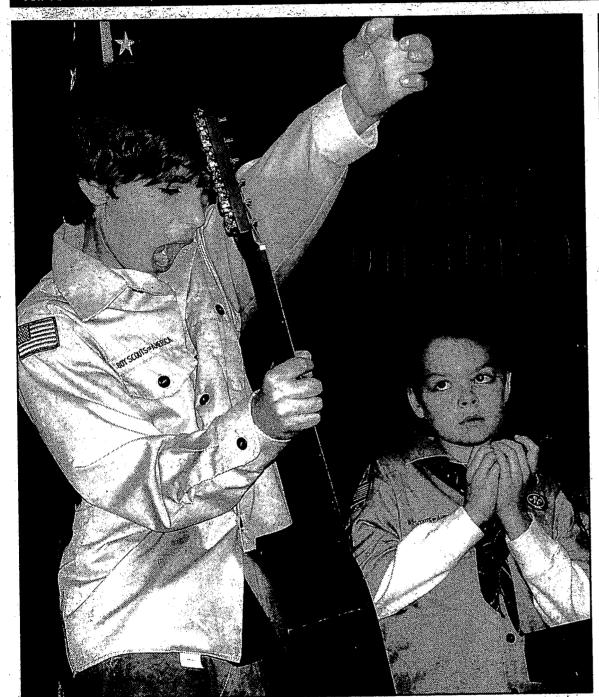
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J.P. Kreft on guitar gets into the spirit of things, performing on stage along with Cameron McCue on harmonica. Please see page 24A for more pictures. Photo by Phil Custodio

Cub Scout Pack 126 hit the stage Thursday for their Skit Competition.

"The main thing is fun for the kids," said Steve Cartier, committee chair for the contest. "It builds their creativity, performing in front of people - it'll help their people skills down the line."

Pennanen, principal of Clarkston El- dens, puppet show by Tigers, scout

ementary, host school; Tom Creech, a pack founders; and Kirk Matich, liaison officer with Oakland County Sheriff's department.

The only directions scouts received was to make a skit, Cartier

Results included comedy rou-Guest judges were Dana tines by the Bears and Weblos-1

version of Deal or No Deal by Wolves, and full-stage lip-sync concert by Weblos-2.

"We plan to make this an annual event," Cartier said.

The pack also awarded top popcorn sellers: Noah Sanker, Collin Jahn, Dylan Mandrell, Austin Simmons, and Zach Brueck.

- Phil Custodio

Getting the ball rolling

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Reporter

The seed of change may have been planted Thursday, when 20-30 people met with Henry Woloson to discuss state government reforms.

Woloson set up the meeting at Independence Township Fire Station to help organize a grassroots effort for a petition to tax political advertising and downsize state legislature.

"Our goal is basically awareness for individuals that are supporters; get the information into their hands, so they can basically see what's involved," Woloson said. "In addition to increasing your understanding of the issues, to get some feedback as to what their inclination is as to what the ultimate structure the proposal should look like."

According to his research,

Michigan is one of

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though it was supposed to by Oct. 1, he said. "You would think that the state

hasn't been able to do even

legislature would constantly be worried about producing a budget by Oct 1. The sad reality was they weren't," he said.

. This causes a problem for many school districts and other businesses trying to operate without knowing the final budget.

"Part of the motivation of the part time legislator is not to necessarily to limit the amount of time you can work but, more importantly, to put an outer boundary on it to get the work done," said Woloson. "Also, if you condense the amount of time, you condense the amount of bills that will be introduced and have better focus as well."

With that in mind came discussion of limiting the state legisla-

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four states with a full-time legisla-"What constitutes part- time frequently is the number of days that you are in session," he said. "Most states have a day they start and a day they adiourn. In addition, they are able to call special sessions if there is a Those states still finish their

Henry Woloson points out the facts. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Signing for their son

Craig and Anna Fuller sign their approval for their son Matt Fuller's letter of intent to attend the University of Toledo. Matt earned a full-ride scholarship for golf. See page A20 for story. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

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For more information, call Mary Jean Baker at 248-391-4424.

Schools get a new ride

Ten years is a long time for a school maintenance vehicle.

"The trucks are used year round, plowing snow and salting parking lots in the winter and pulling trailers with mowing equipment in the summer," Building and Grounds Director Wes Goodman reported Nov. 12 to the Clarkston Board of Education.

"It is in our best interest to replace this 10-year-old truck before it becomes a costly maintenance issue."

The school board approved the request to replace the 1997 Chevrolet pickup truck with a 2007 GMC 2500 HD pickup. Cost is \$23,248.

Correction

The story "Doctor uses latest in technology to help cancer patients," Nov. 7 edition should have listed the phone number for MIRO MCCI center in Clarkston 1248-625-0300.

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Turning their lives around

Part III of a series on the 52-2 District Court's Sobriety Court program, *The Clarkston News* examines how the program works and the people behind it.

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's a satisfying night on the job for Deputy Jim Bowie when he can pluck another drunk driver off Clarkston-area roadways.

After years on the job, Bowie, who works out of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation, knows too many people still climb behind the wheel after knocking back a few too many drinks.

"I like making drunk driving arrests," he said.
"When an innocent family is driving home from a nice night out, unaware a drunk driver is en route to kill them, it's satisfying to know I got that person off the road."

Although public awareness of the problem has increased significantly in recent decades, the 2006 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit reported more than 53,000 intoxicated Michigan motorists were arrested and hauled off to jail in 2005.

The report, complied by the Michigan Department of State Police, states another 440 less fortunate drivers—or their innocent victims—were transported to the morgue, instead, after they were killed in an alcohol or drug related crash.

Of those, 26 died on Oakland County roadways.

But for Bowie, loading an inebriated and often uncooperative individual into the back of his patrol car and making the trip to Pontiac isn't exactly enjoyable.

The real rewards often come later, he said, sometimes several years down the road, when a former drunk driver approaches to thank him.

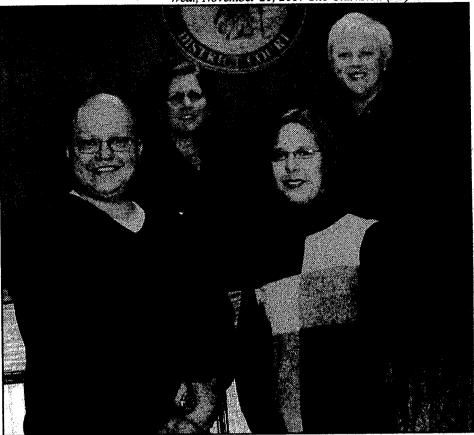
"It's not putting the handcuffs on and taking them to jail," he said. "The satisfying thing is seeing them turn their lives around."

Bowie, along with a number of other local police and community leaders, had such an opportunity recently when four men and one woman were honored during the 52-2 District Court's Sobriety Court graduation ceremony.

The program, specifically developed for individuals convicted of a second-offense drunk driving violation, is modeled after the national Drug Court concept.

Last week's graduation was the fourth such ceremony to take place since the 52-2 District Court introduced Sobriety Court in November 2004.

All in all, 34 former drunk drivers have graduated the program.



Judge Dana Fortinberry, top left, Judge Kelley Kostin, probation officer Mark Mathur and senior probation officer and coordinator Carol Pummill make up part of the 52-2 District Court Sobriety Court team. *Photo by Laura Colvin*

"We see a lot of the bad things in our daily activities," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, who gave the keynote address at he Nov. 7 Sobriety Court graduation ceremony in Ortonville. "It's great to see a situation where someone has turned in a different direction, a better direction for themselves, their family and their community."

Thus far, facilitators say, the recidivism rate for Sobriety Court graduates is zero, while recidivism among second-offense drunk drivers who do time in jail hovers around 80 percent.

In a nutshell, a stint in Sobriety Court lasts 15-24 months and offers participants the opportunity to avoid up to a year in jail—if they adhere to a strict set of guidelines.

First and foremost, participants must refrain from drinking.

The multi-faceted program is facilitated by a team of professionals who work to assist, support and supervise participants as they learn to live without alcohol.

Those familiar with Sobriety Court say it works; it changes lives.

But it's not easy. Not only must participants overcome the addictions and personal obstacles contributing to their dependent behavior, they must also muddle through difficulties imposed by the court.

The program is expensive, for one thing. Participants must pay all fines associated with the drunk driving charges, as well as all subsequent court fees.

They must also pay for mandatory drug tests and counseling sessions, and all debts must be paid before an individual becomes eligible for graduation.

By the time it's all said and done, costs usually total \$5,000-\$7,500.

Participants must also attend 90 AA meetings in 90 days; submit to regular, random drug and alcohol testing report to all scheduled review hearings with the judge, as well as regular meetings with probation officer; maintain full time employment or school; and understand that a probation or police officer may visit the home at any time. Any alcohol or controlled substances found in the home is a violation of program rules.

Transportation, or lack thereof, is another problem.

"One of the biggest complaints people in the program have is that it's difficult to get around without a license," said Carol Pummill, 52-2 senior probation officer and Sobriety Court coordinator.

The district Court, she said, can't do anything about restrictions imposed by the state, and many are without a license for a long period of time, which makes employment, schooling, family and court responsibilities difficult.

But, she said, the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.

"We all believe in the program, especially coming off a graduation ceremony," she said. "The judges really care, and that makes a difference. People can't make it through Sobriety Court without making major life changes."

The Sobriety Court team, she said, learned about the Drug Court concept and principles as they trained together at both a national and state level. They then worked together to de-

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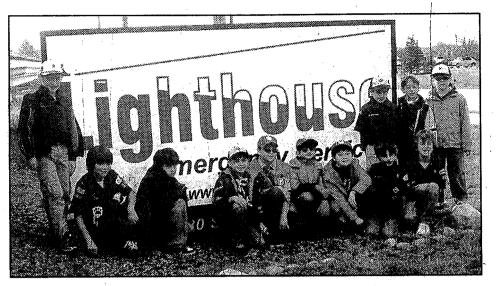
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Help for the holidays

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The holidays aren't happy for everyone—families in financial emergency have been turning to Lighthouse North for help for the past 17 years.

"In these tough economic times, many families are coming in for the first time in their lives," said John Ziraldo, president and CEO of Lighthouse of Oakland County. "Some are former volunteers and contributors."

Lighthouse has several programs designed to help families specifically during the holiday season, Ziraldo said.

Their Thanksgiving program provides turkey and all the fixings to about 200 low-income families and seniors.

"Some families, we see every year – they struggle to make ends meet," Ziraldo said.

The Adopt-a-Family program serves about 100 families. Each family submits a wish list, which includes toys for children, but also

essentials like sheets, towels, cooking utensils, and winter coats.

"We still need families to match in the Adopt a Family program," he said.

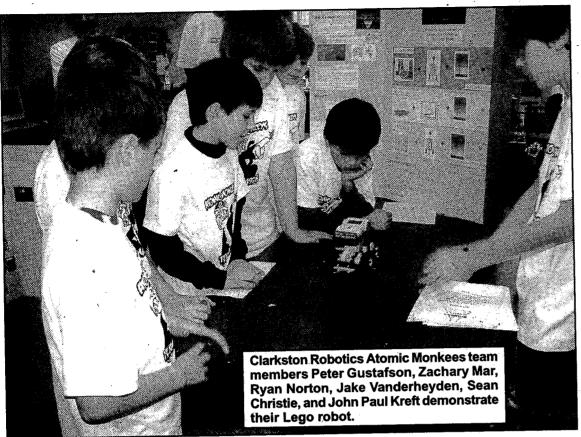
The Holiday Store program, which serves about 200 families, offers an opportunity for parents to select gifts for their children.

