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Votes are in

With three candidates for three open seats, the results of yesterday's Clarkston City Council election were never much in doubt.

Nevertheless, many voters went to the polls Nov. 6 to elect incumbents Jim Brueck and Cory Johnston and newcomer Peg Roth to two-year terms.

Brueck came out on top with 118 votes. Johnston pulled in 97 votes, while Roth received 94.

Dan Colombo, who served 10 years on the council, announced in September he would not seek reelection.

City Manager Art Pappas provided vote totals after polls closed at 8 p.m., and said 134 residents turned out to cast a ballot.

The city also received more than 50 absentee ballots leading up to the election.

"It wasn't a bad turn out for a council election," said Pappas. "Especially when it's unopposed."

Brueck and Johnston are both entering second terms on council.



Don Johnson, a veteran of the Vietnam War, enjoys a quiet moment with his granddaughter Celeste Johnson at Depot Park. This Sunday, Nov. 11, is a day to honor all veterans. Photo by Laura Colvin

Check out local business at Chamber Expo

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

A growing area, the greater Clarkston community attracts more than its share of entrepreneurs and family businesses.

Showcasing them all is the annual Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, set for 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8, at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

"Business fuels the local economic engine — the Expo is our chamber's signature networking event," said Sue Fryer, Expo chair. "The Expo allows our businesses to showcase and communicate what we do and to look for potential customers, clients, and partnership referrals."

"We encourage everyone to shop local," said Penny Shanks, chamber executive director. "We're a very welcoming home town — you

don't have to be here long to be a Clarkstonite, but you have a responsibility to stay local, patronize our local businesses."

The expo was created 21 years ago to show people what they have to offer. It will feature more than 100 business exhibits and displays, with information, demonstrations, presentations, and giveaways.

"We'll have a wide range of exhibits, a lot of things for the home," Shanks said.

"We expect over 100 exhibitors and over 1,200 visitors to the Expo this year. We've consistently hit those numbers for the past five years in a row."

The scavenger hunt, introduced at last year's expo, returns. Attendees fill out an 10-question entry card with information from exhibitors for a chance at two Red Wings hockey tickets.

"They're nice seats to a nice event," Shanks said.

The high school's Main Street hallway, connecting the entrance to the cafeteria exhibit hall, will be turned into pet central, with exhibits by Camp Bow Wow, Advanced Pet Care, Metamora Academy, Dog Porter, and other businesses for animals.

"They have kittens, puppies — it will be really neat," Shanks said.

Students of the North Oakland Technical Center's Culinary Arts and Hospitality program will serve hot and cold hors d'oeuvres such as bruschetta, bacon-chutney canapes, and pan-crusted fried risotto cakes, and mini desserts.

Admission is \$5.

For more information, call the chamber at 248-625-8055.

Need more dough?

Workshop set to show locals how to get federal grants

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Billions of federal budget dollars are distributed in the form of grants to local governments, businesses, and individuals. To help Clarkston-area agencies get their share, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers and *The Clarkston News* invite local leaders to a Municipal Grant Workshop.

"There's been a lot of interest in the grant process in Michigan, given the economic climate," said Sylvia Warner, press secretary. "This is something that might be helpful to communities."

Federal grants can help communities pay for development, technology, and infrastructure projects, Warner said.

"Sometimes the toughest step in any process is the first one, and never is that more true than when you are looking for resources for our communities' needs," Rogers said in his invitation letter to local municipalities.

"That is why I am extending to you and your community or law enforcement agency an invitation to attend a Municipal Grant Workshop hosted by myself in conjunction with the community newspapers of Oakland County."

The workshop will be 1-5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Walden Road.

Community development experts with Michigan State University will present an overall summary of grant availability. Please see Grants on page 5A.



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Competing in the Lego international program for children, the team is working to strategize, design, build, program, test, and refine a robot.

The team, coached by Bruce and Laura Ushiro, is also working on this year's theme, energy conservation, by searching the web, talking to scientists, visiting libraries and developing presentations based their research.

From bottom are BANANOS sixth-graders Scott Ushiro, Jacob Agar, Daniel Kinsey, Monica Kinsey, Alex Stegmeyer, Megan Kinsey, and Spencer Miller. Photo submitted

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Briefly . . . Springfield Oaks going to the dogs

Dogs and their owners from as far away as Canada and Oklahoma will dance Saturday, Nov. 9, at Springfield Oaks County Park.

Freestyle Fanatics' Michigan Club will host the fall competition "Dogs Dance in Davisburg," where dogs and handlers are judged for moving to music.

Competition runs 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a lunch break for judges and competitors. The event is free for spectators. Donations are appreciated. Performing pets, only, admitted.

Springfield Oaks County Park is at 12451 Andersonville Road in Davisburg. For information, contact Nancy vonKoehnen, Freestyle Fanatics coordinating secretary, at 248-673-6953 or vonkoehnenn@oakgov.com.

City meeting reset for Tuesday

Clarkston City Council will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, instead of Monday, Nov. 12, due to the observance of Veterans Day.

The meeting will be at City Hall, 375 Depot Road. For more information, call 248-625-1559.

Benefit brunch set for Coulter family

A breakfast benefit is set for Aaron and Melissa Coulter of Clarkston.

The fundraiser for Aaron, who has cancer, will be 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Nov. 10, at Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell, Maybee west of Sashabaw.

Served will be pancakes, french toast, sausage, ham, biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice. It will also include raffles, silent auction, drawings at noon. Admission is a \$10 donation, \$6 for children under 12.

For more information, call Larry, 248-623-6408, or Shane, 248-601-3653.

Got a story?

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On the road —to— RECOVERY

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Every year, police make thousands of drunk driving arrests on Oakland County roadways. But rather than send many of these men and women off to pay penance inside the walls of Oakland County Jail, Clarkston's 52-2 District Court is taking part in a growing nationwide trend.

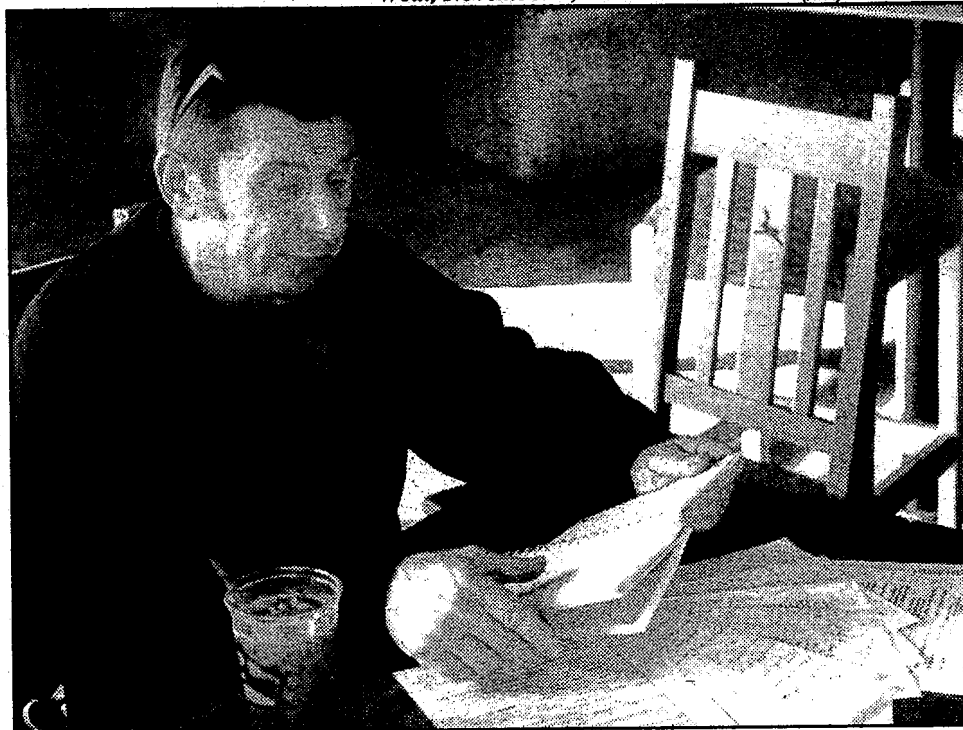
In this two-part series, *The Clarkston News* takes an inside look at Sobriety Court and the remarkable life changes made by two local men.

Steve K

Steve Koss hasn't read the journal his daughter wrote while he made a slow, uncertain recovery from alcohol poisoning in 2003.

Nor did he read the letters his family penned four months earlier as they planned an intervention.

It was a last-ditch, desperate attempt to make him hear the words they'd been saying for years: We love you. Please, please,



Steve Koss finds it difficult to read the journal or letters his family wrote while he was drinking. Photos by Laura Colvin

please stop drinking.

But the message got lost in the alcohol, and nothing anyone could say would make him dump his bottle of Old Crow down the nearest drain. Not then, anyway.

"Sometimes when my friends are over, you are so drunk that you don't call me by my name," wrote Koss' then 14-year-old son, Stephen in the intervention letter to his father. "You call me Mike. Then my friends make jokes about your drinking and tease me that my dad does not know my name."

The family hired a professional facilitator for the intervention—everyone chipped in toward the \$1,800 fee—and wrote letters from

the heart, as instructed.

Stephen's letter begins with memories of a father who helped build a space shuttle for one school project, and a lighthouse for another; a father who brought home pizzas for Stephen and his friends during the school year, and created fun family memories each summer at the lake.

But as Stephen's emotional whirlwind of tiny, careful print continues to march across line after line for two long pages, it becomes clear he knows his family is in serious trouble.

"Other times my friends will be over and out of the clear blue you explode at me over
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Mike Teaney sits with Bryan and Brody while Tracey poses with Connor, Nina, with her Halloween pumpkin, decides she likes middle best.

Mike T

Mike Teaney was in the grocery store when he ran into an old friend and announced his news.

"I've had four children with three different women," Teaney told his friend. "Just in the last three months."

A woman standing behind him gasped, and for a moment Teaney wondered if he was about to be slapped.

"And you're proud of that?" she asked.

Teaney realized his joke didn't sound quite so funny to a casual bystander, so he turned to the woman and began to explain: He and his wife Tracey were adopting Nina, now 3, and Bryan, 2 from Guatemala when Tracy became pregnant with twins.

What he didn't tell the woman, though, was how he almost lost Nina and Bryan long before they arrived in the U.S. last winter, and how he almost lost Tracey and the twins—she seriously considered walking out on him—before Brody and Connor were even born.

Teaney, 46, and his wife Tracey, 44, hadn't planned on having children when they got married seven years ago. But something changed; something seemed to be missing, so they decided to look into adoption.

They searched first for a child in Russia, but six weeks into the process the country cut off all outside adoptions. Then they looked at the Ukraine, but U.S. adoptions were eventually halted for political reasons.

Nina was 13 months old when the adoption agency

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Henry Woloson of Independence Township with some of his research on the need for state government reform. Photo by Phil Custodio

State budget blues?

Grassroots group works on reforms

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

A new state tax on bronzing baby shoes, skiing, landscaping, and dozens of other small-business services?

Henry Woloson of Independence Township has a better idea – taxing political campaign advertising.

"We want to impress on the legislature that this is unfair," Woloson said. "Nothing on the list impacts lawmakers. For them, at the top of the list is campaign financing."

Representing a grass-roots reform effort, he invites those who agree to an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, at Independence Township Fire Station at 6500 Citation Drive.

On the agenda: petition proposals to extend the sales tax to campaign advertising and downsize the state legislature to part time.

"My view is that you lost the right to complain if you're not willing to take action," he said. "Are people upset enough to do something about it?"

Backed with page after page of research, he views state government as inefficient and costly, especially compared to most of the

rest of the country.

In his research, he found the National Conference of State Legislatures places Michigan among four states with the biggest government, with full-time legislators, large staffs, and the highest pay and benefits – the others are California, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Donations to political candidates can't be taxed, but should be fair game when politicians spend them on campaign commercials and ads, he said.

"It would be a simple process – campaigns are already regulated," he said. "It would be an additional source of revenue far in excess of baby shoe bronzing and more collectible than lawn care services – it's enforceable and growing."

Woloson has been featured in several newspapers and radio programs, but has not found any interest from government officials or candidates, he said.

"That's why we are doing the petition drive," he said. "I would love to have the people who should be doing this take the initiative. But this involves cutting their staff and benefits – they have no incentive to do it."

To downsize government, the proposal would limit state legislative sessions to 90 days, eliminate lifetime benefits, freeze salaries, and reduce its size from 110 to 75 state representatives and 38 to 25 state senators.

"The reason for this is for them to feel our pain," he said.

For more information, call Woloson at 248-922-1354.

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Holstein cows are usually known for their outstanding dairy production. They can also drive a school bus.



Theresa Kraft, left, and Bea Wendorf share a laugh at their Halloween party.

A moo-ving tribute to their boss

Many Clarkston school children had a surprise Halloween morning, climbing into a bus driven by what appeared to be a Holstein dairy cow.

Drivers dressed in their finest bovine attire in honor of Kevin Bickerstaff, Clarkston Community Schools director of transportation, said driver Juanita Gilbert.

"Kevin said he thinks he might want to be a farmer when he retires, and he would name his cows after us," Gilbert said. "We thought it would be funny for us to show up dressed as cows."

Bickerstaff was unable to attend his drivers' Halloween party, but will be presented a framed photo of his dressed up transportation staff, said driver Heather Hannarlund.

Photos by Phil Custodio

Workshop set Nov. 20

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and application process. Attendees will then break into small groups with representatives of U.S. departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs. They will provide information and answer questions on available grants and "best practices" for successful applications.

Invited are all municipal units of government and law enforcement agencies in the Oakland and Livingston counties.

David Fleet, editor of *The Citizen*, the sister newspaper of *The Clarkston News*, located in Ortonville, suggested the workshop in conversation earlier this year with Rogers and Warner.

"That was the spark that caused this to be put together," Warner said. "It emphasized in our minds what was needed."

"Our communities have many needs from sewer systems to growth issues to traffic congestion," Fleet said. "It's imperative that local municipalities are up to date on grant writing and the assistance available in Washington."

Rogers set up a grant workshop for fire departments several years ago, but this is the first municipal-grant workshop organized by Rogers and Sherman Publications.

"The workshop for fire departments was very successful," Warner said. "We'll repeat it later, possibly after the first of the year."

The Nov. 20 workshop could also be repeated, she said.

"We'll see how things go," she said. "We would move it to another district, but it would still be open to everyone."

RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, with Lisa Major in Roger's Lansing office, 877-333-6453, or by emailing lisa.major@mail.house.gov. Reservations may be faxed to 517-702-8642 - indicate the names and number attending, and give a phone number or email address.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Just tell the story

Why are film makers writing Americans into the "villain" roles of their war movies?

Americans murder a squad mate in "Valley of Elah." Americans ship off an innocent man to be tortured in "Rendition." Americans torture and murder innocent Iraqis in "Redacted." Americans practically enslave a Marine in "Stop Loss."



This isn't new. The Vietnam War movie "Platoon" had an American villain, Sgt. Barnes. Vietcong and North Vietnamese soldiers were incidental, almost a force of nature. "Apocalypse: Now?" American. "Full Metal Jacket?" American.

They waited a decade or two, though. No such patience now.

"Lions for Lambs," opening this weekend, looks preachy, with Robert Redford, Meryl Streep, and Tom Cruise spending lots of time just talking.

That's too bad, because the film seems to include one story that should be told, the fight for Takur Ghar, Robert's Ridge, during Operation Anaconda in 2002. Rangers and special forces fought Al Qaeda and Taliban soldiers in the mountains of Afghanistan, the highest battlefield ever in American military history.

War movies are best when they just tell the story. "Saving Private Ryan," "Blackhawk Down," "We Were Soldiers," "The Patriot," "Band of Brothers," "Letters from Iwo Jima" - they're not "pro-war" or "anti-war," just "war." The story should be allowed to speak for itself.

There are plenty of stories that should be told about what's going on in Iraq and Afghanistan: Takur Ghar, Fallujah, Baghdad, all the events the History Channel is trying to cover.

I don't want to be preached at by a bunch of Hollywood folks, especially about war in a time of war. If Americans are the bad guys, who are supposed to be the good guys? Al Qaeda? The Iranian Revolutionary Guard?

