand opening, the company said.

The store will be designed around a company-mandated M-2 format. The

design, started in 2004, is designed to be "intuitive, logical, and designed specifically by the way people make decisions," Perlman said.

The concept groups items based on their relevance to each other, making the shopping experience easier for customers, Perlman said.

"There are products all around you," she said.

The store will carry "winning business solutions," Perlman said, including an area for designing, printing and shipping.

Office Depot has a mission to give to local groups and organizations each time it moves into an area, "in an effort to make the store a community effort," Perlman said.

"We prove that, each time we open a store," she added.

Office Depot's planned hours of operation are Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The store can be reached at 248-625-5200.

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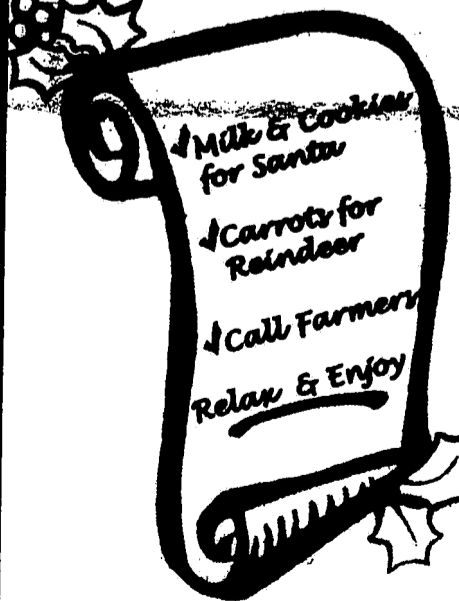
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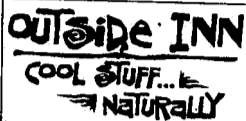
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From left are candy makers Ashley Portela, Lesia Wasykevych, Gaylene Portela, Christie Kojima, and Danielle Portela, of the Chocolate Moose on Main Street. Photo by Phil Custodio

## A life of chocolate

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

The chocolate business began as a hobby for Christie Kojima, owner of the Chocolate Moose in downtown Clarkston.

Twelve years ago, she just had her twins, and she was not ready to go back to work as an office manager as quickly as she expected. She was looking for a Christmas gift idea that wouldn't cost too much, and decided to make some candy.

One of her first creations was the Christmas sucker, which was chocolate, molded into a likeness of Santa Claus, on a stick.

"People really liked them," Kojima said.

She continued to work with and come up with other chocolate novelty items, which she would bring to craft shows and other events, for about another six years. Then she decided to make it her business.

"I was reaching the age where people were saying, 'if you're going to do it, you'd better do it,'" she said. "I thought, why not do it? It sounds like fun."

She has been at her present location, at 23 S. Main St., for about four years.

"The community has been very supportive," she said.

She and her six "elves," Gaylene Portela, Danielle Portela, Ashley Portela, Lesia Wasykevych, Jaimee Olsen, and Keegan Sulecki, make about 95 percent of what they sell. Ashley and Danielle are Oakland University students, and Wasykevych is a student home for the holidays from the University of Denver, Colorado. She worked at the shop when living locally and came back to help out during the holidays.

"Once you work here, you always come back," Gaylene said.

"We're not really working - we're playing," Kojima said.

"Will work for chocolate," is an unofficial motto, she said.

They use a bank of chocolate tempering pots and about 500 plastic molds of all shapes and sizes. They continuously experiment and create new novelty products, such as chocolate golf clubs and tool sets, while keeping old favorites, such as Moose Tracks and Holiday Herds of Moose.

The moose herds, bags filled with small chocolate pieces shaped like moose, was first created as samples to give out when she opened her business.

"People kept asking for them," Kojima said. "So we were frantically mass producing them."

To expand her reach, her website, [www.ChocolateMoose.com](http://www.ChocolateMoose.com), will soon be online.

"The web site is a big thing - we've been gearing up for it," she said. "We re-designed all our packaging to make it modular so that everything would fit into boxes for shipping."

Special items will still be available only at the downtown shop, she said.

One item not on the web site is the moose pie, a blend of white chocolate, milk chocolate, and peppermint, molded in a pie plate.

"We'll only make a dozen or so," she said.

Recent additions to the business include ice cream, which was especially popular this past summer, a row of bulk candy dispensers, and a chocolate fountain. The fountain, which is available for rent, features a continuous curtain of melted chocolate, for people to coat cookies and fruit.

"People like interactive chocolate, like the bins and the fountain," Kojima said.

For more information, call 248-922-9848.

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are available for purchase online, [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org). 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.

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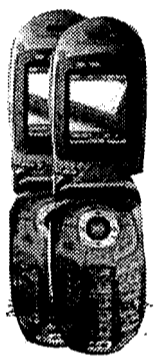


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## Parade to celebrate traditions

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in the parade, but most participants add to the anticipation by keeping entries top secret until the last minute.

"I always enjoy this event," said Shanks. "There's something wonderful about standing there on Main Street and seeing this glow coming toward you as the parade approaches. It's one of the most precious hometown moments we have here in Clarkston."

Although the parade will start promptly at 6 p.m., spectators can show up early to enjoy the holiday decorations and ambiance downtown.

"The chamber has done a great job with this parade," said Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo. "I always have so much fun, and the kids have a great time, too. They get to stay up late, see the lights, and be out in the dark. What's not to love?"

A DJ will set up on the steps of Clarkston State Bank and begin piping holiday music onto Main Street at 5:15

p.m.

Right next door, at 23 Main Street, The Chocolate Moose will provide complimentary free hot chocolate to warm chilly spectators, said shop owner Christie Kojima — one free cup to a customer please, but feel free to come inside and buy more.

The parade will begin at the Clarkston Community Education parking lot on Waldon, go west on Church Street to Main Street and continue to Miller Road, ending at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs requested that everyone coming into town for the parade arrive before 5:30 p.m., when police will barricade many of the city's roads.

Closings will include: Northbound Main Street closed at Waldon; southbound Main Street closed at Northview; northbound White Lake Road closed at Deer Lake Road; southbound Holcomb closed at Bluegrass and Clarkston Road closed at Main Street.

## Committee to consider all views

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members are present for a final decision; only six of the committee members were able to make it to Tuesday's meeting.

Longtime Clarkston resident Tom Stone, also on the committee, suggested the group focus time and resources on three key points:

- Service: What services do residents expect from the police?
- Cost: Are citizens willing to pay for the services they expect?
- Performance: Citizens may want, and agree to pay for certain services, but are they getting what they pay for?

During the first meeting, members primarily discussed how to best organize efforts, communicate with residents and business owners, and make sure anyone who wanted a voice in the matter was given the opportunity to be heard.

"We've got some good brain power in that committee," said City Councilman

Bill Rausch, who was appointed police liaison after being elected to council Nov. 7. "We're going to gather all our facts, throw everything on the table and make an intelligent decision."

Neither Rausch, who served 29 years as an Independence Township volunteer firefighter, nor any other current city council members are sitting on the police committee.

Mayor Sharron Catallo has asked the group for a preliminary report by Jan. 22, with a final report and recommendation due by April 9.

The committee will spend the next several weeks in informational meetings with the Clarkston Police, OCSD, Clarkston-area Chamber of Commerce and city council. They will also begin constructing a survey to be distributed to citizens and businesses.

Meanwhile, the group has set up a special email address and can be contacted with questions or comments at [clarkstonpsc@yahoo.com](mailto:clarkstonpsc@yahoo.com).

## New exercise program at senior center

A free demonstration of Drums Alive "Golden Beats" will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, at the Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road.

This German program is specially designed to increase coordination, balance, brain wave activity and mental aware-

ness. Christmas goodies and punch will be served.

The regular "Golden Beats" program will be Mondays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12, 9:15-10:15 a.m., at the Carriage House. Cost is \$24 for 6 weeks.

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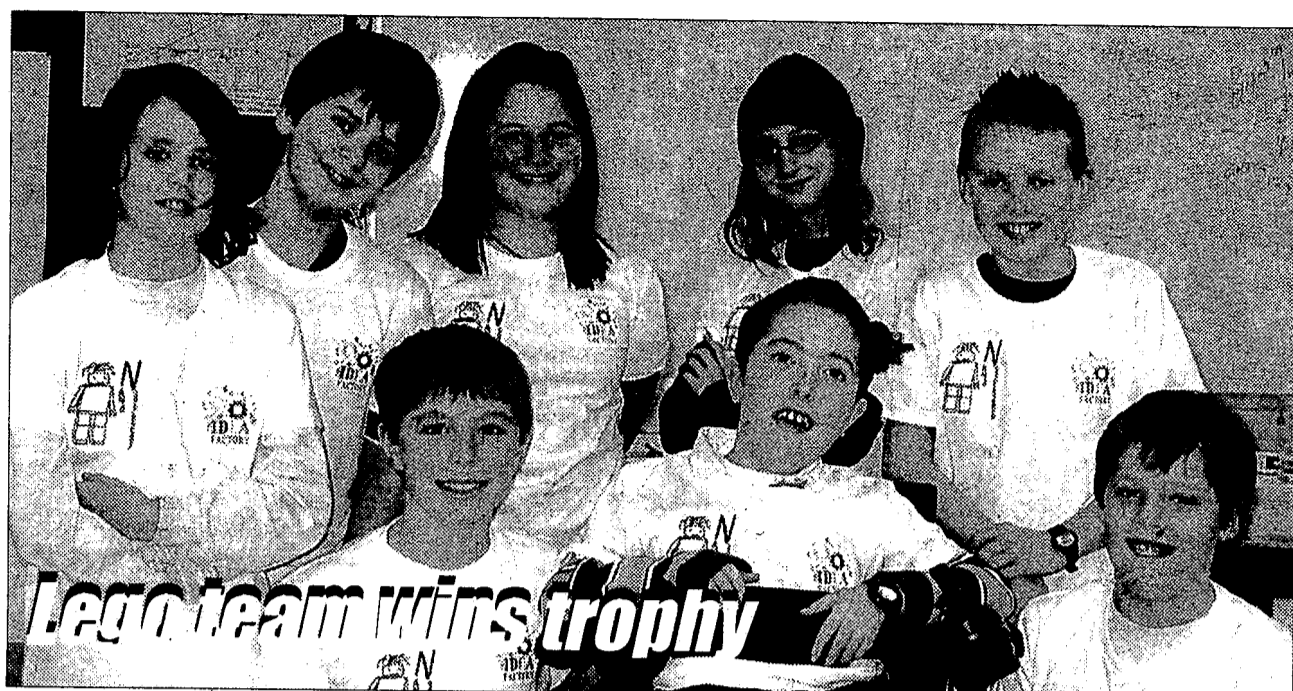
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The Sashabaw Nano Noodleheads team members are, standing in back from left, Josh Goolsby, Cameron Mitchell, MacKenzie Bedor, Olivia Lohmeier, and Ben Helgeson. In front from left are Kyle Savoie, Drew Canada, and Sean Smith.

Coached by Penny Canada and Nicole Helgeson, eight sixth grade students from Sashabaw Middle School made up the Nano Noodleheads.

The team competed on Nov. 18 in Flint at a regional competition, where they received a trophy for

"Creative Project Presentation" on their research project seeking a nanotechnology solution for peanut butter allergies.

Placing 13th overall, the team was only one spot away from qualifying for the state finals in Flint.

## Library's holiday drive speaks volumes

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Staffers trimmed the Christmas tree at the Springfield Township Library in hues of red, white, and blue this year, hoping a patriotic theme would encourage patrons to help support American troops this holiday season.

Every year, the library staff sets up a "giving tree" to benefit a charitable cause. One year, a local family struggling to make ends meet received gifts, food and other necessities to make the season a little brighter. Another year, the library focused its campaign on teens, recognizing that older kids sometimes get forgotten during popular holiday toy drives.

"Our patrons have always been very generous," said Library Director Cathy Forst. "One year we had to make up extra tags for the tree because we ran out."

The tree won't have tags this year. Instead, those who wish to contribute to the effort can ask a staff member or pick up a list of suggested items from a stack near the tree.

"We did some research and put together a list of things our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan can use," said Forst. "When it started out we were thinking about reading materials, but we found out we could expand on that quite a bit."

The list includes fun items such as harmonicas and

kazoos, but lots of practical items, such as toiletries for men and women, non-perishable, non-breakable food and beverage items, and paper, envelopes and pens or pencils for correspondence, as well.

Most articles should be new in the package, said Forst, but previously owned books, CDs, and related items will be accepted if they are in new condition.

The library has requested that all items arrive unwrapped and unboxed by Thurs., Dec. 21, where they will be packaged and dispatched to an overseas shipping company.

The Friends of the Library has agreed to pay all shipping costs.

"Generally our support goes in a different direction," said Susan Kraly, Springfield's Friends of the Library president, explaining that the organization is in place to promote library usage and resources to all age groups within the community. "But we thought that for this particular service we would be happy to pick up the shipping costs in support of our local families."

Although the boxes won't make it to the troops in time for Christmas, Forst and her staff don't have any doubt that the items will still be appreciated.

For more information, call the library at 248-846-6550. The library is open Mon., Tues., and Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wed. noon-8 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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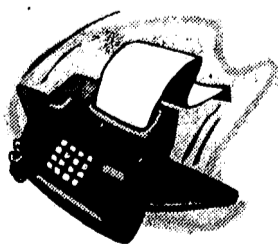
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# Clarkston News Sports

## And they're off

*Clarkston wins six matches en route to undefeated weekend*

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Another undefeated season for Clarkston sports is underway. For the time being, the wrestling is 6-0 after an impressive two-day season start with victories in a dual-meet with Detroit Catholic Central and five more the following day while winning the John Glenn Invitational in Westland.

On Dec. 1 at Novi, the Wolves defeated Catholic Central 57-9.

At Westland, Clarkston de-

feated: Walled Lake Central 81-0; Livonia Franklin 47-16; Belleville 59-7; Dearborn 74-0; and Romeo 50-9.

The Wolves had seven grapplers start their own individual win streaks at 6-0 also; Alex Popp (130 pounds), Tyler Schneider (135), Eric Butterfield (140), Colton Tweed (152), Bryant Craft (160), Adam Lauzun (171) and Tommy Ellsworth (189).

Clarkston, top-three finishers the past two seasons, also won the tournament in 2003.

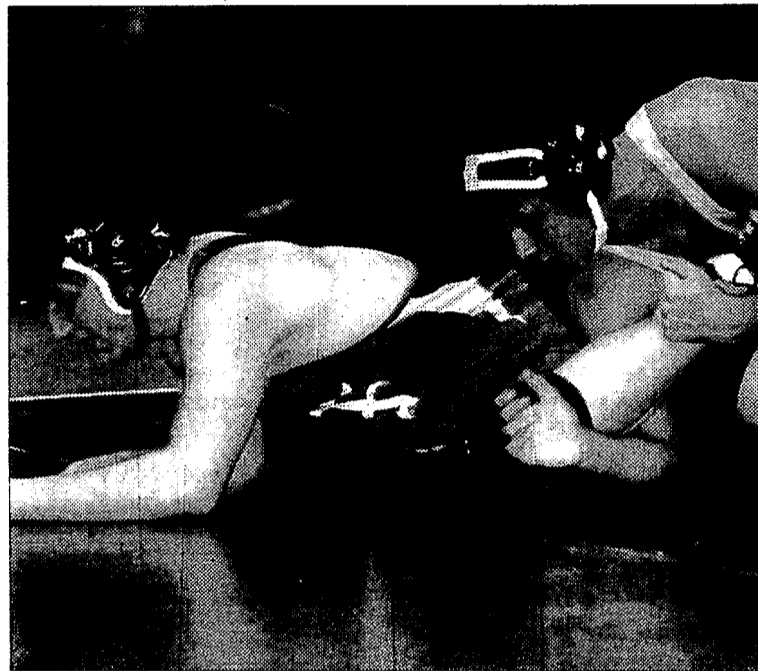
"We're excited. It was a good tournament to win, but by no means the most difficult one they'll be in," Coach Joe DeGain said.

"But it was a good start."

The Wolves next travel to a double dual-meet at Auburn Hills Avondale where they face the Yellow Jackets as well as Troy Athens on Dec. 6. The team heads out west to the Howell Invitational on Dec. 9.

"Avondale always does a good job against us. Athens always goes hard on us," DeGain said.

"They really have their eyes on Clarkston. It's always fun when there's a team shooting for us."



The Clarkston Wolves wrestling team jumped out to an impressive start to the season. Lane Upcott, right, wrestles Marc Kadrach of Livonia Franklin at the John Glen Invitational in Westland on Dec. 2. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Athlete of the Week, Lakers catch Trout

BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Years of practice paid off for Clarkston High School senior Darylann Trout on Nov. 21 as she signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Grand Valley State University in the fall.

"It feels really good, there's a lot of pressure off," said Trout, who added she was relieved to be done talking to various coaches who were looking to recruit her.

"I can set new goals now that I know where I'm going and what I want to study."

Trout, 17, said she decided to attend GVSU because the school has a good health sciences program, so she sees both academic and athletic benefits.

"They have a really good program for bio-med... and they've had the best division II athletic program in the country the past three years," she said.

Last season, the Lakers finished 10-2 overall and 8-1 in conference, good enough for second place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Clarkston Tennis Coach Craig Judd said he only worked with Trout for one year, but sees talents in her that will help her throughout her life.

"She's extremely mentally tough," Judd said. "She really plays the full match out. If she's up or down, she plays her best."

Judd added that Trout's excellent coordination and hand skills have played a large part in her success, and will continue to play a role in her future.

"I know, going to the next level, the competition takes a big step, so it will help her grow from the standpoint that she'll have a need to get better. She's extraordinarily good at the high school level and in college you'll have the best of the best, so it will force her to learn other shots and get better at the ones she has," he said.

Trout's parents, Mike and Nancy, said they were relieved after their daughter formally signed with GVSU.

"It's a lot of pressure, you get a lot of coaches calling. It's a big relief for her to know she's staying in Michigan," Nancy said.

"We're really proud of her and excited," said Mike. "Academically they have a really good program there."

Besides natural skill, Trout's parents attribute her success to her personality.

"She's got a very even temper and is very focused. It's kind of a quiet determination," Mike said, saying his daughter has a "poker face" out on the court. By not letting her emotions or frustration show, Trout prevents her opponents from seeing any weakness. Even so, Trout was not afraid to let her emotions show during the signing, where she wore a big smile on her face.



Clarkston senior Darylann Trout will serve for the Lakers at Grand Valley State University next season. Photo by Andrew DuPont

## Something borrowed

*Clarkston drops game to Knights*

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Playing on borrowed time is one thing, playing in borrowed equipment is another. Walled Lake Northern senior forward Al Harvey performed the latter on Dec. 1 at Lakeland Ice Arena in Waterford Township against the Clarkston Wolves.

Harvey wore equipment on loan from a teammate after being benched by Northern Coach Claude Tunison for losing his gear.

"You're sitting the first period, for screwing up," Tunison said of his talk with Harvey.

Once in the game, Harvey was very dominant, Tunison said.

"He came in and took charge, he's a heck of a hockey player."

The Knights (1-0) used a pair of goals from Harvey and John McMahon to down the Wolves (1-4, 1-1 OAA) 4-1 in their season opener.

In the loss, Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier was encouraged by the team's play in the second game of a back-to-back, coming off a 4-2 loss to Oakland Activities Association rival Waterford Mott.

"I thought our effort was little better. The guys want to win, I just don't think that we're executing in the game," he said.

"I thought there was a better flow to the game tonight, but we're still not capitalizing on the power play."

The Wolves are taking some time to mesh with each other. More than half of its members are coming together from different programs, Krygier said.

"It takes a while to break bad habits. We've got to continue to work hard and stay positive," he said.

As is becoming common with Clarkston this season, the teams played to a scoreless tie in the first period.

Early in the second, the Knights put the pressure on the Wolves in the Clarkston zone before goalie Zack Lewy was forced to cover the puck. Harvey slapped the puck past Lewy after Jeff Walters won the face-off for the Knights.

Clarkston retaliated as Eric Salo scored for the Wolves. Nearing the end of a power-play, Salo put back the rebound of an Aaron Podbielski slap-shot with 9:55 of the period remaining.

Northern added a shorthanded goal with 7:33 left in the game, as Clarkston squandered more than 1:30 of a five-on-three situation. With five seconds remaining in the second of Northern's penalties, McMahon got his

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# Righting the ship

## Clarkston hopes to return to top of OAA

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Getting back on track is something of a New Year's resolution for the 2006-'07 Clarkston volleyball team. The Wolves are hoping for an early return on their investment because the season actually starts weeks before the holiday break.