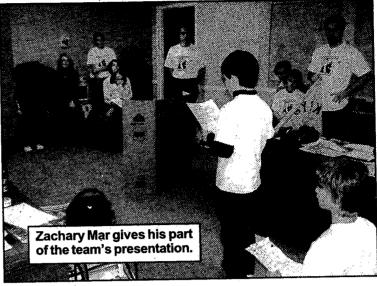
"The community is terrific about responding – a very loyal group of supporters, volunteers, and contributors," Ziraldo said.

The need continues after the Christmas season as well.

"In the holiday time of year, people reach out to help neighbors," he said. "I want to remind them that the work we do goes on throughout the year."

Lighthouse of Oakland County-Clarkston, which opened in 1990, is at 6330 Sashabaw Road, just south of I-75. Families must meet eligibility requirements for emergency services. Call 248-620-6116 for program and volunteer information.





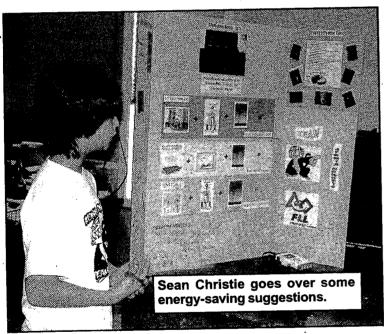
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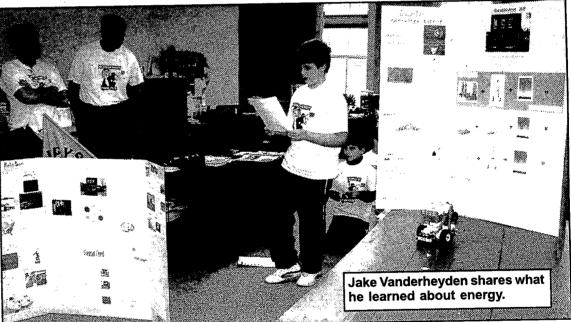
The Atomic Monkees FIRST Lego League team presented the results of their energy study of The Clarkston News building this past weekend.

A practice run in front of the

Clarkston News staff Friday helped prepare them for competition Saturday.

The team gathered information on the 5 S. Main St. building Oct.







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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Remember to give thanks

I remember coming home one day in the first grade and telling my mom, I learned the Pilgrims came over on the "Maple Flower" instead of the "May Flower."

I love it when we start getting close to Thanksgiving and I begin to dream about eating turkey, sweet potatoes,

mash potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, and of course my favorite, pumpkin pie with lots of whip cream.

Oh and let's not forget the traditional Detroit Lions game.

Maybe they will win this year... We can hope they bounce back after losing to the New York Giants last Sun. 16-10.

Thanksgiving is about much more than just lots of good food and football, it's a time to give thanks for those sitting around you at the table and reflect on the importance they play in your life. I often get a little emotional when I start thinking about all the things that I am thankful for. I am truly thankful for my family; I have two great parents and a great older sister. I am thankful for all my friends and how each one of them has touched my life in a special way.

I am thankful for my job at *The Clarkston News* and my fellow coworkers that are able to laugh and joke around a little bit.

I am thankful for the men and women who have died fighting wars to preserve our freedom in this nation.

And most of all, I am thankful to God for the many blessings he pours out daily.

I am glad that we are given a holiday entitled "Thanksgiving" so we can take a moment and remember what is most important to us.

It's not the amount of hours we work and the money we make, but the people that surround us and enrich our lives everyday.

I would encourage all of you as you sit down to your Thanksgiving meal, just to go around the table and each person say one or two things they are thankful for.

From the artist's perspective

Guest Viewpoint

by Michelle Tynan

The Project

The preliminary idea of the 5 S. Main St. mural project was to build a picture within the framework of Clarkston's downtown cityscape. By using the architectural references from *The Clarkston News* building,

it creates a believable space or context for the picture. The intent is to draw the viewers in by deceiving them with the illusion of

extraordinarily accurate, scaled images, and then fascinating the viewer with an array of fictional images scaled more liberally.

The first challenge was constructing the building, with paint, with a very sharp 3D perspective and creating a starting point for the picture. However, I grossly underestimated the importance of mathematics for this reconstruction and wished I had paid more attention in college geometry classes. Who knew?! Many people who have followed my project remind me that I should do the math before I start painting for my next project!

A Historical Picture? Not So Much....

Because I sketched Clarkston's clock, many people had the impression that I was painting a historical reenactment of Clarkston, which is not necessarily the case. The idea to paint the clock was inspired by the orientation

of the sun with respect to the picture. It allows the picture to become transparent as the shadows in the picture plane can be set according to the sun at approximately 6:08 p.m., sometime in May. This idea was in part developed by my precocious ninth-grade

apprentice, Mike Daniels, who was instrumental in reminding me how important shadows were in the picture.

Thanks Mike!

At some point I made it larger to try to give it a more imposing quality. The design is still taking shape, deviating a little from the original Clarkston clock.

Setting the Tone for the Picture

Preparation. Mathematics. Context. Time within the picture plane. All are elements that have been tackled. Whew! What's next? Setting the tone for the painting, in part by creating a colorful vibrant evening sky. The painting should blend into any one of our late spring spectacular skies at dusk. This will also lend itself to the transparent quality of the painting and position it considerately within the context of Clarkston's cityscape.

Where is Mr. S?

... and the fictional part of the painting? Glad you asked. Two worlds come together, Please see Mural on page A22

Winter property taxes lower this year

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor

The 2007 winter real and personal property tax bills will be mailed by Dec. 1 and will be due by Feb. 14 without penalty. The total

winter millage is 7.3431 mills, compared to 8.8839 mills on last winter's bill.

To determine the

winter tax bill, most residents can multiply their taxable value by 7.3431 mills. The exception will be for those who have any special assessments. These special assessments could include such items as street lighting, drains, lake boards, road paving projects, water, or sewer projects.

The tax bill will not include any county operating millage. Over the last three years, the county operating millage of 4.19 mills has been shifted from the winter to summer with the final 1.39 mills being placed on the 2007 summer tax bills.

In addition, the Independence Township Board of Trustees voted not to override any of millage reductions due to the Headlee Amendment roll back. That amounted to reducing township tax rates from 7.0378 mills last year to 6.8870 mills this year. There will be .2415 mills for Oakland County Parks and

.2146 mills for Huron Clinton Metro Parks to complete the total 7.3431 mills. The two park millages have

been and will continue to appear on the winter

Dog licenses for 2008 will be available at the Treasurer's Office starting in December. Owners of current licensed dogs will be receiving a post card in the mail from Oakland County Animal Control.

Please bring the post card as well as a current rabies certificate and sterilization papers with you when you are purchasing the dog's license. You may wish to call the Treasurer's Office at 248-625-5111 ext. 211 to confirm we have received the tags from the county.

Jim Wenger Independence Township treasurer

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1992

"Man charged with break-ins, car thefts" A Springfield Township man was accused of breaking into homes and stealing a car. The man was captured by neighbors summoned by a homeowner who caught him in the act.

"Home school" About 35 Independence Township families established a support group for home-schoolers. They home schooled their children for religious, academic, social, and other reasons.

"Residents, planners debate merits of adult home" About 30 residents voiced concern over an adult foster care home at an Independence Township Planning Commission public hearing. They were concerned with increased traffic, wandering patients, and the number of people living in the home.

25 years ago - 1982

"Paula Parker Blanchard: Michigan's new first lady is one of Clarkston's own" Clarkston High School Class of 1962 reminised about their classmate, the wife of Michigan Gov. James Blanchard. Friends recalled she was intelligent, conservative, and well liked.

"Cable TV station site under debate"
Clarkston schools and Independence
Township were debating the location of a
television studio. School officials wanted
it at the high school, while township officials wanted it off school property.

"Village repeals historic ordinance" After more than two hours of discussion before a standing-room-only crowd, the Clarkston Village Council repealed a controversial historic district ordinance and authorized drafting of a new law. The repeal opened the way for a Holcomb Road man to reside his home with aluminum.

"Martha Huttenlocher: Clarkston's Junior Miss for 1983" Huttenlocher competed against 12 other hopefuls in the pageant and won the title and \$1,000 scholarship.

50 years ago - 1957

"G.O.C. ceases active operations" All Ground Observation Posts, including Clarkston's, were preparing to shot down, effective Jan. 1, 1958. Early warning radar systems developed to the point where 24-hour-a-day volunteer sky surveilance was no longer needed. Observers were to receive "Wings Pins" in honor of their service.

"Men's Club to hear about Leader Dogs" Bill McCready and his dog Storm spoke to the club about the Leader Dogs for the Blind program.

Bring on the glow and

snow, it's Christmas

What kind of creature is Sean?

Murray's lounge lizard routine from those exciting days of yesteryear, when "Saturday Night Live" was relatively new? I only ask this, because son Sean Rush, is following in Bill's foot-

steps, if only because he walks Don't around the house singing (over and over), "Star Wars, nothing Rush Me but Star Wars . . . "

In 1977, Murray portrayed lounge singer Nick Summers. Murray/Summers sang a tribute to the then new movie, Star Wars. (To the tune of the movie's theme song.)

"Star Wars! Nothing but Star Wars! Gimme those Star Wars . . A column by don't let them end! Ah ... Star Don Rush Wars! If they should bar wars. . .

please let these Star Wars stay-ay! And, hey! How about that nutty Star Wars bar? Can you forget all those creatures in there? And, hey! Darth Vader in that black and evil mask - did he scare you as much as he scared me-e-e-e?

I guess it was funny at the time.

But, today I can testify (with my hand over a stack of Bibles) that Sean has never seen the skit. And with that knowledge safely packed away in my back pocket, I am not particularly sure where Sean picked up his rendition.

Well . . .

... upon further introspection, that's a lie. Please take away that stack of Bibles before God gets angry and smites me.

I am sure his mother will be happy to read that Sean's old man is the culprit. I am now 100 percent sure I taught Sean what he now sings. That Sean only sings, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars . . . Nothing but Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars . . ." is proof positive. Up until 10 minutes ago when I "Google" searched Bill Murray on the internet, I didn't know the rest of Murray's schtic. I only knew, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars."

What have I done?

Yes, it is bad that our little boy goes around the house, the 'hood and everywhere else singing his favorite "song." And, yes, it is my fault.

Does anybody remember comedian Bill Compounding the fracture our little lad also walks around the house singing, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars," with the boxed set of original

> "Poppy, who's your favorite Star Wars guy?" "Han Solo."

"Mine's Wuke." Sean has problems yet with "1" sounds. "Poppy."

"Yes, Sean."

"Wook at her," he oft says, pointing to a picture on the video jacket of actress Carrie Fisher in some sort of molded (skimpy) bikini thingy. "Isn't she p-r-e-t-ty in that suit?"

Before answering, I always look around the room to make sure we're alone. "Yes, Sean. Princess Leia is pretty. Now put those down and let's go . . . work on the roof or something."

Sean's a funny kid, even when he's not trying to get attention and make his family laugh. I'm not calling my son weird or anything, but what's going on?

How many midgets do you know that sing, "Star Wars, nothing but Star Wars . . .," while carrying Star Wars videos and picking up on the fact that Carrie Fisher looked pretty danged hot back in the late 1970s?

Sean's in school these days, and, before going there or out anywhere, his hair has to be perfect. He will look in a mirror to check himselt out and to make sure he has "Elvis hair." (Not the wild, mangy hair of the mutton-chopped 1970s Elvis. Sean likes that little swirly thing above his forehead to be gelled up like the cool Elvis of the late 1950s.)

Sean's a charmer.

He's not embarrassed to go up to a little girl and hug her -- right out in public. Which is impressive to me, as I didn't have the guts to ask out a girl until my senior year in college. I had hoped to wait until he left for college before I had "the talk" with Sean. But, I guess it looks like he'll get the "birds and the bees" discussion upon entering kindergarten.