Maybe if the Democrats get voted back into office, we'll finally get some movies about the heroics our troops are performing over there.

The Clarkston News Viewpoints

New center was best solution

Dear Editor,

Let's set the record straight with regard to the new Independence Township Senior Center.

For over 25 years, Independence Township has run its senior center programs out of a dilapidated and unsafe farmhouse located at Clintonwood Park. Despite thousands of dollars on a yearly basis to shore up the poorly constructed farmhouse, the building, which was neither fully handicap accessible nor even safe for the seniors who occupied it, was in need of structural improvements and simply was unfit for its current use.

In short, no private entity would have been allowed by the township or any government to use this old farmhouse for the kind of activities run at the senior center.

Over the past 10 or 15 years, several dedicated citizens have worked hard on various proposals and millages to improve this condition. Most recently, Tom Stone and Mel Varra attempted to convert an old school building for senior programs.

Additionally, substantial millages were proposed to operate and build far more extensive senior center or community center projects. At the end of the day, the voters rejected the multimillion dollar millage increases.

The Township Board was forced to deal with the longstanding issue of continuing to operate its senior center programs out of an unsafe and unfit building.

I am proud to have been part of a board that faced the issue head-on and, with the invaluable help and expertise of Building Director Dave Belcher and Planning Commissioner Sam Moraco, built an economical and modest senior center.

Consider Clarkston Mills for project

Dear Editor,

This is a great project ("Modern ideas for historic building," page A12, Oct. 31) and something that will serve both these young students and *The Clarkston News* building well into the future.

That they are also working with a historic building is even better for them, Clarkston, and our history. May I suggest that they, or a future team, also consider Clarkston's history and the Clarkston Mills Mall?

The mill is where it all started, it was powered

Please see page A10 for more letters to the editor

For less than \$200,000, the senior center building was constructed and subsequently appraised at more than \$350,000.

We also improved the existing parking lot, which added much needed parking to Clintonwood Park. Finally, the Carriage House was completely renovated to allow for the entire community's

use as a meeting place.

Having completed the project with the help of volunteers and dramatically reduced contractor costs, the township has significantly reduced the inefficient operating and energy costs of the old senior center.

In other words, our solution saved the taxpayers of Independence Township millions of dollars when compared to any other proposal on the table. The only other "solution" would have been to have no senior center at all.

This was not viewed by the board or myself as a political issue.

When faced with problems, we cannot stick our heads in the sand. If we have made a commitment to run senior programs, there is a related cost and responsibility to do so safely.

As a board, we met the needs of our senior programs in the most efficient way possible. My advocacy of a part-time state legislature and my run for state representative is based on our need to increase government efficiencies and reduce wasteful spending on overpaid politicians, without eliminating a community's basic services to its residents, such as our seniors.

The new senior center is an example of maximizing those efficiencies.

*Dan Kelly
Trustee, Independence Township Board
Candidate for State Rep., 44th District*

by water, not fossil fuels, and most of it is still in place.

There is also an abundance of water at the Mill and Mill Pond which are both very close to 5 S. Main Street.

Perhaps geothermal for 5 S. Main or perhaps hydroelectric in cooperation with the Mill?

I wish these students the best of luck and hope *The Clarkston News* continues to report on their efforts.

*Cory Johnston
Clarkston*

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1992

"Voters face Feb. 8 school bond issue" Faced with overcrowded conditions and buildings in need of repair, the school board took a \$16.5 million bond to voters. It would include a new elementary school, renovations, and technology.

"School district audit shows \$624,000 surplus" The school district was expecting a \$120,000 surplus. The extra \$500,000 was from unexpectedly high revenue and low expenditures. It was to go into a rainy-day fund, which was relatively low, officials said.

"Stuart refutes manager rumors" Incoming Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart faced rumors he would hire a township manager so he could remain an active member of his law firm. Stuart denied the rumors.

25 years ago - 1982

"Village looks at historic changes" A Clarkston Historic District review committee recommended more frequent Historic District Commission reports, shorter application-review deadline, and village council approval of guidelines. The commission was created to review renovation projects of historic homes in Clarkston.

"Andersonville Elementary School battle rages" Two parents were kicked out of school for arguing and swearing at the principal about who should receive credit for a school-improvement project.

"Clarkston athletics in possible peril" Clarkston Athletic Booster Club members organized more volunteer and fundraising efforts to make up budget cuts in school sports programs.

"Moms and dads switch with kids" About 200 parents switched places with their kids at Clarkston High School. Parents followed their children's schedule and were responsible for classroom assignments.

50 years ago - 1957

"UNICEF Halloween realizes \$182.00" Clarkston-area children collected pennies, nickels, and dimes for the United Nations Children's Fund.

"Rotarians see film of Russia" Builder Theodore Pratt, presented a program to Clarkston Rotary Club about his tour of the Soviet Union. He and other builders were invited to inspect the Russians' construction methods.

"Garden Club hears chief forester" A state forester explained to club members highway beautification efforts through plantings of native growth.

A call to arms . . . read and learn

There are a few things that have popped up over the last few days which I wanted to share.

Item One: Larry Drum

Last month I received notice from Larry Drum's sister, Gayle, that her brother is up for a parole hearing. Regular readers may remember the story of the former Lake Orion Eagle Scout and US Marine. A couple of years ago I wrote about how his mother, Ione, had written Gov. Granholm to "free" her son from prison. Drum was/is imprisoned for charges stemming from letting a friend sell cocaine out of his Birmingham apartment. At 70 years old, he is serving a life sentence, plus two 10-20 years to be served consecutively for having 650 grams of cocaine.

**Don't
Rush Me**



A column by
Don Rush

He's been in the pokey for about 17 years. The dude who was selling the cocaine has been out for two years, having made parole. Even though former Gov. Miliken personally asked Granholm to commute Larry's sentence, Granholm refused to budge. (Go to our website and in the site search type in Larry Drum, for the entire story.)

I was looking forward to the Nov. 13 (9 a.m.) public parole hearing at the Robert Cotton Correctional Facility, 3500 N. Elm in Jackson. I wanted to come back and report some good news. I still am, but with a little heavier heart. This past week Ione Drum passed away. Ione was warmed by the support she received from the community, in her hopes to have her son freed. Her daughter Gayle said, Ione passed, happy with the knowledge Larry would "be coming home" soon.

If anybody wishes to send a letter of support for Larry, you can send them to me by Nov. 9. I will take them with me and hand them over to the parole board. Send letters to Don Rush, PO Box 108, Oxford, MI 48371 or email me, donrushmedon@charter.net.

Item Two: Get your pens ready!

Thems elected to serve in Lansing have raised the ire of at least two Clarkston businessmen (well, at least two that are willing to step up to

the plate and swing to make change).

The Take Back Michigan group is working at repealing House Bill 5198 -- the service tax bill. Luc Poirier is in the lead on that front. If folks want to print a petition, go to www.takebackmi.info

Luc says, to be valid, petitions must be printed on legal paper (8 1/2-inches wide by 14-inches tall). Questions call Luc at 248-620-1746.

Item Three: Lead, follow or get out of the way.

That old saying has spurred Clarkston financial guy Henry Woloson into action. Henry is spittin' mad at our elected legislators and is willing to say so. "I have no problem with going into the fire," says he.

To that end he has organized a grass-roots meeting for Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Independence Township Fire Hall on Citation Drive (off of M-15, south of downtown Clarkston).

Specifically he wants to get Michigan in line with 92 percent of the other states in the union -- he wants term limits; a reduced in size legislature; and wants lifetime benefits for legislators abolished.

While the rest of the state, private and public have reduced numbers, the legislature, Woloson says, has been "immune from downsizing."

Here are some stats that should make you want to attend Henry's meeting.

46 of the 50 states have a part-time legislature (Michigan, California, New York and Pennsylvania do not).

New York, Pennsylvania have larger populations but Michigan pays its legislators more.

California has a larger population than Michigan and pays its legislators more -- but they have fewer legislators than the Great Lakes State.

Oh, and this is the best -- Henry would like to raise revenue for our state by imposing a tax on political campaigns . . .

Those serious about change should stand up and be counted. "We lose the opportunity to complain if we do nothing. I am not ready to lose the opportunity to complain," Henry says.

For more info, call him at 248-625-6736.

Chicago teaching Karen more than her art school

Just mention Chicago and Frank Sinatra's singing, "That toddling town" comes immediately to mind. I just accepted not knowing the meaning of 'toddl' until I started writing this column.

So, to let readers know I know what I'm doing, I looked up toddling.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Its origin is unknown, Webster says, but "it's to walk with short toddling steps like a young child."

Let me tell you if you walk that way in Chicago today you'll never get across any street without being struck by a taxi,

bus or el. It's a busy downtown.

Karen's school, The Art Institute, is on the river and on the first floor of a Holiday Inn. Seems hotels own many of the tall buildings in Chicago that lease lower levels to retailers, offices, restaurants, etc. and house clients up there with a view.

Karen walks the five blocks to her school from her apartment in a round, 61-story building that dedicates the first 19 floors to valet parking only. Valets circle upward until they find a vacant spot and back the car in. Looking up at the building all you see is the rear end of cars looking back at you.

Being a round building, all the rooms have to be pie shaped. Her 1-bedroom unit on the 50th floor has 500 sq.ft., however, 175 of those feet are a balcony where you can look down at the Chicago River, Harry Carey's restaurant, House of Blues and numerous banks, or throw up.

And, oh, yeah, Karen is afraid of heights. But, she dearly loves her apartment. Her overwhelming delight in being happy in Chicago, her school and chosen vocation lessens her fears.

Karen and her mom had to find something for their weak-legged grandpa/pa to do, and they made a terrific choice in selecting the river tour on Vendella lines. I'm sure the river seems but a fine

line, viewing it from the tall buildings on its banks. You learn the history, use, ownership, etc of each as you go toward the locks to Lake Michigan.

At sea, more skyline of significance is pointed out, like the crosses of iron on the John Hancock building that keeps it from swaying in high winds.

Luan has been in Chicago often enough in Karen's 18 months there that she knows the streets well enough to ignore her daughter's seemingly constant, "Turn left here, Mom!" instructions, often followed by, "I'm sorry, I mean up here."

So we did the Magnificent Mile with its high-end shops and hotels, and Lake Shore Drive with its condo/apartment buildings on the west side of the Drive and views of the long green strip between the Drive and the Lake Michigan. Chicago has done an outstanding job of keeping the beach and park open for public use.

Karen's highlight of our visit was probably the Saturday night dinner at her restaurant choice, Smith and Wollensky on State Street. That, too, is next door to her condo/apartment building. She'd have us believe everything of note in the city was her neighbor.

That eatery is close, but she can't afford it. I've rarely been exposed to restaurants that have everything a la carte. Her filet was \$45, Caesar salad \$20, whipped potato \$9.50 and Sprite \$3.50.

This was a real classy joint, with multiple servers, so I should expect to pay more, but \$4 for a glass of orange juice at our hotel's dining room was too much. The last gallon of oj I bought was \$3.89.

I'll always wonder what the breakfast bill would have been if Karen hadn't had to go to class that Monday morning.

It was a long time between Karen's asking me to come to Chicago until I agreed. But it was so rewarding to be with her and feel her excitement about her interior design interest and her being absolutely in love with her surroundings.

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Booze led to bumpy, broken road

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out of the clear blue you explode at me over nothing," he writes. "It is embarrassing. It's not just yelling, it's like an explosion of rage. Your eyes look different and you scare me. My friends feel uncomfortable and later tell jokes about my drunk dad, and it sucks... When you are drunk, I am scared of you. I feel inferior and worthless."

Finally, Stephen makes his plea.

"I love you Dad and I just want you to stop drinking. I want you to be a normal dad. I do not think you know anything about me and I hope you will want to when you have stopped drinking... I need a Dad."

With several college degrees under his belt and a long career managing commercial accounts for Rider Transportation, Steve Koss was, by all accounts, a successful businessman.

But business often meant lining up golf outings and other entertainment to show clients a good time. The food was plentiful and the booze flowed.

And alcohol played an increasingly important role on weekends, when it was time to relax and unwind in front of the television.

"I'd pour myself a little bourbon and coke and settle in to watch the game," Koss said. "And I always drank the same thing: Old Crowe. Jack Daniels when I had to, but Old Crowe was the same thing for half the price."

Eventually he left Rider and moved to another company, then another, where he was hired to start a truck rental and leasing program.

But once the new program was up and running, the boss decided Koss' job was perfect for his son-in-law.

So he left another job feeling down on his luck and sorry for himself. The sorrier he felt, it seemed, the more he

drank and the worse things got.

Before he knew it, his second wife wanted a divorce and his daughter wouldn't speak to him.

Both were tired of his tantrums, tired of the name-calling and the abusive drunken language he spewed around.

"I wasn't a violent drunk," he said, meaning he didn't physically assault those he was supposed to love most. "I just liked my booze."

It was a habit he learned early in life.

As second oldest in a family of nine, Koss watched his mother sneak a drink whenever she could—his father always had a supply in the house for company, he said. It was the polite thing to do.

In 1971-72, Koss served as a helicopter test pilot and an aircraft recovery officer in Vietnam.

He and his comrades, he said, would drink all night and fly all day.

"There was a saying," he remembered. "Twenty-four hours from bottle to throttle. Not."

When he came home and moved to Michigan in 1976, he said, drinking-and-driving was socially acceptable, and people made a common practice of having a few beers behind the wheel during a long trip.

When police decided a driver appeared too drunk to continue on, the intoxicated person was merely loaded into the back of a cruiser and transported home.

But years passed, people died on the highways, laws changed, and Koss' family began to worry—really worry—about him.

So they set up the intervention.

There were no cars in the driveway, he remembers, but when he entered the front door, allegedly to visit with his sister, he saw brothers and brothers-in-law, sisters, his former wife and 14-year-old Stephen.

"Everyone was sitting around with a chair for me right in the center," he said. "They were going to tell me what a nice guy I was when I wasn't drinking. They all wrote letters, planned the meeting. I was (furious)."

Koss didn't think he had a problem. He didn't hear a word anyone said.

"I was doing a slow burn," he said, remembering the fury and disbelief boiling inside. He was having none of it.

"They threw me out," he said, "and I went to the bar."

Four months later, in July 2003, Koss got alcohol poisoning and his first DUI—driving under the influence—during the same drunken binge, and was rushed to the hospital after an alcohol-induced seizure nearly killed him in Genesee County Jail.

He doesn't remember it, but family members later told him he insisted sprinkler heads on the ceiling were spaceships, and that he used the nurse call button to order "a perfect Manhattan. And make it quick."

After that, he stayed sober 14 months.

But he started drinking again in September 2004.

Just over a year later, in November 2005, Koss was returning to his Independence Township apartment near Clintonville and Maybee Road when the lights flashed behind him, again.

A second DUI was serious trouble, and came with the likelihood of time in Oakland County Jail.

But when he stood before Judge Kelley Kostin of the 52-2 District Court, Koss was given a choice: jail, or Sobriety Court.

The decision he made would change his life.

Continued next week

Quick cops catch convict

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The man who stole an idling car from an Independence Township gas station Oct. 30 and robbed a nearby drugstore moments later told police he needed the money to support his crack addiction.

Brian Lafferty, 37, was arraigned in 52-2 District Court on charges of strong-arm robbery and unlawfully driving away an automobile.

Sgt. Matt Baldes of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation, said Lafferty has an extensive criminal history and was paroled in July after a previous armed robbery conviction.

Lafferty told investigators he smoked \$500 worth of crack in Pontiac before setting out to walk back to the Clarkston area, where he lived with his mother and step-father since his release from prison over the summer.

On the way, he said, he was jumped by five men who assaulted him and took his money.

As he approached the Speedway on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road, Lafferty saw an unattended Jeep left running in the parking lot.

The Jeep's owner, a 33-year-old Grand Blanc man, said he'd run into the gas station for a coffee after finishing his shift at a nearby restaurant and was only inside a moment when he saw his vehicle back up and enter the northbound lanes of Dixie Highway.

The man told police he raced outside in an attempt to prevent the theft of his vehicle, then

called 911.

Lafferty then drove to the Walgreen's Pharmacy on the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, entered the store and told the clerk he wanted all the money from the register.