Clarkston, winner of two consecutive district championships in coach Kelly Avenall's first seasons at the helm, are trying to rebound from a 13-25-1 campaign in 2005-'06.

"That's definitely one of our goals this year, to get that going again," Avenall said.

Leading the way for the Wolves are their five returning starters, including junior Julie Gillespie.

"Last year, she was just learning the position and there were a lot of techniques she had to learn," Avenall said.

"This year she is comfortable with it. Last year as a sophomore she felt she shouldn't be out there because she was a sophomore, so she was a little more tentative and this year as a junior and returning starter, I think she's starting to take on a leading role. A lot of people around the league have mentioned her, they know about her."

Leadership is also expected from the team's four seniors returning: Amanda Byrd, Brittany Davis, Lindsay Sawyer and Marilynn Porritt.

"They all played important roles last year and they were real excited to be out here this year and ready for the season," Avenall said.

The is trying to get its younger members up to speed before the start of the season, including its three sophomores.

"They're solid players, but there is such a huge difference from where they came from to now, they're still getting used to ball movement and getting to the ball, and that's a challenge for them," Avenall said.

The Wolves' hustle should make them competitors this year.

"This team, they're real scrappers. They go for every ball. There's nothing they're going to let drop. They cover a lot of the court and they're real good communicators. They're playing really well together right now," Avenall said.

Clarkston will face a different league format this season. The Wolves will have league matches and a league tournament weighted differently, both accounting for 50 percent of their OAA record.



Back Row (L-R): Coach Kelly Avenall, Lauren Gardner, Lindsay Sawyer, Alyssa Craft, Shelby Schulte. Middle Row(L-R): Marilynn Porritt, Jillian Locricchio, Emily Parkin, Brittany Davis, Katelyn Coates. Front Row(L-R): Amanda Byrd, Betsy Mellen, Kelley Croll, Brooke Fisher Photo by Paul Kampe

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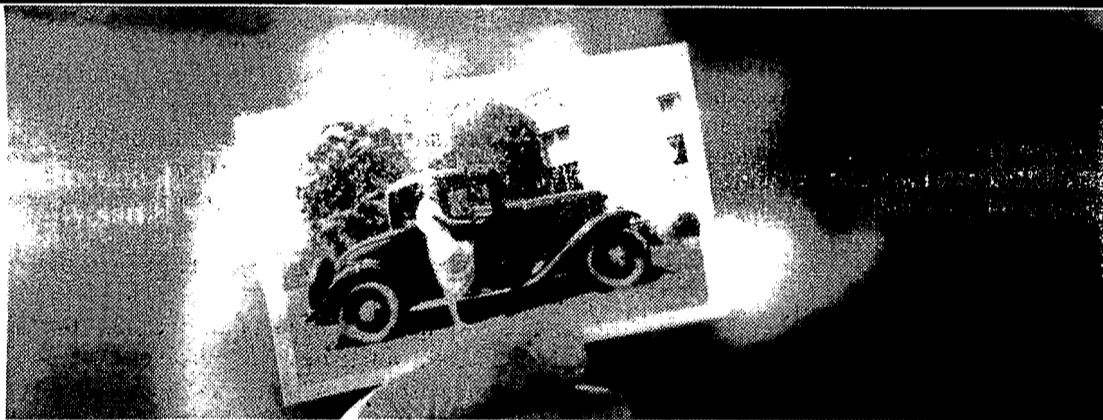
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## Health With Ernie

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By Ernie Harwell



There's a stereotype that as people get older, they automatically start losing their ability to remember things. I've always felt that everyone loses their memory from time to time, no matter what age they are. Just look at the tests a 16-year-old kid flunks here and there.

To my mind, it's a big mistake to accept that just because we're getting older, we necessarily will start forgetting things more often.


We can all keep our memories sharp by challenging ourselves to remember things. You can practice memorizing anything really, but it's always more fun if it's something you're interested in. (I, personally, like to memorize poems, Bible verses, and bits of Shakespeare.) You can buy inexpensive memory games, find them for free on the Internet, and even create your own. Memorization can be a lot of fun and it's one of the best ways to give your mind a mental workout - no matter how old you are.

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Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 35 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, 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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## Natural hat-trick takes down Wolves

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For the second time in a week, the Clarkston Wolves hockey team played close, but lost the game in the end.

Waterford Mott pounded its way to a 4-2 victory over the Wolves on Nov. 30 at Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills in the Wolves' home opener.

The Corsairs' physicality was actually not as much as coach Marty White had expected coming into the contest.

"We didn't play as physical as I would have liked to have seen," White said.

The Olympic size rink the Wolves play on is larger than the Corsairs are used to.

"They had to adjust to playing on a bigger sheet of ice."

Mott's checking and in-your-face tactics landed several members in the penalty box throughout the game, while Clarkston committed zero penalties. Unfortunately, the Wolves also threw up another zero, zero conversions on the power play.

Wolves Coach Bryan Krygier was upset by the team's first loss in his nine seasons of regular season matches (16-1) with their Oakland Activities Association foes.

"They controlled every zone of the game and we literally handed them the game," he said.

"They beat us to the puck. Even if we run good plays and we do this and we do that, there's no excuse for not working hard and not being the first one to the puck and not playing with some enthusiasm.

"If you're not going to beat them to the puck, bad things are going to happen," he added.

The loss was the second of the league schedule for Clarkston (0-2 OAA, 1-3 overall) and evened the Corsairs' league record (1-1 OAA, 3-2 overall).

Mott held a 24-16 shot advantage in the game.

The teams went scoreless in the first. Clarkston's Scott Cameron scored first, assisted by Chris Salo at 11:32 of the second period. Less than a minute later, however, the Corsairs evened things as Chris Drake scored.

Nick Posawatz would add the other Wolves' goal with 8:07 remaining in the second, assisted by Ryan Kenerson.

From there on out, the scoring belonged to Mott forward Ryan Phillips, who scored a natural hat trick, including an empty-netter with 1:05 remaining in the game.



Despite a hard fought a battle, Ryan Kenerson and the Wolves fell to Waterford Mott 4-2 in their home opener on Nov. 30. Photo by Paul Kampe

# Wearing a target

State teams gunning for Wolves again

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Having a target on your back sounds bad, but in a way it's good. In the Clarkston Wolves' case, going into this basketball season as the four-time defending regional champs is good because it means they are upholding a reputation as one of the best teams in the state.

"Most of the time Clarkston has a bull's-eye on its back because of past success," Clarkston Coach Dan Fife said.

"We're going to contend for the league championship this year."

Maintaining a schedule chock-full of competitive non-league games is important to Fife.

"We try and play the best teams possible," Fife said.

"Our level is that which you can't have an off night, or you get beat."

The team, which plays in the Oakland Activities Association division I, faces challenges in its league also.

"Every game is a big game.

Everyone we play...our league, division one OAA, is always good," Fife said.

However, teams like Pontiac Central, Rochester, and Lake Orion may not be their biggest opponent early on. The Wolves, returning two starters in Kevin Badgley and Bren Bergquist, will be minus four players to begin the year.

Most notable on the casualty list is projected point guard Andy Lyons, recovering from a pulled groin.

The first part of

the schedule could be messy, Fife said.

"We could have some early season issues.

"Hopefully, by the first of the year, everybody should be healthy," Fife added.

Fife said the team's success will be determined by the leadership of its seven seniors.

"We're going to be as good as our senior leadership," he said.

"Their demands on others will determine how successful we are."

Senior Dan Owens, who recently signed to play for division II Ashland University of the Great Lakes Intercolle-

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giate Athletic Conference on Nov. 9, should be able to play better with the commitment out of the way, Fife said.

"A weight's been lifted off his shoulders and he seems ready to take a leadership role."

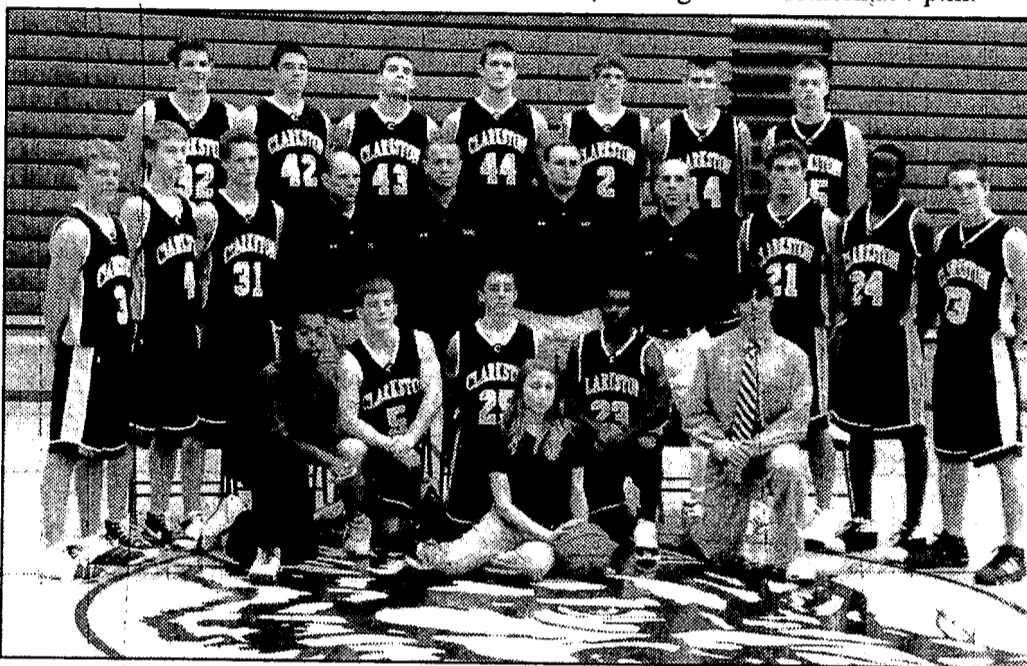
The Wolves hosted a four-team scrimmage on Nov. 24. The experience was good for the team's younger players.

"We've got to get kids ready to play at the level we're at. They're capable, it's a matter of how long it takes them to mature," Fife said.

Clarkston opens the season on Dec. 8, hosting Flint Northern at 7 p.m.

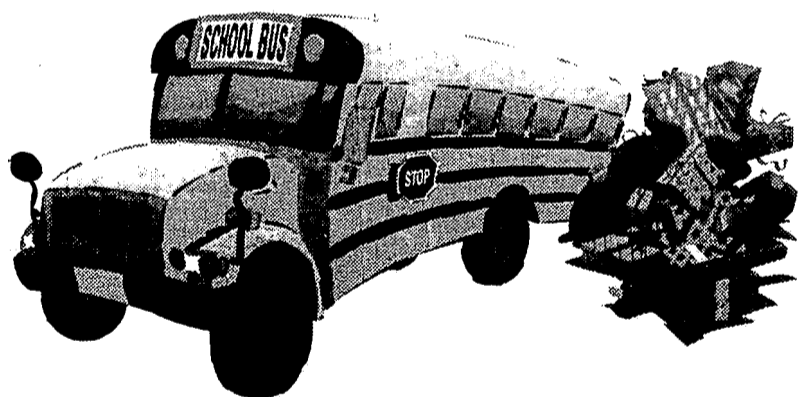


Coach Dan Fife talks to his players during a pre-season scrimmage. Photo by Paul Kampe



Back Row: Ryan Breen, Kevin Murdock, Chris Rose, Bren Bergquist, Matt Kamieniecki, Dan Owens, Alex Millard-Swan. Third Row: Ty Taylor, Brandon Pokely, Billy Fisk, Coach Jack Cunningham, Head Coach Dan Fife, Coach Eric Chambers, Coach Tim Wasilk, Kevin Badgley, Oliver Kupe, Brandon Hughes. Second Row: Terrance Cooper Mgr., Andrew Lyons, Tyler Scarlett, Julius Porter, Nick Mocerino Mgr., Front Row: Katie VanderVeen, Statistician. Photo by Paul Kampe

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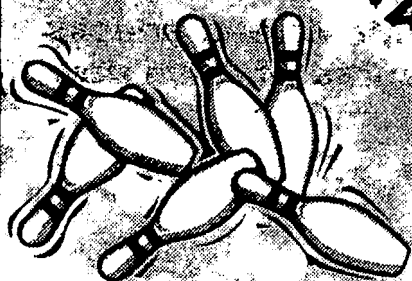
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The Clarkston Wolves' Ryan Kenerson stickhandles into the Walled Lake Northern zone. The Wolves only mustered one goal scored out of 21 shots on net during the game, also Northern's season opener. Photo by Paul Kampe

## Wolves drop 3rd non-league contest to Walled Lake team

second goal of the game.

Clarkston had 21 shots on net and Knights goalie Ed Hojnacki turned aside 20 for the victory.

"They really took it to us and our goalie stepped to the plate and played solid," Tunison said.

Clarkston's next game is a home match on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. against Port Huron Northern at Detroit Skating Club. The arena is located at 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.



Eric Salo positions himself in front of the Northern goal. Photo by Paul Kampe

## Snowmobile safety clinic set Jan 8, 10

The Clarkston Health Center will be hosting a two-part "Snowmobile Safety Clinic" from 6-9:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8 and Wednesday, Jan. 10. The cost of the program is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is requested.

This program is appropriate for all ages, but is required for individuals 12-16 years old who operate a snowmobile without an adult. Rules of the trail and other safety tips will be discussed.

Participants are asked to bring their social security card for identification. Individuals must attend both classes to receive their certification. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child(ren)

at no additional charge.

To register and/or for more information, call 248-338-5389. This program, which kicks off International Snowmobile Safety Week, Jan. 14-20, is offered through the Community Education Department at POH Medical Center.

The Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place just off Dixie Highway, north of White Lake Road, in the shadows of the blue water tower. Other services offered at Clarkston Health Center include a 24/7 emergency services, diagnostics, physical therapy, lab, pharmacy and other specialty physicians.

## Christmas in Action plans Reindeer Races

Christmas in Action of Oakland County, Clarkston Area, is getting ready for A Night at the Reindeer Races, its annual fund-raiser. Eighteen reindeer, sponsored for \$100 by local businesses or community groups, will race.

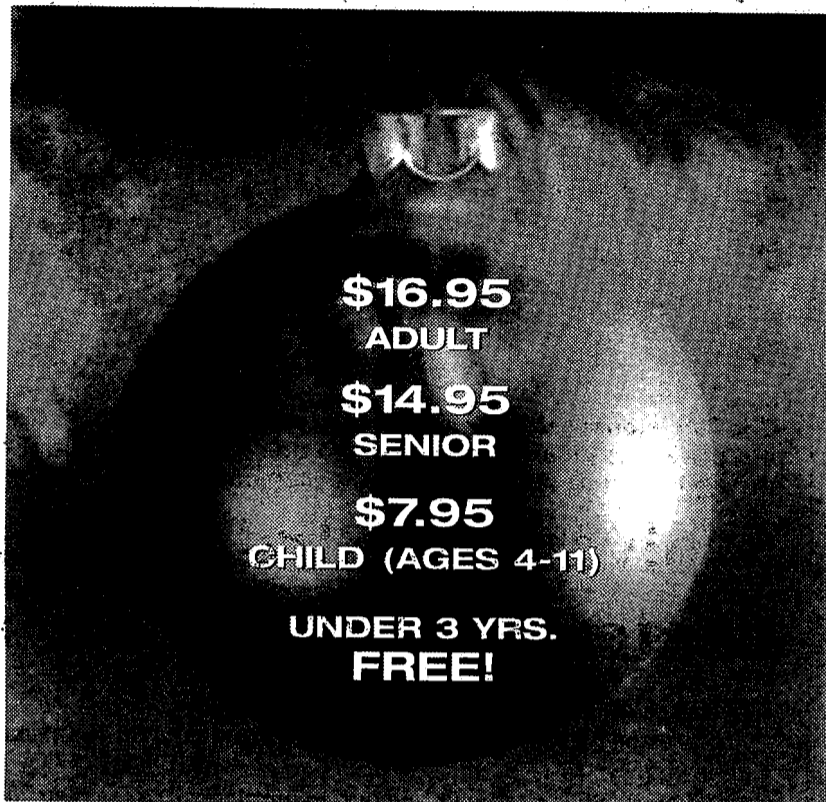
The race will be on Jan. 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road. Attendees "bet" on their favor-

ites, providing donations for the fundraiser. Sponsors decorate their reindeer models and can display them at their businesses.

All proceeds go toward Christmas in Action's work day on April 19, during which group members help local seniors.

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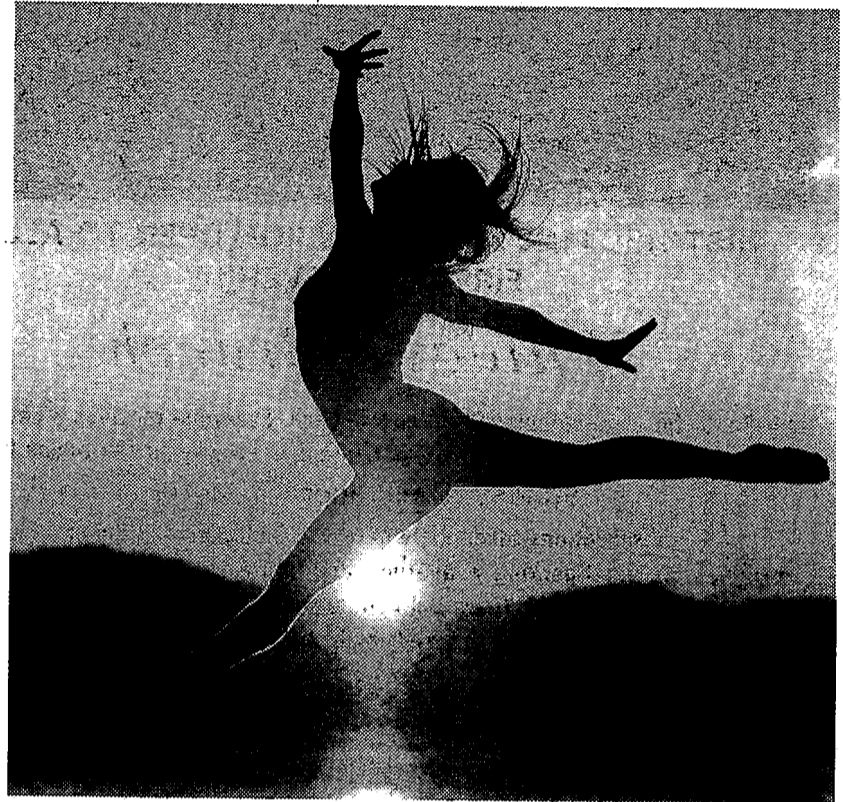
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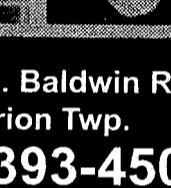
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-Luana Feurdean (right)

"Asians coming to Hawaii and destroying the whole place."

-Georgeta Barbu



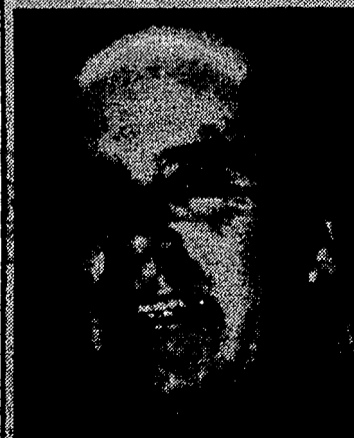
"Japan and bombs. And the United States getting into WWII."

-Paul Gartland



"Sadness. In my mind I can see all the ships being bombed. It was just horrible."

-Mary Jean Baker



"It was a horrible thing, but in 65 years a lot has changed and we're getting along with the Japanese much better."

-Mitch Heber

By Laura Colvin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## Back in town Clarkston grad returns to run station

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The entrepreneurial spirit is not dead, but rather alive and well in Clarkston. Former and future Clarkston resident Erich Becker purchased his third Sunoco gas station, at 7650 Ortonville Road in June, and opened it to the public in August.

Becker, 35, is the president of Business Development and Relations for Corrigan Oil Company of Brighton. He purchased the building and the six acres of surrounding property.

Since the takeover, Becker has come up with a game plan for expansion and innovation.

"It's an older gas station, it's got a lot of miles on it," Becker said of the location, which by his estimate is nearly 40 years old. Becker said he remembers visiting the station in his youth, growing up near the station, near Oakhill Road.

Northbound traffic on the M-15 thoroughfare past the I-75 interchange lacks an all-in-one spot, like the one Becker is planning.

