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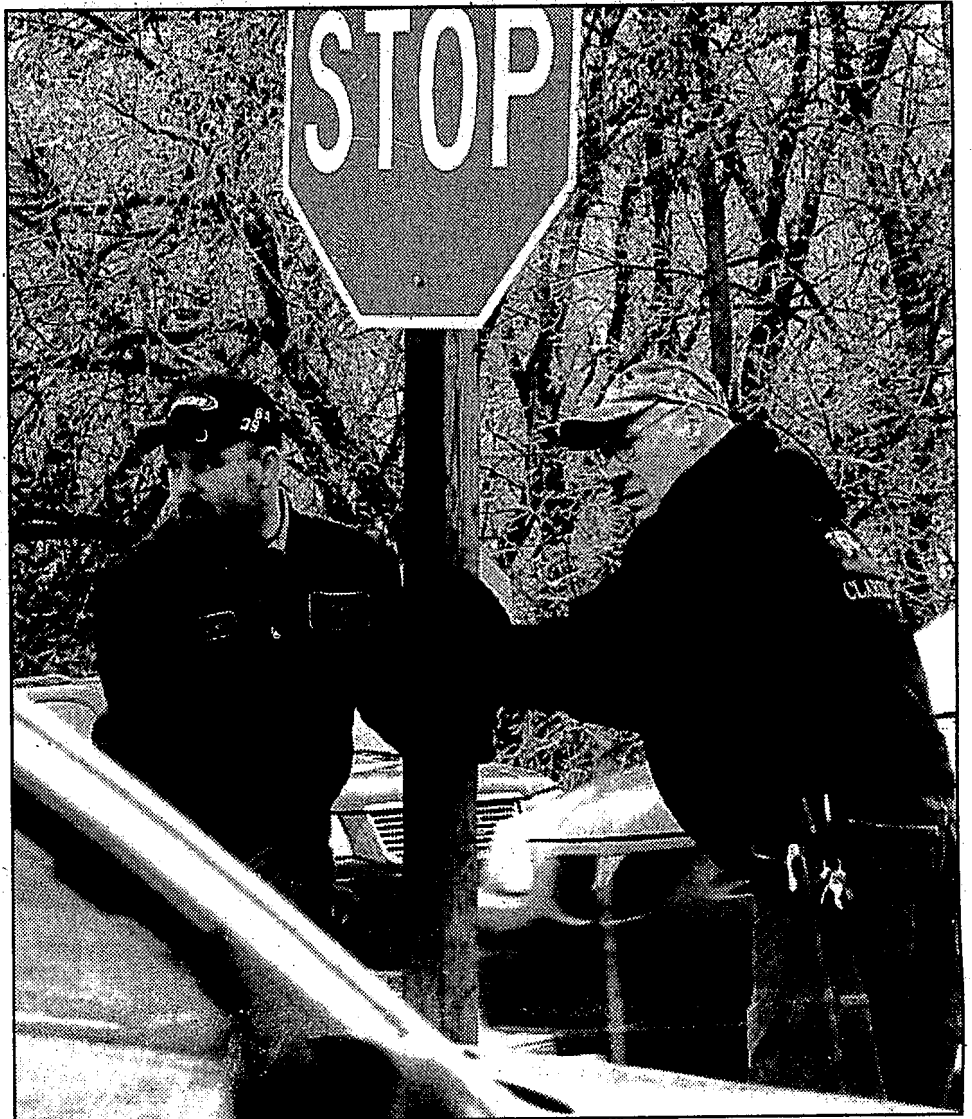
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## Brrr!

An ice storm cut power and caused most downtown businesses, including *The Clarkston News*, above, to close for several hours Monday morning. At right, Scott McIntyre, left, and Ralph Daigle of the Clarkston DPW set up a temporary stop sign at the intersection of Main and Waldon. See more ice-storm photos on page 10B. Photos by Laura Colvin

## Schools to try trimester year

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Students at Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School will experience a major overhaul with the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. The two-semester program students and staff have followed for years will be replaced by a trimester system in an effort by the Clarkston school district to meet new state graduation requirements.

Under the current system, CHS students take 12 classes during a school year, six classes per semester. Under the trimester system, students will enroll in 15 classes, five per semester. Currently, semesters last for roughly 18 weeks each, but under the new system each semester will run for approximately 60 school days. Under the new system, stu-

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## Rainy-day fund could save parks programs

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

With deficit problems in the 2007 budget, trustees are considering a dip into Independence Township's savings.

Among items discussed at the Jan. 9 budget workshop at Fire Station One was the idea of using the fund balance to save some programs lost to budget cuts.

General-fund revenue is set at \$6,047,830. This is \$27,355 short of expected general-fund expenditures of \$6,075,185. However, the Township has about \$2.5 million in its fund balance, its "savings account," said Joe Heffernan, CPA with Plante and Moran, the township's accounting firm.

The fund balance is about 40 percent of the general fund budget. This is on the high end for a township like Independence, Heffernan said.

"Independence Township is not built out," he said. "It's plateaued a little bit, it feels like it's built out."

The economy for the township and the state should start improving in a few years. By that time, the township's bud-

get should be in better shape, he said.

Township governments should set a desired range for their fund balances, based on projected development and other revenue streams versus projected costs, he said.

Residential development in Independence Township is leveling off, but several commercial developments are in the works, especially along the Sashabaw Road corridor. With an increase in tax revenues expected in the near future, a fund balance of about half as much would still be sensible, he said.

"I think the fund balance is too high," said Trustee Daniel Kelly. "I think we should have 18 percent - we're a growing community."

The township Parks and Recreation Department should not have been made to bear the budget-cut burden, Kelly said.

"I don't like how the budget was cut - this was made into a Parks and Recreation issue," he said. "It's not a Parks and recreation issue."

Deer Lake Beach, sports programs, and most special events have been can-

celled, equalling more than \$165,000 in cuts for Parks and Rec.

"As a trustee, I don't want to just hold onto our bank account and then tell the community that we're closing Deer Lake Beach - I want to take action," said Trustee Charles Dunn. "Forty percent is way too much."

Funds transferred out of the fund balance should be used to restore some of the programs cut from the Parks and Recreation Department, including Deer Lake, Dunn said.

"We have some wiggle room (with the fund balance) - but not for drastic changes," said Treasurer James Wenger. "I don't want to saddle a future board with problems by us being irresponsible."

The \$2.5 million fund balance includes money designated for certain projects, such as retiree health care and a new township hall. The administration will prepare a list of fund-balance designations for the trustees at its next budget meeting.

The administration will also take the

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Local grad keeps the heat turned on

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### Sports

The Wolves take another game to the edge

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From left, Charles Herring, deputy supervisor for Independence Township, Larry Arreguin, advisor to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and Roger Bauer, district manager for Office Depot, cut the ribbon at the new Office Depot store on White Lake Road and Dixie Highway in Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Office Depot now open for business

Local government and Chamber of Commerce officials welcomed the new Office Depot store to Clarkston with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday.

Products are displayed on lower shelves and grouped into "pods" for easier shopping, said Roger Bauer, district manager for Office Depot.

The store fills a gap along White Lake Road that has been empty for about two years.

"With their office and support services, it will be easier to do business in Clarkston," said Penny Shanks, executive director for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. "It will enhance the busi-

ness community."

Dignitaries at the ceremony also included chamber President Stephen Hyer, Independence Township Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen and Treasurer James Wenger, Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton, and other chamber members.

Bauer and store Manager Rob Van Buren presented \$500 donations to local groups including the Highland Township D.A.R.E. program, Make-a-Wish, and Children's Therapy Fund.

The 19,500-square-foot store, 7151 White Lake Road, employs 20 people.

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## Briefly

### Planners to meet on McLaren at fire station

The Independence Township Planning Commission will have a special meeting tomorrow, Jan. 18, at Fire Station One, Citation Road off Main Street in Clarkston.

The commission will discuss overall approval for the proposed McLaren Health Village on Sashabaw Road just off I-75. If approved, McLaren will then go to the Township Board for two readings.

If approved by the commission and board, the project could begin in May.

### New website brings Clarkston up to date

Question: What has helpful phone numbers, links, a calendar and plenty of room for expansion?

Answer: Clarkston's brand-new website.

The site, up and running at [www.villageofclarkston.com](http://www.villageofclarkston.com), came as a one-year gift from an anonymous donor in honor of the city's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, said City Councilman Cory Johnston.

The site is still under construction, but currently features links to the Clarkston Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, and both Michigan and Oakland County government sites.

Developers also hope to add additional content soon, including photos, articles, maps and meeting minutes.

Currently, the site is privately managed, said Johnston, but after the first year, it will be turned over and the city will assume maintenance and operation costs.

### Win scholarship in essay contest

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club is sponsoring an Essay Contest for local students.

The topic is "I Want to Make a Difference Because..." Applicants must be a high school student under age 19 as of Dec. 31, 2006. Deadline for submission is noon on Friday, Feb. 2. Winner will receive up to \$5,000 in scholarships.

Official rules and application, Clarkston High School counseling office. Call Essay Chairman Sherry Regiani at 248-625-5222 or [sregiani@comcast.net](mailto:sregiani@comcast.net).

## Open for business Café completes renovation

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With five months left until the first anniversary of his purchase of the Clarkston Café, Curt Catallo may already be sick of paper.

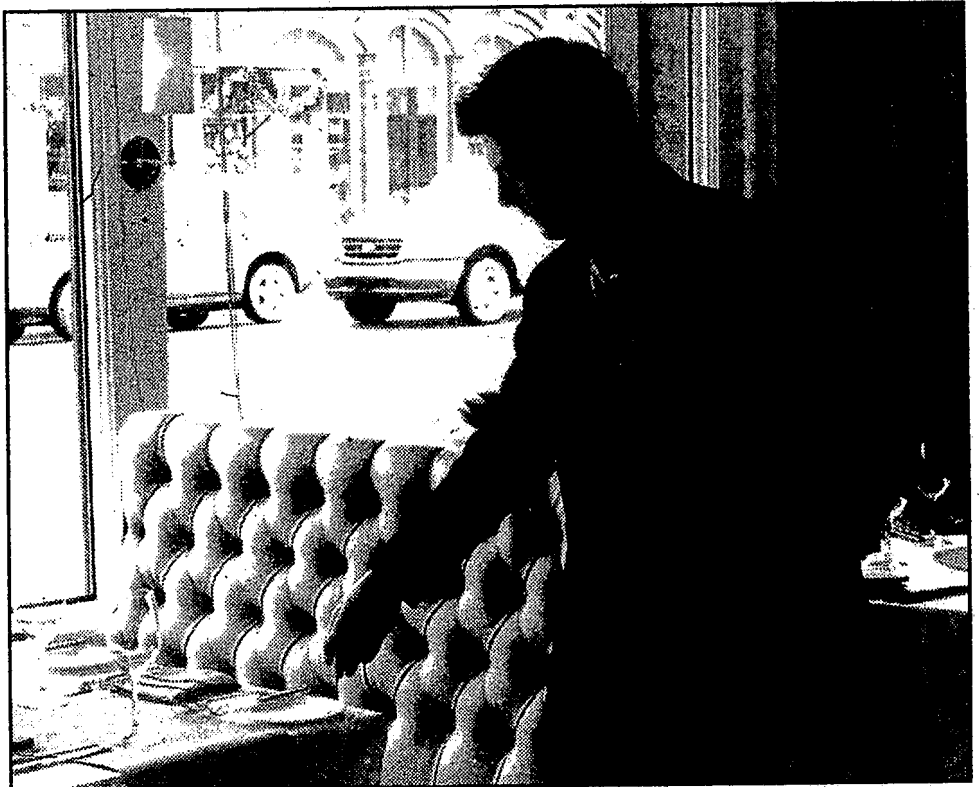
Paper coverings, which draped the windows of the 1928 building for the past six months while restoration took place, were finally removed on Wednesday afternoon.

"They quietly removed the paper and called it open," Catallo said.

"I was going to leave it, but I was ready to see the light, it was time. We quietly unlocked the doors and let the people of Clarkston find us."

The Café was open for business mere hours later, serving up their new-French cuisine from a menu designed by Executive Chef Aaron Cozadd.

"It was exciting to see the idea come



Manager Brandon Walker prepares the dining room of the cafe for business. Photos by Paul Kampe

to fruition and the time and care that everyone put into it shows," Catallo said.

Catallo purchased the building in June from Sign of the Beefcarver Inc. and immediately shut it down for renovations. The paper held firm in the window through the changing seasons. In November, Catallo joked that the crew was

hoping to open in late November...the 40 or 45th.

The time gave Cozadd, Catallo and others time to fine-tune their menu, he said.

"We let him go no-holds-barred with the type of quality he wants to deliver," he added.

"There are several standouts and I'm very proud of that menu."

The 5,000-square-foot

main floor of the building is divided into the supper club, which seats nearly 175 people, a "pizza and coco" area as it is called, features a full bar. The area can seat 50 guests.

"It's amazing. It's more beautiful than I had anticipated and the food looks better than I could have imagined," Cozadd said.

"I'm really excited to be a part of a restaurant like this."

Cozadd, has worked for Catallo for an extended period in the past decade, starting as a line cook at the Clarkston Union, Catallo's first renovated restaurant, in high school. He was surprised when he was tapped to be the chef of the Café.

"I didn't expect an opportunity like this for another five years, I was certainly floored," he said.

"I'm certainly glad to take on this

Please see Café on page A4



Two patrons visit the Pizza and Coco side of the cafe.

## Salsa specialist starts her own food business

By Laura Colvin  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's the taste of hand-squeezed lime and fresh cilantro that brings Mary O'Neill's friends and family back to the bowl time and again for more salsa, and now the homemade specialty is available to the whole community.

Fresh on the shelves at a growing list of local retailers, Taleo Foods Gourmet Salsa comes in mild, medium or hot, each batch hand-prepared and hand-delivered by a local woman with a flair for preparing the foods people love to eat.

Although she doesn't have a formal culinary arts background, O'Neill spent the last five years developing new recipes and whipping up dish after dish for Rudy's Quality Market in down-

town Clarkston.

Those who know her who say she has a natural talent—and a passion—for the food business.

"We've hired a lot of chefs with credentials and diplomas and all those fancy titles," said Robert Esshaki, who owns both Rudy's and Market Basket in Franklin. "But Mary is probably the best cook I've ever met. Everything she makes is the best."

But after five years at Rudy's, O'Neill, who lives in Independence Township with her husband and family, realized it was time to change course—time to chase the dream of starting her own business.

So in November, just before Thanksgiving, Taleo Foods Gourmet Salsa arrived in local stores. Please see Salsa on page A12



Mary O'Neill, whipping up a fresh batch of her Taleo Foods Gourmet Salsa, recently left a steady, secure job to follow her dream. Photo by Laura Colvin

# Teacher made a difference

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Barbara Greenstone made a difference in the lives of students where others could not.

For several years, Greenstone worked with students and young adults with autism as a special education teacher in the Clarkston Community Education Center. Those who worked with her said her devotion showed at all times, even when her own illness began to take its toll on her.

Greenstone fought a five-year battle with ovarian cancer. After surgery, chemotherapy, and experimental stem cell treatment, Greenstone's battle came to an end when she passed away on Jan. 7. She was 54. She is survived by her husband Arthur and three children - Mollie, Anita and Anthony.

Ever devoted to her students, Greenstone continued to work intermittently throughout the 2005-06 school year, until her condition worsened.

"She just wanted to get better so she could come in and work," said Amy Batch, who worked alongside Greenstone and Tim Sinisho for six years. Batch said Greenstone was always optimistic, even when her health was poor.

"She might have a bad day, but she always came back from it."

"She was a crusader for her kids," said Anne Evans, executive director of student support services. "She was just an extraordinary teacher and it's a huge loss for everyone who knew her."

Well known in the Clarkston school district, Greenstone worked for six years as a para-educator before obtaining a bachelor's degree in special education in 1995.

Greenstone worked with students



Barbara Greenstone

ages 18-26 to help them become more independent, as part of the Post High Autism program. By implementing a mentor system, Greenstone gave students with autism the chance to socialize and work independently from their parents.

"The sky was the limit for her students," Evans said, adding there was nothing Greenstone wouldn't do for her students to help them. "The kids are what kept her going."

Greenstone's battle began in 2002 when she noticed bloating in her stomach. But months went by before she discovered the serious nature of her problem, stage III ovarian cancer.

Her cancer went into remission for approximately six months in 2003. Through her own research, she discovered a doctor in Houston, Texas, who was performing experimental treatment using stem cells.

Greenstone talked with *The Clarkston News* in April of 2005, saying she went public with her own struggle in hopes of raising awareness, saying "Be proactive in your health care, ask questions, do research, follow your instincts. If you think something is wrong, question it. Make sure you understand what the doctor is telling you; and there is nothing wrong with a second opinion."

## Café chef working on new menu

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challenge."

Cozadd said the cuisine at the Café will be part of a seasonal, constantly evolving menu.

"I can't wait until the craziness settles down so we can step back and create new things," he said.

Catallo said he plans to have an official grand opening ceremony in the coming weeks.

## Next budget workshop moved up

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Township Board's input and assemble a budget-amendment proposal for their consideration, said Supervisor David Wagner.

"I wanted to hear what the board had to say about this," Wagner said. "Every year, we've done the same thing - what I'm hearing now is that you want to do something."

## Reindeer fund-raiser set for next weekend

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

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

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

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

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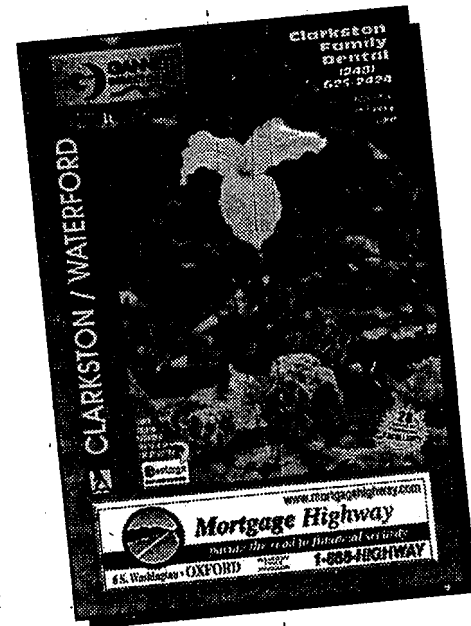
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# Local filmmaker holds open casting call

BY ANDREW DUPONT  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Norman Pardo does not shy away from controversy, which can be a great asset in the world of film production.

"I don't know what's in his head," joked Jill Pardo, Norman's wife. "Some of those things, I don't want to know."

One of Pardo's recent projects has generated a lot of controversy and gotten him noticed by CNN and The Today Show. Through a business connection, Pardo, who runs Video Clips, Inc., was put in contact with OJ Simpson, who agreed to let Pardo follow him around for months with the camera rolling. The result was 70 hours of footage, which Pardo is in the process of turning into a movie.

"It shows OJ in a different way," said Pardo. "It's going to show the real guy."

But while the documentary footage is in the post-production process, Pardo is already hard at work on a new project. After recently moving to Clarkston from Florida, he thought his new hometown would make a good setting for his next project, a horror movie.

For now, Pardo is keeping the plot of his murder mystery a secret, but admitted there is a connection to his documentary about Simpson.

"Oh, there will be a connection," he said, but refused to elaborate further.

But just finding a good setting wasn't enough. Pardo needed a home to be the

centerpiece of his film, so he decided to build one. He contacted local builder Jeff Harrell to bring his imagination to life.

"He's very good, he's very creative," Pardo said about Harrell. "He's creating my world for me."

Harrell, who has been building custom homes in the Clarkston area for nearly 30 years, said Pardo's is one of the more unique projects he's worked on in some time.