The young male clerk told police he never saw a weapon, nor did Lafferty ever claim he was armed.

"He didn't appear dangerous," the clerk said in a written statement given to police, "and made no movements as if he was going to hurt me."

However, he said, all store employees are trained turn over the cash and take no chances when a robbery demand is made.

The suspect fled on foot with \$724, and was seen entering an adjacent wooded area.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies from Independence Township quickly set up a perimeter with assistance from Springfield Township, Alcohol Enforcement and Traffic units and Clarkston Police.


A K-9 unit, as well as a helicopter unit also responded to the scene, and the suspect was taken into custody, along with evidence from the robbery, when he was found lying in the brush moments after the search began.

A cardboard box, containing drug paraphernalia and a copper scouring pad, commonly used as a make-shift part for homemade crack pipes, was found inside the Jeep.

The vehicle was impounded while investigators collected forensic evidence.

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Thurs., Oct 25 Police were investigating a case of narcotics possession after a 47-year-old Belleville man "screaming and yelling" in the parking lot of a business near Dixie Highway and White Lake Road was found in possession of heroin. The man also had \$849 in the pocket of his jeans, which was forfeited.

Fri., Oct 26 An 11-year-old youth walking home from school in the 5200 block of Pine Knob Lane called police after a pick up truck driven by two males, about 18 years of age, pulled up and the passenger asked "do you like my truck, and do you want to get in?" The boy told police the green truck sped away with its tires spinning when he replied "no."

Sat., Oct 27 The mother of a 13-year-old girl called for help when she could not wake her daughter, who had recently returned from a football game. The girl was transported to the hospital after it was discovered she was highly intoxicated.

A 17-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after her vehicle skidded off the roadway, across a lawn and crashed into a tree near Dixie Highway and Rockcroft around 4 a.m.

A 16-year-old Independence Township female was issued a citation for larceny and

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

underage possession of alcohol after she attempted to steal a bottle of liquor from a store near Dixie Highway and M-15.

Tues., Oct 30 a 15-year-old female was arrested and lodged at Children's Village after physically assaulting her mother during an argument.

A 32-year-old woman raking leaves in the 7900 block of Longview called police after she was bitten by a small dog who ran over from a neighbor's home.

Wed., Oct 31 A 36-year-old Davisburg man was arrested and jailed for crack cocaine possession after deputies pulled him over on and discovered the substance in his vehicle.

A 25-year-old intoxicated Flint man was charged with child endangerment and neglect after he became involved in a traffic crash and fled the scene on foot, leaving a baby and toddler alone in the car.

Thurs., Nov 1 A 40-year-old Holly resident was arrested and jailed on a second offense drunk driving charge after an officer on patrol pulled her over for erratic driv-

ing near Waterford Hill Terrace and Curtis Lane.

A 20-year-old Clarkston woman called police after a window was smashed from her vehicle while it was parked at an restaurant in the 6700 block of Dixie Highway, where she is employed. The woman's 18-year-old sister, who also works at the restaurant reported windows in her vehicle were smashed as well. Items were missing from both cars.

Springfield Twp.

Wed., Oct 24 A 34-year-old man filed a police report after discovering someone changed the address on his bank account after he returned from a trip to Mexico.

Sat., Oct 27 A landowner in the 500 block of Hidden Ridge Drive filed a police report after someone attempted to steal a tree stand from the woods on his property.

Sun., Oct 28 A 19-year-old Orion Township man was arrested and jailed after he

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was pulled over near Oakhill and East Holly Road when a patrolling deputy recognized the individual, who had warrants for his arrest. The man was also cited for possession of marijuana, driving with a restricted license and under-21 operating while intoxicated.

City of Clarkston

Sun., Oct 21 A Clarkston DPW employee called police after discovering someone knocked over trees and destroyed a picnic table in Depot Park sometime during the weekend.

Thurs., Oct 25 A 16-year-old White Lake female was cited with a civil infraction after a police officer on patrol saw her using a sharp object to carve her initials in the gazebo in Depot Park.

Sun., Oct 28 A 16-year-old Independence Township resident was released to her parents pending blood alcohol results after an officer pulled her over on a traffic violation near Waldon Road and Buffalo and discovered the young driver was intoxicated.

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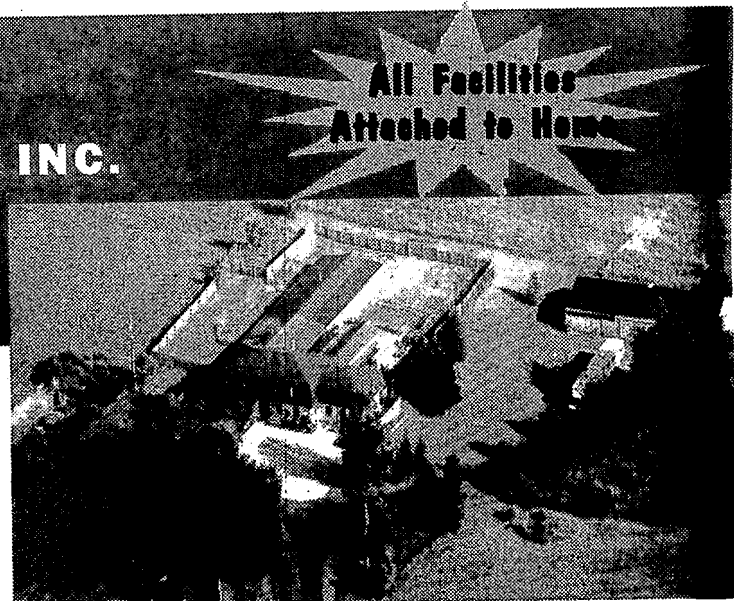
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More letters to the editor Thanks for article on athletes

Dear Editor,

We just want to say what a nice article it was about Katelyn and Jenna Coats ("Athletes of the Week," page 16A, Oct. 24).

It was very informative and well put together.

We know how hard the girls worked to

Senior center help appreciated

Dear Editor,

A special thank you to the following contractors and individuals who made the Independence Township Senior Activity Center possible: Advance Asphalt, Accurate Sitework, AFCO Manufacturing, American Container, Andersen Window, Automated Building Components, Bailey's Crafted Cabinetry, Burke Building, Cacho Masonry, C.A. Scott & Son Excavating, C&J Caulking, City Electric Supply, CJS Mechanical Inc., Clarkston Tree Service, Creative Ceiling, DMB Building, Drayton Plywood, Dynamic Poured Walls, Extreme Electric, First Rate Plumbing, Gale/Proside, Hogan Excavating, Hunt Construction, Karen's Advance Carpet, L&H Plumbing, Martini & Associates, Mossoian Painting, Muraca Building, Northern Comfort Systems, Northern

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*David Belcher
Independence Township*

Antique armoire for sale

The Clarkston Historical Society is selling an 1880 Armoire at the Heritage Museum located at Independence Library. The armoire was originally donated for the CCHS antique auction.

"We didn't get the crowd we hoped for at the antique auction," said Toni Smith Heritage Museum director.

The armoire made out of flame mahogany and appraised at \$2,400 but CCHS is taking offers.

"It's a beautiful piece, it's in excellent shape. It comes apart for easy moving, which is important now days. If somebody wants to convert it into a TV/ electronics cabinet it would be perfect," she said.

Smith recently bought a late 1930's/ early 1940's Clarkston baseball jersey from "Water Tower Antiques" in Holly. The team was sponsored by O'Dell's Rexall Drug store, which was located right across from *The*



Toni Smith standing next to an 1880 antique armoire, while holding an old Clarkston baseball uniform. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Clarkston News, where Treasure, Gifts, and Beyond was. The building was purchased in 1934, but switched to a new owner in 1965 and became Halmans.

"We raise money by selling something that is non-Clarkston, and then we have the money to buy a Clarkston item," said Smith.

If anyone is interested in looking at the armoire, stop by the Heritage Museum, or call 248-922-0270.

- Trevor Keiser

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Sounding the warning

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

In his retirement, Pete Murphy of Independence Township has one goal: save his country from economic disaster caused by unchecked population growth.

"Growing population density is contributing to declining per capita consumption," said Murphy, 58, author of "Five Short Blasts, A New Economic Theory Exposes the Fatal Flaw in Globalization and its Consequences for America."

"The objective of the book is to warn people about the imminent collision of falling consumption and rising productivity."

The solutions he offers in his book would be difficult and controversial, he said. Instead of free trade, "smart trade." Protect the U.S. with tariffs indexed to population density. Reduce immigration, legal as well as illegal. Stabilize the population, perhaps with a Department of Population.

"I envision using economic and tax policy to influence people for smaller families," he said.

In discussions, economists usually dismiss his theory as "Malthusian." In the 1800s, Thomas Malthus theorized population would outpace food supply, leading to disease, war, and famine. Modern economists argue technology advances invalidate Malthus' ideas as too pessimistic.

In recent times, however, population has grown past the point where technology can compensate, dramatically increasing national debt and lowering individual earnings, Murphy said.

Free trade has allowed countries already overpopulated to transfer its negative effects onto the United States, in effect

making each American poorer. Among the biggest is China, but only because of its physical size and population. The same trade problems exist with countries all over the world, Murphy said.

"In effect, it transfers the effects they should have to the United States," he said.

He describes southeast Michigan as "ground zero" in the globalization attack on the United States.

"If this idea can't take root here in southeast Michigan, it won't take root anywhere," he said.

Murphy, 58, earned a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame. After four years in the U.S. Navy, he spent his career as an engineer with Dow, living in Ohio, Missouri, and Texas before retiring to Michigan.

Fourteen years ago, on a trip with his wife, Nancy, and their two sons to the St. Louis Science Center, an exhibit caught his eye.

A graph showed how world population stayed steady at about 250 million people until around 1700, when it sharply increased up to about 6 billion now.

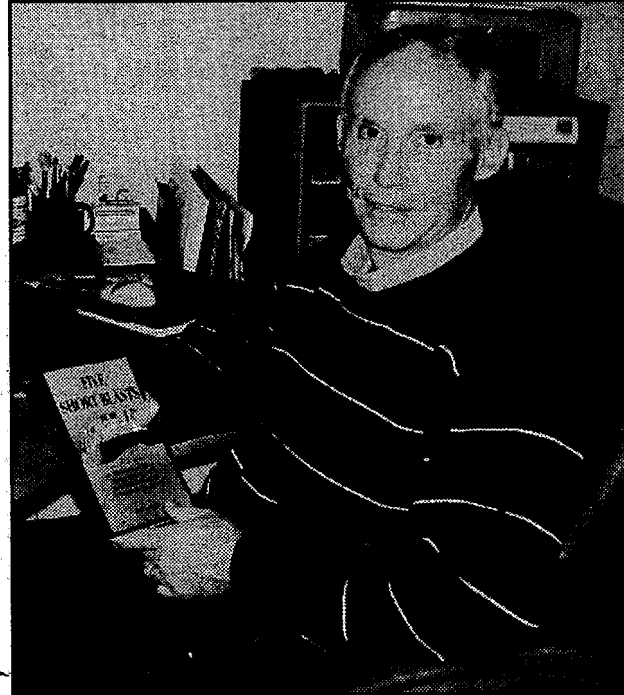
"It starts climbing like a rocket," he said. "I thought, that has to be a problem. It can't go on like that."

Murphy, a political Independent, doesn't see much hope with most Republicans or Democrats on these issues. Both favor free trade and population growth, and neither would do much to reverse trade deficits, he said.

So he spent years researching the economics of international trade and wrote "Five Short Blasts," published this year.

With the book, named after the signal naval vessels use to warn of impending collision, he hopes to spread his ideas at

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Pete Murphy of Independence Township wrote a book warning of the dangers of globalization. Photo by Phil Custodio

the grassroots level.

"How will I know if I'm successful - I'll likely never know," he said. "I may be successful if one person buys my book, if that person takes action to enact policies that address these concerns."

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Focusing on family

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Lisa Marion, new supervisor at Clarkston Early Childhood Center, is familiar with the area – she grew up just to the north, in Ortonville.

"I've always admired the Clarkston school district," Marion said. "I wanted my kids to go to Clarkston schools – it's a real honor to be a part of the school district."

She is a graduate of Brandon High School, Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education, and Oakland University with a master's degree in reading.

"It's important for children to have a great foundation in reading," she said.

She student taught at Harvey Swanson Elementary School in Brandon, taught fourth and sixth grade in the Kearsley school district, and worked in a pre-school in West Bloomfield as teacher and administrator.

"Teaching is fantastic – being able to focus on one child at a time," she said.

As supervisor, she works to keep quality high at the Early Childhood Center on Clarkston Road.

"I'm happy where I am – I've found my



Lisa Marion is the new supervisor at Clarkston Early Childhood Center.

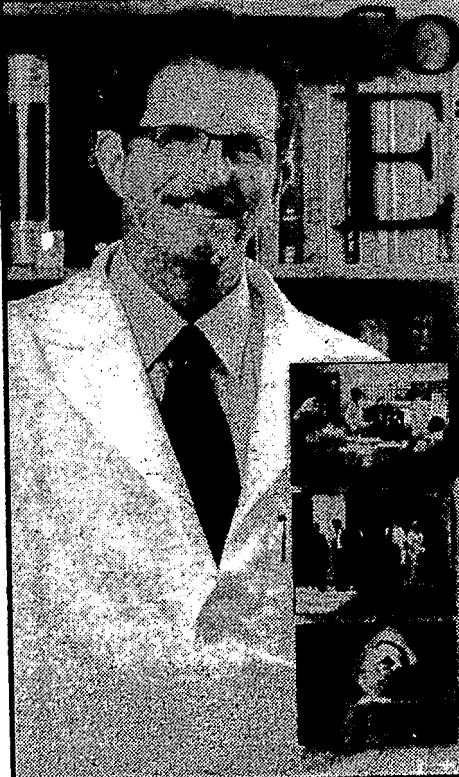
calling," she said.

Goals include more opportunities for family involvement, such as the Halloween festival they hosted recently in the evening.

"It was a great success," she said. "I realize how hard it is for working parents to get to school functions in the day. Having them in the evening allows the whole family to come. That's important."

She now lives in Clarkston with her family. "We have great neighbors," she said. "It's a pretty big school district, but you still have that small-town feeling."

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Risking everything for a couple of drinks

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located her, and Bryan, who would soon become Nina's little brother, was just ten weeks old.

Then Tracey discovered her pregnancy, and the couple had to ask themselves whether they should follow through with the adoption.

It wasn't a difficult question to answer: Yes. Of course.

"We'd fallen in love with them by then," Teaney said.

But big problems were on the horizon.

Teaney moved to Detroit from New York in the mid-1980s. During that time, he said, the three-martini lunch was still a common practice in business, especially in the banking and financial field.

"When we'd recruit someone to come and work for us, we'd take them out to wine and dine them," he said, noting it was the easy way for a company to decide whether the potential hire would schmooze with clients and thus enhance business. The criteria, Teaney recalled, involved a couple of easy questions.

"Is he fun, can he entertain clients, or is he just kind of dull?"

But it wasn't just business, Teaney said, that led to his tendency to drink. It went back, in fact, a long way.

"My father was a strict disciplinarian while I was growing up," he said. "Anything less than perfection was failure."

When Teaney played baseball, for example, he'd connect in five-of-six at-bats. But after the game, his father was always ready to tell his son why the sixth trip to the plate was a flop.

Four As and a B-plus on the report card? Same thing.

"What's with the B-plus?" his father wanted to know.

As Teaney grew into adulthood, he embraced his father's philosophy of perfection. Working in a competitive job where his peers defined success by a quick rise to the top with a fat bottom line made it even more difficult to accept limitations.

"The farther you climb on the corporate ladder," he said, "the more you are forced to face your imperfections."

Anything less than coming out on top, Teaney said, was unacceptable. "I have no doubt, now, that when I drank I drank to escape the pain of being imperfect," he said. "It was only for a little while, but at least I had that time when I didn't have to think about my imperfection."

But even after his first DUI, Teaney told himself he didn't have a drinking problem.

"You start rationalizing everything," he said. "Like why it's OK to stop for a drink on the way home, and why it's OK to stay for one more, and why it won't matter if you get home at 8 o'clock instead of seven."