"A lot of people, when they get off the expressway and go M-15 north, there's nothing really until you get to Ortonville. So if you want to grab pizza and subs, we want to accommodate that," he said.

"We want to be known as a unique, family-oriented business that can accommodate customers' needs from fuel to the Twinkies."

Becker is hoping to establish a sort of local business "circular trade" by using local establishments for services, rather than conglomerates.

"We would love to have more local businesses buy their gas from us and in turn we are going to use the local businesses for our needs," Becker said.

"Anytime I can use a local company, for tree clearing or anything really, we think that's important."

The station utilized local ties by arranging to sell Cooks' Dairy milk at the location.

The expansion Becker is planning would mean more products available to his customers, Becker said.

The M-15 location is the third for



Erich Becker stands proudly in front of his newest station. Photo by Bob Flath

Becker, who purchased other Sunoco stations in the Rochester area, where he currently resides. Together, the three comprise the "Becker Sunocos" as they are called.

He hopes to build the business up to the point where if he wanted to retire, his children would be able to step in some day.

"Hopefully, Becker Sunocos will be a strong business my boys will want to take over," he said.

Becker plans to move with his wife, Angela, back to the Clarkston area where he will build a home on a large plot of property he has purchased on the east side of the township.

Becker, a 1990 Clarkston High School graduate, enjoys being back in the area. He is looking forward to his children Evan, 8, Jackson, 6, and Calvin, 3, as well as the couple's fourth child, due in the new year, going to the same schools he went to and attending classes with his friends' children.

"It's still a small-town feel, but there is a lot

more here to offer," Becker said.

"I can come back here and walk across the street and probably see someone that I know," he added.

"It's cool, it's almost like you never left." For the Beckers' children, there are programs they just can't get in other areas.

"I want my kids to be able to go to a McGrath League or play for the Chiefs," he said.

"You love to have your kids go to school with your best friend's kids."

Growing up on a 15-acre farm, Becker has seen the area develop over time and its reputation spread.

"Independence Township is growing. If there is any township on a steady growth pattern, it's here," Becker said.

"When I grew up, Clarkston was a farm town. When people asked where we were from and we told them we were from

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**Widowed Support Group**, 7 p.m., Dec. 7, Independence Twp. Senior Center, Clintonwood Park off Clarkston Road. Holiday Memorial Service, with Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown. Free. 248-625-5231.

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**Santa visit**, 6:30-8 p.m., Dec. 7, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Photos for \$5. Also, **Christmas Cookie Sale** starting at 10 a.m. \$4 per plate. Drop off cookie donations on Dec. 6. Call 248-846-6550.

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**Free Demonstration of Drums Alive "Golden Beats,"** 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Regular program Mondays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Carriage House. \$24 for 6 weeks. Call 248-625-8231.

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**Lunch, present, and pictures with Santa**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 9, children 12 and younger, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. \$6 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. \$3 for pictures. **Visit with Santa**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Dec. 9, Hart Community Center. \$4 for residents, \$6 for non-residents. Photos, \$3. Children will receive a gift from Santa. Pre-register with Springfield Parks and Recreation, 248-634-0412.

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**Benefit fund-raiser dinner**, Monday, Dec. 11, at Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 4-8 p.m. Benefits the Clarkston Junior High Vocal Department. Members of the choir will be performing and serving. Call Danielle Blanchard, choral director, at 248-623-5600.

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**Greektown**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11. Residents \$21/Non-residents \$24. Voucher for \$15 in coin for games or meal. Choose your own restaurant. Sign up at the senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call 248-625-8231.

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# Around Town



Clarkston Rotarian Brad Evans offers copies of the Goodfellow Edition to passing motorists Friday on Main Street. "People have been very generous," Evans said. "Even with the bad weather, they're still stopping." Proceeds will be used for the Rotary's Shoes for Kids program this weekend. Photo by Phil Custodio

**Christmas Tea**, 2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Bring your favorite tea cup for your own use or decorate a table for four. Mothers, daughters, and granddaughters welcome. Dress up or come as you are. \$5 per person. Sign up by Monday, Dec. 4. Call 248-625-8231.

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**Anyone can paint**, 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. For beginning and intermediate levels, with artist Steve Wood. \$22. 248-625-8231.

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**Spaghetti Dinner**, 5-7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15, Independence

Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$5. Carryout available. 248-625-8231.

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**Christmas party**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20, Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Guest of honor: Santa Claus. \$5. Sign up by Dec. 15. 248-625-8231.

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**WEunite**, for elders and youth, 6-7:30 p.m., Dec. 20, Makeover Place, 5888 Dixie Hwy. 248-623-9348.

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**People to People**, monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 8, Hometown Pizza, Whitelake and Andersonville roads. RSVP by Jan. 2. 248-

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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.

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The **Clarkston Lions Club** meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month 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. Call 248-484-7130.

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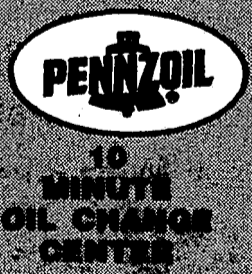
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# New church stands for peace

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Matthew Long's spiritual journey has been long, with experiences with Eastern and Western religious movements including yoga, Taoism, Buddhism, mind dynamics, and metaphysics, as well as Christianity.

His path has led him to Independence Township, where he founded a Peace Unity Church this past June.

Long joined Peace Unity in the early 1980's, while he and his wife Kathy Long were living in Alaska. When going to college in Oregon, Kathy would take to Peace Unity services his grandmother, who had been a member since World War I.

When his grandmother visited them in Alaska, she and Kathy talked Matthew into coming along. By that time, he was not a particularly religious person, but he went along anyway.

"I enjoyed the talk the pastor gave - I kept coming back," Matthew Long said. "After a few years, I started teaching a Bible class. It became my life."

He attended classes at the Association of Unity Churches headquarters in Lee's Summit, Mo., and became a minister in 1988. He was pastor of a church in Oregon for 15 years, and ministered in Lake Orion, Mich., for three years before coming to Independence Township to serve as pastor. While establishing the church, the congregation is meeting at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road.

Long lives in Brandon Township with

his wife, who is also a minister and a teacher at Upland Hills School, and their sons Elijah, 12, and Isaac, 8.

He is reaching out to his neighbors in Clarkston with his church's message of spiritual peace. The faith, described as a Bible-based, practical Christianity, accepts that many faiths lead to the same God, like spokes on a bicycle wheel converge in the center, he said.

"We offer a unique blend of spiritual practices," he said. "There is great wisdom in all these religious paths."

Through the Peace Unity church, he wants to bring awareness of peace into the community, establish a center for prayer, peace studies, and healing, and help people learn a holistic, spiritual approach to life.

"Peace Unity centers around ideas of peace and prosperity," he said.

Long enjoys gardening, which fits in with his faith's belief in stewardship of the environment as a way of honoring all God's creation.

"It's incredible, when you farm, out of nothing comes an abundant harvest,"



The Rev. Matthew Long is the new pastor of Peace Unity Church in Independence Township. He is sitting with a statue of a dove, a symbol of the church, which was made by Judith Hardy. Photo by Phil Custodio

he said.

The produce goes to his family and to the community, for those in need.

"I always plant extra," he said.

The church meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian at 9 a.m. Sundays for worship service and Children's Church. For more information, call 248-891-4365.

## Band-Aid collection in Clarkston

Beth Simsack, 14, is collecting cartoon-decorated adhesive bandages for children at Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan.

"The nurses used to let me pick a Band-Aid after my port was accessed (for chemotherapy) or after getting my blood drawn for blood counts," said Simsack, who was diagnosed with a medulloblastoma brain tumor at age 10.

"My favorite Band-Aids were the Veggie Tale and neon-colored ones."

Children do not get many choices when going through treatments and getting to pick a special bandage can distract and help the patient, she said.

She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and art club, and takes gymnastic lessons.

A collection point in Clarkston is at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 5929 S. Main St.

For more information, call Jenni Simsack, Beth's mother, at 248-931-3423.

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# Milestones



Jon R. Sampson II and Tanya Tomanio. Photo submitted

## Former Clarkston man to wed

Tanya Tomanio of Port Charlotte, Fla. and Jon R. Sampson II of Rotonda, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, announce their engagement.

The bride to be, formerly of Pittsburg, Pa., is the daughter of Carol and Frank Miller of Pittsburg.

The groom to be is the Son of Jack

and Yvonne Sampson of Rotonda. He is a musician, vocalist, and songwriter, and is also in Sales.

The future bride is head of staffing for the Port Charlotte Veterans Home.

The two were engaged on the Carnival Cruise Ship Fascination on Nov. 15.

A July 2007 wedding is planned.

## Concert kicks off holiday season

The Clarkston Community Band is set for its annual "Christmas in Clarkston" band concert, conducted by Vince Chrisman with special guests Santa and Mrs. Claus. The free concert will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, at noon in Clarkston High School's Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

"We are pleased to sponsor this family entertainment filled with delightful holiday music to help capture the Christmas spirit," said Tim Goodwin, co-owner of Maxx Self Storage. "I encouraged everyone to bring their cameras to take pictures of their family with the Claus's during intermission."

The band will perform many children's favorites including "Jingle Bells," "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer." Kristofer Libstaff, guest conductor, will lead the band in Leroy Anderson's, "A Christmas Festival" and the traditional "March of the Toys" from Toyland. "Believe" from the movie "Polar Express," arranged for the band by George Sinnott, will be premiered at this concert. Sinnott will then solo on saxophone to "The Christmas Song" by Mel Torme.

During the concert, the audience will be invited to participate in a "Christmas

Sing-A-Long" to help get everyone in the festive holiday mood.

"The community loves this kick-off to the Christmas season and so do the band members - we look forward to this event every year," Chrisman said.

Now in its 11th season, the Clarkston Community Band is one of the area's fastest growing and most respected wind bands.

The band's 52 volunteer musicians dedicate their time and talents to performing free concerts in the Clarkston area, and presenting various educational and family themed concerts.

The band was recently selected to perform internationally on March 25, 2007, at the "Spectacle of Winds" with the Greater Windsor Concert Band in the Capital Theatre in Windsor, Ont., and the Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands, Feb. 24, 2007, in Okemos. The CCB programs are made possible in part by Independence Township Parks and Recreation and the Clarkston Community Schools.

For more information, contact Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 248-625-8223, e-mail [clarkstonband@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkstonband@hotmail.com) or visit [www.clarkstonband.org](http://www.clarkstonband.org).

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# Religion

## St. Nicholas, alias Santa Claus

Once upon a time" there lived a young man called Nicholas.

He lived many years ago, just 300 years after Jesus; at a time when becoming a Christian still was a dangerous thing. It happened all in a far away land, called Asia Minor. That land is known today as Turkey.

Just last week Pope Benedict XVI visited Ephesus while in Turkey. Ephesus was a Christian community founded by St. Paul during his travels in Asia Minor. Ephesus is not too far away from Myra, where the story of Nicholas happened long ago.

Nicholas had an uncle who was a priest. This uncle invited Nicholas to live with him in the monastery after Nicholas' parents died.

When Nicholas grew up, he wanted to join the religious community and eventually become a priest himself. His uncle told him that he first had to let go of the inheritance from his parents, which was quite substantial.

Like Jesus told the young rich man in the Gospel, to first give away his wealth before following him. Nicholas had to make a choice.

In those days news traveled fast in a town. Nicholas heard of the great misfortune that had stricken one of his neighbors and his three daughters. The man had become very poor through misfortune and

was unable to provide the required dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age.

He could see nothing in their future except getting sold into slavery or becoming forced into prostitution in order to support themselves. He and his daughters now lived in a state of despair.

Nicholas found that he could help the neighbor in despair and deal with his own dilemma at the same time.

He filled three small bags with gold coins from his inheritance. In the early hours of the morning when the village was asleep, he threw a bag of gold into the window (in some version of the story it was through the chimney).

He did the same the next night. The father was of course full of joy. He waited and watched during the third night, and sure enough, Nicholas was back and tossed in the third bag.

Nicholas ran when he noticed the father was awake. However the father caught up with him. Nicholas begged him not to tell anyone.

We will never know how long the man kept quiet about Nicholas' generosity. It surely was not Nicholas' only such act of charity. He eventually became the Bishop of Myra and stories about his generosity and love became legendary.

After his death, he became the patron saint of children. During his travels at sea he also had worked wonders for sailors. Travelers and pilgrims continued to spread the tales of St. Nicholas both to East and West.

Please see St. Nicholas, page 9B

### Spiritual Matters

Frieda Arpolka

## In our churches...

The First Baptist Church of Clarkston drama team will perform the original drama, "The Gift of a Lifetime," at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. "Joyous Sounds of Christmas," a musical celebration, will be performed at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17. Free. Call the church, 5972 Paramus Drive, at 248-625-3380.

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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.

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Maranatha Baptist Church of Clarkston, 5790 Flemings Road, will host Dr. Stephen B. Jones, president of Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. Call 248-625-2700.

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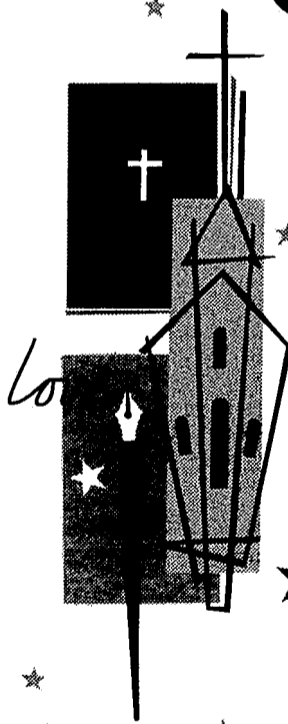
"Blue Christmas" service, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12. The holidays can be difficult for us all: the stresses and strains of trying to offer a time of celebration take their toll. The short service will be followed by light refreshments. For more information, call Sherrie VanderVeen at 248-625-1611, ext. 232.

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Peace Unity Church offers Advent Through Epiphany, Sundays, through Jan. 7, 9 a.m. service and children's church program, at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. Peace Unity will honor and celebrate all that has

Please see In Our Churches, page 9B

# CHURCH DIRECTORY



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6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611

Website: clarkstonumc.org

Sunday Worship:

9:00 am & 11:15 am

Sunday Connection Service:

6:00 pm

Fellowship Time:

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Adult Sunday School: 10:10 am

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7925 Sashabaw Road

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Sat. 6:00 pm

Sunday School 9:45 am

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am

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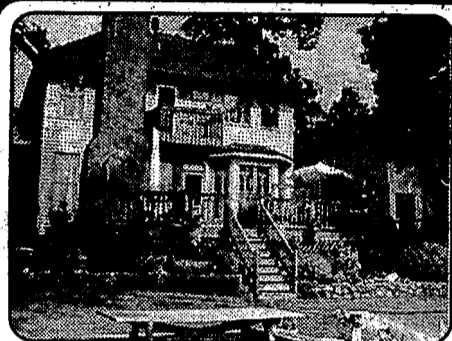
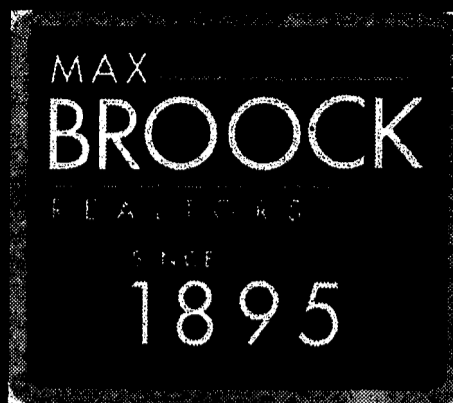
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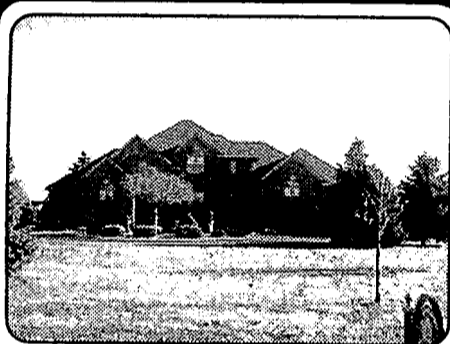
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# Everest students bring the holiday spirit home

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

One popular sight during the month of December is the famous nativity scene. Baby Jesus, surrounded by his parents, three wise men, animals and angels is a common symbol on display near churches.

This year, the eighth-grade students at Everest Academy made a project out of designing and building their own nativity set, which is currently on display inside one of the school's stairwells.

But the students' projects go beyond the typical nativity scene. Divided by a flowing river of water, one half shows the famous images of the first Christmas, while the other was built to reflect modern-day Michigan. A final touch for the project is a bridge, which, according to Father Rivas of Everest Academy, symbolizes the church acting as a bridge between modern lives and the original message of Christmas.

"The church is the bridge to today," Rivas said.

According to Rivas, who is originally from Spain, larger, themed nativity scenes are part of European tradition. People would make annual traditions of visiting several churches to view the unique designs.

"We're trying to bring that tradition here," said Rivas, who added that the eighth-grade girls are also working on a large nativity, which will be on display in the near future. Even though this is the school's first attempt at the tradition, he hopes it will continue with fu-

ture eighth-grade classes.

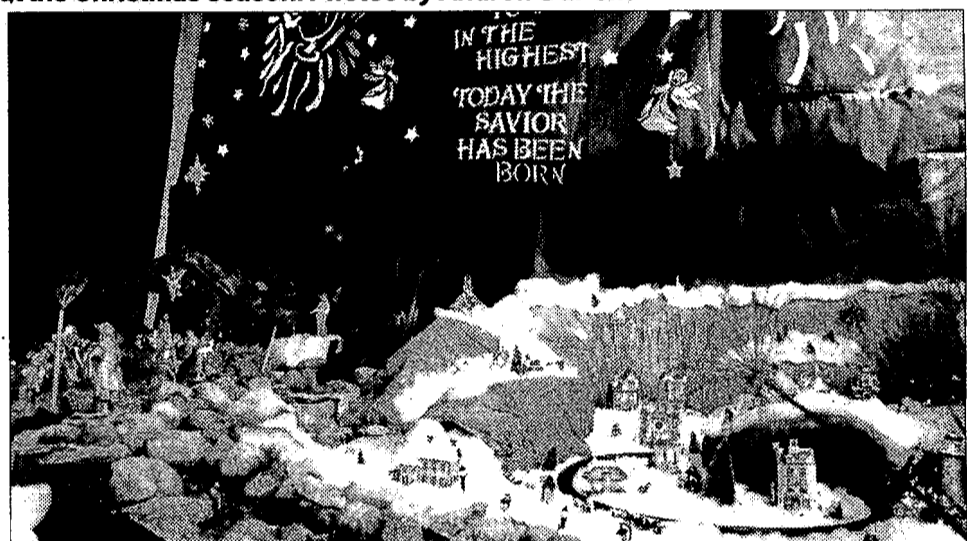
"We have a tradition of the eighth-graders leaving a legacy for the other students," he said.

The students completed work on their scene during their overnight "Share the Christmas Spirit" lock-in, with the help of parents and teachers. In a group interview with *The Clarkston News*, several students commented that the hardest part about building the large scene was carrying all the water necessary to operate the cycling water flow. They also had to install the makeshift "stained glass" mural in the background, which was made of paper and colored filters.

Rivas said the school will hopefully further emulate the European tradition on Dec. 17, when the school will host "Christmas at Everest" from 7-9 p.m. Leading up to the event, individual classrooms at Everest will design and build their own smaller nativity scenes. Visitors to the school will be able to visit each classroom and see their finished project, as well as the two larger scenes on display.



The eighth-grade boys at Everest Academy built a large nativity scene that will remain on display throughout the Christmas season. Photos by Andrew DuPont



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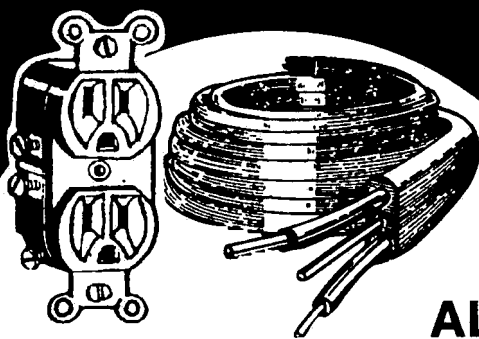
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## St. Nicholas

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The East created the images of St. Nicholas the wonder worker in religious icons, the West the stories of Nicholas as gift giver with a generosity that imaged Jesus to all of us.

The traditions differ from country to country. The love of children and a generosity that images the love of Jesus is always there. In Europe children still hang their stockings at the windows on Dec. 6, for St. Nicholas to fill them.