"We're really excited about it. It's not everyday you get to do something out of the ordinary," Harrell said.

The finished project will be a 5,000-square-foot home, and will include special connections and setups for cameras to film Pardo's movie.

"With respect to a custom house, the digital system in this house is comparable to a commercial studio," Harrell said.

"It's very exciting for me. I can't stop thinking about it," Pardo said.

A lot of his thinking has gone toward making sure nobody, including his cast, will figure out the ending.

"That's the best way to do a 'whodunit,'" he said.

Right now, one thing Pardo doesn't know is who will play the parts in his movie. That is where the people of Clarkston come in. Pardo is looking for 15-20 local people, 21-years-old and up, for an open casting call.

"I've had my success so now I can share what I've accomplished with other



Filmmaker Norman Pardo, left, teamed up with local builder Jeff Harrell to build the house that will come the set of Pardo's horror movie, which will be filmed in Clarkston. The house is set on five acres of land with woods and a lake, which Pardo said will all be incorporated into the movie. Photo by Andrew DuPont

people," Pardo said.

Pardo is hoping people will be quick to contact him, so he can start shooting

as early as Feb. 1. Anyone interested in auditioning can contact Pardo directly at 239-218-8750.

# Schedule would help meet new state guidelines

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dents will earn seven and a half credits, an additional credit and a half more than the current system.

CHS Assistant Principal Vince Licata said one system will end, and the next day, the next will begin, without breaks in between. Winter holidays and traditional days off will remain the same.

The Clarkston School Board voted unanimously to approve the new system after discussion at the Jan. 9 board meeting.

Original discussion included possibly implementing the changes next year, but Licata said the district will need 18 months to make all the needed changes.

"There's a lot of staff development that needs to happen and we felt (the

2007-08 year) would be a rush for us," Licata said. "We wanted to make sure we make the proper transitions."

Students must obtain 26 credits to earn a diploma from CHS, and the new trimester system will allow students to earn 28.5.

The new state requirements will only affect core classes. The board has not yet decided how elective classes will fit into the new system, but Licata said he expects the board to discuss the matter further at the next board meeting in February.

Beginning in November, the board heard presentations from study groups lead by Licata and CJHS Principal Shawn Ryan. The group examined mul-

iple options to meet graduation requirements, which must be in place for the class of 2011, including the addition of an additional class hour to the current schedule. They focused on the trimester option after it was estimated to be the most cost effective option.

Cost control has been a major influence in recent discussion. The board voted in December to cut \$4 million from the 2007-08 budget, but still expected to post a deficit for the year.

Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent, said he hopes to have a balanced budget by the 2008-09 school year, even with the additional costs from the new requirements.

Licata said an additional benefit from

the trimester program is the chance for students to make up a failed class. With an additional semester, students will have more opportunities to work a class into their schedule, should they previously fail.

New state guidelines require all high school students in Michigan to take: four credits of math including a minimum of Algebra II, four credits of English, three credits of social studies, three credits in science, two credits of world language (the same language), a physical education credit, an art credit, and 20 hours of online experience. Licata said that under their current system, CHS students already meet the requirements for English, social studies, physical education, art and online experience.

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# Opinion

## Too many questions?

I had my first runaround this past week with Independence Township, regarding a request for a document.

The document in question was a report by McLaren Health Corporation about projected tax revenues generated by their Sashabaw Road project.

The Clarkston News and other newspapers wrote about it last month. McLaren has always said their project, with its mix of retail and medical uses, would produce more than enough tax revenue.

In December, Kevin Tompkins, vice president of marketing for McLaren, said he expected the report to confirm that. The Planning Commission requested the report so that they would have independent confirmation of their position.

McLaren checked with their legal department before telling me that they couldn't send me a copy of the report. I didn't get even that far with the Township.

The Clerk's office referred me to the Supervisor's office which referred me to the Building and Finance departments, which didn't know anything about it and couldn't talk about it if they did.

The mystery will hopefully be solved at tomorrow's Planning Commission meeting.

Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The schools do a good job explaining the meaning of our holidays to students, so hopefully they took Monday's day off to reflect on whatever racial issues exist in the Clarkston area, state, nation, and world.

It's odd how things have worked out.

Segregation is supposed to have been outlawed for decades, but the population seems to be segregated anyway. I live in Flint and work in Clarkston. According to the 2000 Census, Flint's ZIP code, 48532, had a population that was 18.4 percent African-American, compared to a national average of 12.3. Clarkston's ZIP code, 48346, listed an African-American population of 1.1 percent.

This is not a criticism. There's certainly nothing the government can or should do about it. Some would consider me to be bi-racial, although I nor my family didn't, and I haven't noticed any racial problems here.

I've worked in a variety of racial settings, in the Army, as a substitute teacher, and as a security guard in downtown Flint, and based on those experiences, it's clear that differences are individual and cultural, not racial.

Most people, I think, believe that. But how does it happen that I can look in one classroom and see all white faces and another and see all black faces?

How does it happen that I can drive down one street and see a white neighborhood and another and see a black neighborhood?

How does it happen that I can look in one church and see a white congregation and another and see a black congregation?

This isn't quite the dream Dr. King had. Should I be noticing these things? Does it matter?



Phil Custodio

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

### Local businesses great for area

Dear Editor:  
Can it ever be said enough how fortunate our area is to have entrepreneurs like Curt Catalo, Erich Lines and Ann Stevenson who have masterfully redesigned our landmark Clarkston Café into an upscale, 30's French dining establishment?  
How fun it will be to have yet another way for all of

us who call Clarkston and environ our home to share our village's charm and ambience to all who venture into it.  
Thanks guys (and gal). May your courage be rewarded with prosperity.  
*Bill and Katie Anderson  
White Lake*

### No raises while in deficit budget

Dear Editor:  
The pay raise proposal for elected and non-union Independence Township employees submitted by township Supervisor David Wagner was appropriately tabled by the Township Board.  
This is one more example of how out of touch some Independence Township officials are with their "deficit budgets" and with the taxpayers who pay their wages.  
Just why is the township supervisor proposing raises for himself and other elected officials when he is fully aware that the township is running a deficit budget? In his words, "I think it is important that we try to keep the pay at the appropriate level - it is important that we are able to attract quality people to run for office."  
That is political doublespeak for "we want to give

ourselves raises now and hope that you forget about it later when we seek re-election."  
These types of shortsighted proposals are exactly why taxpayers have not supported many of the past township millage proposals.  
Taxpayers would support higher salaries for quality people, but history has shown that salary increases do not improve the quality of people who run for office.  
Big changes are inevitable in Independence Township if our current leaders continue to ignore residents' wishes and stumble along like drunken sailors with our tax dollars.  
*Michael Powell  
Independence Township*

### Thank you for supporting troops

Dear Editor:  
We would like to express a great big "thank you" to the patrons of Springfield Township Library for their generous donations to our "Support Our Troops" holiday drive.  
We collected enough food, personal items, games, and books to send 18 boxes overseas to soldiers at

Camp Ramadijn, Iraq.  
Also, an even bigger thank you to our "Friends of the Library" group for paying the postage for the boxes to be delivered.  
It was a huge amount and we truly appreciate them!  
*Springfield Township Library staff*

### Keyhole law needed to protect lakes

Dear editor:  
Some of the greatest assets in Independence and other townships are the lakes and ponds that provide recreational opportunities to all residents of the Township.  
To protect these assets, many Michigan and Oakland County townships have enacted "anti-keyholing" ordinances to help ensure boater safety and prevent water degradation.  
Residents of Independence Township for many years have been asking for such an ordinance for our Township.  
The issue will come before the Township Planning Commission for approval at their meeting at the Clarkston Library at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007.  
We encourage all Township residents who care about our lakes to attend. Subsequently, the Township Board will have the opportunity to approve the proposed zoning ordinance amendment.  
Residents of township lakes have provided support. The purpose of Independence Township's amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is, "to prohibit the use of lakefront property for keyholing and support the integrity of the lakes and bodies of water within the township and promote their ecological balance by limiting

incompatible land use and artificial alteration of their established shorelines."  
To help explain the proposed ordinance, and some of the issues involved, we have provided the Questions and Answers given below.  
• Why is a lake ordinance needed for Independence Township?  
A lake (anti-keyholing) ordinance is needed to prevent over-crowding of boats on Township lakes, thereby improving water quality and lessening chances of boating accidents.  
• What does an anti-keyholing ordinance do?  
It prevents someone from using a single-residence riparian lake lot from providing lake access, and boat storage to numerous people who don't live on the lake. It also prevents a developer from using property on a lake from providing access to multiple homeowners or condos not on the lake.  
• Is it true that only large parcels of land bordering a lake can be used for keyholing?  
No. A developer with a large parcel of land not on a lake can purchase a property on a lake and use it as a keyhole site. Thus, all lakes in the Township, even those "fully developed," are potential sites for keyholing.  
*Please see Letters on page A12*

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### Got something to say?

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## A LOOK BACK

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

### 15 years ago - 1992

**"Village weighs M-15 options"** M-DOT met with the Clarkston Village Council to discuss ways to make the intersection of M-15 and Clarkston Road safer. Options included widening Clarkston at the intersection to make room for a turn lane. Another idea was to install a traffic light.

**"Board passes weapons act"** The Independence Township Board amended its loitering ordinance to ban weapons, including knives, clubs, throwing stars, and guns. The ordinance was used to charge a teenager who was wearing spiked boots.

**"Medical hopes hinge on new, innovative magnet"** Two Clarkston doctors, Drs. Joseph Helpert and Roger Ordidge, worked on the Henry Ford Hospital's new, 3-Tesla, whole-body Nuclear Magnetic Resonance machines. The machine, now known as an MRI scanner, was experimental at the time.

### 25 years ago - 1982

**"Developer moves to establish senior village"** A plan for an \$18 million senior citizens' village on 30 acres near Dixie Highway and M-15 was proposed. Developers were preparing a presentation

for the Independence Township Board.

**"Schools to seek twice-yearly taxes"** The Clarkston School District asked Independence and Springfield township boards to collect their taxes in the summer as well as in the winter. The second tax collection would reduce interest costs.

**"Village approves Historic District Commission"** The Clarkston Village Council created a five-person commission to oversee construction and give the final OK to alterations, repairs and demolitions of homes and outbuildings in the Historic District.

**"Clarkston schools join court fight on state aid"** The School Board voted to join a consortium of school districts in a lawsuit challenging the Michigan School Aid Distribution Act. At issue was the property-tax funding system in which rich areas, Birmingham at the top, had more than three times more to spend on each student than poorer areas, with Holly at the bottom.

### 50 years ago - 1957

**"Lloyd C. Megee to be candidate"** "Slip" MeGee announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Independence Township clerk. He said he felt he was qualified to meet the problems of this fast-growing township.

**"Rotary Club news"** Rotarian Fred Warrick invited the attorney handling claims against the SS Andrea Dorea, which sank that past fall.

**"Interviews with seniors"** Clarkston High School seniors Sharon Glennie and Don Alexander were interviewed. Both said they enjoyed a good steak. Glennie's favorite saying was "Honestly! Really!!" Alexander's favorite saying was "O shush!"

## MLK Day a day for schooling or voting

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day has passed. Schools were closed, banks, libraries, government offices -- all closed in honor of this one man.

While alive and after his murder, his words still resinate with emotion, power and meaning... and well, I think there should be school on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Before you go too far, let me paraphrase comedian Michael Richards (aka Kramer), who recently told the world, "The crazy thing is, I'm not a racist -- and that's what's so insane about this."

Is MLK, Jr. Day a day of play or a day of engagement, action and reflection?

I just think Martin Luther King, Jr. Day should be a day of education and the advancement which can come from education. I am not sure, but I believe the education should focus less on the man himself, and more on what he tried to accomplish with his life.

And, what does that mean Amos?

It means, Andy, schools should be open on MLK, Jr. Day with kids in class, but not necessarily with their butts in their chairs. Wait, a cotton pickin' minute. If students are not in their chairs, what kind of education could possibly take place? Kids, relax, I am talkin' field trips.

Not only should schools be open, but so should all public libraries, government offices and museums. All government employees should be at work, and work AND work and be there for field trips. They'll need to answer questions on how their particular branch of government works. Government workers -- all -- should be on hand to explain to our citizens what they do, what education they needed, what they earn and why their job is vital to the collective well-being of the community.

I have a dream, that on MLK, Jr. Day kids learn about their government, civics, history and how they, as MLK, Jr., did, can change the course of a nation. I have a dream that children get involved. I have a dream that all folks, young and old, rise to the occasion for the rights and liberties of the downtrodden, for the individual facing corrupt odds, for justice and not vengeance.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was not about taking a holiday from school or work. He was a man about taking

action against injustice. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day should be a day about being engaged and involved in your government. Dear Wife Jen (a much deeper thinker -- and really a quicker thinker -- than yours truly) has a dang-good idea for MLK, Jr. Day.

Her's sort-of goes against what I just espoused, but travels in the same vein of thinking. Her oxygen-enriched idea (versus my already circulated and used up idea) is to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a real national holiday. Hmmm? I bet you're thinking. Mr. Rush, tell your wife it is already a national holiday.

Folks, it's on the books but not all are obliged to participate. Within 15 miles of this writing, were it not for an ice storm and slippery roads, school districts were set to be open.

What Jen proposes is this: Let's move November's general election to January... to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. And, after we move the election date, we give the day off to everybody (except those in public service or employment -- that's my addition to her idea) so they can vote. There will be no excuses not to vote (to be engaged in the government we're 'sposed to run).

Some may say, "Well, if we have an ice storm like this year, nobody will be able to vote. We'll have even less of a turnout than we do now."

Valid point... off the top of my head, we could find a summer-to-fall date that can be the new Martin Luther King, Jr., get-out-the-vote day. I like August 28 (or the Monday closest to it). It was on this date, in 1963, when MLK, Jr., delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C.

I know that "special" Tuesday in November is historically our election day, but -- really it ain't. Schools can have elections to suit themselves, versus history. So, let's change it. Boom, let's do it. What better way (besides my lame-o idea) to show where this country has been and the direction it claims to be heading, than to make our national day of participating (voting) a day to honor the descendant of slaves.

I think it is brilliant, symbolically, and in practicality. Come on, only 60 percent of the folks vote for a US President, about 10 percent for local school elections, and less for local seats for village councils. We need citizens to get involved, this could do it.

Your thoughts? E-mail them to Lilly Whiteboy Don, dontrushmedon@charter.net

## I never knew a boy who was teacher's pet

I don't mean to brag (Yes, I do!), but I was the champion speller of the eighth grade in Bancroft. The year, 1938.

Yes, I'll admit the competition wasn't great, since there were only 12 in that grade, including me. What irks me to this day is when it came time to select the Bancroft student to compete in the district spelling bee, the principal picked a girl.

If he did that because a girl would look better on stage, he was wrong. I was a good-looking, curly haired boy. I've got the class picture to prove it.

The girls were plain, still-on-the-farm types, with Depression era dresses and hairdos to match.

Well, this upset me so much I hitched a ride to Durand for the spell-off at the high school and took a seat in the balcony, closest to the stage as I could get.

I'm not a poor loser!

I spelled, to myself, every word given to these principal-chosen contestants, but held myself in from jeering the losers because that wouldn't have looked good for this good-looking, curly haired boy.

But, that isn't the only time I was picked on, as a student, when it could have been a girl's fault.

I'm sitting in the front row of a senior history class in Vernon High School when someone behind me (Heck, everyone was behind me.) created a disturbance.

The teacher flew into a rage and kicked all the boys in the class out of school for three days. Being boys, we, of course, went to Durand and shot pool the rest of the day.

When I described to my mother what had happened that day in class, she confronted the principal and I was readmitted the next day.

My point is that since the teacher's back was turned to the class, she assumed a boy caused the disturbance. It certainly could have been a girl. Some of them were outspoken, tough and vengeful.

These two instances I've mentioned prove, at least to me, that never have I known a boy who was a teacher's pet. I attended seven schools and always girls were favored.

They could sit anywhere in the room, but I was always put in the front row. Perhaps that was an advantage to me, giving me first access to teacher's wisdom of the day. But, I didn't think so at the time.

Girls were excused more quickly for nature's calls from those one-room schools, with outside one-hole features, though I never actually followed a girl into one to be sure.

Boys were assumed to be crude, misfits, slow learners, and anti-learners, school haters.

Girls were always the smartest, best mannered, most willing helpers, who never threw spitballs, always turned in their work on time and blamed boys every chance they got.

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Of course, those were my stereotypes. And this brings me back to my great spelling ability. A few weeks ago my friend Dick was found to have trouble in a vein in his neck. He told us it was a carotid artery.

I kept referring to it as clogged and one day he really emphasized the carotid artery as being the name, not a condition. Which sent me to Merck's medical book and Webster. With Dick's pronunciation I went to the Cs.

Cou, Cru, Cur, Cir, Cer. Nothing, of course. I went to a bigger dictionary at the office, in front of our proofreader. I said what I was looking for and immediately she, and an overhearing typesetter, spelled "carotid."

Back to Merck's and there are even pictures of the carotid artery in neck sides.

I'm glad that word wasn't in the 8th grade contest. This good-looking, curly haired boy would have missed it.

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

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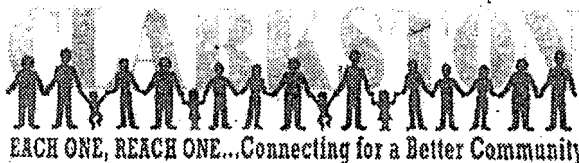
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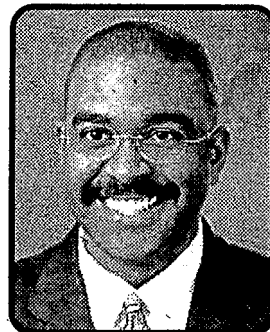
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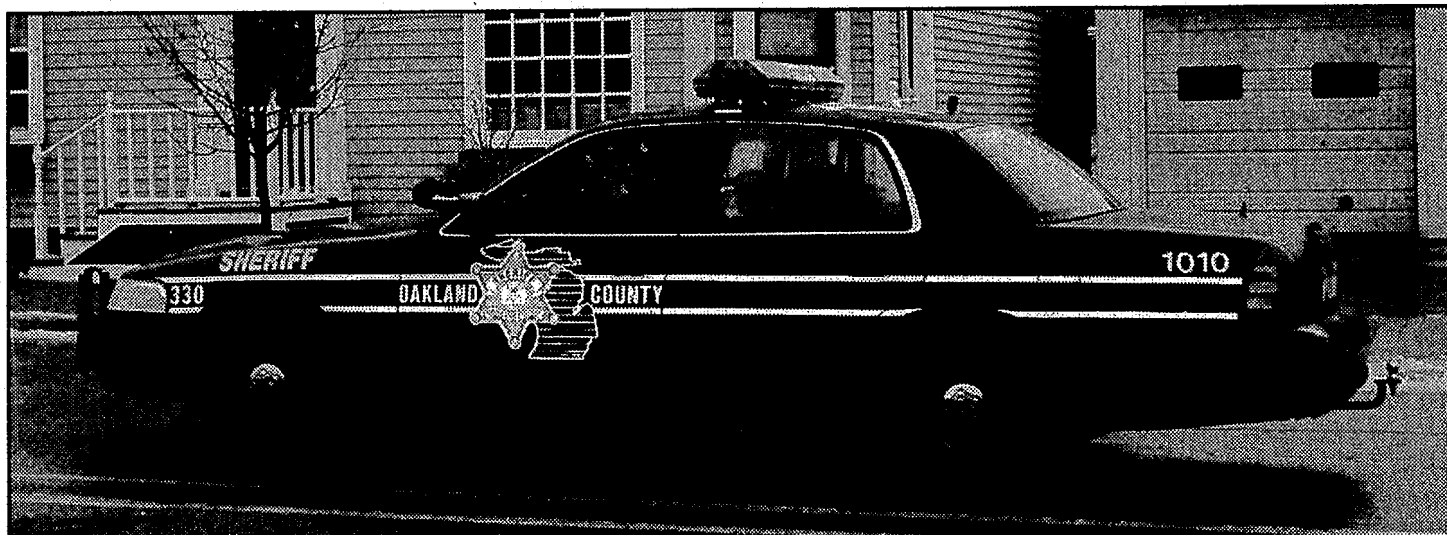
## Independence Township

**Sun., Jan. 7** Deputies were called to a local fast food restaurant after a 29-year old man verbally and physically assaulted his 21-year-old former girlfriend in the parking lot. A couple noticed the man's children watching the incident from the restaurant window and called police. The man left with the children before deputies arrived.

