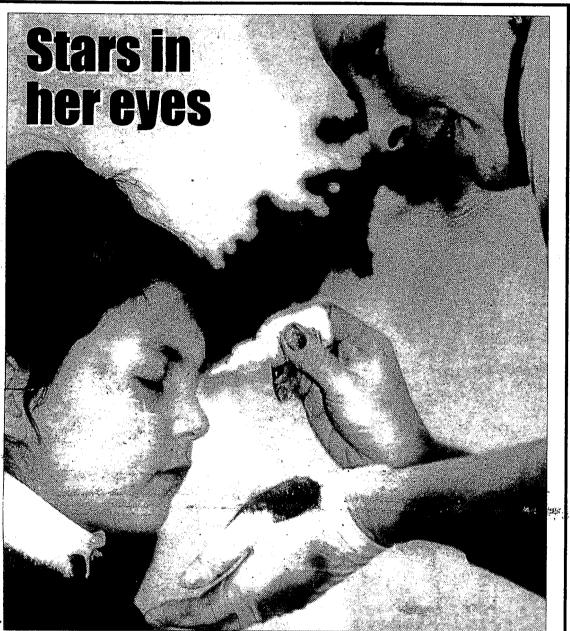


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When all was said and done, Kaitlynn McMichael had a magical blue and white unicorn painted on her left cheek by Donna Nowak, founder and artist at Show Offs Body Art in Independence Township. Nowak volunteered her services at the annual Clarkston-area Youth Assistance Mentors PLUS Christmas party. Photo by Laura Colvin

'Perfect storm'

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Plante Moran auditors. In 2000, the

district reported approximately

\$50.8 million in general fund rev-

enue, increasing to approximately

\$69.1 million in 2005. Even so, the

district's expenditures increased as

well, and in 2006, the district posted

School Board approved a one-year

contract for 196 central office ad-

ministrators and support staff that

increased their salaries by two per-

"performance merit incentive,"

approximately \$4,345, for Roberts

It includes a three-percent

On June 12, the Clarkston

a \$4.8 million deficient.

Factors converge to threaten school district's financial future

BY ANDREW DUPONT Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston School District's budget is caught in what administrators are calling "the perfect storm." As a result, drastic steps are being taken to avoid a further financial crisis.

The first such step is the decision to cut \$4 million from the 2007-08 budget, a move that will likely result in the loss of jobs throughout the district.

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts described the factors coming together as "decrease in enrollment, three years of no foundation increase catching up with us and the ec

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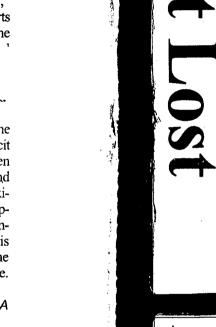
the district will still post a deticit for the third year in a row, said Bruce Beamer, executive director of business services.

According to Roberts, the cuts are one of several drastic steps that need to be taken in order for the district to operate on a balanced budget by the end of the 2008-09 school year.

General fund revenue for the district steadily increased from 2000 until the 2006 school year, according to numbers released by newal uns school year. Incourse tions are underway.

Beamer said he projects the district to post a \$5.5 million deficit by the end of this fiscal year, even with the cuts. The general fund balance will be depleted to approximately \$7.9 million, leaving it at approximately 10.1 percent of the annual budget. The district's goal is to keep at least 10 percent of the budget in the general fund balance.

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Parks and Rec cuts programs to help balance budget

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer The Independence Township Parks and Recreation department is slashing several programs and special events in an at-

tempt to balance the budget.

lect more than \$659,000 in its first year.

The millage would have afforded the township a separate funding source for a new senior center and senior activities, a function which now occupies nearly 20 percent of the parks and recreation bud-

'Each year they've been cutting and cutting. There's no

capital improvements, Hendricks said.

The township's woes continue with the perpetual cuts in state revenue sharing, which has gotten to the \$800,000

mark since 2001. The decision may be amended at the township's scheduled budget workshops on Jan. 9 and Feb. 13.

The department eliminated almost every special event operated by the department, Deer Lake Beach and senior programs. Surviving the budget cut is the Fourth of July event.

The Township Board approved the budget at its Dec. 5 regular meeting by a vote of 4-2.

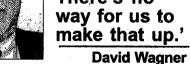
Voters denied a millage of 0.4 mills (equivalent to \$60 for residents whose home has a taxable value of \$150,000) in November. The millage was expected to col-

get, Director Mike Turk said.

Turk estimated the beach has been under his department's watch for more than 30 years. Deer Lake, which held swimming lesson each year, saw 9,000 visitors in 2006, Turk said.

The township's nearly \$23 million budget includes \$2.1 million for parks and recreation. This is nearly \$100,000 less than this year's budget, said township Finance Director Susan Hendricks.

The general fund for the township,



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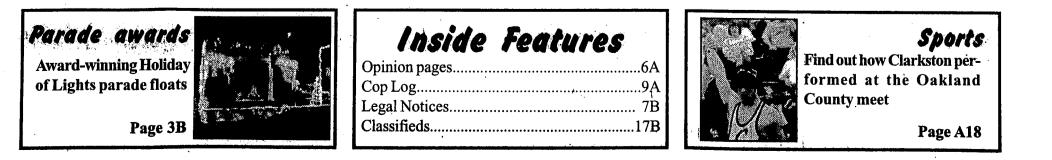
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which funds everything except library, police and fire services, safety path and the department of public works, contributed \$200,000 more for the department. The department also drew \$400,000 from the fund balance, which is typically used for

"We're having more workshops to discuss the financial status of the township," Hendricks said.

Township Supervisor David Wagner said the cuts to parks and recreation are unrelated to the denial of the seniors' millage in November. The millage would have helped, but cuts would still have been necessary, Wagner said.

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Students learn of charity

Students at Sashabaw Middle School, learned the importance of charities and giving during the holiday season by collecting donations for the Toys for Tots organization dur-ing the week of Dec. 11–15. At right, students placed boxes throughout the school and also made daily morning announcements in hopes of many donations. Photos provided



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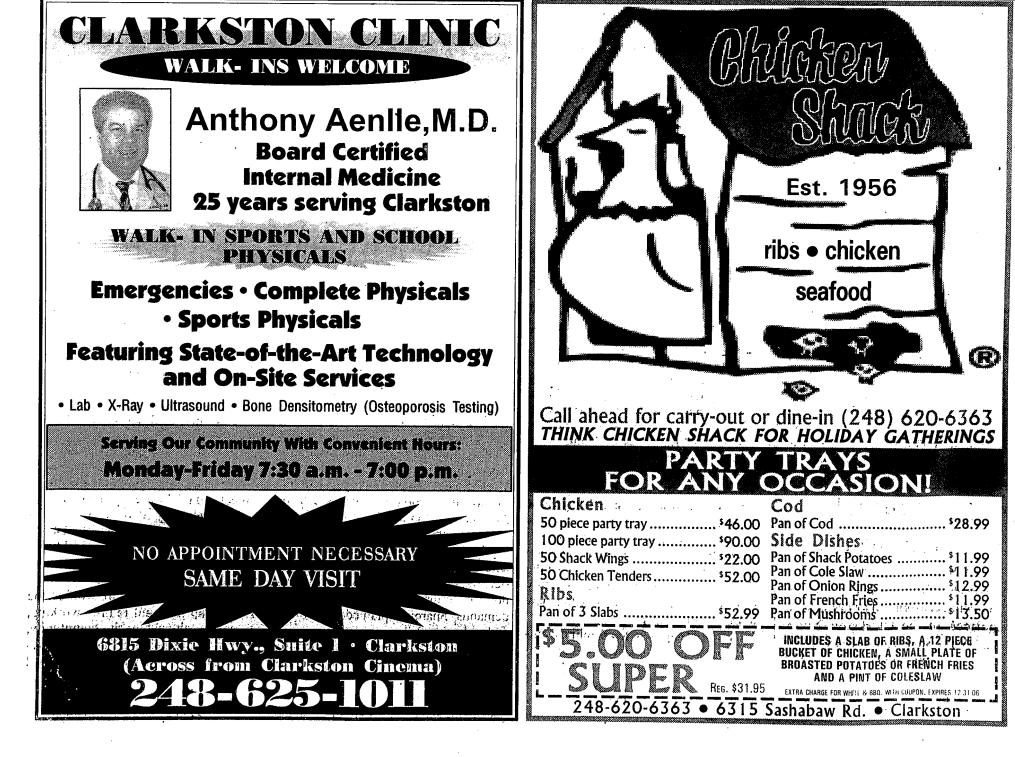
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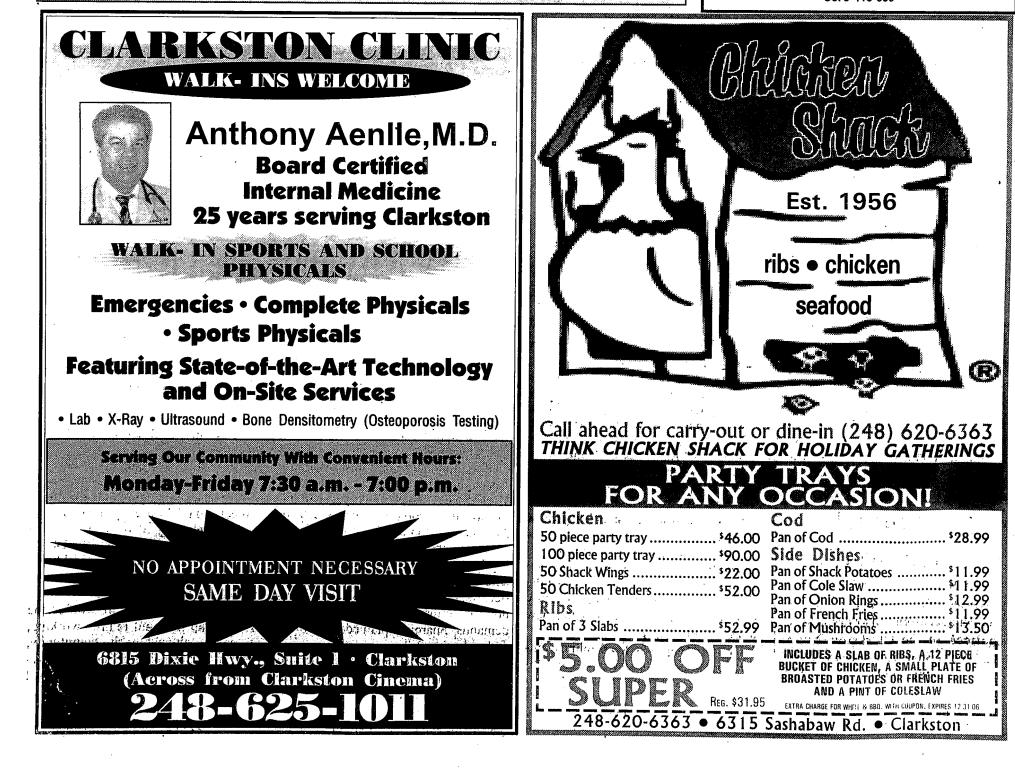
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The Second Front

Blood drive at fire station

The American Red Cross has asked for assistance to Help Save a Life this Christmas Season.

The Clarkston area is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 21, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., at Independence Township Fire Department, 6500 Citation Dr.

The blood drive is co-sponsored by the Clarkston Lions Club, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Township Fire Department.

Donating takes about one hour, start to finish, including paperwork, donating and cookies.

Call the Chamber at 248-625-8055 for more information.

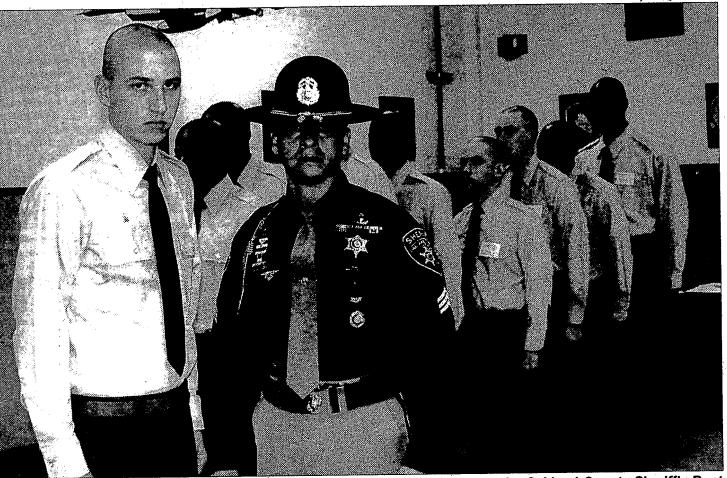
Early deadlines for the holidays.

The Clarkston News office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, for Christmas and Monday, Jan. 1, for

New Year's. Deadlines for advertising are therefore moved up to noon Friday. Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 29. Call 248-625-3370 for more information.

Long-term plan to be discussed

The Independence Township Board was scheduled to view a presentation about a Capital Improvement Plan for the township at its regular meeting Tuesday. Planners have been working on the plan since last year. It will include long term goals, other communities, Master Plan, priorities, cost, format, budget,



Steven Bailey, left, Drill Sergeant Carlos Henao, and the rest of the platoon at the Oakland County Sheriff's Boot Camp program took part in Recognition Day, where the trainees became "Cobras." *Photo by Laura Colvin*

Program supports boot camp grads

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer It's time to grow up and be a man.

Those were the words of Independence Township resident Steven Bailey, 20, as he approached a Dec. 25 graduation from Oakland County's Boot Camp – more formally known as the Regimented Inmate Discipline Program.

The program, which has turned out 2,740 graduates since 1990, was developed by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office to reduce overcrowding in the jail, as well as to provide non-assaultive offenders with intensive life management training.

Bailey, who was incarcerated on felony charges related to drugs and alcohol, said he learned a lot about personal responsibility during his 8-week stint in the program.

Much like the military, participants are broken down and built back up through their own trials and tribulations as they progress through the program.

noxious, and no one trusts anyone else. But when you show integrity, you get respected from the drill instructors."

Bailey, who entered the program Oct. 18, became a "Cobra" when he completed the first eight weeks of the program Dec.13.

He and about a dozen fellow Cobras were on hand to answer questions and talk with representatives from local organizations, county officials, and potential employers as the OCSO kicked off the Transitional Options Program (TOP), funded through congressionally mandated Bureau of Justice awards.

TOP is a newly instituted aftercare program designed to help Boot Camp graduates continue to be successful once they leave.

A 2004 recidivism study showed that five percent of the 185 graduates that year returned on felony offenses, while another 10 percent were convicted of misdemeanor crimes after leaving the program. An additional 18 percent had parole violations.

same friends and the same environment, it becomes difficult to maintain those changes they made."

In a new partnership with JobLink Career Center, a Michigan Works! Agency, however, the TOP program will help participants learn to research educational options, increase job skills, secure employment, socially reintegrate, and develop other skills necessary to return to their families and communities as responsible citizens.

Although TOP requires participants to commit to an extra 30 days after the completion of Boot Camp, the program's organizers are hoping the focus on individual choices will help increase the success of those reentering society. A good deal of time is spent helping trainees determine what they do—and don't—want to do.

The entire OCSO, and especially the drill instructors, said Bouchard, are deeply dedicated to the success of those who spend eight difficult weeks in the Boot Camp learning to take responsibility for their own lives.

direction and process. Results of this and other township issues will be posted immediately at our website, www. ClarkstonNews.com. Look for more information published in next

Contract

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TETREWED The Springfield Township Board of Trustees voted Thursday to continue the contract to print all township legal notices in the Clarkston News and Penny Stretcher in the year 2007. "The Penny Stretcher is mailed to every single mailbox in the township," said Clerk Nancy Strole. "It's working well." "At first it was in-your-face yelling all the time," Bailey said. "Things were always changing, they were always putting you in a place where you had no idea what was going on, and you're not allowed to talk to anyone or look anyone in the eye."

But after eight weeks of drill and ceremony, work details, individual and group counseling, academic classes, life-skills classes, fitness training, and community service, participants emerge with a new sense of self-respect.

Located at the OCSO Satellite Complex in Auburn Hills, the program's objectives include education, discipline, teamwork and physical strengthening. "Integrity is a huge thing here," Bailey said. "Everyone comes in loud and ob"Those numbers explain why we pursued the funding for the TOP program, especially for the parole violations," said Marie Snarey, Boot Camp caseworker. "Many times people are not able to meet the criteria the courts have set."

Often, the courts require those leaving the system to secure employment, attend school, pay restitution, or fulfill a variety of other obligations. When parolees don't have the resources to meet those demands, Snarey explained, they often end up back in jail.

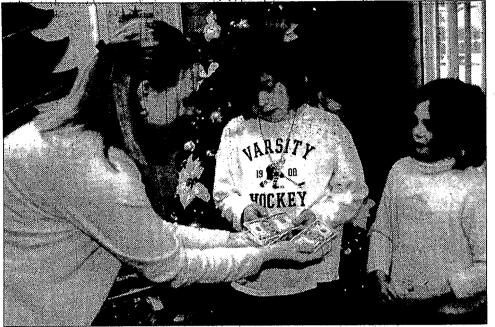
"When people get through the program they have a great sense of accomplishment," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard. "But when they go back to the same pond afterwards, to the It's difficult, he said, to see them fail merely for a lack of outside support.

"Some times (the graduates) need someone to fall back on," said U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, who supported the program since the OCSO first submitted a funding proposal to his office. "They need a mentor, or a role model."

According to the Sheriff's office, the Boot Camp program returns working, tax-paying citizens to the community, thereby saving Oakland County taxpayers about \$1 million and 16,000 jail bed days per year.

> The program, however, does depend Please see Camp on page 13A

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Santa gets a hand

Above: Cara Forney, a chiropractic assistant at Vaughn, accepted money for the adopt-a-family program brought in by Dalton Grahm, 11, and sister Samantha, 7.

Right: Ronda Vaughn Marshall, left, and Jacqueline Vaughn began wrapping the huge stack of gifts Wednesday. Photos by Laura Colvin

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Four underprivileged Oakland County siblings will wake to find an eye-popping pile of presents stacked under the tree this Christmas, thanks to Santa and his special helpers at Vaughn Chiropractic.

For the past 25 years, the Vaughns have made it a Christmas tradition to "adopt" a less-fortunate local family through one of the area's many social service agencies.

"This is the giving season," said Jacqueline Vaughn, who partners with her daughter Ronda Vaughn Marshall at the clinic on Sashabaw Road in Waterford. "I'd do this in the middle of July if I could,

vocacy, and intervention to child victims of abuse, as well as prevention programs to assist families before abuse occurs.

Last year, the organization had 21 families up for adoption. This year, the number jumped to 35.

The staff at Vaughn doesn't know much about the family they adopted, except that it's a two-parent home with four young children living somewhere in Oakland County.

So with four different types of wrapping paper - one for each child, three girls and one boy, ages 8, 9, 11, and 12 -the entire staff got busy making all the gifts festive.

"I always wonder what their faces

Special Financial Focus Prèsented by: Scott R. Hazelton

21.S. Main Street • Clarkston Giving Financial Gifts? Know the Rules

The holidays are approaching rapidly, so shopping may be on your mind. Of course, you can find many different types of thoughtful presents that will "make the day" of your loved ones. But why not give a gift that can brighten their entire future? Specifically, why not give a financial gift that has long-term benefits?

Before you give shares of stock or other financial assets, however, you might want to brush up on some of the rules governing financial gift qiving.

Understanding gift taxes

When you give someone a "typical" holiday present - clothing, electronics, books, gift certificates, etc. - you normally don't have to worry about any taxes, except sales tax. But if you want to give away stock or other securities, you will have to consider "gift tax" rules, which are basically designed to prevent people from removing most of the assets from their taxable estates through large gifts. However, gift tax rules are, for most people, quite generous. Consider the following:

- - You can give up to \$12,000 to an individual in a tax year without facing any tax consequences. In fact, you can make \$12,000 gifts to as many different people as you'd like in a tax year without incurring gift taxes.
 - You can give your spouse a gift of any amount without facing gift taxes.
 - You and your spouse can each give the same individual \$12,000, for a total of \$24,000, gift-tax free.

Giving Stocks? Do Your Homework

If you decide to give stocks, you have to keep a few things in mind. Make sure you know what you originally paid for the stock (its"tax basis"), how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. The recipients will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock you've given them.