In other countries, when the Puritans outlawed the festivities on the Eve of St. Nicholas' feast day, years before Charles Dickens's "Scrooges" in *A Christmas Carol*, the stories continued to be passed on in homes and churches.

Generations of immigrants brought them to America. With "Twas the night before Christmas ..." the tradition clearly moved from Dec. 6 to Christmas, a day when all "scrooges" and "grinches" get banished.

Yes, there is a Santa Claus. I believe good overcomes evil. I believe love is stronger than hatred. I believe generosity overcomes the scrooge in us.

True, nobody sees Santa Claus. Yet sometimes the things we do not see are more powerful than those we see.

Like love. Or the love of God.

Santa surely is a witness to that love, a love that God has put into all of our hearts. Even if we sometimes feel more like a grinch.

By Frieda Arpoika, director of Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Community, Clarkston.

Church activities for the community?  
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## In Our Churches

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brought us to where we are now, including the mineral, plant, and animal kingdoms, and the kingdom of humanity, that have prepared us for the new birth (expression) of the Christ within on Christmas Eve. At the Dec. 31 service will be the year-ending Phoenix Fire Burning Bowl Ceremony.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

\*\*\*

St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, holds **Rainbows meetings** Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. Call 248-625-1750.



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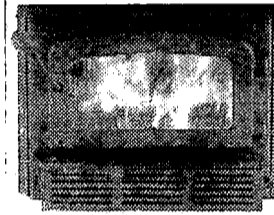
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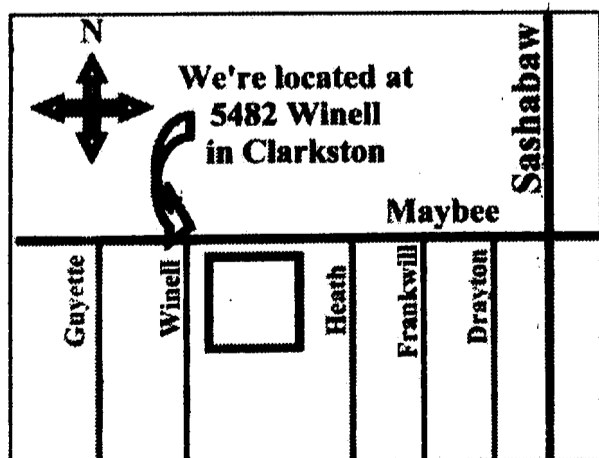
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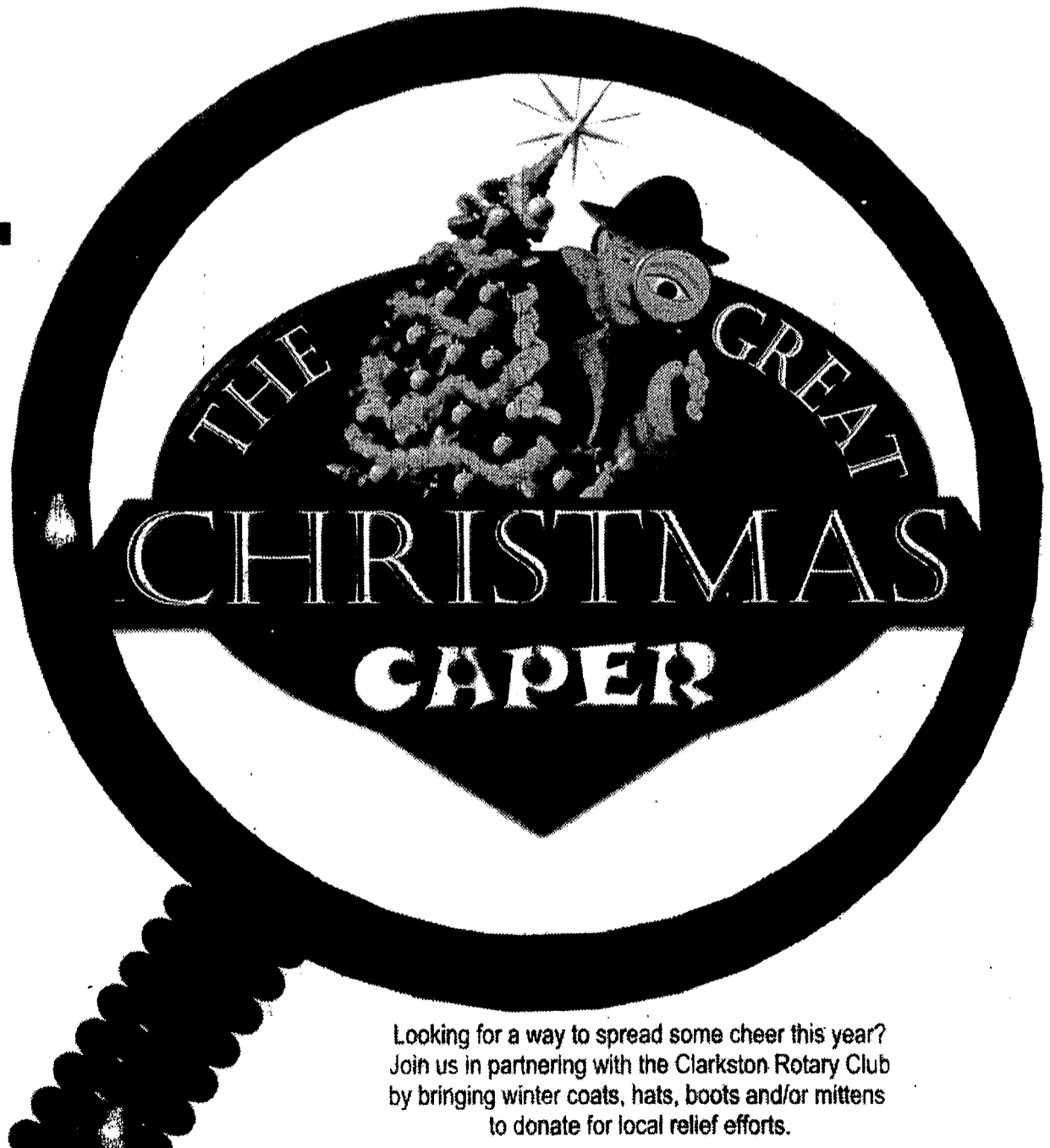
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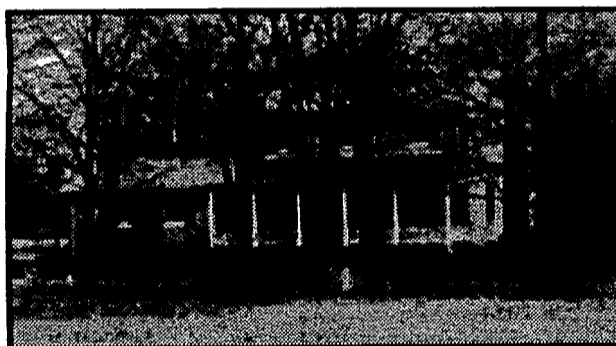
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Cost/Commission to listing Agent/Office	\$699	\$6,000	\$9,000

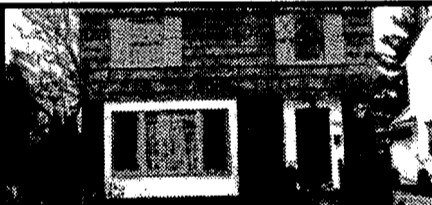
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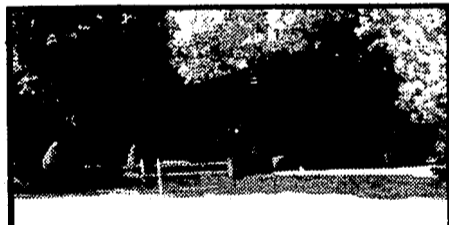
**Chester**  
Birmingham. Tremendous in-town location and a great condo alternative. Completely remodeled on an extra large lot. Hardwood floors throughout, granite kitchen, central vacuum, Florida room and more. Offered at \$549,000.



**Hilltop Court**  
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**Algonquin Ranch**  
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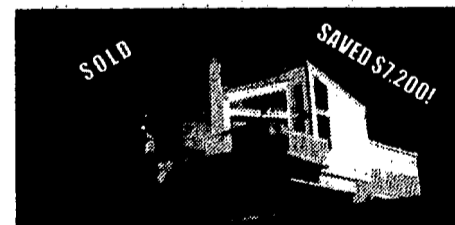
**Algonquin Tri-Level**  
Tree top living from this ravine setting tri-level. Beautiful views and privacy. Immaculate landscaping and a great starter home in a fabulous neighborhood. \$179,000



**Tremonte Circle**  
Newer condo along the Billion Dollar Mile of Oakland Township. Two bedrooms, two baths with one car attached garage with opener. Includes all appliances including washer and dryer. Offered at \$185,000.



**High Grove Way**  
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**Pine Breeze**  
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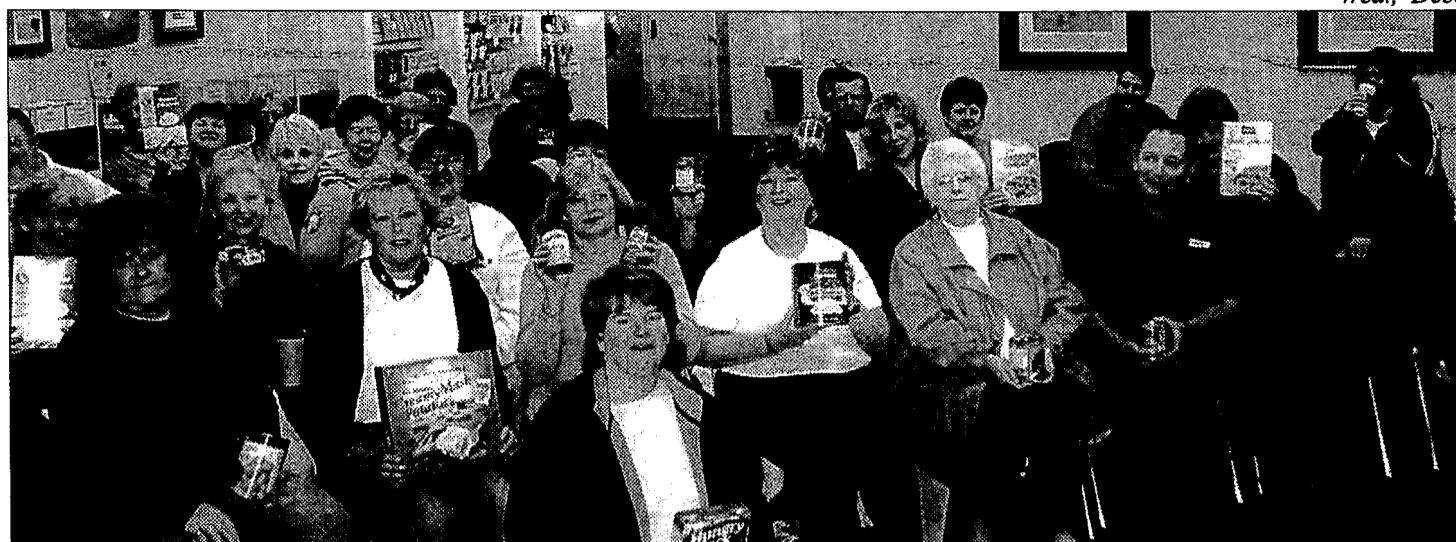
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## Weight Watchers group donates to Lighthouse

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suggested helping out a local charity prior to Thanksgiving, their leader suggested bringing in the amount of food correlating with their weight loss.

"The day we carried in the donated food, representing our loss, was a real eye opener," said Val Cook. "We were

all amazed at how we could carry this extra weight on our bodies, whether we were carrying in a bag or box of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and even 128 pounds. It was a dual purpose exercise. We recognized the good we did for ourselves, while helping out others in this time of need."

## Snowmobile safety clinic set for Jan 8, 10

The Clarkston Health Center will be hosting a two-part "Snowmobile Safety Clinic" from 6-9:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8 and Wednesday, Jan. 10. The cost of the program is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is requested.

This program is appropriate for all ages, but is required for individuals 12-16 years old who operate a snowmobile without an adult. Rules of the trail and other safety tips will be discussed.

Participants are asked to bring their social security card for identification. Individuals must attend both classes to receive their certification. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child(ren) at no additional charge.

To register and/or for more information, call 248-338-5389. This program, which kicks off International Snowmobile Safety Week, Jan. 14-20, is offered through the Community Edu-

cation Department at POH Medical Center.

The Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place just off Dixie Highway, north of White Lake Road, in the shadows of the blue water tower. Other services offered at Clarkston Health Center include a 24/7 emergency services, diagnostics, physical therapy, lab, pharmacy and other specialty physicians.

## Station offers one-stop service

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Clarkston, they said, 'Oh, you're a bunch of farm boys.'

"As I went away to college and came home, the Dixie Highway and Sashabaw corridors were being developed."

He went to college at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where he got his bachelor's degree in business in 1994. Just two years earlier, he met Angela. The couple married in 1996 and moved to Rochester.


Post CMU, Becker went to work in sales in the steel industry before moving to Oakland Fuels. He took his current position and has been with Corrigan, an oil supplier to gas stations, municipalities, and trucking companies, for 12 years now.

As many complain about the cost of gas, Becker explains that the price he charges at his stations will always be fair to customers.

"I try to keep it a fair amount... anyone who comes here will notice I'm fair. I'm never real high, I'm never giving it away. It's always a fair price where you know you're going to pull in and not have to worry, 'What's Becker at today?'"

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# Obituary

## Thomas N. Schirle

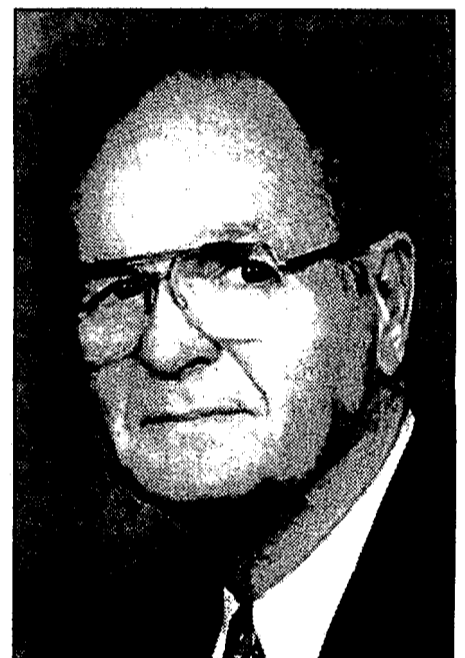


Mr. Schirle passed away on Nov.  
28 at the age of 78. He was the be-  
loved husband of Joan for 56 years,

and the loving father of Linda (Jim)  
Stong, Diane (Tom) Waite, Tom, Phil  
(Lisa), David (Lori), Mary (Jeff)  
Stewart; grandfather of Jeff, Scott,  
David, Joanne, James, Mathew, Jef-  
frey, Cara, Amanda, Olivia, Emily;  
great grandfather of Brent, Houston,  
Dallas, Andrew, Kayla, Billy, Lucas,  
David, Addison; brother of Joseph  
(Marie), Angie Morris, John  
(Jeannette), Ed (Pat), Paul (Gloria).  
He was preceded in death by his sis-  
ter Mary Margaret Kaiser. Funeral  
Mass was Friday at St. Benedict  
Catholic Church, Waterford. Rosary  
service was Thursday at the Lewis E.  
Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.  
Online guest book  
[www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Edgar H. "Ed" Davis

Mr. Davis of Waterford, formerly  
of Davisburg, passed away on Nov. 27  
at the age of 84. He was preceded in  
death recently by his wife Geri. He  
was the father of Joyce (Ronald) Mor-  
ris of Clarkston and Caroline (Chuck)  
Wilkinson of South Carolina; grandpa  
of Greg (Barb) Morris, Amy (Nathan)  
Cook, Melissa (Rob) Ronk, and Scott  
(Roseanne) Wilkinson; and brother of  
Chuck Davis of California. Also sur-  
vived by eight great grandchildren. Ed  
owned and operated grocery stores  
with his wife for many years. Funeral  
service was Friday at Lewis E. Wint  
& Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Visi-  
tation was Thursday. Interment at Ot-  
tawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may  
be made to Susan G. Komen Breast  
Cancer Foundation. On line guestbook  
at [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Stella J. Dreslinski

Mrs. Dreslinski of Florida, for-  
merly of Harper Woods and Clark-  
ston, passed away on Nov. 24 at the  
age of 88. She was preceded in death  
by her husband, Joseph. She was the  
mother of Joanne (Richard)  
Kozlowicz of Clarkston and Joseph  
(Linda) Hart of Florida; grandma of  
Deanna (Brian) Donahoo, Suzanne  
(Tom) Urbin, Brian (Michele)  
Kozlowicz and Kevin (Dawn)

Kozlowicz; also survived by 11 great  
grandchildren and 2 great great grand-  
children. Funeral mass held Saturday  
at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clark-  
ston. Rite of Committal All Saints  
Cemetery, Waterford. Arrangements  
entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son  
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may be made to the American Heart  
Association. Online guest book at  
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## Joseph William Vance

Mr. Vance of Clarkston entered  
into heaven on Nov. 26 at the age of  
69, surrounded by Carol and their chil-  
dren, Margie (Kevin) Christian of  
White Lake, Martha (Hoss) Marshall  
of White Lake, Marie Wojtaszek of  
Bloomfield Hills, Melinda Vance of  
Davisburg, and Michael (Terrie) Vance  
of Ortonville. He was also survived by  
10 grandchildren and seven great  
grandchildren; brother of Evelyn

Walters and Barbara Carpenter; spe-  
cial uncle of Loretta Weiss. Joe retired  
from the Oakland County Road Com-  
mission and served honorably in the  
U.S. Army. Private family services  
have been held. Arrangements en-  
trusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son  
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may be made to Avalon Hospice or  
American Cancer Society. Online guest  
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# Obituary

## Donald S. Erkfritz

Mr. Erkfritz, "Don," of Clarkston, passed away on Nov. 27 at the age of 81. He was the loving husband of Marjorie for 57 years; father of Jeannette "Jenny" Sansom of Clarkston, D. Michael (Robin) Erkfritz of Waterford, and Lisa (Greg) Hilton of Dowagiac. Like a father to Lynda Podzikowski of Clarkston; grandfather of Tammy (Brad) Layton, Scott Sansom, Tina and Karyn Erkfritz, and Cody and Cheyenne Hilton; great grandfather of Tina and Sabrina Layton; brother of Gary (Susan) Erkfritz of California. He was preceded in death by his brother Jim. Don was a man of many talents. He was retired from GE Carboloý, Ingersoll Milling Machine, taught drafting at O.C.C. and was a piano repairman and tuner for Evola Music. Memorial Service was Dec. 4 at the Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe St., Waterford. Friends



visited Friday and Saturday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and the Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Myrtice E. Zimmerman

Myrtice E. Zimmerman of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston and Detroit, passed away on Nov. 29 at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband John. She was the mother of Kathryn (Dr. Bruce) Harlton of Clarkston; grandma of Matthew (Marita Mincy) Harlton, Stephen Harlton and Elizabeth (Christopher) Pesola; great grandmother of one expected in January. Myrtice was a member of Clarkston United Methodist

Church. Memorial service Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m., at Canterbury on the Lake-St. Lukes Chapel, Waterford, with memorial visitation one hour prior to service. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Disabled American Veterans. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## James E. Durham II

Mr. Durham of Louisville, Ky., passed away on Nov. 30 at the age of 68. He was the father of James III (Paula) of Roseville, Scott (Valerie) of South Carolina, Kristin of Clarkston, Lori of Clarkston, and Bradley of Kentucky; grandfather of Patrick, Jeremy, Josh, Jake, Kati, and Shelby; brother of Margaret Ann of Kentucky. Jim retired from the U.S. Army after 32 years of service. He was currently

serving with the Department of Defense in Bahrain in support of our troops. Funeral service was Tuesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lake Orion. Interment Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the U.S.O. Online guest book, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

## Margaret Rockwell

Margaret Rockwell passed away on Dec. 2 at the age of 96. She was the wife of the late William Bruce Gregory, mother of Joan Mountford, Carole King, and Mary Warner (Mrs. F. Stephen), grandmother of David, Laura, and Christopher Mountford, Barbara King Dawson, Edward Gregory King, and Bradford and Andrew Warner, and six great grandchildren. Funeral service Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Franklin Com-

munity Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin, between 13-14 Mile. Visitation begins at church at 10 a.m. Internment at Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac. Memorial gifts may be made to Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, 405 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, 48342. For information, call A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memorials at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

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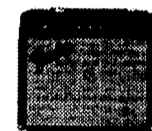
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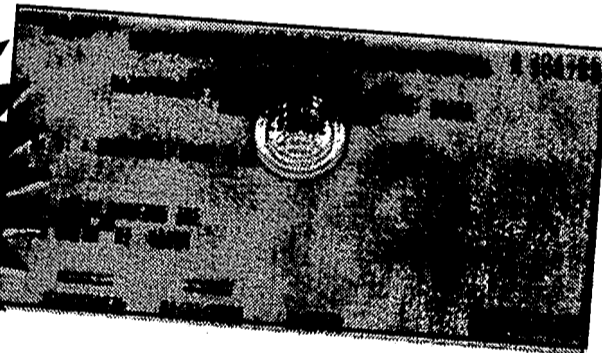
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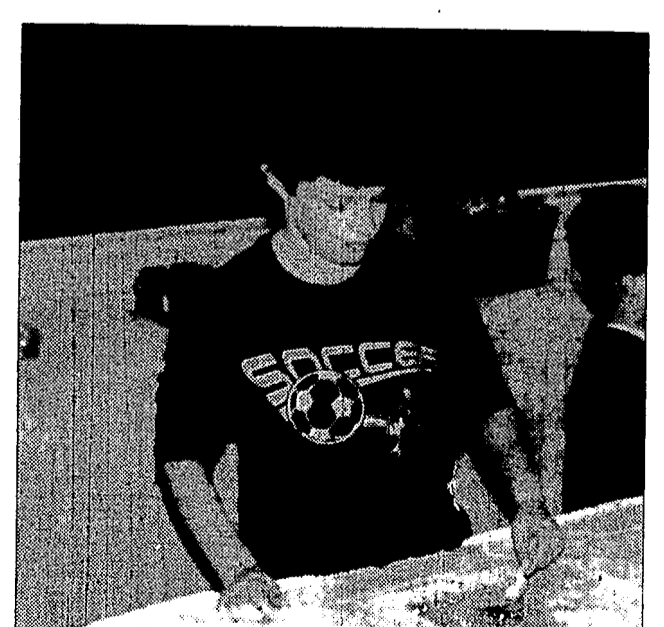
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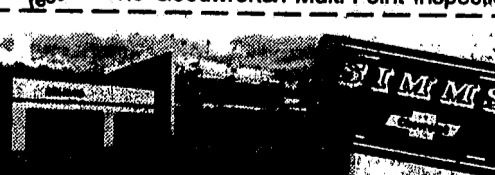
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In the last article, we talked about chronic stress and how it adversely affects our health over time. We mentioned the three types of stress (emotional, physical and chemical) and what happens inside the human body when it is under stress. We also reviewed several things you can do to help reduce the effects of stress in your life. What you may find interesting, is that what you eat, or put into your body, will either help to create stress or help to create balance. This article is centered around nutrition/hygiene, and what is required physiologically for the human body to maintain optimal health.