**Mon., Jan. 8** Deputies conducting a routine traffic stop near Dixie Hwy. and M-15 arrested 3 Alpena men after discovering the car was carrying a plastic shopping bag containing more than one pound of marijuana the men had recently purchased in Waterford. All 3 were jailed on charges of possession with intent to deliver.

A 32-year-old female was arrested and jailed after her boyfriend called police to report that the woman had thrown a metal measuring cup at his head during an argument. The man said he only wanted police to tell her she could not assault him, but she was charged and lodged at Oakland County Jail.

**Tues., Jan. 9** Deputies were called to assist after a 48-year-old Lake Orion Schools employee slipped and hit her head on a patch of black ice in an Independence Township park. The



**Dep. Mark Mackie, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, patrols Independence Township during the blackout Monday. Photo by Laura Colvin**

woman was transported to a local medical facility.

A 39-year-old woman called police after returning home to find the door of her Independence Township apartment kicked in. She believed her former boyfriend may have been involved in the incident.

**Wed., Jan. 10** a 34-year old woman called police to report that \$3,340 in merchandise, including a DVD player, laptop computer, iPod and several professional bowling balls, shoes and bags were stolen from her car after it broke down and was left overnight in a parking lot.

A woman called police to report that her car, which contained \$500 in cash, had been stolen after she left it running

in the driveway to warm up. The car was later located undamaged on Drayton Road, with only the keys and \$50 of the \$500 missing. A 15-year-old boy was later questioned and admitted to stealing the car. He was lodged in Children's Village.

## Springfield Township

**Sat., Jan. 6** The manager of a furniture store on E. Holly Road reported that 4 air conditioning units were stolen from the outside of the building.

A 53-year-old Springfield Township woman called police to report that she

was afraid of her 32-year-old son who had come home intoxicated and removed large knives from the kitchen drawer.

A 20-year-old man was arrested for domestic assault after coming home intoxicated and fighting with his father and brother about an alarm clock.

**Mon., Jan. 8** Deputies in Springfield Township involuntarily committed an 18-year-old woman to St. Joseph Hospital after she became hysterical and threatened to commit suicide when her boyfriend was arrested on a bench warrant.

Police were called after an unknown person cut the padlocks on two vans at an Andersonville business and made off with about \$3,000 in marble and stone cutting tools.

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### Improve yourself through healthy curiosity

By Ernie Harwell



I've always believed that one of the best things a person can do, from a mental perspective, is to develop a curious mind about life.

One of my favorite hobbies is asking people about their families, where they grew up, their jobs, whatever. I joke that I'm the biggest busybody around, but the truth is that I like finding out about people, what experiences have shaped them, what makes them tick. It's great fun and a wonderful way to learn and build relationships with people.

There are other things we can do, too, to exercise our minds. Next time you come across a word you don't know, instead of skimming by it, find a dictionary and learn about it. What does it mean? How did it originate? How is it used? It might just stick in your head for the next time you're searching for that perfect word or phrase. Traveling is another great way to expand your horizons and see how other people live. Our country is so beautiful and diverse, and full of learning opportunities. I also highly recommend traveling abroad, if you're able, because it can really give you a new perspective on the world and life.

When we cultivate our minds, we improve ourselves and become more well-rounded. And that's a healthy way to be.

And please 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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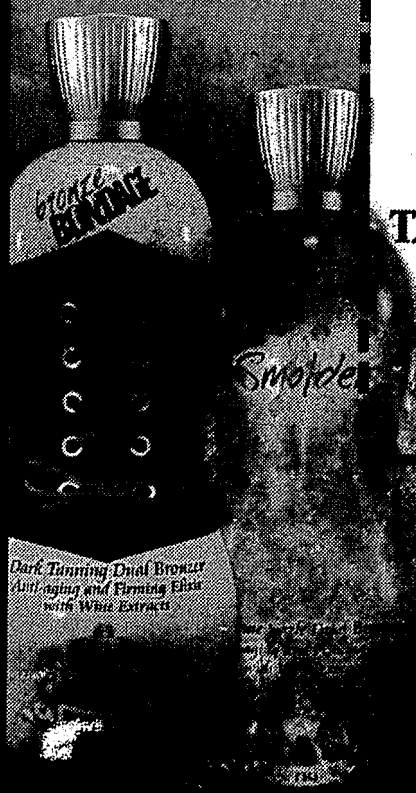
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# Letters

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• Who benefits from an anti-keyholing ordinance?  
 All residents of the Township will benefit, especially those that use the lakes for swimming, fishing and boating.

• Do riparian single-family owners in the Township lose any rights?  
 No. Their current rights are grandfathered.

• Is the idea of an anti-keyholing ordinance new to the Township?  
 No. It has been discussed on and off for about 20 years. It was again brought to the attention of the Township Board in Nov. 2003, when Fenton Township adopted a very simple anti-keyholing ordinance. It has since been on the agenda for at least five Township Board meetings and four Planning Commission meetings.

• Is anti-keyholing an issue for only Deer Lake?  
 No. It is intended to protect all of the lakes wholly or partly in Independence Township.

• Did the Deer Lake Property Owners Association bring the issue to the Township Board only because of the proposed development of the Rose Property?  
 Absolutely not. The DLPOA advocated an anti-keyholing ordinance long before the Rose Property became available for development.

• Do other lakes in the Township support the proposed ordinance?  
 Yes. Support has been received at Township Board and Planning Commission meetings from residents of Walters Lake, Greens Lake, the Mill Pond, and Park Lake.

10. Do other Townships in Michigan have anti-keyholing ordinances?  
 Yes, many do. Examples are: Springfield, Fenton, Highland, Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Commerce, Orchard

Lake Village, Argentine, Yankee Springs, Centerville, Glen Arbor, and Lyndon. There are probably many more.

• Are anti-keyholing ordinances legal?  
 Yes! They have been upheld in the State of Michigan's Courts, including the Supreme Court.

• Is enforcement an issue?  
 It has not been in the Townships that have ordinances. If the proposed ordinance is an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, enforcement will be done through the site plan approval process.

• Do Township and other local officials support an anti-keyholing ordinance?  
 Yes. At the Feb. 7 Township Board meeting, Township Supervisor Dave Wagner, and Board members Dan Kelly and Dan Travis voiced support. A motion was made by Mr. Travis, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to receive the proposed ordinance with the suggested changes being referred to counsel and brought back to the Board for a first reading. The motion unanimously carried.

• Have the citizens of Independence Township supported the proposed ordinance?  
 Citizen comments at both Township Board and Planning Commission meetings have essentially all been positive.

• How does the proposed ordinance fit with other measures to protect water quality?  
 It is consistent with the objectives of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and the Upper Clinton Watershed Group.

As the above amply demonstrates, there is sufficient justification for the Planning Commission to recommend to the Township Board that the proposed lake (anti-keyholing) ordinance be adopted, and for the Township Board to do so.

*Gene English  
 Deer Lake Prop. Owner's Assoc.  
 Independence Township*

## Goal includes shop with specialty salsa

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The final decision to leave Rudy's and strike out on her own, O'Neill said, came after tragedy struck close to home. "We had some really good friends who were killed in a car accident," she said. "They had four kids, I have four kids. It was a very emotional time. I'm 50, and I want to look back on my life and say I did something for myself and my family. I want to say I followed my dream."

O'Neill fell in love with cooking when she was 14 and took a job keeping the books in an Ann Arbor church where her uncle was pastor.

"Part of my job was to cook for the priests," she said. "After Mass they'd come in and tell me what they wanted for breakfast and I'd make it for them."

She turned to a career in bookkeeping, but later found herself drawn back to the passion for cooking that began to blossom when she was young.

Because of her husband Edward's job, O'Neill and her family spent five years in Singapore during the 90s, where

her passion for cooking intensified.

"I took cooking classes and I had a Filipino maid who taught me all these wonderful, wonderful dishes," she said, explaining that she learned to create such dishes as Thai beef salad, different Cole slaws and several varieties of the region's popular spicy noodle dishes. "I just kind of recreated that here."

Now that she's out on her own, O'Neill is busy whipping up batch after batch of her own fresh salsa, and actively looking for new shops and stores who are willing to give it a try.

Once that happens, anything's possible.

"My five year goal is to open up as a chip and dip store, where people could come in and get specialty chips and crackers, my homemade spreads, different dips, peach salsa, maybe guacamole," she said. "I'd like to take advantage of the variety of seasonal ingredients that are available."

Taleo is an acronym for O'Neill's children: Tina, Amy, Laura, and Edward O'Neill, and comes in varieties of hot, medium and mild. The salsa is available for a suggested retail price of \$4.99 at:

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 Dixie Market, 8774 Dixie Hwy  
 Clintonville Market, 4494 Clintonville Road, Waterford  
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## Bullying workshop Jan. 30

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## History is familiar

Dear Editor:

I go to church every morning at the Colombiere Center and this sermon by Father Sanford struck me, so I asked for a copy. This part is what interested me:

"In the 1850s, there was a flourishing U.S. political party called the Know-Nothing party, which was an outgrowth of the strong anti-immigrant and especially anti-Roman Catholic sentiment that started to manifest itself during the 1840s.

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"In 1849, the secret Order of the Star-Spangled Banner formed in New York City, and soon after lodges formed in nearly every other major American city.

"When members were asked about their nativist organizations, i.e., organizations that held the policy of protecting the interests of native-born or established inhabitants against those of immigrants, they were supposed to reply that they knew nothing, hence the name Know-Nothing party.

"As its membership and importance grew in the 1850s, the group slowly shed its clandestine character for restrictions on immigration, the exclusion of the foreign-born from voting or holding public office in the United States, and for a 21-year residency requirement for citizenship.

"This is what Bishop John Neumann had to face in the 1850s. In a sense, this is what we are facing today."

I'm interested in history, and I thought this was remarkable.

*Barb Lubinski  
 Springfield Twp.*

## Welcome renovated Cafe

Dear Editor:

In case you haven't noticed, the Clarkston Café has re-opened.

I have had the opportunity to go there twice so far and it is different, interesting, and it is definitely not your typical chain restaurant or even the trend of the month.

Best of all, it is a very pleasant dining experience. Those of us who have been in Clarkston for awhile are often of the opinion that this is a pretty nice place and we don't want to disturb it.

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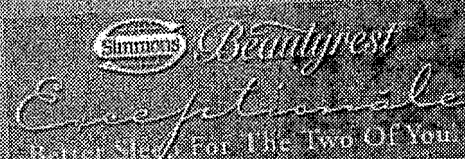
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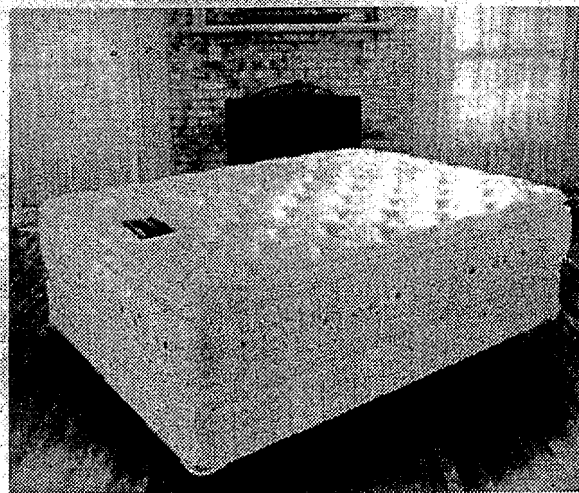
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# Clarkston News Sports



Clarkston's Dan Owens, left, tries to drive past Martell Webb of of Pontiac Northern. The Wolves dropped the first of two meetings with the Huskies, 75-67. Photo by Paul Kampe

## Another to the wire Clarkston falls to Northern late

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The intensity of the rivalry between Clarkston and Pontiac Northern was at its apex on Friday night, when the Huskies took round one of the season series, 75-67.

This chapter of the legacy aligned with the Wolves (5-2, 1-1 OAA) ranked no. 10 in the state in Class A and Northern (7-1, 2-0 OAA) ranked no. 4 and first place in Oakland Activities Association division I.

The Huskies' home floor was noisy and hot as usual, but the rising mercury

could have been due in part to Northern's trapping the Wolves, which caused several Clarkston turnovers.

"Give credit to them, when they turned the heat up, we couldn't counter it," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said.

"If we learn from that, it's good for us. That's late-season stuff, that's pressure in a gym where you can't hear or talk. If you're going to beat a good team, that type of environment is going to make you better."

The crowd fed into every basket, foul or no-call by the officials, especially down the stretch. The game was never com-

pletely decided until the last minute-and-a-half of play.

Tied at 65 apiece, Devonte Pryor made layups on two consecutive Huskies' possessions to put Northern on top 69-65 with 1:15 remaining.

After a Clarkston timeout, Dan Owens spotted up for a three-pointer, only to have his shot blocked by Timothy Williams. A scramble on the floor ensued and the Huskies came up with the ball, forcing Oliver Kupe to foul Pryor and put him on the line with 39.5 seconds remaining. Northern took it from there, going 6/6 from the line, the last two coming after a Kevin Badgley layin.

"We had the canines out there, the Wolves and the Huskies and I bet you this, no one in the stands was disappointed," said Northern coach Robert Rogers.

"He (Dan Fife) threw some things at us that we hadn't seen before and we're trying to play chess matches too. So we went against the grain earlier, doing things we don't normally do."

"What a great game," Rogers exclaimed.

"Just two great teams with two great traditions and two above-average coaches having fun."

"We almost threw the book at them. At one point I felt like Boise State, I threw everything at them I could, I went as deep on my bench as I wanted and the kids responded," he added.

After he scored seven points in the first half, Rogers demanded better play out of Pryor.

"I was in his face and in his ear and he accepted the positive criticism and he responded," Rogers said.

Pryor left the gym with one of his career highs, tied for a game-high 20 points. Four of Northern's senior starters combined for all but three of the team's points. Williams had 19 points, Bryan Smothers scored 16 and Martell Webb had 17.

Owens also scored 20, Badgley had five rebounds and 12 points, Bren Bergquist had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Kupe had 8 points for Clarkston.

The Wolves led by as many as nine points early in the fourth quarter before Northern made it's run.

"You know they're going to make runs at you and you can never feel comfortable until the final buzzer and you've got to handle it. It's not something we haven't talked to the kids about, but I don't that young kids know until you get into that type of situation," Fife said.

"One of the things on my board was, 'Don't let one mistake turn into two.' They have a way of doing that to you," Fife said.

The two meet again on Feb. 27 at Clarkston in the last week of the season, which is likely to be a match for OAA I supremacy. Look for the results of Clarkston's game against Birmingham Groves on Jan. 16 at [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com). The Wolves venture to North Farmington for their third consecutive Friday road game, starting at 7 p.m.

### Team recovers for win at MLK tourney

The Wolves returned to the same floor at Pontiac Northern to take a win from no. 1 in Class C Detroit Community on Sunday in the fifth annual Martin Luther King Classic, 65-52.

"I was happy because it was after a tough loss and we played a tough team," coach Dan Fife said.

"It was more of a character win," he said.

"They really did respond well and they weren't looking for any excuses."

Being able to rebound from losing the first of two games to a heavyweight OAA contender like the Huskies is important, because one of the Wolves' goals is always to win the conference.

"You don't want to get into a position where you're relying on someone else. You expect to take care of business yourself," Fife said.

Dan Owens scored 22 points and Oliver Kupe had 19 points for Clarkston (6-2).

## Athlete of the week Byrd roams free at libero

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Although she wears a different jersey than the rest of her teammates, Amanda Byrd is very much a part of the Clarkston volleyball team.

Byrd, a senior and a four-year player, has been designated to play the libero position for Clarkston this season. This is the first year the position has been utilized by the team, which designates Byrd as a defensive specialist and alleviates substitutions by coach Kelly Avenall.

Byrd's serve has been extraordinary as of late, she was 45/45 at the Walled Lake Invitational and 22/22 serving and two aces at Bloomfield Hills Lahser on Jan. 8. She earned "All-Tournament" honors for her performance, which included 110 digs.

The "floating" serve as it is known, was crafted with the help of a club level coach, who Byrd said,

taught her to take the backspin off the ball, making it difficult for opponents to judge.

"It just floats in the air and you have to position yourself behind it," Byrd said.

Avenall said Byrd's serves have kept people guessing all season.

Byrd, who has played for the past seven years, would not have gotten to where she is without having

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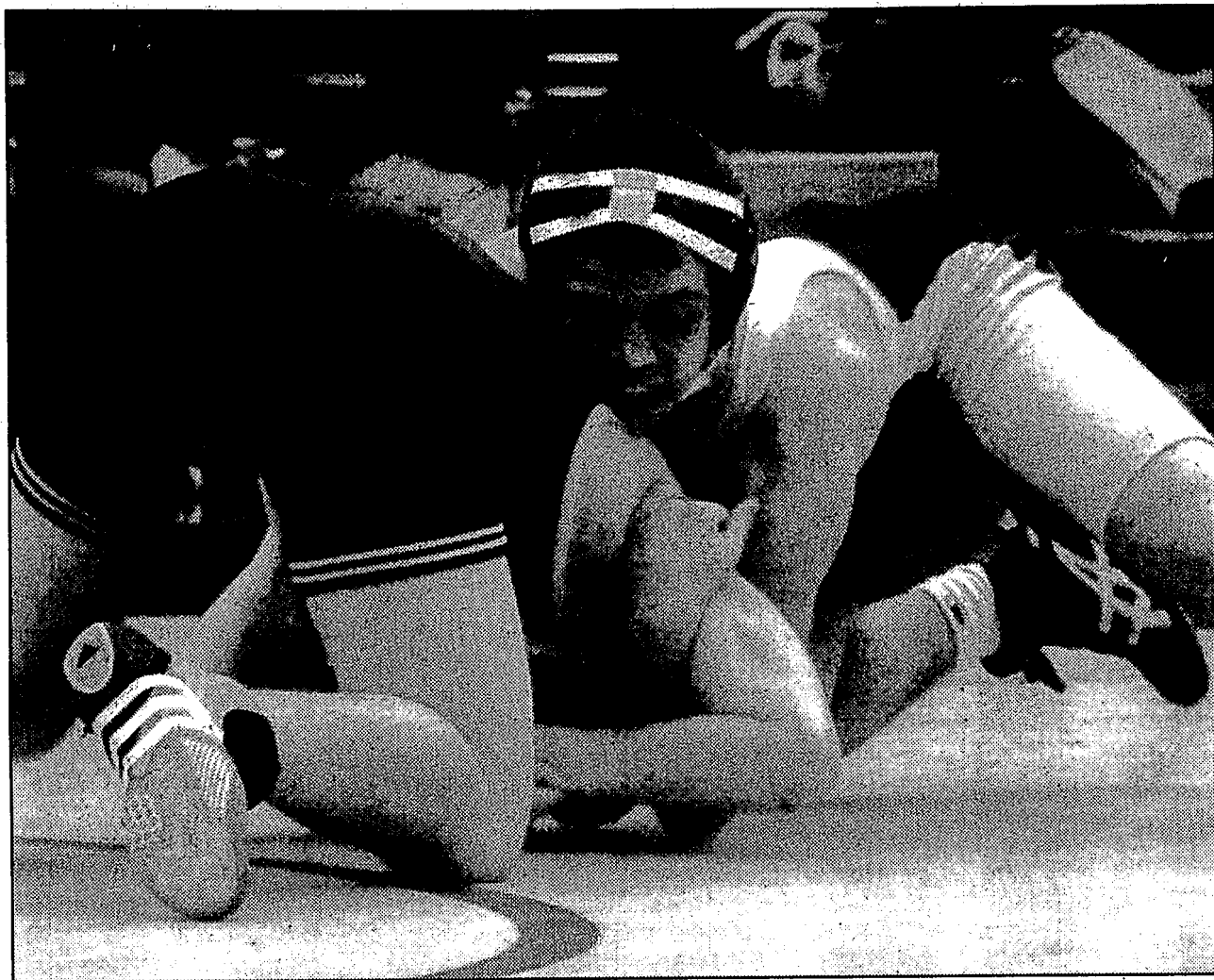


Byrd makes a dig against Lahser Jan. 8.