But Teaney didn't define himself as a stereotypical alcoholic, because he didn't drink alone. It was a social thing, time spent with clients during the day, or after work with friends.

It was just such an occasion in December 2005, however, that almost ruined everything

Teaney was headed home after a friend dropped him at the Independence Township Park and Ride near I-75 and Sashabaw Road. He'd had too much too drink, he knew it.

But nothing came of the first DUI; he hadn't even lost his license, and he stopped drinking for a year afterward, no problem.

Besides, it was only a five-mile drive home. What was the big deal?

As he headed north on Sashabaw Road, Teaney saw the lights flash behind him.

Suddenly he remembered what the big deal was. Tracey, he thought. The kids.

Teaney was asked to step out of the car. Deputies administered sobriety tests and asked him to blow into a Breathalyzer.

They arrested him, hauled him off to jail.

In his head, one thought went around and around and around.

"I blew it."

When he didn't come home that night, Tracey didn't know whether she should be worried, angry or both.

"At first I thought he was dead or having an affair," she said. "But then, when I found out—shock, devastation, disappointment—everything you can think of. You don't get over something like this in a day."

To make matters worse, Tracey said, her mother was dying in a nursing home during the same period of time.

"I didn't know if my husband was going to kill himself, or be in jail or what," she said. "If I hadn't had God, I wouldn't have known what to do."

When Teaney stood before Judge Dana Fortinberry at the 52-2 District Court, he was given a choice: Jail, or Sobriety Court.

The decision he made would change his life.

"I almost robbed my wife of her husband and the chance to have children," Teaney said. "I was a selfish brat."

The choice was clear.

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Doctor uses latest in technology to help cancer patients

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In medical school, Dr. Jeffrey Forman said he expected to be like the 1970's TV doctor Marcus Welby, an "old fashioned, home spun, nice version of current TV doctor House."

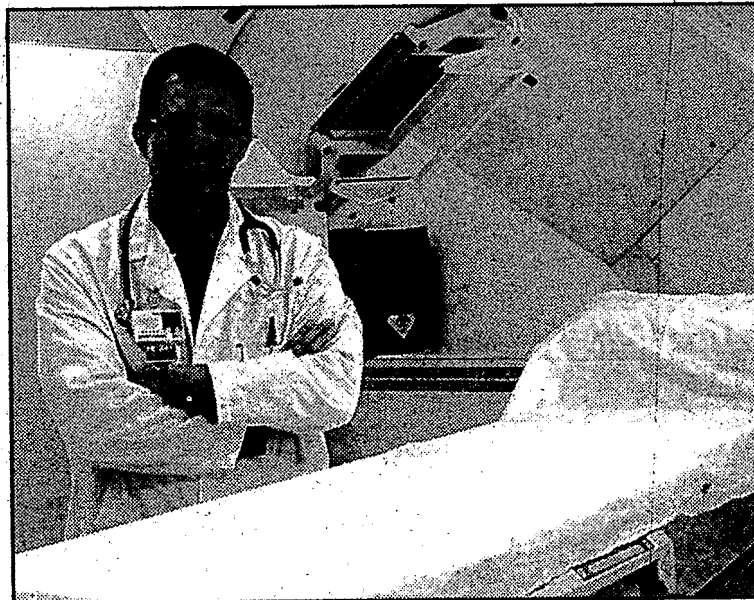
"There's kind of like a mellow, grandfatherly version of House. He would each week have a diagnostic dilemma, spent the week figuring out what the issue was and in a genteel way solve the problem and be a hero. So to me, that was what being a doctor was all about," said Forman.

But as he got to see different fields of care, many of his patients had cancer. What really got him interested was during his "Psyche rotation" at Belleview Hospital, where he got to interact with one of the patients, a young woman in her 20's who was dying from lymphoma.

"When I went to med school, I know I wanted to do something career wise that really made a difference to lots and lots of people, and in which my interactions with the people would be meaningful and important," said Forman. "At that time I couldn't think of anything more meaningful or important than helping a void in people like this one woman dying of cancer."

He was recently appointed medical director of the Michigan Institute for Radiation Oncology and Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Institute Facilities. The 21st Century Oncology, Inc., Michigan network has eight MIRO MCCI affiliates in southeastern Michigan, including 6770 Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

Previous to coming to MIRO, Forman spent 16 years at Barbra Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. He was a medical director at Karmanos



Dr. Jeffrey Forman, next to a Simview Simulator.

and director of the Lawrence and Idell Weisberg Cancer Center in Farmington Hills.

Forman said in the field of cancer "every interaction with patients is important to them and often a matter of life and death." It is also a great field to do research, which he has been actively involved in for 25 years.

"For me it turned out to be the perfect field. You get to help a lot of patients, you get to do research and move the science of medicine forward, and looking back on it I don't have one bit of regret," said Forman. "To me an interesting compliment is my oldest son is interested in doing what I do because he's seen it for his whole life and shares that same passion."

Forman said helping patients is the most rewarding part of his job. His main focus of research is on prostate cancer, and is known both nationally and internationally. Forman has published at least 150

pages/ book chapters on prostate cancer.

"As a result of the work I have directly either done or been involved with collaboratively, we've done things that have dramatically changed how we treat prostate cancer and as a result of that improved the outcome of treatments. Improving the likelihood of patients being restored reduced the likelihood of patients having bad side effects, so that's tremendously rewarding," he said.

Forman's third reward is he teaches med students, interns and residents. And from teaching he is able to impact young physicians in how they interact with patients throughout their careers.

"It's kind of like dropping a stone in a pond, like what I teach them is like that stone, but the ripples extend so far beyond. If I teach a hundred residents, during their careers they each take care of 10,000 patients, well then you've

impacted on a million lives," said Forman. "It's a very far reaching benefit and I love teaching."

He teaches at both Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Wayne State University where he has been "Teacher of the year." Forman referred to himself as a "tough teacher," which is a product of how he was taught. He teaches in a Socratic method, which involves "merciless questioning."

One of the advantages to Forman of working with 21st Century Oncology is a very wide geographic scope.

"By running eight centers it gives me a chance to really broaden the base and exposure to what we're doing with modern treatment to a lot of other communities," he said.

Another advantage is he knows he is working with some of the best technology money can buy.

"Twenty-first Century's philosophy is 'we are going to do good well for the company by doing good for the patients.' And that we are always going to have the best technology," he said. "To take care of patients with cancer, you want to be able to say with confidence 'you cannot get better treatment anywhere,' the best equipment, best technology, (and) best individuals."

Forman said 21st Century is coming up on the year anniversary since they purchased the MIRO group and already about 60 percent of the equipment has been completely replaced or upgraded to be "state of the art." Within another 6-8 months it will be 100 percent.

"That was the attraction to me, to really be able to not have to fight with how to improve ways of using old technology," he said. "But to find ways with the newest technology to make that treatment avail-

able to patients throughout the community, so you don't have to go to Memorial Sloan Kettering or MD Anderson to get access to that type of treatment and hopefully the medical know how that goes with it."

Forman said one of things he found out through research is cancer patients want to be treated close to home, they don't want to drive an hour or further to get treatment, which is sequential.

"Most people who don't really realize the qualitative differences between one place and another. They want the convenience of being treated close to their home and the expectation that they should have access to the same quality of treatment in their back yard," said Forman. "And I think that is a very realistic, achievable expectation."

Forman said he oversees treatments of all the patients at all eight centers, to make sure the treatments are reasonable, and appropriate.

"We have great physicians at each one, Dr Kay Miller, who primarily works here (Clarkston)," he said. "Instead of impacting on 30 patients I get to impact 150 and eventually more and more each day."

Forman graduated from Union College, a small school in Schenectady NY, then went to NYU for med school and did his internship and residency at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He met his wife Miriam freshman year of college and has been married for 28 years. They have three children, Adam who is in Med School at Wayne State University, Tara, who is graduating from college in St. Louis with an interest in journalism, and Joshua, who is a high school senior at West Bloomfield High

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Heart breaker

Dragons drop Wolves from district championships

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Last Friday, Clarkston fans were heartbroken the second time in three weeks, when the varsity football team lost the division 1 district championship game to Lake Orion, 30-27.

"We had a great season," said coach Kurt Richardson. "I don't know if you can see a better high school football game. That was like two heavy weights standing toe to toe. We played hard and that's all you can ask of them."

When Clarkston faced Lake Orion in early October, the Dragons were missing their quarterback Chris Lum. This game was Lum's third game back in full strength.

"We were lucky enough to make some plays and get ahead of the game," said Lake Orion coach Chris Bell. "We got our quarterback back so that gave us an advantage."

"Clarkston played a great game," continued Coach Bell. "They played their hearts out and it's a great team. They always have great heart, great tradition. We were fortunate to win."

The game began with a kickoff from Clarkston Senior Erik Thompson.

Five seconds into the game, the ball was handed to Lake Orion's Branden Oakes. Oakes ran 52 yards before being stopped by Julius Porter at the eight yard line. Ryan Broth stopped short of the goal line, at the one yard

line. The ball was then handed off to Oakes and stopped by Clarkston's Carlo Mollicone bringing Lake Orion to their third down with three to go.

Then, Brandon Hughes broke up a pass intended for Broth. The Wolves bring the ball to the twenty yard line, pushing the offense away from making a touchdown.

The Dragons seized the opportunity and with a field goal kick from Jeff Heath brought the score to 0-3.

With 9:43 on the clock, a pass goes to Thompson. Then Lake Orion's Robby Lentz stopped Thompson at the 49 yard line enough to bring it to the first down for Clarkston.

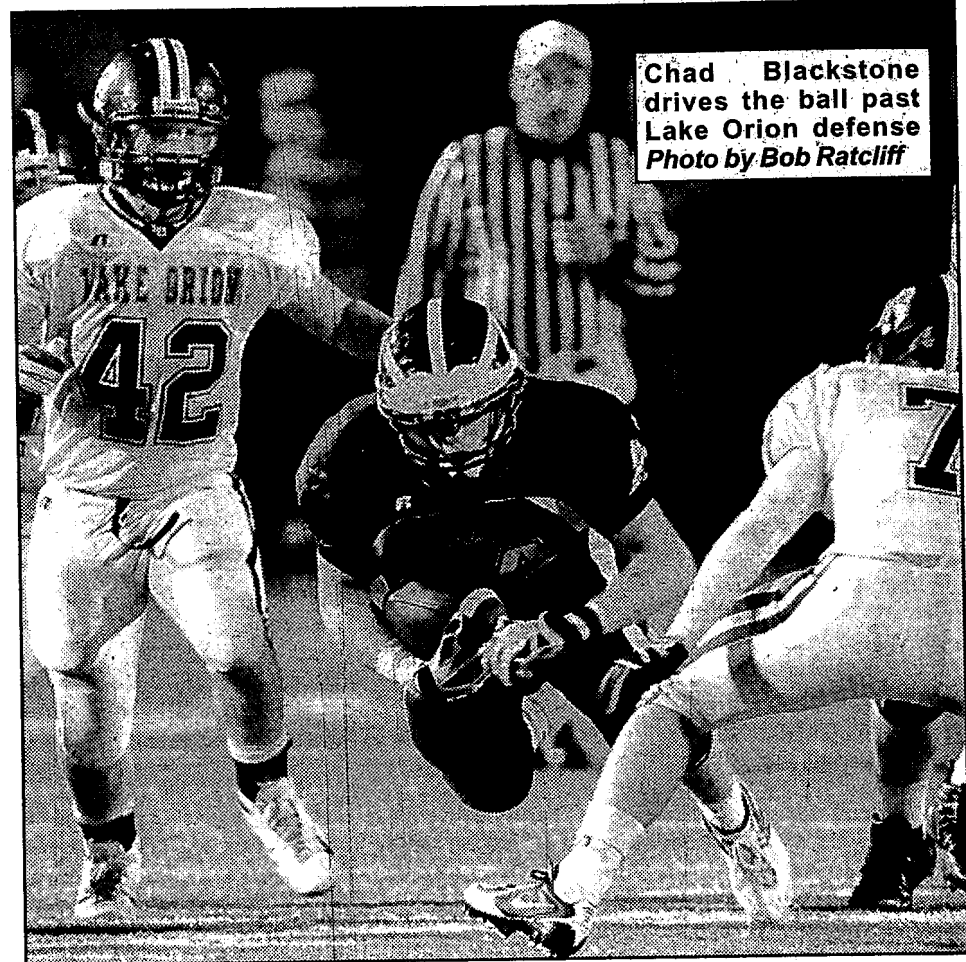
The ball was handed off to Jimmy Popp, then was tackled by Cane Hayes.

With another hand off to Popp, he was tackled by Heath and Blaine Stormer. Clarkston still at first down with 10 to go at the 35 yard line. The ball went to Dakota Bender then stopped by Evan Gros. Clarkston second down at the 41 yard line.

Bender got the ball. He proceeded to run 16 yards before being stopped by Stormer.

The ball pitched to Bender and Stormer moved in on the tackle. The ball was tripped Orion's Kevin Kelly stopped Popp, and brought the Wolves to their fourth down with 1 to go at the 15 yard line.

With 5:34 remaining on the clock, Bender got the Wolves to their first down and was



Chad Blackstone drives the ball past Lake Orion defense
Photo by Bob Ratcliff

stopped by Stormer and Charles Fleck.

Popp received the ball and then was stopped by Stormer on the 9 yard line.

The Wolves continue to drive the ball further in Orion's end zone. Popp stopped by Robby Lentz on the one yard line.

At 4:30 on the clock, quarterback Nick Shamoun scored a touchdown for Clarkston. With Thompson on the kick for the extra point. Clarkston brought the score 7-3.

In 12 plays, the Wolves drove the ball 65

yards. Thompson kicked off the ball. Orion's Zac Clouse received the ball then was tripped up by Justin Zirwes bringing the Dragons to their first down on their own 39 yard line.

At 4:14 on the clock, Orion's Broth received a pass and ran 65 yards into Clarkston's end zone to make a touchdown. Heath kicked for the extra point bringing Orion back ahead in points with the score 7-10.

Heath with the kickoff and the ball was
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Athlete of the Week Whiting awarded for excellence in baseball

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Reporter

Clarkston native Peter Whiting received Carl D. Erskine Award of Excellence from the Anderson University in Indiana on Oct 16.

Before the age of five, Whiting loved throwing baseballs and loved playing catch with his mom and dad.

When he was five, he joined his first recreational sport when he started playing T-Ball for Ortonville/Brandon. He had played baseball all his life by the time he started attending Anderson University. He had known a few guys on the team and debated either to play or not.

His father, Daniel L. Whiting, administrative pastor at Clarkston Community Church, was his influence to play baseball in college.

"Don't have any regrets," he told his son. "Plus he's a really good ball player." "I did not want to regret not trying, so tried, stuck with it," said Whiting. "Glad I did."

"It was great honor to receive an award like that from Anderson University, nice to be recognized," he said.

He doesn't play baseball right now and misses it. For his baseball future, he is open to anything and looking to do something.

"Probably play recreational baseball," said Whiting.

While he was at college, he was a volunteer for Big Brothers and Sisters of Madison County, Habitat for Humanity and the Wilson Boys and Girls Club of Anderson.

He still does some volunteer work with

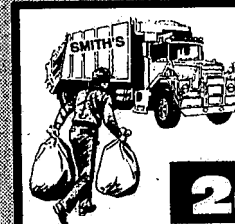
United Way, but plans to do more in the future.

He is one of six people who have received this award.

Recipients of the Carl D. Erskine Award of Excellence must possess certain qualities to win the award: working diligently in the field and in the classroom, putting the team above self, doing community service, and bringing honor to AU and the game of baseball.



Whiting accepts award from school officials. Photo Provided



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Big finish

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

Clarkston fans continued to cheer for the Wolves Varsity Soccer team Saturday even after they lost the State Finals to Grand Rapids East Kenwood 0-2.

"What I can't say enough of is my boys," said Coach Bican while looking over at his team. "I'm so proud of them. So proud of the way they carried themselves, the way they acted, and the way they played; and the community and the fans, the way they embraced them. You can't beat it. You can not beat it. All of those things are the reason we got here, not just because of the boys and their commitment to each other. But because of the backing support of the club, community, faculty and school."