Think of your body as an ecosystem... because it is! Here are some tips you can introduce into your life TODAY! Along with pure water intake, exercise, proper rest and relaxation, and **proper nerve supply**, improving your nutrition is one more component of achieving optimal health. After all, what you put into your body, ultimately becomes you. So let's get started...

The first thing you'll need are cooking materials. The best materials to use are glass, stoneware, stainless steel, or cast iron. Slow-cookers, blenders, juicers and steamers are a 'must have'. Avoid the use of non-stick cookware, aluminum, or treated surfaces. Avoid the microwave. (Microwaves are similar to a nuclear power plant- there is little nutritional value when it's done cooking). Also avoid frying (vegetables) with oils. Instead, try steaming, and then add healthy oils after steaming. Or better yet, eat it raw! Here are some healthy nutrition/hygiene tips:

OK, I'll start with the bad news...here are some things you should **AVOID**. These things are toxic to your body and detrimental to your health. Simple as that!

- Non-filtered water (tap)
- Artificial sweeteners (aspartame, sucralose and others), and food coloring
- MSG/hydrolyzed protein (MSG in disguise)
- Added salt
- Genetically Modified agriculture (GMO's)
- Pesticide/Chemical sprayed fruits and veggies (including sprayed dried fruits). However, even a sprayed veggie is better than a candy bar!
- Soy products (with the exception of Tofu, soy sprouts, and soy nuts)
- Shellfish (bottom feeders), tuna, and any farmed fish

- Smoked meats (full of nitrates/nitrites and carcinogens)
- Antibiotic-fed, Hormone-fed, Grain-fed meats
- Pork (high in parasites, mold spores in fat)
- Fried foods
- Alcohol (yes, even wine is bad) and Caffeine (I know, I know)
- Simple, refined sugars (which are in almost everything these days) Includes white bread, white rice and refined pastas
- Corn syrup
- Hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated fats (also in almost everything!)
- Trans fats
- Chemical additives and preservatives (including food coloring)
- Highly Processed/Mass Produced Dairy Products
- Processed food- If you eat this, know that you are paying a price in terms of cell function and health. (If it has a label on it, it probably isn't food)
- Avoid Household Toxins, such as chemical cleaners and soaps, drycleaning, air-sprays, anti-perspirants, chemical perfumes, chemical hair products, anti-bacterial soaps, chlorinated water (get a filter), carpet glue, chemical based paints, particle board and plywood (glue is toxic), gasoline fumes, cigarette smoke (surprise, surprise), lawn and garden pesticides and herbicides, plastic food containers-especially soft plastic (use glass instead), tracking industrial chemicals into your house (take off your shoes), poor ventilation (open your windows), mercury sometimes found in fillings and vaccinations, fire retardants (highly toxic), cordless and cell phones

Here's the good news... the following are the things you should **ENJOY** on a regular basis.

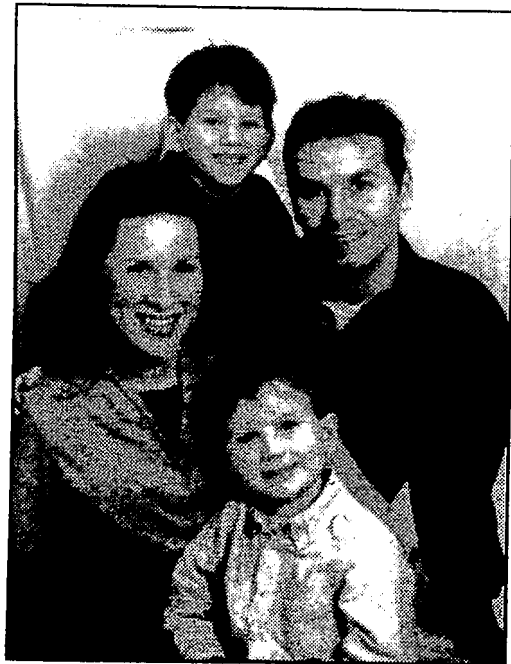
- Organic, Fresh, GREEN leafy vegetables
- Green leafy vegetables
- Did I say Green leafy vegetables yet???
- (These should make up the largest percentage of your diet!)
- EAT RAW!
- Minimally processed foods
- Slow-cooked, antibiotic-free, hormone-free, grass-fed, free range organic meats (that's a mouthful!)
- Organic, Vine-ripened LOCAL fruits and veggies (If you can't buy organic, use a veggie spray and wash the heck out of them before they reach your mouth!)... Raw is best!

- Filtered/Distilled water - You should aim to drink about 1/2 your weight (in ounces) every day.
- Limited grains (Whole grains only)
- Organic Eggs
- Cold-Pressed, Extra virgin Olive oil and Coconut oil (Your body really does need fat!!!)
- Flax seed oil and/or Fish oil (Omega Fatty Acids)
- Use natural cleaning and beauty products, regular filtered vacuuming, take your shoes off indoors, wood windows, NEVER spray your lawn or garden, use glass food containers, keep windows open as much as possible, go outside at least 10 min. every day, get a headset for your cell phone
- Local Honey (unless you're under 2 yrs. old)
- Beans and Legumes
- Nuts and seeds

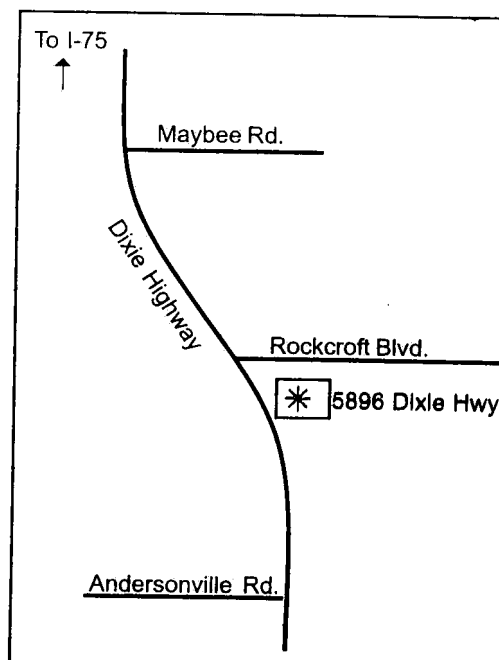
To boil it down, eat organic, non-processed foods whenever possible and vine-ripened, local fruits and veggies whenever possible. Oh yeah, and did I mention especially green leafy veggies!? OK, you get the point! Here's a hint - grow your own garden in the summer. It not only produces the best food you can eat, but can become a fun and creative project for you and your family! Or shop in the organic "Health Food" Section of your grocery store, or at the nearest health food store. By the way, if they call it the "Health Food Section," what's the rest??? HMMM!

If all of this seems confusing, remember that it is a process, and take baby steps at a time. If you're interested in learning more about nutrition and how to get the most out of your diet, we're here to help you reach your many health goals, so just email us (go to [lifepointechiropractic.com](mailto:lifepointechiropractic.com) and contact us) and we'll answer any questions you may have! Always remember, your choices determine your health!

Drs. Greg and Becky Ramboer, best-selling co-authors of Lifepointe Chiropractic Center in Clarkston, are dedicated to inspiring Lifetime Family Wellness. This is part four in their Wellness Lifestyle Educational Series. This particular article is not meant to diagnose or treat any condition. It is simply a general guideline to help strive toward the highest level of health possible. Look for part five in the January 3, 2007 issue of the Clarkston News/Penny Stretcher. For more information, visit [lifepointechiropractic.com](http://lifepointechiropractic.com) or call (248) 623-6107.



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### Benefit at Pete's Coney on Dec. 6

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The benefit will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. The purpose of this benefit is to raise money for the Volunteers in Action Toy Drive.

All gratuities will be donated to purchase toys for underprivileged children. Volunteers for the evening are from Everest Academy, also located in Clarkston.

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# What kind of shopper are you? Christmas buying habits

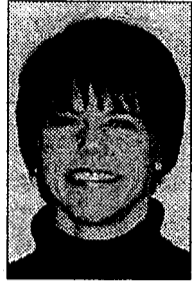
**Sandy Fowler,**  
President and Founder of Reclaim U

Christmas is coming ..... Are you feeling joy and excitement, or fear and stress? Do you envision gatherings of family and friends, or piles of bills and arguments about money? Whatever you're feeling, one thing is for certain, how you buy gifts for others, and how you feel about shopping, are directly related to your personal organizational style.

We all have our own personal organizational style, and it affects the way we shop for gifts. Are you a person who makes a list of everyone you need to buy a present for then creates a plan

to shop for them? Do you determine a target amount of money and a maximum that you can spend for each person, then track your spending? If this sounds like you, then you are probably more of a left-brain thinker. You probably have a place for everything and everything in its place. You like order and structure and tend to rely on facts more than "gut feelings".

Or... do you go shopping when the mood strikes you, then see something and just know it is the perfect gift? Does a gift budget feel confining? If this sounds like you, then you are more of a "right brained" thinker. When it comes to paperwork you probably "pile" more than "file". You love change and get energized when you can "fly by the seat of your pants". You also tend to rely on feelings more than facts when



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## Business in the New Millennium

Change has been in the air or in your hair!

Business in today's climate is requiring a heart and mind connection~

Since the beginning of the 2000 era, change has accelerated to new levels...

Yet, change has been occurring since the beginning of life itself...

How long is that, almost as long as mankind has resisted change...



**Maria Rotondo Mark**

It's not a, no brainer, not an automatic, or just the manual on paper...

As soon as that manual is written, it's time to re-think the plan~

Flexibility is a must in today's hectic paced lifestyles~

A formal education opens a door~

As a society, we seem to approach change as we see truths and lies...

How does nature handle change?

On a good note, the stock market is an invisible factor...

Nature is vulnerable and affected by choices of humankind...

The chain of life must cope and adjust to the actions of others...

It is imperative that respect and responsibility be an intricate part of curriculum...

In schools, homes, businesses, and community at large we must consider respect...

Responsibility is a choice with action, not a one-way street...

No matter how rapidly change comes, basic values must remain in tact it's our legacy...

The ongoing life model, care for others and the environment...

If the new Millennium has brought a new order of doing business...

Must be the full circle of what goes round comes round...

Get too far from center the pendulum swings back~

It's life's way, not just for humans to run another way...

To keep it open requires perseverance, commitment and passion...

How much can any business budget for marketing and advertising?

It must be character, it must be morals, and it must be values~

They shine through most marketing ploys or advertising gimmicks.

Our satisfied clients are our most valued marketing tools...

We may know them as friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors...

The folks we meet at the supermarkets, churches or other social gatherings~

Anywhere and everywhere acknowledgement is exchanged...

That's an ally, a potential new contact to spread the good word of respect~

As individuals grow, business grows; educate, participate and appreciate~

Life is for the living; retirement is not a destination or resignation~

Simply another transition of life's full circle~

To stop, look, appreciate and proceed with ultimate loving care!

**Maria Rotondo Mark**  
of MakeOver Place Salon (Clarkston)

making decisions. (To determine your organizational style complete the "My Style Quiz" at [www.ReclaimU.com](http://www.ReclaimU.com))

Each style has its strengths and weaknesses. Sometimes conflicts arise when you give gifts jointly with someone who has a different style than yours. How can you avoid conflicts? Recognizing your own style and the style of the person you give gifts with is the first step. The second step is appreciating the value each of you brings to the table. The third step is communication. Talk to each other and agree on a gift giving plan. By doing these things you can turn gift giving into a wonderful experience.

### Tips for working together:

- Use an old check register to record credit card transactions.
- Share the responsibilities.

• Look for gifts throughout the year and stow them in a closet. Left-brains will be more creative when you aren't trying to check people off a list. Right-brains will be easier on the budget this way.

• Change your gift giving arrangements (i.e. If everyone buys a gift for everyone else, then drawing names and buying a gift for just one person could be more fun and less stressful).

• Consider donating the gift money to charity and just enjoy the people.

• Give gifts of time through homemade gift certificates (go to the theatre together, take an adult parent to lunch, take a child beachcombing).

And above all, remember this is a season of love.

Merry Christmas!

## Oakland Launches Mobile Services Pilot

Oakland County's award-winning web site [www.oakgov.com](http://www.oakgov.com) is now accessible to even the most on-the-go Internet users. Selected information from the County's 15,000+ web pages can now be viewed with small-screen web browsers such as those used in wireless Internet enabled phones and PDAs.

Users of small-screen web browsers who visit Oakland County's web site [www.oakgov.com](http://www.oakgov.com) will be automatically directed to the Mobile Services pilot menu. The pilot currently offers a selection of the most commonly requested Oakland County information, including County government telephone numbers, access to recent County news, and the locations of County golf courses. Citizens will also be able to use Mobile Services to get emergency alert

information when necessary.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said, "This exciting new service goes hand-in-hand with Oakland County's leading eGovernment programs. By continuing to break down barriers between citizens and government, Oakland County remains at the forefront of effective government service."

More information about the Mobile Services pilot is online for traditional browsers at <http://www.oakgov.com/mobile>. The County plans to expand its Mobile Services offerings after evaluation of the usage of the pilot site.

Oakland County is the fourth most digitally advanced county in America among counties with populations of 500,000.

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# Good Eats: *the biz from local restaurants*

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Clarkston Tap owner Bill Grannis displays the restaurant's Saganaki, or flaming cheese.

## Flaming cheese, chicken potpie are a lunchtime favorite

### Hot Lunch Menu Item of The Month

Stay warm by the fire this winter by visiting the Clarkston Tap for its Saganaki, or flaming cheese. The Saganaki is made of Kasseri cheese served with pita bread, ignited by a non-alcoholic flaming brandy extract. The signature item is only \$5.59 and it matches those of Greek restaurants.

"Everyone tells us they like it better than Greektown," said owner Bill Grannis.

Flaming cheese has been on the menu at the Clarkston Tap since its 2003 opening. Adding this Greek cuisine was like

following tradition for Grannis.

"That was a way of our meal, Greek tradition," he said.

If you're not into fire, you must try the area's most requested chicken potpie. You will not be disappointed.

The Clarkston Tap restaurant is located at 58010 Ortonville Road in Clarkston. The Tap is open from 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, and from noon-midnight on Sunday. For more information, call 248-625-0077.

## Chocolate ... A Health Food?

By Christie H. Kojima, owner  
The Chocolate Moose

"All I really need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

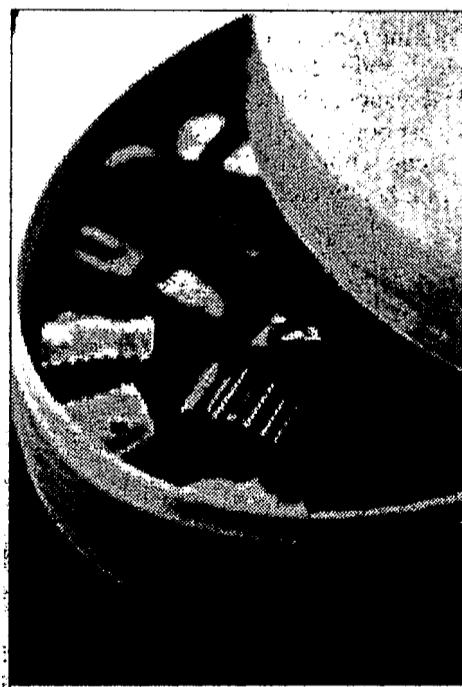
Lucy from *Peanuts*

I have often been known to rationalize that because eating chocolate makes me happy, and being happy makes me feel good; chocolate must be a health food!

Fortunately for those of us who like to indulge on occasion, there is now scientific evidence that, while not necessarily a health food, chocolate does possess nutritional benefits that can ease our guilt about partaking of one of life's more delicious pleasures.

The Swiss eat more chocolate per person than anyone else in the world, followed closely by Germans and Belgians. And it may not be just a coincidence that these three countries can make claim to very high life expectancy rates.

Chocolate has been regarded as a nutritional and medicinal aid since the Mayans and Aztecs first consumed it over 3000 years ago. In more mod-



ern times, chocolate has been used to treat anemia, it has been attributed with having a positive effect on kidney function and, because it is a good source of magnesium, it has been used for regulating blood pressure and building bones.

More recent research has focused on the antioxidant-rich flavonoids contained in chocolate, which may help in decreasing the risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease and Alzheimer's disease. These flavonoids have been shown to help reduce blood clots and heart disease by keeping the blood flowing through relaxation of the arteries. They keep "bad" cholesterol from being oxidized, which normally leads to clogging of the arteries and they help increase the "good" cholesterol, which keeps the arteries open and healthy.

While some milk chocolate can have high flavonoid content, most dark chocolate has two to four times more of these flavonoids than milk chocolate, and white chocolate has none. It all depends on the cocoa content and quality of the chocolate; the higher the cocoa content, the higher the flavonoid content.

So go ahead and indulge - in moderation! And when you feed that sweet tooth, choose a quality product. A rich piece of chocolate containing a higher cocoa content will not only offer you more health benefits; it will satisfy your craving quicker and reduce your chances of over-indulging.

The Chocolate Moose is located at 23 S. Main Street Clarkston. The phone is 248-922-9848

# WTB Recipes: Elegant entertaining

**Family Features** - Looking for a way to simplify your holiday to-do list? Whether you're planning a large party or an intimate family gathering, celebrating with friends and family is often the best part of the holiday season. Why not make your celebration one you'll remember more for the time you spent out of the kitchen than in it?

Consider hosting a holiday hors d'oeuvre party. A simple and elegant alternative to a sit-down or buffet-style dinner party, this option gives you the freedom to serve a variety of appetizers and beverages and to cater to almost any palate, while keeping preparation and cleanup to a minimum.