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Alex Popp wrestles Matthew Bienick in the 130-pound match against Rochester Adams. Popp took an 8-4 decision and Clarkston topped the Highlanders 38-22. Photo by Paul Kampe

# Pin kings

Clarkston knocks off two more OAA teams

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A rematch of sorts was on hand at Clarkston on Wednesday when Rochester Adams visited the Wolves in the first match for each in the double-dual meet.

The teams met in the Oakland County meet in December where Clarkston (16-1, 5-0 OAA) secured its sixth-consecutive county championship and the Highlanders took eighth place in the 43-team event.

The night, much like the county meet, belonged to the Wolves, who again left their own gym with the victory, this time 38-22.

Adams (5-5, 2-1 OAA) could not recover after pulling within one point, 23-22, after Jason Jack's (119 pounds) 10-2 decision over Tom Clark. County champion Mike Maguire (125 pounds) pinned Nick Minton swiftly, at 0:35 of the first period. The pin put Clarkston ahead 29-22.

The individual match of the night was a meeting of the undefeated county champs at 171 pounds, where Adam Lauzun and Wayne Sanders of Adams, both put their 22-0 records on the line. Sanders, the 189-pound champion last month, has been wrestling both weights this season.

Lauzun drew much crowd support, but Sanders took a 3-2 lead, which stretched to 6-4 late in the match. Sanders won a 6-5 decision.

"Wayne and Adam, two of the best wrestlers in the state at 171, it's great to see guys like that go at it toe-to-toe. It could have gone either way, it was a very close match," said Highlanders coach Nathaniel Farley.

Farley said Sanders came into the season weighing close to 190 pounds, but has worked to get his weight down and is now in control of which class he wrestles at, Farley said.

Adams struck first when Joe Voges pinned Evan King at 145 pounds, but Colton Tweed (152) took a 16-4 decision over Nick Heiple and Bryant Craft (160) pinned Jason Finney at 5:40 to put Clarkston back in the lead 10-6.

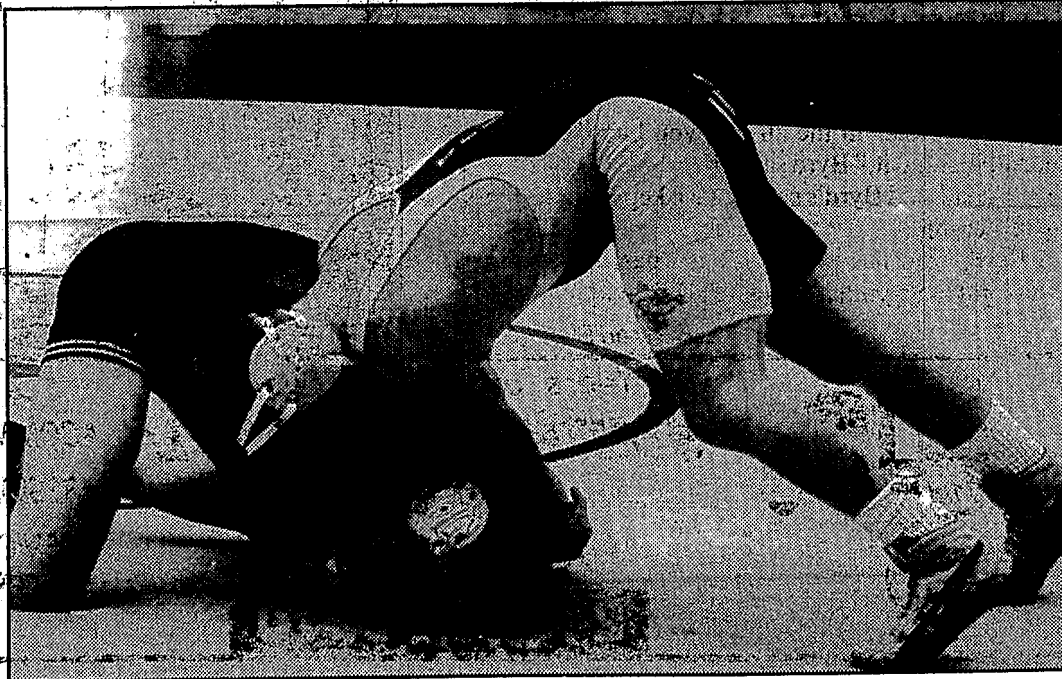
Tommy Ellsworth (189) won a major decision and Layne Upcott (215) pinned also.

Steve Cooper (275), Alex Popp (130) and Tyler Schneider (135) won decisions for the Wolves as well.

Erik Butterfield (140), second place at the county meet, defeated Ryan Grenier who took third place, 3-2, to close the match.

"We weren't really firing out of the gates like we

Colton Tweed, right, takes on Nick Heiple of Rochester Adams in the 152-pound match. Tweed scored a major decision in the match. He had two victories in the double-dual meet, pinning Tony Vitello of Troy in 1:16 to open the second match. Photo by Paul Kampe



Wed., January 17, 2007 The Clarkston (MI) News 15 A wanted to. The guys are a little worn down right now from working real hard and that's all part of the long game plan. We break the bodies down, break the minds down right now and then in the end you start to lighten up on the guys and they start to come back to life and shooting out of the gate even faster than they were before, and that's part of the game plan right now," Clarkston coach Joe DeGain said.

"We're not real happy right now with explosiveness and aggressiveness. I think the guys are a little worn down.

"It's something they've got to push through and that way, what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger and that's the way they've got to look at it," he added.

Similar to last week's double-dual at Troy, the Wolves jumped on top of their second opponent of the night. This week, the Colts served as prey in Clarkston's 63-7 victory.

Tweed pinned Tony Vitello to kick things off.

Brian Grishkevich (160), wrestling in his first varsity-A team match, earned a 13-11 come from behind decision in overtime against Billy Waterstreet.

"It was great to see him come through with a victory. That was really exciting, he wrestled really tough," DeGain said.

Lauzun rebounded to pin Nick Berti at 0:46 and Ellsworth followed, pinning George Zhao at 0:21. Clarkston ran a 36-0 lead until Chris Mason (112), third place at the county meet, defeated Matt Dietz in a 12-4 decision.

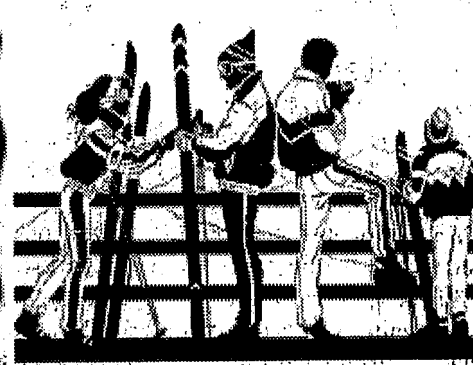
"They came out a little bit quicker than they did in the first match and when you do that, it's easier to keep that pace," DeGain said.

"When you don't come out at that first whistle shooting and really moving, it's hard to get your body moving to that speed later in that match. Since they started early, I think they wrestled better."

The Wolves travel to back-to-back Saturday meets, the first at Bay City Western (Jan. 13) and the latter is the Western Brown Invitational in Ohio on Jan. 20. Look for the results on *The Clarkston News*' Website at [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com).

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Captain Matt Dise swims in the 200-yard freestyle. Photo by Paul Kampe

## Swimmers drop to Raiders

The Clarkston Wolves lost to North Farmington at Clarkston High School on Jan. 4, 119-67, falling to 0-3 for the season.

Jacob Rush took first place (25.02) in the 50-yard freestyle and second place in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing in 1:00.12.

The relay team of Adam Curry, Tony Perrino, Greg Dedow and Robert Nelson finished first (3:39.65) in the night's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Phil Voorheis took second in both the 200-yard individual medley (2:14.08) and

the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.82), only seven-tenths of a second behind the winner, Mickey McNeece.

Greg Dedow finished second in the 500-yard freestyle (5:10.20) and third in the 200-yard freestyle (1:57.54).

The Wolves opened the night with a near victory in the 200-yard medley. Rush, Voorheis, Nelson and Curry finished in 1:51.31, less than two-tenths of a second behind North Farmington.

The boys' next meet is not until Jan. 19, at home against Royal Oak. The meet starts at 5 p.m.

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## Marked improvement

BY PAUL KAMPE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Keeping their momentum from a weekend tournament championship, the Clarkston Wolves took down Bloomfield Hills Lahser 3-1, nearing last season's record with more than a month remaining.

The Wolves (10-7-1, 2-3 OAA) started off slow, falling behind 11-3 in the first game, but rebounded to win 25-21 behind big kills from Marilyn Porritt and Juliann Gillespie.

The Knights (3-3, 1-3 OAA) took a close second game, 25-23, to even things up. The Wolves pulled away late in the third with Amanda Byrd (22/22, two aces) serving up the final five points for a 25-20 victory.

The final game was a much more decisive 25-15 victory for the Wolves.

"We were beating ourselves at the beginning (with) bad ball control, hitting the ball in the net and mental error we need to control," Clarkston coach Kelly Avenall said.

"That last game, our serving helped us. Some of our attackers starting swinging a little bit better and that started helping us too.

"I told them, just two more wins and that's going to equal what we had last year. I think they're really improving...other than two matches this year, everything has gone the way I thought it would. There's some younger kids starting to get more playing time and that's what I expected for right now in the middle of the season," Avenall said.

"We're where we want to be right now," she added.

"They played very well, but Clarkston just played a little bit better. There were some really hard fought games back and

forth and little mistakes here and there add up to points," Lahser coach Danelle Davison said.

"When there are close games like that, you can't let things like that go. Overall, both teams played really well."

The Knights, a team with only four seniors, is learning the ropes, said Davison.

"The team I have this year has improved at every single game they have played and they are a very young team.

"It's a young team and we're growing and I think we're doing a great job of it"

Juliann Gillespie and Marilyn Porritt had 13 and 12 kills respectively, while Byrd contributed 34 digs.

Byrd ran her streak to 67 consecutive successful serves against Lahser.

Lucille Przybylski had two aces, Alexandra Rathman had 15 digs and Victoria Manix had nine kills.

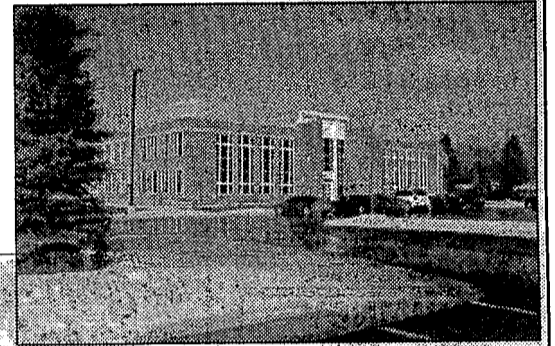
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Lauren Gardner gets elevated against Lahser on Jan. 8. Photo by Paul Kampe

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# Clarkston 'tie' party

## Wolves get second conference draw, third overall

BY PAUL KAMPE  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

On the day of the seventh annual "Hockey Day in Canada" on Saturday featuring a Canadian triple-billing, the Clarkston Wolves found themselves in the middle of three Oakland Activities Association games on the docket.

Looking to rebound from a 4-1 season-opening loss to Birmingham United, the Wolves (2-7-3, 0-4-2 OAA) stood their ground against no. 6 ranked BU, heading to the third period tied 1-1.

After William Howe notched his third goal of the season to put BU (7-3-2, 3-1-1 OAA) ahead at 11:29 of the third, the Wolves

got the tying goal from an unlikely source. Freshman forward Adam Frank put the puck home after Matt Campbell skated into the BU zone with 10:23 remaining.

The score stayed the same the rest of the way, giving the Wolves their second conference tie this season, 2-2.

Clarkston net-minder Zack Lewy kept things close all night, but got a break with less than 20 seconds remaining. Kyle Papke was looking for his second goal of the night when he skated in the Wolves' zone around defenders and deked past Lewy, only to lose the puck while attempting to go backhand on the goaltender.

BU out-shot Clarkston 29-12 and Lewy

had 27 saves for Clarkston including several stops at point-blank range.

"I thought he played well, he saved us and he put us in a position to win the game," Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said.

"He pretty much got us the tie. He allowed our players to stay in the game and I'm glad our players responded to what the goalie did for them...the players responded and helped Lewy get the tie."

Clarkston got on the board first with 0:44 left in the first when Jeremy Voelker scored on a wrap-around shot. Papke evened things at 9:44 of the second with his 10th goal of the season.

BU coach Steve McIntyre said the biggest adjustment for his team was getting used to the large Olympic-size ice surface the Wolves play on.

"The big ice makes a big difference in a game like this (because) we're not used to playing on it. Guys got lost out there," he said.

"It's a tough tie, but you're on the road, you want to get at least one point and we did."

With the tie, BU remains in fourth place in OAA I.

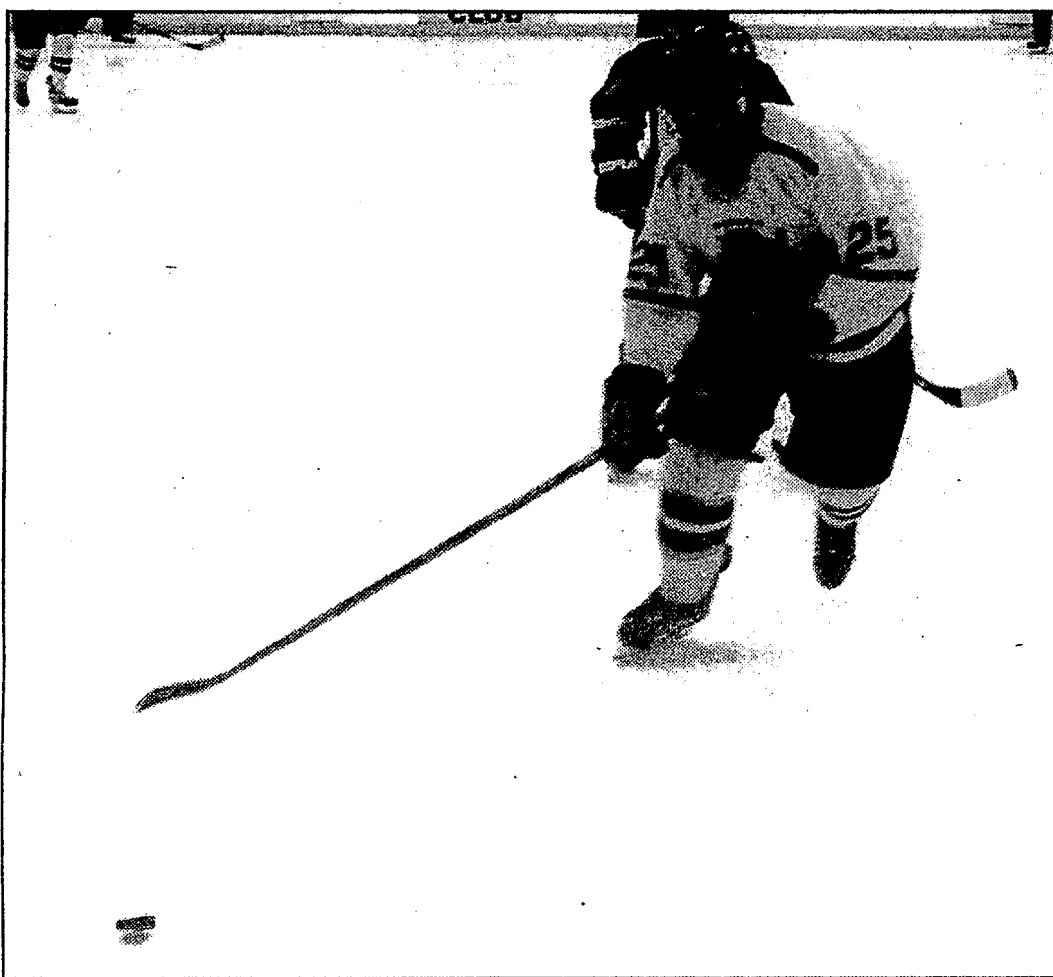
"In my mind, we're one of the top teams, we just have to start playing like it," McIntyre said.

The Wolves switched up their attack with good results, Krygier said.

"We changed our forecheck and went to a 1-2-2 with more passing and created a lot of opportunities we didn't capitalize on with cross-ice passes and point blank shots," he said.

Clarkston has two more OAA games this week, taking on North Farmington at Farmington Ice Arena on Wednesday and at Detroit Skating Club Saturday for a home game against Farmington.

Thursday's game against East Lansing has been rescheduled to Feb. 15 to accommodate a scheduling conflict. The game is scheduled at the Wolves' home arena, DSC, in Bloomfield Hills.



Jeremy Voelker got the Wolves on the board first against Birmingham United late in the first period. Photo by Paul Kampe

# Twice bitten, two losses

## Clarkston loses second game to undefeated Cougars

BY PAUL KAMPE  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Payback may have been on the mind for Clarkston as they took on Stoney Creek for the second time this season, but the result was the same on its home ice at Detroit Skate Club on Jan. 4.

The Cougars (8-0-1, 6-0 OAA) pulled ahead after Clarkston (2-7-2, 0-4-1 OAA) tied up the game on Blake Schmidt's goal from Chris Salo at 8:38 of the second period. But, much like their first meeting, the Cougars broke the tie for good only minutes later.

Calin Spurlin scored twice in the same shift, once at 7:38 and the other at 5:53 in the second period to ensure Stoney Creek's 4-2 victory.

"We worked so hard to tie the game back up and we had a mental lapse that allowed them to get back in the game and go ahead," Clarkston Coach Bryan Krygier said.

Inexperience led to the collapse, he said. "That should have never happened.

We've got to be prepared mentally. When we tie a game up, we've got to go ahead and score goals and we have to keep the pressure on that allowed us to score that goal."

The Cougars unleashed their firepower on Zack Lewy, who got the start for Clarkston after making 26 saves in the last meeting.

"That's why I played him tonight, because

he did so well against Stoney Creek the last time," Krygier said.

"He gave us a chance to get back in it and defensively, we blew it."

Stoney Creek out-shot Clarkston 34-13, with Lewy making 30 saves. The game also saw the return of forward Aaron Podbielski, who suffered a shoulder injury late in the first meeting.

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**Byrd relentless to excel**

the persistence to improve after being cut from her seventh grade team. She rebounded and made the team a year later and became the team's MVP.

In her high school career, Byrd says she has gotten better at covering the court to return the ball from places she might not have been able to in the past.

