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Victory on the mat

Wrestlers take down reigning state champs

BY PAUL KAMPE
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

History and rankings weren't exactly in Clarkston's favor going into a dual meet with five-time defending state champion Davison on Dec. 21.

The Cardinals ended Clarkston's season last year with a 41-24 victory in the district playoffs. The Wolves haven't been able to collectively raise their hands in victory against Davison for the past five years.

The Wolves (12-1) did not let the past cloud their mentality in their 44-26 win, their second win in as many nights — they downed Lapeer West Dec. 20.

"They came out and they got a big monkey off their backs," Clarkston Coach Joe DeGain said.

"I told them they can take their right hands and reach around their shoulders

and pat themselves on the back and tell themselves good job, and that's the end of it. They can't think that this is everything," he said.

"This was fun and it was a good dual meet, but in 15 years, nobody's going to ask them what happened on December 21st, 2006, they're going to want to know what happened at the big dance and that's going to have to be what these guys focus on now. If we don't beat them at the end of the year, this meet doesn't mean anything."

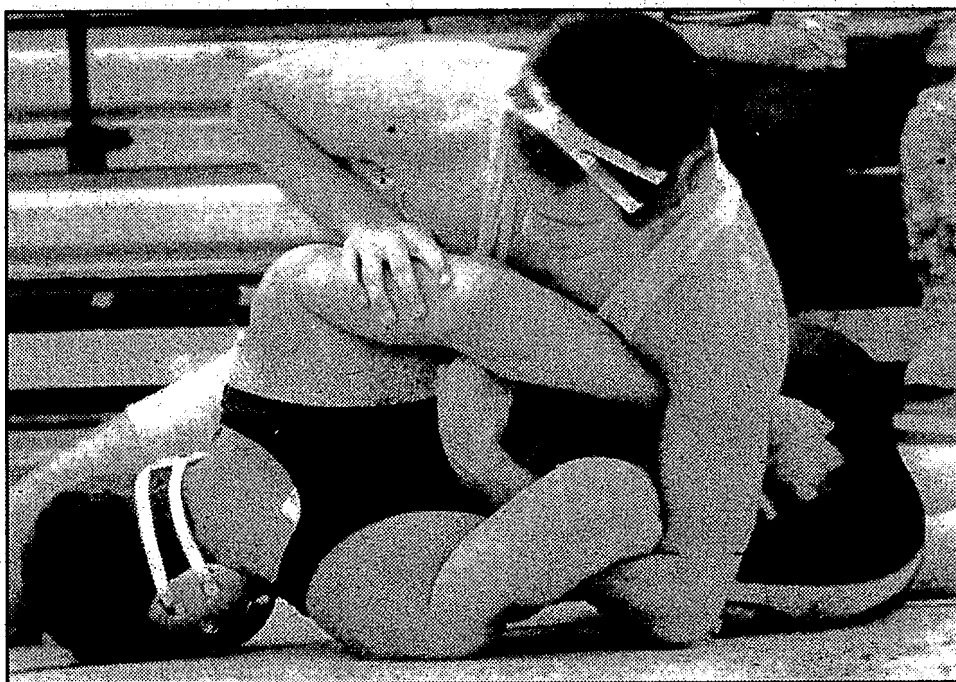
Davison Coach Roy Hall was quick to congratulate the Wolves' play.

"Their performance was really good. They looked great," Hall said.

"Their veterans stepped up and got some key wins."

"When you wrestle Davison, you have to respect every inch of their lineup and you have to constantly work for every single point and stop them from getting points when you're losing matches," DeGain said.

"We will never wrestle Davison and



Bryant Craft takes down Nich Boan in the 160-pound match. Clarkston's win was its first over the Cardinals in five years. Photo by Paul Kampe

get comfortable with a lead. That team is too well coached and they're too good of kids. We have a lot of respect for them."

After Zachary LaBelle scored a technical fall on Erik Butterfield in the

135 pound match, Davison took a 9-3 lead. Clarkston quickly mounted a comeback with victories from Josh Booker (145) and Colton Tweed (152) to go back up 12-9.

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Looking back at the issues, stories of 2006

In this edition, we continue our Year in Review, tracking community development issues, government budget difficulties, interesting people and the events of 2006:

May 17

Board slashes 401Ks: With most salaries already froze for Springfield Township employees, a cut to their 401K plan is now on the horizon with discus-



Springfield Township's Todd Carter took his son Brendan fishing this past summer. File photo

sion of other cuts lingering in June. Springfield board members voted unanimously at their May 11 meeting to reduce the township's contribution to employee 401K plans by 2.5 percent and cap contributions to future employees to 2.5 percent.

Track team ends regular season undefeated: Nobody in the OAA I has been able to derail the Clarkston girls track team. The Wolves have barreled through the competition so far this season and finished the dual meet season undefeated by toppling Rochester and West Bloomfield.

Millstream: The many dancers at Terri Newman's Dance Shoppe were featured as they prepared for their major annual performance and a national competition in Las Vegas.

May 24

Senior Center delayed: After months of preparation, the Independence Township parks and recreation commission voted on May 4 to reschedule the \$3.1 million senior center bond issue and 0.25-0.5 millage proposal from August to November.

Five stores in Ind. Twp. sell liquor to minors: In what Detective

Darren Ofiara of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department called "disheartening," police caught five stores in Independence Township selling alcohol to minors. The five stores were busted during a liquor sting operation conducted from the Independence Township sub-station on May 19.

Millstream: Bob Higgins of Clarkston was featured for his work in the restaurant business after opening The Metro Lounge in Royal Oak. Higgins, however, said he is and always has been in the people business, making sure every customer of his feels at home.

May 31

SCAMP Home Tours: Last year marked the 24th annual home tour and featured four homes within the village, two mini-mansions outside the village and for the first time, a garden

Millstream: Sports agent Mike Zehnder of Independence Township was featured for his 12 years in the sports industry and the many people he met along the way.

Millstream: Deanna Olsen, the owner of Planned Financial Services, LLC was featured for her business history and volunteer work in the commu-

nity.

June 7

So long and thanks for all the memories: On May 31, more than 500 students reached the end of their journey in Clarkston Schools. One by one, they took their last steps as high school seniors and their first as graduates. The graduation ceremony at the DTE Energy Music Theater was the last time the class of 2006 gathered together. Surrounded by friends and family, seniors entered the auditorium as others performed with the school's symphonic bands and choirs one last time.

Defense leads Wolves to district title: Clarkston Baseball Coach Phil Price preached all season about playing solid defense and his team picked the right time to deliver it. Wolves' pitchers Mike Kittle and Josh Hall each threw a complete game on June 1 to help their team defeat Pontiac Northern 2-0 and Waterford Kettering 7-1.

Millstream: Independence Township resident Dan Dickerson was featured for his 6 years of work as a sports broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers on 1270 XYT.

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Millstream

Life changes for the better for local girl.

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Reindeer games coming up

Bruce P. Mercado, DDS, P.C. sets up his reindeer at last year's Night at the Reindeer Races. The 2007 race is set for Jan. 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road. Sponsors dress up their reindeer, and people "bet" on the winners. All proceeds go to Christmas in Action of Oakland County, Clarkston Area. The Christmas in Action volunteers' work day to help local seniors is scheduled for April 19. Race tickets are \$15, and can be found at businesses throughout the community. For tickets or more information, call Christmas in Action at 248-618-7433. *File photo*

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Briefly

Baby contest deadline Jan. 8

The deadline for the First Baby of 2007 Contest is Monday. The winning baby must be born on or after Jan. 1, 2007, to parents who are residents of Clarkston, Independence or Springfield townships, or Clarkston School District.

The winner will be the earliest born of the entries received. Entries can be mailed or dropped off at *The Clarkston News* office, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, 48346. For rules, call 248-625-3370.

Book club at library

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 Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Parents are encouraged to participate, but teens are welcome to attend on their own. The group will discuss *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones.

Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call Tracy Malek, head of Young Adult Services, at 248-625-2212.

Generosity shines for local girl

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The people of the Clarkston area made Santa real for an Independence Township girl this past Christmas.

Readers responded in a big way to the article "Mother needs Christmas help," Dec. 20 edition. One young family brought in a sparkling new bicycle, while others brought in a PSP portable game unit, books, gift certificates, food, and other presents.

"I was totally in shock - we are so grateful," said Shirley Hagerman of the community's generosity towards her daughter, Savannah, 10.

"It was really wonderful - I'm thrilled to death," Shirley said. "I didn't expect really anything. I just wanted to keep her faith going."

"It was great," Savannah said. Shirley, who recently had back surgery and was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, asked for help so that her daughter could receive a present from her wish list to Santa. What she received was almost all of them, plus a visit from Santa himself.

A longtime local Santa Claus, who asked that his name not be revealed, put on his red suit and delivered the gifts Sunday night, Christmas Eve.

"That's what Christmas is all about, giving," he said. "It made her day, and it made my day too - it was the best Christmas present Santa could have



The community responded to Shirley Hagerman's plea for Christmas help for her daughter, Savannah, with a bounty of gifts, including a new bicycle. The bike is a bit big for her now, but she will soon grow into it. Photo by Phil Custodio

had."

When he arrived at about 10:30 p.m., Savannah was sitting in the living room. She had set out cookies and a Coke - they were out of milk - for his impending visit.

"Savannah hid her face in the couch - she was scared," Shirley said. "We finally convinced her to turn around, and she gave him a hug. She said 'There is a Santa.'"

Local churches and charities such as Lighthouse were also busy during the holiday season.

Lighthouse North, 6330 Sashabaw

Road, provided Christmas food and gifts to thousands of people. Over the year, the non-profit agency for low-income families and seniors provides help to many more. In 2005, it provided emergency food to 21,951 people.

In all, Lighthouse provided more than 72,811 services by volunteers and staff to low and limited income seniors and families, near-homeless families, infants, children, and youth in the Oakland County community.

For information or to make a donation, go to www.lighthouseoakland.com or call 248-920-6060.

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June 14

Attorneys needed: In a 5-2 vote on June 6, the Independence Township Board of Trustees approved a Request For Proposals (RFP) for new township attorneys.

Millstream: Clarkston News Reporter Jim Martinez spent a day on the lake with pro bass fisherman Scott Dobson, who was featured for his years in the sport.

Clarkston falls in regional final: It was a frustrating end to a frustrating season for the Clarkston baseball team. The Wolves started off the season ranked in the top 10 in the state, but never found their groove. During regionals, Clarkston defeated Lakeland in the semifinals, but then fell 5-2 to the University of Detroit Jesuit in the championship game. **June 21**

School board OKs raises, 7 still laid off: Despite budgetary concerns, classroom consolidation and teacher pink slips, the Clarkston School Board voted 5-1 to approve two percent raises for central office administrators and non-union employees on June 12. The board also approved a new contract for Superintendent Dr. Al

Roberts, which included a two percent salary raise and three percent "performance merit incentive." According to Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing, the board approved raises for 196 employee contracts. Of those receiving raises, Banach said 33 are central office administrators and that their portion of the expense amounted to \$61,141.

Laetz shooting with Thunderbirds: Reagan Laetz takes a shot and the ball narrowly misses the rim. It rolls under a van parked near the basket and is stuck. Reagan quickly crawls under the car to retrieve the ball and gives it to his friend Joshua Siminski, who takes a shot. The small sequence may not seem important, but the scene is a metaphor for the way Laetz handles being in a wheelchair. When Laetz missed the shot and the ball went under the van, he didn't complain. He didn't let being in a wheelchair be an excuse for him not to get the ball either. He found a way to get the ball and passed it to his friend. Laetz had the same attitude when he wanted to play sports. He didn't complain that he was in a wheelchair. He joined a wheelchair basketball league.

Millstream: Deanna Olsen, the owner of Planned Financial Services, LLC was featured for her business history and volunteer work in the community.

June 28

Budget approved: The Clarkston School Board approved the budget for the 2006-07 school year. Current estimates by the district expect the budget to run at nearly a \$4.8 million deficit.

A grand parade: Preparations for the annual Clarkston Fourth of July parade are being made. This year's parade has the theme of "Grand Ole Flag." On-call sergeant fire fighter Rick Hardy, who helped organize the event, said he expected over 100 entries this year.

Millstream: Independence Township's Arsey Miller, a car enthusiast, was featured for his many years of building classic vehicles.

July 5

Senior Center ballot issues: With almost three decades of discussion revolving around a new senior center for Independence Township, many residents may be surprised by this piece of information: Senior center facilities were only placed on a ballot once in the past 30 years (and not singularly as a senior center). No senior center operational millage has ever been voted upon in Independence Township.

Millstream: Joe Sanders reflected on opening Sanders' Martial Arts Studio in Clarkston in 1969 in our Millstream

section.

Board takes next step towards CIA: The Independence Township Board received little direction from residents during a public hearing on the proposed Corridor Improvement Authority along Sashabaw Road. Several residents asked questions about the new authority, but few voiced opinions for or against the endeavor.

Athlete of the Week: Josh McAllister took first place at the Mott Bruin Classic, a tournament featuring some of the top wrestlers in the state who are attending a junior college in the upcoming fall season.

July 12

Orco rezoning denied: Applause and a standing ovation greeted the Independence Township Board of Trustees' July 5 decision to deny the first reading of Orco Investments' rezoning request for 70 acres of land located on the northwest corner of Sashabaw and Waldon roads near the I-75 interchange.

Concert series takes a trip to Margaritaville: Fans of Jimmy Buffet might find their lost shaker of salt in Depot Park on July 14 as the Concerts in the Park series continues with "Air Margaritaville."

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Millstream: Five generations of the Clark family gathered at Bart Clark's home in Clarkston for the Clark Family Reunion. Bart Clark organized the family reunion and talked to *The Clarkston News* about it in our Millstream section.

Athlete of the Week: Cameron Krausman won his second straight Oakland County Parks Annual Junior Golf Tournament at Springfield Oaks on June 22. Krausman won the boys 10 and under division. Krausman, 10, already has several tournament wins, but said this annual event is his favorite.

July 19

Renewals top ballot in Independence Township: Independence Township voters will decide the fate of two millage renewal requests on the August primary ballot. Independence Township is seeking a four-year, 0.6910 mill renewal for the library. During the first year, the millage would collect an estimated \$1,138,529.

Springfield Twp. library seeks to add funds: While two of the three millages filling the ballot for Springfield Township voters are up for renewal, the township library is going for 0.5 mill addition is expected to raise nearly \$339,000 within one year if accepted by voters.

Springfield Twp. using voter-assisting machines: Springfield Township voters will see something new this year when they hit the polls: the AutoMARK voting machine which will help disabled voters cast their ballots. The federal government granted the township five of these machines, recently received, in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Millstream: Clarkston Rotarian Judy Livingston talked about her 2004 trip to India for purpose of eradicating polio in our Millstream section.

Chief Pontiac wins fourth straight: The Chief Pontiac Post 377 American Legion 18U baseball team won four games in a row. They defeated Royal Oak's Post 253 Legion team 13-3 on July 5 at Royal Oak Kimball High School. Nick Dunstan struck out five to earn the win.

July 26

Church holds bone marrow drive: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston played host to a bone marrow drive on Sunday, Aug. 6 to help three-year-old Thomas "Hawk" Maier, diagnosed with Leukemia in late 2004. Thomas' aunt, Julie Kelly of

Ortonville, organized the drive.

Township approves contract for Wireless Oakland: The deal is official - Independence Township formally became a part of Phase II for Wireless Oakland.

Mural for Clarkston News gets approval: The Clarkston City Council unanimously approved plans for a local artist to paint a mural on the side of *The Clarkston News'* downtown office building on July 24. Michelle Tynan, of Clarkston, was selected by the building's owner, James Sherman Sr., former publisher of the *News*, to paint the mural on the north side of the building located at 5 S. Main Street.

Millstream: From helping out victims of Hurricane Katrina to treating a family seen on the Dr. Phil show, local philanthropist Stan Garwood does his best to help his fellow man. Garwood hopes his dedication to his job as a therapist and years of community service will help inspire others.

Riverdaws end inaugural season with win: The 10-year old Clarkston Riverdaws baseball team ended their inaugural season by winning the 19th Annual Grand Blanc Baseball Tournament held from July 14-16.

August 2

Chief nabs robbery suspect: Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs de-railed a husband and wife duo's plans of a bank robbery at the Comerica Bank location inside the Kroger store at the intersection of Dixie Highway and Maybee Road after hearing a call of distress while patrolling the area on July 28.