Both you and your loved ones can gain valuable tax advantages from your gift of stock. When you gave your shares of stock, you also gave away your "holding period" - the amount of time you've held the stock. So, even if the recipients own the stock only a day or so before selling it, they'll just have to pay the long-term capital gains tax rate, which may be considerably lower than their current income tax rate. And by giving shares of stock, you also will benefit - because you'll avoid the capital gains taxes you'd have to pay if you sold the stock yourself. Before taking any action, though, consult with your tax adviser.

Gifts for IRAs

You don't have to actually give stocks to help your intended recipients make progress toward their financial goals. As an alternative, consider giving your loved ones money to add more shares of stock (or bonds or other investments) to an IRA. For 2006, investors can put up to \$4,000 in a Roth or traditional IRA (or \$5,000 if they are 50 or older). If your intended recipients have fully funded their IRAs for 2006, they can apply your gift for 2007, for which the contribution limit is the same.

Long-lasting Gifts

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but people would think I was out of my mind."

For the past several years, the mother, daughter and their staff have partnered with CARE House of Pontiac, decorating the office tree with a multitude of bulbs that each represent one item from the wish list of the adopted family. Interested patients were asked to select a bulb, purchase the item and return the unwrapped gift by Friday.

"The project has just grown and grown over the years," she said, explaining that the clinic now offers a "free" day, when patients can pay for their chiropractic services with a gift or cash donation for the CARE House family. "Our patients are so generous, even in these hard times."

CARE House, the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County, is a nonprofit organization that provides ad-

will look like when they see all those presents," said Ronda Vaughn Marshall. "I know I won't ever see them, or even know who they are, but I just like to think about how their eyes will light up."

The list included items such as jeans, boots, coats, games, jewelry, hair ties, make-up and the popular Sponge Bob Square Pants movie.

"We're emphatic that they put down things that they need, such as coats, boots and blankets, but that they also put down things they want," said Pat Rosen, CARE House executive director. "They're children – we want them to wish, and we want them to see that wish come true."

In addition to fulfilling the family's Christmas wishes, the staff at Vaughn Chiropractic also help stock the cupboards at CARE House with items like baby food, diapers, and paper products and this year, hopefully, a new vacuum.

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Nothing to see here, thankfully

BY ANDREW DUPONT Staff Writer

When Dawn Eggenberger looks through the front window in her home, she sees the road in front of her house, some trees and not much else. That alone makes her happy.

In her opinion, the view across the street is a significant improvement over the scenery she had grown accustomed to seeing.

For the last several months, the property across from her Mann Road home in Independence Township had the burnt ruins of two homes. Both homes had previously been abandoned and were burned by the Independence Township Fire Department, who used the homes for collapsing drills.

"It was depressing to looks at," Eggenberger said. "To me, the worst of it was the holes and the rubble."

Subgroups of JR Management, a Bloomfield Hills property management company, are listed as the current property owners and remained responsible for cleanup.

Back in October, *The Clarkston News* contacted Rick Linnel, a representative from JR Management.

At the time, Linnel said he had loaned the property to the Independence Township Fire Department for practice and disagreed that the property represented a danger.

Linnel also indicated the other abandoned homes along the same stretch of Mann Road are slated for demolition to make way for a new development.

However, he said major work wasn't likely to begin until sometime in 2007.

A call to Linnel for comments regarding the cleanup was not returned.

Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner said the township sent multiple notices to the property owners, then established a 30-day deadline for cleanup on Nov.



The burned down homes on Mann Road (inset) were recently cleared. Broken appliances were removed and open holes and cisterns were filled with sand. *Photos by Andrew DuPont*

6. When Dec. 6 passed and no action had yet been taken, Wagner said the township moved forward to take the matter to court.

"The warm welcome has turned cold," Wagner said. "We've followed all the steps in our ordinance to take care of it."

Representatives from JR Management have contacted him and he hopes to work out an agreement, he said.

"I don't want to go to court," Wagner said.

Approximately one week later, the piles of rubble were gone, the broken appliances were removed and the open cisterns were filled with sand. Save for a few pieces of torn "caution" tape, there were no signs of the mess that sat on the property for months prior.

"More has happened there in the last few weeks than in the last six months," Eggenberger said.

Seeing the damaged property was bothersome, but her big concern was safety. The open cisterns dropped several feet into the ground, but previously had been exposed or covered with thin pieces of wood.

A school bus drops off students at an intersection near the property, and Eggenrberg had previously expresed concen that if a child fell into one of the open holes, nobody would be able to hear them.

The remaining abandoned homes still stand, but Eggenberg said she is just happy the destroyed ones are gone.

"I can totally live with that," she said. "I'm so glad somebody thought of us, even if it took some prodding."



Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, a longtime Davisburg Rotarian, found a child's note about helping others wrapped around a can of food. "Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the Basket Program," Walls said. Photo by Laura Colvin

Baskets save Christmas

BY L'AURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer "I love to help otherz. You

shood help otherz too." That was the message

Collin Walls found scrawled on a sheet of paper and wrapped around a can of food Friday as he sorted through a mountain of goods donated to help local families during the Christmas season.

"This is why I do this," said Walls, longtime Rotarian and Springfield Township supervisor, showing the note around. "This is what it's all about."

The Christmas Basket Program, in its 39th year, is the Davisburg Rotary's biggest and some would say most important—event of the year. Much of the money raised by the organization throughout the year goes toward funding the basket. This year, the need was significantly up from last year. In 2005, the Rotary delivered 57 baskets. This year, the number shot up to 107.

"The economy's terrible, people are out of work," Walls said. "So the need was greater this year, but the recognition and response to the need was much greater, too."

The writer of the note, said Walls, likely donated his can of food at one of the participating elementary schools----Davisburg, Andersonville and Cedar Crest Academy. Approximately 45 individuals and businesses made donations of cash, food, and other items. Rows and rows of boxes waited along dozens of tables as Rotarians listened to Christmas music while they sorted the food, toiletries and household products that were to be packed by volunteers from the community. With each family receiving a "basket" made up of four boxes, the 40 or so volunteers who showed up Friday evening took a mere 55 minutes to complete the task.

Basket deliveries began around 8 a.m. Saturday, and by 11 a.m., 107 families in Springfield Township, Rose Township and a small part of Groveland Township had received their boxes.

"For many of us, Christmas would not be Christmas without the basket program," Walls said. "It's our chance to give back to our community."

Other Rotarians agree, saying that the club gives them the chance to help out and make a difference in the community while also developing friendships with like-minded individuals.

"We always work hard and play hard," said Steve Gore, who joined the Davisburg Rotary about a year ago. "We always find a way to laugh and have a good time while we're getting things done. We're a little club that can do."

The Davisburg Rotary is a local chapter of a worldwide organization comprised of approximately 1.2 million members in 2,000 clubs spread over more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Book club for teens set to meet Jan. 16

Fantastical Book Group, for teens ages 11-18 and their parents, will have its first meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., in the Teen Lounge, Independence

participate, but teens are welcome to attend on their own.

The group will discuss Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynn Jones. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. According to the publisher, "Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl."

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Look out for road cyborgs

I'm a commuter.

This is my first job where I had to drive more than 10 minutes to get there. My 30-minute commute now isn't too much. My wife drives about 45 minutes each way to get to work.

Traffic can be strange, though. Vehicles move in packs. Others drive in formation across all three lanes like they're the Blue Angels. Zoomers, Slugs. Lane hogs.

It helped to realize I'm not dealing with human beings out

there. Look at a person who is fully engaged in driving

Physically, the body's not doing much. It is seated comfortably. Hands and arms move some to turn the seconing wheel and opera bit - the face is expression-less. The legs are still, except for the right fact on the pedal. If on crustic control, the legs don't move

The mind, however, is moving at 70 mph, looking for openings in traffic, maneuvering around curves and obstables, probably watching for police. It has disconnected itself from the body and placed

each in the car. It doesn't calculate how many degrees to totate the wheel or how many inches to depress the gas pedal. It justs turns the car and speeds up. This doesn't come naturally.

I remember learning how to drive, and how much I had to concentrate on the controls.

- I know I had to rotate the wheel to make a term; but then I found out I had to rotate it all the way back to straighten out. I knew I had to press on the brake to stop, but then I found out that I had to lift up on the pedal as the car came to a stop or else it would lean forward and jerk back.

None of this takes any thought now. Popular in Japanese science fiction is the "mech," a human-shaped, giant-size machine, cybernetically controlled by a pilot usually in the "head," and various weapons on its arms, shoulders, and back. Once strapped into the two tons of steel, plastic, and glass of a car, we can move faster than 70 mph, with the power of 124 horses, metal skin, enha

Dear Editor' (letters from our readers) Parade preserves hometown traditions

Dear Editor:

The Holiday Lighted Parade in downtown Clarkston was magnificent! The weather was perfect, the crowd was enthusiastic and the parade itself was superb!

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I was astonished with the Boy Scout troop that put together that Pine Wood Derby float. I can't imagine how many days and hours went into the creation someone's heart and soul was on display. It truly was outstanding but, my heart still goes out to the Optimists and the Knights of Columbus and all the others who find every volunteer available to help build a better float each year.

The theme for this year's parade, Hometown Traditions, says it all. Everyone's tradition was part of the parade. Some traditions were to build a beautiful float and invite your favorite group to ride and walk down the parade route singing with the crowds. Some traditions were to have a housewarming with all your fa-

vorite parade goers and all their friends. Another tradition for families with children and pets was to gather on the streets to meet up with neighbors and acquaintances to share holiday greetings.

The Holiday Lighted Parade is a Hometown Tradition and wouldn't be possible without the volunteers on the committee.

Personal thanks to Steve and Kelly Hyer, Zoe Aldrich and Connie Morgan for showing their "Heart of Clarkston" and taking on endless responsibilities. Logistical thanks to Ernie Combs, chief of police, for making sure that everyone was safe and sound and special physical thanks to Clarkston Community Schools for letting us use the Community Education Building to stage the parade.

sums of photos. Consequently, we understand that not

everyone can be in the paper, but no mention of the six

After all, your staff covered this event and inquired

information from all participants. Were we so naive to

think there would be some recognition in our local pa-

winners or any write up of any kind is uncalled for.

Happy Holidays!

Donna Clancy Clarkston

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More coverage, recognition needed for parade Granted there are costs associated to printing large

per?

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my huge disappointment in your coverage of the Clarkston Parade.

After countless hours of building, preparing, and financing, our members and Clarkston residents only got see a small token of pictures located at the end of your paper.

It is apparent to me, The Clarkston News and the Chamber of Commerce are not in unison with the hard efforts the community organizations put on for its residents. After three straight years of being in the Clarkson Holiday Parade, I have personally witnessed a degradation in the amount of participation by organizations and residents alike.

To my bewilderment, our adjoining cities do not offer the same amenities the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce has for its participants, and yet, participation is dwindling. In part, one reason has been your paper's coverage of this event and others alike.

I am asking a favor of your staff, to place in next week's paper the accurate depiction of last weekend's parade. It would serve the community justice to witness great displays that traveled through downtown Clarkston.

Not to mention, giving credit to the Clarkson Chamber of Commerce for contributing capital and hard personal efforts that make parades a fun, fruitful event for us all.

Darrin C. Raley Clarkston Eagles

(Ed. note: See page 3B for a list of award-winning floats.)

Use common sense with Sashabaw improvements

Dear Editor:

I have read reports of this Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority.

I have been skeptical.

It seems to be a poor time to be spending millions of dollars and more of our tax money for additional improvements to just one part of our community when it already appears it's thriving.

was adopting a deficit budget and cutting programs and services.

So here is the vicious cycle.

We take tax money away from established community services to pay for the most massive development ever in our community. A development which will undoubtedly require even more services and more money for a hospital that won't have to pay property taxes. We've already spent millions of dollars enhancing the Sashabaw corridor and the result seems to be plenty of commercial development so I don't think we need to encourage more development.



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sight and hearing (with mirrors and the radio). We are more than human - we're "drivers." Man and machine, a hybrid, a "mech."

We are cyborgs.

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Most cyborgs are perfectly content to mind their own business and drive safely, but some act as viciously as any Terminator or Borg, especially when cut off in traffic.

"Road rage" incidents can and should be considered "fights," because that's what they are. The cyborgs involved are just as pumped up as they would be if they were facing each other in a boxing ring. Boxing would be preferable. A road fight is more like dueling in a crowded bar using hand grenades. I just saw a survey that drivers with kids are 14

percent more likely to get into road fights. That's sad. Would these parents dump their kid out of a stroller and start swinging it at someone who stepped in front of them at the grocery store? They shouldn't do it just because they strapped on an SUV. Merry Christmas, especially to family, friends, readers, and all my fellow cyborgs.

On the replay of the township board meeting, I heard them admit that the proposal for a regional hospital is the real moving force for the CIA.

Apparently, it is the county that wants it located here and the county won't contribute even a limited portion of their tax money to a plan which makes improvements that are not useful for the hospital.

At the same meeting, the board announced that it

Rather, we need to encourage more common sense with some members of the township board.

> Craig Bennett Independence Township

No Sashabaw plan while cutting Parks and Rec

Dear Editor:

The Independence Township Board is expected to again address the Corridor Improvement Authority proposal for Sashabaw Road in January.

The purpose of the CIA is to improve Sashabaw Road and infrastructure to benefit commercial development, both tax paying and non-tax paying.

An approval would utilize county and Independence Township monies, without a vote of taxpayers, to make it more appealing for development. Commercial development has progressed well-along the

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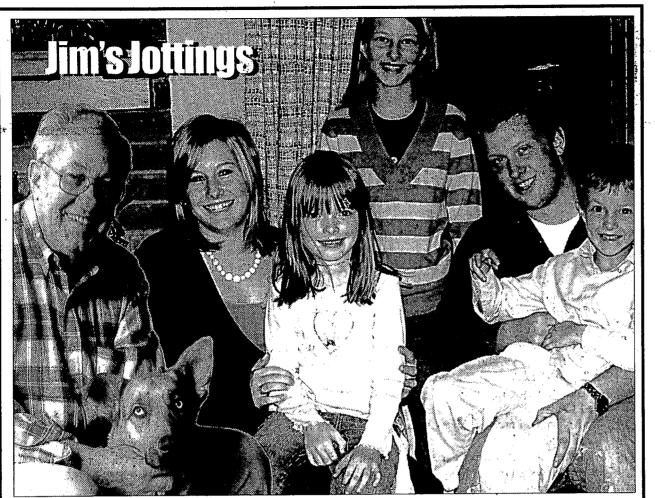
Sashabaw corridor.

Now the township wants to spend taxpayer funds to further enhance development when studies are currently underway to reduce and eliminate Township Parks and Recreation activities because of a reduction in funds. The township board should not adopt the CIA proposal.

John Meyland Independence Township

Please see page 16A for more Letters to the Editor

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Merry Christmas! Longtime readers know during the holidays I like to show off the younguns' -- our grandchildren. My, have they grown! The grandkids, from the left are: Karen Offer, Haley Speed, Savannah Speed, Dan Offer and Trevor Speed. All readers will notice something odd about ma' dog Shayna and myself ... our picture was taken at a different time and "spliced" in on the computer. From all of us, to you. Merry Christmas.

Some last minute Christmas shopping ideas

Folks up in the hinterlands of Ortonville and local businesses." Goodrich rightly chastised yours truly for not mentioning local shopping in their neck of the woods. For those with short memories, recently I wrote about shopping local in Oxford (for The Oxford Leader), Lake Orion (for The Lake Orion

Review) and Clarkston (for The Clarkston News -- all these newspapers are sister publications of The Citizen -- for the Ortonville-Goodrich area) and for unique stuff around our state.

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So, in the spirit of giving, peace, love, harmony and Michael Row Your Boat Ashore, I'm penning a "Last Minute Shopping Guide." With this handy bit of info you can easily tool up M-15 and get your shopping done with local entrepreneurial types, cool gifts, no crowds and happy faces . . .

but, before I get too far into this, I should fall on my sword and run the note I received.

Mr. Rush, Thanks for nothin'!

Citizen, regarding gift giving ideas, was a slap in the • In need of flowers and little knicky-knacky face to all of the local businesses in the Ortonville-Goodrich area. The very same businesses that spend hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars each year advertising in your paper (and paying your salary I may add). None of the businesses that you gave free advertising to spend a penny in our community nor do they use or hire local contractors, employees or businesses. Our business has been open less than a year, but we have donated to and supported over a dozen local charities and causes. I doubt that those businesses in Kingsley or Cedar Springs, that you cited, have ever even heard of Ortonville, let alone supported any of its local causes. And then, sir, you had the audacity to highlight in bold, the websites of those businesses ... thank you for giving another reason not to go out and shop in our own community. For your information, Mr. Rush, our store carries products that are not only made in Michigan, but made locally.

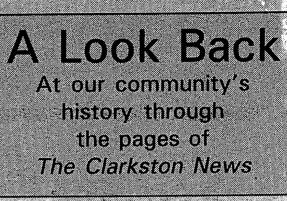
Ouch! For a guy that spent a about decade on the Oxford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, three as prez and three as VP, that stings. I guess the truth hurts (I just can't handle the truth).

Outside Inn, on M-15 at the corner of Horton Road has lots of neat stuff (I know because my motherin-law shops there). According to owner David Czajka, the store carries: essential oil soaps made in Goodrich, funky fleece hats made in Ortonville, soy candles of all sorts made in Brown City, Cherry Republic food products from Glen Arbor, Amish made lawn furniture among other things.

Wren in the Willow, on M-15 in Goodrich has a big collection of country decorations and primitive art for gifts.

If you're gonna' get some jewelry for your loved one, don't forget to visit D.L. Bonner in downtown Ortonville or Jim's Jewelry on M-15, in Goodrich.

Just opened is the Ortonville Smokehouse, on M-15 by the car wash. They have all sorts of smoked jerky, salami, sausages, hams, deli-meats,



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15 years ago - 1991 "Mom improving after train crash" A Flushing woman injured when a train collided with her truck was said to be improving. She had suffered closed-head injuries, fractured ribs and collarbone, and lower back injuries.

"New school - school board tries once more for elementary" The Clarkston Board of Education voted 6-1 to place on the ballot the proposal of a new 70-000-square-foot elementary school. Estimated cost of the school was \$8 million.

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"Second-grader called a hero for spotting house fire" Jordan Conley, at the time a 7-yearold Independence Township boy, alerted neighbors that their chimney was on fire. Firefighters were on the scene in about a minute. Conley he knew what to do because firefighters had come to his Pine Knob Elementary School and talked about fire safety. Fire Capt. Steve Ronk suggesteed that home owners clean their chimneys once a year to prevent fires.

"Retired teacher becomes Christmas tree farmer" Bob Chandler of Independence Township, a recently retired teacher, bought a Christmas tree farm. He and his business partners harvested 3,000 Douglas fir trees that year.

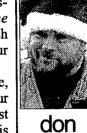
25 years ago - 1981

"Firefighters want overdue overtime" Independence Township firefighters spoke to the Township Board requesting three years of overtime pay for they would file a lawsuit. The board voted unanimously to pay the \$10,000 owed within 90 days.

"Paths costly" Phase I of Independence Township's safety path was approximately \$13,000 over contract costs, Contractors explained that unexpectedly marshy ground led to the cost overrun.

"New St. Daniel's opens doors" The Rev. Charles Cushing and his congregation were preparing to celebrate Christmas in their new church on Holcomb and Miller roads in Independence Township. The new church seated 721 and was in a combination of traditional motifs and contem-





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Your column in the December 11th edition of *The* Michigan jellies and jams, gift baskets and more.

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And you would know that, if you would get your butt from in front of your computer and out into the

stuff, try Willowpointe in Ortonville. It's located between the A&W and Oxford Bank on M-15 (parking in back).

For the artsy ones in your life, Ortonville offers three cool stores, Art of Life, Plumtree and The Bead Shop. Plumtree is on M-15 with Art of Life and The Bead Shop in downtown..

I would be remiss if I didn't mention both Porter's and Ashton's Orchards for gift baskets, jams, jellies and apple products.

And, for the men in your life, don't forget ٠ Brown's Do-It Center in Goodrich, Thompson Hardware in downtown Ortonville and Grove's True Value on M-15 in Groveland Township (next to Bueche's).

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I know I probably missed some folks, but area salons and restaurants have gift certificates . . . and, and, well, I'll end this week, as I did the other:

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!

porary architecture.