No points were on the scoreboard until the last 20 minutes of the game. Goalie Scott Messer went to get the ball out of the box and Kentwood's Dzenan Catic took his opportunity and drove the ball forward with a kick into the right side of the net

Kentwood scored their second goal with 16 minutes left in the game when, Domenico Barone kicked into the goal with the assistance of Carlos Esquivel.

"There's two teams left and no one wants to see their season end," said Wolves Coach Adam Bican. "Of course it had to end today. It's fantastic to be here.

We wanted to win. And I think these boys, the underclassmen, will understand what it takes to get here. And they want to get back here, I know it. We have a lot of kids returning back for next year. It's special to be here."

"They're great," said East Kentwood Coach John Conlon of his competition. "I thought Clarkston physically was the best team we have seen. Defensively, they were very well coached, very well organized. It was hard to break



Matt Hall practices his moves against Eisenhower before going to State Finals.
Photo by Bob Ratcliff

them down. Oliver, every time he touched the ball you held your breath. We were concerned with him seeing the ball. We did our best to take the ball away from him. When he gets the ball, there's not a whole lot you can do. He's going to be a star."

The boys received medals for taking the runner-up position. Coach Bican accepted the MHSAA Trophy for the runner-up position.

Clarkston ended their season 18-4-3.

Strong play at semifinals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer advanced to the finals with a 4-1 win over Utica Eisenhower Oct 31.

"The boys came out, they played," said Wolves Coach Adam Bican. "I had sophomore hit by a car and he was played, Andrew Campbell, it's fantastic to be able to watch him the field after everything he has gone through this year. Oliver Kupe is a wonderful player and an extremely special leader. Scott Messer is a rock as always."

During the first half of the game, Clarkston defense and goalie Scott Messer kept Eisenhower from making any goals on their attempts.

With 1:32 left in the first half, Kevon Khani made the first goal for Clarkston.

Less than a minute into the second half, Oliver Kupe shot the ball into the left corner of the net with the assistance of Brandon Verlinden.

At 25:49, Kupe kicked the ball and the ball went into left corner of the net again bringing the score to

0-3.

The team rushed to the fence surrounding the field to celebrate with their screaming fans in the bleachers.

In the next two minutes, Kupe made another goal, this time to the right side of the net.

Eisenhower got one goal in with 13 minutes left in the game. A free kick by Alex Smoots slipped past Messer and into the net.

"Oliver Kupe, he's a great player," said Eisenhower Coach Josh VanHouten. "Guy scores three goals on you, it's tough to come back. Man marking him at all times. Second half try to move up offense and he took advantage of it. We have experience now and that was something we were lacking and hopefully now we can take it to the next level."

Last year the Wolves made it to district finals but lost against Rochester Adams in a shoot out.

"Definitely a different team this year," said Coach Bican. "This team plays a different way. Also, made a commitment to each other to work hard."

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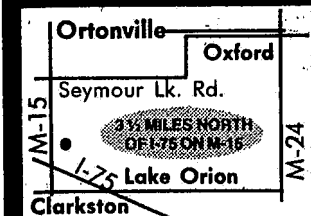


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Clarkston Wolves end season with 9-2 record

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picked up by Julius Porter. Orion's John Chathakhot stopped him on the Wolves 35 yard line bringing the Wolves to their first down.

A handoff to Thompson stopped by Stormer and A.J. Gill. Lake Orion's defense continued to stop Clarkston's offense, as they stop Dakota Bender and brought the Wolves to their third down.

Popp was tripped up by Robby Lentz after a 35 yard run with 2:34 remaining in the first quarter.

As the last few minutes go by, Clarkston continued to drive forward and stopped by Orion's defense until the last second counted down and Matt Calvano was stopped on the 18 yard line by James Miller.

The second quarter was underway. At 11:25, the ball was handed off to Oakes and stopped by sophomore Jeff Dean. Seconds later, the ball rolled dead at the end of Orion's fourth down. Clarkston gained control of the ball.

Less than three minutes into the second quarter, the Wolves made their second touchdown of the game. Nick Shamoun made a 65 yard pass to Porter at the 40 yard line. Porter caught the pass and took off for the end zone. Thompson kicked for the extra point and the score is brought to 14-10.

The Wolves drove the ball 69 yards in two plays.

Thompson kicked the ball and Lake Orion's Vinny Booker caught the ball before being stopped by Adam Sharp. The Dragons remained in control of the ball.

At 8:31, a pass was completed to Chad Nieswand and then stopped by Brandon Hughes on Clarkston's 34 yard line. Lake Orion edged closer to the end zone.

Less than four minutes later, Broth scored a touchdown for the Dragons as referees put a flag on the play and called a dead ball foul against Clarkston. Heath kicked for the extra point and brought the score 14-17 in favor of Lake Orion.

Lake Orion drove the ball 65 yards in 11 plays.

Porter received the kickoff from Heath. Then, he was stopped by Chanthaknot and John Marcoux on the fifteen yard line in Clarkston's end zone. Porter broke through one tackle on his way to run nine yards and then was stopped by Charles Fleck.

At 4:02 on the clock, Popp popped the ball out to brother Alex Popp. A personal foul called against Lake Orion for face mask and the ball was brought to the 40 yard line in

Orion's end zone.

With 1:45 remaining, Thompson caught a 15 yard throw and was stopped by Stormer.

Within the next 15 seconds, Popp brought the ball to the eight yard line and was stopped by Fleck. The Wolves at their first down.

The ball went to Popp and he was stopped again this time by Eric Knoblock and Zac Clouse. Bringing the Wolves to their second down with a lose of one yard at the nine yard line.

Dragon's Kevin Kelly tipped the ball at the line of scrimmage at the 1:17 mark bringing

Popp received the ball and fought through Orion's defense to make a touchdown for Clarkston with 1:13 left in the first half. Thompson kicked for the extra point, but the kick went wide right and the point is missed. The Wolves brought the score 20-17

The Wolves drove the ball 85 yards in nine plays.

The third quarter began with a kick off from Lake Orion's Heath. Bender caught the ball from the kick off and then was tackled by A.J. Gill and Kelly.

Less than a minute into the quarter, Blackstone moved the ball nine yards on to Orion's forty-eight yard line and enough to bring Clarkston to their first down. Then, Thompson was tripped up on the 39 yard line.

At 9:46, Thompson stopped by Stormer and there was a flag on the ball. Clarkston at their third down. Shamoun got the ball and was taken down by Zac Clouse.

A minute later, Orion regained control of the ball and a pass was completed to Booker, and then is stopped by Porter. Orion at their first down.

At 8:13, referees back the ball 10 yards back against Lake Orion for holding. The ball placed at the 18 yard line.

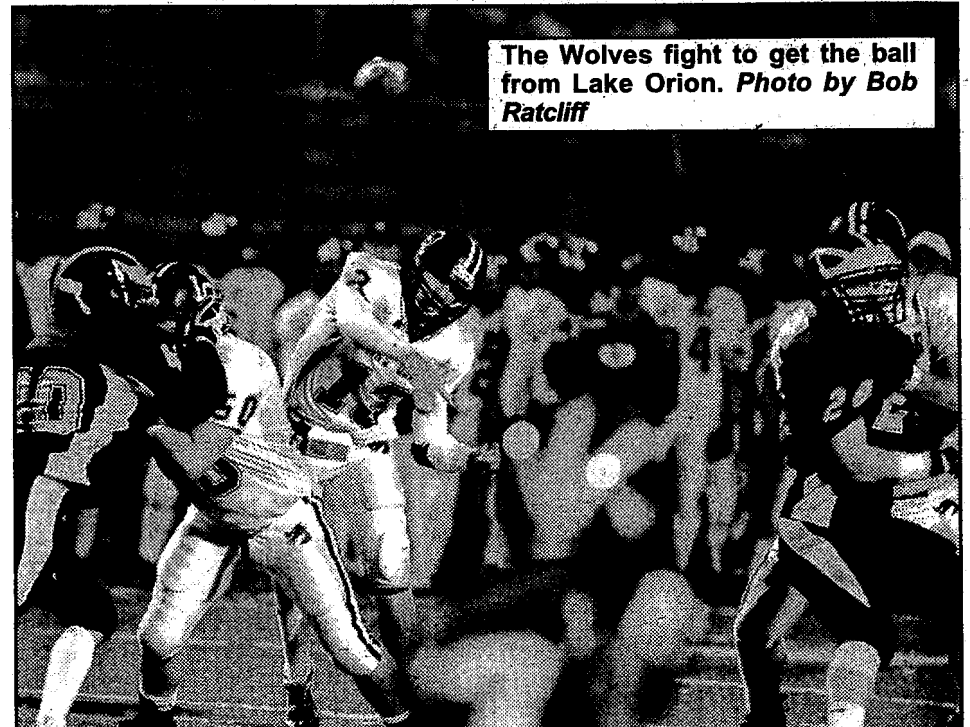
After Clarkston defense putting a stop to Orion's pushing forward in plays, and with 4:28 left in the third quarter, Lum threw the ball. The ball went 23 yards and was caught by Broth. Broth continued forward to make a touchdown for Lake Orion. Heath went for the extra point and the kick is blocked by Porter. Lake Orion brought the score to 20-23.

Lake Orion drove the ball 83 yards in nine plays.

Porter received the ball after Heath's kickoff. He was stopped at the 29 yard line.

Popp ran 13 yards before being stopped by Gill, Clarkston at their first down at the 43 yard line.

Popp fumbled the ball and Lake Orion



The Wolves fight to get the ball from Lake Orion. Photo by Bob Ratcliff

picked it up. Orion remained in control of the ball for the next few minutes with Clarkston defending and stopping the ball.

With 16 seconds left of the third quarter, Broth broke through two tackles on his way to make another touchdown for Lake Orion. Heath kicked for the point. The Dragons bring the score 20-30.

The fourth quarter began with Clarkston in possession of the ball.

A minute and a half in, Popp ran across the 25 yard line and was stopped at the 23 yard line when Fleck grabbed him around the ankles.

At 8:39, at their fourth down, Shamoun passed the ball to Blackstone. Blackstone ran 18 yards into the end zone for the touchdown for Clarkston. Thompson kicked for the point and brought the score 27-30. The Wolves drove the ball 80 yards in nine plays.

Thompson kicked off the ball, and Orion's Mikael Lott caught it at the 35 yard line.

At 6:43, the ball was kicked off and rolled dead at the 20 yard line. Clarkston gained control of the ball. Then, Popp stopped in the line of scrimmage of Kevin Loney.

Thompson caught a pass from Shamoun with Dragon Fleck defending.

Shamoun threw the ball and Porter caught the 40 yard pass before being tackled by Stormer. The play brought Clarkston to their first down at the 47 yard line.

Popp gained four yards before being stopped by Hughes and Clarkston at their second down. Blackstone continued the gain with three more yards before being stopped by Heath.

Then, Popp stopped by Heath at the 35 yard line, bringing Clarkston to their first down.

With 1:19 left in the game, Shamoun completed a 11 yard pass to Thompson, bringing the ball to the 13 yard line.

Unfortunately for Clarkston, there was miscommunication about either they were going to kick it for the field goal or go for the touchdown. With the delay in communication, the Wolves were charged with a delay of game penalty and the ball backed up to the 20 yard line.

With 23 seconds left, the Wolves brought the ball back to the 15 yard line and to their fourth down.

The game ended with the ball out of range for the Wolves.

"(Jimmy) Popp was outstanding. He had his best game tonight. He was the man," said Richardson. "He was playing hurt. He had a gouge taken out of his arm. They wanted to take him to the hospital, but he said no."

"Another great battle between two football teams," said Bell.

The Wolves end the season with nine wins, two losses.

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Over the net, onto regionals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

With a win over three teams at Districts, the girls Varsity Volleyball team won Class A District Final. They will continue on to MHSAA Regionals.

Last Thursday, the team played the first round against Waterford Mott. They won the game with 3-0.

The first match began with Mott trailing a few points behind the Lady Wolves. Once Clarkston reached 20 points, the difference widened for Mott. Clarkston reached point 22 with a joint block from Johanna Kupe and Jilian Locricchio. Kupe won the match for the Clarkston when she got the 25th point on a return hit, sending the ball over the net and out of Mott's reach.

Clarkston won the first match 25-13.

At the beginning of the second match, Mott put up more of a fight by staying within a few points of Clarkston. Once again the gap widened once Clarkston quickly got to 18 points. With too many hits to the ball by

Mott, Clarkston received the last point they needed. They won the second match 25-14.

For the last match, Mott was slow to keep pace with Clarkston. Once Mott got points on the board, it was too late. Clarkston was already too far ahead in points. The Lady Wolves won this match 25-14.

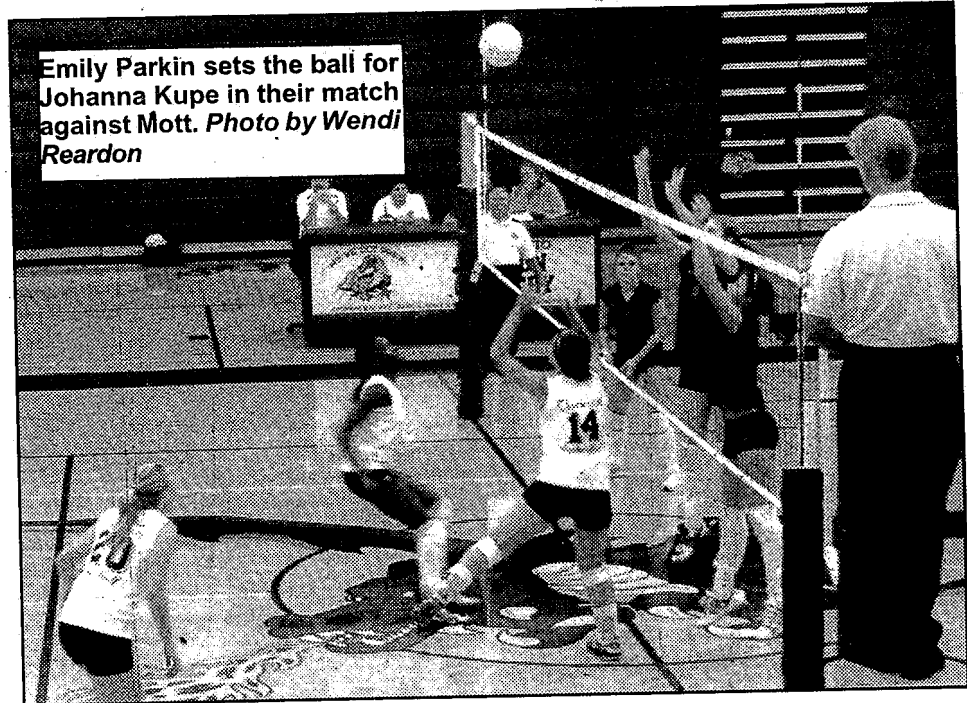
"I gave the girls a bunch of goals tonight," said Coach Kelly Avenall, "something I wanted them to work on going into tomorrow."

The goals she gave them were to make three blocks in the first game. In the second game, they had to have so many aces. With the third game, try things differently along the net and different things offensively.

"They did what they were suppose to do tonight," said Coach Avenall.

For their game against Mott, Jenna Coates had 25 digs, Emily Parkin had 21 assists, and Johanna Kupe had 14 kills.

Their next round of the district tournament was Friday. They played against Lapeer East and won 3-0. The scores for the matches



Emily Parkin sets the ball for Johanna Kupe in their match against Mott. Photo by Wendi Reardon

were 25-18, 25-15, and 25-13.

In the matches against Lapeer East, Jenna Coates had 24 digs, Croll had 11 kills, and Parkin had 25 assists.

The final round of the tournament was against Oxford. The Lady Wolves won with a score 4-1. The scores for the four matches were 25-16, 25-23, 21-25, and 27-25.

They will compete against Troy in the first

round for Regionals. Clarkston has played Troy three times this season, and beat them each time.

"They are a better team than they were at the beginning of the year," said Coach Avenall. "It will be competitive."

The Lady Wolves will play this Saturday, Nov. 10 at Birmingham Marian High School. The game against Troy begins at 10 a.m.

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Clarkston's seventh-grade Gold Team mixes it up at a game Oct. 30. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Strong seasons for 7th-grade footballers

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Reporter

The Sashabaw Middle School Seventh Grade Gold Football team ended their season last Tuesday with an undefeated record of 6-0.