Mother nature unable to stop 4-H Fair: Nature caused some speed bumps for the Oakland County 4-H Fair, but could not stop visitors from having a good time. Fair General Manager L.C. Scramlin said rain and the heat may have kept the crowds down, but everything still ran smoothly.

Misconceptions 'cleared up' between district, NAACP: A dispute over alleged racial insensitivity by a Clarkston High School teacher is being resolved, according to district Superintendent Al Roberts. Roberts met with representatives from the NAACP and worked out a resolution.

Millstream: Michael Stafford, director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, talked about his career, family and interesting finds in the Clarkston area.

Hershey Track relay teams capture ribbons: Clarkston boys track took home ribbons from the Hershey Track and Field State Final in Holt, Mich., on July 7.

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Team earns 'pat on the back'

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Mike Maguire (130) closed out the night, pinning Talon Hodgenson.

The win should give the Wolves a mental-edge if the teams meet again in the team playoffs this season. Clarkston stands in fifth place in the state division I, second in the area only to the Cardinals (8-3), who are ranked no. 3.

"They're the most respected team in the state and there's no doubt about it, so if we can do it again, that's got to be the goal," DeGain said.

"They get one pat on the back and that's the end of it, now we've got to

move on and beat them again."


The Wolves need to be prepared for more back-to-back nights like the one they faced after their 63-12 win Dec. 20 in Lapeer.

"In the state meet, they have to (wrestle) three days in a row. There's nothing wrong with scheduling tough opponents on back-to-back days. The only thing that matters is the end of the year and we've got to prepare them for that," he said.

The Wolves return from the holiday break with two matches on Jan. 3 at Troy against Waterford Kettering and Lake Orion.

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August 9

The votes are in.... All three of the millages on the Springfield Township ballot passed: A 10-year, 1 mill fire millage was approved 1,427 to 568, a 10-year, 1.5 mill police millage received a 1,307 to 675 yes from voters, and the 0.5 mill library millage addition passed 1,184 to 812. The Independence Township Library millage renewal for 0.6910 mill over four years passed 2,737 to 1,446. The police millage for 2.0547 mills over four years also passed 2,793 to 1,394.

Three days, 60 miles, one cause: Former Clarkston Schools employee Christine Keener was one of 42 walkers from Clarkston who joined thousands of others at the Michigan Breast Cancer Three-Day benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust. The participants were expected to walk 60 miles during three days to raise breast cancer awareness and money for critical research and community outreach programs in Macomb County Aug. 11-13.

Millstream: Investment Banker Matthew Cook, a 1990 Clarkston High School and later a Notre Dame graduate, returned from California to work with his father at Robert A. Cook and Associates, based in Troy and shared his experiences with us in the Millstream.

Softball stars shine at Home Run Derby: Twenty-six softball players from around Michigan gathered at Clintonwood Park on Aug. 4 to crown the eighth Annual Michigan Home Run Derby champion! Spectators watched the participants hit more than 115 home runs before Rob Stafford of Waterford took home the \$300 first prize.

August 16

Senior center on Nov. ballot: This November, residents will finally decide whether or not Independence Township needs a new senior center and operating millage. At the Aug. 5 special board meeting, trustees voted unanimously to place a 4-year, 0.4 mills operational millage and \$3.1 million (0.12 mills) bond issue on the general election. The votes were met with cheers and applause from the audience.

School board discusses 06-07 goals: The Clarkston Community Schools' board meeting on Aug. 14 led to discussion about the 2006-'07 year in-

cluding: developing and improving instruction with a results drive orientation, demonstrating fiscal responsibility and developing exceptional employees who understand and support the district's vision.

Going for glory: Wolves host annual Blue and Gold game The Clarkston football team hosted its annual Blue and Gold game on August 12. The Blue and Gold game is an inter-squad scrimmage designed to give the team its first game action. Clarkston Head Coach Kurt Richardson said he thought the scrimmage went well.

Millstream: Clarkston Kindermusik recognized internationally as Kindermusik International, a world-renowned music education program for children from birth to age 7, reached a new beginning recently, as they received the Maestro Award. This distinction placed the program in the top 5 percent of all 5,000 licensed programs throughout the world and earned it a spot in our Millstream section.

August 23

Are two medical complexes needed?: As Independence Township welcomes more retailers and continues to grow with housing projects, the area may open its doors to two separate medical endeavors. The McLaren Health Care Corporation has proposed a plan to build a complex on 75 acres at Sashabaw and I-75, but nothing had been approved at that time, said Township Supervisor Dave Wagner. William Beaumont Hospital also purchased land along the northwestern portion of the M-15 and I-75 interchange in two parcels, the first purchased in 2004 and the other a year later. The company has spoken of plans to develop that area into a complex of its own.

Nerve injury does not stop this cruiser: Independence Township resident and North Oaks Corvette Club member Dave Barran almost had his Woodward Dream Cruise hopes dashed by an injury, which occurred sometime in the winter, months prior to the nostalgic event. A friend donated an automatic-transmission 'Vette for Barran to drive, because his injury prevented him from working the clutch in his car.

Millstream: Lifetime Clarkston resident Christine Keener worked as an administrative assistant with Clarkston Community Schools during the week and talked about her weekend experiences as a participant of the Michigan three-day Breast Cancer Walk in our Millstream.

Cross country led by two return-



Some residents of Clarkston dressed up to celebrate Independence Day. File photo

ing stars: The Clarkston Boys Cross Country Coach Mike Taylor said he is looking for a few guys to step up this year and replace the seniors lost to graduation. Last year's team qualified for the state finals and took 20th place.

August 30

Home Depot in Springfield?: A Southfield firm wants to rezone church property to commercial-use. A standing room only crowd, estimated at more than 200 by Township Clerk Nancy Strole, saw plans to turn the property currently owned by Dixie Baptist Church at the northwest corner of Dixie Highway at I-75 into "Springfield Marketplace" at the township planning commission meeting on Aug. 21. Developer REDICO hoped to build after receiving commitments from both Home Depot and Target.

Touring Clarkston underwater: Burt Fangel of Springfield Township, 75, spent most of his free time for over three

decades searching the bodies of water around the Clarkston community looking for whatever he could find. During that time, he saw the technology of the sport change dramatically, but his passion remained the same.

Caching in: Independence Township resident Ed Julian emphatically brought the sport of Geocaching to the attention of Clarkston's City Council seeking approval for a treasure planting in Depot Park. The game involves players using handheld Global Positioning Systems to track the targets, posted on the Internet. "It's a big treasure hunt for adults with too much time on their hands," Julian said.

Wolves roll to victory over Adams: The Clarkston Wolves rolled to the first of eight regular-season victories against Rochester Adams 22-0 in the season opener for both teams.

Millstream: Motorcycle enthusiast
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Opinion

Can we help the wounded families?

Hurt people hurt people. I heard it first from one of my favorite yoga teachers. People who come from a background of abuse perpetuate the cycle. They don't mean to, don't want to, it's just what they know.

I've written about the family brawls and skirmishes I find in the police reports before, but it's time to get serious. It's time for the parents, teachers, police and other leaders in this community to step up and do something about the never-ending cycle of the battered and the batterers, the abused and the abusers. I often hear talk about what a great community this is—and I agree—but I also see some among us falling through the cracks.

Especially our children. Every week I read at least a couple of police reports about a child who was present while mom and dad were kicking, shoving, and spewing hateful words at one another.

I read about a guy who drunkenly followed on his wife's heels when she returned from work (one wonders what he did all day) then poked at her when she got on the phone. Just for good measure, I suppose, he tossed a plate of cookies she'd baked onto the floor. Nice. Merry Christmas.

Then there was a drunken super-dad, a man much too responsible to drive while he's sloshed, officer, but not quite responsible enough to realize that putting your 17-year-old daughter behind the wheel and directing her to shuttle you around town in search of her mother and your soon-to-be ex wife, who wants to see you about as much as she wants to get hit by a bus, is probably not going to win you any father-of-the-year awards.

I find reports about men beating up on women, and women beating up on men, kids and parents screaming at one another, kids running away from home.

And then, surprise, I read about kids who smacked, threatened or threw something at a parent in an all-out temper tantrum of some sort.

Children who watch the adults in their lives hurt one another, children who are allowed to abuse their parents are not the kind of young adults we want to unleash on the community in the coming years.

Of course, kids are charged with assault like anyone else, and deputies can point parents in the direction of help.

But that's not enough. The Clarkston area Youth Assistance program is doing an amazing job with the kids they help.

But it's not enough. Plenty of other community resources exist, but until people are getting the help they need and making the changes they need to make, none of it is enough.

It's time to force change at the root of the problem—within the family system. Schools and community groups need to step up and offer more help and guidance to struggling parents, and those who will become parents.

Whether it's classes, literature, speakers, workshops, or a PR campaign, we need to do more. Now.

Yeah, there's red tape. Yeah, these things cost money.

But you know what? Our children are worth it. Whatever it takes.



Out loud

Laura Colvin

'Dear Editor' (letters from our readers)

Independence Township out of touch

Dear Editor:

The claims being made that the cuts to Parks and Recreation were not a direct result of the most recent defeat of the senior center proposal is just one more of the unbelievable statements coming out of Independence Township.

Because funding for a new senior center has been denied by voters numerous times, the senior center funding proposal has now been abandoned and shifted to the predictable "it's for the kids" tax proposal campaign.

Township officials had to be aware of the situation with parks funding before the Nov. 7 defeat of the senior center proposals, yet its importance was ignored and was not addressed in that election.

Why? Simply because it also has been voted down overwhelmingly in previous elections.

It's very clear, Independence Township is in dire need of leaders with whom taxpayers can trust to spend our tax dollars as efficiently as possible. The record of waste of our tax dollars is an insult to the intelligence of the hard working taxpayers who must struggle daily to make ends meet.

The waste of our tax dollars has not gone unnoticed.

Changing the township attorneys resulted in a 35 percent raise in attorney fees and a \$200,000 loss to township taxpayers. Untold millions of our tax dollars have been spent to improve the Sashabaw Road corridor for the benefit of private enterprises.

Time and money has been wasted on a Corridor Improvement Authority proposal after the overdeveloped Sashabaw corridor business district had already been built. And let's not forget the raises for many of the township's employees and officials.

Now an unknown amount of our much needed tax dollars is being wasted on a Parks and Recreation "survey" to judge the importance of Parks and Rec. to taxpayers.

The last three elections should have been the only survey officials needed to judge the mood of taxpayers for another proposal for a tax hike. NO, NO, and NO again!

After three attempts to fund the senior center program on the backs of property owners, one would think that township officials would have realized by now that property owners will continue to oppose tax proposals on which they alone are forced to be the major source of funding.

Until the tax burden is shared equally amongst all of the township's residents, be they apartment dwellers, mobile home parks, etc., homeowners will continue to vote down property tax proposals that discriminate against them only because of their ability to own property.

Like it or not, taxpayers have sent the township a clear message. We do not want our property tax dollars increased to fund programs that we have deemed extravagant or an inappropriate use of tax dollars.

Michael and Lori Powell
Independence Township

Help comes to those who helped others

Dear Editor:

After collecting more than 500 food items from the very generous Clarkston area, Cub Scout Pack 126, with the help of Clarkston United Methodist Church, was successful in completing our food drive Dec. 16.

Austin Edwards and Christopher Cartier, Bears scouts, Cole Edwards, Tiger, and Kyle Cartier, Tiger want-a-be, along with Tim Edwards and Steve Cartier, Pack 126 leaders, delivered the last of many food baskets to the deserving in the Clarkston area.

Ironically, we came across two very important

people in our history.

One stop we were assigned to turned out to be one of our early founders of Pack 126, who spent many years with the boys.

Another stop we made was an 11-year veteran from the leadership of Pack 126.

This is a true example of the saying "What goes around, comes around."

Great job Pack 126!

Steve Cartier, committee chair
Cub Scouts Pack 126

Thank you for supporting gift-giving tree

Dear Editor:

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance would once again like to give a huge thank you to Suzanne Schmidt, her staff and the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union members for providing our children gifts from their giving tree.

This annual tradition is truly a display of all of their big hearts and caring souls.

One of our disabled single mothers felt that your generosity was truly an answer to prayer as she was able to give her young daughter a Merry Christmas.

Another parent would like to say thank you so much for all the thoughtful gifts.

This was the best Christmas our family has had in a long time.

Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful gift giving tree program and showing CAYA kids there are a lot of caring people in today's world. CAYA really appreciate all that you have done for our kids.

Joyce Bleim
CAYA Mentors Plus
Clarkston

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A Look Back

A peek back to those thrilling days of yester-year as reported in the pages of *The Clarkston News*

15 years ago - 1992

"Slow times mean time to regroup" The recession seems to be letting up for local merchants, but was still hitting local non-profit agencies hard. Light-house-North was receiving more applicants than ever, asking for food, clothing, medical help, and other assistance.

"Outlook '92 - More residential, fewer commercial sites" Clarkston was near the saturation point for residential development. Officials said the success of its drive to become a city would affect its development. Independence and Springfield township officials hoped for more residential projects, while controlling commercial development.

"CHS alumnus hits road with Reba McEntire" Ken Dean, a 1985 Clarkston graduate, was video director for the country singer's Rumor Has It tour. He worked with several country music stars.

25 years ago - 1982

"Local officials offer predictions for coming year" Predictions for 1982 included a new cable TV franchise, volunteer crime prevention program, widening M-15 south of the Village of Clarkston, task force

to examine ways to attract light industrial and research business to Independence Township, noise and public nuisance ordinances, and a better economy.

"Windy Monday" High winds were blamed for blowing out an 8-by-10-foot window at Rademacher Chevrolet on Dixie Highway. A Christmas tree was knocked down, but no one was injured until employees moved cars out of the showroom and one had his foot run over.

"Trustee balks over wide paths" Independence Township Trustee William Vandermark reported to the Township Board residents' complaints that 8-foot-wide paths cut into their front yards too much. The Safety Path Task Force responded that federal law recommended wide paths, and construction equipment was designed for 8-foot strips.

"Ice fishing's a Wilson family affair" Charles Wilson and his sons enjoyed fishing on the ice on Walters Lake.

50 years ago - 1957

"Petitions filed for primary election" For the first time, Independence Township was to have a primary election in February. It was shaping up to be an interesting race, as both parties were represented.

"Chairman named for March of Dimes" Mrs. Everett Dennis was appointed chairman. Polio was being reduced through vaccination, but was still a problem. More than 30,000 people needed rehabilitation help.

"Dance attracts many young people" The Community Center was decorated on the theme "Blue Heaven," with floating angels and clouds, and soft blue lighting.

"Europeans receive warm welcome" More than 1,500 refugees from Eastern Europe settled in Michigan, with the help of Lutheran congregations.

You can help make this newspaper better

As the dawn of yet another year approached, the leaders of the universe that is Sherman Publications sat atop their ivory towers and looked down at me. From far atop I heard their voices, bellowing like rolling thunder. In unison, three voices spoke as one . . .

"Donald," they summoned. "Donald. It is time. We have you here to hear of our desires. You are the chosen one to tell our people."

"But," I interjected, "Will they listen?"

Their voices boomed out their annoyance at my doubting. "No buts! Tell them, tell them it all!"

And then, as if under some unearthly command, cumulonimbus clouds converged to obscure my vision of the Three Towers. They spoke no more, were they still up there? Watching me? What were they doing up there in those ivory towers?

Silence.

"But, you forgot to tell me what it is you wanted me to say, and to whom," I said softly, obviously to myself.

What had they said? "Our people . . ." What did that mean? Our people? Their children? No. Their employees? No. Then, out of nowhere a thought hit me. *Their people are their readers.*

So what message did they desire me to send to you, the reader?

My best guess is about a golden rule of community journalism -- one we may have gotten away from recently. That rule?

"Thou shalt accept for publication, those announcements from individuals, groups, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas -- any interested party. Thou shalt accept said announcements with smiling faces and plenty of thank yous -- and then follow through and publish said announcements promptly."

That means we cannot make you readers jump through hoops to get information published. Mail it, e-mail it, drop it off, call it in -- if you make the

effort to furnish us with information it is our job to get it in our community newspaper. (Of course, we reserve the right to correct spelling, etc. -- come on, it's still our business.)

As editors and reporters for a community newspaper, we need to get out there and pound the pavement, press the flesh and meet new people. We have to hear different points of view. We cannot rely (solely) on one source of information. We cannot rely (solely) on public relations personnel for info from our local forms of government.

Many residents criticize elected officials and administrators of being smug and beyond reproach. Those same folks may think the same of us.