Oh, joy -- I can't smackin' frackin wait. This column is from the best of Rush archives, while he is out. Comments for the worst parent a boy could have can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@charter.net

three movies in hand.

the world. Hip, hip Hooray! Let there be light. Not just any light. Christmas lights. Everywhere.

Jim's **Jottings**



a column by Jim Sherman

ing, and I try to smile through the entire season. This is a joyous season, and when you're

ing). I like the

giving. I like the

it to be snow-

smiling in the crowded markets sometimes it reflects on

the seemingly disgruntled shop-

This is my time of year.

I like the shopping (spend-

I start the season early, like the first of November asking family members for their Christmas lists.

They're still getting over Halloween, so I don't really expect any list.

I do not like buying (giving) something that may not be wanted.

Part of that feeling comes Depression-rearing cheapness, and part from my Dad's criticism of this holiday gift giving: "Why spend money you don't want to spend on gifts someone doesn't want to receive?"

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

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

No matter how much I spend, or how many gifts I buy, on Christmas when the family starts tearing and tossing, I shrink from a feeling of not having done enough. It used to be the same way at work.

Never did I feel the Christmas checks were enough. I find myself repeating a former filled.

January Committee

It's Christmas time. Joy to boss's remark when thanked, "I wish it could have been more."

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

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

It's such a great time to be with friends.

Smiles and happiness abounds. You have the feeling there is real sincerity in their wishing you well, in health, good luck and freedom from

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

Just as I urge Christmas lists from the family, they expect the same from me.

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

However, there must be a

If you think about it long enough, a list can be made. Birdseed can always be used. So can the latest fishing lure.

How about a banjo playing CD, jigsaw puzzle, ring of bologna, pickled herring, deodorant, ruby red grapefruit or a jar of jalapeno jelly.

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

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

Gotta go. There's lists to be

Don't like or agree with all the opinions opined in this edition?

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Care-package collection a success

Tables and boxes lined the meeting room of the American Legion Post 63 building on Clarkston Road Nov. 13, all filled with donations for soldiers overseas.

Annie Germic, senior vice president, and executive committee members Bonnie Parker and Mary Ann Wilson, American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary, spent the day collecting care-package items donated by students at local schools.

"The faces of those kids were amazing," Parker said.

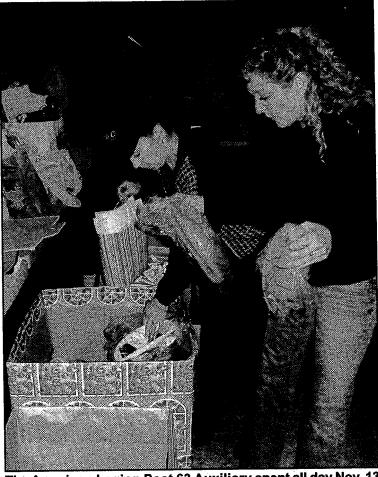
They collected personal care items, sports equipment, books, magazines, and other care-package donations from North Sashabaw and Pine Knob

elementaries, Clarkston Junior High, and Renaissance High School in Clarkston, and H.T. Burt Elementary in Brandon,

"We had a very good turn out," Parker said. "We'll goto all the schools next year."

"This has been a long day, but it's well worth it," Wilson said.

- Phil Custodio



The American Legion Post 63 Auxiliary spent all day Nov. 13 collecting and sorting donations. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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Sat., Nov 10 A 26-year-old woman living in the 5000 block of Fox Creek South called police after an argument with her boyfriend became physical. Both individuals had been drinking.

A 36-year-old Grand Blanc man called police after someone shot a pellet or BB at his car, shattering a rear window as he drove near Dixie Highway and M-15.

Police responded to an alarm in the 7000 block of Gateway Plaza Hometown Pizza and discovered someone had smashed out the glass in a door of a business with a softball-sized rock.

Deputies were dispatched to a business near Leo's Coney Island Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road when an employee discovered the glass smashed from a door with a large rock. About \$250 was missing from a cash register.

Deputies were dispatched to a Sunoco gas station near M-15 and I-75 after a newspaper delivery person called to report the glass in a door had been smashed out. Police were able to view survellience video, which depicited an individual use a cinderblock to break the glass, enter and steal a large quantity of cigarettes.

Deputies were dispatched to Caribou Coffee after a morning newspaper delivery person call to report a broken window. A cash register was damaged, but nothing appeared to be missing from the

Sun., Nov 11 a 40-year-old man living in the 5200 block of Glenwood Creek called police after discovering someone caused damage to his deck with a small homemade explosive device.

A 49-year-old Oxford woman called police after her rear passenger window

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

was broken out while she drove near Clintonville Road and Maybee Road.

Mon., Nov 12 Deputies were dispatched to a fast food restaurant near Dixie Highway and White Lake Road after the former girlfriend of an employee arrived at the business with her mother and sister and caused an altercation with several employees.

An employee at a gas station near M-15 and I-75 called police after a man pumped about \$60 in gasoline and drove off without paying.

Tues., Nov 13 A customer at a restaurant in the 7100 block of Ortonville Road called police after returning from lunch to discover someone stole her license plate from her vehicle.

Police sent a report to the Family Independence Agency after a welfare check on a family living in the 5500 block of Parview revealed marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the home where two children age 5 and 2 were residing the mother admitted to smoking marijuana daily.

A physician practicing in an office in

the 7100 block of Dixie Highway called police after receiving notice a woman used his name to fraudulently fill prescriptions in Grand Rapids.

A 45-you Oakland Township man called police after his truck was hit by a pellet or BB as he drove near Clarkston Road and Clintonville Road.

A 38-year-old woman was arrested and jailed after employees at a grocery store near Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road spotted her eating beef jerky in the store and called police, who discovered the woman had warrants from her arrest from several area courts.

Wed., Nov 14 A 51-year-old Highland woman called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked patio in her recently-deceased father's home in the 5100 block of Parview and stole several pieces of furniture and a rug.

Man runs errands after holding up bank

The man accused of robbing an Independence Township bank Nov. 9 picked up his dry cleaning, got a haircut and stopped for a sandwich after demanding \$5,000 from a teller at TCF bank on Dixie Highway.

According to police reports, Michael Charles Gonchoroff, 51, woke around 5 p.m. the day of the incident feeling he had two options; end his life or rob a bank.

Gonchoroff told investigators he showered and shaved, then drove around, looking for a bank to rob. He considered two other banks before deciding to rob the TCF at 6430 Dixie Highway, but both were al-

ready closed

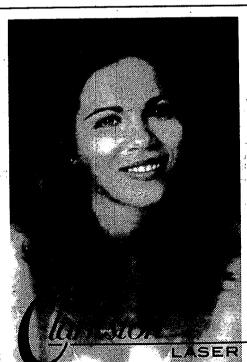
Conchoroff told police he put an eyeglass case in his pocket to look like a weapon, then entered the bank and presented the teller with a note claiming he had a loaded weapon and wanted \$5,000 in large bills. The teller and manager went to the vault, got the money and gave it to Gonchoroff, who apologized and left the bank.

Gonchoroff told police he dropped some of the money off at home, went to a nearby bank to deposit \$950 in his girlfriend's account and used money from the robbery to pay for his other errands.

Meanwhile, police viewed surveillance video from the robbery and immediately recognized the man as "Michigan Mike" a frequent patron of the Clarkston Tap. Police then located a friend who went to school with Gonchoroff, and was able to identify the man by first and last name.

Gonchoroff returned home again, put away his dry cleaning, and put his sandwich in the refrigerator and was on his way to make a payment on his car when undercover police approached him in the parking lot of his apartment on Parview.

Gonchoroff identified himself and was arrested without incident.



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Township now just needs resolution to raise fees

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Local government should run more efficiently with recent ordinance changes.

Following advice by attorneys, Independence Township Board simplified how it changes fees, charges, and rates.

What happens is these fines and fees become outdated, they don't reflect the true cost of today and our code becomes quickly outdated," said township Clerk Shelagh Vanderveen.

"Rather than having to go back and go through this whole process of changing fees, the thought is to do it by resolution.

Previously, the township adopted half of its codes by ordinance and the other by resolution. It can now change all fees, charges and rates by resolution.

The ordinance process is "very cumbersome," Vanderveen said.

Ordinance must go through attorney review, first and second readings to the township board, publication, then insertion in township code book.

Changes in fees will still be brought before the township board for discussion and justification before approval, she said.

"I don't think the township board is going to do anything that can't be justified,"

Going through the ordinance process to change a \$10 fine to \$25 is not a good use of taxpayers' money, she said.

"The board is very mindful of the public's concern about being good stewards of the township's resources. They don't want to raise taxes, as witnessed with our last budget," she said.

Bill Dinnan, Independence Township Building Department, said codification of the

ordinance allows specific parts of-it to be changed, without having to deal with the whole thing.

"Let's say you have an ordinance for parking and you want to amend how many spaces you need for a certain use because we find out it isn't working," Dinnan said.

"You don't have to open the parking ordinance to change the parking or allow it to be changed for every use; you can just deal with that section of it."

Independence Township resident Neil Wallace, an attorney, said the change is reasonable and something that needs to be done periodically.

"They are updating and making sense out of the structure of our ordinances and bringing them into conformity with state law," he said.

"What they had before was kind of a hodgepodge, where some fees were established by ordinance and some would be established by resolution. They've decided to have one process, and that process is, they will establish fee and charges by resolution."

Wallace said if the township were to do something "outrageous" like quadruple a fee, residents would be able to intervene and reverse it.

"I think they could do it either way. I don't think either process would be so difficult. I acknowledge that the resolution method is easier," he said.

"These aren't fees that they should be changing every year or month anyways. Some of these fees have been the same for decades. If there was significant reason to increase, they could do it by ordinance ... I don't buy the flexibility is necessary, but understand it's a convenience."

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They were after a suspect in connection with an armed robbery in Grand Blanc Township. The suspect, believed to be armed, was followed by Grand Blanc Twp. police units, as well as a Genesee County deputy and Michigan State Police.

Oakland County Sheriff units set up along I-75 and participated as back-up units to the primary vehicles involved in the pursuit. The chase continued into Independence Twp and ended near the residential intersection of Berry Pointe and Cranville Drive, where the suspect's vehicle rolled over onto its side.

The suspect exited his vehicle and brandished a handgun. A Genesee County Deputy fired and the suspect was wounded. No police officers were injured and the Independence Twp Fire Department responded to the scene.

The suspect was secured and treated for his injuries and transported to Genesys Hospital for further medical care. Investigation continues.

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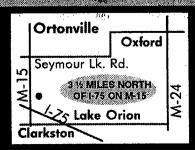
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Clarkston Community Schools honored 12 employees with "Above & Beyond" Recognition Awards.

Recipients included:

Bailey Lake custodians Mike Walters, Frank Abnev. Matthew Brake, and Ken Ryans, nominated in honor of after-hours work to replace the classroom carpet;

Bailey Lake fifth-grade teacher Kristine Galaviz, for extra work with students, parents, and staff;

Diane Kote, North Sashabaw Elementary paraeducator, for efforts including helping out with SCAMP every sum-

Media specialist Sharon Crain and school secretary Karen Postal, Springfield Plains Elementary, for keeping students, parents, and staff informed and together following the death of Principal Sharon Devereaux this past spring;

Julie Renaker, health teacher at Sashabaw Middle School, for work including raising a family of ducks during the summer in the school courtyard;

Nancy Myers, custodian, Clarkston Junior High, for her care of students and staff;

Clarkston High School world history teacher Danielle Fuller for her work organizing care-package projects for overseas troops; and

CHS French teacher Susan Mohr for work including creation of the SAVE club.

Nominated by co-workers, recipients received certificates and gifts at the Nov. 12 school board meeting.