Imagine your table lavishly spread with platters of mouth-watering miniature crab cakes, tender tiny quiche, perfectly sliced deli spirals and flaky mushroom turnovers — and all it takes to prepare the feast is thawing things out or placing them in the oven. While this might sound like a holiday daydream, in reality, the menu is within any host's reach. Supermarkets and warehouse club stores both offer a wide assortment of high-quality, pre-made frozen appetizers, like those mentioned above by Nancy's.

For those who want to keep it simple but aren't satisfied until they add their own personal touch, consider a few simple, from-scratch sauces that will add a unique flair to purchased appetizers. Guests are sure to notice your extra effort when they're presented with mounded bowls of blue cheese dip, white wine cream sauce, sun-dried tomato and garlic aioli and cranberry sauce. These dips and sauces can also do double-duty with cracker and vegetable trays, so you can add even more variety and pizzazz without extra work. To round out the feast, offer your beverages of choice like wine, champagne, sodas, hot-spiced cider or eggnog.

To ensure that your party planning stays stress-free, you can prepare the dips and sauces up to 24 hours ahead and keep them refrigerated. Finally, make sure you read the appetizer packages ahead of time. Some items require only thawing, while others may need a quick turn in the oven.

Now that you have your holiday get-together planned, and you've cut your party prep to a minimum, you just might come to a very jolly realization: Your holiday to-do list just got shorter.

## Party Planning Tips

Need a little extra help for that party? Let Nancy lend a hand. Go to [www.nancys.com](http://www.nancys.com) and use free e-mail invitations for your party — they'll even keep track of your RSVPs. Or, go to Nancy's party builder and enter the number of guests and duration of your party. You'll get locations of the stores nearest you that sell the appetizers, plus recommendations on how many appetizers you'll need. You'll also find links to a party planning checklist, rules of thumb for how much food and drink to serve and themed party suggestions.

## Blue Cheese Dip

Prep time: 10 minutes

Process time: 2 minutes

Yield: about 1 cup

1/3 cup crumbled blue cheese

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup sour cream

Salt and pepper to taste

In a food processor fitted with metal blade, combine blue cheese, mayonnaise and sour cream. Pulse until ingredients are incorporated; add salt and pepper to taste. Transfer to serving bowl.

Recommended with: Nancy's Genoa Salami & Monterey Jack Spiral, Tomato & Provolone Spiral

## Sun-Dried Tomato and Garlic Aioli

Prep time: 10 minutes

Process time: 3 minutes

Yield: about 1 cup

1 large clove garlic, quartered

1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup sour cream

Salt and pepper to taste

In a food processor, pulse garlic until finely chopped. Add sun-dried tomatoes and chop.

Add mayonnaise, sour cream and salt and pepper. Pulse until ingredients are incorporated. Transfer to serving bowl.

Recommended with: Nancy's Genoa Salami & Monterey Jack Spiral, Turkey Pesto Spiral, Tomato & Provolone Spiral

## White Wine Cream Sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 15 minutes

Yield: about 2 cups

2 tablespoons butter

4 teaspoons minced shallots

1/2 cup white wine

1 pint heavy cream

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter in large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add shallots and sauté 1 minute.

Add wine and cream; cook 12 minutes over medium heat, stirring frequently. Add salt and parsley. Season with more salt and pepper, if needed. Transfer to serving bowl.

Note: If you prepare white wine cream sauce ahead and refrigerate, it will need to be re-heated. Warm up 2 ounces of cream in saucepan and bring to simmer. Then add refrigerated cream sauce by whisking in slowly. Continue whisking until hot and bubbly; add 1 tablespoon butter to finish.

Recommended with: Nancy's Mushroom Turnovers

## Cranberry Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Yield: about 2 cups

1 12-ounce bag fresh cranberries

1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1 tablespoon orange zest

1/2 cup red wine

3/4 cup maple syrup

Combine all ingredients in saucepan.

Cook over medium-high heat; bring to boil. When cranberries start to pop, reduce heat to simmer. Cook about 20 minutes, partially covered. Stir occasionally; make sure mixture doesn't boil over. Transfer to serving bowl.

Recommended with: Nancy's Cheese Soufflé, Turkey & Pepper Jack Spiral



Nancy's Florentine Petite Quiche, Tomato & Provolone Spirals, Lorraine Petite Quiche and Genoa Salami & Monterey Jack Spirals liven up any party (pictured from left to right). The quiche and Tomato & Provolone Spirals also offer vegetarian options for guests.



## Ready for the holidays!

Roger Knapp, owner of Red Knapp's American Grill, serves up holiday spirits from behind the bar of his establishment. Red Knapp's is located at 6722 Dixie Highway in Independence Township. For more information contact Red Knapp's at (248) 625-3900.



Nancy's Champagne Collection includes an elegant assortment of appetizers like Florentine Puffs, Crab Cakes, Mushroom Turnovers and Santa Fe Tartlets.

## Time for turkey, gifts, giving and ID theft

By Tabethia "Tab" Tiseo

Premier Employee Insurance Benefits LLC

Ho Ho Ho. It's that time of year, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. It's time for buying Christmas presents, family gatherings, company Christmas parties and let us not forget about the retailers who enjoy our company and our contribution to their bottom line!

Speaking of contributions, there are thieves amongst us who are lurking, just waiting for the one opportunity to steal your identity. Identity Theft is not just about credit cards. There are five common types of Identity Theft and Fraud: Driver's License Identity Theft, Social Security Identity Theft, Medical Identity Theft, Character/Criminal Identity Theft and Financial Identity Theft. The Identity Theft Resource Center conducts its own studies but also reviews research groups and governmental agencies. To date the combined results show that there are 10 million victims per year, that's 19 people every minute that become a new victim of Identity Theft or Fraud.

In a bulletin published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, an estimated 3.6 million households were affected by Identity Theft during a 6-month period in 2004. If an entire year was considered, that could mean that 7.2 million households were affected in a 12 month period. According to the U.S. Department of Justice Statistics, identity theft is now passing up drug trafficking as the number one crime in the nation.

Let's talk Michigan specific Identity Theft for 2005. According to the Federal Trade Commission, in 2005 Michigan had 7,139 victims reporting one or more forms of Identity Theft. 70% of these victims are 18 to 60 years of age. Each victim spends at minimum 600 working hours and an average of \$2000.00 to restore their name and their credit.

Here are the number of victims by Top Cities: Detroit: 1,122; Grand Rapids: 204; Lansing: 139; Ann Arbor: 137; Flint: 115. Included in the top five types of Identity Theft reported, number four is Government Documents or Benefits Fraud (331 complaints or 7%) and number five is Employment Related Fraud (421 complaints or 6%). Employers, you must protect your employees' and your customers' information! There are several tools available to assist you in protecting your employee information and your customer information. Here are some websites that can help guide you: [www.hlpaa.org](http://www.hlpaa.org), [www.ftc.gov/os/2004/11/041118disposalfrn.pdf](http://www.ftc.gov/os/2004/11/041118disposalfrn.pdf) and [www.ftc.gov/os/2002/05/050506fr36585.pdf](http://www.ftc.gov/os/2002/05/050506fr36585.pdf). One option available to an individual or an employer is Pre-Paid Legal and/or Identity Theft.

If you would like more information about these programs please contact us at [www.petb.net](http://www.petb.net). Have a happy and safe holiday season and remember "Our Dedication Is To Your Benefit."

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Tabethia at [tab@petb.net](mailto:tab@petb.net) or call 866-627-4111



Tabethia "Tab" Tiseo, owner of Premier Employer Ins. Benefits

## Keeping in touch is great marketing

By Vicky Winkler, President  
The Marketing Shop

Company newsletters got really popular a few years back - too popular actually. Now they are inserted into

just about every bill you get from the big companies. What has happened to these ones that come in the bills? People have stopped reading them! Why? You are opening that envelope with a goal in mind that only has to do with having to pay a bill.

Despite this illustration, newsletters are not a bad thing - they can still be a very valuable marketing tool. It's all about using them to keep in touch with your customers.

Your past and current customers are your most important target market. Keeping in touch with them keeps you foremost in their mind not only for them to utilize your services or buy your product again, but also for them to re-

fer others to you. Contacts with current customers can be for repeat sales, "up" sales to a bigger/better/larger product or service, and/or helping them feel good about a decision they currently made to purchase from you. Here are a few "keeping in touch" ideas:

**Mail a Printed Piece.** A nice, large colorful postcard gets read! Newsletters should be eye catching, with a good lead story followed by short and easy-to-read articles (and NOT sent with invoices or bills!). Your phone number and website (need both for printed pieces!) should be easy to find. Mail periodically, but don't overdo it - don't mail too often, it gets annoying.

**Offer an offer.** A special offer can be a great way to get a client back in the door. Just be careful to not have too many offers, so customers ONLY come to see you with a coupon in hand.

**Conduct Birthday Mailings.** Great idea and spreads out your mailings. Schenden's Spas mails about 300 letters each month to all clients with birthdays that particular month. Eventually, everyone in their database gets a mailing, and it's easier on the staff to just mail 300 at a time versus 3,600!

**Call Top Clients.** If appropriate! Use your judgment and be sure clients are the type that would not find a phone call invasive. Personally, I know the clients I

can do this with, and those I cannot. And, it needs to be sincere - you are calling them because you have something that can fulfill a need and not just to make a sale.

**Host Special Client Events.** Depends on your type of business, but can be great for retail. A jeweler I know has special evening "gem previews" and other special engagements for her current customers. Ladies Night at the local hardware store is always a big hit in Oxford!

**Don't Mail Christmas Cards.** I'll get yelled at about this, but don't bother! It's the worst "get lost in the clutter" type of mailing you can do. Keep it to family and friends.

**Give Christmas Gifts.** To your best clients - do bother! A unique, special gift hand-delivered to your top clients goes a long way.

While there are many things you can do to keep in contact with your clients, it is important to have a plan of keeping in touch - get the 2007 calendar out right now and map out when you are going to execute your ideas! It's a lot easier to follow through when you have committed things to your calendar.

Vicky Winkler, President of The Marketing Shop, can be reached at 248-310-9103 or at [vicky@themarketingshoponline.com](mailto:vicky@themarketingshoponline.com)



Vicky Winkler, owner of The Marketing Shop, Oxford.

## Grow your employees, grow your business

(A series of articles designed to help you improve employee and business performance)

By Ronald E. DeLorme, president  
Manage Max

Congratulations! You have a very tough job and you are good at it. You manage/operate a business and you are responsible for everything. To your credit, you understand that business is all about results.

One of your goals is to grow your business. So, where do you start? Many best-in-class companies like Disney and the Ritz-Carlton are investing in their employees - they grow their employees, knowing that their people will help grow the business. Here are some fast facts business leaders like you need to know.

American businesses are investing BILLIONS of dollars each year into employee training and development.

Best-in-class companies tend to provide each employee with more hours of training each year than do their competitors who do not perform as well.

Many best-in-class companies provide each employee with 20-100 hours of training per year.

Best-in-class companies believe that employee development provides a big payoff - and they have the results to prove it! These great companies know

that developing their employees provides them with strategic and tactical business advantages. They know that their more knowledgeable and skilled employees will drive business growth.

In regard to employee development, what else can we learn from best-in-class companies?

One way to improve corporate performance is to improve the job performance of employees. At many of these great companies, employees at all levels (from the President to the newest employee) are expected to be involved in continuing education efforts that are designed to enhance job performance.

Employee development activities/programs need to be designed specifically to build the skills your employees need. These companies design their own programs or hire external experts to create the program - whichever will achieve the best results.

Best-in-class companies use a variety of methods to meet the learning needs of their employees. Examples include classroom training, computer based training, self-instructional programs in workbooks, structured work experiences, programs outside the company, mentoring, coaching, and so on.

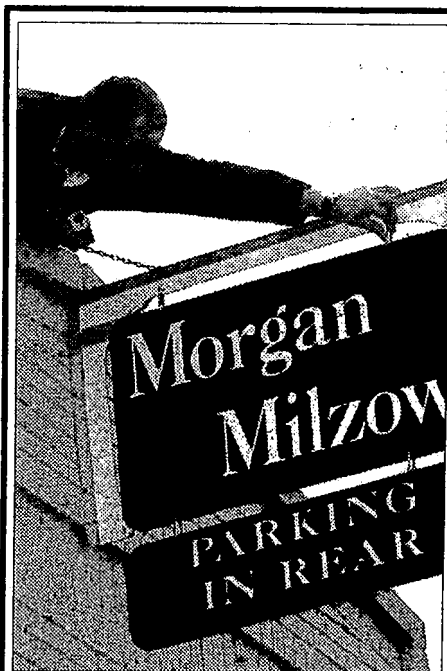
Based on years of success, they know that they must grow their employees in order to grow the business.

What are you doing to develop and grow yourself and your employees?

If you have comments or questions about this month's article, please contact Ron DeLorme, ManageMax Performance Improvement, 248.396.5031. Wishing you and yours a great holiday season!



Ronald DeLorme, president of Manage Max



### Sign of the times

Alex Szilagyi, residential builder, and his crew rehang the sign at Morgan & Milzow on Main Street, Clarkston. The sign needed repair after being damaged in a storm. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Oxford Bank increases fourth quarter dividends

Oxford Bank announced a fourth-quarter cash dividend of \$0.30 per common share. This represents a 7.14 percent, or two cent, increase over the cash dividend paid in the fourth quarter of 2005. The year-to-date dividend payout by the Corporation now stands at \$1.14 per share compared to \$1.12 twelve months prior.

Oxford Bank Corporation's fourth-quarter cash dividend was paid to shareholders of record on November 24. Shareholders will receive their dividend on December 8. At September 30, there were 1,279,630 common shares outstanding. Please see Designing on page 7



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## WTB Management

### What successful businesses have in common

By Michael A. Campian

How does a company become successful? Thousands of small businesses start up each year and a good number of those companies have learned what it really takes to survive the early startup years and become successful enterprises.

Many traits show up again and again when examining the reasons behind a successful business. Below are many of the traits you must have to become a prosperous business.



**Michael A. Campian**, partner B2B CFO, CIO, LLP

**Company Culture.** Culture is about attracting and hiring the people who would be most successful in that specific organization. It's about driving the behavior that makes the company successful.

**Customer Service.** Simply put, taking care of your customers. Many companies integrate customer service into their business culture through training and the design of relevant business processes.

**Attitude.** The most successful business owners understand that it is all about people: hiring and retaining the right people, eliminating ineffective people and providing the necessary resources for employees to thrive and master their tasks.

**Business Strategy.** A complex strategy or business plan isn't necessary to achieve success. A good business plan defines and drives the activities and behaviors of the entire organization. A sound strategy should include a financial plan, marketing differentiators, and product strategy as well as a plan for employee retention.

**Discipline.** Discipline is all about executing the strategies and then staying the course. Staying focused on your core markets and measuring success as defined by your business strategy.

**Risk.** Successful business owners are not afraid to take calculated risks with a clear outcome in mind. They understand that being in business is about managing and responding to change. Companies that succeed embrace change and respond to challenges presented by the market, the competition or changes in general business conditions.

**Financial Roadmap.** An important attribute is the creation of a financial roadmap and budget - and then having the discipline to follow it. A sound finan-

cial plan is the cornerstone of a great business plan.

**Business Processes.** This is how things are done within a business. The intention is to increase productivity and reduce costs while generating the same (or better) outcomes. Continuously improve business processes to become more efficient and productive and to respond to market changes faster while providing better service to customers.

**Information Technology.** While technology is important, it doesn't have to be complex or costly to be effective. Effective technology is probably the most important enabler for change that a company can introduce.

**Sales.** Every company's approach to sales is different. The concept of selling is a process that can be measured and improved, like all business processes. A business must have a consistent, measurable and repeatable sales process and should engage professional sales trainers to create consistency within the selling process.

**Training.** Successful business owners implement a culture of continuous learning. For training to be successful, however, there must be a direct link back to the business plan and an understanding of how training supports the successful implementation of the business strategy.

**Team of advisors.** Without exception a team of trusted advisors is necessary for success. Business owners prefer to pay for advice because they are looking for someone who would challenge them, hold them accountable, ask them important questions and introduce them to others who could help them when necessary.

**Work/life Balance.** Entrepreneurs build their lives around their business, and it's almost impossible to distinguish between their social lives and their business lives.

**Leadership.** By asking for feedback, analyzing the results, developing a focused action plan for change and following-up, leaders are perceived as more effective by direct reports, team leaders, and customers.

**Operational Excellence.** This is the glue that holds everything together. Each result you want to change needs some exploration into the depths of the people, processes, technology and information. Businesses that spend the effort and brainpower to figure out problems this way set themselves up to achieve excellence as they enhance their business performance.

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## T&C Unites for United Way campaign

T&C Federal Credit Union's staff came together again this year to increase their contribution to the United Way Campaign by 5.17%. Their generosity, along with branch fundraisers, raised a total of \$31,227.51 to be given to citizens in Southeast Michigan who need assistance.

The campaign ran during the month of October and attracted 124 T&C employees to contribute to the theme "Giving Time

to 'What Matters.'"

"This is an important cause that really does make a difference in people's lives," said Dianne Addington, President/CEO. "It reinforces what T&C stands for, which is giving back to the community and people helping people by placing others first."

United Way is just one of several initiatives that T&C takes part in throughout the year.

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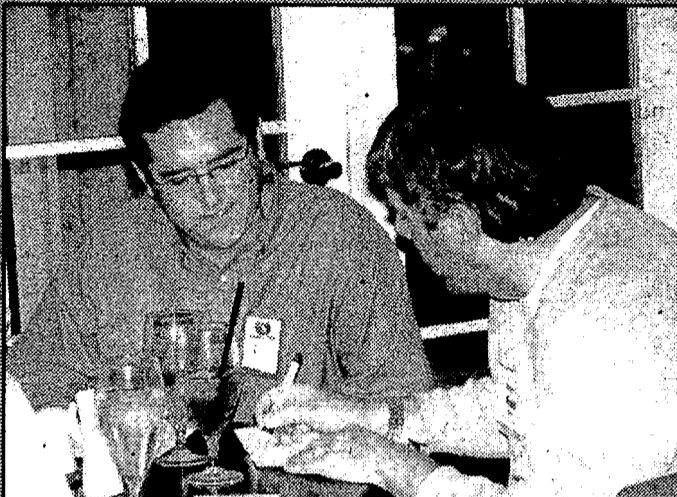
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## Clarkston Chamber mixes it up



Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members met and mingled at the Luncheon Mixer Oct. 19 at Shepherd's Hollow. At left, Austin Ritter, left, and Fred Riser discuss business. Below, Renee Cory and Debbie Hansen examine the chamber's new Clarkston area mural. Speaker was Scott Hazelton of Edward Jones Investments, below left. Hazelton presented information on earning more retirement money using the Roth feature on their 401(k) plans. Photos by Phil Custodio.



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## Hair clips

By JoAnn Zulinski  
More Than Hair

I am going to talk about thin and fine hair. Many people may have fine hair and also have a lot of hair. Shampoo and Conditioner, should be light. Clear Moisture or Body Full Shampoo and Conditioner by Redken is a perfect combination for your hair type. Also, conditioning your hair before shampooing works very well. This way the conditioner will not weigh the hair down.