When we get a letter to the editor criticizing us, we have to realize there are other points of view. We need to come to grips with the fact that criticisms are not necessarily a bad thing. When readers see spelling errors and let us know, they actually care enough about us to tell us to shape up.

The message seems pretty simple, we need to be open to our readers. We need to get back to the idea that everyone in our community has a story, and that it is our job to tell it. Before we can tell it, though, we need to get out and talk to the community.

What was the message those leaders of this community newspaper want me to share? I guess it is to share our renewed commitment to the readers and our community. If you want to see something in the paper, think we should do something better, by all means let us know.

I think they mean, you can help us. Keep us on our toes. Be our ears and eyes. And, when you do, send us your phone number so we can call to verify.

Send in your announcements of births, weddings, anniversaries and life's achievements. Send in your recipes. Send in your letters to the editor. Send in those funny pictures you take that make you smile. We have room for it -- we are your community newspaper.

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Comments for the chosen one can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@charter.net

Men! Sick? Call a grandma for advice

Men just don't know what to do when they get sick. All men! Some men? Me!

In the first place, men never get sick. Men are men, therefore immune from physical and psychological shortcomings.

Thus, there is no reason for us to even try to remember what our mothers did for us when they thought we had tummy aches.

And, since our kids only got sick on their mother's watch, which was 24-hours a day, there was likewise no need for us to pay attention to ill-youths' diet.

Oh, wow, have I learned the falseness of these beliefs and ego-centric thoughts!

About 6 p.m. Thanksgiving eve, I felt my stomach making a suggestion, and it wasn't for thirst or food. An hour later, I emptied said stomach, then, to get a fresh taste in my mouth, I swilled down some orange juice.

An hour later that left me. How can orange juice, a source of vitamins E, B, D, G and O and other healthy things added by citrus producers, be bad for me?

So, when I called to cancel out of a party, the lady scorned me as I asked for dietary advice. No, no, no acid. No milk either. Chicken soup and crackers, she said.

Ah, yes, I do recall, probably from some Progresso commercial during a football game, that such soup was good for us.

Another call to tell the couple I was to pick up enroute to the party that I wasn't coming, gave me the opportunity to verify the first grandmother's advice.

Same answer: chicken soup and cracker.

One more call, this one for sympathy from daughter Luan. Same thing: chicken soup and crackers. I'd read "Chicken Soup for the Soul" years ago and it said nothing about its healing ability.

I had chicken noodle soup in the house. I heated the ingredients in a bowl. The broth tasted good, but not the noodles. Shayna didn't get any of the liquid, but she sure loved the noodles, carrots and celery.

Why do so many soup makers think they have to add carrots? I know: color.

So, now it's Thanksgiving morning, time for Luan and I to sip a Bloody Mary and prepare the dressing. I was down for the day, and the next.

Here I am, lying in bed upstairs on my greatest dinner day of the year, while 13 people gathered down below, laughing and joking. I heard the grandkids playing with my windup toys, some of the adults critiquing a football game and the women pre-tasting everything from cranberry relish to candied yams.

And, because I'm a man, who cannot get sick, who couldn't remember his mother's remedies and his wife's treatments for tummy aches, I layed there limper than a damp dishrag, with off and on hot and cold feelings, unable to sleep.

Two mornings after Thanksgiving I felt great.

Oh, wow, again. And, I'm hungry. And, there sits an apple pie on the kitchen counter.

Just a small piece, washed down with swig of milk. Is that good, or what?

An hour later I had a very different feeling. My stomach, esophagus, pancreas, liver, left elbow, varicose veins and right earlobe felt like they were being eaten by nitric acid.

Pepto Bismol, Alka Seltzer, Roloids and water were poured in to extinguish the fires. They and time brought me to the time Sunday when felt I could close the phone book previously opened to funeral homes.

It's hell being sick, especially at holiday time, but I was so stupid to not pay attention to my mother's and Hazel's cures.

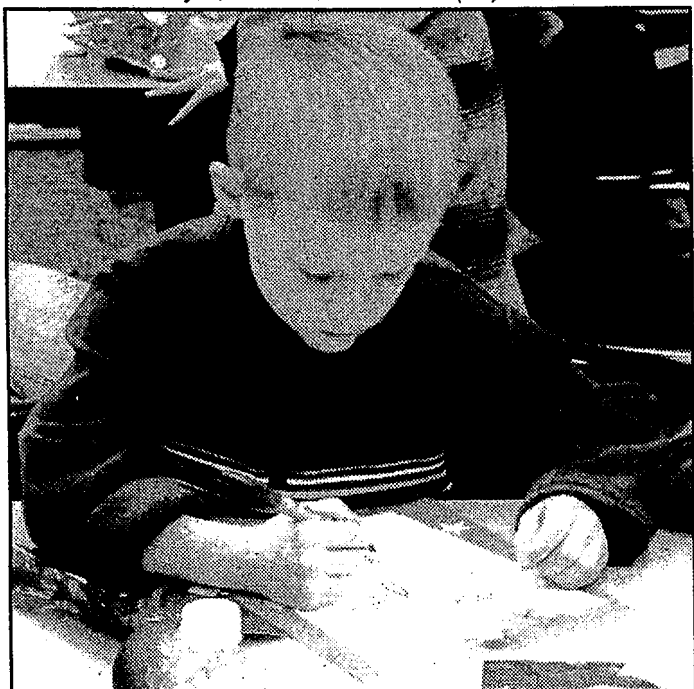
Male ego can be a terrible thing.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

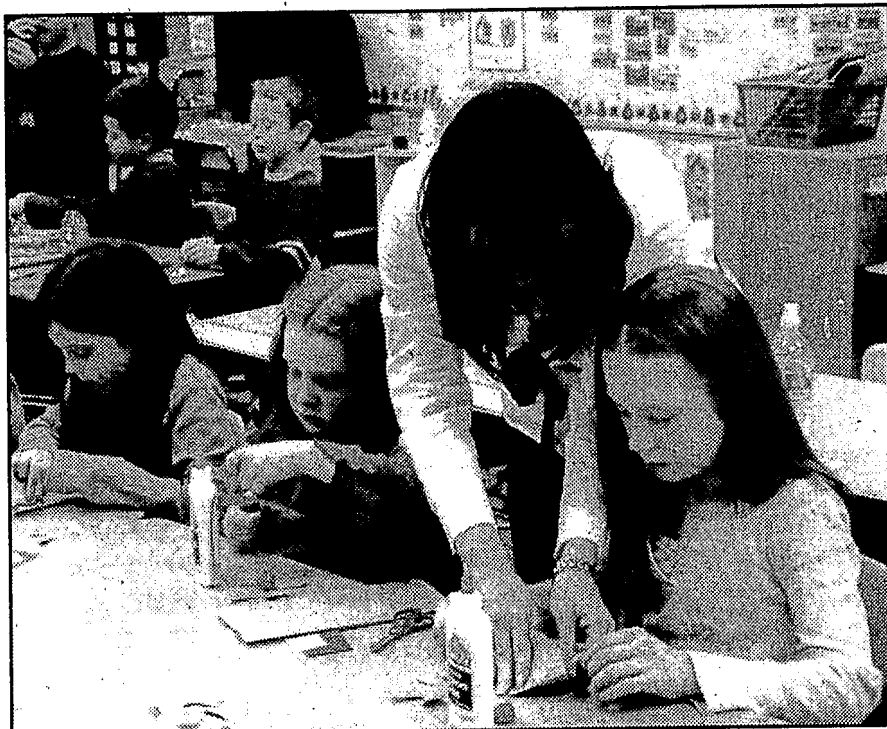
Faded Ink



Matthew Collard deliberates about his next move in a holiday puzzle.

The students at Springfield Plains Elementary were excited not only to get a party, but to celebrate the holidays during schooltime. On Dec. 20, several parents came to the school to volunteer their time and craft-making skills to help while children made paper-bag reindeer, wrapped presents without their "normal" hand, and created a snowman from cotton balls.

Photos by Paul Kampe



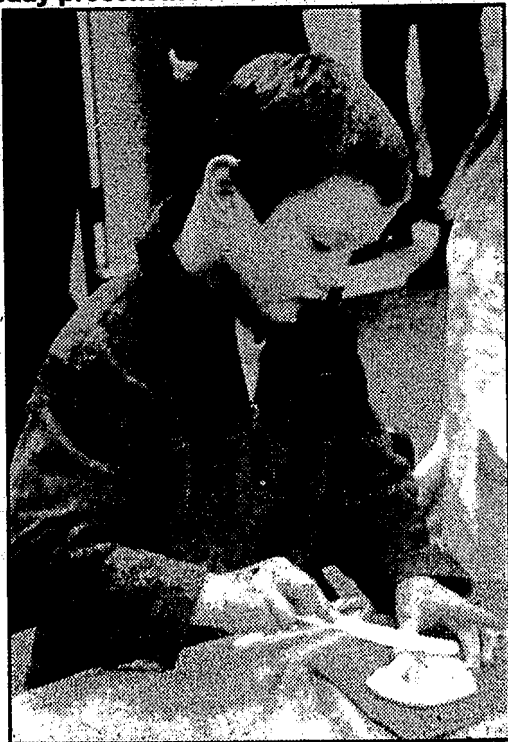
Sarah Sesi, left, helps Madeleine Foslien glue a paper-bag reindeer.



Fifth graders used their "off-hands" to collectively wrap a holiday present in Mrs. Schutte's room.



First-grader Kelsey McGrath decorates a holiday ornament.



Austin James preps his cookie for eating.



Madlson Beck completes a cotton ball snowman.

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sun., Dec. 17 An employee at a video store on Dixie Highway called police after a man walked up to the counter, then ran from the store with an unspecified number of DVDs.

Mon., Dec. 18 Deputies were summoned after the passenger window was smashed and the stereo stolen from the dash of a vehicle parked at the owner's apartment off Andersonville Road.

An Independence Township man called police after returning home to discover that the side entry door of his home had been kicked in and a game system, games, a .22 hunting rifle and a box containing about \$300 in loose change had been stolen.

A 39-year-old Independence Township man called police after receiving emails from a former classmate that said "scuzball" and "you treated me like—in high school, jerk." Both men graduated from Waterford Mott High School in 1985.

A 40-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed after he reportedly pushed, pinched and harassed his wife when she returned home from work, smashing a plate of cookies she'd baked earlier on the floor.

The couple's 18-year-old son intervened on the woman's behalf.

Tues., Dec. 19 an Independence Township business reported losses of \$1,800 after a nighttime intruder made off with computers, alcohol, cash, and other items. There was no sign of forced entry.

Car stereo equipment was stolen from a vehicle near Parview and Andersonville Road. The wires were unplugged and unscrewed, rather than ripped out. The owner believes he locked his car, but there were no signs of forced entry.

Thurs., Dec. 21 A purse was stolen after the window of a vehicle parked at an Independence Township business was smashed. The owner of the vehicle reported getting word that stolen credit cards had immediately been used for purchases totaling nearly \$1,200.

The manager of an Independence Township group home reported that while the building was empty, someone entered the house and took notebooks containing resident's personal information and spending money, as well as a box containing the home's petty cash. No signs of forced entry were evident.

Fri., Dec. 22 Deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township Fire Department when a 23-year-old man arrived at an area medical facility admitting that he took numerous pills in an attempt to commit suicide.

An Independence Township woman

reported that her 15-year-old daughter ran away after an earlier argument in which the woman confronted her for flicking cigarette butts in the backyard.

Sat., Dec. 23 Police were summoned after a fight broke out in a restaurant on Dixie Highway in Independence Township. One man was hit by a man he claimed not to know, and suffered a laceration to his chin requiring eight stitches.

A woman attempting to use her debit card was declined and discovered that her checkbook had been stolen and a check for \$700 dollars had been fraudulently written from her account.

Sun., Dec. 24 An Independence Township woman in the midst of divorce proceedings called police to request a check on the welfare of her 17-year-old daughter, saying her intoxicated, soon to be ex-husband was coercing the girl into driving him around to look for her.

Mon., Dec. 25 Deputies were dispatched to the home of an Independence Township woman after her niece called to request a welfare check, saying her aunt, who'd threatened suicide in the past, seemed intoxicated and despondent on the phone. The woman appeared safe, but would not let deputies in the home.

An off duty officer called in a loud argument between a Waterford man and his adult son, who had a warrant out of the Independence Township substation for failure to appear for probation viola-

tion. Deputies intervened in the argument and transported the man to the Oakland County Jail.

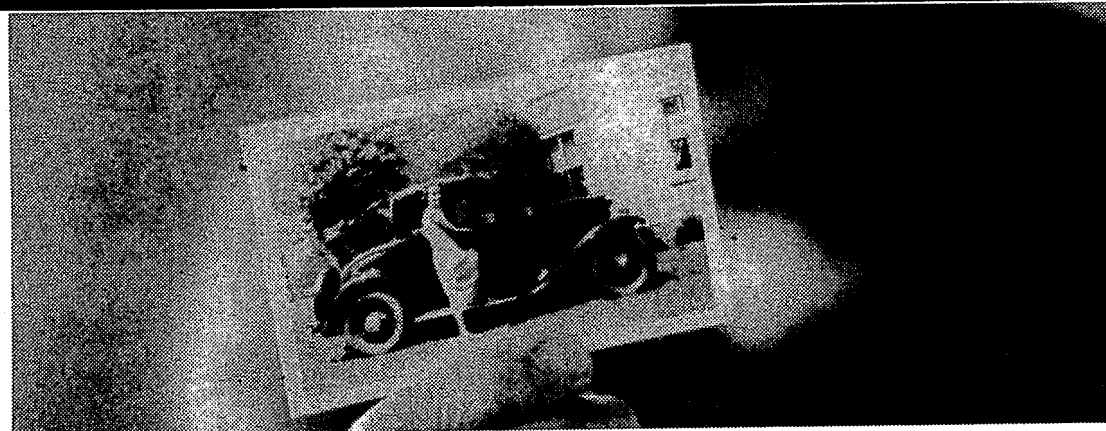
Tues., Dec. 26 An Independence Township man reported that he woke to find three nativity statues—two kings and a baby Jesus—on his front lawn, and was unable to locate the owner after a walk through the neighborhood to look for a nativity scene with missing pieces. Another man later reported the theft and was able to take all three statues home.

An Independence Township woman called police after her 32-year-old son physically pushed her out the front entry of her home and locked the door. She said her son had been drinking all day and became angry and combative when she refused to let him drive her car. The man has been living in the home with his mother for approximately one year.

Wed., Dec. 27 Deputies responded to a call from an Independence Township man who said his 31-year-old wife was suicidal and had overdosed in the past. The woman appeared lethargic and admitted to taking a number of pills. She was put in soft restraints and taken to the hospital after refusing to go voluntarily.

Thurs., Dec. 28 A 25-year-old Independence Township man was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated near Laurelton and Sunnysdale.

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A cure for the winter-time blues

By Ernie Harwell



We're getting into the time of year when the weather is less than perfect. The warm, dry days of summer will give way to rain, snow and ice. And in Michigan we can get all three in one day.

Now we can't just hibernate until springtime. And that means we have to be prepared to go out in whatever Mother Nature throws at us. And even though I'm fortunate enough to spend a few months in Florida, I'm still here for part of the fall and winter. So here's a few tips that I follow, and I hope you will too:

* Dress for the weather. A coat, gloves, scarf, hat and boots will protect you from the wet and the cold.

* Drive even more carefully; if it's raining or snowing the best thing to do is slow down, give yourself more room between you and the car in front of you. And always wear a seat belt., no matter what time of year.

* Stay active. Walk around the mall or jog in place at home.

* Eat healthy foods and drink enough water. In winter, we tend to drink less water than in summer, but it's just as important to stay hydrated in the winter.

Before you know it, spring will be back, and you'll still be in shape. And remember to take care of your health before it's lonnnnggg gone!