Byrd is also a dedicated student, carrying a 3.4 grade point average through a

course-load that includes Advance Placement French and Environmental Science.

"I dedicate most of my time to studying after volleyball," she said.

She does enjoy spending time with friends at Clarkston's basketball games or just watching movies. After high school, Amanda hopes to become a veterinarian. And to help her get there, she is planning to work for an area veterinarian's office to get experience.

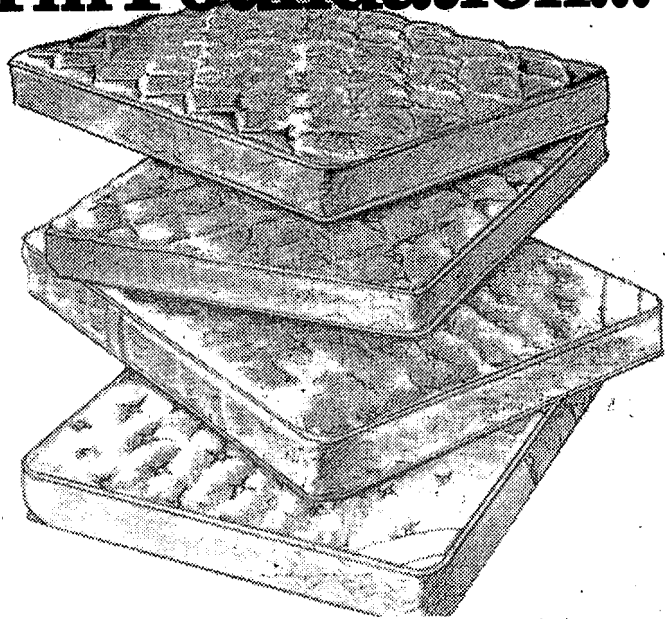

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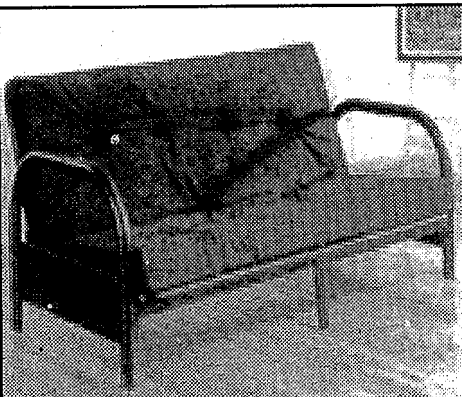
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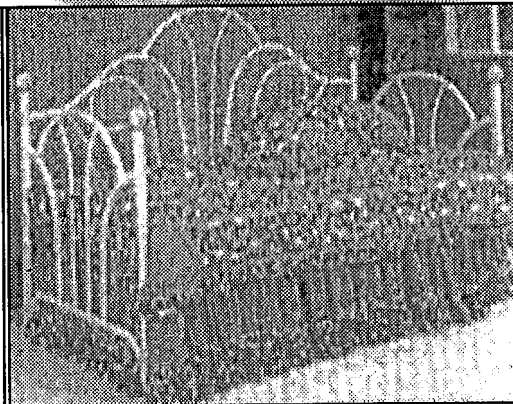
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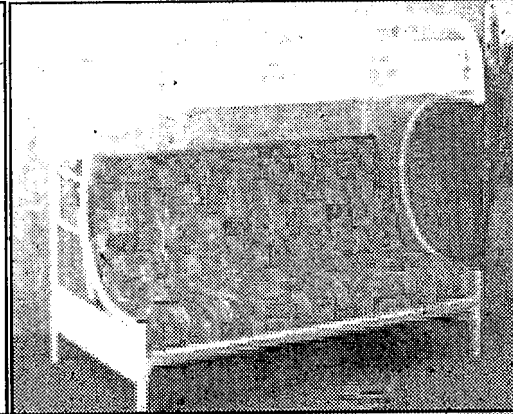
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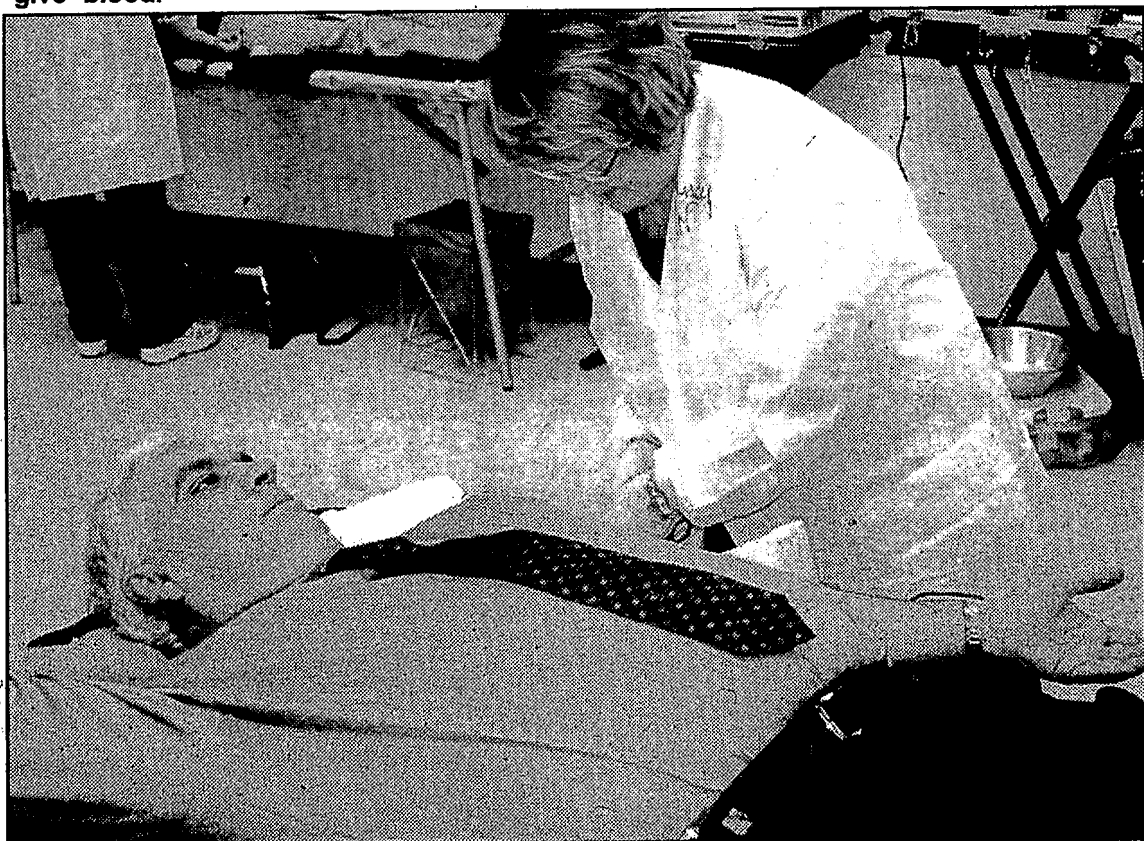
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First-time Red Cross volunteer Coleen Currin helped out by labeling blood packs for the staff.



A donor heads into the Hart Center in Springfield Township Wednesday to give blood.



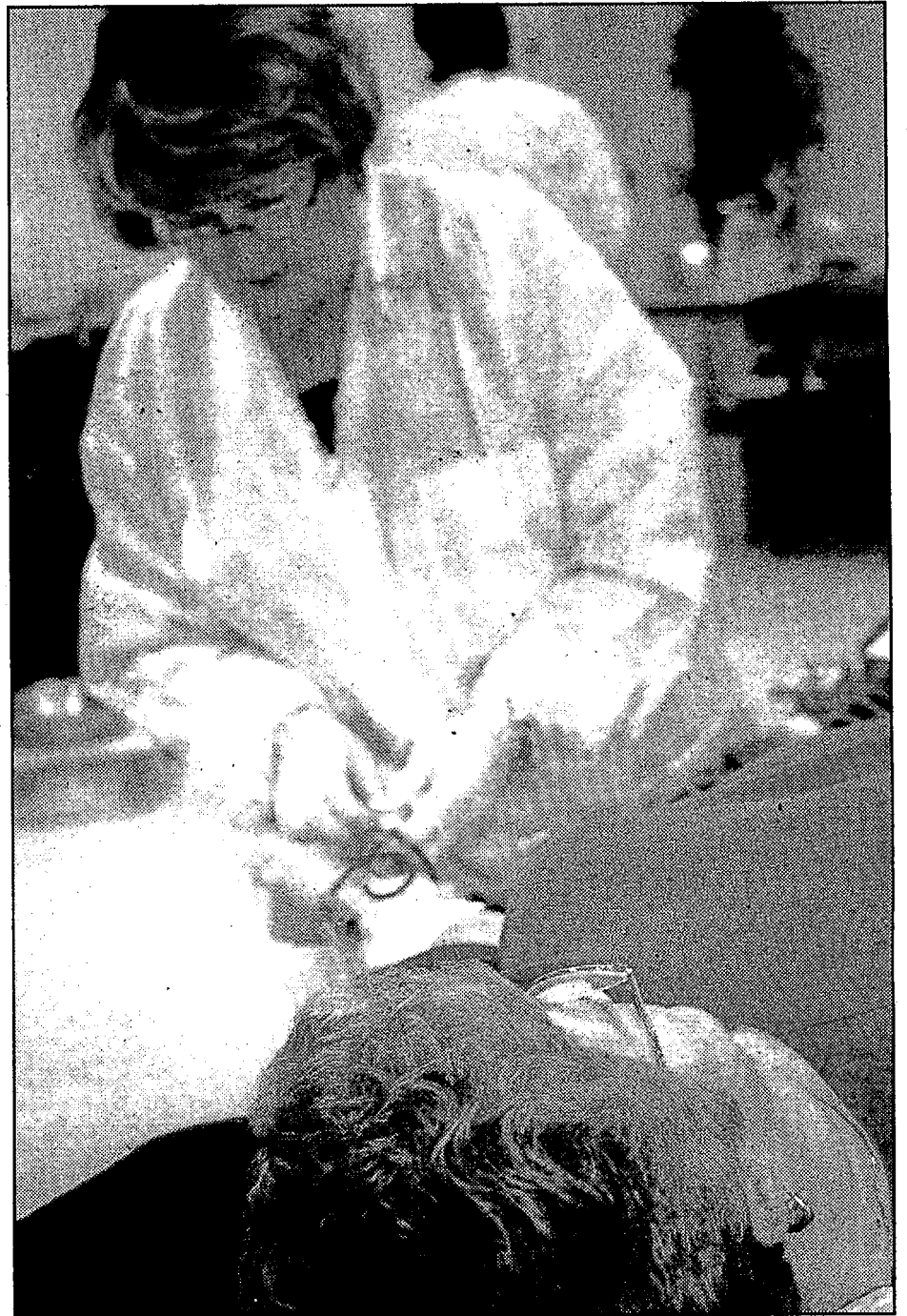
John Cocciolone gave blood Wednesday, and later joked that he only comes to take advantage of the free cookies and juice provided for donors.

## Life-savers

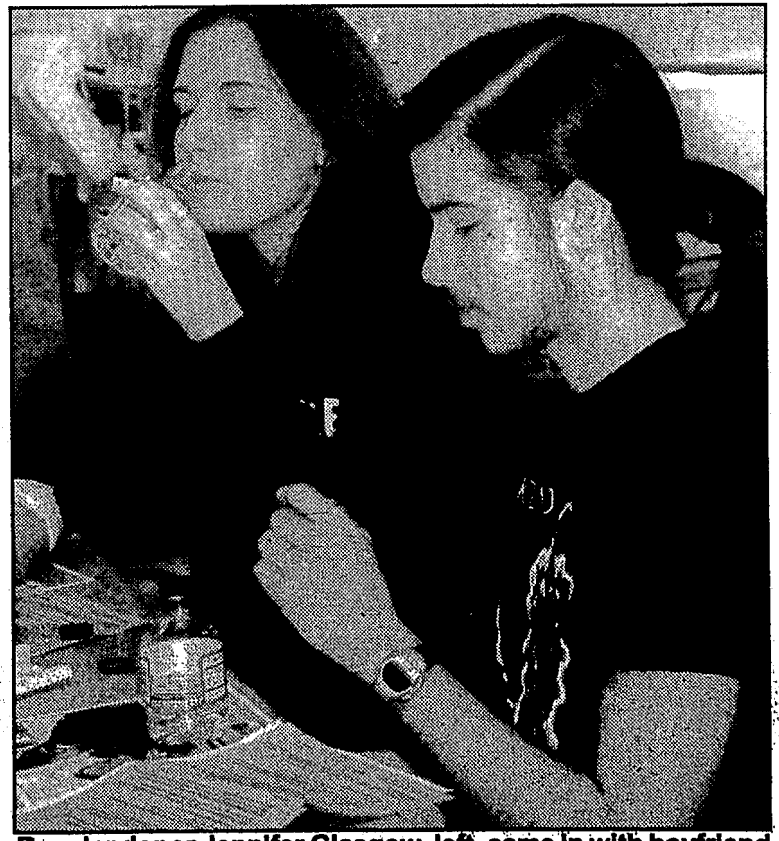
At a blood drive sponsored Wednesday by the Davisburg Rotary, local residents braved the cold weather to come out and save lives simply by rolling up a sleeve and donating blood.

The Red Cross must collect 1,000 pints of blood in south-east Michigan every day just to keep up with the demand, said Red Cross Unit Supervisor Jerry McNair. It takes 17 mobile units and 10 fixed sites operating across the area every day to fill the need, he said.

Photos by Laura Colvin



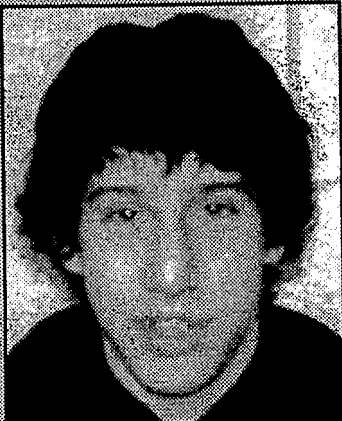
Elaine Vetalice of Springfield Township said she donates regularly, both at the Hart Center and at her church in Rochester.



Regular donor Jennifer Glasgow, left, came in with boyfriend Robert Gale, who was giving blood for the first time.

**People Poll**

*Hall of fame for Mark McGwire?*



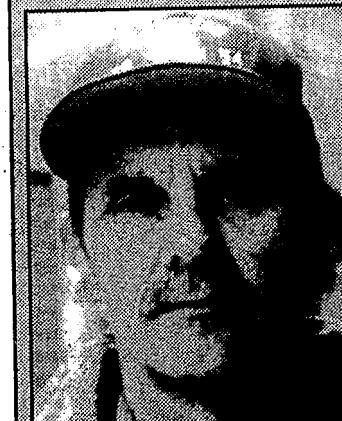
"No, because he does steroids."  
— Andrew Peseski



"No, because I don't think he's a good role model for kids."  
— Michael Clark



"No, because he cheated. I don't think any of them (alleged steroid users) should."  
— Tom Ellsworth

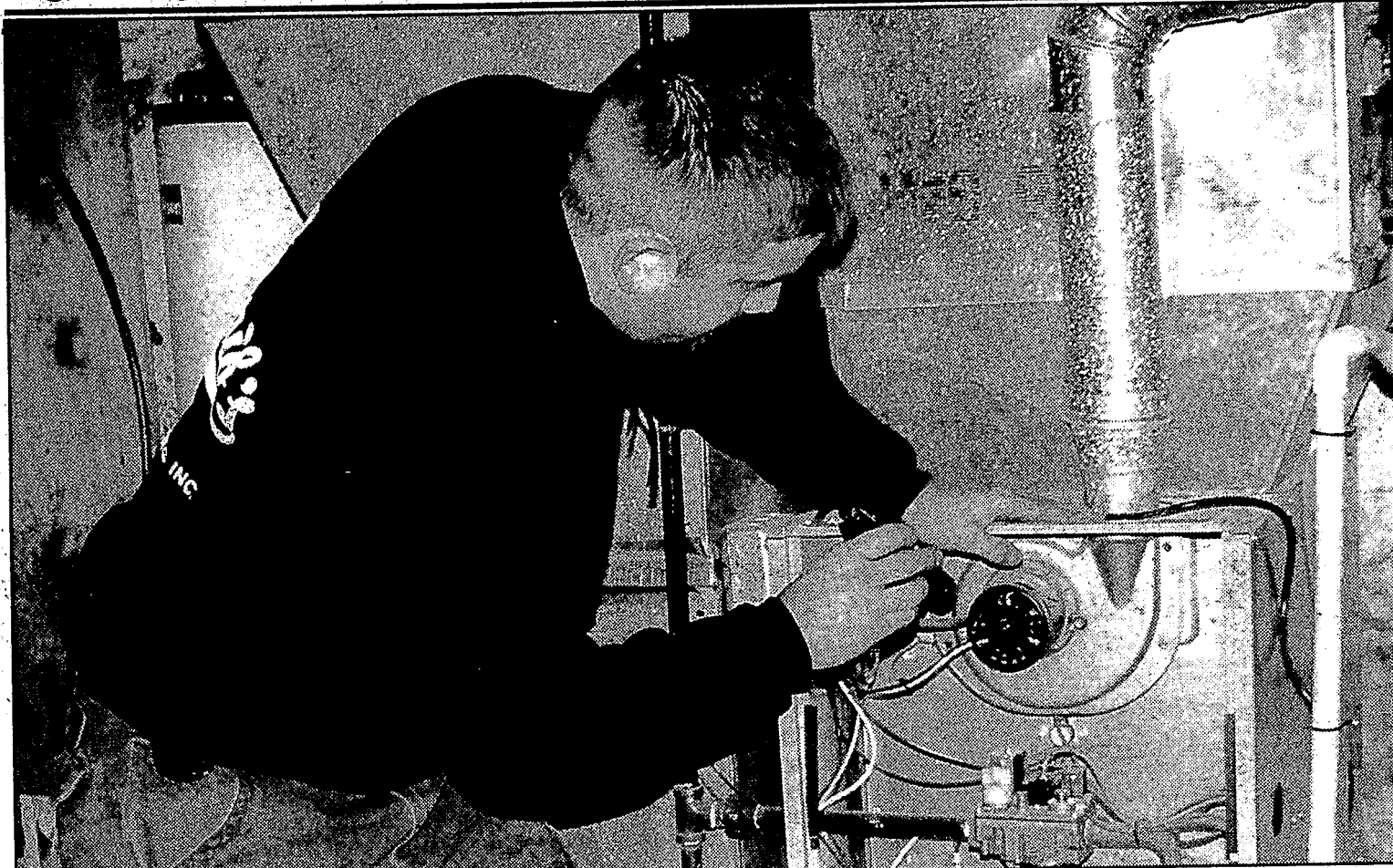


"Not unless he can prove he didn't take steroids. That's cheating as far as I'm concerned."  
— Russ Booker

By Paul Kampe

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Clarkston High School graduate Dan Scribner stays active in the area with his business, Scrib's Heating and Cooling, and his hobbies, such as his local golf team. Photos by Paul Kampe

## Who touched the thermostat? *Clarkston grad establishes heating and cooling business*

**BY PAUL KAMPE**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Some like it hot. Others, not. For 34-year-old Dan Scribner, his work is dedicated to keeping everyone happy with the thermostat.

Scribner, a 1990 Clarkston High School graduate, created Scrib's Heating and Cooling nearly three years ago.

The business installs and repairs furnaces and air conditioning units, as well as air cleaners and humidifiers.

"I get gratification out of helping people fix stuff. When you do a good job, people always say, 'great work' and I feel that's a feeling of gratification you can get out of the industry, helping people," Scribner said.