- Phil Custodio



Receiving Clarkston school Employee Recognition Awards this quarter were Mike Walters, Frank Abney, Ken Ryans, Kristine Galaviz, Diane Kote, Sharon Crain, Karen Postal, Julie Renaker, Nancy Myers, and Danielle Fuller. Not pictured: Matthew Brake and Susan Mohr. Photo by Phil Custodio

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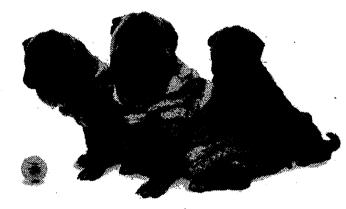
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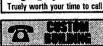


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Raiders place 4th in the state

BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Raiders finished fourth in the state after playing in the Michigan Youth Flag Football Championship over the weekend.

The fifth graders from the Andersonville and Bailey Lake elementary schools finished their season 13-2.

"I couldn't be more proud," said Coach Kevin Bellant.

The team went into the tournament with a record of 8-0.

The tournament began on Saturday for the team as they faced off with the Plymouth-Canton Ravens. In the game, Brad Austin made two touchdowns when they beat the Ravens 12-0. Prior to the game with the Raiders, the Ravens had never lost a game in two

The boys continued as they played the Warren Colts in game two. The Raiders showed why they had never lost a game by beating the Colts 33-12. Austin made four touchdowns during the game and Paul VanBukirik made the fifth touchdown.

On Sunday, they played from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., four-and-a-half hours of "non-stop action," Bellant said.

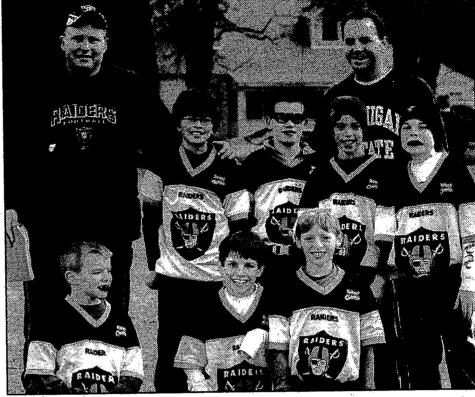
In their first game, they won in overtime with a score of 12-6 against the Walled Lake Colts. They won on a pass caught in the end zone by Richard Johnson.

Then, they played the Canton Redskins. The Redskins hadn't lost a game in two years, until they crossed paths with the Raiders and lost 14-7.

In the third game, the Raiders lost 6-24 against Northville's Our Lady of Victory.

They went on to win their fourth game against the Plymouth-Canton Patriots, 22-0.

In their last game against the Oakland Colts, they lost 7-32.



Top from left are Coach Kevin Bellant, Jacob Disuqi, Thomas Lowe, Alec Waters, Austin Bellant, Assistant Coach Jason Nolan. Bottom from left are Paul VanBuskirik, Truman Nolan, and Bradley Austin. Not pictured, Richard Johnson. Photo submitted.

The two teams they lost against were travel teams. Some of the travel teams have experience playing on tackle teams and use flag football as an opportunity to work on passing and catching.

"We got beat. They were precise," said Bellant. "(We are) basically champs of nontraveling teams - they are real special players. Brad Austin is a little super-star."

Austin made seven touchdowns on Sun-

During flag football, the boys learned all positions and were able to play all the different positions.

"We finished the year strong. I'm proud of them. They are real special players," Bellant

When flag football returns in the spring and next fall, the Raiders will be back with Bellant as their coach.

Grassroots group works on petition drive

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tive sessions to 90 days to figure out a budget, and if extra sessions are needed after 90 days, the legislators would be on their own time with no pay.

When it comes saving money, Woloson said they had two choices, cutting the each legislators salary, or cutting staff. In his research. Woloson found Republican senators are allocated \$218,000 for staff and Democrats are allocated \$133,000.

"If in fact you cut the salary by 50 percent of a 148 legislators, you will only save about \$6 millions, but if you talk about cutting the total number of people in the legislature and bring it similar to a number that other states have, then savings are closer to \$34 million," he said. "So, do you want to cut salary or overhead?"

Woloson said he understands, coming up with a petition and the work involved can often be an uphill battle, but he also knows he can't fight it alone.

"I have one vote and so consequently at the end of the day I can't carry this thing. At the end of the day I have some say in the matter, but if you don't have 2,000-3,000 volunteers ready to pass petitions, you don't have a viable drive," he said.

Many petitions are successful because people do it as a job and organizers have deep pockets," to pay for advertising and people to pass out petitions, said Woloson.

"When you're relying on volunteers, then you usually have to have individuals that are very, very philosophically in favor of a particular concept, they are passion-

ate," he said. "There are a couple issues that people are passionate about and if people are passionate about it, then they will stand outside the post office and they'll collect signatures in the cold and the rain."

Even if the petition does not go through this election, Woloson still sees it as a suc-

"We win even if we don't get the petition done. If in fact we increase awareness for individuals, so that maybe the next petition that comes after us people understand the ratios, people understand where they can get the information, people understand the questions they can pose to their senators to ask 'why are you doing this or why aren't you?," he said.

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

December activities set at Indian Springs

Indian Springs Metropark off White Lake Road in Springfield Township offers several December interpretive events.

At the Nature Center: Christmas Goodie Crafts, 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1. Recycle old cards and paper into tiny boxes, build a cinnamon holiday house, and use items from the outdoors to construct festive decorations. For children ages 5 and older. Fee: \$5 per child. Pre-registration required;

Fun Science Experiments, 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15. Common household items turned into science learning experiments: mix invisible ink, launch CO2 rocket, measure a tree, use the North Star to determine latitude, and build a home-made volcano. For children ages 6 to 8. Fee: \$3 per child. Pre-registration required.

At the Environmental Discovery Center: Snacks with Santa, 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8. Visit with Santa and have photo taken, hear story, make craft, and enjoy holiday treat. Fee: \$3 per child/adults free with purchase of a child ticket, \$1 for each additional adult. Pre-registration required;

Sublime Snowflakes, 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15. Learn trivia about snowflakes, celebrate the holidays by making a snowflake craft to take home. For children ages 6 and older. Fee: \$2 per child. Pre-registration required.

Individuals needing assistance should contact the interpretive center at least 72 hours before the program. Metropark vehicle entry permit is required to enter: Annual - \$20 regular/\$12 senior citizens; daily - \$4.

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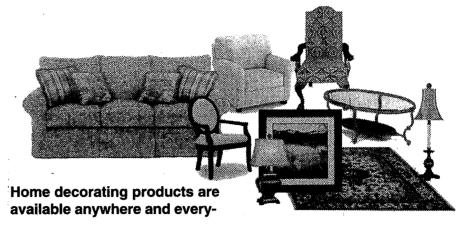
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Judges, officers, offenders work together to make a change

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velop the program to fit the needs of the 52-2.

The program is modeled after the Drug Court concept, which, promoters say, recognizes that treating addictions is the best way to reduce recidivism.

But when 52-2 District Court personnel researched the program before its inception, said Judge Dana Fortinberry, it was discovered that, while marijuana is prevalent in the community, alcohol—not drugs—is the larger problem.

One element important to the program's success, said Fortinberry, is size. With just 60 Sobriety Court slots available—46 are currently filled—neither judge will ever oversee a group larger than 30.

"Both Judge Kostin and I believe the program needs to be kept small," Fortinberry said, noting some programs create slots for up to 400 offenders. "You have to focus on a few individuals. I couldn't do what I do at a review hearing if I had that many people."

Working with a small group, she said, allows the team to become well-aquainted with each participants. The defendants come to realize the team really does want to see them succeed.

The reason this program works is we do get to know them," said Fortinberry. "We get to know their ups and downs, their issues and their blessings, and we're able to utilize all that information to help them. You can't do that when you've got hundreds of people in your program."

Each person who opts for Sobriety Court over time in Oakland County Jail-and some do, in fact, choose jail-is held to a high standard of honesty and accountability.

While participants are told up front that tardiness, lying, cheating, whining and other behaviors that negate responsibility and accountability are not tolerated, they do occur, especially in the early phases of the program.

When they do, the team discusses the transgression and decides, as a group, how the situation will be handled.

So, while the team gets to know participants and wants to see each individual succeed, the program's success depends in large part on sticking to the predetermined guidelines.

"It's a fine balance," said Fortinberry. "Bottom line, if there is a sanction to be handed out,

I'm the person who hands it out. I have to be mindful of that, and I can't ever let my empathy for one particular defendant overshadow that. It's a detriment not only to that defendant but to every other defendant who is watching me."

But with three sons of her own on the road, Fortinberry feels it's important to do everything possible to ensure the safety of local roadways.

"If I can get these people sober and create in them a desire to remain sober the rest of their

lives," she said, "then I know there's one less drunk driver that might run into one of my sons-or somebody else's son or daughter or husband or wife-out on the road one day."

Each candidate for Sobriety Court undergoes a lengthy evaluation process with Sobriety Court Probation Officer Mark Mathur before he

makes a recommendation on whether to admit that person to Sobriety Court.

First, the person must fit standard criteria: participants must have a current charge of OWI, second offense, be free of any violent criminal history and reside within the 52-2 District Court iurisdiction

Participants also undergo a personal assessment and are asked to divulge personal information as well as family history, alcohol, drug, and criminal involvement in order to determine eligibility for the program.

If they don't want to answer questions, give history or say they can't comply with Sobriety Court requirements, Mathur is likely to recommend the person get jail time rather than a shot at Sobriety Court.

"This population hasn't had a lot of positive feedback in their lives," Mathur said. People hear 'you're just a nasty drunk, what's wrong with you? Why can't you just stop drinking?' Of course they're going to have a negative reaction to that."

The Sobriety Court team, he said, takes a different approach by taking an active interest in the progress—or lack thereof—a person is making, and offering positive, consistent support.

at his job, Mathur operates on a few simple principles: be honest and up front. Don't say one thing and do something else.

"I treat everyone who walks in with dignity and respect," he said. "I don't feel like I'm better than anyone else. We're all human and we all

One of the most important tools he brings to the job, Mathur said, is his ability to listen.

ALCOHOL RELATED2006 CRASH STATISTICS	Alcohol related crashes	Fatal crashes	Personal injury crashes	Property damage crashes	Persons killed	Persons injured
Clarkston	3	0	2	1	0	2
Independence Twp	48	0	19	29	0	25
Springfield Twp	21	2	7	12	3	. 11

"It's not just about drinking," he said. "People are also dealing with marital problems, job problems, life problems. If I never ask and I don't listen when they need to talk about those issues, I'm not going to be as effective."

Individual and group therapy is another key element, facilitators say.

Joe Shoots, a treatment provider with The Counseling Center, joined the 52-2 Sobriety Court team about 6 months ago, and currently sees nine program participants on a regular ba-

"It's important to help people find the humanistic strengths they will need for sobriety," he said. "We want to help them see that they are good people, no matter what they've done, and that they can achieve sobriety, they can stop

Often, he said, people must learn to counter the negative messages they've received again and again.

"There's been a lot of doubt cast on their ability to stay sober," he said. "Despite what they may have been told, we help them see those strengths within themselves."

It's also important, he said, for clients to know sessions will remain confidential. Although therapists are a vital part of the team approach

To earn the respect he needs to be effective to Sobriety Court, they don't disclose in-session details shared by a client, unless there's a safety issues regarding harm to themselves or others.

Tim Flynn is one of three public defenders who belong to the team and rotate attendance so one is available at each team meeting.

It's his role, Flynn said, to listen to discussion about each participant and his or her progress in the court while ensuring legal proto-

col and court policy is followed.

Sobriety Court, he said, is cloaked with the sixth amendment right to counsel, and available to consult with defendants, if need be.

While Flynn said he can't prevent sanctions from being leveled, but, like the rest of the team.

he does have a voice in discussing the sanctions and deciding what penalties a participant will face for a particular infraction.