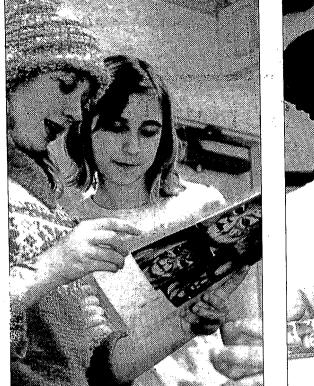
"Pond skating in the future?" Clarkston Village Council discussed bringing back a tradition of ice skating on the downtown Mill Pond. They hoped to enlist the help of the Independence Township Fire Department to make the pond smooth enough for skating.

50 years ago - 1956

"Santa in Clarkston Christmas Eve" Santa Claus sent word that he would be in Clarkston on Dec. 24 at Main and Washington streets for the annual Rotary party. ***

"Local ground observer post to operate 'round the clock" The Clarkston observer post was set to run full time, with volunteer observers and Air Force officers. Post Supervisor Earle Bennett said the post and its network could help save thousands of lives in an enemy attack, should it come.

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Erika Nowak and Holly Pantea were on hand to help out.

Jacob Wilton, 14, and mentor Joe Wagner went shopping for gifts, then wrapped them at the party. The two have been matched for seven years.

Merry-making mentors

Members of the Clarkston-area Youth Assistance Mentors Plus program took part in the group's annual Christmas party Saturday. Each child received \$15 per person to shop for household family members, then came back to wrap their gifts and enjoy a day of food and fun. Most of all, it was an opportunity for the children and their mentors to spend time together and strengthen the bonds they share.

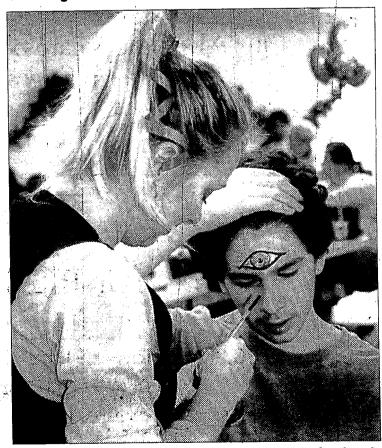
Photos by Laura Colvin



Allyssa Brown, 11, and mentor Sue Fryer were matched just last week, and spent Saturday getting to know one another.



Kaitlynn McMichael and mentor Amy Turner work on wrapping a gift for Kaitlynn's Grandma. They have been matched about eight months.



Jaque Stuetzer, left, and Shawna Brown, both 13, share an iPod while they worked together on a Christmas craft at the annual Clarkston-area Youth Assistance Christmas party held Saturday, December 16 at the Carriage House in Independence Township's Clintonwood Park.

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Stephen Cason, 16, wanted an eyeball on his forehead. Don't ask.



Independence Township

Sat., Dec. 9 A 21-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed after physically assaulting his 20year-old girlfriend.

Township man with two Friend of the Court warrants was arrested and jailed after an anonymous resident tipped police to his whereabouts.

Township man filed a report stating that his brother had written several thousand dollars in fraudulent checks from their mother's account.

Township woman called police after discovering that someone had inflicted a 24-inch L-shaped cut in the roof of her convertible. Nothing was missing from inside the car.

Thurs. Dec. 14 A business owner on Sashabaw Road reported that a thief who drove off with a bag of corn valued at \$5.99 was visible on the store's surveillance equipment.

Thurs. Dec. 14 Oakland County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call to assist Michigan State Police with a combative female whom they were attempting to take to the hospital for a mandatory blood draw. The woman could be traced to a pawn shop,

continuously tried to kick and bite officers and hospital staff, but was eventually brought under control with

stuns and wrist lock techniques. Thurs. Dec. 14 A 22-year old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed for felonious assault after pulling out a knife in hopes that his father would leave him alone. The younger man had failed a test at Mon., Dec. 11 An Independence school and reported that his father followed him around the home yelling about the matter.

Thurs. Dec. 14 An employee at an Ortonville Road business called po-Mon., Dec. 11 An Independence lice after discovering that her purse, which she had placed on the floor behind the counter, had been stolen at some point in the day.

Fri., Dec. 15 Independence Town-Tues., Dec. 12 An Independence ship man reported receiving notification that he had an unpaid balance of \$277 from a company called Nexum II Financial. The man said that although he'd never heard of the company, someone had set up an account using his personal information

Fri., Dec. 15 A Clarkston woman who was unable to locate several pieces of jewelry filed a report after learning that the woman who cleaned her home had admitted to stealing jewelry from other homes. After consulting with deputies, the woman learned that some of her jewelry

where she was able to purchase it back for \$33.

Fri., Dec. 15 Deputies who stopped a woman for improper plates discovered that the car was also unregistered and uninsured and advised the woman to leave the car, which she'd purchased for \$250 about 3 weeks prior, in the parking lot until she could drive it legally. The woman called police several days later when she returned to the spot she'd left the car and discovered it gone.

Sat., Dec. 16 An Independence Township woman reported recieving a suspicious call about a camper she and her husband had listed for sale on the Internet. She said the caller claimed to be from Canada and said he bought many vehicles, then came across the border in a semi truck to pick them all up at the same time. The camper's asking price was \$3,000, but the man said he would send \$7,500 per company policy, and asked that the couple immediately return the remaining \$4,500 via Western Union. The check, drafted from Hibernia, a Canadian bank, arrived and was confirmed fraudulent.

Sun., Dec. 17 Police were called to an Independence Township apartment complex after a fight broke out between a 22-year-old woman and a 25-yearold woman, who each claimed the man they were fighting over was her boyfriend, and that the other was the exgirlfriend.

Springfield Township

Fri., Dec. 8 A 22-year old man living in Waterford was arrested in Springfield Township after providing fraudulent resident alien identification when deputies pulled him over for a license plate violation. The man was turned over to immigration officials when he was discovered to be an illegal Mexican National.

Sat., Dec. 9 A Springfield Township man . called police after a fight ensued when he discovered a syringe in the purse belonging to his wife, who is a known heroin user

Sun., Dec. 10 A Springfield Township woman was arrested and jailed for domestic assault after pushing her husband from behind as he walked away during an argument. The man fell into the wall and cut his head, requiring ten stitches. Tues., Dec. 12 An automobile dealership on Dixie Highway reported that sometime during the night, the headlights, front grill, radiator and A/C condenser had been removed from an SUV parked inside a fenced, locked area.

Wed., Dec. 13 A highly intoxicated Springfield Township man was arrested and jailed on charges of attempted arson after he reportedly poured gasoline around the perimeter of his parent's home and stood outside screaming and crying with a lighter in hand.

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One holiday tradition we can all live without

By Ernie Harwell



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,419 people were killed and 700,000 others were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the U.S. last year.

Perhaps the saddest news of all is that more alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur during the holiday period than any other time during the year. But it's important to

remember that people typically don't plan to be impaired drivers. It's even more important to remember that everyone can plan ahead to make sure it doesn't happen.

If you plan to celebrate with alcohol, here are tips to help you enjoy a safer holiday season:

* Avoid situations where there is a likelihood that you

will drink and drive. * Find someone to be your designated driver before you take that first drink.

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* Ask for juice, a soft drink or coffee after you have an alcoholic drink or two.

* Decide on a limit, such as two drinks, and stick to it.

* If you have difficulty stopping, call a friend before you take the first drink-you may even decide not to take it. Simply put, if you'll be drinking, have a plan. It's the best way for you and others to celebrate and be safe.

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

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, 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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CJHS students Sarah Mead, Briana Selberg, Tessa Cornwall and Elissa Garcia perform "Silent Night" at Pete's Coney Island II. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Junior High choir sings, serves

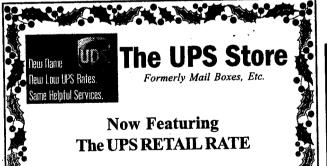
BY ANDREW DUPONT

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Thinking about music and restaurants might bring images of the Hard Rock Café to mind. Other places make use of a radio or jukebox, but the patrons of Pete's Coney Island II had a different type of entertainment while they ate.

Members of the Clarkston Junior High School Choir provided their voices for four hours, during which they performed Christmas carols and helped the staff by working as assistant hostesses and waitresses. The patrons were treated to special entertainment, the staff received extra help with their work and the students earned tips to go toward their group's funds.

The idea came from a class project for two students. Ninth-graders Christine Neal and Lyndsey Sirbought needed to come up with a community service project idea for their US History class. Both students are also members of the CJHS choir. Neal said the choir was running low on general funds, so she suggested a service project that would help them make the grade and help the choir.



"Since the choir was nearly out of money we decided to do a fund-raiser," Neal said.

"It's just something fun for the community," said Briana Selberg, one of the performing students.

Ed Zull, the owner of Pete's Coney Island II agreed. "Youth is our future. It's really important to be community orientated," Zull said.

Zull said he has offered to host similar events for other groups including the Lions and Toys for Tots.

"This is a way we can give back to our community."

Zull said he sees the events as a nice trade-off, with his employees getting some extra help for the evening, and the students getting to keep the tips.

Nearly two dozen students volunteered to help with the event, taking turns working one-hour shifts and singing. When the event was over, the group raised more than \$500, which Neal said will go toward purchasing new equipment for the choir.

CJHS Choir Director Danielle Blanchard said this is the first time the choir has done anything like this for a fund-raising effort, but liked the idea because it helped the students get experience singing in front of groups of people. A similar fund-raiser is already being planned for the spring.

Mother needs Christmas help

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Shirley, a woman who lives in Independence Township, can't afford Christmas presents for her 10-yearold daughter this year.

She had some money to spare, so she decided to try to use it to purchase an ad in the Clarkston News.

It would have said something like "Single disabled mother needs toys from Santa for 10-year-old daughter."

"I didn't know what else to do," said Shirley, who asked that her last name not be used.

She lives with her daughter, her youngest, in a Clintonvilla manufactured home in Independence Township. Her two other children are grown.

All she had left was her pride, which she said she is also giving up by asking for help.

"Christmas isn't about presents - it's about giving. I understand that," she said. "But she's still a kid."

She wants her daughter to believe in Santa Claus for as long as possible.

"Everyone tells her there is no such thing as Santa," she said. "I want her to believe in Santa and not grow up so soon - I'm not trying to lie to her. I just want her to keep her childhood a little longer. I don't want her to have to guit believing."

She has always provided presents for her children, but back surgery and multiple sclerosis has prevented her from working this year.

"I'd get a second job, I'd do whatever it took -Santa would always come through," she said.

She is receiving help from Lighthouse North, which has given her a Christmas tree, and Toys for Tots. These are great programs, she said.

"They're wonderful," she said. "But I want to give her something she asked for - something from Santa."

Her daughter likes Bratz dolls, Britney Spears-type music, and Nancy Drew and Nickelodeon book series. However, her list also has much more expensive requests, like a PSP portable video game unit, bicycle, and laptop.

"Everything costs so much - Disability gives you enough to survive on, that's it," said Shirley, who has worked as a caregiver at a local hospice.

"I don't ask for nothing. I never have. I used to be the one who would give to everyone."

For herself, she needs the material for a wheelchair-accessibility ramp for her home.

Anyone who would like to help Shirley and her daughter can contact her through The Clarkston News, 248-625-3370, by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

To make a donation to Lighthouse, call 248-620-6116. To make a donation to Toys for Tots, call 313-363-4021



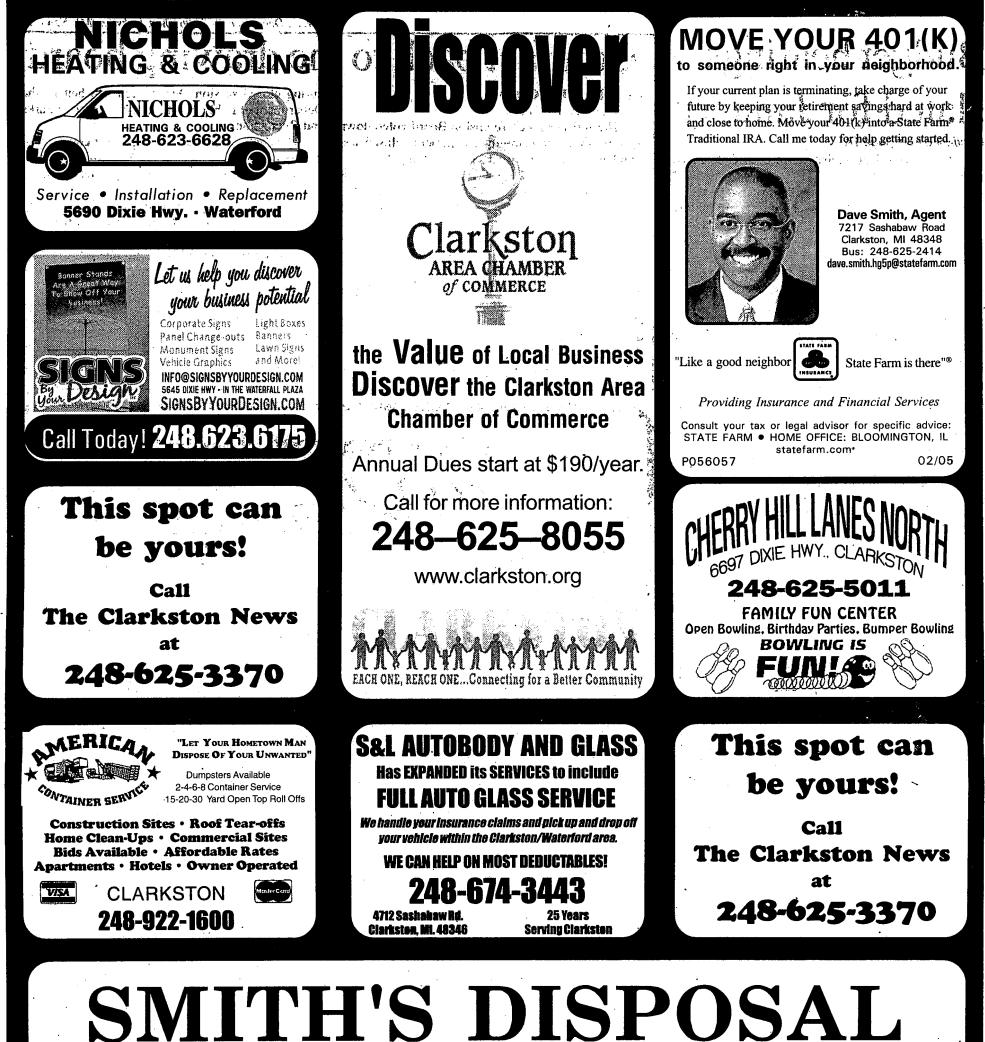
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Budget hearings slated for January

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"This was not done for that reason, even if it looks like that," he said.

"There's no denying the fact that we don't have the money...each year they've been cutting and cutting. There's no way for us to make that up." Wagner added.

Cuts saved the department more than \$165,000, Turk said.

Senior activities, inline skating and volleyball programs, summer camps, swimming lessons, and special events such as the Easter egg picnic, Share Your Wish with Santa, Friendly Forest, and Teddy Bear Picnic got the ax.

Turk said overtime for workers will be eliminated and nearly 25 percent of the department's part-time staff will have to be laid off. Senior athletics will be reworked to save money, transportation will be partially cut and the senior home-chore program will see an end.

Turk said the hours of operation for the department's three remaining parks, Clintonwood, Bay Court, and Sashabaw Plains, may be reduced.

"I hope people understand they might see more litter, longer grass (and) things that normally get done, but we just don't have the manpower to get it done," Turk said.

The programs for youths in the area are irreplaceable, Turk said.

"They mean a lot. It's our duty to give these kids something to do with their time or we are going to pay for it in one way or another," he said.

Athletic programs teach kids how to interact with others, and build team working skills and self-esteem, Turk said.

Turk said many people moved to Independence Township because of the superior parks and activities the area had to offer, and they have come to expect the best.

"I don't think people in the area will stand for this," Turk said.

The best way to ensure these activities remain a township mainstay, is to pass a dedicated millage to fund the department, he said.

"Until we fix the problem, it's not going to go away."

Camp lowers return rate

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on outside community resources for ongoing support. "We need employers who are willing to work with people who've gone through a program like this after being incarcerated," said Gasper Novara, a job developer with the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's Prisoner Reentry Program. "We need employers who are willing to take a chance on people who are trying to help themselves."

Steven Bailey has a plan to help himself.

When he comes home on Christmas Day, Bailey will spend some time with his family, then intends to leave town to learn a trade with his uncle-and to get a fresh start on life

"Before I came here, it was more like I was following the crowd," he said. "But I've got a lot of motivation to change. It's time to grow up and be a man."



Contract back to the drawing board

BY FHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor The independence Township Board voted down the township union employee contract in closed session Dec. 5, after approving a deficit budget. One of the main issues with township officials is the contract's pay increases for the union members, represented by American Federation of State, County,

and Municipal Employees.

"With the economic state we're in now, 4 percent seems a little high," said Mike Turk, director of the township Parks and Recreation Department.

Because of the failure of the Senior Center Bond and Millage this past November, Parks and Recreation is facing up to \$400,000 in cuts this year. In Independence Township, the senior center is funded through Parks and Recreation.

during closed session Dec. 5 seems to benefit the Department of Public Works at the expense of Parks and Recreation.

The contract includes extra pay for commercial drivers licenses and an extra DPW position, both of which favor the DPW, said Roger Belcher, park superintendent.

"The whole thing is ridiculous." Belcher said. "I think everyone should pitch in - we all pay the same union dues.

Belcher was one of 12 union members to vote against the contract at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees meeting.

Township and union officials will meet before the end of the year to work out a revised contract, said township Supervisor David Wagner.

"We're back in negotiations," Wagner said. "We'll Also, the contract presented to the township board bring it back as quickly as possible in January."

William Beaumont Hospital Welcomes

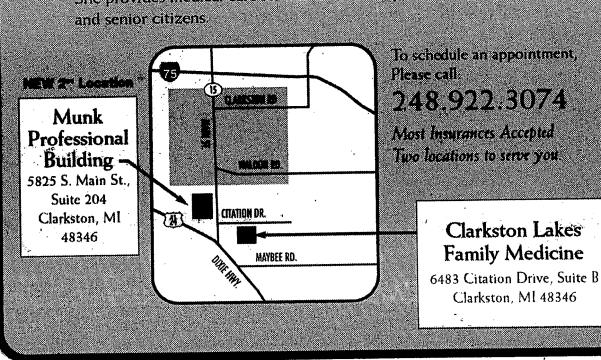


Dr. Elissa B. Gartenberg

in joining Beaumont-affiliated Clarkston Lakes Family Medicine

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Officials consider cuts in staff, programs to balance budget

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"We're projected to run at a deficit next year, and that's why the board made their decision to say we can't continue to use fund equity to balance the budget," Beamer said.

The district currently receives \$7,332 per pupil in state funding, a slight increase over last year, but the district also experienced the first drop in enrollment in nearly 20 years. Roberts acknowledged that people will be concerned over how the cuts will affect jobs in the district, but added that with approximately 80 percent of the district expenses coming from staffing, it would be unreasonable to expect no jobs losses.

"We care about the people we hire and we care about the work they do, but we know that under the mandate set by the

everybody has to live within their means, that we have to do it with fewer employees," Roberts said. "I think it's unfair to go down the road without any idea, so we want to give them some idea without creating paranoia."

While cutting staff means affecting classrooms throughout the district, Roberts said some operations such as busing are already running on minimal funding, so cuts will have to be made elsewhere.

"If we cut any more from transportation, there won't be any sense in running it at all because we're at the bare minimum." he said.

Nothing is certain at this time, but Roberts said the cuts will likely be in program development, staffing, class sizes, and sup-

board - and it's a correct mandate - that plies such as textbooks. Roberts stressed that all ideas are still very much in the planning stage and no ideas have been committed to yet. Administrators and staff are working to develop ideas based on their areas of expertise, but he has also received ideas from concerned parents in the dis-

> ated and putting them on the list for now no idea has been a bad idea," he said.

District-wide teacher and administrator contracts are up for renegotiation this year, and the cuts will definitely play a role in those negotiations.

"I can't say how it's going to play out right now," Roberts said. "Even if every employee said 'okay, we'll take a freeze this year,' our budget would still go up."