He has been in the industry for the past 14 years, since he took the leap to start his own business after years learning his craft with another company.

"I'm happy I did it. It was a good move because I was more stressed out working for him than I am working for myself because I

have control over everything," Scribner said.

"More freedom is the best thing, it isn't really about the money and I'm happier."

Within the next five years, Scribner hopes to expand the business to include more employees, but not too many.

"I want to have a full-time service man and two installation crews. When you get too big, you lose control," he said.

"I just want to stay small, provide everybody with a really good service and earn a decent living, I don't need to be a millionaire."

One perk of having his own business is that he can be at home in Oxford, spending time with his family, wife of six years Amy, son Layne, 3, and daughter Sadie, 2 months.

The nature of his business, however, necessitates him being on call because furnaces and air conditioning units tend to break in temperature extremes, and they don't always keep bankers' hours.

"I get emergencies all the time, that's part of my business and you have to deal with it. Basically, I'm on call year-

round, 24-7. I can't sit there and worry about my next phone call that might come. I just go about my life and deal with it when somebody calls. If I sit there and worry about it, then I wouldn't be spending as much time with my family," Scribner said.

"We try to plan our vacations in the springtime; when it's not quite as hot or cold."

Referrals are the most efficient way to get his name out there.

"I advertise and I have my name in the phone book, but referrals are real big and they are the cheapest form of advertising you can get," he said.

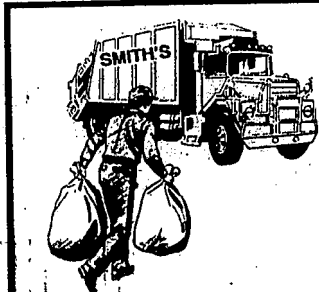
In the beginning, friends did not realize that Scribner had his own business, and would go to other contractors and repairmen. At the annual Clarkston Wolves golf outing, Scribner came in contact with former classmate Erich Becker, owner of the Sunoco gas station on Ortonville Road.

"Immediately, I was working for him the next day. He said, 'I've got work for you right now.' Until you make that connection with people, I don't think they realize you're seriously in business for yourself," Scribner said.

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**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.  
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**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.  
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**Relaxation Yoga**, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Jan. 18, Independence Twp. Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd. Instructor Carolyn Morrison. Refreshments follow program. Call Gail at 248-623-9462.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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## Avast, me mateys!

Matthew Cross of Clarkston, second from right, performs a scene from "The Pirates of Penzance," along with, from left, Michael Brody, McKinley Shaw, and Dallas Cooper, all of Waterford, Aaron Ozment of Beverly Hills, Sean Harbert of Royal Oak, and, at far right, Alec Malstrom of Waterford. The Oakland Theatre Guild presents the musical at the Starlight Theater, 315 N. Telegraph, weekends from Jan. 19-28. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$11 for students. Call 248-335-1788.

**Fund-raiser**, 4-12 p.m., Jan. 26, Deer Lake Racquet Club, 6167 White Lake Road. Sgt. Gary Miller, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, was diagnosed with cancer and has been off work for several months. Auctions, raffles, cash bar, entertainment. \$20 donation. 248-431-1773 or 248-431-1790.  
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**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.  
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**Widowed Support Group**, sponsored and facilitated by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Independence Township Senior Center. Topic: "Self-Pity or Self-Survival: Identifying Normal & Chronic Grief Patterns." Facilitated by Bereavement Counselor Alicia Brown. All area men and women recently widowed are invited to attend the free session. No registration necessary and walk-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served. 248-625-5231 or [wintfuneralhome@aol.com](mailto:wintfuneralhome@aol.com).  
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**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.  
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**Volleyball Practices**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Colombiere on Big Lake Road, and 9-11 a.m., Thursdays at St. Trinity Lutheran Church on Sashabaw Road. **League games** Tuesdays at the Warren Community Center. Call the senior center at 248-625-8231 and leave your name and phone number.  
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**Body Recall Classes**, 10:45-11:45 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Jan 8-Feb 16, Carriage House in 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.  
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Jacquie Kucyk, owner of Keepsake Flowers, will offer customers additional products and services now that she's settled in to her new location. Photo by Laura Colvin

## New location, services for Keepsake Flowers

BY LAURA COLVIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

With a brand new location just a quarter mile north of the old spot, Jacquie Kucyk of Keepsake Flowers is ready to expand the products and services she and her staff offer.

In addition to the cut flowers, plants, wire service and gifts available at the shop, Kucyk will now work in concert with neighboring Lowrie's Landscaping to offer customers complementary services and more of a one-stop-shopping type experience.

Kucyk plans to offer seasonal merchandise such as flats of flowers, pumpkins, Christmas trees, wreaths and grave blankets.

Expanding, she said, just seems like the natural next step, noting that she took over the shop about a year ago when Keepsake's previous owner was in the process of liquidating the business.

It's been a year-long learning experience, but Kucyk believes the efforts have helped her provide customers with a quality product.

"I triple process the flowers, which I think is very important because the vase life is longer that way," she said, explaining that not all floral retailers use the longer and more costly method. "I've had people come in and tell me flowers will

last up to two weeks if they change the water."

Kucyk, who offers standard wedding and funeral arrangements as well as custom designs, said she and her staff do whatever they can to help customers achieve just the right piece.

Recently, she created a funeral arrangement for the family of an avid golfer, who requested the flowers be arranged in a real, full-sized golf bag.

"It turned out really neat," she said. "The family loved it."

Another family requested an arrangement using a bowling ball and pin. Again, success.

It is customer satisfaction, she said, that drives the business.

"I'll back up what we sell," she said. "If someone has a problem I've always fixed it."

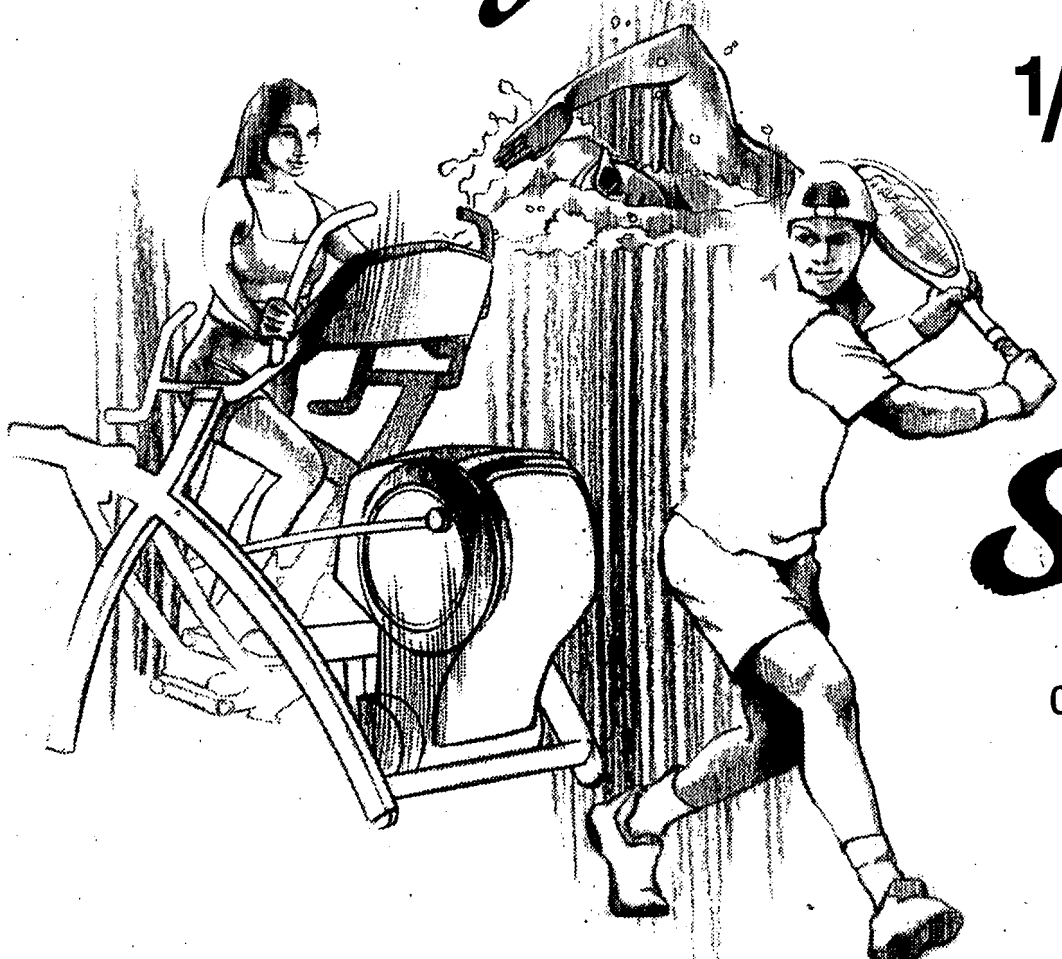
Kucyk was working in interior design and moved into floral design, so the decision to buy the flower shop seemed natural.

"I have a real passion for flowers and plants," she said. "I always wanted to have a greenhouse when I was a little girl."

Keepsake Flowers is located at 9561 Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Call 248-625-3302 or visit [www.keepsakeflowers.net](http://www.keepsakeflowers.net).

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# Milestones

## Students achieve success

Albion College student **Colby Albarkat** has been awarded a Alpha Phi Omega John Mack Scholarship.

Albarkat, a Clarkston High School graduate, was selected in large part for her leadership of STRIVE, an Albion College student group that cultivates long-term mentoring relationships with middle-school students. She has also served several leadership positions with APO. She is a junior at Albion College, majoring in English with minors in philosophy and journalism.



Colby Albarkat

She was also named to the Dean's List at Albion.

She is the daughter of Muwaffaq and Rhonda Albarkat of Clarkston.

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Author **Kathy Cummings**, 1967 graduate of Clarkston High School, used her experience working at a Florida Air Force base to write the novel "The Wind Whispers War," set during the Vietnam War.

The romance is the first in a series of historical novels about a young couple and their experiences with the war and its aftermath.

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**Adam Wadecki** of Clarkston received his Master's Degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D.

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**Sheena Marie Moran** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Michigan State University with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

She is a graduate of the School of Packaging, which is affiliated with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Moran, a 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School, completed her five-year program in 3.5 years.

She was also recipient of the "Outstanding Scholarship" award, studied abroad in Ireland and has been the trea-



Sheena Marie Moran

sure and vice-president of the Packaging club at MSU.

She is currently employed with Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Joseph Curtiss Moran**, 2006 CHS graduate, is now enrolled at MSU in the Business School and is studying Finance Management.

He completed his first semester, and received a 4.0 GPA and Deans list honors for his studies.

**Ashley Moran**, a 2000 graduate of CHS, graduated from MSU in 2004.

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**Alexandra Snook** of Clarkston earned a \$1,500 scholarship in the AFD Foundation/Pepsi Scholarship Challenge Drive.

Snook is a sophomore attending Albion College. She is the daughter of Ken and Barb Snook of Clarkston.

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Hope College students **Brianna O'Donnell, Kimberly Conger, Kimberly Cook, Matthew Green, Elizabeth Knappe, and Michelle Pascoe**, all of Clarkston, were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. They had to earn at least a 3.5 GPA.

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**Gillian S. Nordquist** of Clarkston has been named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester. She is the daughter of Steven and Martha Nordquist, and a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School.

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The following Albion College students were named to the Dean's List. To make the list, they must achieve a 3.5 or higher GPA:

• **Megan Anderson**, a senior majoring in psychology and minoring in cell and molecular biology, with a concentration in neuroscience. Anderson was also named a new Albion College fellow. To attain this, she maintained a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters. She is the daughter of Bill Anderson of Pontiac and DeLynn Anderson of Clarkston, and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

• **Kaitlyn Brown** is a first-year at Albion College. She is the daughter of Donald Brown and Kay Brown of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

## Batchelders celebrate 50th

Derrel and Margaret Batchelder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30, 2006, with a surprise party at the Waterford home of their son and wife, Rick and Debi Batchelder, and their son Brent Batchelder.

It was co-hosted by their older son and his wife, Randy & JoAnne Batchelder of Highland, and their sons

Bryan and Kevon. A granddaughter, Amanda, was unable to attend.

Among the guests were their relatives and neighbors from Ewart, and many friends and neighbors from the Big Lake area in Davisburg. Valet parking was provided.

Debi made a decorated a wedding cake for the occasion.

## Got a Milestone to share?

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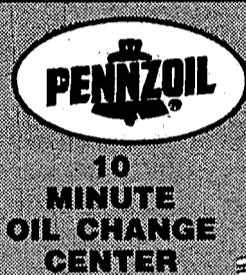
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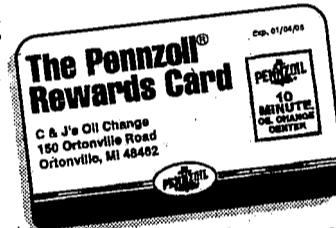
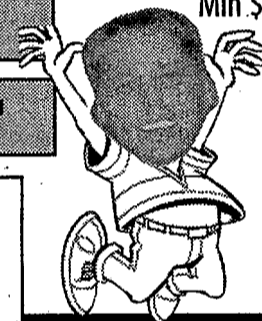
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### Don't Head to Investment "Sidelines" After New Market High

The Dow Jones Industrial Average - the best-known measure of the stock market - recently closed at a record high. For some investors, this was a cause for at least mild celebration. For others, it might have brought back painful memories - and triggered the urge to take a break from investing. But that's a "vacation" you shouldn't be taking.

Many of today's investors were also investing in the late 1990s, a period when the "dot-com" boom drove the market to new heights. But when the technology "bubble" burst in early 2000, stock prices dropped sharply, and a lot of people lost a lot of money. Now that the stock market has, after nearly seven years, gained back all the ground it lost, it may not be surprising that some people fear that history - in the form of a lengthy market decline - may repeat itself.

Before that happens, they reason, they can protect themselves by heading to the investment sidelines. This type of thinking is an example of "market timing" - a strategy that can be summed up in this well-known phrase: "Buy low, sell high." And that's really good advice - except that it's almost impossible to follow. No one can truly know when the stock market is "high" and when it is "low." If you try to make these judgments, and you jump in and out of the market, you could pay a heavy price. Consider the following:

If you had invested \$10,000 in the S & P 500 from 1996 through 2005, and you stayed invested for the entire 10-year period, your money would have grown to \$20,802.

If you had missed just the 10 best days of market performance during that time, your \$10,000 would only have grown to \$12,273.

If you had missed the top 40 days, you would actually have lost money, and your \$10,000 would only be worth \$4,082. (Keep in mind, however, that the S&P 500 is an unmanaged index, so you can't invest in it directly. Also, past performance is not an indication of future results.)

While the results for any 10-year period may differ substantially from these, it seems clear that taking a "time out" from the market can be costly.

Furthermore, some evidence suggests that you might have less cause to fear a sharp market drop now than was the case in January 2000. Back then, for example, stocks in the S&P 500 index had a price-to-earnings multiple (P/E) of 30, compared to just 17 today. As an investor, you generally don't want to see a high P/E - because a high P/E implies that a stock's earnings may not be sufficient to sustain the stock's price. And, in fact, that was exactly what happened in 2000: the dot-com stocks' earnings were low - and, in some cases, nonexistent - so the skyrocketing stock prices could not possibly last.

Also, measures such as earnings per share and dividends per share are much higher today than they were in 2000. These measures, along with today's relatively low P/E, all point to a stock market that is a much better value than the overpriced market that existed in January 2000.

No one can say for sure where the market will go from its current high point. But one thing seems clear: If you're going to work towards long-term success, you need to stay invested - for the long term.

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# Religion

## Has the real Christmas work just begun?

For me the first couple weeks of every new year are filled with trying to get things back to "normal" after the busy Christmas season, as well as making some resolutions about how I want things to be different in my life in the year ahead.

My resolutions usually relate to losing weight and getting more exercise as I discover again that over the past month or so all of my clothes have "mysteriously" shrunk.

I know that these resolutions can be good things as I try to do better, but I also know that the most important thing for me is to open my life again to God's love and grace so I can become more what God wants me to be in this new year.

So as I begin 2007 I am taking some time to pause and pray and reflect about my life, my priorities, my purpose, my relationships, and my faith in God. I am also trying to not move on too quickly from Christmas, and all that it means, even though all our decorations have been put away by now.

One thing I dislike doing after Christmas is putting the manger scene away - especially packing the baby Jesus into a cold, dark box.

Somehow it just doesn't seem right.

So a number of years ago we began a family tradition of leaving the baby Jesus out all year instead of packing him away. Then we set him out, and move

him around the house throughout the year.

Its fun because we never know where he will turn up, but even more important it is a reminder to us that Jesus is with us each and every day of each and every year no matter where we are, what we're doing or what is happening in our lives.

In this way the Good News of Christmas is present all year.

Something else I am always struck by after Christmas is the thought that we spend so much time getting ready to celebrate the birth of the baby that we tend to forget that the real work begins when you bring the baby home.

Anyone who has ever had children knows what I mean - and I believe the same is true for the celebration of Jesus' birthday if we really take it seriously.

So even though Christmas may already seem like a distant memory, I have chosen to reflect on this question: "Is Christmas over, or has the real work just begun?"

I am reminded of one my favorite poems by theologian and spiritual writer Howard Thurman called "The Work of Christmas" (from *The Mood of Christmas* by Howard Thurman):

"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,

Please see Work, page 12B



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

### Spiritual Matters

## In our churches...

The 2nd Annual Clarkston Christian Unity Service will be hosted by The Congregational Church of Clarkston on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. The Clarkston Pastor's Association is the sponsor. The service will have prayers led by pastors and lay leadership for Christian Unity. Hymns will be sung by a combined choir of the member churches. Fellowship will follow the service. For more information, call 248-394-0200.

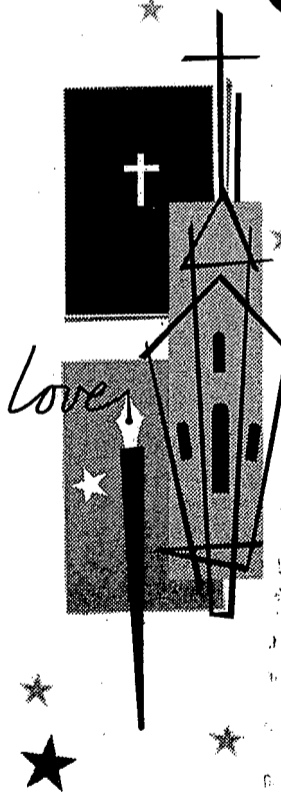
**Adult Enrichment Evening, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6-8 p.m.** - "A Pilgrim: The Early Church and Those We met Along the Way." Dinner at 6 pm, followed by presentation and discussion on how the Church began and the Gospels developed; also our relationship to other religions "of the book", Judaism and Islam. Child care available. St Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park.

Peace Unity Church of Clarkston will offer "Teach Us To Pray," the first in a series of classes for 2007. Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m., at the McLoskeys home, 590 Crestmoor Circle, Oxford. Reverend Mathew E. Long will facilitate the class. Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of Prayer and Meditation, including: Silent Unity Prayer Method, Prayer Treatments for Healing Harmony and Abundance, Treasure Mapping, and the Master Mind Principle. All are welcome. Call 248-891-4365 or e-mail peace.unity@sbcglobal.net.