Flynn, who describes his role in Sobriety Court as a "unique professional opportunity," said that while a person's dependence on alcohol or drugs is a tired argument outside Sobriety Court, the experience has bestowed him with a better understanding of non-Sobriety Court cli-

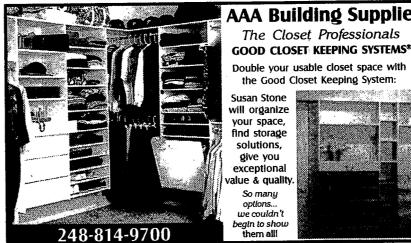
Involved with the program since its planning and training stages, Flynn is a staunch supporter of Sobriety Court.

"This court changes people's lives, I'm convinced of it," he said. "I'm amazed at the transformations people have made in their lives by the time they get to graduation."

Watching the process over the last several years, he said, has showed him that while people in the program come from all walks of life, the road they take through Sobriety Court winds through common territory.

"They look inward for their strength and positive attitude," he said. "They look upon their past behaviors with complete disdain and disgust. I've been to four graduations, and I see it over and over. These people are transformed."





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Olivia Allen finished with a time of 20:03.6. Photos by Bob Ratcliff.



Tiffany Kincaid finished 40th in the state, with a time of 18:57.5

Lady Wolves break records

The Girls Varsity Cross Country team finished strong in State Finals on Nov 2.

As a team, they finished 17th out of the 30 teams that made it to the finals. The Lady Wolves ran their fastest time in the finals in Brooklyn, Mich.

Kristin Smith finished seventh in state with the time of 18:03. Also, Smith added herself to the Clarkston High School history books

by finishing third in all-time fastest time.

Tiffany Kincaid finished 40th in the state. "Next year will be good," said Coach John Yorke. Current eight graders will be a strong freshman class for the Cross Country team.

All Varsity team members will return next year except seniors Jen Cooke, Rachel Blenc, and Kaithlyn Schermerhorn.

-Wendi Reardon

Athlete of the Week Kupe kicks to score

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Oliver Kupe, captain of the Boys Varsity Soccer team, captivated sports fans as he and his teammates took Clarkston to the state finals.

"Oliver, everytime he touched the ball, you held your breath," said coach John Conton of East Kentwood. "When he gets the ball, there's not a whole lot you can

"Oliver is a wonderful player and an extremely special leader," said Clurkston Varsity Soccer couch Adam Bican.

During the first game of the state fi-nals, Kupe made the last three goals against Utica Eisenhower.

"When the chips are down, the best player steps up and he did. And that's why we made it to the finals," said Blean.

This was his fourth and last year play-

ing soccer for the varsity team. In this season, he made 24 goals and 18 assists.

"Everything from him goes into the game," said his mom, Anne-Marie Kupe.

That hard work has led to Kupe being named all-league, all-district, and all-regional. Also, he has been named to first team all-state and part of the Michigan Dream

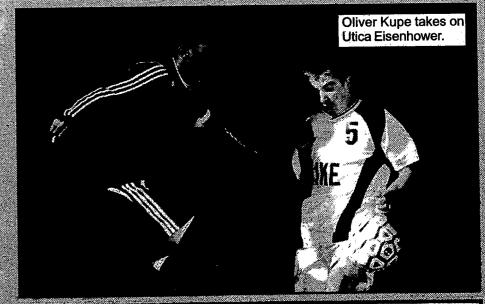
Kupe has always been athletic and joined occer when he was in kindergarten

After he graduates, Kupe will play soccer for Northeastern

For right now, with the soocer season over, Kupe has been keeping busy with has-ketball practice as he gets ready for the Var-

sity team to begin their season.

Clarkston first can see Kupe when the
Boys Yazzity Bushesball team plays their first game Dec 7. They will play Pomiac Central in the Clarkston High School gym at 7 p.m.





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Season ends with best ever state finish

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

The Clarkston Swim team took 14th place in Division 1 at state finals this weekend at Eastern Michigan University.

Clarkston earned 63 points, placing them at the 14th spot out of 42 schools at Eastern. This is the best and highest they have ever finished in the finals.

"We were looking to place in the top 10, so it was disappointing," said Coach Kenwyn Chock.

Here is how the Lady Wolves did in competition:

Alyssa Vela made all-state in 50 yard free style with a time of 24.3 placing her in fourth place.

Also, Vela placed seventh in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 53.73.

In the 200 yard medley relay, the team of Christine Sieple, Molli Simpson, and sisters Julia and Alyssa Vela swam into the sixth spot. They completed the relay in 1:51.54.

With a time of 3:44.39, Sieple. Simpson, Julia and Alyssa took 12th place in the 400 yard freestyle relay. They beat their time from preliminaries by 1.14 seconds.

Simpson took 14th place in 100 yard breaststroke with a time of

Seiple placed 15th in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:02.01.

Danielle Benway placed in 16th in one meter diving with 318.2.

Chock looks forward to state next year. Four swimmers that went to state will be returning next year. Sieple, Simpson, Julia Vela, and Amber Fulmouth will return with a mission to go to state next year and place higher.

"We could have been better. It will set the bar for next year," said

They won OAA with a perfect score this season.



The Medley Relay team, from left, Molli Simpson(breastroke), Christine Seiple(backstroke), Julia Vela(butterfly), Alyssa Vela(freestyle), finished sixth in the state. Photo submitted.



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Fuller signs future intent

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Matt Fuller celebrated College Golf Signing Day by signing his letter of intent to attend the University of Toledo.

During American Junior Golf Association's signing day this past Wednesday, as students around the country signed letters of intent, their names were posted on the website.

Under the watch and support of his parents, teammates, and coaches, the Clarkston High School Boys Varsity golfer signed his national letter of intent after school Nov. 14. After he and his dad, Craig Fuller, signed the papers, they faxed them in and he joined many senior golfers on the website.

Colleges and coaches had been looking at him throughout his high school career - it was just deciding which college to attend, Matt said.

Their visit to the Toledo campus and with Coach Jamie Mauntler sealed the deal, he said.

"Everything's nice there. Coaches are nice. Facilities are nice," he said.

"We had a nice visit," said his mother, Anna Fuller.

Toledo has one of the top courses and facilities for golfers, said Boys Varsity Golf Coach Mark Wiegand.

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A change in sports scheduling meant a long break between seasons - Boys Golf changed from fall to spring. His last season was fall 2006. In that season, he had a 73.7 stroke average and was All-State for Divi-

"I'm just excited, finishing my senior year strong." said Matt, who has one more season in the spring.

This past summer, he competed in five tournaments and scored a total of 17.38 points, with an average of 2.9. He practices every day, outside when the weather is nice, at Mulligan's Golf Dome as it gets colder.

"We look for cheap airplane tickets for him to go south and practice," Craig said.

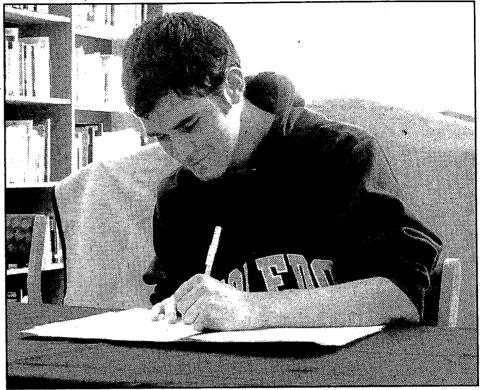
There, he stays with friends and practices his chipping and putting, something he can do in an indoor dome.

With tournaments coming up in March, Matt will be ready for the spring season, he

While practicing golf, he has worked hard at studies in high school, earning a GPA of

"We are very proud of him and his achievements," Wiegand said. "It will be fun to watch how he progresses in college."

Matt wasn't always a golfer. At the age of 5, he started playing hockey. But he soon



Matt Fuller signs his letter of intent to attend the University of Toledo. Photo by Wendi Reardon

got better at golf, and started playing competitively at age 9.

As for golf as a career, Matt is unsure at

"Maybe start beating college kids, then think about it as a career," he said.

He will attend the University of Toledo on





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Wolves tie in season opener

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Reporter

The Boys Varsity Hockey team tied, 4-4, their game with Birmingham Unified Saturday, Nov. 17.

At the drop of the puck, the Wolves swept forward, determined not to repeat the loss in last year's opener against Birmingham Unified. Sophomore Adam Frank made the first goal for the Wolves with 8:26 remaining in the first period.

Only 34 seconds into the second period, Birmingham made their first goal, tying the game 1-1. Less than three minutes later, Birmingham made a second goal and were ahead of Clarkston by one.

As the the minutes continued to count down, hockey sticks cracked and opposing players clashed as both teams tried to get more points on the board.

With 1:45 left in the second period, Birmingham brought the score to 3-1.

The Wolves closed the gap when senior Aaron Podbelski shot the puck towards the net and made it in with 1:10 left in the second period.

As the the Wolves began the third period only one point behind, the drive came out in the wolfpack. At 11:29, junior Nick Posowatz tied the score.

Another three minutes had passed when junior Tyler Frake brought Clarkston one

point ahead of Birmingham, with a score of 4-3

Birmingham tied the score with 7:33 left in the game. Both teams fought to be the next to get the puck past the other's goalie and into the net, but the game ended 4-4.

The first game gave the team and Coach Bryan Krygier elements to work on in practices, such as the turnovers that occurred during the game.

"We did alright," said Krygier. "We were off a little bit. There were too many turnovers and they capitalized on it. In the third, we came ahead, then they tied again. But we got some goals."

The Wolves out shot Birmingham 43-28 on goals.

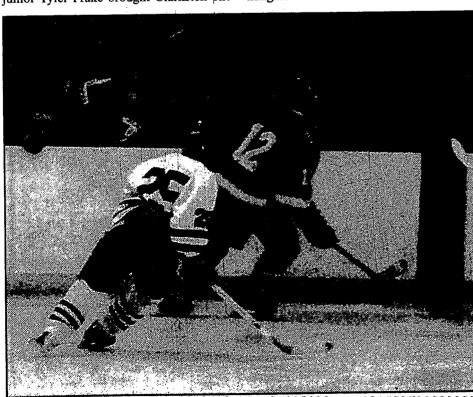
Returning for their last year are seniors Aaron Podbielski and David Morin, leading the way for the Wolves as captains. Most of the team are returning players from last year's season, with 10 new players.

Dominating the team this year are the juniors, with 11 making up the team of 26, with a handful of seniors and sophomores and only one freshman, Austin Morse.

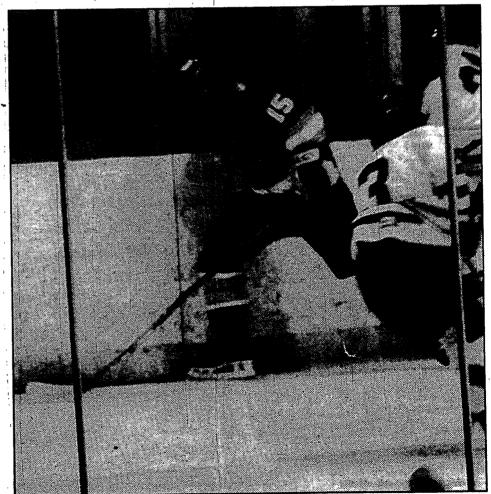
The Wolves' next game will be this Friday, Nov. 23, 12 p.m., when they play Brighton in Cranbrook's Thanksgiving Tournament. The tournament will be held at Cranbook Ice Arena, 550 Lone Pine in Birmingham.



Matt Campbell, #23, and #17 Adam Frank go after the puck.



Tyler Frakes moves forward, looking for a chance to score.



Nick Posowatz, #15, gets the puck away from Birmingham Unified.