They won with a score of 22-0 in their final game against Crary Middle School.

With seventeen seconds left in the game, excited football players on the sidelines celebrated their victory by picking up the large gatorade container and dumped it over their coach, Bob Cattin.

The Gold team kept the score 0-0 until the third quarter of the game when at 6:21, Dustin Ewald made a touchdown for Sashabaw. The ball was then handed to Jesse Chadwell for two point conversion to make the score 8-0.

The team kept the pace going by going for more points two minutes later when Adam Johns ran the ball 40 yards in for a touchdown. Kyle O'Grady took the ball in for the two point conversion and brought the score to 16-0.

With three minutes left in the game, Adam Johns made a 40 yard run straight up the middle of the field into the end zone for a touchdown. The team tried for a two point conversion, but the ball missed.

"They are a good team," said Coach Cattin.

Horizon Hoop Basketball returns Nov. 10

The league is eight weeks. For two weeks, players will work on fundamental skills. The remaining six weeks are for games. It is run by Varsity Girls basketball coaches and players.

The cost to participate is \$75 and includes a basketball T-shirt. Flyer are available at elementary schools, or contact head coach Tim Wasilk at wasilktd@clarkston.k12.us.

"They started out a good team, then were split in half (into the blue and gold teams)."

The team will get t-shirts for achieving an undefeated season.

The Sashabaw Middle School Blue team also finished their season Tuesday. In their last game, they won 24-0 over Oakview Middle School. They finished the season with an overall record 4-2.

With 6:13 left in the second quarter, Alberto Carlesimo ran to the left side of the field until he hit the end zone to make the first touchdown for the Blue team.

Chris Calvano added two more points to the scoreboard after making a two point conversion, bringing the score 8-0.

Near the end of the third quarter with one minute left, Carlesimo ran the ball 35 yards to make a touchdown. A flag is called on the play and the ball is backed up five yards for the two point conversion.. Calvano made the extra points and brought the score 16-0.

In the fourth quarter, Calvano scored another touchdown with 6:14 left in the game. Brad Barker passed the ball to Vinnie Post. Post made the two point conversion and the score was brought up to 24-0.

Carlisle environmental consultants receive award

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy presented its 2007 Blue Heron Award Oct. 27 to Carlisle/Wortman Associates, a planning firm serving Clarkston, and Independence and Springfield townships.

"We were both surprised and pleased to get the award, especially from an organization whom I have a great deal of respect," said company President Richard Carlisle.

"They are team players as they do their job of planning and zoning, maneuvering within the infrastructures and political landscapes," said NOHLC Executive Director Katie Anderson. "And when you step back, you see that they have not only protected natural assets, but they have actually preserved community, beauty, and hope."

The award is granted annually to an individual, corporation, government or business that exhibits exemplary service to land conservation, moving forward NOHLC's mission of conservation. The presentation cited

Carlisle/Wortman Associates' work with master plans to protect natural resources with water quality, storm water management, and native landscaping ordinances.

"It's common knowledge among many... if you value your natural resources as significant assets, having both economic and social value, then you want Carlisle Wortman Associates to help you protect these assets," said Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Carlisle.

Sally Elmiger, CWA associate, accepted the award on behalf of Carlisle.

"Natural areas, agricultural lands, open space and greenways all form a vital community element elevated in importance by the term 'green infrastructure' that should be treated on an equal basis to 'built' infrastructure," she said. "Land conservancies, specifically North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, have understood the importance of green infrastructure long before others. We consider conservancies to be vital partners in planning quality communi-

ties."

Elmiger, landscape architect with Carlisle Wortman and Associates, said the Hummingbird Ridge development in Springfield Township demonstrates how principled developers and knowledgeable planning commissions can achieve mutually-held goals to protect natural resources and conserve open space. Richard Carlisle and Carlisle/Wortman Associates have been the township planner for 25 years.

Elmiger said Susan Aulgur, who developed Hummingbird Ridge, educated herself on green development, understanding what features on a site to protect, and why. She also understands developers and communities are allies not adversaries and mutually benefit from environmental protection.

"Because Aulgur didn't think we were trying to take something away from her, she was very open to additional suggestions to their good site plans," said Elmiger.

The 30 acres of park preserve on the 54-acre site are held in perpetuity in a conservation easement by NOHLC.

"We all benefit from land preservation," said Aulgur. "Development does not have to equal destruction."

Another example is building the Hills of Kingston, with its single-family homes. George Mansour's Pace Developments Company and Springfield Township preserved trees while building the roadway. Instead of creating a 15-foot right of way strip on each side of the roads for utilities, private land comes right up the curb, with a guaranteed easement for utilities. That lets lines and people wind around established trees.

"He wanted to do this and worked with



Richard Carlisle and Sally Elmiger hold the 'Blue Heron Award.' Photo provided.

the township engineer to determine how this could be done," said Elmiger. "There was a level of trust on both sides; the township and Mr. Mansour both felt like they were on the same page."

Natural-feature preservation has been a part of the township master plan for 20 years, said Collin Walls, township supervisor for 30 years.

"Development should be based on the capability of the land," Walls said.

Carlisle/Wortman Associates are also celebrating their 20 anniversary this year.

Swimming to the win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Swimming team won their league in the OAA Finals on Friday.

They won with 352 points, competing against Stoney Creek and Lake Orion for the league win in the OAA finals. The last event of the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay determined the winner. Clarkston took first place in the relay and received 40 points.

The swim team set three records in OAA. The team of Christine Seiple, Mollie Simpson, Megan Zelinsky and Julia Vela set a record in the 200 Yard Medley Relay with the time of 1:52.83. Alyssa Vela set the record in the 50 Yard Freestyle with a time of 23.27. Also, Alyssa Vela set the record in the 100 Yard Freestyle with a time of 52.92.

The swim team set five pool records in

the 200 Yard Medley Relay, 50 Yard Freestyle, and 100 Yard Freestyle.

The pool record for the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay was set with the time of 1:43.02 with the team of Simpson, Kaitlyn Hassett, and the Vela sisters. The fifth pool record was for the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay in which the team of Hassett, Seiple, Zelinsky and Alyssa Vela set the record with the time of 3:42.59.

"(We are) looking forward to states," said coach Kenwyn Chock.

The swim team is looking to place in the top 10 at states for first time ever for Clarkston.

The swim team will be going to the state finals Nov. 16-17 at Eastern Michigan University. Some of the qualifiers competing are the Vela sisters, Seiple, Simpson, and Amber Fullmer.

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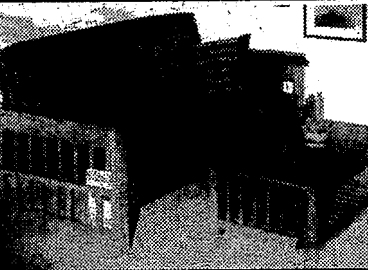
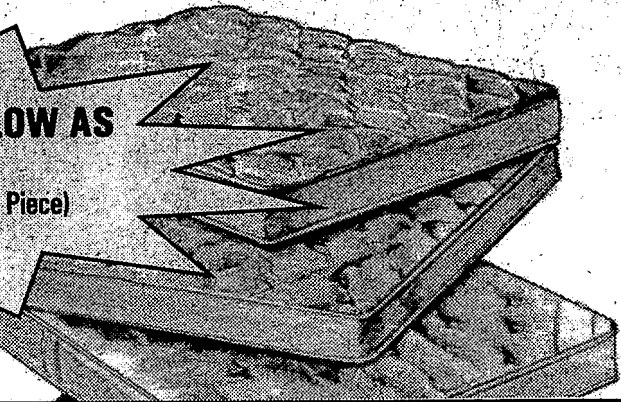
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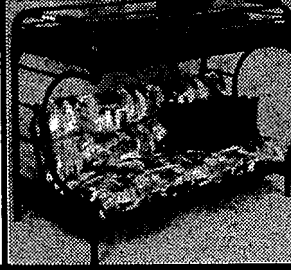


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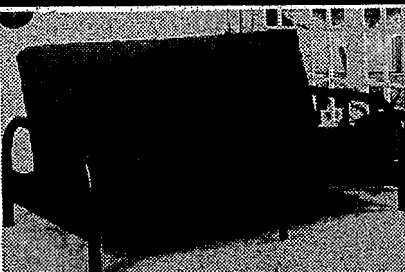
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The occupants of this home on Holcomb dressed up and had a blast passing out candy.

The Halloween scene

Temperatures stayed comfortable and the rain held off until all ghosts and goblins got safely home this year as hundreds of kids—and lots of grown-ups, too—donned costumes and swarmed Clarkston streets in search of tricks and treats.

Photos by Laura Colvin



After a long night of trick-or-treating, Elli Moen gets a ride with dad, Even Moen.



Jackie Douglas said her mom would be thrilled to see granddaughter Ava Haskins in *The Clarkston News*.



Sumo wrestler Nathan Drummond didn't have any trouble hefting all that candy.



Independence Twp. firefighters David Karakuc, Ross Green, Gary Sharp and wife Tiffany passed out candy.



Craig Colombo, rear, Sam Jochum, left, Brent VanHalle, right, and Cheerleader Jack Jochum (yep, there's a boy under those curls) REALLY wanted a photo.

People Poll

November 7, 2007

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Thoughts about Veterans day?



"It's a great day to respect our veterans and honor them. They deserve a day for us to remember them."

- Meaghan Kistler



"It's an important day."

- Linda Beebe



"Everybody should celebrate all the that helped us become what we are today-Free."

- Tiffanie Hemmingson

By Trevor Kelser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Serving society

Pageant winner uses crown to inspire youth

BY TREVOR KEISOR

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Elizabeth Anne Hawthorne began competing in beauty pageants at age 12. Little did she know four years later, she would be crowned Miss Michigan Teen USA 2008.

"When I won, it was just amazing; there are really no words to describe it," she said.

Hawthorne competed against 64 other girls from around the state. She said her main goal for the competition was just to have fun and to enjoy meeting all the other girls.

"The judges were so much fun, the interview was awesome, and the girls were amazing. We just had a really good time because we didn't have our parents around and it was basically like a dorm room, but in a hotel."

Previous to Miss Teen USA, Hawthorne won two other titles. In 2005 she won Dreamgirls USA and in 2006 she was crowned Miss Michigan Jr. Teen.

"This is biggest one I have ever had, and honestly the one I can say I worked very hard for because it was the very first time I was in a swimsuit, so working out everyday, running, and just being myself was the big thing," she said.

Hawthorne is involved in several charity events with her "sister Queen," Ms. Michigan USA Elisabeth Crawford. Hawthorne will also teach others about her platform, osteoporosis.

"My big goal is to help teens and tell them

how to prevent osteoporosis in the future," said Hawthorne.

She chose this after hitting her hip during a dance routine in a pageant. A shock went up her spine and, after consulting with a chiropractor, she found out that she has extra cartilage on her rib. She originally thought it was a bone tumor.

"So I went online to find this bone tumor I thought I had and I couldn't find anything, especially for teens, and I came across the National Osteoporosis Foundation. I contacted Kris House who was one of the speakers, and I told her I would really like to be a spokesperson for teens and really get the word out about osteoporosis and how to prevent it," she said.

Hawthorne is also working closely with the foundation while writing her first book for teens about osteoporosis prevention.

As one of Hawthorne's recent charity events, she worked with the Octagon Club and dressed up as Princess Fiona from the movie "Shrek" for the Friendly Forest, as well as doing a walk for the National Osteoporosis Foundation. She is a junior and honor student at Clarkston High School. Activities include, SADD, Octagon Club, French Club and Rachel's Challenge. She is also active in the Clarkston Coalition for Youth.

During the competition, Hawthorne was asked, "if you could have any class in high school that you don't already have, what would it be?" Her response: a confidence building class.

"In our society, we are full of peer pressure and that leads to drugs, alcohol and anorexia, by having this class we can build these kids up and let them know it's ok to be confident and have self esteem. With that we can have a better community."

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Elizabeth Hawthorne was crowned 2008 Miss Michigan Teen USA. Photo by Trevor Kelser



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Veterans luncheon, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 7. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Dogs Dance in Davisburg, Freestyle Fanatics' Michigan Club, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 9. Dogs and handlers judged on choreographed musical programs. Free. Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road. 248-673-6955.

Comedy Night at the Liberty Bar and Grille, starring Leo Dufour with Keith Lenart, 9 p.m., Nov. 9, 6060 Maybee Road. \$10. 21 and over. 248-625-4660.

"Nothing But the Truth," a mysterious comedy, 8 p.m., Nov. 9-10 and 16-17. Set in 1913 aboard a ship. \$10/advance, \$12/door. Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, 4900 Maybee Road. 248-391-6166.

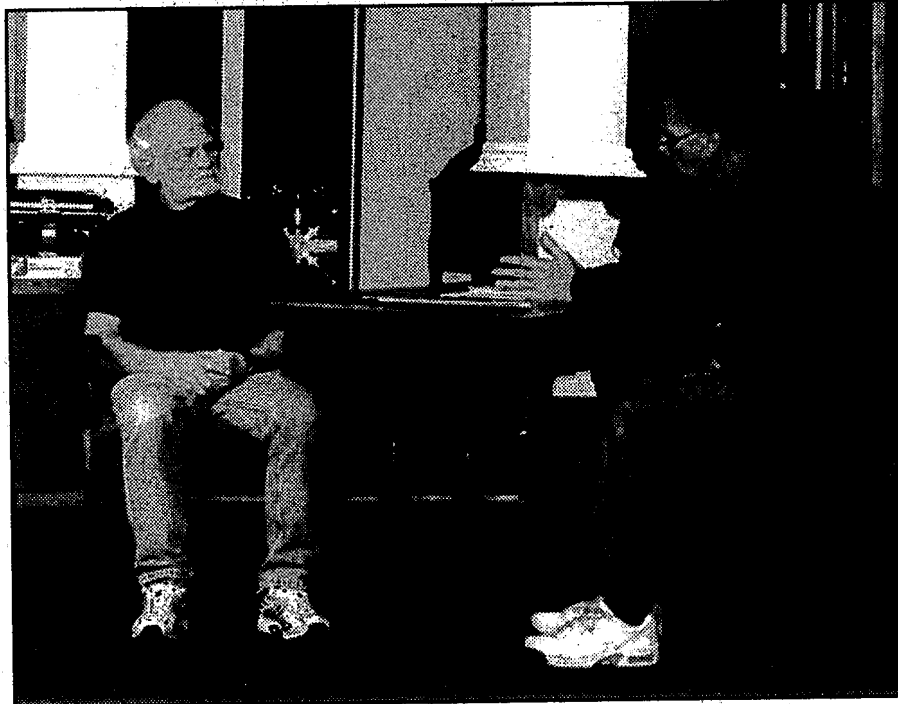
Scrapbook fundraiser, Spotlight Dance Center competition team, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 10, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. \$25 by Nov. 2, \$30 at door. Raffle, vendors, 50/50.

Bear Essentials, 1 p.m., Nov. 11, Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center near White Lake. Explore, investigate, and learn about Michigan black bears. \$1.50. 7 and older. 248-625-7280.

Health fair, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 11, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free health screenings. \$4/cholesterol. Chair massage, Healing Touch, whole foods, Kid Zone. \$25/flu shots. 248-625-1750.

Veterans Appreciation Day, Nov. 12, Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield

Around Town



Clarkston Village Players, Verne Vackaro, left, and Dave Kramer rehearse a scene from "Taking Sides." Photo provided

Looking for the truth

Clarkston Village Players presents "Taking Sides" Nov. 16-17, 23-25, and 29-30, and Dec. 1 at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road.

The courtroom drama explores how and why famous conductor Wilhelm

Furtwangler remained in Hitler's Germany. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays.

For tickets and information, call 248-625-8811 or 248-575-4104.

Township. Free entry, waived boat launch fees. 800-477-2757.

Children's Book Week, with author Mark Crilley, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 13. Live drawing demonstrations, readings, question-answer time, book signing. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Benefit dinner, hosted by Polish Women's

Alliance for Zamek Polish Dancers, 5-8 p.m., Nov. 13. Traditional Polish food, costumes and dancing. Call Angela Tomczyk at 248-961-0954.