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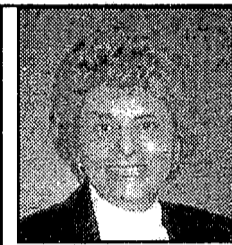
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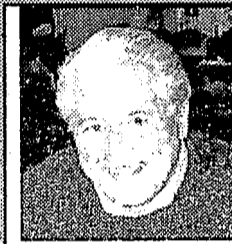
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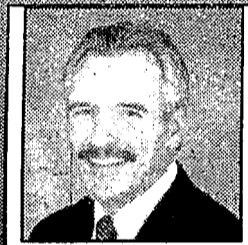
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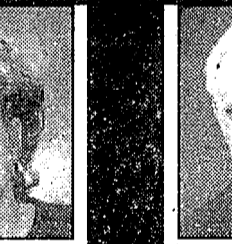
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# New ideas at Deer Lake Inn

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Deer Lake Inn is under new management.

It still doesn't offer bed-and-breakfast services, but it does serve half-pound hamburgers.

The Dixie Highway restaurant specializes in its burgers, and will soon add a quarter-pounder to its menu.

"They serve the best burgers in town," said a customer sitting at the bar this past Friday.

"We're known for our burgers," agreed Rene Blackburn, head cook at Deer Lake for the past three years.

For John Hall, who has owned Discount Marble and Granite on Airport Road for the past 20 years, this is his first venture into the restaurant business.

"I've known Bob (Lalone, Deer Lake Inn's previous owner) for a long time, and I found out he wanted to sell," said Hall, who lives in Waterford. "This is something I've always wanted to get into."

The new owner is looking to expand Deer Lake "out and up," with 20-foot expansion, deck on the roof, larger bar, and other renovations.

"I want it to be a nice place up on the hill," Hall said. "I want it to be more restaurant than bar - a restaurant that serves drinks."

The menu features fresh vegetables and salads, Icelandic cod, homemade chili and soup, and daily specials, as well as its burgers.

It also offers live entertainment on Fri-



John Hall is the new owner of Deer Lake Inn on Dixie Highway. He and head cook Rene Blackburn have lots of ideas for growing the restaurant. Photo by Phil Custodio

days and Saturday, featuring a variety of musical styles including classic rock, country, and new wave.

During the week is karaoke, with local DJs Mark on Tuesdays and Linda Kay on Thursdays.

Other activities planned along with renovation work include team sponsorships, pool and Texas Hold 'Em tournaments, Wednesday ladies nights, and Kenos.

"Anything is possible - drop off a suggestion," Blackburn said.

Hall has joined the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and plans to get involved in community activities.

"I'll get out and meet the people," he said.

The Deer Lake Inn is named after the historic Deer Lake Inn of the 1800s. The newer version, 7504 Dixie Highway, was always used as a restaurant, not an inn.

"Everyone thinks we're a hotel, but we're not," Blackburn said.

Hours are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Tuesday, and Thurs.-Sat. Carryout is available.

"I can cook anything on the takeout menu within 10 minutes," Blackburn said.

For more information, call 248-625-7788.

# Business owner keeps ties to area

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He does almost half of all his business in the area, in which he likes to work because of his local ties.

"It's the area I want to key in because it's local and I'm from the area," Scribner said.

"I know the streets and I know a lot of the people and I really don't have to go that far for work, that is nice too. There are really good people around here," he said.

"Clarkston's just a nice community."

After graduating from CHS, Scribner attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids, where he met Amy.

"She's the best thing about going there. I'm glad I went there because I met my wife and now we have two kids," he said.

The heating and cooling trade he learned post-FSU seems to really be paying divot-ends for Scribner. During the summer months, he plays with former teammates from the CHS golf team in their weekly golf league.

"I love golfing. It's a big challenge, just when you think you're good, you go out and play terrible," he said.

Scribner decided to golf instead of playing football like his friends.

"I was eating dirt," Scribner said. "I think I want to go play golf," he remembered.

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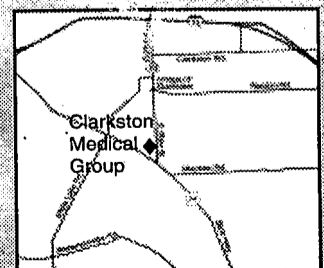
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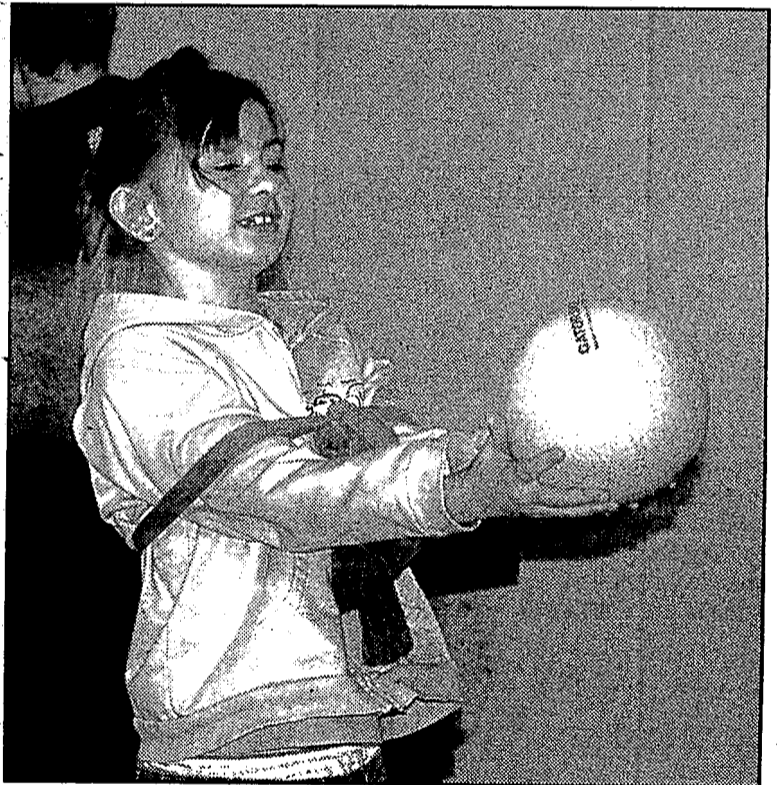
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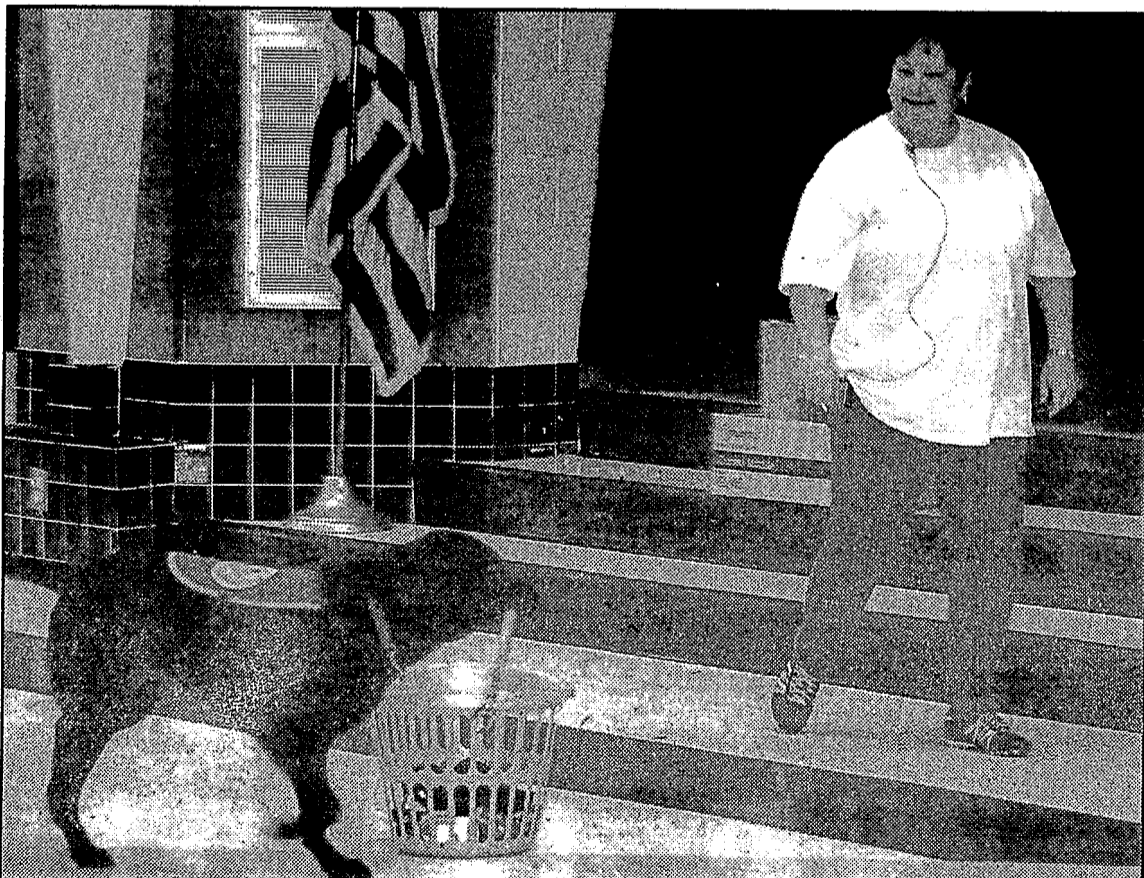
Fourth-grade students at Clarkston schools are learning about disabilities that affect millions of people. Each school featured a setup with a variety of stations, with devices to simulate disabilities, both physical and mental, as well as tools people use to overcome their handicaps. In the afternoon, the students heard from special guest speakers. Above, Nathan Bennett helps Zack Valley navigate around in a wheelchair.



Hunter McLean tries to navigate a small obstacle course using metal braces.



Some people have physical disabilities that limit their arm and leg movement, which Cassidy Kundraht tried to emulate by having her arms and legs tied while she played a game of catch.



Kathy Guerrero, a trainer from Paws with a Cause, brought in helper dog Violet to show students how animals can be trained to help people with several types of disabilities. Photos by Andrew DuPont



Violet shows how she can open a door for someone in a wheelchair.

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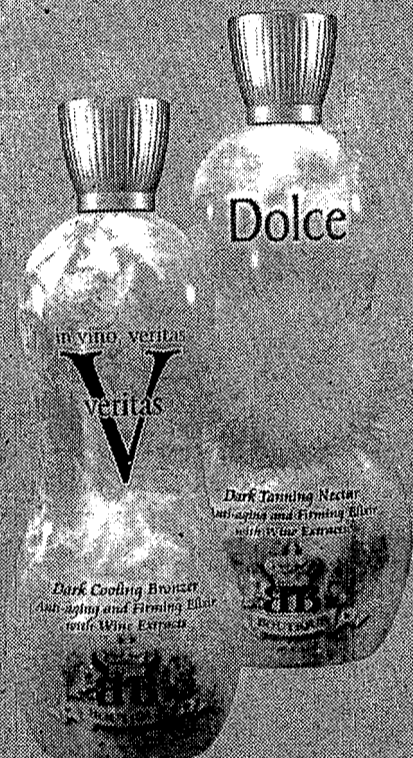


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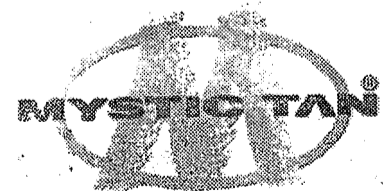
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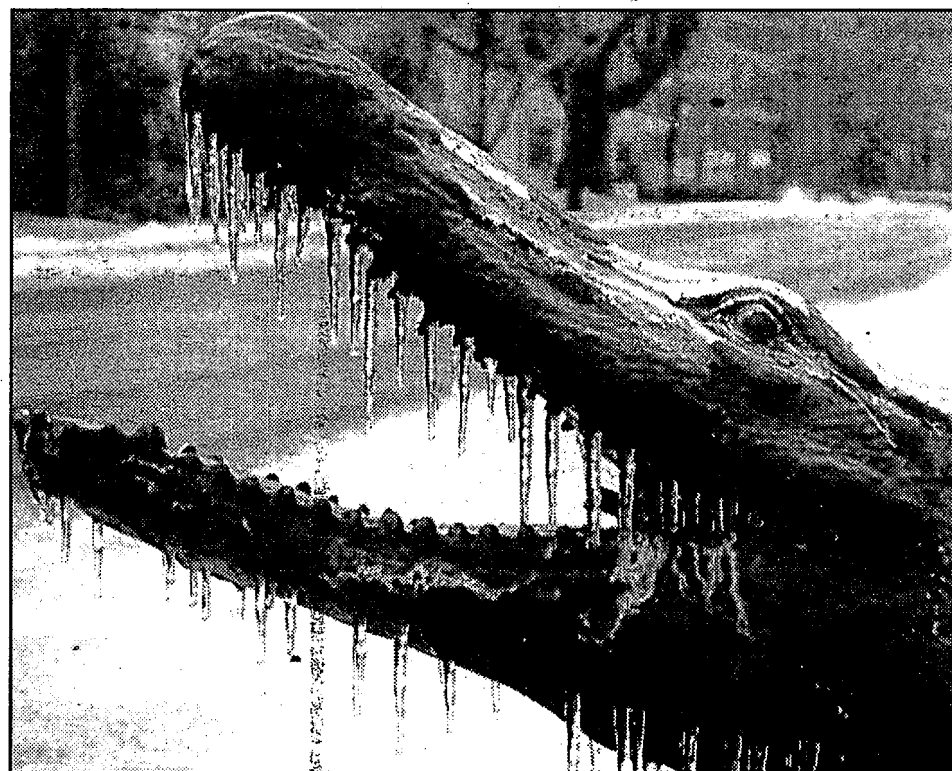
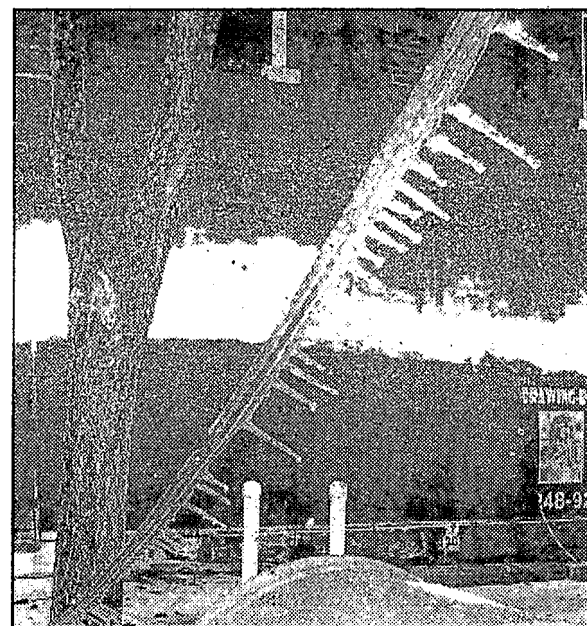
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## Clarkston on ice

Ice storms on Jan. 15 left a chilly mark on Clarkston, such as on these statues and power lines off Main Street. Despite icy road conditions, the Department of Public Works for Clarkston reported that traffic did not experience significant problems, likely as a result of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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# Characters bring 'dramedy' to life

Who doesn't love a good mystery? Audiences can find enjoyment trying to solve the puzzle of "A Talent for Murder" before the final scene, but as it turns out, the mystery take a backseat to the characters:

Normally, a murder mystery is so heavily plot-driven that characters often seem flat, but the CVP managed to shift the dynamic of the play enough that the plot seemed secondary to the simple interactions between those on stage.

The only drawback to Talent is a slightly slow moving first act. Obviously, there's not much the CVP can do when the writing calls for the murder to take place just before intermission, but murder mysteries usually benefit from more exposition "ex post facto." Nevertheless, there is plenty to enjoy during the first act, just more in the second.

Don't let the genre fool you, there are plenty of laughs in this production. Jan Cable, Al Bartlet and Ernesto Chavez's characters lighten what could be an otherwise depressingly serious situation.

In particular, I was very amused by Chavez's portrayal of the irritable housekeeper Rashi, but everyone deserves credit.

Likewise, Cindy Haaseth and Joseph Saluski have the stern task of playing the dastardly unlikable characters of Sheila and Mark, while Gerry Giammarco and Jennifer Saluski play the suspiciously friendly characters of Lawrence and Pam.

This was the first time I saw several of the cast members on stage and it was refreshing to see different people bringing so many different characters to life. Even so, Jennifer's portrayal of Pam stuck out in my mind as a good testament to her skills as an actress.

Saluski played "God" in "The Whole Shebang" last season, so to go from an omnipotent creator to a 25-year-old with the mental age of a 15-year-old is quite dynamic.

All things considered, the amount of comedy is "Talent" goes beyond the point of comic relief and re-categorizes the plays as a "dramedy." Which is likely one of the reasons I enjoyed myself as much as I did with this performance.

The CVP have a real knack for timing and their comedic performances are usually their strongest. Don't be surprised if you find yourself less concerned with "who done it" and just enjoying the banter between the characters as they try to figure it out.

Also worth mentioning is the amazing set design for this production. I have seen some elaborate sets for such a small stage, but this one outdoes the rest by far. A good set can make all the difference in the suspension of disbelief, and it genuinely seems like the audience is peering into the home of Anne McClain from some secret location.

Remaining performances of "A Talent for Murder" are scheduled for Jan. 19-21 and 25-27. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$10 for Thursday and Sunday.

Tickets are available for purchase through [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org) or by calling 248-625-2511. They are also available by leaving a message on the Clarkston Village Players ticket line at 248-625-8811. Tickets can now be purchased at the Chocolate Moose as well. Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the performance. However, availability cannot be assured.

## CVP review



Andrew DuPont

# Groups offer joint scholarships

Five area service organizations are working together to offer local scholarships.

The Joint Scholarship cooperative undertaking is chaired by Heidi Wood, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

It includes representatives from the Clarkston Area Optimists Club, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, Clarkston Foundation, and the Clarkston Rotary.

"We hope that a single application form, a coordinated deadline date and joint publicity efforts to encourage students to apply for these local scholarships will increase the number of students applying for these local funds," Wood said.

The joint application form represents a pool of more than \$17,000 available through 17-19 individual scholarships, one scholarship award per student from each organization. They include:

- Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce - four scholarships, \$1,000 each;
- Clarkston Area Optimist Club - six scholarships, \$1,000 each;
- Clarkston Farm and Garden Club - four scholarships, \$500 each, or two scholarships at \$1,000 each;
- Clarkston Rotary Club - two scholarships, \$1,000 each;
- Clarkston Foundation - two scholarships, \$1,000 each, and a \$1,500 scholarship.

The scholarship form is available online at [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org). Scholarship applications will also be available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St.; Clarkston High School Counseling office, 6093 Flemings Lake Rd.; and the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Rd.

Application deadline is Friday, March 1. Students do not have to be a 4.0 student to receive a scholarship.

Each community organization has its own criteria. Details are available on the application form. Applications should be turned in at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. No faxes or email applications will be accepted.

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Scrapppers will complete an entire 8x8 album that holds up to 20 themed pages.

Bring 8-16 photos for each week's theme: My Family; All About Me; My Friends; Vacations; Holidays; and Finishing touches.

Price includes album, pizza, salad and drink. Please bring own tools.

Download registration forms online at [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us). Geared for ages 8-16. Call 248-625-

8223 for details.

Parks and Recreation is also hosting a class by Donna Nowak, nationally published face and body artist and instructor, at Bay Court Park.

Nowak will teach the basic mechanics of sponge and brush techniques. She will also cover topics such as shape patterns identities, color theories and application.

Classes begin with simple nothings to full face concepts.

Check [www.showoffsbodysart.com](http://www.showoffsbodysart.com) for more information about Face Painting and Body Art.

Ages 14 and up. Classes are Mondays at 6:30 starting Feb. 5. Register by calling 248-625-8223.

## In Our Churches

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Drive, at M-15 and I-75. Call 248-625-3288.