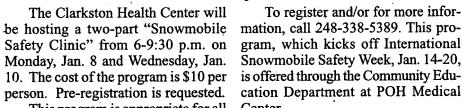
The district's possible switch to a trimester system to meet new state graduation requirements has also been influenced by the budget crisis. Roberts said the trimester system became the favored option because it would be the most cost-effective solution.

"The state has come up with these new "We're taking any idea that is gener- high school graduation requirements. There's no new money with that, but there will be a number of implications for us in terms of certification of staff and in terms of how many staff we have," Roberts said.

A final draft of recommendations is expected to be prepared early next month, with a board workshop meeting scheduled for Jan. 22. An official decision on the cuts is not expected until February or March, however.

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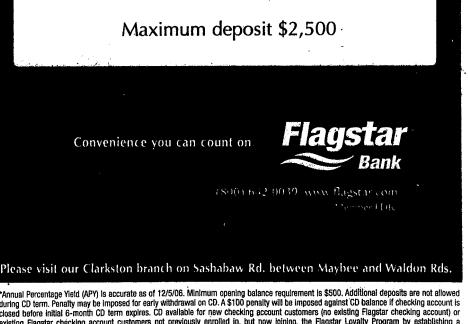
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Bananos conquers state competition

The Pine Knob Elementary LEGO Robotics team "Bananos" competed at the state championship on Dec. 16, placing third overall. The team, which consisted completely of fifth-grade students, also earned a trophy for their robot programming. Pictured are Daniel and Monica Kinsey, Michael Yates, Jacob Agar, Spencer Miller, Alex Stegmeyer, Scott Ushiro and Coaches Steve Miller and Bruce and Laura Ushiro. Photo by Andrew DuPont

Board boosts Springfield salaries

Clarkston News Staff Writer The Board of Trustees approved a pay hike for many of the Springfield Township's key employees Thursday, while the supervisor, clerk and treasurer all voted down personal raises.

None of the township's employees received a raise last year.

Fire Chief Charlie Oaks saw his annual salary rise from \$49,000 to \$53,500 for 2007, while full-time firefighters were bumped from \$34,000 to \$36,000 annually. Fire department clerical received a \$3.50 raise to \$15 per hour.

"That puts her in line with what we're already paying our other part-time clerical staff," said Treasurer Jamie Dubre, referring to Claudia Pipoly of the Springfield Township Fire Department.

In Dubre's office, the deputy treasurer, who earned \$31,000 in 2006, received a hike to \$35,000. The treasurer's assistant netted \$27,600, which will increase to \$28,500 for 2007.

The deputy clerk received a \$1,000 increase in salary to \$35,000. The clerk clerical position was changed to "accounts payable clerk" because of the job description and workload carried by the person in that position. The salary, set at \$25,900 in 2006 was pushed to \$27,600 for next year.

Dubre each net \$54,700.

"I can't in good conscience accept a raise," said Walls, "when we've asked our employees to start paying for part of their medical coverage."

Because of rapidly rising insurance premiums, the board voted at the Nov. 9 meeting to mandate that single employees pay \$25 per month for health insurance while married individuals contribute \$50.

The board is looking into alternate options, but employees will begin paying for part of the insurance premiums Jan. 1.

The township's building director also received a raise from \$54,000 to \$56,000, while the assessor saw an increase of \$1,500, to put the 2007 salary at \$51,500. The assessing clerk was bumped from \$25,100 to \$27,600.

Paid on-call firefighters will now earn an extra dollar per hour, nudging the wage to \$13-\$15 per hour, according to training. The assistant fire chief got a raise from \$4,600 to \$5,000.

Salaries of trustees David Hopper, Roger Lamont, Dennis Vallad and Marc Cooper will remain the same, at \$1,200 annually, plus \$100 per monthly meeting.

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Middle School Honor roll

The following sixth Miranda Perez graders at Sashabaw Middle School, were named to the Honor Roll for the first marking period but were inadvertently omitted from the listing in the Dec. 13 edition: *Holly Nellis **Brian Nelson** Katherine Nelson Sydney Noble Joshua Norman Kyle Norton *Kady O'Connell Colin O'Connor Patrick O'Connor Kyle O'Grady *Kendall Oldford Kyle Omilian *Nicole Orminski *Llovd Orr *Nathaniel Osborn *Sara Osstyn Joseph Otenbaker Elaina Page *Maria Pangori *Paige Pankey Nathan Paquette Elizabeth Parker *Sharvil Patel Samuel Pavlik **Alisha** Payton *Destiny Peickert *Bailey Penn Isaac Pepera Darrion Perdue

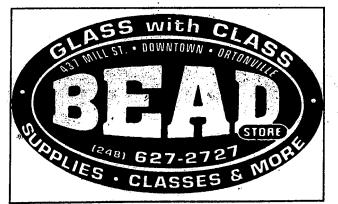
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The supervisor's administrative assistant saw a raise from \$31,100 to \$33,500.

Trustee Roger Lamont proposed a pay raise for Supervisor Collin Walls, Clerk Nancy Strole and Treasurer Jamie Dubre, all of which were voted down. Walls earns an annual \$63,800, while Strole and





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More letters to the editor... Pay to help youth now, or pay later

Dear Editor:

Research has shown that parks and recreation programs do indeed reduce crime, violence, and substance abuse.

We need to provide positive outlets and opportunities for people to channel their energies.

This is especially true for our young people during after school hours when their behavior needs to be monitored.

We need to reach these individuals before they enter the juvenile system.

We know what the problems are and now we have to work across the community to come up with solutions.

Parks and Recreation services make a profound differtime we started taking a proactive approach.

Consider for a moment the concept of spending more money on building community centers (proactive), instead of spending that money to continually build more prisons (reactive).

It boggles my mind people don't bat an eye to help fund a prison but will hesitate to build a community center.

The percentage of tax dollars spent on the Department of Correction in this state is daunting.

Consider this: It costs 100 times more to send a teen to jail than to provide preventative recreation programs.

The Federal Committee for

ence in people's lives and it is Economic Development found that for every dollar invested in children, society saves \$4.78 in costs for remedial education, welfare, and crime.

Incarcerate or recreate?

The economic impact of taking a proactive approach would be astronomical.

Is cutting Parks and Recreation programs the right approach?

If the answer is no, send your responses to the Township Board, make calls, send e-mails, send letters, or attend a Township Board meeting.

Let your voice be heard. Mike Turk

Parks and Rec. director Independence Township

Singers impressive, professional, polite

Dear Editor:

I'd like to thank the Clarkston High School Madrigals under the direction of Mr. Mike Peterson, for volunteering to sing at our Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party/Meeting.

These students were professional, beautifully-attired and VERY talented role models for

all teens. They sang a wonderful selection of holiday songs of young people. and classical choices.

Because our group is a faith-based volunteer auxiliary, we were unable to pay them for their time, but I was very touched by one of the young men who, when their concert was over, thanked us for having them sing!

What an impressive group

I hope the rest of Clarkston gets a chance to hear them perform soon. Thank you again Mr. Peterson and the CHS Madrigals! God Bless you all.

Lee Ellen Kerr Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Clarkston

Officer treated unfairly in case

Dear Editor:

The citizens of America enjoy what we call "presumption of innocence". This means that no person shall be considered guilty until convicted by a court of law. This has not been the case of an officer in the Oakland County Sheriff Department.

One of its own, Officer Craig Cejmer, was accused by Undersheriff Mike McCabe of stealing money from a motorist. McCabe was quoted in the Detroit News article (Dec. 5) as saying "We are convinced he (Officer Cejmer) stole that money (\$1,700) and he was going to keep it for himself. This is unacceptable. We run a clean shop here."

As a member of the judicial system, McCabe is supposed to uphold the rights of the citizenry and not prejudge them before there is a trial to determine the guilt or innocence of a citizen charged with an alleged felony.

Our constitution provides its citizens the right to "presumption of innocence. Undersheriff McCabe actions and words undermine the very freedoms that our soldiers are fighting for in Iraq. Presuming citizens of being guilty is unfair and immoral because it allows the targeting of any individual. It is unfair to find anyone "guilty of a crime" before they have their day in court. Under sheriff McCabe's actions and words may prevent a fair trial and a non-bias defense for Officer Cejmer.

Why is the Oakland County Sheriff's office handling this issue in such a grandiose and slanderous way? This officer and his family should not have to suffer public humiliation before he has had his right to a trial.

McCabe's actions have me and other citizens of our democratic county feeling less trustful of our judicial system. It is my hope that the Oakland County Sheriff's Department will realize that our constitutional rights are not to be trampled upon and that this officer deserves the "constitutional right" to "presumption of innocence!"

> Jenny Brown Clarkston



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Thank you, community, for help with Shoes

Goodfellow newspaper sales, which provides the funds necessary for the "Shoes for Kids" program.

Invitations were sent to 522 local Clarkston school children this year. Each child was provided with a new pair of winter boots and shoes, as well as a new hat and gloves.

This year was a great success and the Clarkston Rotary would like to thank the following for helping to put smiles on the faces of Clarkston children:

• To the Clarkston News, Jim Sherman, and Don Rush for their continued commitment in publishing the Goodfellow newspapers. To Don Rush for his patience in bringing the paper to press. The 7,500 newspapers went quickly, in spite of ordering 500 more papers this year.

• To Mr. Alan's Superstore in Redford, Jason Riegle, store manager, and the store volunteers for the time, energy and support they provide.

• To Oakland Wood Baptist Church, Pastor Bob Galey, and members of the congregation for their continued support by selling Goodfellow newspapers. For providing both the use of their church and volunteer support for the "Shoes for Kids" distribution day.

• To the Clarkston Community Schools Social Workers and Lighthouse of Clarkston, who have spent hours of support and energy in providing the chil-

Dear Editor: The Clarkston Rotary would like to thank the Clarkston community for sup-thank the Clarkston community for sup-Gloves Christmas tree" helped increase "sleet on Friday, December 1st. the selection dramatically.

> • To Shades Above Hair Salon in Waterford for their efforts in providing extra hats and gloves.

> • To the Independence Township Offices and Parks and Recreation for their donations.

> • To "People to People", Kathy Noble and the 32 area high school students who volunteered for "Shoes for Kids" distribution day. May your trip to Greece and Italy this summer be as enjoyable as your efforts in volunteering.

 To Independence Township Professional Firefighters Associations Local 2629 for their contribution.

• To Renaissance High Student Council for donating proceeds from their pizza sales.

• To Child Care Council of Oakland County for donating from their Friday casual jean fund.

• To Church of the Resurrection, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, and Oakland Woods Baptist Church for their donations of new winter hats and gloves.

• To the three local Kroger stores and their managers for allowing Cub Scout Pack #314 to sell Goodfellow newspapers outside their stores and for giving them an opportunity to learn community service "good deeds".

• To Kitt Stalker for his perseverporting and embracing our club's contributions to their school's "Hats and ance in collecting all day in the rain and Friday night newspaper sales.

> hours of volunteering and even finding time for a little "clowning around" with the children.

To the City of the Village of Clarkston Department of Public Works for providing the "warm" office space serving as the headquarters during the two days of Goodfellow newspaper sales.

To O'Malley's Galley Restaurant and Catering (Dennis and Michelle O'Malley) and Food Castle Supermarket (Sam Nannoshi and family) for providing hot chili and soup. The volunteers coming in from the rain and snow really appreciated it.

 To Cub Scout Pack # 314, John Arnold, and Valerie Weaver for organizing the boys for the new Friday night collections and all day Saturday at the Kroger stores.

To Boy Scout Troop #199, Kevin Roy, their leaders and parents for selling the Goodfellow newspapers at Bordine Nursery.

• To the Clarkston Lions Club, Mike Mercier, president, and its members for participating in the newspaper sales. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Lion Jerry Baumgart for his collections and finding new collection sites.

 To the Clarkston Community • To Dick and Pam Schmaltz for School teachers for their participation in

using their power of persuasion in get- both Goodfellows and "Shoes for Kids" ting Santa to stop by to see the children is To the River Dawgs baseball team, and Jeff Harvey for joining in the

And to the many family mem-To Ed and Sharon Cox for their bers and friends of Rotary who support our endeavors in so many ways. Without their trust and efforts, the task would be impossible.

> And finally, a special thank you to the many people whose generous donations make possible the purchase of new shoes, boots, hats, mittens and gloves for the 522 Clarkston Community School children this year.

Joel DeLong Clarkston Rotary "Shoes for Kids" Chairperson

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Still on top Clarkston rises up to win sixth straight Oakland County title

Staff Writer

Facing a seven-point deficit going into the second day of the Oakland County wrestling meet at Clarkston High School, the Wolves knew other teams were gunning for them.

Trailing the leader Lake Orion 134-125 after

BY PAUL KAMPE Wolves sat only 17 points ahead of Oxford and 20 above Milford, but they prevailed. Clarkston recovered and pulled out a win over the Dragons 291-269.5 and earned its sixth consecutive county championship.

"It was nice to see them put in a pressure situ-Friday's opening round, the ation," said Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain.

"We were in a position where every match counted and they kept winning when we needed it."

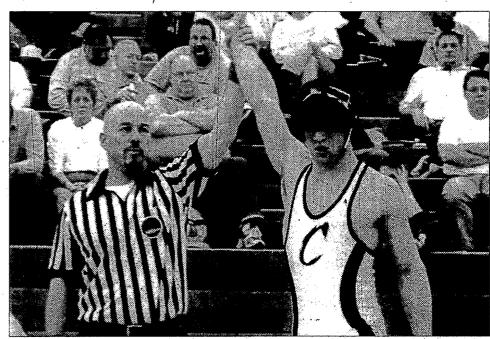
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"This is probably the closest one in five years. The kids just kept wrestling hard...they knew how close it was," said Assistant Coach Derek Moscovic.

"It's nice to bring another Oakland County championship, we take a lot of pride in that."

The win is Clarkston's 11th overall and fourth under Head Coach Joe DeGain. Clarkston began its streak while DeGain's father, Mike, was at the helm in 2001. Hazel Park

Please read Wolves on A19



Adam Lauzun is declared the victor of the 171-pound chmapionship match after defeating Reed Fenton of Birmingham Seaholm 9-2. The Wolves rallied to take their sixth consecutive county championship. Lauzun, Bryant Craft and Mike Maguire earned first-place finishes at the meet. Photo by Paul Kampe

Clarkston Athlete of the week falls to Lucas earns second all-state nod

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Being part of an excellent team, such as the Clarkston Wolves girls tennis program, certainly has its benefits.

Alyssa Lucas, a member of three straight teams which finished in the top+ten in the state, was named an all-state selection in November, her second time.

This past season, Lucas was playing in no. 1 singles against the toughest competition in the state.

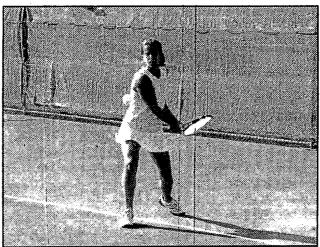
"I played a lot better (this season) and it was hard to because it was at no. 1 (singles). I had to do different things to do well," Lucas said.

Lucas, a junior at Clarkston High School, began her career in 2004 at no. 3 singles. That season, she became a state champion, one of three singles-play state champions on that team. The team finished fourth in the state overall.

Lucas advanced to the semis in 2005 and quarter finals at the state tournament this season.

Lucas said her daring style of play makes her tough to beat.

"I take chances and I try to hit the ball hard. I don't just try to hit it easy, I try to go for things," she said.



Clarkston's Alyssa Lucas earned all-state honors for the second time in her career.

win, because that's what she does," he said.

can," she said.

nearing the varsity level.

"I expect her to put a winning season together." Lucas said the team plans to work hard in the offseason and make another strong run to the state finals next season.

"I just want to do good at states and at least help

The perpetual success of Clarkston's tennis pro-

"I think we can do good next year and after I'll be

Lucas said she is looking at colleges right now and

Lucas, who has played the sport since age 5, says

gram will leave a lasting impression on younger kids

gone, there's a lot of good, younger kids coming up."

that she would be very interested in playing tennis at an

Dragons in league play

BY COLIN BAUMGARTNER Staff Writer

Lake Orion Coach Jim Manzo said he remembers quite well the last time the Dragons beat Clarkston on the varsity basketball hardwood.

That's because Manzo played on that team, back in 1988.

Last Friday, Lake Orion ended that long drought, topping the visiting Wolves 51-43 in a rematch of last season's district final (which Clarkston won 56-50).

"Granted, it's just one win, but you don't have a rivalry until each team has a win," Manzo said.

His team used an 18-5 run over the final 12 minutes of the first half to build a 24-12 halftime advantage.

But, as they often do, Clarkston clawed back in a rong third quarter, cutting the deficit to four on mul-

Clarkston Coach Craig Judd said her mentality and backhand shot make her a force to be reckoned with our team make it to (that point) and do as well as I on the court.

"She's really mentally strong. She's really prepared, before she goes into a match," Judd said.

"She's strong on both sides of the baseline. She's fabulous forehand and backhand and she will overpower. you with her baseline shots.

"She has a backhand that's really a weapon and that's really to her advantage," Judd added.

Judd said he expects Lucas to go out and be a fiery intercollegiate level. competitor next season.

"I hope she inspires the team to go work hard and she likes the independent nature of the game.



tiple occasions:

"If you look at the box scores, Clarkston is known for their third quarters," Manzo said, complimenting the adjustments made by Wolves' coach Dan Fife.

Unfortunately for Clarkston, the third quarter run came at a price, as both Bren Bergquist and Oliver Kupe picked up their fourth fouls and spent significant time on the bench.

After a rough shooting first half, where he scored just one point, Dan Owens had 12 after the break. However, his effort wasn't enough, as the Wolves never got closer than seven in the final stanza.

"We were beaten in every facet of the game," Fife said. "Most importantly was the intensity level."

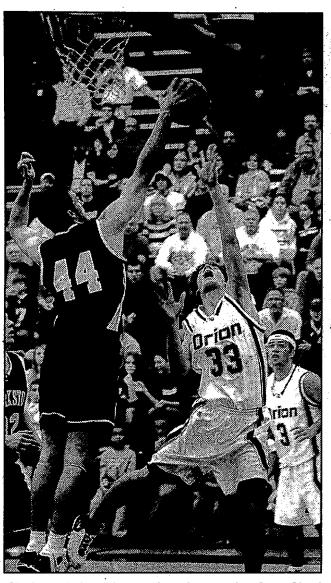
"It was a good old-fashioned butt kicking," he added.

Lake Orion's biggest advantage came at the free throw line, where they made 16 of 25 attempts, compared to Clarkston's 13-of-17.

"They felt they had something to prove and they did it," Fife said.

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Clarkston's Bren Bergquist rejects a shot from Chad Nieswand of Lake Orion. Photo by Nick Couretas

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Dragons take early-season match

Owens' 13 points led the Wolves, and Kupe added 10. Drew Maynard led Lake Orion with 20 points.

'They had a 75 point average coming into tonight and we held them to 43," Maynard said. "We knew we could beat them, but it's proof right there."

Fife was also impressed with the Dragons' defense. "Our shots didn't fall in the first half, but I think that was due to Orion," he said.

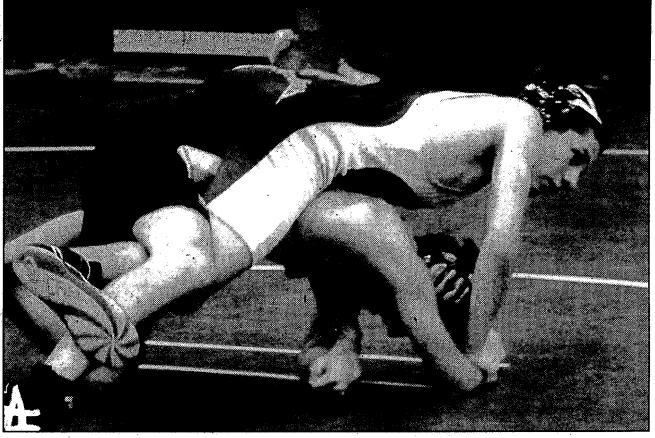
Ten different players saw significant time in the contest for the Dragons.

"I think our depth showed tonight," Manzo said.

Maynard and teammate Chad Nieswand, scored all 14 Dragon points in the third quarter, led by Maynard's

nine. But Manzo credited Nieswand, a reserve forward, for attacking Bergquist when the Clarkston big man got into foul trouble.