Open House, National Great American SmokeOut, 12-4 p.m., Nov. 15. Laser demonstration, carbonmonoxide testing, information, discounts. Anne Penman Laser Therapy- Stop Smoking & Weight Loss

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Buck Pole, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Nov. 15. Deer must be tagged and licensed before they can be entered into the contest. Shiawassee Basin Preserve in Davisburg. \$10/deer. 248-634-0412.

Auction, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Nov. 15, Independence Twp Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Bid on homemade cookies, pies, fudge, candies, gift baskets, specialty items, unique gifts. 50/50 raffle. Checks or cash. Business meeting first, auction follows. Call Marilyn, 248-620-0444.

Poinsettia Fundraiser, Clarkston Community Women's Club, poinsettia's, wreaths, \$5.50, \$9.50, \$14.50 \$18. Grave blankets, \$40/medium, large/\$50. Benefits Clarkston Youth Assistance, high school scholarship, and Independence Township Library. Call Caroyln, 248 625-2924, order deadline, Nov. 15.

Ginger Bread House Craft, 11 a.m., Nov. 17. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Animal Prep Work, 1 p.m., Nov. 18, Environmental Discovery Center, near White Lake. Learn how animals prepare for winter. \$1.50. 7 and older. 248-625-7280.

Benefit fundraiser, Spotlight Dance Competition Team of Clarkston, 4-8 p.m., Dec. 4, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway. Team members will serve and entertain guests to raise funds to go to nationals next year. 248-342-1563.

Annual Stories with Santa, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 6. Bring your camera, or \$5/picture. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

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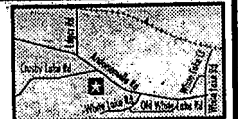
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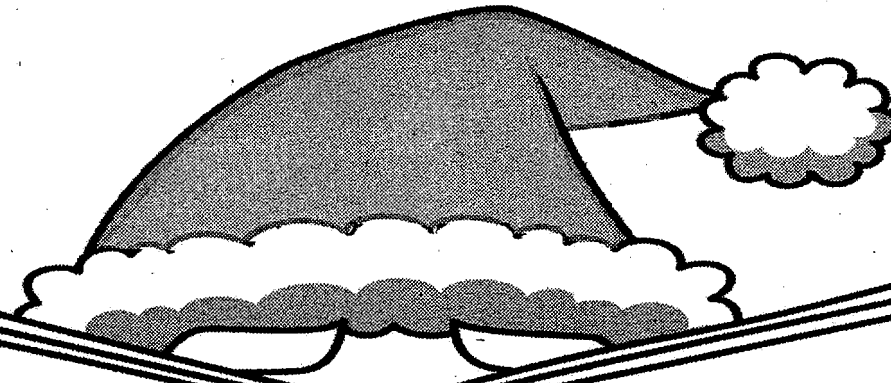
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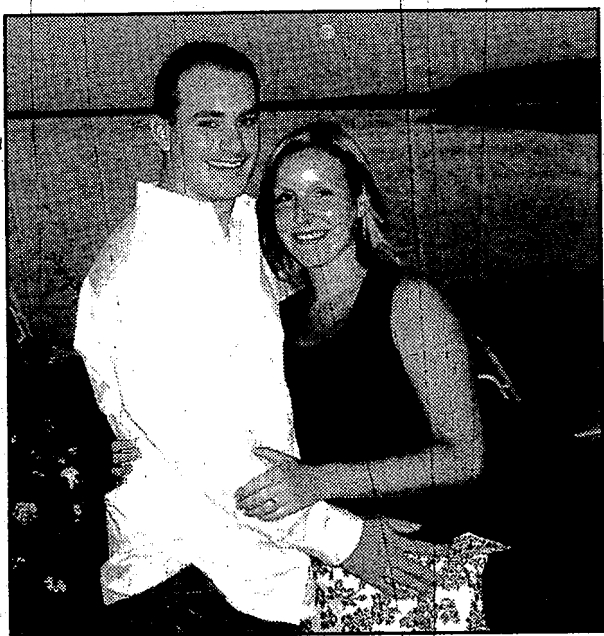
Milestones

Collier-Evans

Eskle and Robyn Collier of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter Jamie Coryn Collier to Matthew David Evans, son of James and Anne Evans of Clarkston.

Jamie is a 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School. The bride-to-be completed her bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University in May 2007. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Social Work from MSU.

Her fiance is a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School. Matthew completed his bachelor's degree in economics from the



Matthew and Jamie

University of Michigan in December of 2004 and is currently pursuing his MBA from Oakland University.

Matthew is employed by National City Bank.

A June 2008 wedding is planned in Clarkston.

Business News

Denise Daugherty, RN, of Davisburg, was the September recipient of the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

Daugherty was recognized for clinical skills, compassionate care, exemplary service and continued commitment to excellence at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital.

Recipients receive a DAISY Award signature lapel pin, a certificate of recognition and a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled "A Healer's Touch."

The DAISY Award, Diseases Attacking the Immune System, is a program of the DAISY Foundation. It was established in 2000 by the Barnes family in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura at the age of 33.

The DAISY Foundation funds research to help fight diseases of the immune system and supports patients and their families.



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Additionally, Daugherty was recently commended for her medical expertise and care of a challenging patient in the hospital's Critical Care Unit. This award is given monthly to outstanding nurses in more than 100 hospitals across the United States.

Got a Milestone to share?

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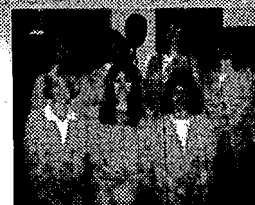
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Religion

Make a habit of prayer

"Lord, teach us to pray..."

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Interestingly enough, Jesus does not counsel his friends to go and buy a book, attend a workshop, join a prayer group, or even to attend synagogue services.

He tells them to "to go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret." (Matthew 6:6) Sound productive enough for you?

Our society values being busy almost as much as we value our accomplishments. Often we wear our "busy-ness" as a badge of honor; as something that physically points to our value as a human being.

We have trouble sitting still, or even worse, being in silence. We value the end result, the production of our efforts.

Even our colloquial expressions reflect this need to produce. We "make plans", "make time", "make a play", "make space", and "make hay while the sun shines" to name just a few!

Sadly, we're so busy "making" things that we have lost

our understanding of the value of prayer. In prayer it would appear we aren't "making" anything at all!

I believe I am describing most people, even those who would describe themselves as a person of faith.

Yet, as a person of faith, one is called to a relationship with God that requires time spent in prayer. Without this time set apart, there is no real relationship. The good news is that God is always present for you and me. We only need to become present to God.

Prayer is a habit not unlike all other habits we depend upon every day. Yet, in order to become second nature, as habits generally become, some initial discipline must be involved. Prayer is also a promise; for Jesus tells us "ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you."

At the very least, we have our motivation! Try asking yourself how you would like your life to be different one year from today. Most of us would change something if we could. Prayer can do that.

Matthew Kelly, a best-selling author and speaker, once related a story about Michael Jordan that speaks eloquently about the value of discipline in changing one's habits.

When Michael Jordan was in high school and failed to make the varsity basketball team, he asked his coach what he

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Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

In our churches...

Prophecy Conference: answering your questions about the end of the world; 6 p.m. Nov. 11, First Baptist Church in Clarkston, 5972 Paramus Road; 7 p.m. Nov. 12-16, Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Road. Guest speaker: Dr. Bob Shelton. Nurseries provided. All services interpreted for the deaf. 248-625-2700.

Veteran's Day service, 10 a.m., Nov. 11, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Flag presentation by honor guard, Oakland Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, and trumpeter Stephen Doll. All veterans welcome. 248-625-2325.

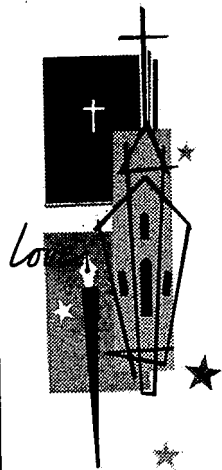
Alternative Gift Fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Gift-giving opportunities range from donations to local and national organizations, to purchases of fair-trade handicrafts supporting marginalized artisans and workers around the world. 248-762-9454.

Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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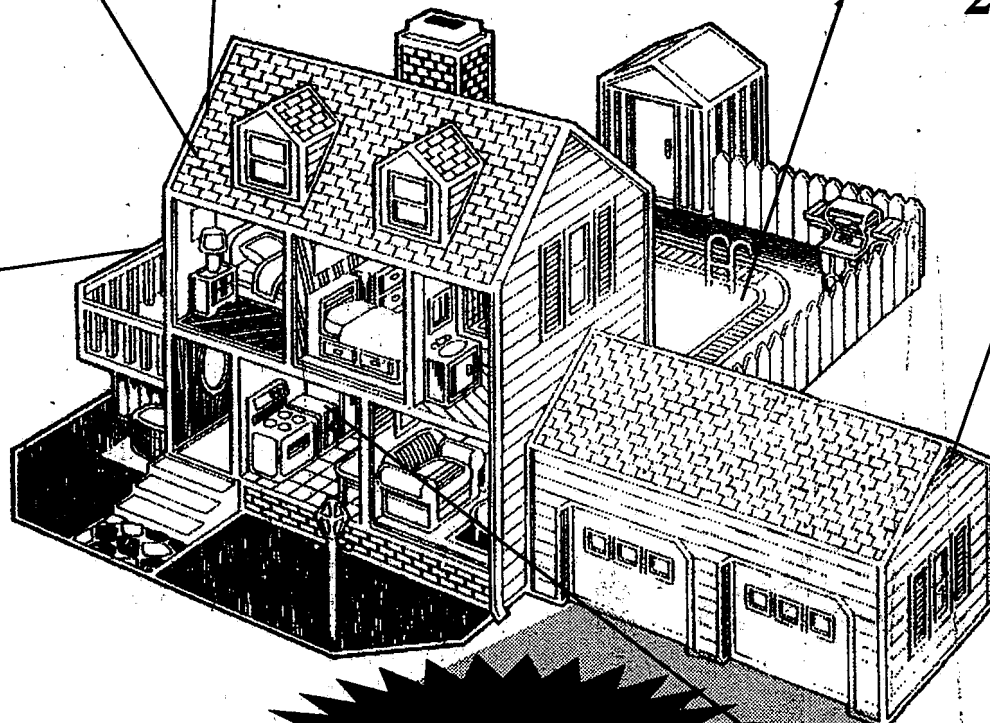


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needed to do to make that team. His coach responded that he was too inconsistent at the free throw line to be able to compete well at the varsity level.

Michael took it upon himself to successfully shoot 600 free throws every day before he went to bed in order to improve his ability. Not just shoot 600 times, but also successfully complete 600 free throws!

When would you next sleep if you had to "make" 600 free throws?

The point is, Michael Jordan went on to become not only a proficient free throw shooter, but perhaps the best basketball player the world has ever known.

Start simply. Even 10 minutes a day spent in silence with the intention of including God in your day's plans is a great way to pray. Try to make it a habit.

We are entering what, for most people, is the busiest season of the year. Resolve not to do it on your own. Henry David Thoreau wrote, "Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them."

Make a habit of prayer just 10 minutes a day, and you'll be singing out loud by Christmas!

Cheryl Smith is adult education coordinator for St. Daniel Catholic Community.

Around Town

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BNI, Clarkston-Waterford Chapter, 7 a.m., Tuesdays, Liberty Golf & Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. Call Cheryl Bean at 248-625-7550. ***

Social Dancing, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 30-Nov. 27. \$35 per person for five classes. Ballroom dance lessons for singles, couples. Hosted by Senior Center at Clarkston Community Ed Building, 6558 Waldon Road. 248-625-8231. ***

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Thursdays starting

In our churches

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7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539. www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org. ***

Wednesday Evening Feast - Food for Body and Soul, 6:10 p.m., praise and worship at 7 p.m., classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Nursery provided. Through Nov. 14. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288. ***

Moms in Touch, community group, meeting and prayers for local schools, Fridays,

Nov. 15, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$3. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-1611. ***

Gentle Yoga, 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 30-Dec. 11. \$32 for seven weeks. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231. ***

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Nov. 7-Dec. 19. \$28 for 6 weeks Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231. ***

9-10 a.m., Clarkston Community Church. 248-625-1323. ***

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. ***

Church of the Resurrection has **bible study**

Knit or crochet program, second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212. ***

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603. ***

Movies & Munchies, 1:30 p.m., every third Thursday. Springfield Twp. Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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Things happen for a reason

I've often heard it said that "Things happen for a reason," and I wholeheartedly believe it.

There's a beautiful poem called "Things Happen for a Reason" written by Piano Lady Nancy, that begins with "Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there...to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson or help figure out who you are or who you want to become."*

Piano Lady Nancy's words of wisdom have been demonstrated throughout my life. My inspiration and desire to help others was derived from the people in my life who have touched my heart.

In a previous column I mentioned that it feels as though everyone knows at least one person who has been diagnosed with cancer.

I have met numerous people around our community faced with cancer or a major health concern. After recognizing the widespread need for financial assistance to pay for associated medical treatment, I formed Lend A Helping Hand, Inc. (LAHH).

Today, LAHH, a not-for-profit organization, partners with family and friends of loved ones to raise money to pay for medical expenses incurred during treatment of a terminal illness or life altering disease.

Lend a Hand



a column by
Michelle Phaup

While I was attending a Kalamazoo College reunion a couple of weeks ago, my friend, Nancy Reye, a medical doctor from Traverse City, encouraged me to contact Beverly Ann Cramer, a talented artist who designed a fresh, new logo to help raise Breast Cancer Awareness.

Beverly, a breast cancer survivor, designed an "Awareness Clothing Line" that features her new logo in memory of her dear friend, Martha Brady, who lost the battle.

I immediately fell in love with Beverly's feminine logo with roses. In Beverly's own words, "The design was painted to show just how delicate life truly is."

Lend A Helping Hand has formed a partnership with Beverly and is now selling her "Awareness Clothing Line" as a fundraiser to help pay for the treatment and prescriptions of local women with Breast Cancer.

I have learned from several women who have undergone breast cancer treatment that even with full medical insurance, the deductibles and prescriptions can be very costly.

Last week, I met Lynn Warner and Carrie

Van Duzen, co-owners of Best Impressions Hair & Nail Salon located on Dixie Highway in Ritter's Square.

I discovered that these two vibrant, caring women have a heart of gold and have been contributing to various charitable organizations in our area.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Best Impressions raised money for the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Four of the salon employees gave \$1 for every client that had an appointment in October and the salon donated 10% of their proceeds from all product sales.

When I introduced Lynn and Carrie to Beverly Ann's logo, they too fell in love with the design and clothing line. If you'd like to see Beverly Ann's Awareness Clothing Line, you can now see it on display at Best Impressions.

A hat, apron, long sleeve t-shirt, sleepwear, or note cards cost only \$20. Soft pink, cozy bathrobes are available for \$75.

Not only is the purchase a tax write off, but, five dollars from each item purchased will assist women, within our community, fac-



Lynn Warner, left, and Carrie Van Duzen, right, with Michelle Raup.

ing breast cancer.

Best Impressions will continue their charitable efforts through the holidays by collecting non-perishable food items, as well as, hats and mittens for needy, local families.

If you, too, believe that "things happen for a reason," may we meet one day and make a difference in each other's life.

*To read the "Things Happen For A Reason" poem in its entirety, visit: www.pianoladynancy.com/things_happen_for_a_reason.htm.

Michelle Phaup, founder of Lend A Helping Hand, enjoys helping people and working for a worthwhile cause. To share a story about a local family member or loved one who can benefit from help within the community, email: Michelle@LendAHelpingHand.org. For information on Lend A Helping Hand: www.lendahelpinghand.org or 248.431.6727.

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BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Chris and Kelie Thole of Clarkston are keeping their new computer information services business close to home and in the family.

Married since 2003, Chris and Kelie are going into business for themselves with My I.S. Department, with Brian West and Stephanie Miotke.

Chris and Kelie previously worked in information, network and technology with Chrysler, Flagstar Bank, Fisher Automotive and other international businesses.

West, Oakland University graduate with a degree in computer engineering, develops websites and applications.

Miotke, OU graduate with a degree in business administration, handles sales and administration.

"We bring all this knowledge and know-how to the small and medium business arena," Chris said.