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**Prayer for Couples**, a 6-week series that begins Feb. 17, Saturdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For details go to [www.coupleprayer.org](http://www.coupleprayer.org) or call 248-625-1750. Babysitting available. St Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park.

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

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Calvary Lutheran Church has a weekly **Wednesday Evening FEAST**. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., worship at 6:50 p.m. and classes for all ages from 7:15- 8:30 p.m. The church offers a free nursery.

Calvary Lutheran Church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75. Call the church for more information at 248-625-3288.

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**Scripture Study**, Mondays starting Jan. 29, 7 p.m. study of Book of Isaiah. 248-625-1750. \$10 for materials. St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

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

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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. Call 248-625-1750.

## Work

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to feed the hungry,  
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to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say."

My hope and prayer for you and me is that we live each day in this new year with Christmas in our hearts and lives.

And one more thing, I saw a little joke recently that said, "Beat the Christmas rush, come to church today."

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Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church.

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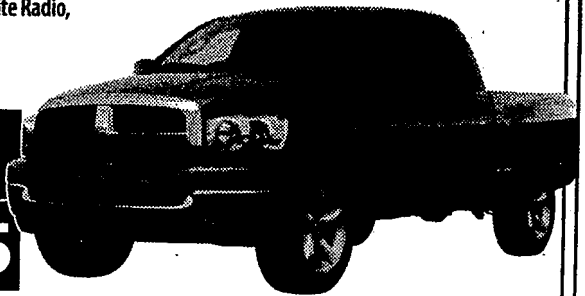
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# Obituary

## Henry H. Hirsch

Henry H. Hirsch of Clarkston passed away on Sunday, Jan. 14, at the age of 87.

Mr. Hirsch had a passion for charitable and community activities, including chairman of the Albion Blood Bank for over 20 years and personally donated 132 pints of blood; volunteered at the Veterans Hospital in Battle Creek; made two trips performing volunteer work in Israel; member and Sunday School teacher at Temple Beth Israel in Jackson; lifetime member of the Mason's and holder of the Lou B. Winslow Award for outstanding community service; organizer of the 1970 Special Olympics in Albion; and President and Board member of the Albion United Way.

He was born Oct. 13, 1919, in Atlantic City, N.J., to Henry Alexander and Sadie (Kline) Hirsch. He grew up in Michigan City, Indiana.

He served his country with the Army Air Corp in World War II for four years, including an overseas tour in Guam and was awarded several medals. He then completed his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Wisconsin and embarked on a career in retailing.

On Aug. 20, 1950, in Flint, he was married to Evelyn Lenore Himelhoch, who preceded him in death on April 3, 1993. He and his beloved wife, Evelyn, moved to Albion on Oct. 11, 1954, where they opened Henry's Fashion Shop on the main street of Albion and enjoyed running the business for 32 years until retirement in 1986.

Mr. Hirsch moved to Clarkston in 2002 due to health problems.

Mr. Hirsch was known for a very positive outlook on life and pursued a wide variety of interests including travel, art, music, theater, literature and sports, especially tennis, football, and boxing.

Mr. Hirsch and his family are forever grateful for the love, support, and extraordinary closeness of many friends in the Albion and Jackson Areas and dear relatives from the Himelhoch, Germer, Moise, and Hirsch extended families.

He is survived by 3 sons, Gary (Laverne) Hirsch of Albion, Howard (Sophia) Hirsch of Plymouth, Minn., and Floyd (Andrea) Hirsch of Clarkston; grandson Andy Hirsch of Clarkston; brother Robert (Flo) Hirsch of West Des Moines, Iowa; sister-in-

law Elaine Hirsch of Norridge, Illinois; and close family of in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Evelyn; his brother, Ralph Hirsch; and his parents.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Albion Chapel of Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels with Rabbi Aaron Starr of Congregation Shir Tikvah in Troy officiating.

Friends and family may visit at the Albion Chapel of Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 3-8 p.m. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Albion.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Calhoun County chapter of the American Red Cross; Temple Beth Israel Evelyn Hirsch Israel Travel Fund, or the Charity of one's choice.

Mr. Hirsch requested that the following poem be published with his obituary which was written by an unknown author:

Bury my body,  
But do not bury my beliefs.  
Bury my heart,  
But do not bury my love.  
Bury my eyes,  
But not my vision.  
Bury my feet,  
But not my path of life.  
Bury my hands,  
But not my effort.  
Bury my shoulders,  
But not the concerns I carried.  
Bury my voice,  
But not my message.  
Bury my mind,  
But not my dreams.  
Bury me,  
But do not bury my life.  
If you must bury something, bury my sins not my weaknesses,  
But let my life continue in you.  
Amen.

Arrangements Entrusted to the Albion Chapel of Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels, 208 West Erie Street, Albion, 517-629-9155, www.tidd-williams.com.

## Inez E. Smith

Inez E. Smith of Mio passed away Saturday morning, Jan. 13, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

Visitation Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 1 p.m. thru 9 p.m. Services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. at Lashley Funeral Home in Mio with Frank Beek officiating. Burial will be at Kittle Cemetery by horse drawn carriage.

Mrs. Smith was born March 16, 1936, in Clarkston. She was the oldest daughter of Ferris & Edith (Henry) Holcomb.

She was a graduate of Clarkston High School in 1954 and followed with a 17-year career in accounting at St Joe's Hospital in Pontiac.

Moving to Mio after marrying Owen Sidney Smith on April 17, 1971, and giving birth to their daughter, Shannon, in 1972, she continued her working career with Dr. Benjamin Palmer in Fairview.

She is survived by her loving husband Owen, daughter Shannon (Matthew) Glaza of Grand Blanc, granddaughter Grace Isabella, sisters Jeanne (William) Haslock of Davison, Ruth (James) Hennig of Clarkston, sister in laws Peggy (Richard) Nagel of Florida, Vonda (Charlie) Sedlacek of Lake Leelanau, and Karen Smith of Mio, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was a beloved wife and mother; a proud, doting and loving grandmother, a much loved and cherished sister, aunt, and friend. She was an avid horse lover and rider with a passion for all animals.

She played an important role for over 20 years in the 4-H program. She was courageous and strong and an inspiration to those who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

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## Hospice volunteers needed

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's hospice program needs volunteers.

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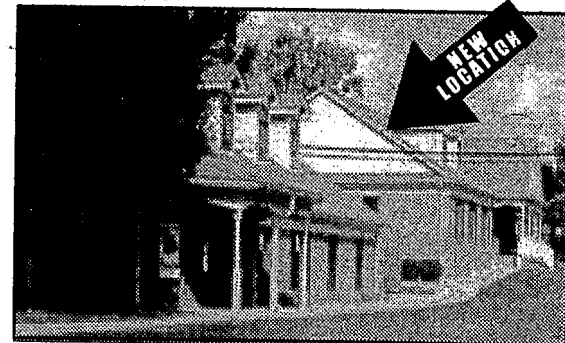
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## Hyer named president of Clarkston Chamber

With the new year, Stephen J. Hyer has assumed the office of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce president.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is made-up of more than 600 members from service organizations, small businesses and community groups to business owners, professionals and community leaders who promote as well as enhance economic growth in the Clarkston Area.



Stephen Hyer

The chamber president is elected by the Board of Directors, serving a one-year term with the main role as Chairman of the Board in a volunteered position.

"As an active proponent of Michigan's economic development, I am honored and proud to be named president of The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce," Hyer said.

"I look forward to leading and representing the Chamber with the utmost professional standards and ethics as well as offering my personal and professional expertise to other professionals while actively cultivating significant relationships within our local industry."

He is the president of IGD Solutions, headquartered in Clarkston. He is the vice president of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, a board of education legislative liaison to Lansing and Washington, D.C., sits on the Board of Directors for the Oakland County School Board Association and serves on the Michigan PTA Board of Managers.

Hyer also spends his time volunteering with organizations, such as Independence Township Parks and Recreation, the Clarkston Area Lions Club, and Clarkston Area Youth Assistance program as a mentor.

He is a graduate of The University of Michigan and currently lives in Clarkston with his wife Kelly.

## School reading awards in January

Students at Bailey Lake Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary will be participating in the state-wide event "Great Lakes Great Books Award," sponsored by the Michigan Reading Association, in January.

The award is given to five books chosen by students in grades K-12 and educators throughout Michigan. Students are encouraged to read and vote for their favorite book. The students at BLE will be voting on Jan. 22 and the SPE students will be voting on Jan. 23.

For more information about the award program, visit [www.michiganreading.org/greatbooks/index.html](http://www.michiganreading.org/greatbooks/index.html).

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## Parks and Rec seeks feedback

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department is conducting an on-line survey of township residents.

Answers sought includes: What type of community do residents want in the next year, five years, ten years; Do you think that Parks and Recreation is a valuable resource; Should tax dollars go towards parks, youth, adult and senior services; Is Parks and Recreation meeting your needs and expectations now; and What changes/ improvements can be made?

"This is mainly to get feedback from residents, to

see if we're providing the right services, and if they want us to provide what we're already providing," said Director Mike Turk, Parks and Rec.

Log onto [www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=396633026410](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=396633026410), or connect to the link via the Township website at [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us); or call 248-625-8223 and one can be mailed; or stop by Independence Township Offices, downtown Clarkston. Results should be compiled by the end of January. Results will be shared on the Township Website, with local media and the Independence Township Board.

## Couple charged in Springfield Twp. robbery

After spending the week in Oakland County Jail on a bond of \$1 million each, the man and woman arraigned on charges of robbing a Springfield Township bank Jan. 8 are due back in court Thursday.

Paul Chester Gagnier, 40, and Shelly Kay Laidlaw, also 40, both face charges of armed robbery and bank robbery, while Laidlaw also faces an additional charge of fleeing police.

According to witness statements, a man matching Gagnier's description entered Best Bank inside Kroger at 9741 Dixie Highway around 3:20 p.m. on Jan. 8 and handed the teller a typed note, which read in part, "this is a robbery."

Bank employees told police the man implied he had a gun and demanded money, which he then placed in his pocket and fled the scene.

As the man and his female driver sped off in a rented Ford Explorer, the red dye pack planted inside the bundle of cash exploded inside the SUV, said witnesses.

The couple led police on a chase into Pontiac, where Gagnier jumped from the vehicle and engaged in a short run before he was apprehended by Auburn Hills police near East Beverly and Fuller Street.

Police later converged on a house in Caro, about 50 miles north of Springfield Township, where Laidlaw was taken into custody as she arrived with a friend.

Investigators found drug paraphernalia in the car she had been driving in, and Laidlaw admitted to using both heroin and crack during the previous hour.

Back at the Pontiac home where the couple had

been renting a room, the homeowner directed police to a bedroom where a bank robbery note was displayed in an open document on a computer screen.

Another witness later approached police, saying a couple matching the description of Gagnier and Laidlaw had entered his restaurant shortly before the robbery took place, and told the man they were "starvin' like Marvin" as they tried to purchase a meal with a gift card which was declined twice.

The case was being investigated by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Springfield Township Substation, as well as the FBI and the bank's corporate investigators.

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#### SUMMARY

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Colombo.  
Roll Present: Brueck, Colombo, Gawronski, Johnston, Ottman, Rausch.

Absent: Catallo.  
Minutes of December 11, 2006, accepted as presented.  
Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Old Business.

Bills in the amount of \$54,552.76 approved for payment.  
Rausch asked that the Council be prepared to review the Policies and Procedures Manual at the February 12 Council meeting.

Ottman reported that Leadership Clarkston participants, Independence Township Supervisor David Wagner and Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, were to be meeting regarding Deer Lake. Ottman asked that Mayor Catallo attend this meeting in the City's interests. The meeting is to take place on Thursday, January 11.

Johnston asked that Planning Commission members be given a copy of the Riparian Guidelines recently furnished to several Council members.

Brueck informed Council that an application had been submitted for another grant for the Rain Garden project.

Chief Combs reviewed the statistics for December. The white Ford police vehicle will be marked with side striping.

Pursley reported that Ben Lawrence has received his commercial drivers license (CDL) and now there are four CDL certified drivers on staff, Scott Rouse, Scott McIntyre, Ben Lawrence, and Pursley.

Discussion was held regarding the placement of objects in the Right-of-Way by property owners.

Pursley gave a brief outline of his scheduling routine for the one full-time and three part time employees.

Terry Guelde was present to request information on sandwich board signs.

Pappas was instructed to contact The Parsonage owner to have the sign taken in each night.

Resolved That the City of the Village of Clarkston adopt the Insurance plan from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, Option 14, as presented by David Deuel of AXA Advisors for the remainder of 2006/2007 fiscal year. The plan coverage is attached to these Minutes. The estimated premium for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$330 per month per employee based on coverage for the current two full-time employees and is within this year's approved budget allotment for health insurance. The insurance policy, coverage, and the monetary contribution provided by the City will be re-evaluated and established as part of the next budget approval process and the adopted policy manual of the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Johnston discussed the 3 East Church facility and recommended that the Council establish a Building Committee to study the City's building facilities.

Pappas was instructed to contact Toni Smith of the Clarkston Historical Society to determine if that organization wishes to participate in some kind of recognition of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Clarkston.

The Policies and Procedure Manual draft was tabled to give Council an opportunity to study the document presented and to offer any changes it deems necessary.

Johnston informed Council that there was a donation of one-year subscription to a City Website.

Moved That the City of Clarkston accept the Website, [villageofclarkston.org](http://villageofclarkston.org) or [villageofclarkston.com](http://villageofclarkston.com).

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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#### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #07-0003 Blondo, Michelle, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 6" AND A REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 8" TO REPLACE PART OF FOUNDATION AND CONSTRUCT SECOND STORY ADDITION TO NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD

8753 Lakewood Blvd., Lot 27, R-1A  
Sunny Beach Country Club Sub  
08-12-376-028

Case #07-0004 Orler, Paul, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW SECOND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (900 SQ FT), SIZE VARIANCE OF 176 SQ FT NEEDED

9635 Dartmouth Rd., Lots 121 & 122, R-1A  
Round Lake Woods  
08-02-478-040

Case #07-0005 Pass, Kent, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 1'3" TO REBUILD HOME WITH ATTACHED GARAGE PLUS SIZE VARIANCE OF 20 SQ FT FOR GARAGE ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD

4716 Clinton, Lot 28, R-1A  
Oakland Ridge Sub  
08-34-405-024

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 prior to the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

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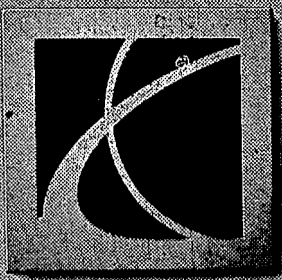
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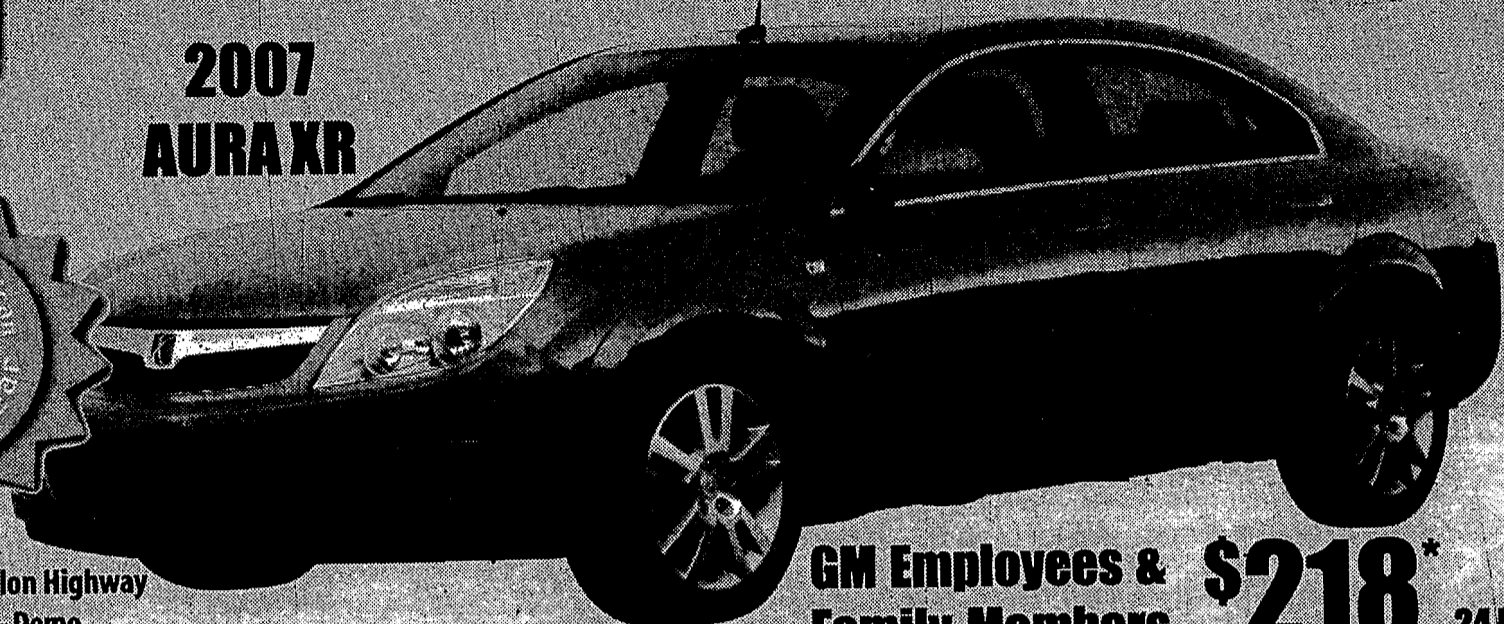


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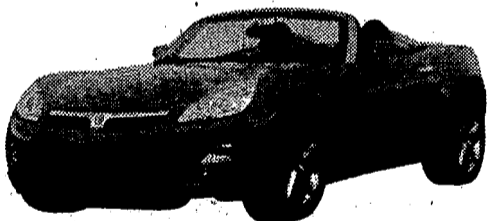
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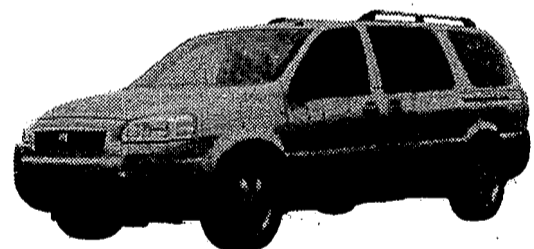


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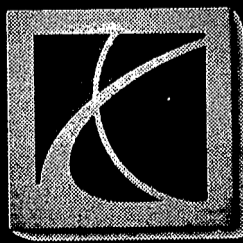
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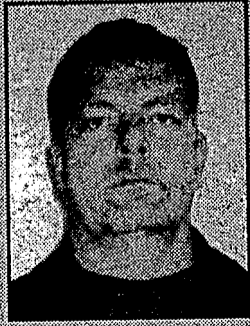
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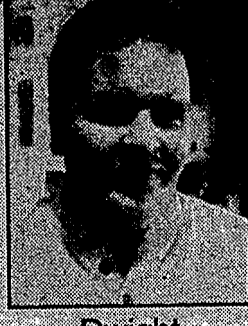
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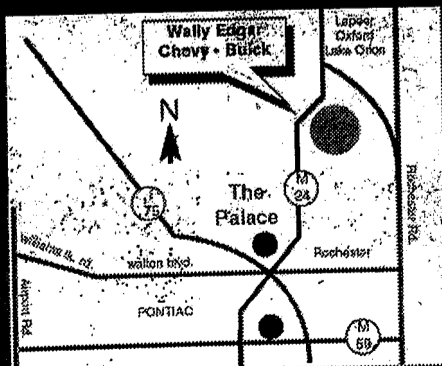
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