Sixteen of Maynard's 20, meanwhile, came after the break came, as Maynard sat out most of the second quarter with two fouls - the same situation the



Zak Roberson of Clarkston (top) wrestles with Afnon Jajjo of Troy for seventh place in the 103-pound weight class. Roberson took the match and Clarkston won the meet. *Photo by Paul Kampe*

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Wolves capture county championship

is the only team with more county championships with 14.

Oxford finished in third place (217), Holly fourth (189) and Rochester fifth with 169.5 points.

The Dragons had themselves in position to change last year's runner-up fortunes, but went 4-6 in medal competitions on Saturday.

'It's disappointing because we were right there until the end," Dragons Coach Doug Kline said.

"They're ready, they just didn't get the job done." It seems like we get this close, but we can't get over the hump.

"At least this year we made a good run of it and scared them. The bad new is they know we're here," Kline added.

Clarkston had three first place medalists and Adam Lauzun continued his unbeaten streak, pushing to 18-0 with a first place finish at the 171-pound class. He beat Reed Fenton of Birmingham Seaholm 9-2.

Lauzun credits his success to training and conditioning.

"I expected to have a good season because I wrestled a lot in the off-season," he said.

"I can't let up at all, I have to keep on going," Lauzun added.

Mike Maguire (15-2) defeated Pete Peterson of Auburn Hills Avondale in the 125-pound finals 6-0 to earn his second consecutive personal championship. Maguire won the 2005 title at the 119 weight.

"It's a good feeling, a lot of hard work paid off," Maguire said.

Getting many other county wrestling programs in

one place will also pay off in scouting the competition to come later this season.

'We see a lot of these guys late in the season and it helps us fix any mistakes," Maguire said.

Bryant Craft, another repeat champ, continued his undefeated season, capturing the title in the 160-pound finals. He took a 1-0 victory in a hard fought match with Allen Sigler from Lake Orion.

Tyler Schneider (135 pounds) and Erik Butterfield (140 pounds) finished second in their weights.

Butterfield remarked on his improvement over last year's event, and hopes to improve upon his finish.

"I did a lot better than last year. Hopefully next year I can take first place," Butterfield said.

Colton Tweed (152 pounds) and Layne Upcott (215 pounds) took third place at their levels.

Two-time defending county champion Tommy Ellsworth (189 pounds), wrestling nearly 30 pounds more than last season, took fifth place, defeating A.J. Thomas from Hazel Park 5-3.

Jake Verilek took first place for the Dragons in the 152-pound weight class, defeating Andrew Hyde of Ortonville Brandon 17-1.

"It's a confidence booster. We still have to wrestle hard, (we) can't let it go to our heads," Verilek said.

Lake Orion finished with three second place finishers, two third place and one each in fourth, fifth and sixth places.

The Wolves' next match is a dual-meet with defending state champion Davison on Dec. 21 at CHS, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Dragons faced in last year's district final.

Though history didn't quite repeat itself last Friday, the Wolves hope it will in the end. After Lake Orion won both regular season contests in 1988, Clarkston took the district rematch.

The two teams are again paired in the same district, at Lake Orion in March.



The Clarkston High School boys swim team's second meet scheduled for Dec. 14 against Rochester Adams has been rescheduled for Feb. 13. The match was cancelled due to conflicting schedules with players and will be held at Adams as originally planned.

Wolves split matches with Hartland, Howell at double-dual meet

The Wolves improved their record in a dual meets to 9-1, after dropping Howell in the second part of a DeGain said. double-dual event at Hartland on Dec. 13.

40-18.

'They definitely didn't let the thought of losing af- Clarkston. fect them," said Coach Joe DeGain.

"They went right out after Howell." pins and their opponents were more team-centric in were also victorious. the outing.

"Their kids were more prepared to win as a team;"

Versus Hartland, Mike Maguire (125 pound) and Clarkston lost the first leg of the match to Hartland, Bryant Craft (160) pinned their opponents. Colton 42-25, but rebounded to take down the Highlanders, Tweed (152), Adam Lauzun (171), Tommy Ellsworth (189) and Layne Upcott (215) also scored victories for

In their second match victory over Howell, Maguire and Lauzun pinned. Alex Popp (130), Tyler Schneider Against the Eagles, the Wolves gave up too many (135), Josh Booker (145), Craft, Ellsworth and Upcott A 20 Wed., December 20, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News

Swimmers making copies

Clarkston's boys team hopes to duplicate success

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Copying pages from a book could be Erik Shaw and considered copyright infringement, but the Jordan Zendejas. Clarkston Wolves boys swim team could That trio starts use a couple chapters from their sisterteam, the girls.

The girls swim team amassed a second consecutive 8-0 run in the Oakland Activities Association this season, and the boys are looking down the barrel of a 1-7 2005-'06 campaign.

team's junior members, which outnumber other grade levels on the Wolves, will be able to carry Clarkston to an improvement.

year...our seniors graduated, now the juniors need to step up," Chock said.

Those five juniors are led by captains Greg Dedow and Sean Goebel.

"Last year, they were more behind the scenes, the second swimmers. Now this year, they have to step up and be the number-one swimmers," Chock said.

The Wolves' other captain, Matt Dise, is the team's only returning senior lay team at Chock's disposal.

the diving corps in Patrick Furlo, the season without any diving competition under their belts.

The boys got their first experi-

ence at a dual meet at Farmington Hills Coach Kenwyn Chock is hoping the Harrison on Dec. 7, where Zendejas placed second.

"They did a fantastic job at the meet," Chock said.

The newness of it all actually helps "We were top-heavy in seniors last the boys, Chock explained, because they did not seem preoccupied with any thoughts going into the diving.

> "They just get up and they do it," she said.

Zendejas and Furlow will be splitting time both swimming and diving this year.

"It takes a really good athlete to do that," Chock said.

The double-time will put another re-



The boys swim team is trying to build a winning season in the OAA. Photo by Paul Kampe

Although the Wolves have had only one meet this season, the team already has qualified one swimmer for the Oakland County meet in February.

Sophomore Robert Nelson swam 2:12.23 in the 20-yard individual medley and 1:09.66 in the 100-yard breaststroke, earning himself a spot in the meet.

Fellow sophomore Jake Rush only missed the county cut by eight-tenths of a second in the 100-yard backstroke, finished at 1:01.58.

The county meet is not the last stop for some of the kids this year.

"A couple of kids are trying to make state cuts (this season)," Chock said. "When OAA's come around, I'm

sure they will be able to swim their personal bests because they're training very hard," Chock said.

"These kids are going to improve every meet. They're already together as a team."

Chock is employing dry-land routines similar to those of the school's wrestling team, she said, to get the team into shape.

"I know they're tired, but it's going to pay off," she said.

"They feel the pain in dry land, in events, it's not new to them."

The Wolves get their next chance, swimming against Troy Athens at CHS, on Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.





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Cranbrook dominates Clarkston in Christmas tourney opener

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although not as close as an earlyseason match against division I champions Brighton, The Clarkston Wolves' 9-0 loss to the division III reigning champs from Cranbrook Kingswood can also be taken as a lesson.

Clarkston (1-6-1, 0-3 OAA) lost to the Cranes (10-0, 3-0 MIHL) in the opening round of the annual Christmas Tournament at Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills on Dec. 15.

"They're the number one team in the state and you play someone like that, it exposes all your weaknesses and you've got to be prepared to play," said Wolves Coach Bryan Krygier.

"We're young, inexperienced and they're a seasoned team."

Clarkston had trouble clearing the

puck from it's own zone, fore-checking and getting shots on net, Krygier said.

The Cranes out-shot the Wolves 37-11 for the night.

"Against a team like that, you've got to get breaks and chances and capitalize on your chances and we didn't have too many of those," Krygier said.

Justin Ronayne, acting Cranbrook coach for the night, inherited a team firing on all cylinders.

"I thought the guys skated hard tonight. We're working on a lot of things and the guys did well, they played a good game," he said.

"They made good passes, kept their feet moving, and we got a good defensive effort."

The Olympic size rink the Wolves play on, larger than many others in the high school level, worked in Cranbrook's



Taylor Turner (top) and Blake Schmidt (bottom left) push the puck for the Wolves, but the team could not seem to get enough shots on net against Cranbrook on Dec. 15. *Photo by Paul Kampe*

favor.

"This big ice surface (worked well) because we've got a quick team and we really took advantage of the space and we just kept moving our feet and moving around," Ronayne said.

"We have a lot of guys that are fast and skate well, so we tried to use that to our advantage."

The Cranes got a hat-trick from Dean Chelios.

He scored the first goal of the evening at 8:14 of the first period, putting in the rebound of Andrew Miller's shot while Garrett Knappe was trying to recover and get back into position. Cranbrook padded its lead with two goals in the final minute of the first period from Chelios and Tom Budd.

Miller had a goal and three assists for the Cranes, which notched three goals in each of the final two periods.

Knappe had 28 saves in the loss, which positioned Clarkston to play the loser of the Utica Eisenhower versus Davison in the consolation game on Dec. 16.

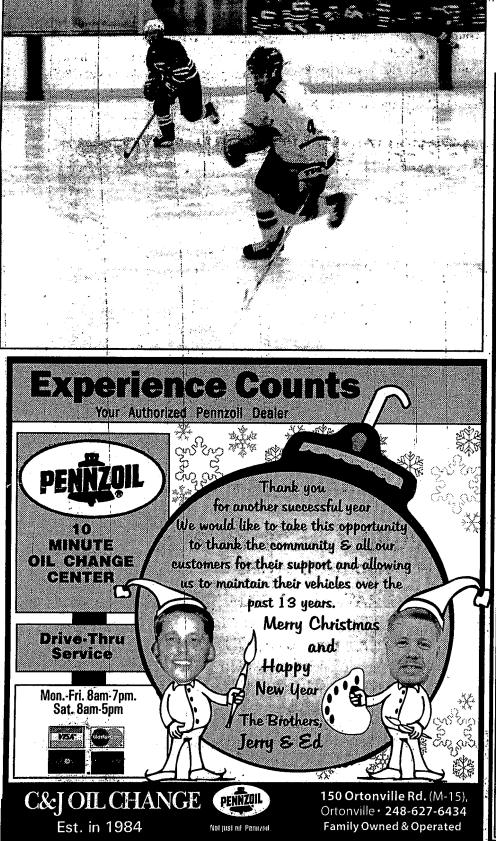
Clarkston's next game is Dec. 21 against Royal Oak, again on its home ice at Detroit Skating Club.

The rink is located at 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.

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"That (Clarkston) is a great serving team and our serve-receivers had a lot of trouble with their serves. When we could pass I felt we did well. When they served well we struggled," he said.

Size was a deciding factor for the Falcons, which boast three six-foot-tall players, McKenna being one

"Fortunately we got a few more looks, certainly at the end. They're a smaller team, I think we might have gotten tired in the fourth and fifth games. I think we just outlasted them," Booker said.

Clarkston Coach Kelly Avenall was happy with the Wolves' performance, because the girls played much better than they did against the other OAA cochampion, Birmingham Seaholm.

"I was real proud of the way my girls played, they played a lot better than they did on Monday. A lot of the things we worked on in the last few days showed today. We did an excellent job passing. We're still having a little bit of trouble putting the ball away when we get some good passes," Avenall said.

"I'd love to play them again, I think we can get them," she added.

Playing in the libero position, Amanda Byrd had

"She's improved a lot in the last year," Avenall said of Byrd's play.

"She fits that role perfectly. She's that kid that's never going to play in the front row, so you try to get her in the game and keep her in as much as you can."

Setter Emily Parkin added 31 assists for the

Avenall said Gardner has stepped up since being moved to the varsity squad this season.

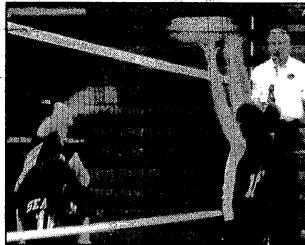
"She's a kid who loves the game of volleyball. She plays hard every game. She's stepped up as a leader even as a sophomore," Avenall said.

"She walked right into that role and I don't think anyone doubts she should be out there. She does a

The Wolves travel to Oxford for their next match(es) as part of a quad-meet on Dec. 20. Those games will take the team to the holiday break.

Play resumes on Jan. 4 away versus Troy.

Maples topple Clarkston in three



The Clarkston Wolves kicked off the volleyball season against Birmingham Seaholm at CHS on Dec. 11. Photo by Paul Kampe

helped us (because) it kind of forced them to hit around her and hit over the block so that's something that we're definitely going to have to keep working on."

"We did pretty good, we worked good as a team, but we need to hit the ball to the floor and work aggressively and make sure we're working as a team," Saw-

Even in victory, Morrison found areas for his team

"We won. This was our first match. We're hitting the ball well, (but) tonight we didn't serve-receive great and our sets weren't as good, as I expected. We played this weekend, my setter set the ball great, but she struggled a little bit tonight."

Getting off to a good start was important, Morrison said, because although the Maples finished 10-2 and tied with Farmington for the OAA title, the team's 0-2 start left him unsure of how his team would perform.

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Sophomores make Clarkston High's Honor Roll

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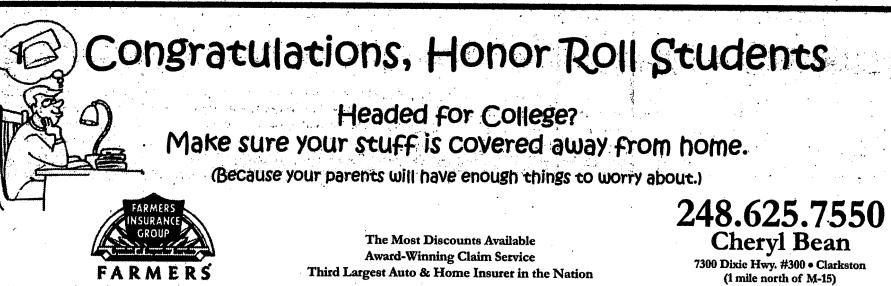
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Maranda McCain, 13, requested a unique look.



Trying something new was fun, afterall! Replace my face?

Some of the youngsters at the Clarkston-area Youth Assistance Christmas party were eager to have their faces painted by Donna Nowak, who volunteered her services to the annual event. Others hesitated, but everyone loved the end result. Nowak is the artist and founder at ShowOffs Body Art.

Photos by Laura Colvin



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Kris Cason, 11, loved getting his face painted like a tiger. He wasn't shy around the camera, either!





Kaitlynn McMichael, 7, had her face painted after she finished wrapping the presents she'd bought for her family earlier Saturday.







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Taylor Booth, 13, opted for a simple, pretty look.

McMichael, also shown above, had two sides to her face painting story.

Hey, you look a little bit scary from where I'm standing!

Best friends Holly Pantea and Erika Nowak, both 12, were in charge of the airbrush tatoos. Erika is the daughter of artist Donna Nowak.

People Poll Holiday traditions?



"We look for the baby Jesus (in the family Nativity set) - whoever finds it gets to: hide it the next time." – Hannah Sheffield



"We play games like Scene It - we watch TV and listen to Christmas music." Stephanie Gabbard



"We get together with family-we're going to Florida to see my grandpa this year. We play games and we always sing Jingle Bells." - Mike Minton

The Clarkston News' A section dedicated to showcasing all the reasons this is a great area to live and work! Thrill

ride Local ad man turns novelist

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

B. David Warner of Clarkston has always wanted to be a writer, and wrote as much in his high school yearbook.

"I'm one of those few people that actually wound up doing what they said they would do," he said.

He has written for about 30 years, using about the last 10 to research and write his first novel, "Freeze Frame," a 295-page thriller.

His lead character is a woman, Darcy James, and the story is written in the first person.

"I've finally found my voice, and it's that of a 32-year-old woman," Warner said. With this book, he is following advice

from Hollywood writers: create a female lead and place her in assorted perilous situations.

"I constantly put her in danger," he said.

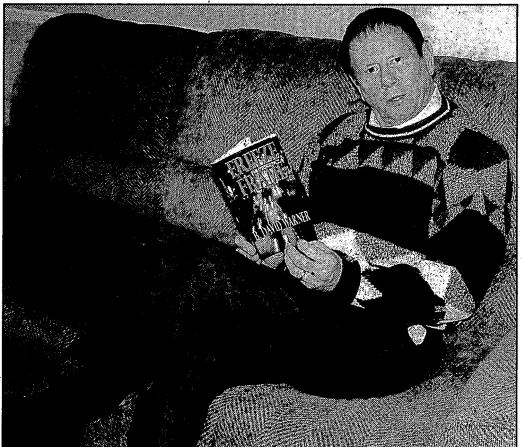
His goal is to write the Great American Novel. "Freeze Frame" isn't it - the fast-moving story is written in short, cliffhanger chapters for a quick read – but it was still fun to write.

"I want to sell books and have fun," he said.

James, like her author, is in advertising. Like him, she creates million-dollar, multi-media advertising campaigns and gives presentations to large corporations. Not so similarly, she helps solve murders and foil terrorist plots.

"I use my experiences in advertising for background, not to get in the way of a thrilling plot," said Warner, a graduate of Michigan State University.

He has put years of research into the story. The advertising subplot comes from his own background in advertising for the automobile industry. For the story's other elements, he has looked in subliminal advertising, police work, and the international terrorist Carlos the Jackal.



First-time novelist B. David Warner of Clarkston has written a story of political intrigue and adventure. Photo by Phil Custodio

"It's a part of history," he said.

In his story, terrorist use the research in a plot to subvert a presidential election.

The story is set in Michigan, starting with a car chase in Mt. Clemens and continuing at a cottage in Gaylord, as the characters race up and down I-75.

"They hide out in a cottage that's a lot like my cottage," he said. "I know Detroit, and I know Gaylord."

The thrill of writing comes from creating your own world, he said.

"It's fun - I can create people and situations, and put those people in those situations," he said.

He has learned quite a bit about the writing process while finishing his first two novels, and enjoys sharing that knowledge.

"I always tell new writers to just put words on paper and not stare at a blank screen, but I started that way," he said.

It took a few years before he remembered his own advice.

"I was at the point where what I was writing was bad, and I told myself that it was

bad - then it started to get better," he said. "You don't have to start in the beginning ur story," he said.

He wants to continue writing about Darcy James' adventures.

"I'm sticking with the character," he said. "Hopefully people will like her and want to read more about her."

For his follow-up, a prequel featuring Darcy's great aunt, he researched World War II, Nazi saboteurs, and Sault Ste. Marie, a vital strategic asset at the time. The book is titled "Dead Lock," in honor of the Soo Locks.

He publishes his books himself, having created Pine Tar Books, Stories That Stick With You, for the endeavor.

"I was getting tired of rejection slips," he said. "I had put the manuscript in the drawer, but I was encouraged by a friend in Virginia to give it a second chance."

In his day job, Warner works as creative director for a Detroit advertising agency. He lives in Clarkston with his wife, Marlene, and their daughters Andi and Margi.

Several best-selling mystery and action novelists, including James Patterson, Clive Cussler, and Mary Higgins Clark, have backgrounds in advertising. Warner hopes to join their ranks.

"There's a theory that if you can write

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Like the bestseller "DaVinci Code," Warner starts with a fact and builds his story from that. In Warner's case, it is MKULTRA, a CIA experiment into mind control through subliminal messages, from the 1950s.

"Start with what scenes you know - don't just look at a blank screen."

It's much easier to connect a collection of scenes already created than to try and write a story from beginning to end, he said.

His long-term goal is to become a fulltime novelist.

"I'd love to write full time," he said. "It would give me the ability to travel, to go where I want and not be tied down."

about fasteners, nuts, and bolts and make them interesting, writing about a murder is a piece of cake," he said.

Freeze Frame is available at the Greats Lakes Mall Borders book store, and online at Amazon.com and Barnes and Nobel.com. Cover price is \$16.95.

Warner will set for a book signing at Wild Birds Unlimited in Royal Oak, 28558 Woodward Ave., at noon on Dec. 23.



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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.

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

Detroit Historical Church Tour, Tuesday, Jan. 2. \$59 for residents. \$62 for non-residents. Visit three historic downtown churches, dressed in their Christmas holiday splendor: Central United Methodist Church, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church and Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Soup and sandwich lunch with dessert. Motorcoach. No refunds after Dec. 16. Call the Senior Center at 248-625-8231 for more information.

Celebrate The Drinking Straw, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road, Wednesday, Jan. 3 7 p.m. Make a drinking straw rocket and airplane, participate in drinking straw relays, have a drinking straw snack. For children 6-12. Sign-up at the Circulation Desk. 248-846-6550.