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

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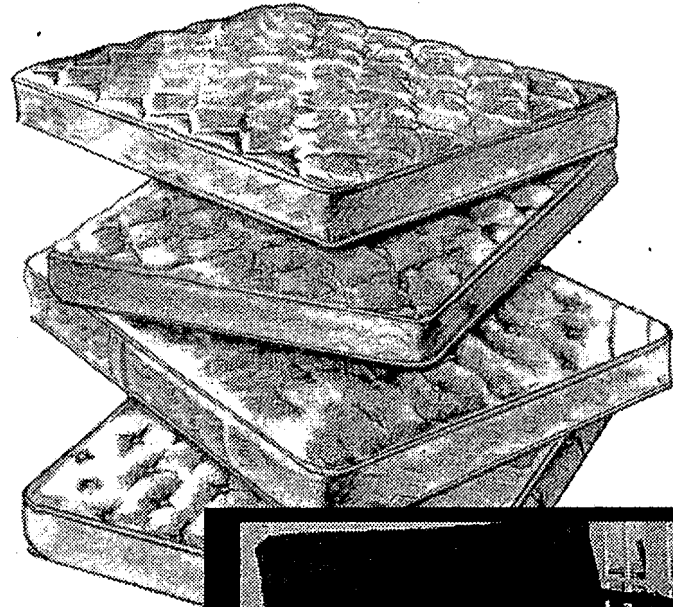
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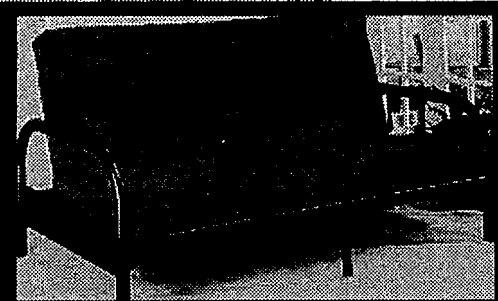
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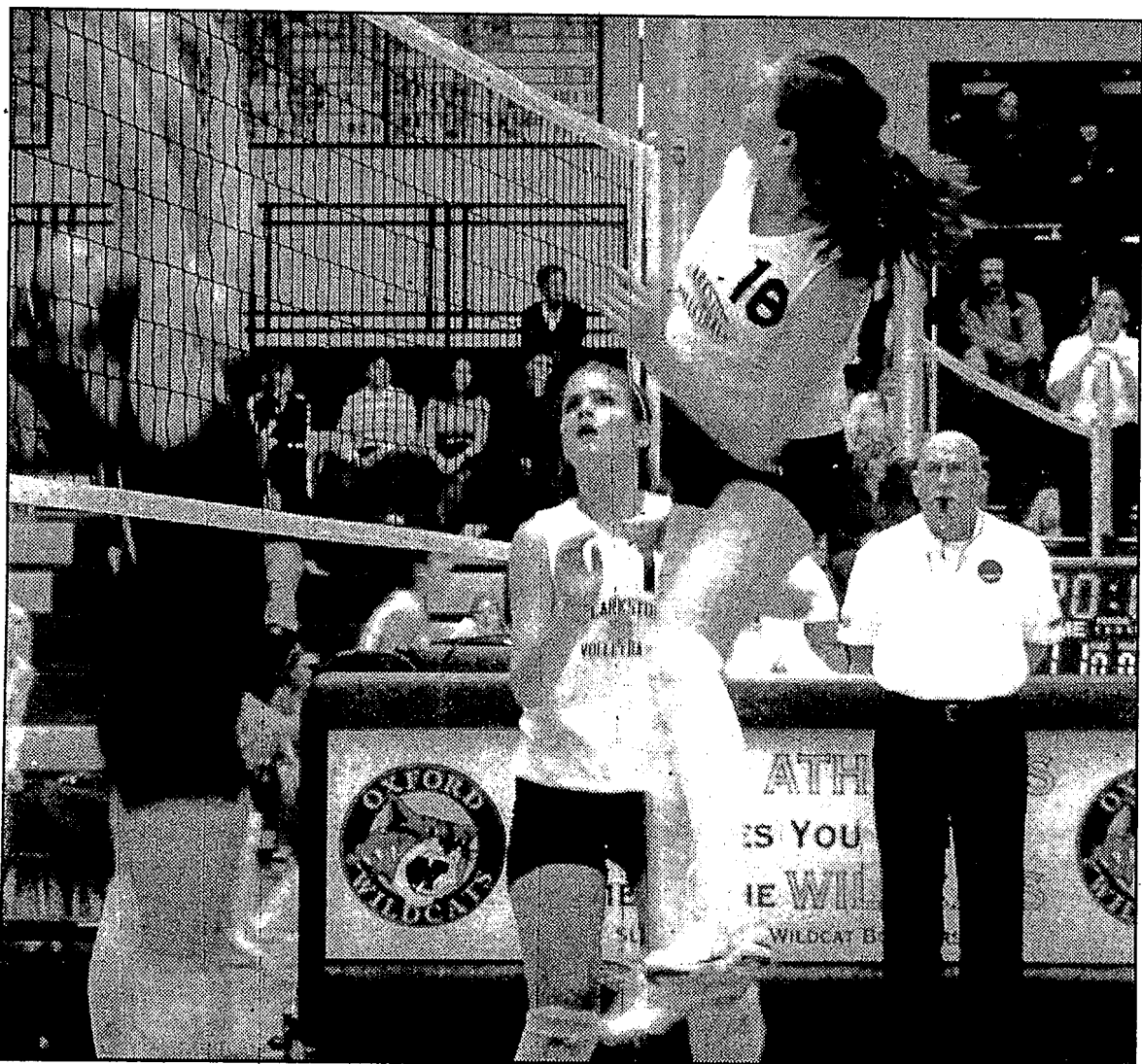
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Clarkston News Sports



Clarkston's Juliann Gillespie slams the ball between blockers while setter Emily Parkin looks on. The Wolves fell in five games to the Wildcats. Photo by Paul Kampe

Side splitting Wolves change courts, end even at double dual

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Wolves looked poised to rise above .500 for the first time this season, but instead came away with a 1-1 split at a double-dual meet at Oxford High School on Dec. 20.

Clarkston took the Wildcats

(10-1-2) to the distance after taking the first game handily, 25-15. Oxford came back with two straight wins, 25-23. After a close fourth game, the Wolves pulled ahead and won on a kill from outside hitter Marilynn Porritt, 25-22.

In the deciding game, Clarkston (5-5, 1-2 OAA) jumped out to a 5-1 lead, which was promptly met by the Wildcats. The teams traded points back and forth, until the Wolves' serve from Juliann Gillespie went long, returning the serve to Oxford. The Wildcats closed the door with setter Laura Brown's final two points, 16-14.

Wildcats Coach Kristi McDevitt was confused by her team's lack of execution in the home-opening victory.

Please read volleyball on A13

Your patience please

Sports to return after holiday break

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With nearly two weeks between action for Clarkston High School, surely its fans are ready to get back to the games. Here are some of the events coming in the near future for the Wolves, including the arrival of the competitive cheer and ski teams.

Boys Basketball

After defeating all three Flint-area teams they faced, the Wolves are nearly on pace to duplicate last season's 21-5 record. Clarkston has back-to-back Friday night road matchups in Pontiac. The Wolves take on Pontiac Central on Jan. 5 and Pontiac Northern on Jan. 12. Both games are at 7 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

The girls found a way to win at a western-Michigan tournament and came to the break knotted 5-5. Coach Kelly Avenall said she wishes she could have a season-opening loss to Birmingham Seaholm back because they could put up a better fight. Surely they will open up strong with the fresh slate the new year provides. The girls play away at Troy on Jan. 4 after a 5:30 JV game and away versus Walled Lake Central on Jan. 6 at 9 a.m.

Wrestling

Riding high on the team's sixth consecutive Oakland County championship and a decisive victory over perennial powerhouse Davison on Dec. 21, the Wolves (12-1) look to keep the momentum going into a double-dual meet at Troy on Jan. 3 at 5:30. They take on Waterford Kettering and Oakland County runners-up Lake

Orion at the meet. The boys play host to Rochester Adams and Troy on Jan. 10 at 5:30 in another double meet.

Hockey

The Wolves have three conference games consecutively after the break starting first with a rematch against Stoney Creek at Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills on Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. Forward Aaron Podbielski should make his return from a shoulder injury suffered on Dec. 9 against the Cougars. Clarkston (2-6-2 overall) gets another crack at Birmingham at DSC on Jan. 13 at 8 p.m.

Boys Swim

The Wolves look to improve on their 0-2 start at North Farmington on Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. and two weeks later, on Jan. 19, they face Royal Oak at home at 5 p.m.

Co-ed Skiing

The team opens on Jan. 3-4 against Cranbrook, both at 4:15 p.m. at Pine Knob Ski Resort. The Wolves take on Notre Dame Prep at Pine Knob on Jan. 10-11, also both scheduled for a 4:15 start.

Competitive Cheer

The girls host a league meet on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. and head to a league meet on Jan. 22 at Rochester Adams at 6:30 p.m.

Bowling

Clarkston's bowling squad looks to rebound from losses to Lake Orion and a split with Walled Lake Northern when they play on Jan. 7 at the 300 Bowl in Waterford at 11 a.m. The teams take a trip to Wonderland Lanes in Commerce Township at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 14 for another league match.

Athlete of the week Nelson closing in on school records

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's Robert "Bobby" Nelson must have had an inspirational calendar for the 2006. The likely subject, preparedness.

Nelson, as a freshman swimmer for the Wolves in 2005-'06, qualified for the Oakland County meet during the final meet of the regular season. This season he did so right off the bat during Clarkston's season-opener against Farmington Hills Harrison on Dec. 7.

Nelson finished second (2:12.23) in the 200-yard individual medley and second in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:09.66), which both qualify Nelson for this season's county meet.

Nelson was the only freshman swimmer in the meet last year. Although he finished in last place in the 200-yard individual medley, he has reset his sights on this season.

"It felt good, I was expecting counties, but I'm proud

to be going and (representing) the team," he said.

Nelson is also hoping to take over the pool record in the 200-yard IM, a mark he came even closer to in the team's second meet where he finished in 2:09.97.

"I'm trying to get the 200-yard IM (pool record) in the next couple meets or so I can have my name up on the board with my brother," Nelson said.

"He could graduate being our best swimmer ever," Coach Kenwyn Chock said.

"He could hold every record up there (on the record board) except for diving."

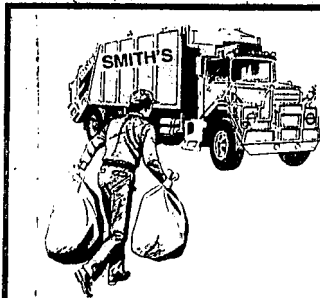
The 200-yard IM keeps Bobby quite versatile, Chock said.

"His best event, the 200-yard IM is a combination of all four strokes. The (event) is similar to a quarterback in football and he does it well," she said.

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V-ballers remain .500 after Oxford double-header

"I don't know if it's just the nerves of the first home game or what, we just gave away too many easy points," she said.

"We had a rough time with our middle hit, but other than that, we should have been strong. We gave away too many easy points that we usually don't."

Clarkston Coach Kelly Avenall needed to brief the team before their second match against Utica Eisenhower.

"I really felt like we played hard against Oxford. They didn't beat us, but we beat ourselves in that match and that's what I told them. We had so many unforced errors and so many hitting and serving errors in moments where we just gave them four or five points in a row that they didn't earn that we just gave them," Avenall said.

"And that's why we lost and obviously that's something that we need to work on to gain respect in this county."

"In the first match against Oxford we came out and won right away and as it has been the case with us this year, we kind of let down," Avenall said.

In the second match vs. the Eagles, the game was close nearing the 10th point, but from there, Clarkston put on the jets, taking the the game 25-17.

The Wolves jumped to a large lead in the second, 16-9, and Eisenhower failed to come closer than seven points in Clarkston's 25-18 win.

The Eagles clung to life in the end of the third game, which Clarkston nearly forgot to finish after going up 23-20. The girls quickly regained fo-

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Nelson aims at swimming record books

Nelson is a likely state tournament qualifier, she added.

"We've got good chemistry and we have respect for everyone."

He has been swimming since he was 5 years old. Chock remembers him from his days as a sixth-grade member of the Clarkston Sea Wolves.

"When it comes to swimming, he's

cus to take a 25-22 win.

"It was a complete turnaround, I couldn't be happier. We beat them in three and I thought we looked solid," Avenall said.

"I was probably a little tough on them after that Oxford game," she admitted.

"I thought they were going to have their heads hanging. I was proud of them that they were able to come back and beat that team in three. It proved that they were winners and get over that loss really quick."

Eagles coach Michelle deCardenas was disappointed after the match.

"We got off on a high note on Saturday winning the Marine City tournament and came today and didn't have our heads in the game. There were a lot of things going on and that wasn't their best play," she said.

"We've been trying to be a comeback team, volleyball is a very mental sport. When you get down quite a few points, it's hard to mentally and physically get back into the game," deCardenas added.

"So we've been focusing a lot on that because it's easy to do."

Gillespie and Lauren Gardner had 20 and 19 kills respectively, Amanda Byrd had 31 digs and Emily Parkin chipped in 48 assists for Clarkston in its two matches.

Avenall said the Wolves have started to figure out how to win quickly, after opening the season with consecutive losses to Oakland Activities Association big dogs.

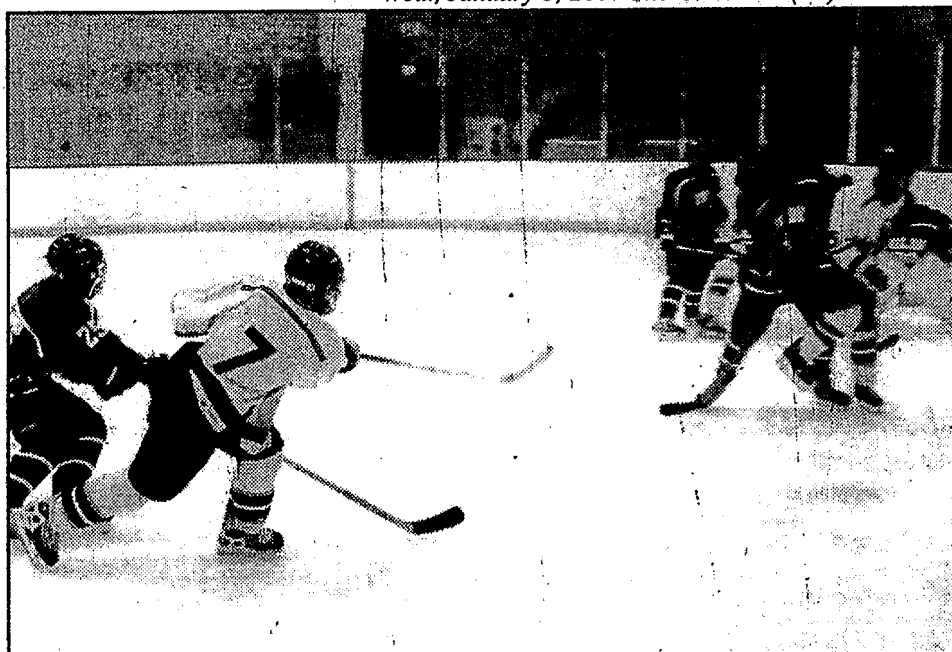
"From the first game against Seaholm until now, it almost makes me want to have that game back because I think we could play them a lot tougher," she said.

"We're where we want to be and they're realizing what it's like to win. It's (remaining focused) just one little hump we need to get over."

very focused. He's doing very well," Chock said.

Nelson's determination is rubbing off on his teammates.

"He's a really hard worker and because of his ethic, it's really helped the team because they see him getting in every day and training really hard and they try to imitate him," Chock said.



Clarkston's Ryan Kenerson fires one of the Wolves' 36 shots on net in the their second tie of the season, this one against Royal Oak. Photo by Paul Kampe

Raining shots on net

BY PAUL KAMPE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After facing several strong non-conference teams in the first half of the season, the Clarkston Wolves were hoping to improve their winless league record.

The Wolves hosted Royal Oak at Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills on Dec. 21 in the first of two regular-season meetings for the two. Clarkston (2-6-2) sought its first points in the OAA after dropping to Waterford Mott, Birmingham and Stoney Creek prior to skating against the Falcons (1-6-2, 1-4-2 OAA).

A 1-1 tie is not what they were hoping for, but after an offensive onslaught withstood by young Ravens goaltender Richard Hennard, the Wolves took their first point of the OAA schedule.

"I thought we moved the puck well and I thought we played pretty well. Their goalie (Hennard) came up pretty big. I feel good about the way we played, there's not much more we could do," Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier said.

"We moved the puck well and created odd-man rushes and worked the puck down low and beat them to the puck and I think that helped create opportunities. Unfortunately we couldn't get the second and third rebounds to put it past the goaltender."

Hennard stopped 35 shots to keep the Ravens, who only dressed 13 skaters due to injuries, playing in a competi-

tive game throughout.

"He's been seeing a lot of shots and that's pretty typical with us because, we have such a young team. He's the backbone of our defense. Typically when he plays well, we do well," Ravens Coach A.J. Plastey said.