Thanks for patience with mural

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a world that looks like Clarkston, and one that looks like anyone of our own experiences, except embellished. Have you been to France? California? The greatest city in the world, New York?

Through our common travels, we take a little part of each place we have been with us. Through images, I am able to share my travels and my experiences with the community.

Mr. Sherman's silhouette is seated on a bench flanking a mysterious corridor that separates two dimensions and fades into the distance. His figure oversees a fictional story unfolding. He becomes a catalyst, a patron, of two worlds coming together as existing images of Clarkston cross-sect with the imaginary. Although his image is skewed, he and his dog Shayla are intended to be the most identifiable characters within the nicture

The fictional part of the picture is by far the most challenging. Talk about writer's block. Yes, I have experienced it on this project! I understand more fully the responsibility artists have to create a platform for work that socially impacts the viewer, and because of the size of the wall and the potential to reach a large audience, the responsibility becomes more profound. As an artist, you almost want to gut out of yourself everything that you believe is important and spill it out onto the wall. I also feel that the greater the

challenge is within the artist, the greater the potential to make the range of the work itself more important. With this in mind, Alas Clarkston! With great labor will come great works. It will be my best and most might be pleased!

Wasn't there a contest?

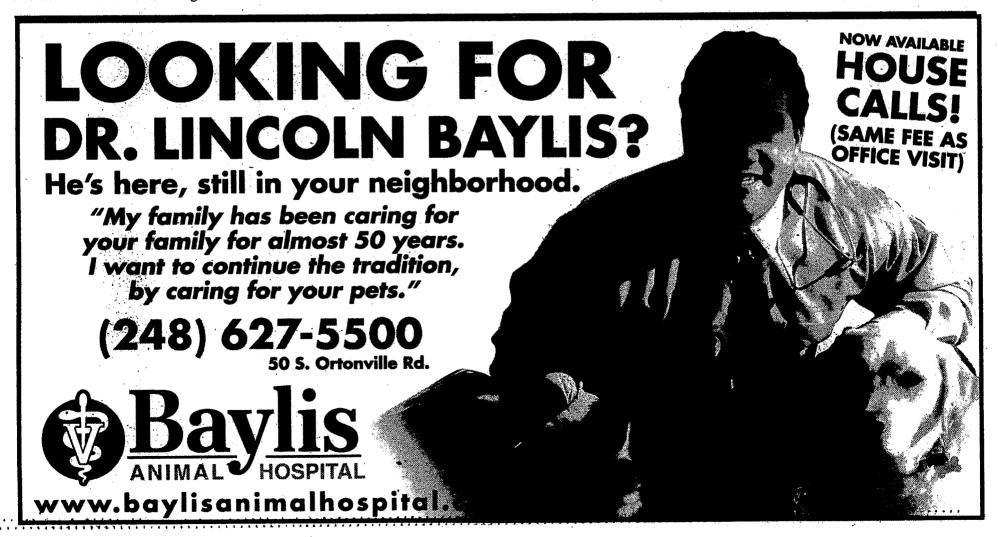
Oh! And about the street name contest—here are some of the names selected for consideration by *The Clarkston News* editor and myself: Market Street, 1832 Street, Sherman Ave., Safe Haven St., Caribou Lane, Pond View, Tasty St., C-Town Square, Independence Square, Parade St., and Ford Road.*

The street sign name may be one of the last touches for the wall. The name may reflect to some extent the tone of the painting, and as it develops, take on more meaning and greater importance to the picture. I will, however, paint the sign in anticipation of the name!

Thank you for all of the wonderful supportive comments, cards, and flowers during the term of this seasonal project, and to Mr. Sherman for trusting my artistic vision and allowing me the freedom to paint my vision.

Michelle Tynan of Independence Township has a bachelor's degree in fine arts and minor in art history from Indiana University. Growing up, she lived in Germany for many years, when her Army-officer father was stationed there, an experience that significantly influences her





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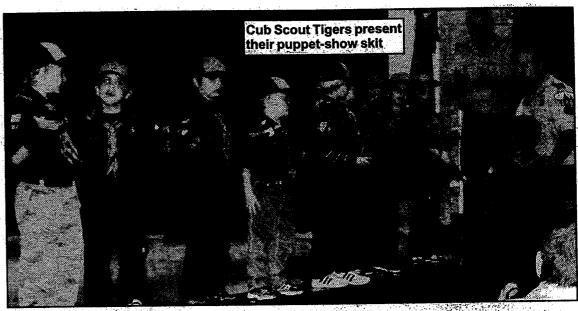
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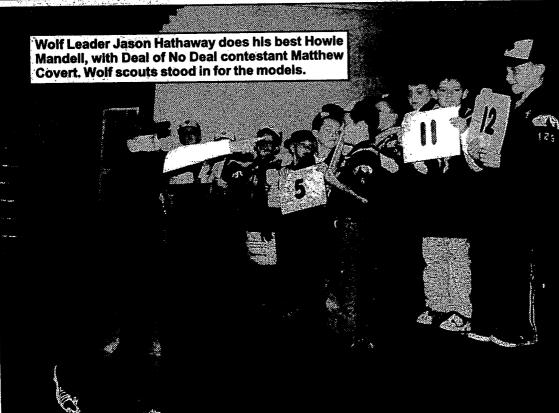
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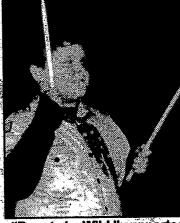












Above left, Austin Egler lip syncs "Born to be Wild," supported by Tommy Hickey on drums, above right.

That's entertainment

Cub Scout Pack 126 showed their imaginations Nov. 15 with comedy, music, and game-show skits at Clarkston Elementary School.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Steve Wycoff, Bear leader, goes over their campfire skit with his scouts before the competition.

People Poll

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What will you look forward to on Thanksgiving?



'Just a holiday without gifts. Relax." Santina Marshall



"Day off work. Good food, good fam-

Larry Puffer



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Sticking to the basics

Firefighter shares lessons, tips for military training

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Don Herbert heard from a buddy cruits. that an airliner crashed into the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001, he thought it was an notes and the notes got accident. When he got home, he told his wife longer, longer, and to turn on Fox News.

"When I saw the other plane bank, I said 'that is not an accident,'" said Herbert, Inde-thought, 'this really pendence Township firefighter.

"I didn't need to hear any more, didn't write a little book.' I never need to know anything else, grabbed my envisioned that it would keys, and my wife asks 'where are you go- be published, but just a ing?' I said 'I think we're at war.' She an- little book I could give to swered, 'I think we just signed for a house my recruiters and say 'hey, on Friday and I think I'm your wife. You want these are all the problems to talk about this?"

After talking about it, she understood he put together a nice little wanted to enlist in the U.S. Army, but he book and you can let your knew it was not the right time because of soldiers read it." financial commitments. The two had been married less than a year.

it would have ended up destroying my family," he said.

"After waiting forthings to settle down a little bit, it worked out good?

through Army Basic Training in 2006. He plans to go to the Army Physician Assistant School in the next couple years.

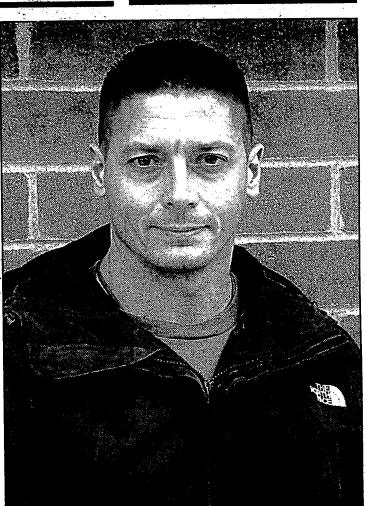
While going through. basic, a recruiter asked him to write notes of things that could be improved or prepare new re-

"So, I started making longer," he said.

"Then eventually I wouldn't be a bad idea to I saw at basic and I will

When Herbert sat down and started compiling his notes, he realized his "little book," "It wasn't the right time for us, and I think was not going to be as little as he thought. That was when he began to search on-line for a book similar to the one he was writing.

"Why re-create the wheel if there is already a book out there? Then I realized that Herbert joined the National Guard, going there wasn'f. That was when the idea turned



Don Herbert, Independence Township firefighter, wrote a book about Army Basic Training. Photo by Trevor Keisor

in me that I could make this a little bit bigger than what I already had it."

Many published books cover all branches of the military, but it is like going to a car dealership, where all literature is geared to selling their product, he said.

"I didn't want to do that, I didn't want to sell anybody anything. I just wanted to give

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Charity drive, collection of hats, mittens, non-perishable food for local families in need, Nov. 23-Dec. 29. Drop- off at Best Impressions, 6684 Dixie Highway. 248-620-1961.

Greens Market, Clarkston Farm & Garden Club, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 1, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Wreaths & roping, loose and fresh greens, arrangements for home and office. Anita Andes, 248-620-3168. Sue Sajdak, 248-393-7509.

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

Toys for Tots benefit concert, 2-9 p.m., Dec. 2, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. Phil Treais Group, Charlie Allen Martin, Urban Nomads, Motor City Women & the Express, Skee Brothers, Donde, Mule Train, with MC John O'Leary of 94.7 WCSX. Admission: new, unwrapped toy or \$10 donation. 248-623-0444.

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.

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Around Town



New Orleans band at Carrick's

Jeff & Vida, bluegrass acoustic roots band from New Orleans, will perform at 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 25, in the Carrick's home concert series, 5418 Boyne Highland Trail.

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band Shotgun Wedding, Americana with a bluegrassy sound.

Doors open at 3 p.m. Coffee, soft drinks, and munchies provided. Bring any other beverages. Admission: \$10 donation. All proceeds will go to the performers.

The Carrick home is just north of Pine Knob Road. Parking in the driveway and street. Seating is limited.

RSVP at 248-394-0113 or carrick homel@netscape.net.

Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.-noon, Dec. 8, First Congregation Church. Children's ornament, Cookie Walk, pancake, sausage, juice, milk. Secret Gift Shop, 75 cents to \$5. \$4/adults, \$3/children, \$12/family. \$3/photo with Santa. 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Holiday Lunch With Santa, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 8, Hart Community Center in Davisburg. 12 and younger. Residents/\$8. Non-residents/\$10. Adults/\$5. Pictures with Santa,\$5 for one Polaroid or unlimited use of personal cameras. 248-634-0412.

Blood Drive, American Red Cross, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 27, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. Walk-ins welcome. Free fleece scarf to all donors. 248-625-2923. Enter Red Cross contest for lease on a new 2008 Mercury Mariner Premiere, and \$25, \$50, \$200 gas cards. 800-448-3543.

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.

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

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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.





Garden Club Greens Market slated Dec. 1

Clarkston Farm and Garden Club hosts the 16th annual Greens Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road.

They will offer lush wreaths in three sizes, roping in 25- and 50-foot lengths, hundreds of fresh evergreens arrangements in many sizes and styles for homes and businesses, and varied loose greens. Because this is the 16th year of the market, a special table of \$16 items will be offered.

Also available will be raffle tickets to win dinner for eight at the Andes Inn.

This annual event is the major fundraiser for Garden Club projects including Main Street Planters, Children's Literary gardens at the public library, horticultural therapy programs at local nursing homes, environmental education programs, and college scholarships.

For more information, check www.ClarkstonGardenClub.org.



Sue White of Independence Township shows off items as Garden Club members work on arrangements for the annual sale.

McGrath League set for Dec. 1

The McGrath League for boys grade 3-8 is taking registrations now.

Sessions will begin Saturday, Dec. 1, and run for 11 weeks.

First and third sessions will be at Clarkston Junior High. The rest of the sessions will be at Clarkston High School.

The first three sessions will be clinics and the remaining eight sessions will be games. Each grade will play for one hour, beginning with third graders from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and ending with eighth graders from 4-5 p.m.