Widowed Support Group, 7 p.m., Jan. 4, Independence Twp. Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Rd. Sponsored by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Topic: "Beginning a New Year." Alicia Brown, bereavement counselor. 248-625-5231.

People to People, monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 8, Hometown Pizza, Whitelake and Andersonville roads. RSVP by Jan. 2. 248-623-9348.

No More Whining, Develop Positive Behavior in Young Children parenting classes, 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27, and March 13 and 27, at the early childhood center, Funshine, on Clarkston





From left, Salvation Army bell ringers Blair McCarty, Alyssa Lucas, Emi Allen, Stephanie Kincaid and Craig Judd accept a donation from Nancy Villeneuge and son Austin. Photo by Laura Colvin

Rd. Call the Clarkston Community Ed Center for registration, 248-623-4350. Limited to the first 30.

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.

children ages 11-18 and their par- Medicare certified hospice proents, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., in the Teen Lounge, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. First meeting. Discussion of Howl's Moving hours. They can be conducted Castle by Diana Wynn Jones. one-on-one with a trainer, to

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call 248-625-2212

Anyone can paint, 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. For beginning and intermediate levels, with artist Steve Wood. \$22. 248-625-8231.

Weekend of recovery,

Women in Al-Anon and AA, Jan. 26-28. Colombiere Center, 9065 Big Lake Rd. \$152. Two nights and meals. Partial scholarships available. 248-830-6966 or 248-887-1703.

Fantastical Book Group, for Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit gram in Oakland County, needs volunteers. Training is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions lasts 2-3

meet your schedule. Call Mara at (248) 722-1474.

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

Samaritan Care Hospice seeks volunteers to spend time with terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients on an average of 2-3 hours per week. Volunteers must be 18'or older and have reliable transportation. Two mandatory five-hour training classes are provided prior to your first patient assignment. Training classes are now

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

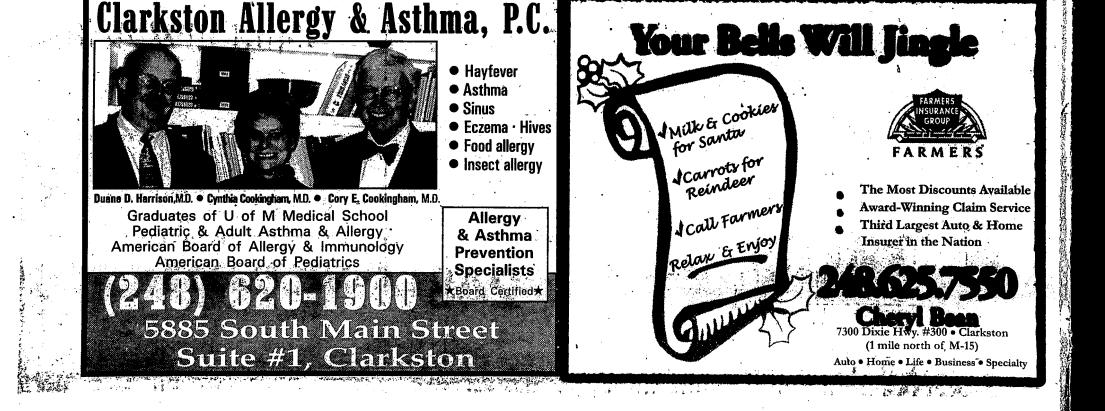
The Clarkston Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. The official meeting takes place at 7 p.m. The Lions meet in the Carriage House, next to the senior center, in Clintonwood Park. For more information, call 248-484-7130.

Volleyball Practices, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Colombiere on Big Lake Road, and 9-11 a.m., Thursdays at St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Sashabaw Road. League games Tuesdays at the Warren Community Center. Call the senior center at 248-625-8231 and leave your name and phone number. Bob Brown will call you back.

Body. Recall Classes, 10:45-11:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Jan 8-Feb Carriage House in 16, Clintonwood Park. Safe, nonaerobic exercise to reclaim lost muscle tone and flexibility. Registered teacher Lois Saunders. 17 classes for \$34, or \$3 drop-in per class. Underwritten by Clarkston Ambulatory Care Center.

Strength and Stretch, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays/ Thursdays, Jan. 9-March 1, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Nancy Boch, certified senior instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and supportive shoes and bring water. Sixteen classes for \$72.

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.-noon, Mondays, Nov 6-Jan 15, St. Dan's Cushing Center. John Marchewitz studied in China and has been teaching the Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan form for 12 years. Www.wustyle.com. Eight classes for \$36. No classes Dec 25 and Jan. 1. Next session Jan 22-March 26 - nine classes for \$40.50.



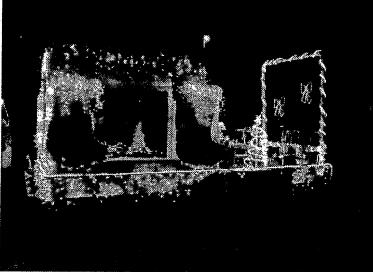
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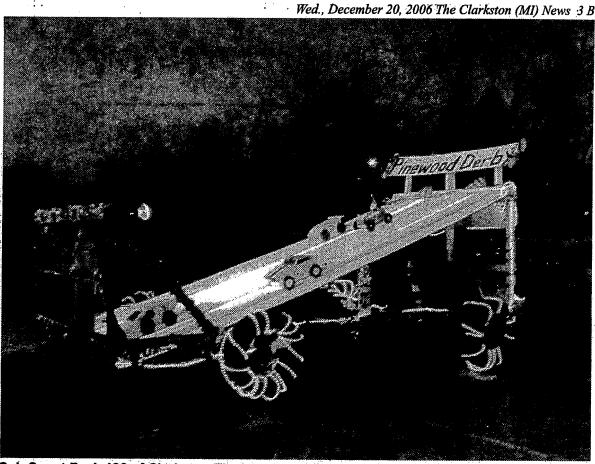
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The Clarkston Eagles' "Stockings Hung by the fire," sponsored by Law Offices of Robert Kostin, earned the 2006 Main St. Award and Best Use of Lights.



Cub Scout Pack 126 of Clarkston Elementary's "Pine wood derby racing with Santa," earned the 2006 Washington St. Award and Most Creative Entry. Photos submitted

announced the award winners for the 2006 Holiday Living. Lights Parade. The winners are:

ative Entry: Cub Scout Pack 126 / Clarkston Elementary, "Pine wood derby racing with Santa." Sponsored by Hubbell, Roth & Clark.

Clarkston Eagles, "Stockings Hung by the fire." Sponsored by Law Offices of Robert Kostin.

ing: Brownie Troop 1897 Bailey Lake Elementary.

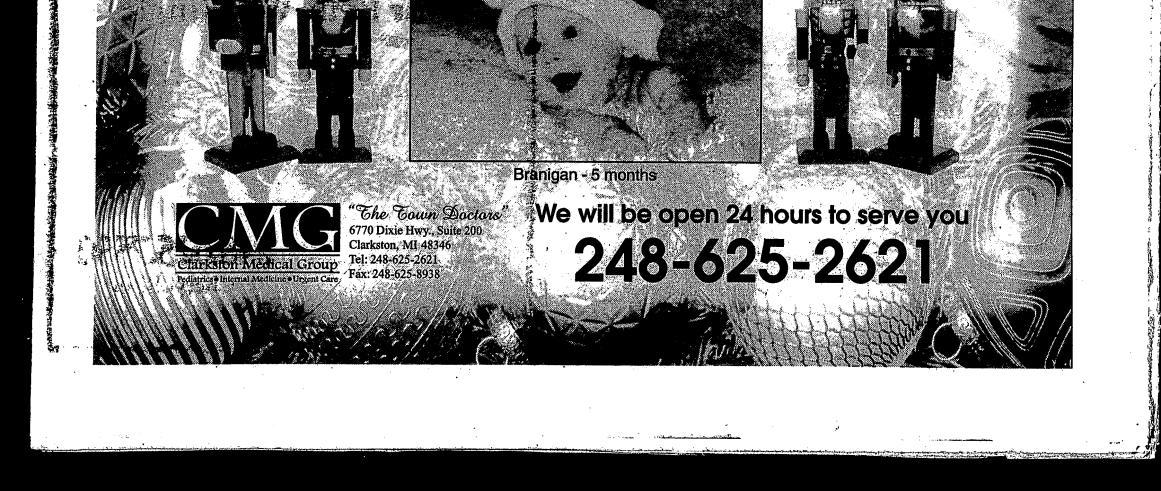
The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has "Christmas Trees." Sponsored by Sunrise Assisted

2006 Buffalo Street Award and Best Use of 2006 Washington St. Award and Most Cre- Theme "It's a Wonderful Life": Clarkston Optimist Club, "It's A Wonderful Life." Sponsored by Royal Oak Ford.

2006 Depot Street Award and Holiday Spirit 2006 Main St. Award and Best Use of Lights: Award: CHS Madrigal Singers, "Holiday Singing." Sponsored by Hamlin Pub Clarkston.

2006 Chamber Award and President's 2006 Church St. Award and Best Costum- Award: Brownie Troop 1919 Pine Knob Elementary, "Christmas Baking." Sponsored by Smith's Disposal.

Clarkston Medical Group Wishes You And Yours A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!



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Mary Beth Carter of Clarkston was chosen as a 2006 Michigan Businesswoman of the Year by the National Republican Congressional Committee. Carter will ne honored for this ac-

complishment in March, 2007, in Washington D.C. at the Republican Spring Gala.

"It has been a fantastic year for addressing my professional peers and working with the Business Advisory Committee to ensure quality of services for our seniors," said Carter, the owner of Home Care Advantage in Clarkston.

Over the past year, she has advocated for seniors as they face obstacles such as changes in Medicare benefits, and has spoken about them to several area chambers of commerce and Rotary clubs.

She has a Master of Science Degree in Social Work from the University of Texas in Arlington and recently completed requirements for Certified Senior Advisor.

Scott Hazelton, investment representative with Edward Jones, is holding an open house to celebrate the holiday round," Hazelton said.



Mary Beth Carter

season at 3 p.m. today, Dec. 20, at his office at 21 S. Main St.

"We are happy to be part of the Clarkston community and would like to express our appreciation for the confidence and support we receive year

Welcome Ava Leigh

Nov. 17 at Crittenton Hospital in Tobin of Troy, and Charles and Rochester. She was 7 pounds, 3 Christie Goodney of Caryville, Tenn. ounces.

Ava Leigh Sickmiller was born on Grandparents are Mike and Cindy Ava's great grandmother is Lee

Her parents are Edward and Alexander of Rochester. Her sisters Caryn Sickmiller of Clarkston. are Ashley, Brooke, Paige and Faith.

Students achieve success

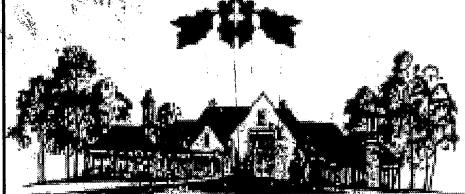
David Gardiner of Clarkston was among six Northwood University students who attended the Michigan Campus Compact annual Service Leadership Camp this fall.

Teams learn about community service and service-learning in higher education. Gardiner is the son of Jay and Julia Gardiner of Clarkston.

Michael Auchter of Clarkston has been named to the dean' slist for the spring quarter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Auchter, the son of Mark and Elaine Auchter, is majoring in computer engineering.





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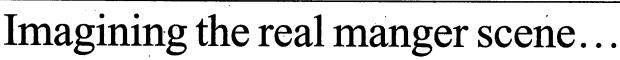
Peggy Beagle, center, teaches a few dance steps to Cherle Korkus, left, and Georgine Mills, of the Davisburg Farm and Garden Club, at the Holly Convelescent Home. Gifts were distributed to each resident. The Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. on Jan. 3 at the Davisburg Hart Community Center. Call 248-625-3964. Photo submitted

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6507 Town Center Drive Suite D • Clarkston (1/8 of a mile south of I-75 on Sashabaw behind Hungry Howies) Wed., December 20, 2006 The Clarkston (MI) News 5 B Religion



One of my favorite childhood memories of Christmas is our family's manger scene, complete with all the figures from the biblical Christmas story.

As my sister and I set up the scene, each figure

had to be in just the right place – the perfect scene. And then, last of all, after everything else was ready, we carefully placed baby Jesus in the manger – the feed box filled with straw. It was a beautiful scene – just right, or so we thought.

As much as I still love to set up our family's manger scene, it now seems to me that there is something missing from these serene and quaint, beautiful and perfect manger scenes.

Missing is life and especially all the messy things that go with it. Per-

haps most noticeably missing from manger scenes are the sounds and smells of birth and life.

Missing are the sounds of worried parents wondering where they can stay while they deliver their first baby. There would have been gasps of wonder at the gift of new life, sighs of exhaustion, maybe even some snoring.

The labor pains of Mary would certainly have been heard, for nothing tells us that this unique birth was easier than any other. The sounds of Jesus nursing at his mother's breast, coos and bubbles – so many delightful baby sounds are missing too.

Also missing are the sounds of cattle chewing their cud, and of sheep and donkeys shuffling around,

eating and snorting.

And, oh, the smells of the manger – damp, musty, dark smells. And there would have been some earthy people around too – shepherds working hard, walking far with their sheep.

Mary and Joseph had likely not had the time or place to bathe. Sweat and road dirt, tangled hair and dust, the smells of birthing all mingling.

I wonder how manger scenes would sell if they came complete with all the sounds and smells, the sights and textures of the real thing? I have also often wondered where Mary and Joseph might have ended up if they were looking for a place to stay in 2006 in the violence-torn Middle East? Or what might happen if they were looking for a place in the United States, even right here in Southeast Michigan?

And what if they knocked on my door?

My guess is that if all the hotels were full and if they did not look like "respectable well-to-do folk," Mary and Joseph might have ended up at a homeless shelter or on the doorstep of some church asking if there was any room.

They might have found themselves with a group of homeless under a bridge, and if they couldn't find their way to a hospital somewhere, who knows, maybe the baby Jesus might have been placed in a cardboard box and wrapped in swaddling newspapers or some old clothing donated by a local church.

That is the kind of real and desperate situation Mary and Joseph faced. And the kind of messy situation in which Jesus, our Lord and Savior, our newborn King, came into as he entered our world.

Please see Manger, page 7B

In our churches...

Timeless Christmas, Denver and the Mile High Orchestra, 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21 at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Sound reminiscent of the big bands of the 1930's and 40's. Original songs as well as traditional holiday favorites. General admission tickets, \$12. Call 248-625-1323.

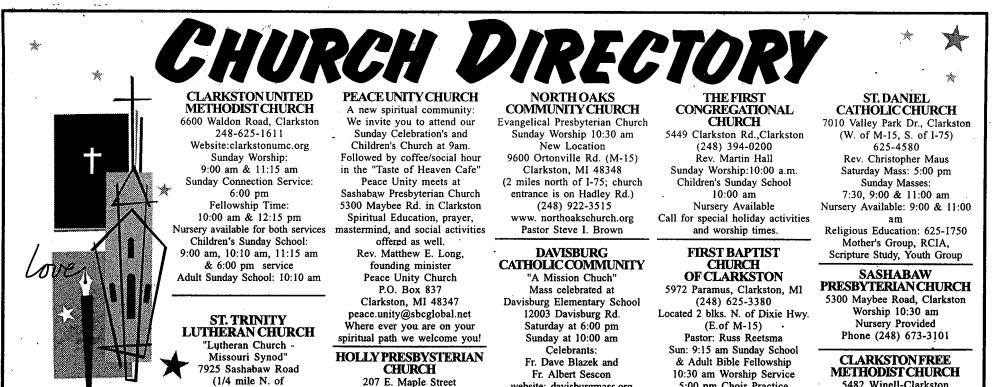
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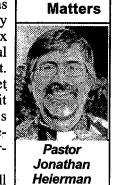
The Great Christmas Caper, 7 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Dec. 21-22, Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell, off Maybee west of Sashabaw. An amusing "comedy-mystery-musical" for the whole family. Childcare provided, 0-2 years old. Bring winter coats, hats, boots, and/or mittens to donate for local relief efforts. Call 248-623-1224.

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. At the Dec. 31 service will be the year-ending Phoenix Fire Burning Bowl Ceremony.

World Peace Prayer & Meditation Service, 7 a.m., Dec. 31, Peace Unity of Clarkston, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. Call 248-891-4365 or e-mail peace.unity@sbcglobal.net.

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.





Spiritual

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(1/4 Inne IV. 01 DTE Music Theater) Clarkston, MI 48348 (248) 625-4644 Worship: Sun. 8:15 am & 11:00 am Sat. 6:00 pm Sunday School 9:45 am Preschool: 3-4 years old Preschool: 620-6154

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH 8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 6:45 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study

Holly, MI. 48442 248-634-9494 website: http://www.hollypc.org Rev. Dr. Herb Swanson Summer Hours for Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am Childcare Provided

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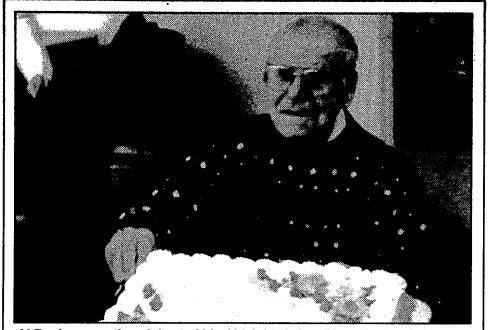
(corner of Maybee & Winéll) 248-623-1224 Service 9:00 • 10:30 www.ClarkstonFMC.org Wednesday 7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH 6300 Clarkston Road Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Clarkston Christian School Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman [‡] Kevin Kuehne, Michael Anderson, Dan Whiting Sunday: Worship 9:30 & 11:00 am School of Discipleship 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries

Wednesday: Children's Ministries 5:30-8:00 pm Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm www.clarkstoncchurch.com



Street and the



Al Beebe recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Photo by Paul Kampe

Celebrating a century

BY PAUL KAMPE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In a world where medicine is far superior to that of generations past, living into about old memories, both good and bad. the hundreds is still a somewhat rare feat.

On Dec. 11, surrounded by a few family members, black-and-white family photos, and the staff of State Farm Insurance in Waterford Township, Al Beebe was positive he wanted to put money into took a step into the triple-digits, even if it was three days early.

Beebe, who moved to the township nearly 70 years ago, has been with the insurance company for more than 60 years. There is a possibility Beebe has been using the company longer than that time span, but record keeping stops at 60 years.

Over that time, Beebe has outlasted remembered. multiple agents.

Larry Luckovich, Beebe's fourth marrying his late wife, Hallie, in 1934. agent, has known him since 1994.

the office," Luckovich said.

"He's one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet."

On a recent trip to northern Michigan, Luckovich ended up meeting family memtrip, and they informed him that Beebe's 100th birthday was approaching.

After discussing with other employees and family members, the party was planned and executed.

"I think we owe our older generation Cathy Peters.

a thank you for the things they have done for us," Luckovich said.

Beebe sat with Luckovich and talked Beebe recalled a Friday trip in 1929 to his bank to deposit his two-week paycheck, for a salary he estimated at 25 cents per hour. The bank teller asked Beebe if he the account, as if to warn him of impending financial troubles, but he approved the transaction. The following Monday, the bank, which was heavily invested in stocks, crashed along with the rest of the stock market

Beebe, however, was one of the lucky few who got their money back, Luckovich

Beebe moved from Pontiac after

When I moved out here in 1937, it "It's enjoyable to have him come in was like being in the woods," Beebe said.

"Now it's all built up." Beebe worked for General Motors for

44 years and retired as a supervisor of material control in 1971.

Several of Beebe's old pictures were bers of Beebe's by surprise on a business on display, one of which was Beebe as a young man perched upon the running boards of his first new automobile, a 1926 Chevrolet he bought for \$600.