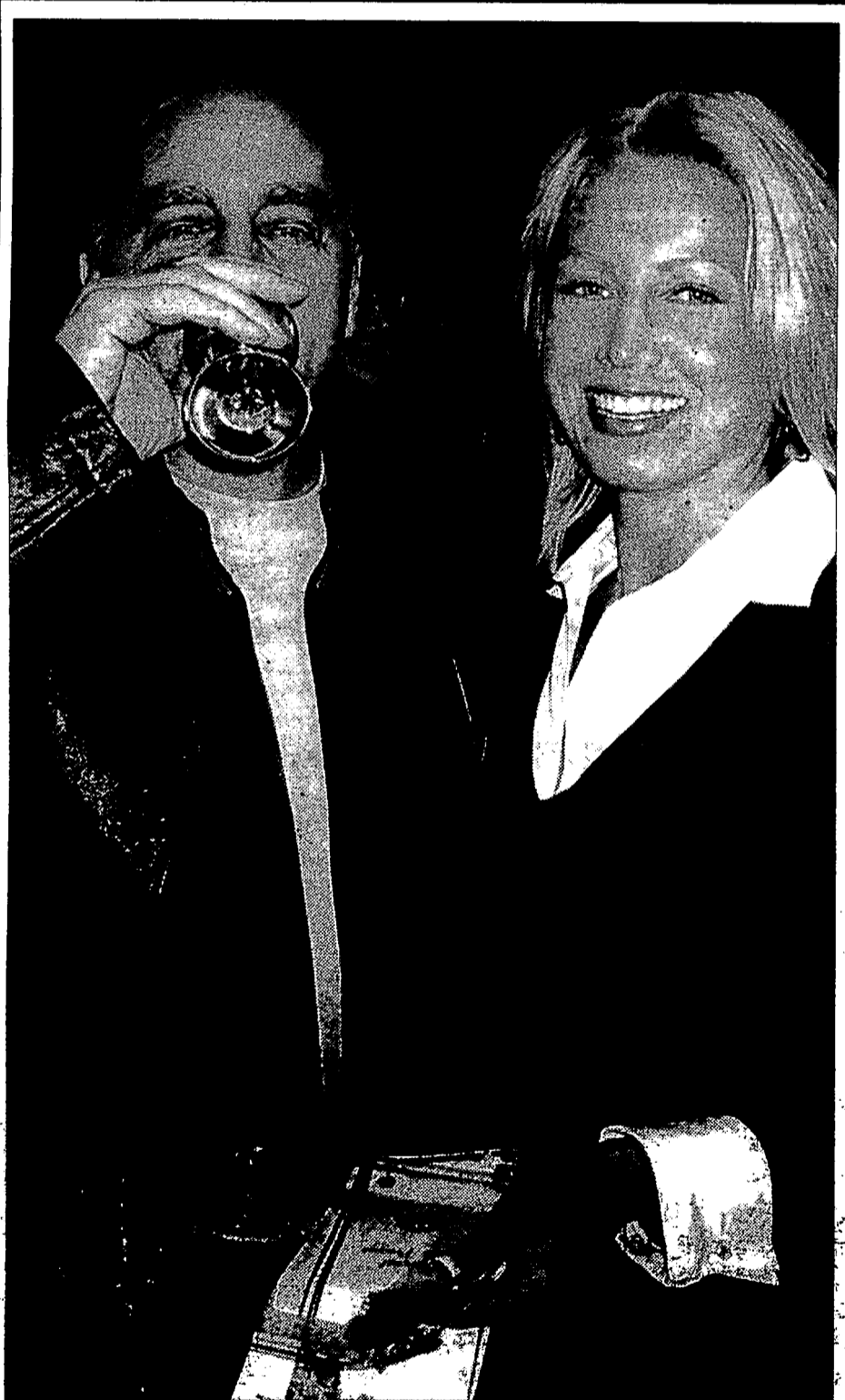
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Styling products that you may consider are Guts #10 or Contour #8 for lots of volume and lift. After cleansing and conditioning your hair, use your

blow dryer starting at the root and drying and lifting the root hair up. This will give you lots of volume. Then remember when you style your hair with your blow dryer, the setting should be on high and warm. When the hair is almost dry use a round brush until completely dry, then just before removing the brush use the cool down button to set the body and your style will last all day for you.

There is a great shampoo made by Nioxin for fine and thinning hair. Usually when using this shampoo, very little or no conditioner is needed. Style the same as above.

People with fine hair should not be afraid of layers in your hair, this will give you a fuller look. Sometimes you may consider a medium to shorter length haircut because this will also give you a fuller look. Others that have a lot of hair, and fine, usually longer lengths look great. Ask your stylist about all the different products that can be helpful when styling your hair.



## Cheers!

Moon Valley Rustic Furniture owners Rick and Lisa Detkowski were two of the over 400 locals who attended the Clarkston Rotary Club's annual Fall Wine Party. The Wine Party featured wines from around the world (and Michigan) and was at Bordline Nursery, on Dixie Highway. Funds from the party will help Clarkston Rotarians with their Shoes for Kids program, as well as other local and international projects which help humanity.

## Will your customer stay or stray?

Keep customers loyal with relationship management

By Dan Gauthier

*"There is only one boss: the customer. And he can fire everybody in the company, from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else."*

Sam Walton (1918-92)  
founder, Wal-Mart Stores

A common oversight made by many businesses and organizations is to take current customers for granted. Companies focusing on relationship marketing take the opposite approach. These companies realize how important long-term relationships are to their profitability, and how much can be gained by cultivating existing relationships and concentrating marketing efforts on building new ones.



Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers, Clarkston

The following principles will enable you to begin to apply relationship management techniques to your current customers.

### Communicate Early and Often

Every contact with the customer is an opportunity to increase the chance that he or she will return. Build frequent interaction with customers into your communication plan, and make sure every contact counts. Listen to what customers are saying. Tailor your communications to fit the needs of individual customers within the framework of your company's broader marketing messages. Some companies establish toll-free hotlines, suggestion boxes and purchase-follow-up programs. Encourage responses and make it easy for customers who wish to contact senior representatives of the company.

### Cultivate Customer Loyalty

Develop ongoing programs to manage relationships. With new customers, focus on programs that motivate trial use or repurchase of your product or service. Later on, implement programs that build preference and real loyalty. Recognize your best customers with a special designation.

It's the little things that count, too, when it comes to customer loyalty. For instance, thank all customers for their business - and not just for a particular purchase. You might send a card, handwritten note or gift from time to time to let them know they're a valued customer. Remember birthdays, too, with a card or phone call. Another friendly gesture is to send a clipping from a newspaper or a magazine article you think they may enjoy. And though you want to be a problem-solver for your customers, don't forget to laugh. Make it fun and easy for customers to do business with you.

### Get to Know Customers Individually

Learn the names of your customers.

As Dale Carnegie said, "A person's name is to that person the sweetest, most important sound in any language." Research has shown that there is a particular chemical reaction that takes place in our brains when we hear our name. If you or your employees are not regularly using the names of your customers, you are missing out on a technique that can help build a lasting relationship.

Create a database of current customers. Establish an account for each customer that includes comprehensive information such as family members, hobbies, affiliations, demographics, product preferences and purchasing behavior. Track each customer's purchases, inquiries and interactions with your company. Over time, you'll gain insight into how to more effectively market to these individuals.

### Work High-Value Relationships

Pay particular attention to top customers. One approach is to develop special offers for select customers to cost-effectively stimulate incremental sales.

Another is to introduce a preferred customer program. Create exclusive benefits and services for these customers to increase personal involvement and interaction with your company. Make it so attractive that members will perceive it as another reason to stay loyal to your company - and something other customers will consider desirable.

### Reward Loyalty

Carefully design a reward program that makes sense for your market, product or service. Northwest Airlines offers frequent flyer miles. Hallmark awards points toward free greeting cards or other merchandise based on customer purchases. The best rewards have features your competition can't easily match. Also, make sure the program generates sufficient incremental profits to offset costs.

Changes in the competitive situation, economic conditions or even the lives of customers should be monitored throughout the relationship. Keep up on how well you're satisfying customers' needs - and respond quickly with new initiatives when appropriate.

For instance, the perceived value of a reward may change as customers grow older or get promoted. Your relationship marketing program may need to evolve, too.

A long-term outlook on customer service and relationship management requires a commitment of funding and resources from your company. The money spent now will be worth its future payback. Experts agree the value of any business in the years to come will be directly measured by its customer service. Therefore, remember who's the boss in your business.

Dan Gauthier is the owner of American Speedy Printing Centers in Clarkston and consults regularly with business owners about their communications needs. Gauthier has been helping businesses develop their marketing and other printed materials for more than 18 years. Call him at 248-625-8090.

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## Crystal salt lamps for your good health

By Cheryl A. Deane,  
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The first time I ever saw a crystal salt lamp was about a year ago when a dear friend brought hers into my store as part of her campaign to convince me to stock them as a regular item. Unlit, it looked like a big block of salt perched atop a wood base. As soon as she turned on the small 7-watt bulb that nestled snugly inside the carved out middle of the lamp, that block of salt turned into a beautifully unique lamp that would nicely decorate any room of a house or office space. If that wasn't enough to convince me, my friend then proceeded to espouse all the health benefits that these lamps offer.

Crystal salt is the purest form of salt available. Mined from the Himalayan Mountains, pure Himalayan crystal salt contains miraculous healing properties for both our environment and our bodies. Each lamp is hand carved and takes on its own unique characteristics and colorings ranging from pure crystalline

white to light peach to darker shades of earthy browns and orange tones.

Crystal salt lamps are the world's only natural ionizer and air purifier. They naturally produce negative ions that balance out all of the positive ions that are in our atmosphere from electronic devices and our heating and cooling systems. The clean fresh smell of the outdoor air just after a rainstorm is due to the millions of negative ions that have been emitted.

Anyone suffering from allergies, asthma, congestion or any other kind of respiratory ailment will benefit from the effects of crystal salt lamps. They are even known to alleviate symptoms caused by sleep disorders and depression. The negative ions emitted by the crystal salt lamps help alleviate common indoor pollutants such as dust, mildew, humidity and electromagnetic fields from TV's, computers and other electronic devices.

The skeptic in me, of course, needed proof of all of these wonderful benefits. I ordered some crystal salt lamps, plugged them in and left them on all the time (they do not ever overheat or erode). Within a few days, there was a noticeable difference in the air of both my home and my store!

As well as enjoying a spot in each room of my home, these gorgeous blocks of illuminated crystal salt have now made their way onto the shelves of my store as a regular item.



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# Fruitcake, Andy Williams and E-commerce, oh my!

By Luc Robert "Slick" Poirier  
Co-Founder, President & CEO Slick and  
Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites

Some combinations just make sense: Christmas time and snow... fruitcake gift baskets and disgruntled recipients ... Andy Williams and Glen Campbell singing holiday carols ... the list goes on and on and no doubt more than a few will bring a smile to your face. If, however, you're a business owner who's missing out on the holiday shopping fervor there may not be much to smile about. Traditionally the time from Thanksgiving to New Year's is an opportunity to match or exceed the cumulative sales from the previous 10 months and if that's not happening it may be due to one combination you're missing out on: internet presence and e-commerce.

Consider this: On August 17, 2006, the US Dept of Commerce announced the estimated U.S. retail e-commerce sales for the second quarter of 2006 was \$26.3 billion, an increase of 4.6% over the first quarter of 2006, and reflecting an increase of 23% over the same period in 2005. Don't forget that this is for the second 90-day quarter this year.

During the fourth quarter, eMarketer ([www.emarketer.com](http://www.emarketer.com)) predicts that web merchants will ring up sales worth \$24.3 billion during this holiday season... a respectable 22.1% growth over last year. eMarketer provides insight to market research and trend analysis on the internet, e-business, online marketing, media and emerging technologies. Take a moment to mull over the following growth trends:

- The total estimated retail e-commerce sales during the 2002 holiday period (Nov thru Dec) were \$10.6 billion.

- The total estimated retail e-commerce sales during the same period for the 2003 holiday season were \$13.1 billion.

- For the same online sales period in 2004: \$16.2 billion.

- For the same period in 2005: \$19.9 billion.

And this is only for the holiday season beginning in November and ending in December... roughly 60 days!

The bottom line is this: If you don't have a web site you're being overlooked, but if you do have one and it's not e-commerce ready, you're driving clients to your competition. When internet surfers will only wait an average of 4 seconds for a web page to load on their screen before leaving a site, it's easy to understand they also want the convenience of immediate impulse check-outs that offer multiple payment options.

If you're still not convinced about the awesome revenue generating potential of the internet note that it only took 4 years for the web to reach 50 million users. With so much demand for internet access it's not surprising

to see how e-commerce sales are exploding. According to stats gathered in part from Nielsen/NetRatings ([www.nielsen-netratings.com](http://www.nielsen-netratings.com)), as of September 18, 2006, roughly 69.3% of the US population have access to and use the internet regularly.



Luc Poirier, co-founder, president, CEO Slick & Bubba's Elite & Expeditious Websites

Nielsen NetRatings is a global leader in internet media and market research. Contrast the internet's rapid growth and usage to that of the last century's communication milestones and it's pretty clear where marketing budgets should be targeted in 2007: it took 13 years for television to reach 50 million users... 38 yrs for the telephone.

If online security is the reason you're reluctant to speak with your web designer about e-commerce upgrades you're in good company. According to research compiled by VeriSign ([www.verisign.com](http://www.verisign.com)):

- 56% of online shoppers have abandoned a shopping cart/basket or failed to complete an online purchase due to security concerns and

- 86% of online shoppers are concerned that they may become a victim of identity theft.

VeriSign enables and protects billions of interactions every day across the world's voice and data networks... including e-commerce transactions.

As far as easing shoppers into completing online purchases your web designer can add a Secured Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate to your site after making the accommodating upgrades to justify it. The main use... although not exclusive... for SSL's is to secure financial transactions on e-commerce sites.

Regarding identity theft, Tabetia Tiseo, president of Premier Employee Insurance Benefits, LLC ([www.peib.net](http://www.peib.net)), offers something in her arsenal of benefits that's not only affordable but can help address this growing concern: Identity Theft Insurance.

"On average identity theft victims spend almost \$2000.00 and countless hours trying to restore what took years to create," Tiseo said. "For less than \$13 a month clients can have their credit continuously monitored, receive fraud alert notifications, get expert identity restoration assistance and so much more. It's amazing the peace of mind protection like this can provide."

Identify theft protection coverage also makes a great gift from an employer who's hard pressed to find something to give dedicated employees that's not only inexpensive but shows concern for the well being of those employees.

Here's one final stat that comes from the VeriSign research: 55% of online shoppers who feel secure spend \$1,500.00 or more. Enough said.

Just as one of the songs from his 1964 Christmas album suggests,  
*Please see Holidays on page 15*

## WTB Technology

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### How to Avoid 'PC Panic'

(NewsUSA) - From digital photos to balancing the checkbook, it seems like most of our lives are wrapped up in our personal computers.

But when something goes awry - you open a document to begin making edits, the screen freezes and the document vanishes, or you open an e-mail and everything goes haywire - it's enough to make anyone hit the proverbial panic button.

However, more than 80 percent of online Americans haven't taken the appropriate computer protection measures and are at risk for online criminal activity or virus and spyware problems, according to the 2005 Online Safety Study. The study was developed by the National Cyber Security Alliance, a nonprofit organization promoting cybersecurity awareness and education (<http://staysafeonline.org>).

Here are some tips that can help keep your PC running smoothly, both inside and out:

- Never open e-mail messages or attachments from an unknown source.
- Keep your PC running at its speediest. Be sure to compress files and defragment your computer's hard drive

once a month to avoid a sluggish machine.

- Sucky keys? It's time to clean. Every few weeks, use a computer keyboard cleaning kit to unclog dust buildup from beneath your keys.

- Your monitor needs a scrubdown from time to time. Use special cleaning wipes every few weeks to optimize your monitor's clarity.

- Properly shut down your computer every time you power down to avoid losing important documents.

- Don't invite intruders. Always keep your firewall enabled.

- Keep the bugs out: Always update your anti-virus software.

- Consider subscribing to a service such as Microsoft Windows Live OneCare. This all-in-one PC care service helps protect and maintain your computer with automatic updates of anti-virus software, routine maintenance such as disk defragmenting and cleaning out old files, as well as a backup and restore feature that makes it easy to help protect important documents, photos and music files. You can download Windows Live OneCare at <http://onecare.live.com>.



### Web design solutions for the do-it-yourselfer

(NewsUSA) - More than 1 billion people worldwide now have access to the Internet, according to Internet World Stats. But while most companies have a Web presence to gain exposure to those billions, the average person looking to build his own Web site may not have a clue how to do it or where to start.

But today, it is fast and easy to build a site on your own, without programming or Web site-building experience. Companies such as SiteCredo offer all the tools you need to create and maintain a Web site: domain registration, hosting and site-building software - all in one place. SiteCredo's software allows you to build a Flash Web site directly online.

In the past, having your own site meant going through a series of cumbersome and separate steps. First, you would register a domain name. Next you would buy software or hire somebody to build your site. After building the site, you would then need to find a company to host it. This entailed waiting at least a day before the domain was attached or trans-

ferred to your host. Most, if not all, of these steps required separate fees to be paid.

SiteCredo (the name is derived from the Latin word "creo," which means to create) provides all of these services in one place, with the flexibility to change your site's design or theme at any time.

The company offers more than 9,000 design possibilities as well as the option of creating e-mail accounts with your domain name. Through [www.sitecredo.com](http://www.sitecredo.com), you can build a complete site and preview it before purchasing the service. SiteCredo also provides examples of different sites that can be built, a demo of how its Web site builder works and frequently asked questions about the service. Prices range from \$9.75 to \$18.75 per month. There is a \$25 setup fee.

So whether you are a small-business owner, independent professional or someone who just wants to build a Web site for fun, it takes very little effort to make your site one in a billion.



Dr. Bonnie Parker

## Starts home-based therapist biz in Clarksston

By Paul Kampe

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.

"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.

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. She 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.

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

## Celebrating 'sweet' smell of success

By Laura Colvin

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 knowing 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.



Bobbi Friday (left) and Cheryl Deane own downtown Davisburg's Sweetgrass, and dub it "a store to awaken your spirit."

## Retailers forecast better holiday season

Michigan retailers are projecting a nearly 5-percent sales increase this holiday season, in line with national forecasts. The projections come on the heels of improved September sales, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a survey project of the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"September was one of the strongest months of the year and provides some sorely needed optimism for the upcoming holiday season," said MRA Chairman and CEO Larry Meyer. "Sharply falling gasoline prices, cooler weather and late back-to-school shopping all helped push

up sales."

On average, Michigan retailers expect their sales to rise 4.5 percent above last year's lackluster holiday season (sales down an average 1.9 percent from 2004). Similarly, the National Retail Federation forecasts a 5.0-percent rise in holiday spending across the U.S., while the International Council of Shopping Centers pegs holiday sales growth at 4.8 percent.

The Michigan Retail Index found that 39 percent of retailers increased sales in September over the same month last year, while 44 percent recorded declines.

# Finances: *opinions from around town, beyond*

## What your credit report says about you

By Bill Langdon, Jr. RFC CFS BCM RFP  
Retirement Plans Specialist, Board Certified Funds  
Specialist, Wealth Management Specialist

### What It Says about You

Most of us finance our homes with mortgages and our cars with auto loans. Many of us obtained low interest loans to help pay for college. And of course, lots of us make ordinary purchases with credit cards. Naturally, to receive credit of any kind we must apply for it. And just as we would not consider loaning money to a stranger, banks, retailers, credit unions or finance companies will not grant credit without knowing something about you. Before the computer/information age, a creditor had to make telephone calls to each creditor you listed on their application form. Today, creditors rely on Credit Reports, so it is important for you to know what is in yours.

### What Is a Credit Report?

A Credit Report is a status report of your financing activities. It lists any credit cards, loans, or mortgages you may have or had, open balances, and regularity of payments. The report will also reflect action taken against you by a lending institution because of unpaid bills. Your credit rating is drawn from your Credit Report; a good rating helps you reach financial goals; a poor rating limits your

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financial opportunities. There are generally four types of information contained in a Credit Report:

1) Identifying Information: Your full name, aliases if known, current and previous addresses, Social Security Number, year of birth, current and past employers, and if married, similar info on your spouse.

2) Credit Information: Accounts you have with banks, retailers, credit card issuers, utility companies, and other lenders. Accounts are listed by type of loan, such as, mortgage, revolving credit, installment loan, or student loan; date account opened; credit limit or loan amount; co-signers, if any; and your payment pattern over the past two years.

3) Public Information: State and county court records on bankruptcy, tax liens, or monetary judgments.

4) Recent Inquiries: Names of those who have obtained copies of your Credit Report within the past year (two years for employment purposes).

Generally, all credit history information, good or bad, remains on your report for seven years; personal bankruptcy remains for ten years.

### Where Do Credit Reports Come from?

A company that gathers and sells credit information is called a Consumer Reporting Agency (CRA). CRA's collect information about your credit activities, store it in their databases, and charge a fee for supplying the information to lenders. The most common type of CRA is a credit bureau. There are three national

credit bureaus plus many smaller companies serving local markets. Contact information is provided at the end of this article.

### Who Is Allowed to See Your Credit Report?

Credit bureaus can provide information only to the following requestors:

1) Creditors considering you for financing

2) Employers considering you for a job, promotion, reassignment, or even retention

3) Insurers considering you for a new policy or reviewing an existing policy

4) Government agencies reviewing your financial status for government benefits

5) Anyone else with a legitimate business need for the information, such as a potential landlord

### Why Should You Obtain a Copy of Your Credit Report?

It is important for you to see your Credit Report to avoid any unwelcome or embarrassing surprises before you apply for credit or loans of any kind. Errors in Credit Reports can occur. These errors are not the result of a conspiracy, but rather basic human error. We all can make mistakes!! Think of how often your name has been misspelled, or your address has a mistake in it; then imagine the possibility for error in a report that contains so much information about you.