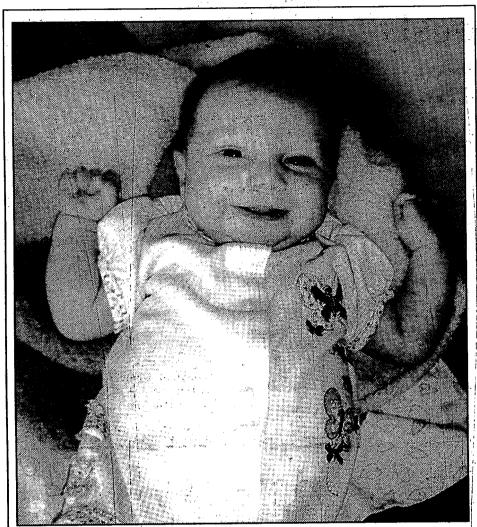
The cost is \$95 for the first child. For additional children from the same family, cost is \$75 for each child.

Sign up sheets can be found at the Clarkston High School athletic office or at any Clarkston school.

For more information, call Dan Fife at 248-623-4003. Deadline to join is Monday, Nov. 26.



Milestones



Welcome Madelyn

Brian and Christine (Bykaylo) Miller of Macomb proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Sophie Miller.

She was born May 22 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy. She was 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 20 inches in

Her big brother is Joshua Miller. Her grandparents are Jerry and Linda Miller of Clarkston, and John Bykaylo of Sterling Heights. Her great-grandmother is Betty Kelley of Bloomfield Hills.

Students achieve success

Joseph Miller, 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School, will present a Home Auction Lighting System project Dec. 4 at the 41st Conference of Senior Engineering Design at Western Michigan Univer-

Miller, son of Daniel and Patricia Miller of Clarkston, plans to receive a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in Decem-

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Religion Is it worth it to live righteously?

to what's true matter?

Taking a look at the world around you may make you wonder.

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And the arrogant, they seem to have an abundance of all that they want. They speak loftily, and against God.

But everybody drinks in what they have to say. And even God Himself seems unperturbed as they saunter in proud defiance.

Does this mean keeping your heart clean is a vain thing, and washing your hands in innocence is futile? Is there then no advantage

to those who watch over their inner and outer life? Only if your perspective is worldly and short-term. Because from God's eternal perspective, doing right is always right. . . and it's to your advantage as well.

Though God may seem unconcerned about those who deny Him and ignore His standards, His eye has not left

Is doing what's right worth it? Does living according them alone. He has set them in slippery places and will one day take them down suddenly.

When He does, the carefree days of the ungodly will be gone like a dream.

And this is something those who sincerely want to live right must never forget.

Don't be foolish and ignorant! Don't live like an animal who is concerned only about satisfying his appe-

Remember that God is continually with you and holds you by His right hand. As you look to Him, He will guide you with His counsel, and afterward receive you to glory.

Knowing this is one thing. Living it is something else. Why is living it so hard for us?

Because we are so easily satisfied with lesser things. and so quickly turn them into idols.

The Lord has blessed and supplied His creation with so much that brings comfort and pleasure. But these things are not to be our chief end.

When we make them so, we make them idols, worshiping and serving what's been created, rather than the Cre-

But God's intent for us is something higher. He has made it our chief end to glorify Him and enjoy Him for

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In our churches...

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.

New Thought Bible Study, "The Sermon on The Mount," book by Emmett Scott, 7 p.m., Dec. 12. The Rev. Mathew Long, Peace Unity. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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.

God is Closer Than You Think, video/book discussion series by John Ortberg, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass in Clarkston, SW corner of M-15 and I-75. 248-625-3288.

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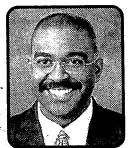
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'We felt that our Team Rush students, mentors and alums had a unique set of skills, experiences and hands-on application tools that would aid the scouts in earning the engineering portion of their curriculum," said Kyle Hughes, robotics team leader.

Boy Scouts earned Engineering Merit badges. Girl Scouts earned Building a Better Future certifica-

Ativities included demonstration of the award-winning Team RUSH 2007 robot. Girl Scout curriculum also included outside

Clarkston High School's Team speakers Jen Brown, Materials Engineer from American Axle; and Lee Kerr, sales engineer, Dow Automo-

"By reaching out into the community, we teach our kids the importance of giving back, and also spread our enthusiasm for math, science and technology," Hughes

Team RUSH also hosts summer Lego robotics camps, sponsors a local girls softball team, tutors at the middle school, and adopted a local road as part of the State's Adopt-a-Highway program. They earned the FIRST Robotics League's Chairman's Award for community service during the 2007 competition

For more information, check TeamRush27.net.

– Kris Godlew



Team RUSH demonstrates their robot for local Boy and Girl Scouts.



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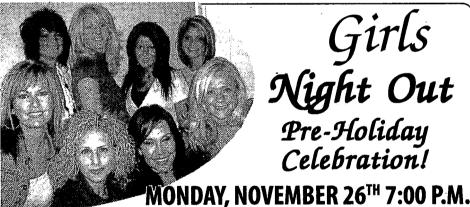
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B8 Wed., November 21, 2007 The Clarkston (MI) News Students plant new ideas for Depot Park

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Watershed Group was filled with renewed energy Wednesday as three UM students returned to discuss their developing ideas for Depot Park.

The students, all a Master's of Landscape Architecture candidates at the UM School of Natural Resources and Environment, have been working with the watershed group since last spring to develop a master plan for the park and other designated areas of the city.

The group plans to focus the majority of available resources on the park, which serves as a focal point of the community as well as a staging area for many of Clarkston's traditional evens - summer concerts, art fairs, a local farmers market, and the annual village picnic.

Combining ecological design with aesthetics to make the park a pleasant and educational place for its many events and users, the students said, would help develop the park into an ecological showcase to help demonstrate environmentally sound practices residents can use at

Low-impact development—ecologically sensitive design configured to minimize the impact of humans on the environment—is key in the concepts and ideas the group is working on.

The students showed group members a preliminary handbook likely to be part of their final presentation. The book, A homeowner's guide to the watershed, offers photos, diagrams, maps, graphs and useful information about protecting the watershed.

The students also discussed the possibilities of solar sculptures to promote alternate energy sources and off-set longterm energy costs to the city.

Additional ideas for Depot's "impaired and underutilized" 36-acre wetlands, including possibilities for an environmental education center, amphitheatre, and environmentally friendly boardwalk through the marshy area, could be included in the groups final presentation.

In their presentation, the students also told the group Depot Park's close proximity to Main Street could be utilized to draw more people into the park to see the "ecological showcase."

The group would also like to expand on projects and ideas already implemented by the Watershed Group. "We're interested in using more rain gardens," said Susie Mattke-Robinson, one of the group's three students. "The existing rain garden is doing a pretty good job at handling a lot of the storm water run off coming right from the parking lot."

The rain garden, located near the village offices, is a collection of native

plants set in the drainage path from the village parking lot to the park Millrace and Clinton River, a design that helps prevent storm water runoff from dumping pollutants into the river.

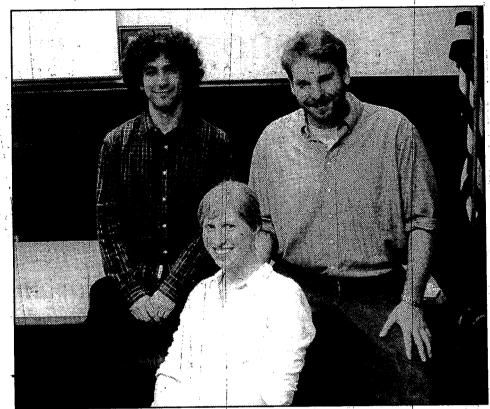
However, she said, improvements could be made with a few alterations to the parking lot.

Mattke-Robinson, along with fellow students Stephen Layton and Eric Bauer, a 2000 Clarkston High graduate, also discussed concepts such as alternative lawns, rain barrels, and native plantings—including what types of native plants to use, and showing residents how to display native plants to look more like a traditional garden.

The Watershed Group—community volunteers interested in maintaining or improving the environmental quality of the Clinton River watershed—hopes a master plan for Depot Park will promote community awareness and interest, and therefore help to secure funding.

The group hopes to implement the final master plan, though it will likely be a gradual process.

The students will likely make another appearance in January with their final presentation in March or April 2008.



UM students Susie Mattke-Robinson, Stephen Layton and Eric Bauer are working with the Clarkston Watershed Group. File photo



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Obituary

Robert H. Dittman

Robert H. Dittman of Waterford passed away Nov. 17 at the age of 69.

He is survived by his niece Irene Walsh of Waterford and nephew Christopher (Maggie) Walsh of Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Rose Dittman, his sister Henrietta Myers, and brother in law Wayne Myers.

Mr. Dittman retired from General Motors. He was a member of Grace Lutheran and enjoyed biking and hiking.

Funeral service Tuesday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Monday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Lung Association or American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.

Donald L. 'Don' Hindman

Donald L. "Don" Hindman of Clarkston passed away Nov. 15 at the age of 69.

He was the loving husband of Patricia for 48 years; father of Gene (Marcia) of Goodyear, Ariz, and Bill (Kim) of Waddell, Ariz.; grandpa of Jacob; son-in-law of Elizabeth Wiersma of Royal Oak.

Mr. Hindman retired from General Mo-

tors Truck & Coach. He was one of the founding members of the Metro Carvers of Madison Heights. He was a Boy Scout leader and a YMCA Indian Guide Chief.

Private arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wint funeralhome.com.

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Erica Cale shows her affection for Antonito, one of the children they worked with.



Lending a hand to kids in need

Village children wait patiently for the goodie bags.



About 80 Honduran boys receive soccer uniforms and equipment, donated by Clarkston families. They are now playing soccer with Clarkston impact and Clarkston Parks and Recreation uniforms.

Local teen's passion helps families in Honduras

When Erica Cale, and her mom, Nancy, traveled to Honduras with a close friend, Floria, to meet her family, they expected a vacation like most Americans imagine. They were looking forward to meeting Floria's children, learning about her culture, and spending warm, relaxing sun-filled days at sandy beaches.

They were a bit overwhelmed at the airport when greeted by fourteen of Floria's family and friends. Yet, they were more surprised to discover that their "welcome group", who had traveled to the airport by bus, expected to be chauffeured back to their village in Nancy's rental car.

Traveling to the airport by bus was a large expense for everyone who met them upon their arrival. Most Honduran families don't have the luxury of owning an automobile.

Erica, 15, experienced a life vastly different from what she's accustomed to in Clark-

She met families living in small, bug infested huts on state owned property near highways without access to water, no plumbing or toilets, and very little food.

She said that, "They get their water from a nearby river. They fill barrels with water for cooking and bathing."

She met families with no food and sick children_soiled, worn-out clothing and no shoes.

Erica met one man who is supporting a family of eight while earning \$60 per week as a construction worker.

Another man had not eaten in a couple of weeks. What little food they did have was fed to his wife and child.

Erica bonded with the Hondurans quickly, "They are very affectionate, loving people. I knew immediately that my purpose in life was to help these people."

Erica returned home with a strong desire and ambition to help the people she met. She immediately began sharing her story and educating people about the living conditions.

One of the first places that Erica turned to for support was her church, Clarkston United Methodist. "They have been very support-

ive with everything I've been doing."

Her first fundraising event was a car wash which raised approximately \$400. She has organized three.

Nancy mentioned that "Erica has always had a big heart. She has wanted to do fundraising since she was in Lend a Hand

second grade." Erica's younger sister, Savannah, attends Academic Adventures in Waterford. With their support, a wheel-a-thon was organized for the young participants and approximately \$850 was raised.

In August, Erica prepared a column by a newsletter and sent it out Michelle Phaup to family and friends updat-

ing them on her mission. She's continuing to receive donations from the recipients.