Services include web site, business applications, E-business, and computer networks, using new or older equipment.

They are offering a special reduced rate of \$60/hour to Clarkston area business through the end of December.

"We want to give businesses a reason to get to know us and give us a try - they won't be disappointed," Kelie said.

Most of their work is done on site using high-powered equipment such as Chris' Dell XPS M2010, "the Showstopper," but as the business develops, they plan to set up shop in the Clarkston area.

"We'll stay close to home," Kelie said. "We like the community. We know a lot of people in the school district and the PTA."



From left, Chris Thole, Brian West, Stephanie Miotke, and Kelie Thole of My I.S. Department, with their Dell XPS M2010. Photo by Phil Custodio

Small businesses stick together in the Clarkston area, sharing services and networking, she said.

Building a client base close to home also lowers response time for customers and travel expenses for them, she said.

Their focus starting out is small businesses with 5-40 computer systems, Chris said.

They offer a small-business start-up package, with computers, website, software, on-site support, and other services.

"An office in a box," Chris said.

Combining the work of information service, web application, and network departments, they can save businesses money, Kelie said.

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Obituary

Nichole 'Coley' Ridgeway

Nichole "Coley" Ridgeway, 17, of Elk Rapids, died on Saturday, Oct. 27, following a vehicular accident on Elk Lake Road.

Coley was born on June 29, 1990, in Pontiac, the daughter of John Ridgeway and Cassandra "Cass" Lockhart.

Coley was a senior at Elk Rapids High School and enjoyed spending time with her friends. She was employed at the Village Market, working through the summers and throughout the school year. With work and friends, she still made sure that school was her number one focus; she enjoyed her performance arts class and was a member of the National Honors Society. She was looking forward to attending college, majoring in Forensics. She loved horses and camping, and was very proud of her car.

Coley is survived by her mother, Cass (Aaron) Lockhart; father, John Ridgeway; brother, Ian Ridgeway; stepbrother, Alex



Lockhart; grandparents, Jackie and Larry Mix, formerly of Clarkston; grandmother, M. Carol Ridgeway of Clarkston; uncles Larry Mix, Steve, Danny, Wayne, and Ray; aunts Shawn, Margaret, Rae Anne, Martha, Marilyn; and several cousins.

Funeral service was Nov. 1 in the auditorium of Elk Rapids High School.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution payable to "Lawrence Mix, Memorial to Nichole Ridgeway" at Alden State Bank.

Please share memoirs with the family at Coley's online guest book at 222.legacy.com. Arrangements were entrusted to the Elk Rapids chapel of Covell Funeral Homes.

Obituaries posted daily at www.ClarkstonNews.com

Jason E. Dietlin

Jason E. Dietlin of Clarkston passed away suddenly Oct. 30 at the age of 32.

He was the loving husband of Jamie; beloved father of Kaden; son of Vanessa Dellinger and Dale (Paula) Dietlin; brother of Eric Dietlin; brother-in-law of Laurie (Rob) Svoboda; son-in-law of Mary Headrick and Jim (Lynn) Myrant; grandson of George Dellinger, and Bill and Evelyn Dietlin; also survived by many other loving family and friends.

Mr. Dietlin was employed with Dominion Technologies, Roseville. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Daniel Catho-



lic Church, Clarkston. Rosary service Friday, 6 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday, 5-9 p.m., and Friday, 3-9 p.m., and directly at the church, 9 a.m., until time of mass.

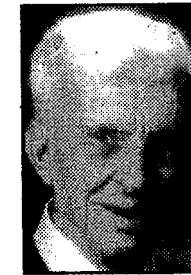
Rite of Committal Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials to the family will be used for the future education of Kaden. On line guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Everett B. Parker

Everett B. Parker of Clarkston passed away Nov. 2 at the age of 85.

He was preceded in death by his wife Norma. He was the father of Larry Parker of Colo., Roy (Sandy) Gay of Clarkston, Larry D. (Georgia) Newton of Oxford, and Deborah (Danny) Delap of Grand Blanc; grandpa of David Newton, Kevin Newton, Julie (Jon) Koster, Daniele (Jason) Hafendorfer, Dusty (Brad) Bedini, Stephanie (Scott) Strawsburg, and Faye Parker; great grandpa of Jeffrey, Anthony, Emily, Autumn, Austin, Zoe, Hunter, Hanna, Reese, Alaysa, Nicholas, Holly, and



Michelle.

Mr. Parker retired from Michigan Bell Telephone after 38 years of service. He served in the Army during WWII.

Funeral Service was Nov. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ot-

tawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association. On line guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Walking - more than just a great exercise

By Ernie Harwell



In my experience, the way people walk gives them away quicker than anything else. I think if I were an actor, I would study a role and make sure I understood how my character walks. Fast or slow? Upright or slouched? It all says something about a person.

I think that as you get older and you don't want to appear old, one of the most important things is to police the way you walk. If you have a spring in your step, you give people the idea that you're optimistic and that you're having a good time. You don't want to slouch and shuffle around. (I've found that even when I'm a little down, walking with a little more energy actually makes me feel better.)

There's even talk that people in the workplace draw conclusions about their coworkers based on how they walk. A brisk walker is viewed more positively than a leisure one. The idea is that a brisk walker is on his way to accomplish something, to meet a deadline.

I always encourage people to walk whenever possible because it's great exercise. While you're at it, think about whether the way you walk says what you want it to.

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

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

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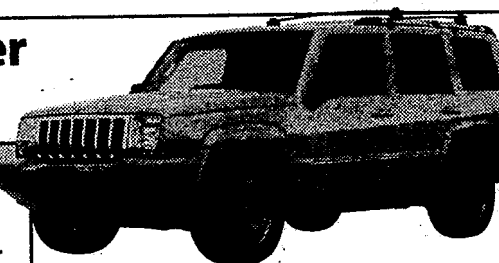
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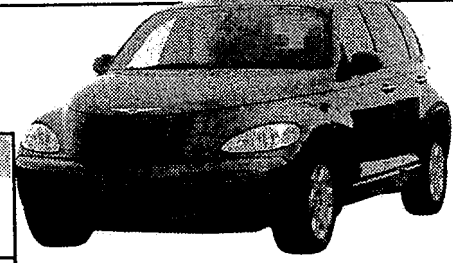
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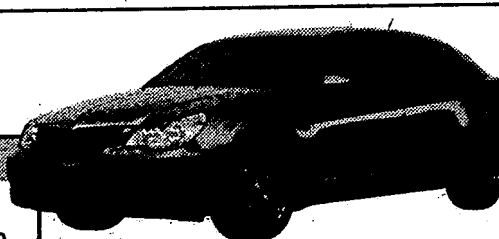
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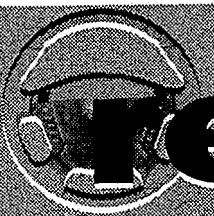
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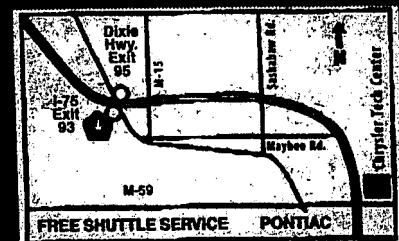
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Hawthorne learned life lessons at pageant

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Hawthorne has been asked to speak at Shelby Township middle school about self-esteem, since the school is going through a hard time after the death of two students.

"(I want to) try to inspire them to be themselves and if they're different, to embrace that and be unique. Because I think we conform so much in high school than in junior high because of all the peer pressure, that we should just embrace who we are and love ourselves and also open their arms to other people."

Hawthorne hopes to speak to the Clarkson elementary, middle school and junior high about self-esteem and peer pressure. She has noticed an increase in drug use, since the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program has been taken out of the schools.

"I went through it (Dare) five times in my hometown and I appreciate it so much. It has taught me not to even be associated with kids that do drugs or alcohol and if I do come across

them I am a strong enough person, to tell them it's not a good idea and it is not good for their body as well as illegal," she said.

Hawthorne said doing pageants has helped her figure out who she is as a person. In 2006 Hawthorne had the opportunity to meet Miss America Jennifer Berry and listen to her explain how she was picked on in fifth grade for being taller than everyone else.

"I was just sitting their crying because I was that same girl and I never really realized how alone and how empty that feeling was because I never faced it, I just kind of pushed it away. Once I found out I wasn't alone in that situation it just kind of opened up and I accepted it and I knew I grew from that."

The following summer led to a lot of growth for Hawthorne, she said many people can go their entire life without really knowing who they are as a person.

"I am thankful enough to figure out who I am. It's not only Miss America, but it's my par-

ents, pageants in general and just people I've met along the way, especially God because he gave me life and gave me these amazing people that are in my path right now," she said.

Hawthorne was born in Kalamazoo-but spent 10 years growing up in Grand Haven, which she considers to be her hometown, until moving to Clarkston as a ninth grader in 2005. She is the daughter of Steve and Peg Hawthorne.

As one of her prizes as being crowned Miss Michigan Teen, she received a full four year

tuition \$34,000 scholarship to Baker College, as well as contracts from I Group Talent Modeling agency and New View Model Management.

After graduation, Hawthorne plans to go to France to be a model for two years to get money for college, then come back and go to Baker for two years of General Education classes. Then she wants to transfer to a different college. She wants to become a licensed Psychologist.

Hawthorne will represent Michigan in the 2008 Miss Teen USA pageant in April.

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Dogs get a checkup, go to camp at same place

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

After 15 years, Advanced Pet Care of Oakland outgrew its Sashabaw Road location. But animals and their owners won't have far to go for its new location – it's right across the street.

"Clarkston has the best pet owners – you can't beat the location.," said Dr. Bryan Cornwall, founder.

The new full-service pet hospital is about 56,000 square feet, four times bigger than its previous location. It includes a comfort room, with separate doorway for sensitive animals or procedures, four exam rooms, state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical equipment, computerized, paperless information systems, and fully equipped operating room.

Attached to the new hospital is Camp Bow Wow, offering day and overnight services for dogs. Owners Linda Ward, Patti McDonald, Sue Rutkowski, and Sue Nara left careers in the corporate world to start their own business.

"We have a passion for dogs," McDonald said. "This is a new career for us."

Camp Bow Wow was established in 2000 in Colorado, since then opening franchises around the country.

"We heard about them a couple years ago on the radio – We fell in love with the concept," McDonald said.

They join Advanced Pet Care on Sashabaw Road as tenants.

"The four of us were looking for a place," Rutkowski said. "We heard Dr. Cornwall

was building – this is a good relationship. We offer a good service for his patients."

"We're fortunate to be here," McDonald said. "Clarkston is a beautiful area."

Camp Bow Wow has four play areas, indoor and outdoor. Dogs are first taken to an interview room, where they are evaluated by size and temperament, said Marlo Victor of Camp Bow Wow-Clarkston.

"We want to see how the dog responds to other dogs in the facility," Victor said. "That helps us determine what play area would best serve that dog."

Dogs sleep in 58 "cabins," 4-by-8 or 5-by-10 foot cages, each with cots and fleece blankets. Meals are set up in a Prep Room, with dish washer.

"The dogs get clean, fresh water all day long," Victor said.

Camp policy is to let dogs run free as much as possible – four-way gates channel dogs from cabins to play areas.

"We offer a true, free environment," she said.

Cabins are cleaned when dogs are in play areas, and play areas are cleaned when dogs are in cabins. House training schedules are maintained, so dogs stay in the habit of going to the bathroom outside, she said.

"Our goal is a dry, safe and clean environment for the dogs," she said. "We're always cleaning."

Their main priority is convenience for the customer.

"If you're in a hurry, you can come in, hand over the leash, and leave," she said.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone except the employees."

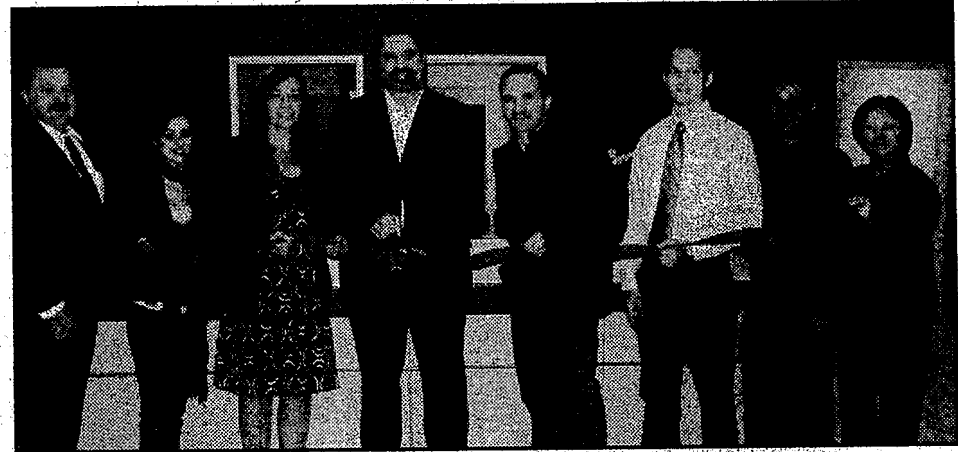
Webcams are set up throughout the play areas to allow owners to keep an eye on their dogs, she said.

"It's great for socialization," she said. "For younger dogs, it helps train them to keep on a schedule – they go outside to potty, same as at home. And its fun – if you're a dog, this is the place to be."

For cat owners, Cornwall set up an indoor boarding room for cats.

"We could call it Camp Meow Meow," he said.

Each cage has a separate chamber for the litter box, more easier to clean and more



From left, Mike Kowall, White Lake Township supervisor; Tessa Cornwall; Phyllis Cornwall; Dr. Bryan Cornwall; Lou Melone, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce president; Dr. Ben Wilson; Dr. Charles VanHusan; and Eileen Kowall, county commissioner, cut the ribbon on the new Advanced Pet Care-Oakland.



From left, Mike Kowall; co-owners Sue Rutkowski and Patti McDonald; Lou Melone; and co-owners Linda Ward and Sue Nara, cut the ribbon on the new Camp Bow Wow-Clarkston. Photos by Phil Custodio

comfortable for the cat.

Hours for Camp Bow Wow, 6374 Sashabaw Road, are 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays; and 7 a.m.-10 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. weekends and holidays. For more information, call 248-620-9663 (WOOF) or check campbowwow.com.

Advanced Pet Care, 6378 Sashabaw Road, is open 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays. Call 248-620-2900 or check www.AdvancedPetCare.com.



Marlo Victor of Camp Bow Wow with a "camper."

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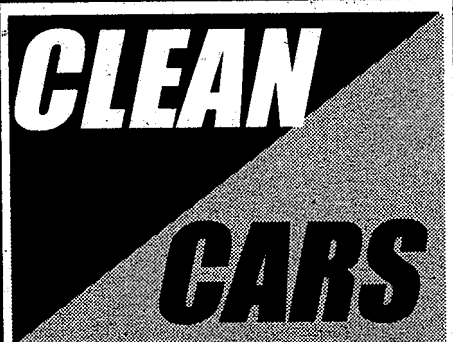
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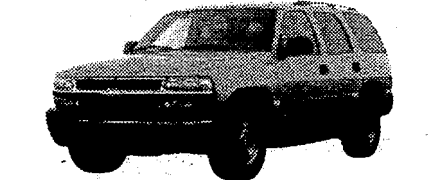
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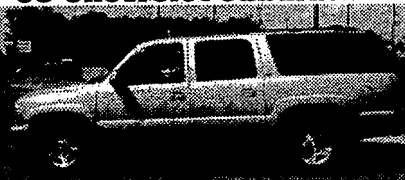
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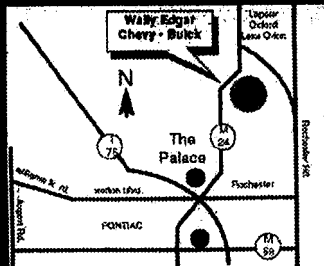
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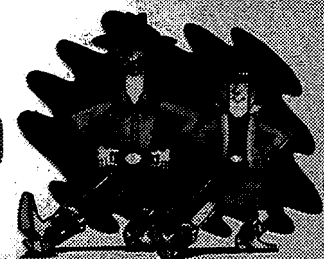
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