### How Do You Correct an Error on Your Credit Report?

Contact the reporting agency immediately. The company is then responsible for researching and changing or removing the erroneous data. This process can take as long as forty-five (45) days. You can request that corrected reports be sent to parties that you specify who have received your report in the past six months, or in the case of employers the last two years. If the CRA stands by its report, you have the right to present your side of the story in a brief statement (100 words or less), which the CRA must attach to your credit file. Your statement should clarify inaccuracies, not explain reasons for delinquency.

### How Do You Get a Copy of Your Credit Report?

You may call, write or request a copy of your Credit Report via the Internet from the three major credit bureaus. After furnishing basic information (name, address, telephone, etc.) you may be asked to verify your identity with your driver's license, utility bills, or bank statements. If you are married be sure to include the information on your spouse. There is usually a charge for the reports unless your request comes within sixty days of having been denied credit, employment, or insurance as a result of a Credit Report. Free copies of your Credit

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## Developing your small bizness

By Patrick J. Allsteadt, owner,  
Accurate Bookkeeping L.L.C.

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with Small Business Development.

The statistics have not dramatically changed during the past few decades regarding the establishment of new small businesses.

According to the Small Business Administration, only two-thirds of new employer firms survive at least two years and approximately forty-four percent are still in existence after four years. By five years, there are approximately 6 percent remaining. These statistics are similar across all industry sectors.

Let me focus on how to make your business succeed.

### Research

Do your research. Make a record of your interests, your work skills, volunteer experience, and items you own that can be used in a business. Study this list, and using ideas from it, record the possible businesses to start. Eliminate any endeavors that aren't appealing or don't fill a need

people have. Finally, decide on the type of business you would want to start and who your target audience will be.

### A Business Plan

I call the document "The Living Business Plan" as it is the most important document you will prepare. It must continually be monitored and updated as your business develops. The act of planning helps you to think your ideas through thoroughly. It makes you look at your ideas critically. It takes time, perhaps several weeks, to complete a high-quality plan. The results of a well thought out business plan will avoid costly, perhaps disastrous, mistakes later. An organized Business Plan includes: Table of Contents, Owner's Summary, General Company Description of the Business, Products and/or Services, Marketing Plan, Operation and Controls Plan, Management and Organization, Personal Financial Statement, Startup Expenses Needed, and a Financial Plan.

The real value lies in the process of researching, thinking, and rethinking about your business in a systematic way. Take the time to do the job properly. Those who do will never regret the effort. The Business Plan needs to be updated on a regular basis to stay focused on the priorities of the business. The Living Business Plan must be changed if assumptions and projections are not being obtained.

Next month, I will continue A Living Business Plan. Call Patrick Allsteadt at 248-882-7880.



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By Dawn Horner

Clarkston State Bank

One of the basics of small business banking is to establish a business banking account. Utilizing a personal bank account for small business dollars is a common mistake among new, part-time business owners.

Many new business owners reduce the risk by starting a business part-time while retaining a full-time income – but you still need to keep your personal and business funds separated in independent business checking or savings accounts. Run the business as a business.

Some business owners try to process business transactions through their personal bank accounts to reduce expenses and bank fees. When actually, they are jeopardizing the future of their new business for the following reasons:

1) Government rules stipulate that **only businesses can deduct business expenses**. A business bank account gives the government a harder time questioning whether you actually run a business.

2) When it comes tax time to declare income and expenses from the busi-



Dawn Horner

ness, personal transactions will have to be separated from business transactions. It will be tough reviewing all your transactions and determining what is business and what is personal.

3) It is **required that all records be accurate, complete, permanent and showing a clear record of income and deductions**. Providing a separate business statement and record provides a clear audit trail.

4) It is **easy to overlook or miss deductions** you may be entitled to when you integrate personal and business funds. Whether you or an accountant will be preparing the tax return, messy record keeping will cost more in time, money, and possible missed deductions.

5) **Check writing in your personal name** as opposed to business can convey that your company is a part-time venture. Even if your business is part-time, take it seriously and your clients will too.

Take the time to open a small business banking account simplify your business life. Small business products vary in fees and features. The costs of a business account are far less than the benefits to your business. Fees are partly tax deductible as an expense. Don't forget to consider that your business may grow. Opening a business account will help with required financial tracking in the future.

Clarkston State Bank, the area's only community bank operated by local business owners, opened in January 1999 and operates five branches in Clarkston, Waterford and Independence townships.

## Keep your business funds separate

# Metro area restaurant moving into Clarkston

## Hamlin Pub to bring 'Cheers' feel to area

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With three locations already established, one in Lake Orion, the Hamlin Pub is bringing its atmosphere to the Clarkston area.

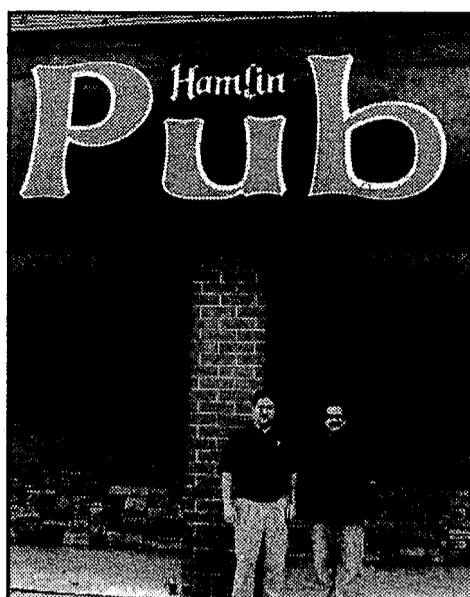
Hamlin Pub occupies the space vacated by La Villa Italiano Ristorante at 6397 Sashabaw Road and opened for business the first week of November.

Crews began making renovations in June to remodel the 4,000-square-foot building. The whole building has been stripped apart and is being remodeled, area General Manager Jim Tavano said.

The restaurant will be modeled after the existing locations, he added.

Owner John DeAngelis said the company is in an expansion phase with more locations planned for cities such as Novi, Canton and Ann Arbor.

The company's original location in Rochester Hills has been in business for 14 years and the Lake Orion location for 10 years. The company also opened a store in Shelby Township in 2005.



General Manager Jim Tavano, at left, and the new Hamlin Pub manager at the construction site. Photo by Paul Kampe.

The perimeter of the building will feature 15 32" high-definition plasma screen televisions, four 32" flat-screen TVs and three big screen TVs on the outer walls of the restaurant.

The restaurant and bar will have a maximum occupancy of 132. Of those seats, 120 will be dedicated to the dining room. The tables will be "signature pub tables" with seating for 8-10 people. Both

the tables and the bar will be made of oak.

The floor of the room will be tiled and carpeted, and the inside of the walls will be finished with stone.

A decorator is expected to be in one of the latter stages in the remodel, hoisting nostalgic and local photos along the pub walls.

The menu will be similar to the other locations, including pizza, an item not available at all stores. The menu items are from a pub menu, Tavano said, ranging from chicken and dumpling stew to fish and chips. There will also be daily food specials created by the kitchen manager.

The pub will also have happy hour from 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with both beer and mixed drink specials.

Tavano said the service that guests receive at the Hamlin Pub makes a significant difference in return business for the restaurant.

"Our staff is what sets us apart. The TV and live entertainment are great, but if you don't have the staff, people won't come back," he said.

"We like to give it that 'Cheers' feel."

The restaurant will feature live entertainment Tuesday through Saturday, with acts ranging from a one-man acoustic show to a full-band.

Sunday night's entertainment will be

... anyone, as the pub opens its microphones and music catalogues for karaoke.

The laid-back appeal of the restaurant should make the restaurant attractive to people from the area, DeAngelis said.

"It's not a destination, it's in your neighborhood. We'll give you everything you would get in going to a destination (restaurant)."

Both Tavano and DeAngelis agreed the Clarkston area is a good spot to expand Hamlin Pub into.

"We're excited about the area because it's growing, it fits our niche. From what I've seen, there isn't a pub like us around here," Tavano said.

"They're (the Clarkston area) in a growth pattern and we want to grow with them," DeAngelis said.

The Clarkston area has a good number of young families, a demographic the pub would like to reach.

"We know where we want to be. Clarkston is the utopia of what we want to be."

The Hamlin Pub is planned to be open every day of the week from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m., with the exception of Sundays, when it will open at noon.

# New doctor's office offers holistic, relaxing care

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dressed in shades of periwinkle and white with deep, soft furniture, and a hint of cinnamon lingering in the air, the waiting area in Dr. Shaman's office says spa, or cottage, perhaps.

On the walls are large professional portraits featuring children that would make any mother proud, and over in one corner sits a glass cooler with complimentary bottled water.

Whatever it says, spa, cottage, or just a nice place to sit and relax, that waiting room is the first thing people notice when they arrive for an appointment, or simply walk by the glass walls of the private OB/GYN practice opened Aug. 7 by Peter Shaman M.D., inside the North Oakland Medical Center.

With a woman's comfort as his primary concern, Shaman put his wife, Janine, in charge of designing the area out front.

"Sometimes when a person is nervous, they'll forget about things," said Shaman. "I wanted to create a relaxed environment that will help women feel comfortable enough to sit down and talk to me about the problems they may be having."

Shaman spent a year putting together the details of his private practice, making sure the pieces were in place for various insurance plans, and designing the clean, open feel of his offices, which will allow for talks by guest speakers. And while he practices obstetrics and gynecology, and will eventually offer in-office surgical procedures such as



Dr. Shaman and his staff find that patients love the open feel of the new office. Photo by Laura Colvin.

scarless tubal ligation, Shaman has also branched into the cosmetic procedures that interested him while he trained at Wayne State University.

The office employs a certified massage therapist, and will also feature laser hair and vein treatment, microdermabrasion, facials, peels, botox and other services. High quality cosmetic

products are also available in the office.

This branching into more spa-like treatments, said Shaman, results from spending much of his medical career treating a great many women with common concerns.

"One thing I find is that if you're not well, it is reflected in your skin," he said. "And likewise, if you don't feel you look

good on the outside, it affects your mood coming from the inside."

This philosophy leads to a holistic approach to caring for the person, not just the condition, he said.

In addition to the medical and cosmetic services, the clinic also points women to complementary resources. The photographer who displays her work in the waiting room is available for hire, and she's the same photographer Shaman has used to capture images of his own children: a son, 7, and two daughters, ages 3 and 16 months.

Interesting and unique products from Birmingham-based Bella Belli Maternity are also available for browsing or purchasing out front.

"I wanted to find people who are out there doing something unique, and doing a great job at it," said Shaman. "I want to be able to bring those things to the women who come here."

And forget about a plain old ultrasound image to pass around at the next family gathering. Shaman's office offers 3-D ultrasound images on CD for a unique and modern keepsake.

He does it all, he said, because there is a need.

"This is the most comfortable environment I've ever worked in," said Kathy Moreno, a medical assistant who's been working with Shaman for three years. "The best thing about this job is knowing I can help pregnant women and geriatric patients feel comfortable again."

Contact Peter Shaman M.D. at (248)625-8555. His office is located in Clarkston at 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 313.

What is your New Year's Bizness Resolution? Let us know. Email [biz@clarkstonnews.com](mailto:biz@clarkstonnews.com)

## What your credit report says about you

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Report can also be obtained if you certify in writing that: 1) You are unemployed and plan to look for a job within sixty days 2) You are on welfare 3) Your report is inaccurate because of fraud. It is important to obtain reports from all three credit bureaus, as they do not share information. Therefore, the content can be slightly different from each one.

### Who Are the Major Credit Bureaus?

**Equifax**  
P.O. Box 105873 Atlanta, GA 30348  
<http://www.equifax.com> 800-685-1111

**Experian (formerly TRW)**  
P.O. Box 2104 Allen, TX 75013-2104  
<http://www.experian.com> 888-397-3742

**Trans Union LLC Consumer Disclosure Center** P.O. Box 390, Springfield, PA 19064-0390 <http://www.transunion.com> 800-916-8800 or 800-888-4213

### For More Information

Questions and concerns about consumer

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**Federal Trade Commission**  
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FCRA 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580 <http://www.ftc.gov> 877-FTC-HELP

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## Holidays and e-commerce, fa, la, la, la, la, la, la

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there's no doubt that *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year* for businesses that are embracing the e-commerce model. And even though Andy Williams still croons pretty well for his age, he pales in comparison to the sound of deposits routinely being made electronically to your bank. Kick back, relax and enjoy some eggnog...you earned it!

From the team here at Slick and Bubba's, we wish you and yours a happy, safe and blessed holiday season. Take care, stay well, and we'll see you next year!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Luc at [Luc@slickandbubbas.com](mailto:Luc@slickandbubbas.com) or call 866-got-webb?

## What's your New Year's Bizness Resolution?

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## What message does your smile reveal?

By Drs. Foster & Newingham  
Clarkston Family Dental

In the business world one of the first things that we notice when meeting a person is their face, and whether or not they are smiling. The smile is usually the first thing we see. The quality of the smile is usually what we perceive to be important. Whether a person reveals strong, healthy, white teeth or stained and dark teeth a message is revealed. In our culture, whether right or wrong, we have a tendency to be judgmental. Beautiful teeth convey several messages to us, health, vitality and care in personal habits are the main ones. Rightly or not, confidence is also associated with having white teeth. So how important is it anyway, and how easy is it to brighten up your smile? There are many different ways to go about whitening your teeth.

Many people are satisfied with the sparkle they get from brushing twice daily, cleaning between their teeth once a day and regular cleanings at their dental office. If you decide you would like to go beyond this to make your smile look brighter, you should investigate all of your options.

One of the many options is using a whitening toothpaste. Whitening toothpastes usually are a little more abrasive than regular toothpaste and can gently remove some of the surface staining on your teeth.

This is a good, cheaper way to make your smile a little brighter.

Another option, is doing an at home bleaching system. Whether it is a bleaching strip or bleaching trays that you can get from your dental office, both are great options to whiten your teeth. Both of these options are a little more costly but they have a tendency to remove more staining than just whitening toothpaste alone. One

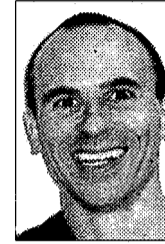
of the drawbacks of using these systems is that they can be time consuming. If you are like many people in the business world, there is little or no time in a day for yourself.

One of the last options to brighten up your smile is to do in office bleaching. This type of bleaching can be a little more costly as well, but it is good for patients that don't have a lot of time to deal with at home bleaching. In office bleaching usually takes about an hour of your time and can give you the white results that you are looking for. This is a good way to brighten your smile when you live a fast paced lifestyle.

In our culture, white teeth have become a social standard. Everyone loves a bright white smile, and there are a variety of products and procedures available to help you improve the look of yours. Don't let a smile affect the way people perceive you as a professional.



Dr. Newingham



Dr. Foster

## Who is taking care of your dental needs?

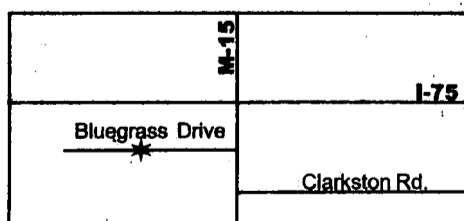
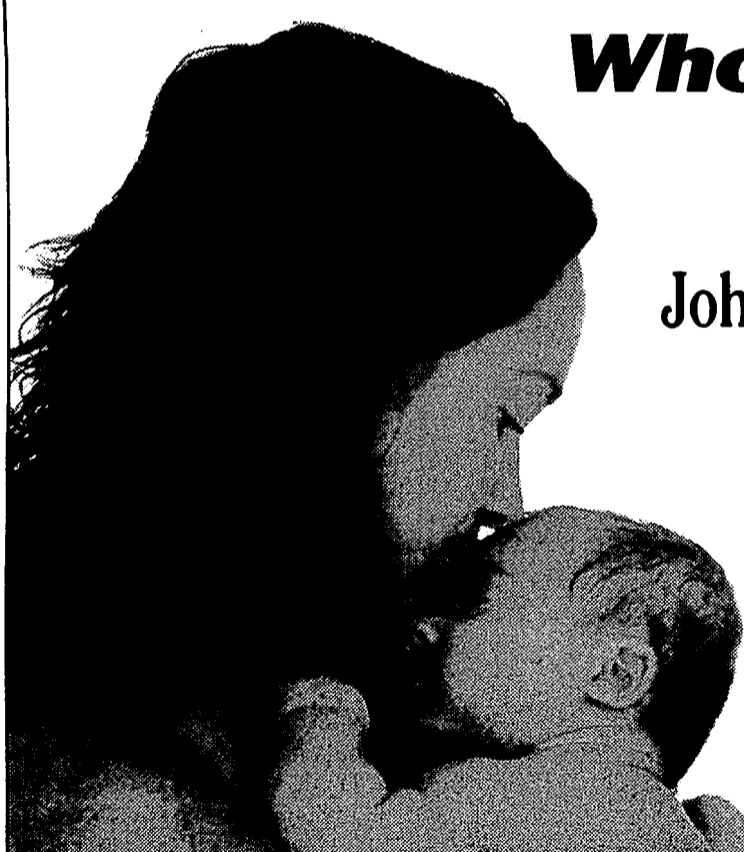
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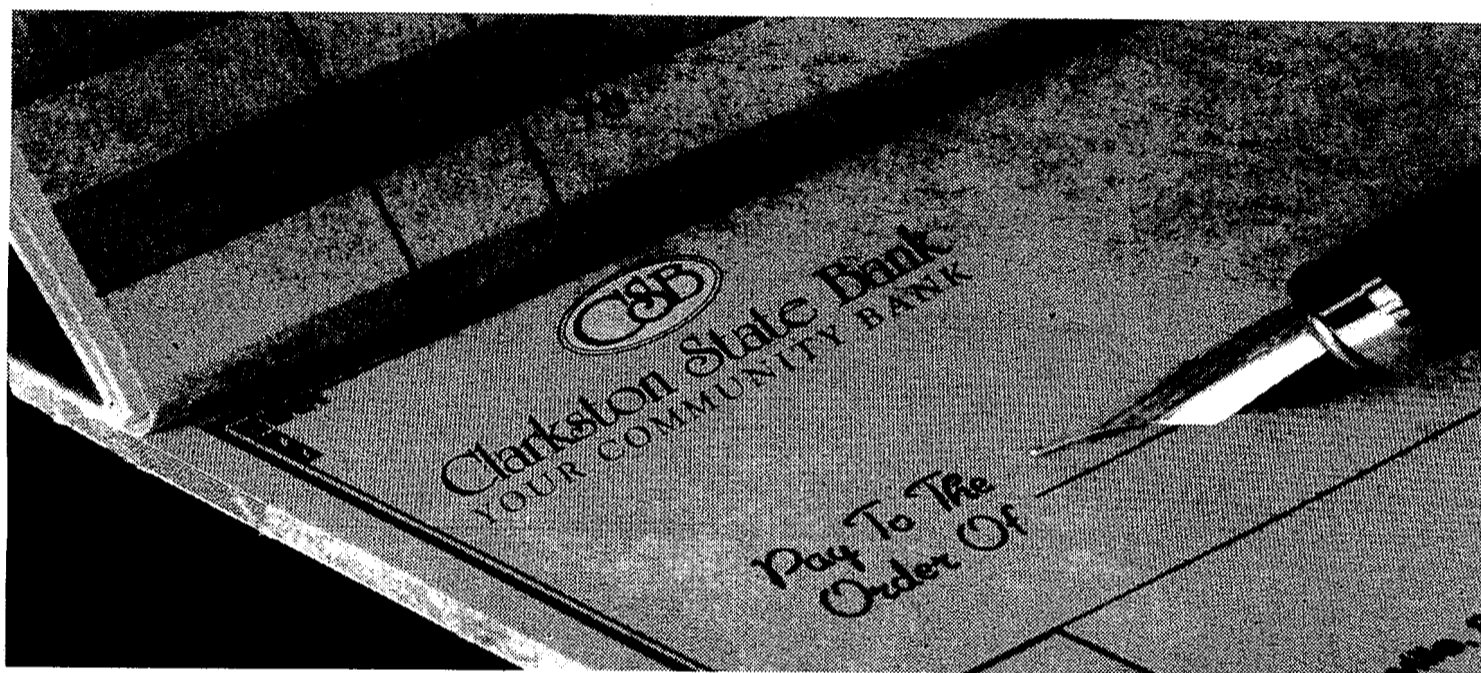
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