"We struggle offensively because we're physically small and we're young," Plastey said. "Our biggest thing is if we can play and practice good defense and work on (it) we will survive these types of games. But, we definitely need more offense all the way around."

The game was spent mostly in the Ravens' zone, so under the circumstances, Plastey was happy with the outcome.

"I'm happy with a tie, it could have gone either way tonight," he said.

Plastey said each time the teams meet, the Ravens have a tough time handling the Wolves, whom the Ravens squad has yet to beat.

That factor could be the driving force in the game when the two meet on Jan. 27 in Royal Oak.

"We'll be hungry definitely. There are a few seniors who would like to get a win for the first time against them."

The Ravens scored first in the opening period when Kevin Filthaut put back a rebound from Billy Iannello's shot for a power-play goal with 6:24 remaining. The put-back caught Wolves' goalie Garrett Knappe out of position.

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and Independence Township resident Roger Smith was recently invited to appear at this event, the Concours d'Elegance, hosted by the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum.

September 6

Gateway to Springfield on the wrong road?: Springfield Township residents opposed to a massive retail development from Southfield-based REDICO, a development company, circulated a letter of petition against the plans and submitted them to the township Board of Trustees.

Depot Park trees, gazebo, slides 'violated': Vandals took aim at Depot Park in Clarkston spraying trees, slides and the gazebo with juvenile potty words including, "Sexy" and "Shrooms!" The city's Department of Public Works was making arrangements to remove the graffiti.

District fairs well on yearly progress report: The Clarkston Community School District received all A's and B's for the most part in a review of the district's yearly progress as part of the No Child Left Behind Program.

Clarkston tennis blanks Athens: The Clarkston's girls tennis team kicked off its OAA schedule by shutting out Troy Athens 8-0, with six of the flights were victorious in two sets.

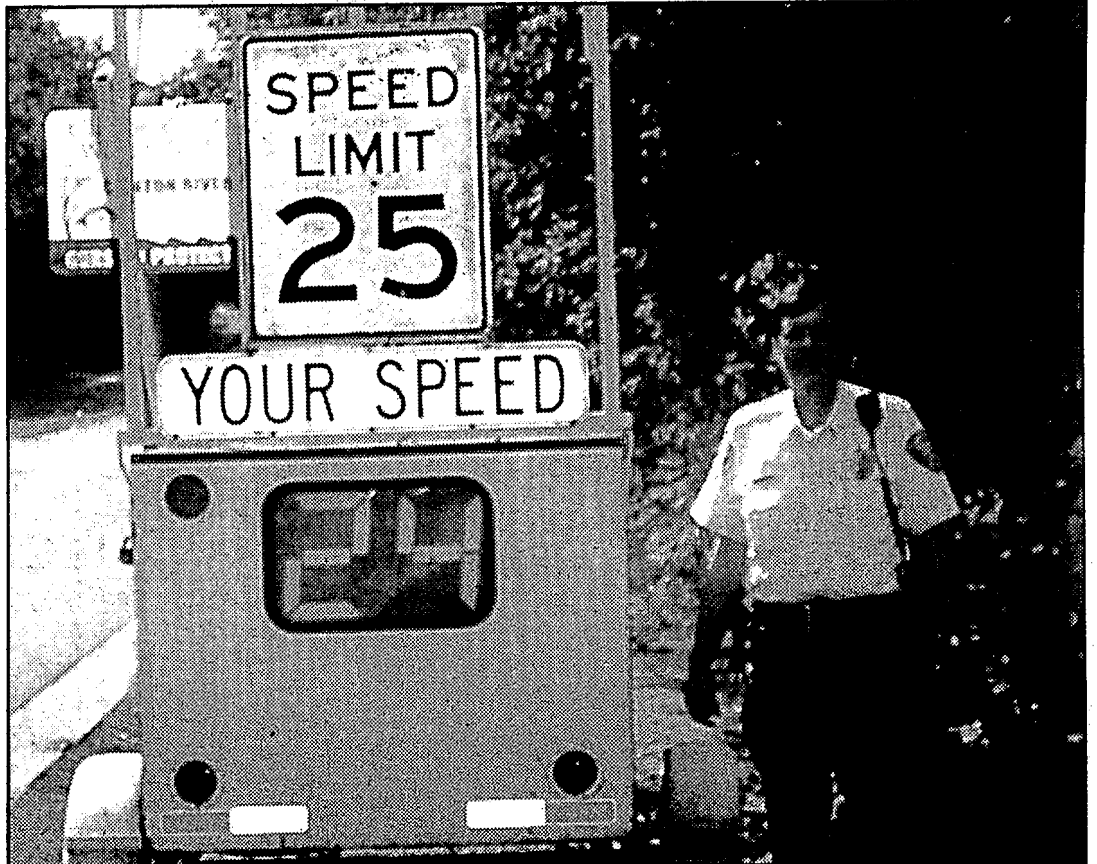
Millstream: Clarkston's Joyce Bleim has dedicated her life and time to helping others since the early 1990's including missions with her church and working with youth educational assistance.

September 13

Waiting for the President: Many people in the Independence and Springfield townships area waited near intersections along a planned route by President George Bush along Dixie Highway to a private fundraiser for the ill-fated Michael Bouchard campaign for state senator.

Schools get 'excellent' audit report for seventh-straight year: Clarkston Community Schools received a "clean audit" for the 2005-'06 school year, as they were informed by accounting firm Plante Moran at their Sept. 11 meeting.

Ready for REDICO?: John Davey, an attorney from Madison Heights and Springfield Township property owner held a vested interest in the approval of a REDICO proposal to build a retail shopping center on the property owned by Dixie Baptist Church in the township. Davey would sell his 40-acre



Clarkston Police Chief Ernest Combs stands next to a new speed-control trailer. File photo

property to DBC if REDICO's plans were approved by the township, an idea later dismissed by the board.

Wolves spoil Harrison's first game on new field: The Clarkston Wolves held on to a 28-0 fourth-quarter lead to beat perennial powerhouse Farmington Hills Harrison 28-14 on the same night the school dedicated its new football field.

Millstream: Local Organist Leslie Wills participated in the American Guild of Organists' fundraiser at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit on Aug. 20.

September 20

Back to the drawing board: The Springfield Township Board of Trustees scrutinized plans by REDICO to redevelop the property owned and operated by Dixie Baptist Church into a retail center, leading the developers confused about their presence in the community.

Couple heads to circuit court for robbery: A husband and wife duo was bound over Oakland County Circuit Court for prosecution on charges that the pair conspired to rob the Comerica branch inside Kroger at 6625 Dixie Highway on July 28.

Hard working dog gets a break: Niko, an 8-year veteran of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's K-9 unit celebrated his nearing retirement with his friends at the New Horizons Rehabilitation facility in Springfield

Township on Sept. 13.

Athlete of the week, Alyssa Vela: Clarkston Wolves girls swimmer Alyssa Vela broke two pool records at CHS on Sept. 14 in the 50-yard freestyle (0:00:24.99) and 100-yard freestyle (0:00:54.3).

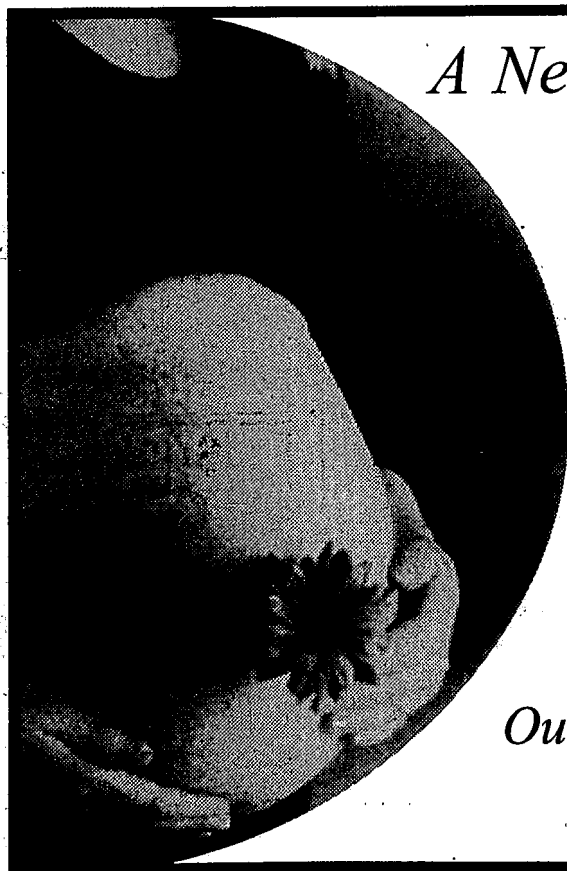
Millstream: Clarkston State Bank President Dawn Horner told the story of how she and husband Bill came to Clarkston and her volunteer work.

September 27

Schools on 'bad financial track': Almost the entire Sept. 25 school board meeting was spent in discussions between board members and administrators. Though no final decisions were made regarding the district's future, those in attendance agreed the district is currently on a bad financial track.

Planners table McLaren plan: A stream of supporters and an expensive presentation by McLaren Regional Medical Center was not enough to sway township planners from their duty. Members of the Independence Township Planning Commission said that while they supported the idea of a 73-acre McLaren health-care village development on Sashabaw Road near I-75, they were not yet prepared to approve it.

CIA considers Sashabaw development: A Corridor Improvement Authority, or See Year, page 7B



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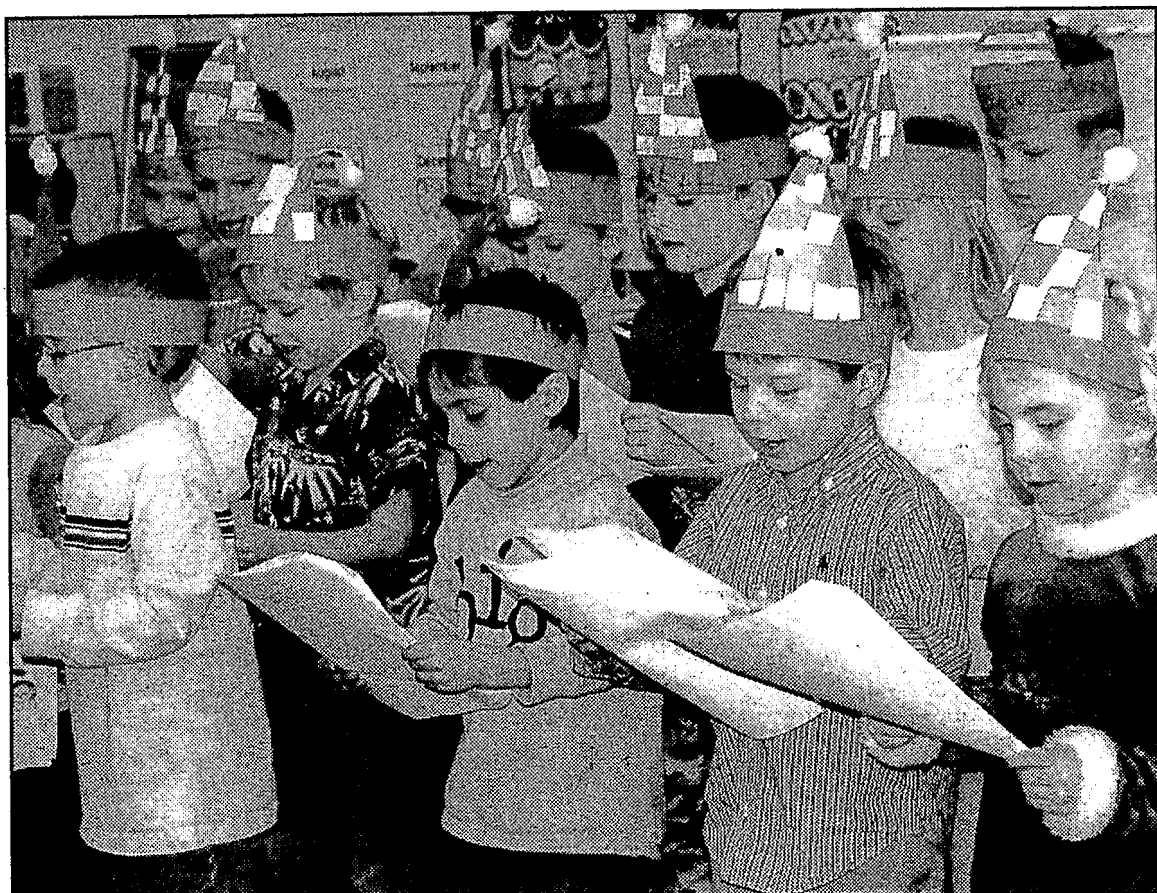
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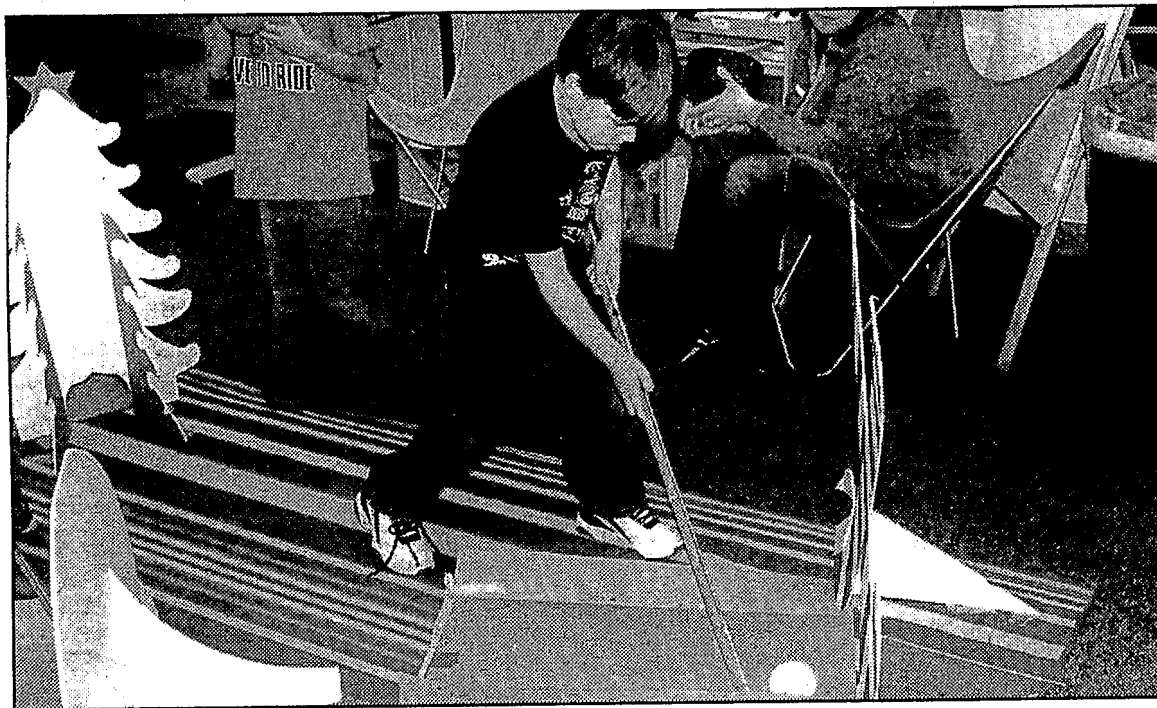
Holiday Fun at North Sashabaw



Derek VanItallie volunteered to wear a Santa suit stuffed with balloons for a class relay race.