'It's just amazing some of the cars he had back then," said Staff Representative



close in our real and ofglory as of the only ten difficult world. Son from the Father" It is an experience (John 1:14). Of course Jesus'

through which we can see and touch, smell and taste and hear God's Word of hope for us - no matter who we are, where we've been, or what we've done. For once we have

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This is what God

plan. For you see, when

on" and to be born in a

manger, it was so he

could get close to us – real

chose – it was part of the News of Christmas:

God decided to "put skin became flesh and

found God in a barn, we can never again be quite. sure where God will appear next. God's holiness is found in the lowliest and least likely places, like in a stable...and on a cross. The real Christmas

story assures us that God

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Decedent's Estate FILE NO: 2006-307, 774-DE Estate of Darlene Marilynn Belisle, Date of birth: 4-9-24

TO ALL CREDITORS; NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent Dadene M Reliste who lived at 7090 Val

ley Park, Clarkston, Michigan died 9-25-2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michele A. Weverstad, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of

7090 Valley Park Clarkston, MI 48346

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> Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO: 2006-305, 688-DE Estate of PAUL L. BIDWELL, SR. Date of birth: 5/16/1932

TO ALL CREDITORS; NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The dece dent, PAUL L. BIDWELL, SR. who lived at 3047

Phillips, Berkley, Michigan died July 30, 2005 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT G. ISGRIGG JR., named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michi-gan 48341 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. 2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48328 (248) 682-8800 ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 2745 Pontiac Lake Road rford, Michigan 48328

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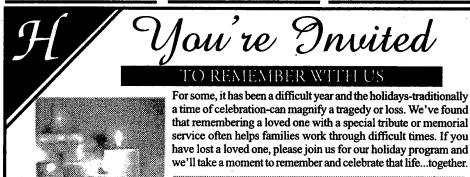
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO: 2006-307, 810-DE

Estate of Lyla Dolores Isely, Date of birth TO ALL CREDITORS;

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The dece-dent, Lyla D. Isely, who lived at 2700 Elizabeth Lake Road, #218, Waterford, Michigan died 10-17-2006.

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Rochelle.R. McLaren 1878 Colonial Village Way, #4 Waterford, MI 48328 (734)776-2077



What: Remembrance service for Loved Ones Lost When: Thursday, December 28, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. Where: Harrington Funeral Home 8909 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48348 Who: Pastor Marc Burnett First Baptist Church of Davisburg

publication of this notice 12/6/08 Michele A. Weverstad

248-625-4335

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** Estate of Bernard F. Parker, dece ased Date of birth 10/31/1942. TO ALL CREDITORS; NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The dece-ent, Bernard F. Parker, who lived at 31829 Harlo,

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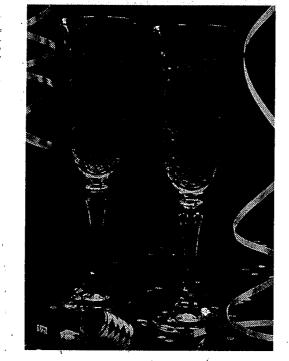
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DEER LAKE BACK COURT & ATHLETIC CLUB



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AT DEER LAKE'S BACK COURT

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> Entertainment: D'Andre Vocals and Keyboard

PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 625-6111 Reservations will only be held for 30 minutes after stated time.

MENU

Appetizer	
Shrimp Cocktail	\$8.95
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Portabella Mushroom (Crab Stuffed)	\$7.95
Entrees	
Surf and Turf (5oz. Filet and 8oz Crab Legs)	\$24.95
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Parmesan Walleye	\$19.95
Salmon Oscar	\$21,95
Prime Rib	\$20.95
English Cut	\$18.95

All served with soup or salad, stuffed potato,



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AT DEER LAKE ATHLETIC CLUB

LOSE YOUR HOLIDAY WEIGHT! IN JUST 7 DAYS YOU WILL: • Lose Weight,

- Lower Blood Pressure,
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- Reduce Risk of Heart Disease,
- Experience General Wellness!

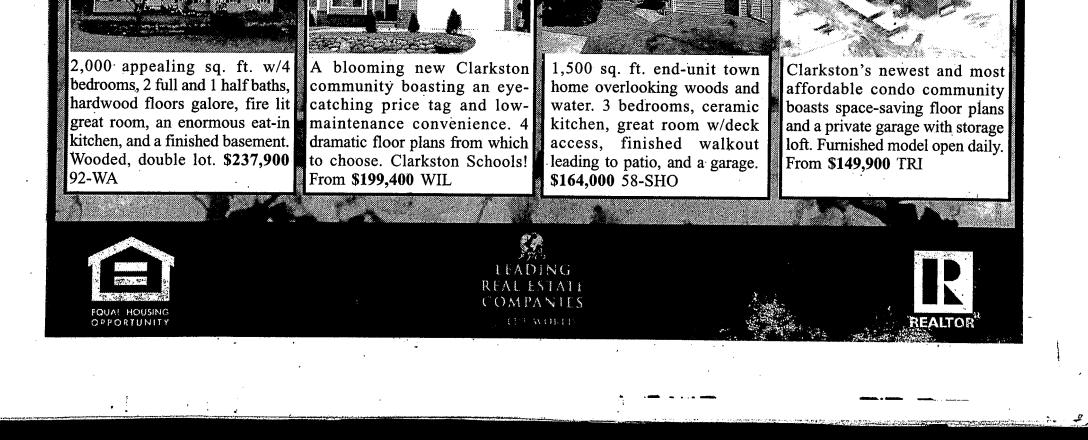
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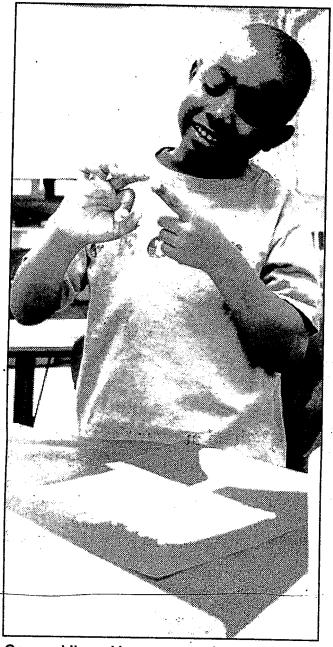
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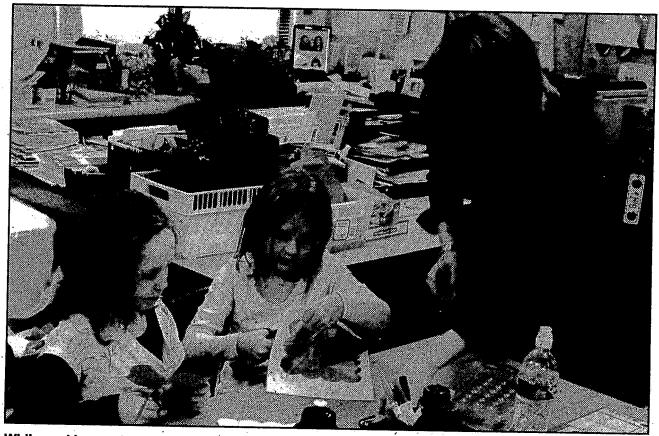


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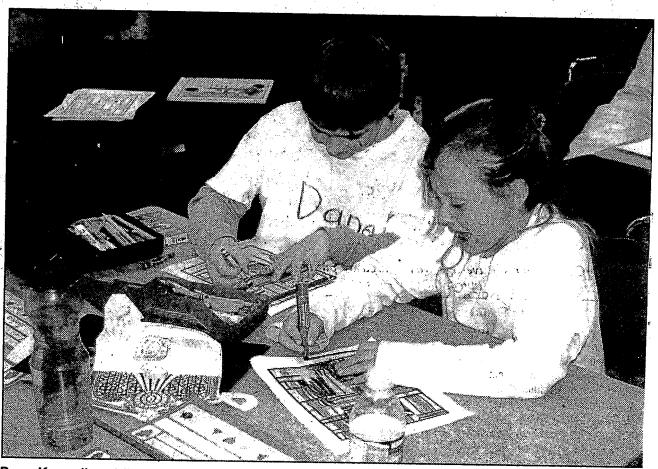
On Dec. 15, second grade students at Pine Knob Elementary spent the afternoon learning about several holidays celebrated during December. Each of the five class sections was dedicated to a different holiday, with students rotating between the five rooms every halfhour. Each classroom had different holiday or tradition: Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, the story of the poinsettia and the German celebration of St. Nicholas. At each stop, the student heard a story followed by a related craft project.



Oops, while making a paper menorah, George Booker got some glitter stuck to his fingers.



While working on their ornament in honor of St. Nicholas Day, Emma Barnes and Kelsie Flynn get some help from teacher Mrs. Kroll.



Dane Kenwell and Payton Orr joke around while they work on their mkeka, a straw placemat used during Kwanzaa.





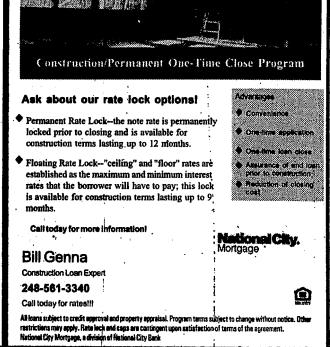


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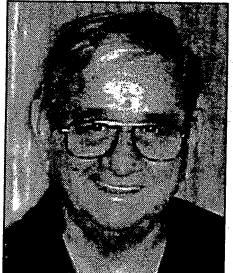
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John R. Bokor



Mr. John R. Bokor of Clarkston, formerly of Fairhaven and New Balti-

more, passed away on Dec. 10 at the age of 82. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice and daughter Paulette Miller. He was the father of John "Jack" (Dorla) Bokor II of Clarkston and Linda Lewandowski of Eastpointe; grandpa of John (Kyle) Bokor III, Stephanie (Scott) Hearld, Jo Ann Lewandowski, Frank Lewandowski, and Philip Miller; great grandpa of Blake, Abby, Fletcher, Carter, and Jaydon. John loved to golf, fish and perform magic. Funeral service was Dec. 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends visited Tuesday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Private interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation. Online, www.wintfuneralhome.com

Clara B. Cybulski

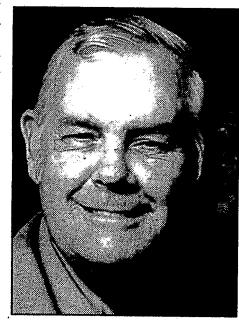
Clara B. Cybulski of Holly passed away on Dec. 16 at the age of 83. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and son Kevin. She was the mother of Judy (Tom) Martus of Ill., John J. (Nicki) of Holly and Karen Conway of Clarkston; grandma of Craig, Michael and Steven; sister of Marie Cybulski of Cass City, John Hartley of Lapeer, Louella Lyle of Fla., Mildred Parker of Deckerville, and the late Carl Hartley; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Clara owned and operated a family farm with her husband in Holly for many years. Funeral service held Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Online guest book

David N. Tegart

David N. Tegart of Clarkston passed away on Dec. 17 at the age of 79. He was the husband of Alma; father of Sharon (Larry) Hundley of Davison, Thomas David (Linda) of Burton, Shelly (Mark) Humphrey of Waterford, Jonathon (Barbi) of Waterford and Patti (Bruce) Sheridan of Clarkston; grandpa of Rob (Trisa), Seth, Sean, Matthew David, Tom (Paula), Ben, Luke, John, Annie, Chelsea, Spenser, Madeline, Bruce, Jacob, Bethani, and Rachel; great grandpa of Amanda and Robbie. Dave retired from General Motors, Grand Blanc, after 30 years of service. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Cedar Lodge #60 F & AM, Clarkston. Memorial service was Wednesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Genesys Hos-



pice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Eugene C. Clough

Mr. Eugene C. Clough, "Gene," of (Lorraine) Clough of Penn. Gene retired Clarkston, formerly of Auburn Hills and from Ex-Cell-o Corp., as a mechanical Ariz., passed away on Dec. 7 at the age engineer. Gene enjoyed tinkering with of 87. He was preceded in death by his wood and electrical projects. Memorial wife Mary. He was the father of Eu- mass was Dec. 16 at Our Lady of the gene "Donnie" (Kate) of Calif., Jack Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. rangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Ameri-

Walter A. "Beau" Dorr

Heights passed away on Dec. 13 at the James (Jan) Dorr and the late Anne Dorr. age of 70. He was the father of Kathy Dorr, Jeff (Christine) Dorr and Joe Dorr; grandfather of Cassie, James, Dallas, Lauren, Julia, and Luke; brother of Marge Funeral Home, Clarkston. On Line (Dick) Darger, Christina (James)

Walter A. "Beau" Dorr of Madison Kennedy, Bob (Dee) Dorr, John Dorr, Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Service was Monday, Dec. 18, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



(Madelyn) of Calif., Dale (Rocio) of Ca- Inurnment All Saints Cemetery. Arlif. and Sandy (Bill) Morris of Davisburg; grandpa of Christy, Tommy, Kathy, Holly, Dale, Rachel, Chase, Justine, Caitlin and Connor; brother of Dorothy can Diabetes Association. online guest (Vince) Mileski of Texas and Oren book www.wintfuneralhome.com

Evelyn J. Rogers

merly of Davisburg; passed away on Dec. vate Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Ar-8 at the age of 87. She was the special rangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint. friend of Irene and Michael Hayden. & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Mrs. Evelyn J. Rogers of Fenton, for- Evelyn retired from Oakland County. Pri-

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December 20, 2006

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My name is Cari Ralph and I am the manager of the Max Broock Realtors here in Clarkston. The Max Broock brand continues to lead in Oakland County. Our office environment is warm, supportive and team-oriented. Our agents are professional and successful.

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Warmest Regards,

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PUBLIC NOTICE Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF SECOND READING **AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Amend the text of the <u>TITLE</u> of Springfield Township Zon-ing Ordinance No. 26 to read as follows:

TITLE

An Ordinance, enacted under Michigan Public Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, and Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, governing the unincorporated portions of the Charter Township of Springfield, Oakland County, Michigan, to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence and for public and semi-public or other uses; to regulate and limit the height, bulk, and size of buildings, and other structures; to regulate and determine the size of yards, courts, and open spaces; to regulate and to limit the density of population; to provide for the acquisition by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise of nonconforming property; to provide for the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance including the collection of fees and the imposition of penalties for violations hereof; to provide for appeals; to establish a Zoning Board of Appeals; to define certain terms used herein; and to effectuate said purposes to provide for the es-tablishment in Springfield Township of zoning districts, boundaries thereof, and procedures for changes and amendments thereto.

Amend Article XIV - PUD - PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:, Section 14.00, Purpose and Intent:, to read as follows

SECTION 14.00 - Purpose and Intent: The intent of this Section is to implement the provisions of Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, authorizing the use of Planned Unit Development (PUD) Districts to provide for various types of land uses planned in a manner which shall: encourage the use of land in accordance with its character and adaptability; conserve natural resources and energy; encourage innovation in land use planning; provide enhanced housing, employment, shopping, traffic circulation and recreational opportunities for the people of the Township; and bring about a greater compatibility of design and use. The provisions of this Article provide enabling authority and standards for the submission, review, and approval of applications for planned unit developments.

Amend Article XIV – PUD – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:, Sub Section 14.03.3, under Section 14.03, Procedure for Review and Approval:, to read as follows:

3. Within six (6) months following receipt of the Planning Commission comments on the preliminary plan, the applicant shall submit a final plan conforming with Section 14.04 below. This plan shall constitute an application to amend this Ordinance, and shall be noticed for public hearing before the Planning Commission, with notification of the hearing pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, and otherwise acted upon by the Planning Commission, the County, and the Township Board, as provided by law. The Planning Commission shall, to the extent it deems appropriate, submit detailed recommendations relative to the Planned Unit Development project, including, without limitation, recommendations with respect to matters on which

the Township Board must exercise discretion. Amend Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, Subsection 18.08.4, Public Hearing, under Section 18.08, Standards for Approval of Special Land Uses, to read as follows:

4. Public Hearing.

In all cases where the Township Board, Planning Commission, or designated official is required to make a discretionary decision on a special land use or activity, the Township shall give notice of a request for a special land use or activity. The notice of public hearing shall be given as set forth in Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended. The notice of public hearing shall:

2. Membership. The Board shall consist of five members, appointed by the Township Board. a. The first member shall be a member of the Township

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- Planning Commission.
- b. The second member may be a member of the Township Board.
- c. The remaining members shall be selected from among the electors residing in the unincorporated area of the Township.
- d. An employee or contractor of the Township Board shall not serve as a member of the Board.
- e. The terms of membership for Board members shall be three (3) years, except for members serving because of their membership on the Planning Commission or Township Board, whose terms shall be limited to the time they are members of the Planning Commission or Township Board, respectively, or the period stated in the resolution appointing them.
- f. Successors in office shall be appointed not more than one (1) month after the term of the preceding mem-ber has expired. All vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled by appointment of the Township Board for the remainder of such term. g. An elected officer of the Township shall not serve as
- chairman of the Board of Appeals.
- h. The Township Board may additionally appoint not more than two (2) alternate members for the same term as regular members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. An alternate member may be called to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals in the absence of a regular member, if the regular member will be unable to attend one (1) or more meetings. An alternate member may also be called to serve in the place of a regular member for the purpose of reaching a decision on a case in which the regular member has abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. The alternate member appointed shall serve in the case until a final decision is made. The alternate member has the same voting rights as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Members of the Board shall be removable by the Township Board for non-performance of duty or misconduct in office upon written charges and after public hearing.

Amend Article XIX - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, Subsection 19.01.1 of Section 19.01, Powers and Dutles, to read as follows:

General. The Board has the power to act on matters as provided in this Ordinance and Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended. The Board shall not have the power to alter or change zoning district boundaries, land use classifications of any property, or Zoning Ordinance text. The specific powers of the Board are enumerated in the following sections of this Article.

Amend Article XIX - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, Subsection 19.03.3 of Section 19.03. Procedure for Appeal, to read as follows:

3. The Board shall fix a time for a hearing on the appeal, and shall notify the parties of the time and place of such hearing. Notice of all public hearings conducted by the Board shall be given as set forth in Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended

Upon receipt of a written request seeking an interpretation of the zoning ordinance or an appeal of an administrative decision, a notice stating the time, date, and place of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township and shall be sent to the person requesting the interpretation not less than 15 days before the public hearing. In addition, if the request for an interpretation or appeal of an administrative decision involves a specific parcel, written notice stating the nature of the interpretation request and the time, date, and place of the public hearing on the interpretation request shall be sent by first-class mail or personal delivery to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the boundary of the property in question. If a tenant's name is

not known, the term "occupant" may be used. Amend Article XIX – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, Subsection 19.03.12 of Section 19.03, Procedure for Appeal, to read as follows:

12. Any party aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Appeals may appeal the decision to the Oakland County Circuit Court in the manner provided by laws of the State of Michigan, provided such appeal is filed with the court within thirty (30) days of the date the Board of Appeals certifies its decision in writing or approves the minutes for the meeting 3. If the nature of the proposed amendment is to rezone an individual property or several adjacent properties, then notice shall be provided as set forth in Section 103 of Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, with the exception that, if eleven (11) or more adjacent properties are proposed for rezoning, then notice is not required to be mailed to the owners of those properties or to the owners or occupants of property within 300 feet of the properties, nor is it necessary for the notice to list the addresses of the individual properties.

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Amend Article XXIII - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES, Section 23.00, Violations and Penalties:

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Delete Section 23.00 in its entirety. Amend Article XXIII - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES, Section 23.01, Public Nuisance:, to read as follows:

Any building or structure which is erected, altered or converted, or any use carried on in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or in violation of any regulations made under the authority of Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, are hereby declared to be a public nuisance per se and shall be abated by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 2 -- SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforce-able, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 -- REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

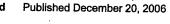
Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance

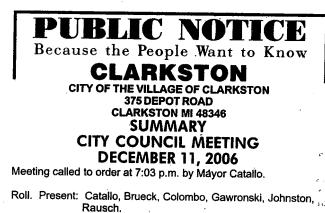
SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

These ordinance amendments shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FUTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

> NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield





Absent: Ottman

Minutes of November 27, 2006, accepted as presented.

- Agenda accepted as presented. Mr. Joe Figa of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation pre-
- sented the Council with a slide presentation describing the Oakland County Parks programs.

Bills in the amount of \$40,774.14 approved for payment.

- (1) Describe the nature of the special land use request.
- (2) Describe the property which is the subject of the special land use request.
- (3) State date, time, and place of public hearing.
- (4) Indicate when and where written comments will be received concerning the request.

Amend Article XVIII - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, by adding Section 18.14; Zoning Commission, to read as follows:

SECTION 18.14-ZONING COMMISSION

As previously designated, the Springfield Charter Township Zoning Commission is hereby designated as the Planning Commission specified in Section 301 of Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, and shall perform the duties of said Zoning Commission as provided by statute, in connection with administration and enforcement of and amendments to this Ordinance.