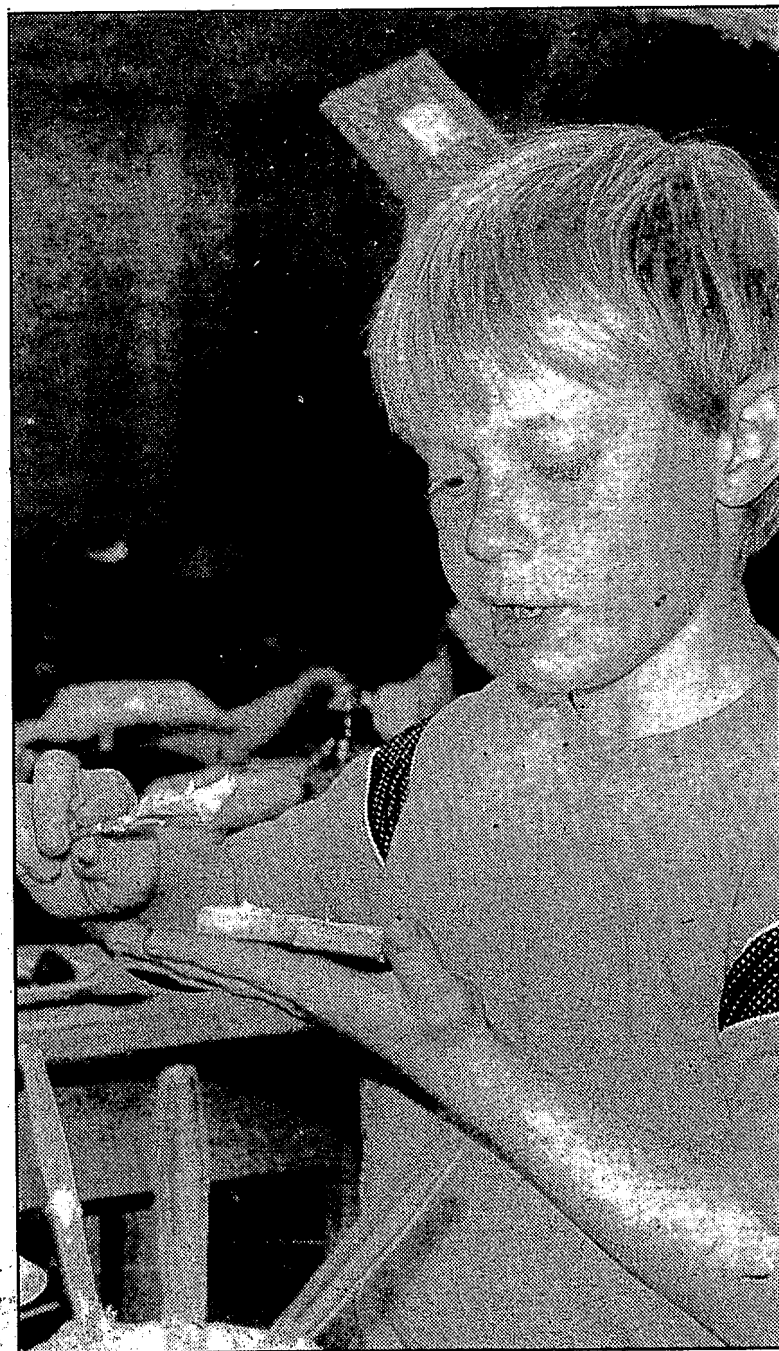
Ms. Gagnon's kindergarden class donned their home-made hats and sang "Here comes Christmas" for their parents.



Jared Towns plays a game of holiday putt-putt golf.



While visting her sister's class, Shannon Wyrick gets help from her grandma Gloria Korpinski during a game of holiday bingo.



Jardo Smith puts the finishing touches on a Christmas cookie he made in class.

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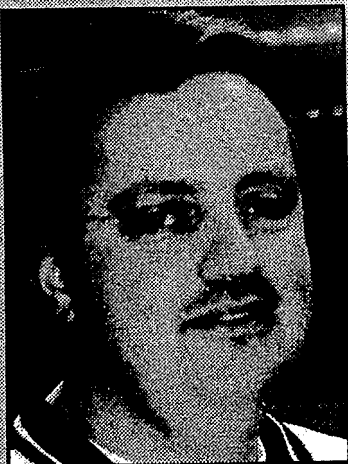
What are your hopes for 2007?



"A healthier lifestyle, and to go back to school."
-Jennifer King



"For everyone to find their God-given gifts and talents--and use them."
-Linda Murray



"More jobs for the Detroit area. I've got friends moving away left and right for work."
-Carl Schenten



"Better economics. I've got two kids in college and their job prospects aren't great."
-Tony Thompson

By Laura Colvin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Shellie Stuetzer, left, and her daughter Jacque no longer take part in the Clarkson area Youth Assistance Mentor's PLUS program, but they attended the group's annual Christmas party to catch up with old friends -- and show off the new puppy.
Photo by Laura Golvin

Finding a family *A girl learns about love in the arms of an extraordinary family*

By LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Shellie Stuetzer wasn't thinking about changing the direction of her life or putting her own plans on hold when she signed on as a mentor.

As the mother of two grown daughters, Stuetzer, of Independence Township, finally had some extra time and simply wanted to reach out, to make a difference in the life of a child.

And make a difference she did, only in a much larger and more powerful way than anyone could have predicted.

Jacque was just three years old when she was plunked into the state's notoriously tumultuous foster care system, where she spent two years moving from house to house without any nurturing or consistent care.

"It was scary," said Jacque, now 13. "All I had was a garbage bag full of stuff. I was abused, I was barely ever fed."

Around the time Jacque reached kindergarten age, she was adopted by a woman named Cheryl, whose last name has been deliberately withheld for privacy.

Although she was removed from the system and placed into what was supposed to be a permanent, loving home, it was not an adoption that would give Jacque a happy childhood or promise her a bright future.

As the single parent to five other adopted children, including Jacque's biological brother, Eric, Cheryl was unable -- or unwilling -- to provide any of them with a healthy, loving home.

In fact, the years in Cheryl's home are strewn with memories that Jacque, an eighth-grader at Sashabaw Middle School, prefers not to talk about, things she would just as soon forget.

But that was then. Unlike many foster children, Jacque got a lucky break—the Clarkston-area Youth Assistance Mentors PLUS program matched her with a woman who had some extra time on her hands, a woman who wanted to make a difference in the life of a disadvantaged child. A woman named Shellie Stuetzer.

Jacque was 7 years old the first time Shellie knocked on Cheryl's front door.

"I was really quiet at first, and I was like 'who's this lady in my house,'" said Jacque. "But we got to know each other and started being really good friends. She took me to all these really nice places and spent time with me."

Jacque remembers trips to Chuck E. Cheese, a popular pizza parlor with games, music and other activities for children. She remembers shopping every once in a while, trips to the park, walks and bike rides—it was Shellie who gave Jacque her first bike.

There were Sunday dinners every week, movies at home and time spent with

family.

Pop and candy were readily available. "I wanted her to have a chance to experience the things she never got at home," said Shellie. "At that point I was the mentor, not the mom."

And then there was Harry Potter, the fictional boy-wizard who opened up a brand new world for Jacque and paved the way to the passion for reading she has today.

"We would read all the time," said Shellie, noting that Jacque's reading skills were quite poor in the beginning. "It was about getting her into this fantasy-land of reading so she could break away from the realities of home and what the future may hold there."

The future, after all, wasn't looking bright; Jacque was 11 when doctors diagnosed Cheryl with stage 4-brain cancer.

As a woman already struggling with her own demons, Cheryl had no plan for the adopted children in her home.

The state foster care system wouldn't take any of them back unless all of them came -- a problem, since one of the boys already had a home lined up.

So Shellie and her husband Marty, who'd mostly stayed in the background during the mentoring time, had a decision to make.

Come back next week for Part II: *From Mentor to Mom.*



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Around Town

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.

Golden Beats, Drums Alive exercise program, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Mondays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26. \$24 for six weeks. Carriage House, Independence Twp. Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Snowmobile safety classes, 6-9 p.m., Jan. 9 and 11, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Recreation. Taught by Oakland County Sheriff's Department. 12 years old or older. \$10 for Springfield Twp. residents. \$15 for non-residents. 248-634-0412.

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 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. \$18 ticket, includes hors d'Oeuvres



Year in review
Sticking to it

Sam Hiltz, 9, enjoyed the velcro wall at the Independence Township Festival of Fun this past summer. *File photo*

and wine/beer/soda. Proceeds go to the Clarkston Heritage Museum, located in Independence Library. Call 248-922-3757 for tickets. CVP will also present the play at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake road, at 8 p.m. on weekends, Jan. 12-27, also 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, and 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25. For information and tickets, call 248-625-8811 or e-mail www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

Fantastical Book Group, for children ages 11-18 and their parents, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., in the Teen Lounge, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston

Road. First meeting. Discussion of *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynn Jones. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call 248-625-2212

Infant, child and adult CPR, 6-9 p.m., Jan. 18, Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. Springfield Township Parks and Rec. Instructors from McLaren Wellness Center. Register by Jan. 11. Springfield Twp. residents: \$30. Non-residents: \$35. 248-634-0412.

Instructional archery league for adults, 10 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, starting Jan. 18, for 10 weeks.

Equipment available at no extra charge. Registration fee \$5, and \$5 each week you attend. Archery Building, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Rd., Clarkston. Call 248-623-0444.

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

Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19. All you can eat, spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, and Italian garlic bread. \$5. Carry-out available. Senior center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Health lectures, Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. "Women and Mid-Life Health," 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 22. "Understanding ADD," 6:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 6. Dr. David Machnacki of Clarkston Primary Care. 248-846-6550.

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.

An Inconvenient Truth, film by Al Gore, 6-8 p.m., Jan. 30. Community discussion afterward. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Beginning computer classes, Mondays, Feb. 5, 12, and 26, 1-2 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Basic operations, e-mail, and Internet. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Pre-register at 248-846-6550.

Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers. Training is available evening and daytime. Each of five

training sessions lasts 2-3 hours. They can be conducted one-on-one with a trainer, to meet your schedule. Call Mara at (248) 722-1474.

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 name and number.

Body Recall Classes, 10:45-11:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Jan 8-Feb 16, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Safe, non-aerobic 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.

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Andersonville Elementary joins in the holiday spirit

Photos by Paul Kampe

School shut down a bit early on Dec. 20 in order for the annual holiday party. Children were overjoyed with the crafts and games they were able to play.



Above, Margie Deschaine volunteers in son Joseph's classroom making paper snowmen. At left, Mary Benson shows off her sock snowman made in Mrs. Wasik's room.

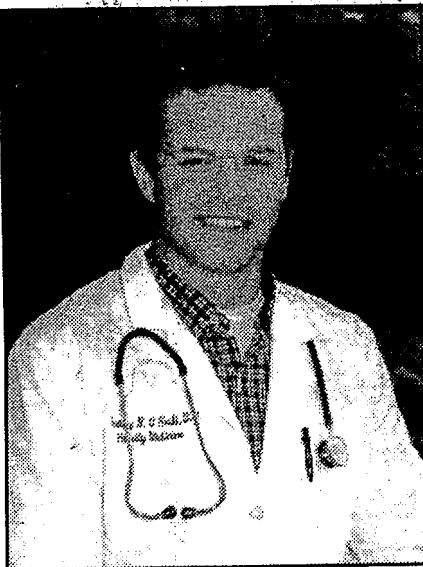


Rebekah Snyder and Caitlin Sivak decorate cookies.



Dylan Zywicki works on his snowman.

Flu Season has arrived in Oakland County Timothy O'Neill, D.O.



The physicians at Clarkston Medical Group have started to see a trickle of confirmed flu cases. While hand washing and good personal hygiene are a good way to avoid becoming infected, the flu shot still remains the most effective preventative measure.

We provide Flu Shots 24 hours a day, no appointment necessary.

Many of us have experienced the symptoms of "The Flu". These generally include:

- sudden onset of body aches and chills
- dry cough, runny nose and sore throat
- headache and fatigue
- nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (typically occurs only in children)

However, the side effects of the flu can be much more serious and include severe dehydration, pneumonia and worsening of chronic illnesses such as Congestive Heart Failure, Diabetes and Asthma.

Vaccination: Vaccination is suggested for anyone who does not wish to contract Influenza. But, vaccination is highly recommended among the following at risk groups which are given first priority in years where there is a shortage in supply:

- any person > 65 with or without chronic illness

- residents of long term care facilities
- persons 2-64 with co morbid conditions (diabetes, asthma, immune deficiency)
- children aged 6-24 months
- pregnant women (cannot have the live attenuated vaccine)
- healthcare workers who provide direct patient care
- household contacts and caregivers of children less than six months

Usually within two weeks your immune system will have "converted". This means your body has developed antibodies to the flu strains contained in that year's flu vaccine. The vaccine developed for the current flu season does not battle the bird flu (avian flu). Generally the influenza vaccine is very safe. It may not be given to anyone with an allergy to eggs or prior allergy to the influenza vaccine, anyone with a fever or those patients who experienced Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of previous vaccination. The side effects are usually very few but may include a sore arm, fatigue, muscle aches and low grade fever for a couple of days. For completeness there is an intranasal "live" vaccine available that has different benefits and contraindications, please ask your doctor about this if you have questions.

Testing: Clarkston Medical Group utilizes the rapid influenza test, which can be done while you wait.

Remember to never give children aspirin for any illness so we can avoid the risk of Reyes Syndrome, a very serious illness. Instead use Motrin or Tylenol for fever control. To find out more, ask your doctor or visit the CDC website. Sources: CDC website, UptoDate online, ACFP website.

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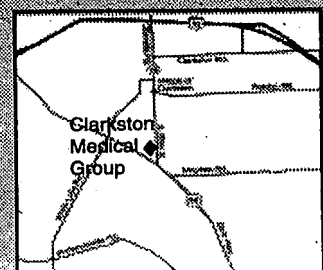
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Milestones



Dedicated walkers

Audrey Cross and Marge Wiedeman have been neighbors in the Whipple Shores subdivision in Independence Township for more than 30 years. They walk every morning at 7:30 p.m. Photo submitted

Students achieve success

Clarkston High School graduates Gregory Davis, Zachary McDonald and Ian Sabbag have been accepted this fall into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Institute at Albion College.

Davis, a first-year student at Albion, is the son of Jeffrey Davis and Susan Davis of Clarkston. McDonald, also a first-year student, is the son of Robert McDonald and Donna McDonald of

Clarkston. Sabbag, a first year as well, is the son of Paul Sabbag and Kim Voog-Sabbag of Clarkston.

Honors students are required to enroll in four "Great Issues" seminars in humanities, science, social science, and fine arts. In addition to the seminars, they must graduate with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and produce an Honors thesis.

Local business happenings

Thomas Berlin, owner of Maxx Self Storage, 8483 Andersonville Road, recently added U-Haul truck and trailer rentals to his business.

It offers moving vans ranging in size from 10-26 feet, trailers from 4-by-6 to 6-by-12 feet, car-top carriers, and rental and permanent trailer hitches.

For more information, call 248-620-1475.

Chase Plastics Services of Clarkston recently added two new sales positions. Eric Walters was promoted to Chase's Los Angeles territory and Adam Paulson was promoted to East Coast senior account manager to round out the company's national growth initiative.

Ron Gartner was hired in Wisconsin to replace Walters and Mike Nielsen was hired in western Michigan to replace Paulson.

"We outlined a national distribution growth strategy in 2003 and our sales additions on the west coast and an additional seller on the east coast completes this initiative," said President Kevin Chase.

"Chase Plastic Services is now the

newest national distributor in the USA recognized by our customer and suppliers."

"We attribute our growth to our commitment to 'Outrageous Customer Service,'" said Carole Chase, vice president. "Our ability to offer a wide variety of value added products and solutions, based on our customers' terms, is a level of service customers have come to expect from Chase Plastics."

Chase's goal is for every call to be handled in person, messages to be returned and quotes to be supplied within two hours, and for each customer order to receive equal treatment.

"We've gone from a one company start-up to a consolidated group of companies with more than \$95 million dollars in combined sales in 15 short years, and we attribute that to our commitment to make it easy for customers to do business with us," Carole said. "We value our customers and suppliers who've partnered with us and we will continue to work hard to maintain and grow these relationships through our service, our people and our variety of product solutions."

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Religion

Wise men continue to seek him

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. In our churches we read the story of the three Magi or Wise Men who came from the east following a star.

Only in the Gospel of Matthew do we find the story of the Magi.

In Luke we only find the story of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the manger. The Gospels of Mark and John do not have infancy narratives at all.

Luke wrote for Greeks who did not know about the Old Testament prophecies.

Greek Christians were mostly poor, often slaves in the shipyards of Corinth. For them the story of the poor shepherds as the first ones to see Jesus was a powerful witness of God's love for them.

Matthew, however, wrote for Jews who were familiar with the ancient eastern concept of a star rising in the sky at the birth of a new ruler.

To Matthews' audience the appearance of a star signified that a king was born, just as promised in the old prophecies. The Magi asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

The star led them to Jesus, the new king. "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means

least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people." Matthew tried to show to his listeners that Jesus was the king and messiah promised by the prophets.

The infancy narratives of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew are almost Gospels in themselves.

Luke tells of the savior coming to the poor. His audience was poor. A savior that came among the poor gave them hope. Matthew tells how the promise of old is fulfilled, telling Jews that their wait for the messiah is over.

Matthew also draws upon the Old Testament story of Balaam in his Gospel. Balaam had prophesied, "A star shall advance from Jacob" (Nm 24, 17). There the star does not mean an astral phenomenon but rather the king himself.

Jesus himself is the star that is the manifestation of God's love.

As a child I recall the writing with chalk over the doorpost of homes. The chalk often didn't wear off for months and the writing was like a sacred secret blessing for all visitors to see.

It was tradition to write with blessed chalk over the doorpost the initials of the traditional names of the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, along with the year. This year we would write 20 + C + M + B + 07.

The blessing that is said along with the writing reminds us to become people who manifest to each other the love of Christ in our ordinary daily lives.

Please see Magi, page 12B



Spiritual Matters

Frieda Arpoika

In our churches...

Peace Unity Church offers Advent Through Epiphany, Sundays, through Jan. 7, 9 a.m. service and children's church program, at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. Peace Unity will honor and celebrate all that has brought us to where we are now, including the mineral, plant, and animal kingdoms, and the kingdom of humanity, that have prepared us for the new birth (expression) of the Christ within on Christmas Eve.

Winter FEAST, Wednesdays through Feb. 14. Catered dinner at 6 p.m., then Praise and Worship, and classes and small groups for all ages, ending at 8:30 p.m. Childcare begins at 6:30. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, at M-15 and I-75. Call 248-625-3288.

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

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

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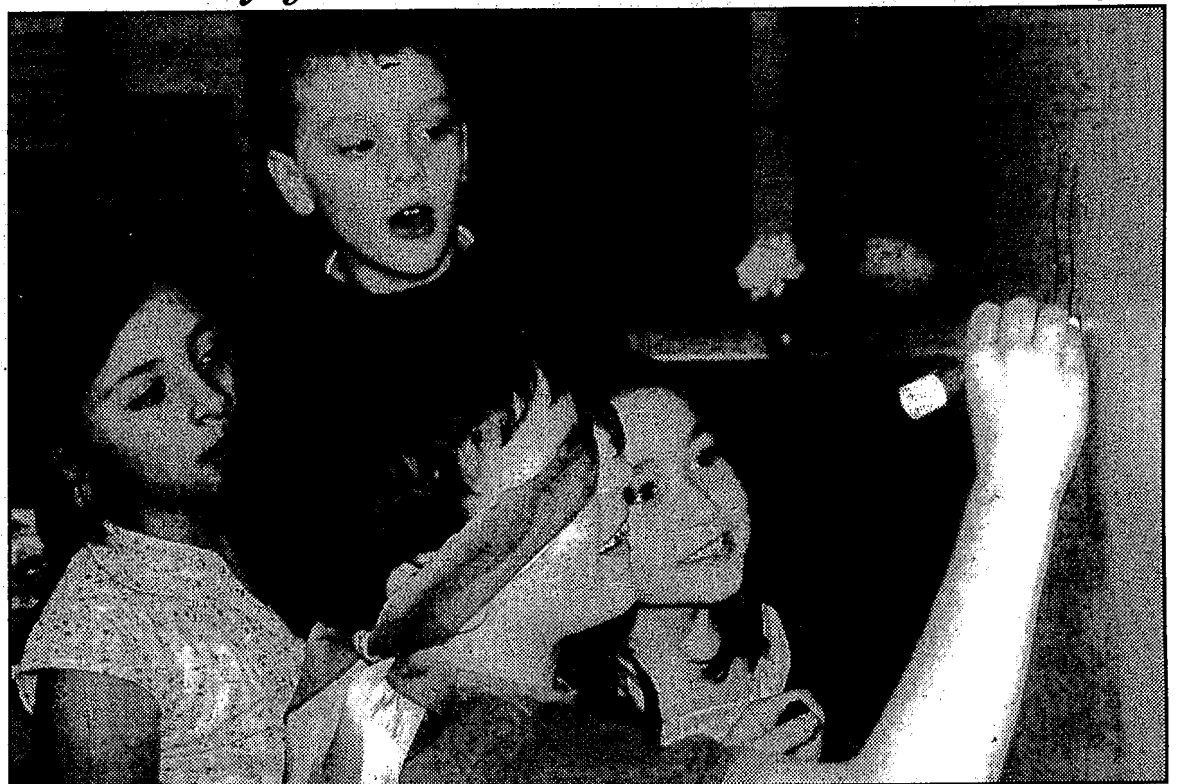
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Holiday fun at Clarkston Elementary



Powdered sugar went everywhere as students tried to eat a doughnut hanging from a string without using their hands.

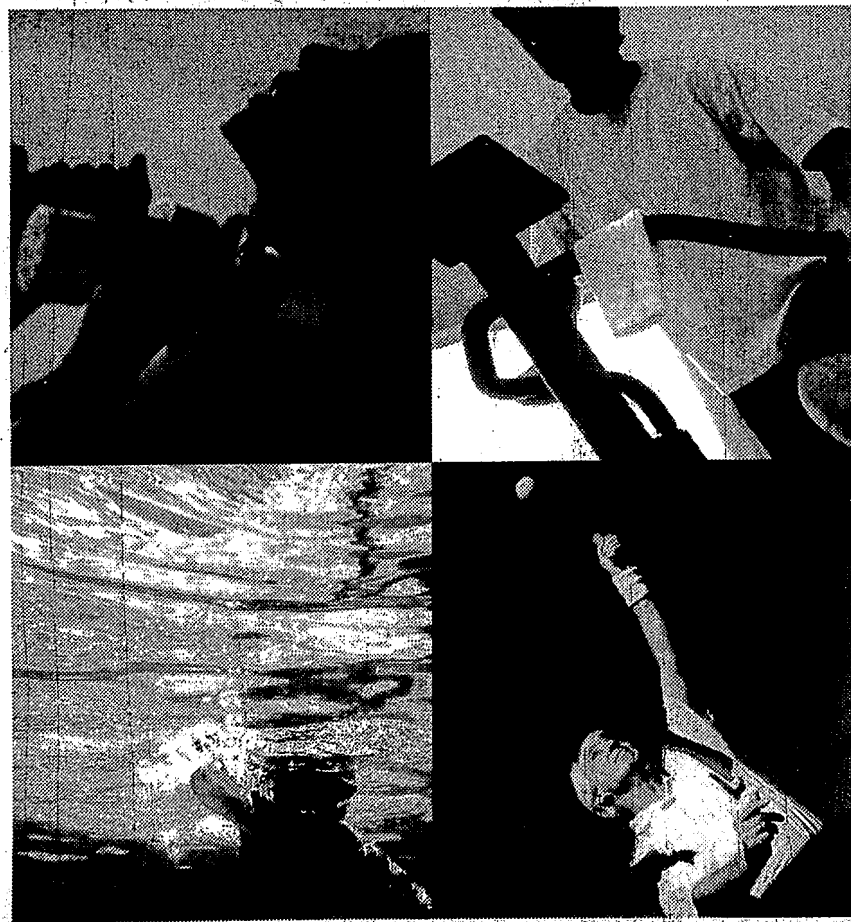


Holiday Pictionary with a twist: the artist is blindfolded. Photos by Andrew DuPont



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Year

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CIA, was approved in a split decision by the Independence Township Board at its Sept. 19 regular meeting. The CIA board met for the first time on Sept. 21.

Cagers cruise to 5-0: The Clarkston girls basketball team has cruised to a 5-0 start after a 40-31 victory over Troy on Sept. 19. The great start had the Wolves ranked No. 5 in the state by the Associated Press.

Millstream: Brad Lowe, a local puppeteer, welcomed *The Clarkston News* into his puppet workshop where he creates his characters.

October 4

Grabbing a bite to eat: The annual Taste of Clarkston took place on a rainy Sunday, Sept. 24. The event helped usher in the fall with several vendors serving up hot portions to wind-chilled attendees. Organizers said attendance, despite less than ideal conditions, was about the same as last year, which was nearly 8,000.

Wolves dominate Ravens, clinch playoff berth with sixth victory: The Wolves (6-0) dominated Royal Oak (4-2) 30-0, with their passing game, one week after breaking Troy Athens with their running attack. Clarkston remained tied with cross-town foe Lake Orion at 6-0, for the lead in the OAA Division One standings.

Millstream: Local builders Tim and Liz Wickersham have been working for 12 years to develop the area.

October 11

Farm house not cutting it as local senior center: The Citizens for Seniors Committee continued to campaign for the bond issue for a new senior center, and operating millage for senior programs and services. The current senior center, originally a farm house, has increasingly serious safety issues for employees and seniors.

Abandoned homes raise concerns: Residents on Mann Road have raised concerns about the dangerous condition of some neighboring property. It had been used in firefighter training but had not been cleaned up. Property owners said they were working with the township to redevelop the area.

Wolves remain unbeaten, tied with Lake Orion: Both the Clarkston Wolves their rival, the Lake Orion Dragons, continued undefeated seasons Oct. 6. Bboth teams were in contention for the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship.

Millstream: Rick Detkowski keeps his rustic furniture business local and in the family, with three generations involved in his Moon Valley business.

October 18

Clarkston in ink: The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce commissioned a montage portrait of Clarkston, featuring stylized renditions of many local landmarks and businesses, including *The Clarkston News*.

Family, friends honor fallen Marine: Patty Peterson and her family dealt with the loss of her husband, Marine Capt.

Justin D. Peterson, who was killed in Iraq.

Saving the best for last: The Clarkston Wolves football team continued their winning streak, although Coach Kurt Richardson expressed reservations about his defense.

Millstream: Clarkston grad Tim Robinson works on his comedy at local clubs and theaters.

October 25

New law form for township: The Independence Twp. Board voted 5-2 to hire new lawyers. Those in favor said the previous firm had problems, especially with municipal law. Those against said the decision will be too costly for the township.

Wolves stumble on way to playoffs: The Clarkston Wolves football team fell to Lake Orion 32-8, ending their winning streak.

Millstream: In honor of his 60th birthday, Don Balkwell ran 60 miles. The almost-triple marathon took about 12 hours.

November 1

City debates police protection: As the Nov. 7 election approached, the debate continued over whether the city should dissolve the police department and rely on Oakland County for police services.

'Not a typical Saturday night': Kid Rock and Pamela Anderson came to the Clarkston Union to celebrate their wedding. The wedding didn't last, but fun was had by all.



The 2006 Homecoming Queen Jess Palace and King Andrew Lyons make their entrance. File photo

Wolves trounce Romeo, meet Lake Orion in district finals: The Clarkston football team won their first finals game 21-0 on a rainy Friday night.

Millstream: Election volunteers worked hard to prepare for the election coming up.

November 8

Veteran visit: A Navy Reserve officer, who recently served at Guantanamo See Year, page 10B

Musical auditions scheduled for Jan. 9

Auditions for "Kiss Me Kate," a musical version of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," is set for 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road.

The church's Ecumenical Drama Club "6 Stools & a Folding Chair" will begin rehearsals in mid January, twice a week. The show will be performed May 10-12.

The music is by Cole Porter. Originally produced on Broadway in the 1940's, this show was also made into a movie in the early 1950s and the 1990's. This is the club's seventh show and fourth musical. Previous musicals have been "Bye Bye Birdie," "Hello Dolly," and "My Fair Lady."

"We strive to make our shows family friendly and welcome the involvement of mom, dad and all the kids, although only the kids appear on stage," said Laura Sias-Lee, director.

"Also, this year, we are very excited to have a nationally award winning dance team helping to teach the choreography for this show."

Roles are available for children 5 and older, especially middle- and high-school ages.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing and read from the script. Call Sias-Lee at 248-310-0792 to schedule an audition or for more information.

Parenting classes set

"No More Whining! Develop Positive Behavior in Young Children" parenting classes will be held from 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 Road. They are sponsored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, in partnership with Clarkston Schools Early Childhood Center.

Childcare is available. Call the Clarkston Community Ed Center for registration, 248-623-4350. The classes are limited to the first 30 registrants.

Nature programs at park

January activities at Indian Springs Metropark, 5200 Indian Trail, White Lake include:

- **Where have all the insects gone:** 1 p.m., Jan. 6, Environmental Discovery Center. Outdoor walk to collect insects, then to the lab to view them under a microscope. For children 7 and older. \$2.

- **Animal Tracks and Facts:** 1 p.m., Jan. 7, Environmental Discovery Center. For children 7 and older. \$1.50.

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Oh, what fun it is to sing...

The 'halls' were alive with the sound of music as students, teachers and parents gathered for an all-school sing along at Pine Knob Elementary just before classes let out for Christmas break. Students sang, jingled bells, banged drums, twirled scarves and danced to the sounds of both traditional and contemporary holiday songs.

Photos by
Laura Colvin



Several soloists had the opportunity to shine.



These 5th graders helped their classmates sing loud and strong.



Students spent lots of time practicing for the show.



Shall I play for you? On my drum? Some of the older kids helped put away equipment after the cafeteria cleared out.



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Each grade had the opportunity to showcase their special talents.



Jingle bell time is a swell time...These students accompanied younger singers with the bells.

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Achieve goals one step at a time

BY SANDY FOWLER

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It's that time of year - time to decide on your New Year's resolution. So what will it be this year? Are you going to eat right? Exercise? Get organized? Be on-time? What was it last year? Did you do it? Did it stick? Did you do it for one week? Two weeks? Six weeks? Why is it that we just can't seem to make these resolutions work? We certainly want them to work. Is it because we are



Sandy Fowler

weak and don't have any self-discipline? Absolutely not! The reason we have trouble finishing the things we start lies in the way we think about our resolutions, and how we try to create change in our lives. So changing the way we make resolutions helps us be successful!

When we make a New Year's resolution, we are identifying a part of our life that we want to change. Taking inventory and identifying areas of our life that are out of balance is a great idea. So go ahead, examine your life and determine an area you would like to work on. When you think about having this, or being that, think about how it would make a difference in your life. Now let yourself dream a little bit. What would you like this part of your life to look like? That vision is your goal.

Reaching a goal requires envisioning it and taking action to reach it. It means staying in activity - not just a burst of ac-

tivity for a week or two, but real change. And you can do it! You may not be able to map out the entire route yet, and that's okay - you don't have to. Just choose one small thing you can do, and are willing to do every day, which will move you closer to your goal. Then do that small thing every day. What you are doing here is changing the behavior patterns of your life. Every day you make thousands of tiny little choices - and they all add up to create your day. Then the days add up to create your year, and the years add up to create your life. Those little choices you make, day in and day out, really define your life. It doesn't take a grandiose gesture or a gut wrenching choice to make a difference, just a little something that is easy to do. Of course, there is a catch (you knew there would be). If it is easy to do, it is also easy not to do.

Remember, we are talking about tiny choices. They will not ruin your life, make you gain 5 pounds, or destroy your business today. However, repeating them over time will. Just as repeating good choices over time will make your life better. You may not see it today, or tomorrow or even this year.

It will take some patience. But repeatedly making choices that point you toward a goal will move you closer to it. Just keep doing this one small thing each day and you will continually move closer to your goal - creating the life you choose.

Make it a happy New Year!

For further information, questions or suggestions please contact Sandy Fowler at 248.620.1209 or SandyFowler@ReclaimU.com.

Year

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Bay, Cuba, spoke to a class at Everest Academy about his experiences.

Mission possible: The Wolves football team earned the district championship by beating rival Lake Orion 34-14, avenging their earlier loss.

Millstream: Tom Stone thought Clarkston's signs were looking run down, so he gathered funds from friends and neighbors and worked with the city to replace them.

November 15

Close calls in Clarkston races: Only 31 votes separated Mayor Sharron Catalo from challenger Steve Wylie. For the city council, one vote made the difference between getting a seat and not - Councilman Mike Gawronski received 65 votes while challenger Walt Gamble re-



Hailey Rabideau, kindergartner at Pine Knob Elementary, enjoys a pastry treat during her class's Thanksgiving feast. *File photo*

ceived 64.

Outsized and outscored, Wolves ousted from playoffs: The Clarkston football team was knocked out of the state finals in a 34-14 defeat against Dakota High School.

Millstream: Gerald Fisher worked as a township attorney for 35 years, preserving the rural flavor of the community.

November 22

Clarkston considers trimester system: The school district is examining a switch to a new school schedule. It would help students meet new state requirements.

Dragons burn cagers' playoff hopes: The Clarkston Wolves girls basketball team was knocked out of the state finals in a 50-47 upset against Lake Orion.

Millstream: Dan Gauthier is a Clarkston printer by day, but on weekends and vacations soars through the air in his hot-air balloon.

November 29

LEGO team makes state: Several Clarkston-area school robotics teams competed in state-wide LEGO competitions, earning awards and medals. Creations included robots called Bananos, Triple Threat, and Nano Noodleheads.