The Planning Commission shall submit a report at least once each year to the Township Board on the administration and arm enforcement of this Ordinance and on recommendations for amendments or supplements to this Ordinance.

Amend Article XIX - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, Section 19.00, Creation and Membership, to read as follows: SECTION 19.00.- Creation and Membership.

1. Creation. There is hereby established a Zoning Board of Appeals, hereinafter called the "Board", which shall perform its duties and exercise its powers as provided in Michigan Public Act 110 of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, and in such a way that the objectives of this Ordinance shall be observed, the public safety and welfare secured, and substantial justice done.

at which the decision was made. An appeal may be had from the decision of the Oakland County Circuit Court to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Any party aggrieved by an order, determination, or decision of any officer, agency, board, commission, zoning board of appeals, or legislative body of any local unit of government made pursuant to Section 16.01 of this Ordinance may obtain a review in the Oakland County Circuit Court, Amend Article XX - CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS, Section 20.01, Amendment to Procedure, to read as follows: SECTION 20.01 - Amendment to Procedure:

- 1. The Township Board, from time to time, may determine that changes in the text of this Ordinance or changes in the Zoning Map may be necessary, such text and/or map changes only to be made after such change is to be considered by the Planning Commission: Said Planning Commission shall study and report its findings to the Township Board utilizing the procedures) set forth in the Zoning Enabling Act; Michigan Public Act; 110-of the Public Acts of 2006, as amended, 102 and the Public Acts of
- 2. Any amendatory petition shall be filed by the owner of real property within the Township, said application petition being accompanied by a fee to be set by the Township Board. Petitions for amendments to the text of this Ordinance and/ or the Zoning Map shall be filed with the Township Clerk and the fee paid to the Township Treasurer. The petition and supporting documentation shall be then transmitted by the Township Clerk to the Chairman of the Planning Commission for study and recommendation prior to a determination by the Township Board

Johnston reported that a watershed meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 13.

Brueck further reported that the watershed committee was working on a Master Plan for Depot Park.

- Mayor Catallo stated that she felt the Christmas Holiday Lights Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was a success and well attended.
- Chief Combs reviewed the November Police statistics. He further reported that the Christmas Parade was well coordinated and went smoothly with the help of many volunteers. Also, Gen-eral Motors loaned two police vehicles for use in traffic control,
- Mr. Bob Roth was present to request use of Depot Park for a home and garden show in the spring. Mayor Catallo advised that the City Attorney should be consulted on this issue as it is a commercial event.
- Resolved That the City of Clarkston accept the MTT No. 261859 Stipulation for Consent Judgment and authorize the Mayor and Treasurer to execute same by affixing signatures to the document to be forwarded to the City Attorney for proper routing. Pappas informed Council that there is a balance of \$23,285 in Tri -Party funds that can be used on County roads. Resolved That the City of the Village of Clarkston adopt the Parformance Resolution for Governmental Bodies required by the
- Michigan Department of Transportation for the Annual Permit for Banners, Parades, and Festivals.
- Discussion was held on the upcoming 175th Anniversary of Clarkston. Pappas was instructed to contact the Historic Society to determine if some type of celebration is in order. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Artemus M. Papras, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on December 14, 2006 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Article II, Section 2.00 and Article XVIII, Section 18,10, of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26, which amendments are set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of this Notice.

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE Amend Article II Section 2.00, Definitions, by deleting the definition

for SITE CONDOMINIUM

Amend Article II Section 2.00, Definitions, by adding the following definition:

- <u>CONDOMINIUM</u>. A place or project consisting of not less than two (2) condominium units established in conformance with the Condominium Act, Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended (the "Act"), and this Ordinance.
- The following additional definitions shall apply in the application of the regulations of this Ordinance:
- a. Common Elements: The portion of a condominium project other than the condominium units.
- Condominium Documents: The master deed, recorded b. pursuant to the Act, and any other instrument referred to in the master deed which affects the rights and obligations of a co-owner in the condominium.
- Condominium Unit: The portion of a condominium project designed and intended for separate ownership and use, as described in the master deed.
- Conversion Condominium: A condominium project cond. taining condominium units, some or all of which were occupied before the filing of a notice of taking reservations under Section 71 of the Act.
- e. General Common Elements: The common elements other than the limited common elements.
- f. Limited Common Elements: A portion of the common elements reserved in the master deed for the exclusive use of less than all of the co-owners.
- g. Master Deed: The condominium document recording the condominium project to which are attached as exhibits and incorporated by reference the bylaws for the project and the condominium subdivision plan for the project and all other information required by the Act.
- Site Condominium: A condominium development in which each co-owner owns exclusive rights to a volume of space within which a structure or structures may be constructed, herein defined as a "condominium unit", as described in the master deed. A condominium "lot" in a site condominium shall include a condominium unit and any contiguous limited common element, appurtenant to and surrounding the condominium unit.
- Terms not defined in this section, but which are defined in the Act, shall have those meanings ascribed to them in the Act.

Amend Article XVIII, Section 18.10 - Site Condominium Project Regulations, to read as follows:

- Section 18.10 0 Condominium Project Regulations. Condominium projects shall be subject to the following regulations:
- 1. Intent. It is the intent of this Section to regulate condominium projects in accordance with this Ordinance and any other applicable Township standards and regulations.
- 2. General Requirements.
 - a. Any condominium project shall comply with the use, density, setback and other applicable regulations of this Ordinance.
 - b. In a site condominium project, each condominium lot shall be considered equivalent to a single lot as defined by this Ordinance and shall meet all minimum requirements for area, width, and depth-to-width ratios.
 - c. Each condominium lot shall front on and have direct access to a public road or a private street approved by the Township Board. Approval for a private street may be conferred by the Township Board during site plan approval.
- 3. Approval of the Condominium Plan and Condominium Documents.
 - a. Approval of the site plan and proposed condominium documents by the Planning Commission and Township Board in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be required prior to recording of the Master Deed for the Project, as a condition to the right to construct, expand or convert a condominium project.
 - The applicant shall submit a site plan pursuant to the b. standards and provisions set forth in Sections 18.07 or

ameter.

- Monuments shall be located in the ground at all angles in C. the boundaries of the site condominium; at the intersection lines of streets and at the intersection of the lines with the boundaries of the site condominium and at the intersection of alleys with the boundaries of the site condominium; at all points of curvature, points of tangency, points of compound curvature, points of reverse curvature and angle points in the side lines of streets and alleys; and at all angles of an intermediate traverse
- d. If the required location of a monument is in an inaccessible place, or where the locating of a monument would be clearly impracticable, it is sufficient to place a reference monument nearby and the precise location thereof be clearly indicated on the plan and referenced to the true point.
- e. All required monuments shall be placed flush with the ground where practicable.
- All lot corners shall be monumented in the field by iron or steel bars or iron pipes at least 18 inches long and 1/2 inch in diameter, or other approved markers.
- Requirement for Certificates of Occupancy. Following construction of the condominium development,
- and prior to the issuance of any certificates of occupancy, the applicant shall secure final approval from the Township Building Official.
- b. In connection with an application to receive any certificate of occupancy, the applicant shall submit: (1) A copy of the recorded Master Deed (including ex
 - hibits).
 - (2) A copy of any recorded restrictive covenants. (3) Two copies of an "as-built survey."
 - (4) A copy of the site plan of photographic hard copy, laminated photostatic copy or mylar sheet of at least thirteen by sixteen (13 X 16) inches with an image not to exceed ten and one-half by fourteen (101/2 X 14) inches and a scale of at least 1" = 100'.
 - (5) Appropriate approval from the State of Michigan and/ or Oakland County for any improvements for which such approvals are required.
- (6) Fees as established by resolution of the Township Board.
- (7) Certification that monuments have been installed or that a cash escrow, in an amount as determined by the Township, has been deposited with the Township to insure installation.
- c. The Township Building Official, Township Attorney, Township Engineer, and other appropriate staff and consultants shall review the condominium documentation to ensure that the documentation meets the requirements of this Ordinance, as well as any other applicable laws or regulations, and that the documentation contains satisfactory provisions dealing: (i) with repair, replacement, and maintenance of facilities that service the condominium development, including, but not limited to, roads, storm water maintenance facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, and water facilities; (ii) access to the condominium project for governmental purposes; and (iii) any other provisions reasonably determined to be necessary. Review of this documentation shall include any easements or similar documents for property outside the condominium project which services the project.
- d. The Township Building Official, Township Attorney, Township Engineer, and other appropriate staff and consultants shall review the information submitted to insure that the condominium development has been constructed in accordance with the approved site plan, approved condominium documents, the provisions of this Section, and applicable provisions of this Ordinance, applicable Township Ordinances, and engineering standards, and any other applicable laws or regulations.
- All condominium projects shall also comply fully with all applicable state and federal statutes.
- In the event required monuments, storm water drainage e. facilities, sewage disposal facilities, water supply facilities, or any other required improvements are not completed at the time the request for final approval is made, the Building Official may recommend to the Township Supervisor to allow temporary occupancy permits for a specified period of time, and for any part of the condominium development, provided that a deposit in the form of cash, certified check, or irrevocable letter of credit be made with the Township, in form and amount as determined by the Township, to insure the installation and/or completion of such improvements without cost to the Township, in accordance with Section 18.09.
- f. If certificates of occupancy are required for only a portion of the land included within the approved site plan, all improvements necessary to service the portion for which approval is requested must be initiated or completed, or the appropriate financial guarantees provided pursuant

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SECTION TWO - SEVERABILITY Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect. SECTION THREE - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

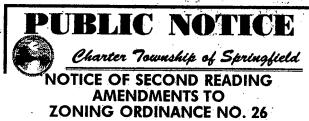
SECTION FOUR - EFFECTIVE DATE

These Ordinance amendments shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 14th day of December, 2006. A complete text of the ordinance and documents related to the amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 248-846-6510.

> NANCY STROLE, Clerk Charter Township of Springfield $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{k}}$

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendments to Article X, Section 10.02.8.b and Article XII, Section 12.01.18.b, of Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No.

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE

Amend Article X, Section 10.02.8.b, General Requirements to read as follows:

- General Requirements b.
 - (1) The minimum lot area used for self-storage facilities shall be two (2) acres. Other uses on the same property
 - shall not be included in the two (2) acre minimum area. (2)Each facility must provide for emergency vehicle access at all times.
 - (3)No structure may exceed one story in height.
 - (4) The total lot coverage by structures shall be limited to fifty (50) percent of the total lot area used for the selfstorage facility.
 - (5)All compartments or rental spaces shall be connected to a fire alarm system as approved by the Township upon recommendation of the Fire Department, during the site plan review process.

Amend Article XII, Section 12.01.18.b, General Requirements to read as follows:

- b. General Requirements
 - (1) The minimum lot area used for self-storage facilities shall be two (2) acres. Other uses on the same property shall not be included in the two (2) acre minimum area. (2) Each Facility must provide for emergency vehicle ac-
 - cess at all times.
 - (3) No structure may exceed one story in height.
 - (4) The total lot coverage by structures shall be limited to 50 percent of the total lot area used for the self-storage facility.
 - (5) All compartments or rental spaces shall be connected to a fire alarm system as approved by the Township upon recommendation of the Fire Department, during the site plan review process.

SECTION 2 -- SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3-REPEALER

- 18.11 (if applicable) of this Ordinance.
- Prior to Township Board review and approval, the appli-C.
- cant shall submit the proposed Condominium Documents. The proposed Condominium Documents shall be reviewed by the Township Attorney and other appropriate staff and consultants prior to action by the Township Board.
- 4. Revision of Condominium Plan. If the condominium plan is revised prior to the request for final approval, the site plan shall be revised accordingly and submitted for review and approval or denial by the Township Board before any building permit may be issued, where such permit is required. The Township may, in its discretion, allow minor changes to the site plan without the necessity for full review pursuant to this section.
- 5. Monuments. Monuments shall be established in the following manner:
- a. Monuments shall be located in the ground and made according to the following requirements, but it is not intended or required that monuments be placed within the traveled portion of a street to mark angles in the boundary of the site condominium if the angle points can be readily reestablished by reference to monuments along the sidelines of the streets.
- All monuments used shall be made of solid iron or steel b. bars at least 1/2 inch in diameter and 36 inches long and completely encased in concrete at least 4 inches in di-

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to Subsection (e). This subsection shall apply even if the improvements to be constructed are located outside the portion for which final approval is requested.

- 7. Amendment to Condominium Documents. Any amendment to a master deed or bylaws that affects the approved site plan, or any conditions of approval of a site plan, shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Board, before any building permit may be issued which could be affected. by such amendment, where such permit is required. In such event, the Township Board may require the applicant to submit information reasonably required to allow the Township Board to make a decision. The Township Board may reguire its review and approval of an amended site plan if, in its opinion, such changes in the master deed or bylaws required corresponding changes in the site plan.
- 8. Conversion Condominiums. All conversion condominium projects shall be subject to the dimensional requirements of this Ordinance and shall require, site plan approval prior to the occupancy of any unit converted to a condominium unit. A site plan submitted for a conversion project shall include all existing conditions and clearly identify all proposed site changes. Condominium documentation shall be submitted for review as provided in subsection 6 above. The Planning Commission shall review the site plan for a condominium conversion in the same manner as a new development on the site. If the Township Building Official determines that the site changes on the property are minimal, then site plan

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION 5-EFFECTIVE DATE

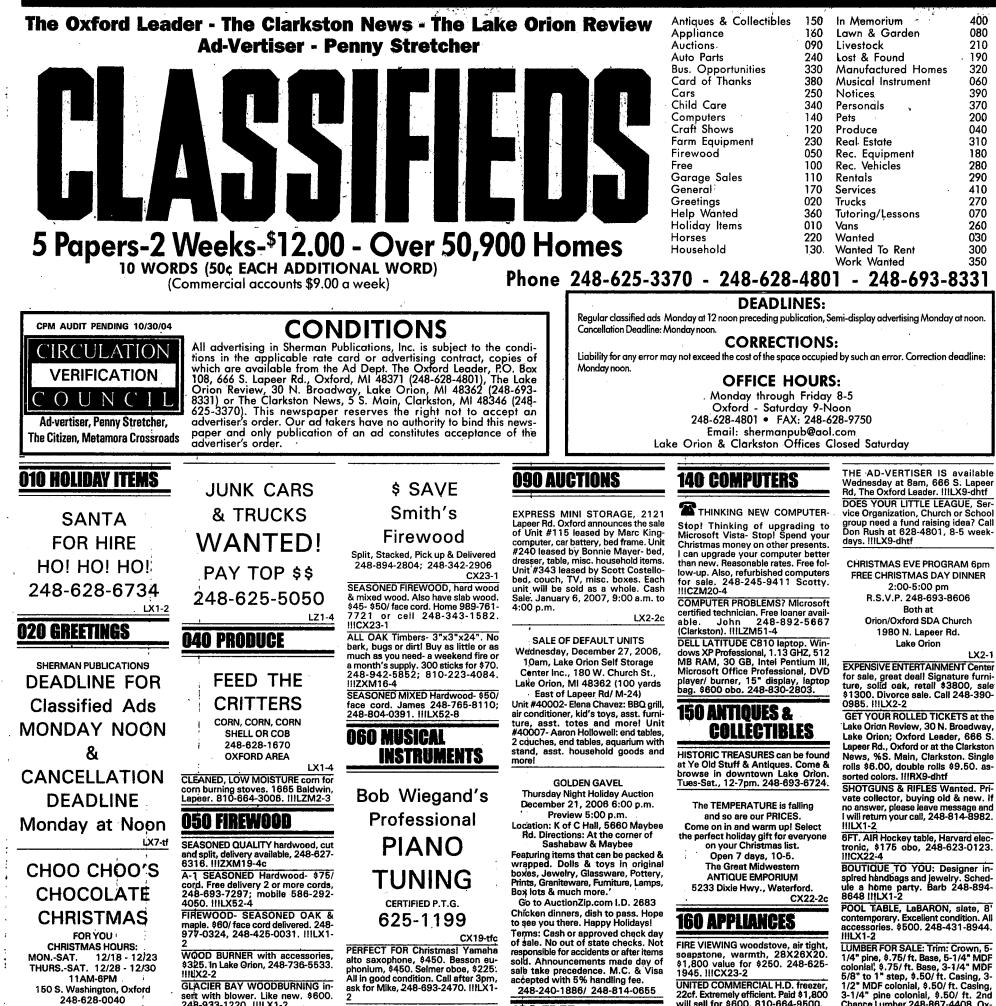
These ordinance amendments shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. These ordinance amendments shall be published in the manner provided by law ::

NOTICE IS FUTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Mi during regular office hours Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommoda-tion should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

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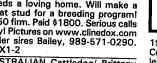
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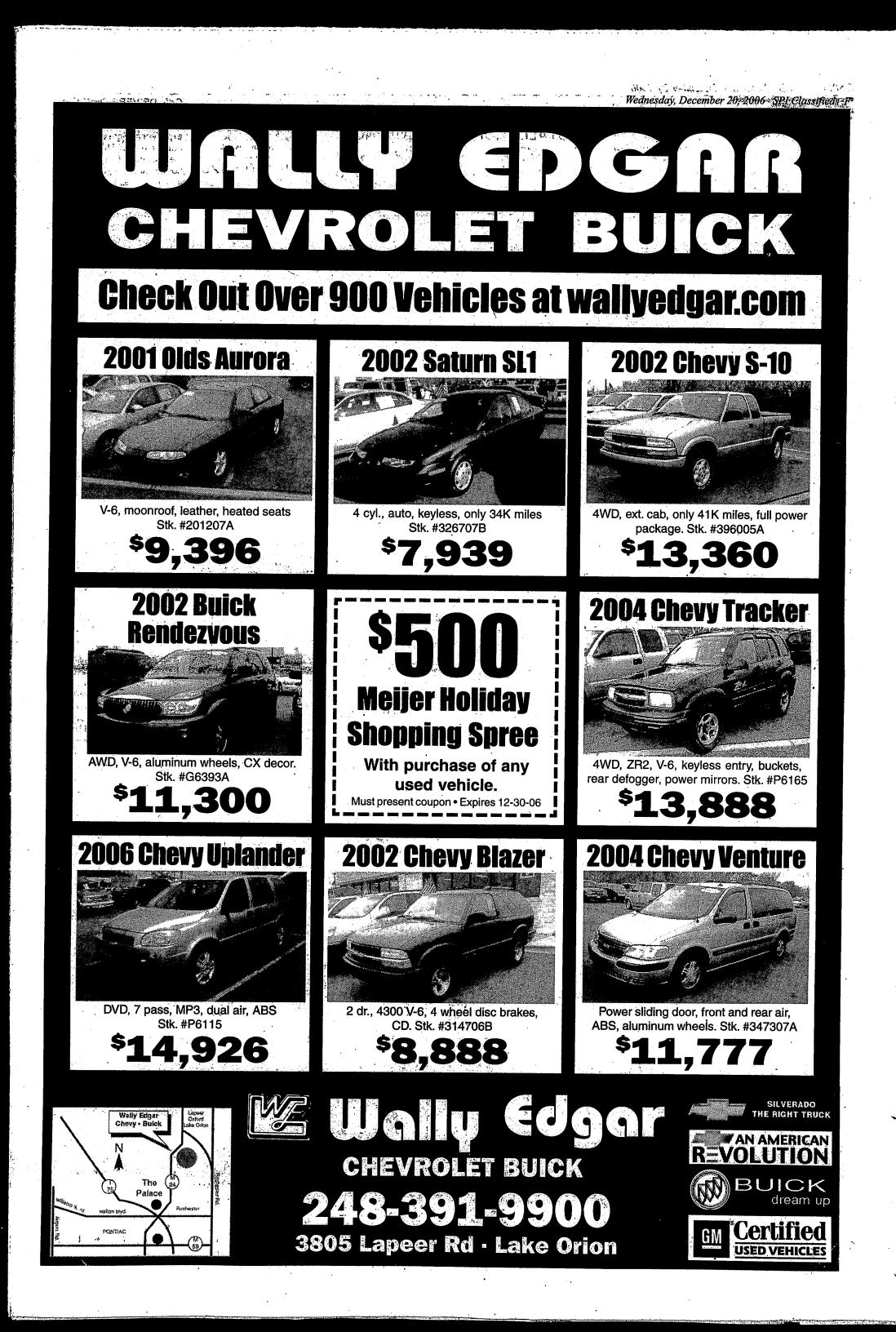
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