Find more on all these stories online at www.ClarkstonNews.com. Enter keywords in the "Site Search" box, or click the "archives" button to view past editions. Online archives go back to 2003. Sherman Publications also owns bound editions that go back to 1935.

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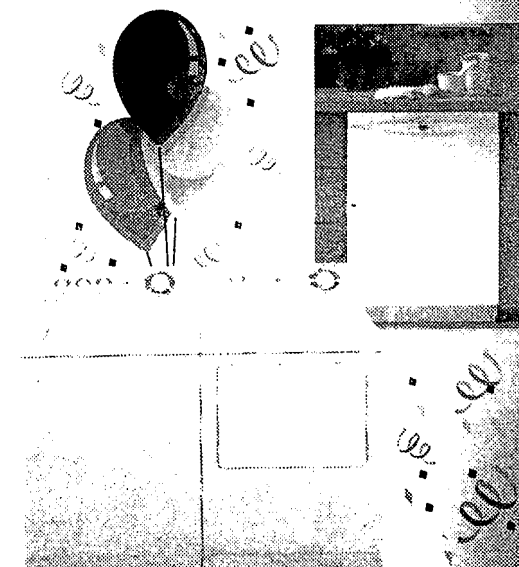
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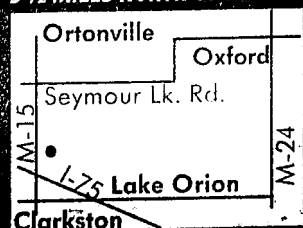
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Obituary

Vincent J. Rauth

Vincent J. Rauth of Clarkston passed away on Dec. 24 at the age of 79. He was the husband of Irene; father of Veronica (Paul) Putzier, Cecilia Rauth, J.D., Michael (Kathleen), Mary, M.D. (Tom) O'Brien, Anne (John) Breslin, Catherine (Jay) Eagen, Ellen (Chris) Kyhl, Alicia (Bob) Trzybinski, and Peter; also survived by 21 grandchildren; brother of John, Sister Vanna, Mary, Rev. Phil, Joe, and Herm. Vince was a member of Knights of Columbus, Clarkston, and a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church, having been the chair of the Pro-Life Committee and a member of the Choir. Funeral Mass was Friday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. K of C Rosary was Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memori-



als may be made to MANRESA Retreat House or Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries are updated as we get them on our website, www.ClarkstonNews.com

Snowmobile safety clinic set Jan 8, 10

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

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

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

This program, which kicks off International Snowmobile Safety Week, Jan. 14-20, is offered through the Community Education Department at POH Medical Center.

The Clarkston Health Center is located at 5625 Water Tower Place just off Dixie Highway, north of White Lake Road.

To register or for more information, call 248-338-5389.

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"Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love."

This blessing reminds us of our own call to respond to the star of the Magi. The word "epiphany" means to "manifest".

Jesus manifests God's love to the world. As Christians, we are called to have Jesus in our heart and to manifest his love to others by our daily lives.

In other words, we are called to become stars like Jesus, by following Jesus.

Like in the blessing, we are called to manifest God's love by our concern for others. We all remember people like that in our lives. Maybe a grandma, or an uncle, or a teacher, or maybe our mother, who has been a "star" to us along the way.

Now it's our time. How are we manifesting God's love in our families and our community?

Frieda Arpoika is Director of Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston.

In Our Churches

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75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

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

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

St. Daniel Catholic Church holds Rainbows

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

PUBLIC NOTICE



Charter Township of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2006
SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: November 9, 2006 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$320,612.64
- Accepted November 2006 Treasurer's Report
- Received November 2006 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation and Fire
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$186,561.70
- Approved 2007 Meeting Dates - 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p. m.; Springfield Township Civic Center
- Reappointed Cheryl Wendt, Ron Eaton and Elizabeth LaVallee to Board of Review for a two-year term, through December 31, 2008
- Adopted Board of Review 2007 Property Tax Exemption Standards set forth in Supervisor's Memo dated December 1, 2006
- Authorized Membership renewal in Clinton River Watershed Council and dues payment @ \$250.00
- Reappointed Bernard Wendt and Jim Carlton to The Zoning Board of Appeals for terms expiring December 31, 2009
- Reappointed William Champion to the Planning Commission for a term expiring November 30, 2009 and appointed Frank Aiello to the Planning Commission for a term expiring November 30, 2009
- Amended Bond Resolution as set forth in Bond Counsel's e-mail dated December 11, 2006
- Received communications and placed on file.

PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adopted 2007 Parks Fund Budget
- Adopted Amendments to Zoning Ordinance #26, Section 2.00 and 18.10
- Dixie Highway Corridor Improvements, Funding Sources: Declined to establish a Corridor Improvement Authority
- Authorized additional research of alternative medical insurance programs

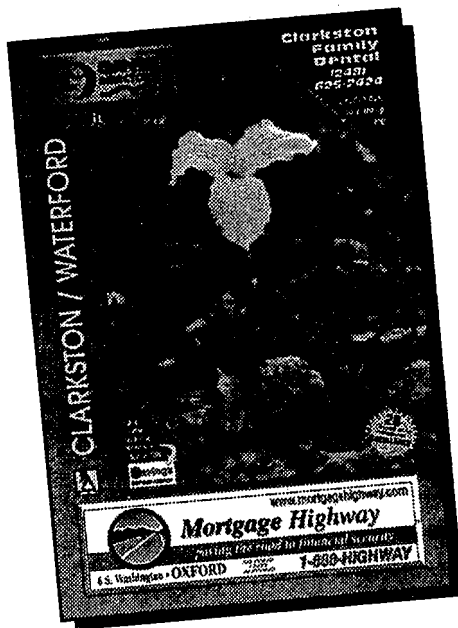
NEW BUSINESS:

- Fieldstone Woodlots: Approved Tentative Preliminary Plat
- First Readings; Zoning Ordinance Amendments:
 - Articles X and XII, authorized Second Reading
 - Text and Articles XIV, XVIII, XIX, XX, and XXIII, authorized Second Reading
- FY 2007 Tri-Party Program Funds - Saved for future allocation
- Proposed Waumegah Road Paving Project: Authorized 10% Township contribution, not to exceed \$19,100.00
- Designated Clarkston News 2007 Primary Legal Publication, Clarkston Eccentric Secondary publication
- Approved retaining Fire/Casualty insurance coverage through George B. Ford Agency
- 2007 Softwater Lake Improvements: Awarded Chemical Treatment contract to Professional Lake Management
- Approved Employee Handbook Amendments
- Approved 2006 Budget amendments
- Tabled approval of Job Descriptions for discussion at future workshop meeting
- Approved 2007 Salaries
- Approved revised 2007 Holiday Schedule

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADJOURNED: 10:45 p.m.

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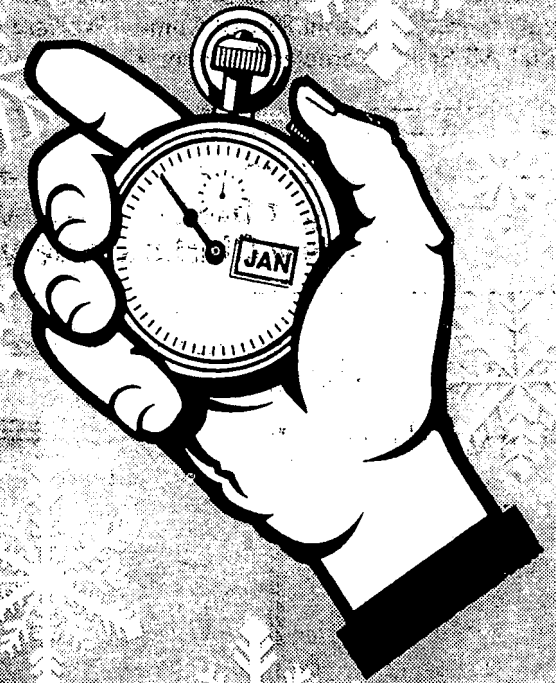
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AUCTION SATURDAY
JANUARY 20, 4 p.m.
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For Following Units:
Unit #229 Peter Vellucci, 1974 Yamaha 250, generator, trash pump, washer, 100# propane tanks. Unit #13 Melissa Dixon, TV, end tables, misc. household goods. Unit #96 Mark Price, Mattress, oriental rug, books, misc. knick knacks. Unit #279 Rebecca Stickney, Stove, washer, dryer, large fish tank, misc. items. Unit #15 Mike Stroud, Livingroom furniture, stereo, misc. items. Unit #86 Anthony Carmona, Fishing equip., tools, misc. wood, kids toys Unit #85 Rebecca Deluca, Large variety of duct work, stove, stove pipe, wire: Unit #250 Deborah Peczynski & Bill Geoit, Large variety of boating equipment, air conditioner, misc. items.
"CASH SALE"
LX45-2

NOTICE is hereby given that on 1/26/07 at 10:30am the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Mini Storage of Orion, 1007 Brown Rd., Orion, MI. Space Number 930, Terri L. Rodriguez- household furnishings. !!!LX4-2
SALE OF DEFAULT UNIT'S
Saturday January 20, 2007, 10am, Lake Orion Self Storage Center Inc., 180 W. Church-St., Lake Orion, MI 48362 (100 yards East of Lapeer Rd/ M-24)
Unit #50022- Barbara Walkaus: Utility cart, cake & cookie decorating items, dinnerware set, asst. boxes and more!
LX4-2

ORION TOWNSHIP USED office equipment sale through sealed bids, Saturday, January 6, 2007 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Orion Senior Center, 21 E. Church St., Lake Orion. Bids opened and awarded immediately following the sale. Sale items: sold "as is" and without representation or refunds. Orion Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any remaining awarded items must be picked up at Orion Township Hall during business hours 8:30am-4:30pm no later than January 19, 2007. List of items available at Township Clerk's Office, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion. !!!LX3-2

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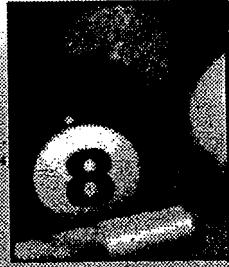


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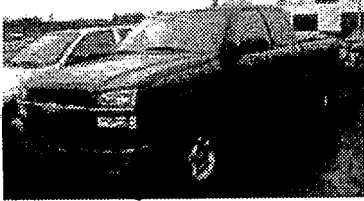


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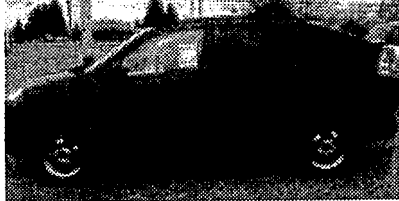


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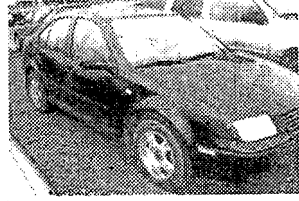


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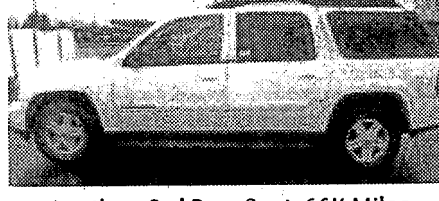


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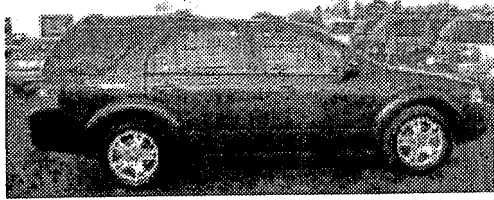


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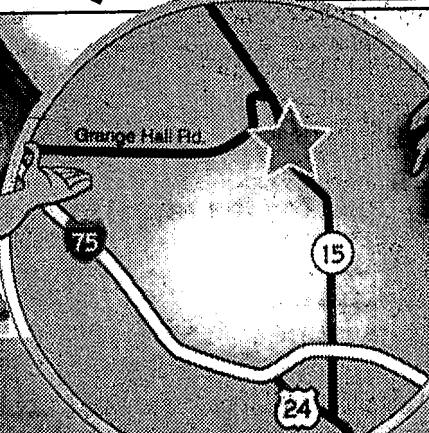
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Can You "Think Yourself Sick?"

In the last article, we discussed the important role that nutrition plays in the health of the human body. We determined what we should and shouldn't be eating in order to achieve our greatest health potential, and that eating healthy is a lifestyle which should be followed for life- not just as a short-term trend or a fad.

Another important ingredient to achieving our greatest health potential, which often gets overlooked, is the connection and influence present between our mind and our body. This is a fascinating phenomenon and deserves an equal amount of attention when it comes to overall wellbeing. The saying, "One can think themselves sick," has much logic and scientific evidence showing how and why this can happen. What we discuss in this article may be surprising, but is supported thoroughly by current scientific research.

Every month, more scientific evidence regarding the connection between mind and body is published. The body-mind works as a holistic entity. Our state of mind profoundly affects the state of our body, and vice versa. Clinical studies have shown how emotional, cognitive (thinking), and spiritual beliefs can directly affect physical wellbeing. Even the World Health Organization said that, "We can no longer maintain artificial divisions between physical and mental wellbeing (1995)."

Thoughts from the mind affect the same brain areas as physical messages from the body, which we'll call 'body thoughts.' The lifestyle patterns you choose to consistently engage in stimulate your conscious and subconscious minds. Thoughts can be positive and promote balance, and inhibit stress and adaptation, or

thoughts can be negative and promote stress and adaptation, and inhibit balance. Negative thought patterns may actually cause or contribute to many of the chronic health conditions we face today.

It is documented that people who experience emotionally stressful life events are more likely to develop disease, and less likely to recover from it. Emotional stress creates the same response in the body that a physical stress does. The same pathways are stimulated in the hard wiring of your nervous system. How you perceive and interpret a situation can change the state of balance in your body, and is greatly influenced by your current emotional state, your past experiences and by your belief systems. For example, two people can be exposed to the exact same car accident, one can come away feeling lucky, happy and grateful to be alive, and the other can come away feeling unlucky, depressed and down. Same event, different interpretations. Who do you choose to be?

How you talk to yourself is a choice, and represents your interpretation of your environment. You have the direct ability to control your thoughts, and your thoughts determine which part of your brain is stimulated and which emotions dominate. You can choose to think stressful thoughts (focusing on problems), or you can choose to think calming thoughts (focusing on solutions). Depressing thoughts are toxic, while positive thoughts increase longevity and protect against illness. Positive thought patterns are recognized as a nutrient for the human body. How you talk to yourself determines which pathways fire and which biochemistry your body expresses. To take that one

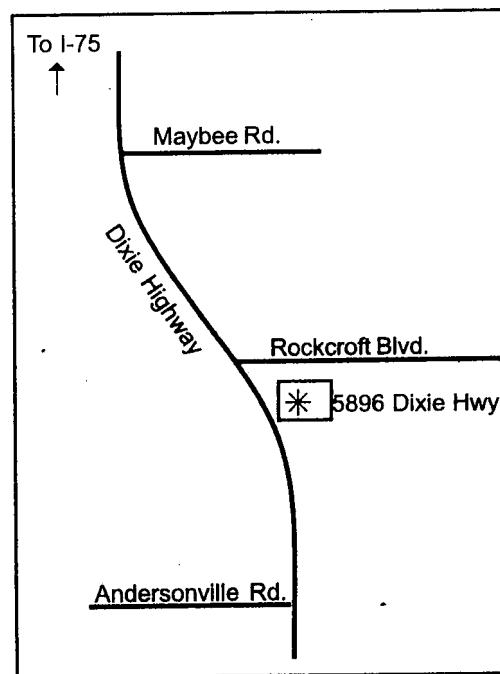
step further, whatever behavior patterns you repeatedly stimulate, you build upon those pathways and get more and more efficient at it. Depression, anxiety and low self-esteem are chronic conditions and take repetition over time to develop.

So how do you break the patterns? The only way to get and stay well is to take responsibility for your own thoughts and actions and to understand that this is what determines your health, happiness and quality of life. Along with eating well, drinking pure water, avoiding toxins, exercising daily, and getting your nervous system checked regularly by a chiropractor, you must think well to be well. Start by just listening to your internal dialogue. Set a timer every 15 minutes and record what your thoughts are. Think about consciously choosing who to be, describing in detail the thoughts and actions of that person, and then consistently choosing those thoughts and actions. Focusing on trying not to think or act a certain way is ineffective because it creates focus on negative pathways rather than positive ones. And remember that what we repeatedly stimulate, we get more efficient at. Make a conscious choice to think positively every day and act congruently with your values. After all, you are your thoughts and actions!

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