A donation of \$25 will feed a child for a

She states in her newsletter, "My dream in life is to reach out and make a difference. It's hard for me to explain what I've witnessed through my mission work. It truly is a life changing experience. My goal with this program and my mission work is to help one child and one family at a time."

Erica and her mom have been to Honduras three times this past year. Each time they load their suitcases with donated clothing, food, and hygiene supplies.

"Helping Hearts Helping Hands" is a nonprofit organization pending tax-exempt status from the IRS.

Currently, 100% of all donations are going directly to help these families. Erica and Nancy are personally paying for all of their own travel and expenses.

In addition to raising \$6000 through fundraising events and donations, Erica has distributed goodie bags filled with nutritional American treats, distributed over 1000 lbs. of donated clothing, 200 pairs of donated shoes, and passed out 80 soccer uniforms and equipment donated by Clarkston families.

There are now 80 Honduran boys playing



Erica Cale celebrates her 15th birthday with a group of village kids.

soccer with Clarkston Impact and Clarkston Parks and Recreation uniforms.

Recently, she coordinated a pen pal program with a Girl Scout troop from Independence Elementary. Each Girl Scout is matched up with a child and Erica translates their letters into Spanish.

She'll hand deliver the letters during her next trip at the end of this year.

A local family recently offered to pay for a shipment of 10' x 10' crate of food and supplies, a donation of approximately \$1000. As a result of the corruption in Honduras, the crate will be picked up at the shipping dock to ensure proper delivery.

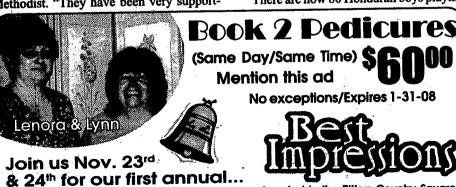
Erica's long term goal is to build an orphanage where babies receive proper nurturing and medical care.

You can meet Erica and Nancy at the Al-

ternative Christmas Fair taking place at the Clarkston United Methodist Church on December 1^{st} from 9 am -1 pm and December 2^{nd} from 10 am - 2 pm. In addition to the "Helping Hearts Helping Hands" booth, there will be many charity groups selling gifts to support other causes.

For more information, visit: myspace/ helpinghearthelpinghands or email Erica at: america23@comcast.net.

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



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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 pm. 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, 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 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-

Spiritual Matters

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Look at how this portion of scripture captures this idea: "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart fail. But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Ps.73:25,26).

Anything this world has to offer will eventually fail us. Even our flesh and our hearts will fail us.

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David Bostrom is pastor of Seed for the Harvest ministries.

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13 at Springfield Oaks and Jan. 27 at trees. Independence Oaks.

There is no charge to drop off trees. Plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. Large quantities from commercial lots will not be accepted.

In 2008, wood chips will be available free to the public at Orion Oaks. Bordine's Nursery co-sponsors the recycling program.

For more information, call 248-858-The parks system will process the 0906 or check www.oakgov/parksrec.

Let us know about your community activities at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com



Letting future soldiers know the truth about basic

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them an idea of what it's like to go through boot camp and what to do before you go so you don't get smoked when you get there," he said.

His new book, "63 Days and a Wake-Up: Your Survival Guide to United States Army Basic Combat Training," offers readers a chance to understand what Army basic training is all about, he said.

He received positive feedback from recruiters, who say the book helped them sign up new soldiers. Others read the book and changed their minds about joining the

"It's done exactly what I wanted it to do, which is to allow a young individual to get a really good idea of what they are getting themselves into before they show up. Then they can make the decision whether they want to sign that enlistment contract," said Herbert.

A lot of soldiers join the military for the wrong reasons, because of a war movie, or an "inspiring commercial" that gave the wrong perception, he said.

Recruitment commercials are "cool," especially the latest one which shows paratroopers jumping out of C-130 military

planes and helicopters.

"The commercials are full of truth, but they kind of lack letting you know that's a two-year process of people yelling and screaming at you, and a few running miles with 40 pounds on your back," he said.

The book not only deals with problems Herbert witnessed, but also the experience of going through basic training, such as what it's like to live in barracks with other soldiers, sleeping quarters, lockers, pulling fire-guard duty at night, a typical day, going to the range, sleeping in a hooch, and eating at the chow hall.

It also answers questions such as how often can you write letters home, receive letters, call home, do and access to e-mail and the internet?

Herbert said he is getting a lot of positive feedback from parents and veterans who served during Desert Storm or Vietnam.

Some are surprised how much boot camp has or hasn't changed, but glad to see some things are different.

"It gives me some affirment, what I did is being well received by people who've already served and they are passing that knowledge on to people who want to,"

said Herbert.

The nine-week boot camp is set to expand to 10 weeks over the next couple years, he said.

"They're just adding another week so if soldiers are having certain troubles in certain areas, they can assist those soldiers in mastering those things, like shooting a weapon, or a little more time to get physical fitness training in," he said.

About 30 pages of the book deals with the army's physical fitness program and test. Physical fitness is mostly calisthenics such as mountain climbers, jumping jacks, butterflies, pushups, and alligators, he said.

Herbert grew up in East Detroit, but moved to South Carolina at age 20.

"I tell people I was born in Michigan, but grew up in South Carolina, that's where I became a man, more or less," he said.

An average student in school, he knew he did not want to go to college right away because he wasn't sure what he wanted for a career

A buddy became an EMT, Emergency Medical Technician, and told Herbert about it.

He decided he would check it out.

"One of my instructors was a firefighter for Shelby Township, and me and him got to talking and he said, 'man you should go to the fire academy, you would be perfect for this job,' so I did," said Herbert.

"They weren't hiring very many guys in the late 80's here in Michigan for fire departments, so I applied in South Carolina. I didn't know nobody, just applied and was accepted."

While in South Carolina, Herbert ran into his future wife, Alissa, in a hotel.

"She was looking over her shoulder talking to her mom, and I was looking over mine talking to a buddy, we came around a corner and collided," he said. "We penpalled for awhile, but then she went off to college."

Herbert moved back to Michigan in 1999, where joined the Independence Township Fire Department. That fall, he started talking with Alissa again.

"I went down to (South Carolina) to meet up with her, catch up, and the rest is history," he said.

They live in Davison with their three kids Olivia, 4, Hannah, 9, and Chris, 17.

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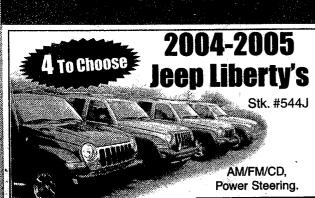
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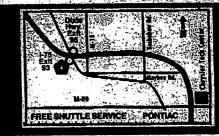
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Salon owner tickled 'Pink'

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As a teenager, Tammy Brimacombe dreamed of owning a hair salon in downtown Clarkston. It was something she actually thought would not become true, until one day her husband came home and announced he had found a spot for a hair salon. After a lot of hard work over the past several months, she saw her dream come true as she opened the doors on Nov. 5, as the proud owner of "Pink the Salon" 7157 N. Main Street, suite 205.

"It's still all very, very unbelievable, but I am very happy," said Brimacombe. "I used to go get my hair done when I was a teenager at Clarkston hair design and I would just look outside the windows and think 'I would love to have a salon in downtown Clarkston."

Brimacombe has lived in Clarkston for 32 years and graduated Clarkston High School in 1989. She said she knew she would never leave Clarkston.

"I love doing hair, but more than anything I love the atmosphere. And I love the fact that we get to do it in Clarkston, she said. "I don't even like driving to go to work; I didn't want to drive to Birmingham or something."

Brimacombe, who co-owns the salon with her husband of 9-years, Jamie Brimacombe, who owns a landscaping business, said he was biggest reason why she ended up with a salon.

"He worked so hard, almost 115 hours a week for almost a year to try and make it happen, he did down to the last minute," she said.

When it came to hiring employees, Brimacombe was worried whether or not she would be able to find good employees.

"I used to think about the kind of people I would want to work for me and who I would want to work with everyday and it just happened exactly how I imagined it," she said. "Everyone just has so much experience and that's the biggest thing for me. They have all been doing it for so long and have had such good training."

Tammy's mother Therese and her sister, Jessica works at the salon as well.

When it came to picking out a name for the salon, Tammy was reminiscing to her husband and daughter Chloe, 8 about names of places she had worked when she was younger that were easy to remember, but not an actual persons name or a foreign word.

"We were talking about colors and after talking about all these different ideas my daughter said 'how about our favorite color' so we decided pink, and ran it by some our friends to get a review and the majority was



In back, Jessica Gillis, Teri Gillis, Cara Hiddings, Kristin Hurley, and Angle Page. Middle: Tiffini Graff, Jess Brever, Amy Giannini, Anna Barnes, Lindsey Fournier, Christle VanKuren. Front, Heather Bender, Tammy Brimacombe, Kelly Forbes.

ok, so we decided to keep it," she said.
"Hopefully, someday my daughter will follow in my footsteps, so she can take over and I can retire."

Pink the Salon offers a very warm homey feel, Tammy and Jamie picked out all the décor right down to the trim molding.

"A lot of salons are contemporary or commercial desks," she said. "I thought, if someone was coming into my house, how would I

want it to look and feel?"

One of Tammy's clients built each station, which look like antique dressers.

"Unbelievable, I want to take them home," she said. "They just did a great job."

Tammy said she is thankful to all those who helped and made the salon possible.

There will be a grand opening at the salon Dec. 8 from 3-5 p.m. For more information or prices, call 248-620-4444.





Putting the 'Plus' into Clarkston

BYWENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the holidays approaching quickly, Pack & Mail Plus provides Clarkston residents one stop convenience with a friendly smile.

On Nov 5, Clarkston residents, Kim and Paul Lieberman, opened the store for residents. Along with sending mail out and offering mail supplies, the store offers many other services with competitive prices and unique retail gifts.

"Clarkston needed this, besides the post office and UPS," said Kim.

The location began as just an idea. The couple wanted to independently own part of a franchise. They went on the internet and searched for a franchise. They wanted something would not just give them as owners a choice in what to carry, but choices for the customers as well.

"Diversity of products and uniqueness," said Paul in how Pack & Mail Plus came to be in Clarkston. They found Pack & Mail Plus on the internet. In August, they visited the Saline location, which is one of the few in Michigan. It was built to be the training store and model store for future Pack & Mail Plus locations. Then, they checked the company's references and looked at the other stores.

Also, they looked into packag-

ing and shipping stores around the area and noticed not only was there not one in Clarkston, but many in areas around Clarkston would only ship using one carrier. So they decided Pack & Mail Plus was the best option for them and the Clarkston area, not only to mail but to provide other services.

For mail services, they have mail drop and forwarding. Along with selling postage stamps, they also sell a variety of sizes of mailing tubes and boxes, padded envelopes, bubble wrap and packaging tape.

They offer the choice of sending packages through UPS, FedEx, and DHL. All of your shipping needs from packing the package with and postage stamps.

Customers can a rent mailboxes that are private and secure. Unlike, the post office where you would use a post office box as an address, Pack & Mail Plus provides the renter with an address to use. Also, Pack & Mail Plus will hold packages larger than the box behind the desk, where the post office will not.

They provide a notary service. Other services that can be found at the store are renting computers, color and black and white copying, printing, laminating, binding and fax.

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cial occasions. Along with business cards, flyers, banners and retail signs.

Other items that can be purchased are office and school supplies, ink cartridges and retail gifts.

They have a Sony digital printing station where customers can scan pictures or print from digital media. The service provides many options for the user. They can do a collage of digital images, add borders around the pictures for different occasions, add text, and print the photos in black and white or color.

They will offer different specials during the year. Currently focusing on the holidays and packaging and

shipping. After the holidays, they will move their focus to special on invites for weddings and graduations.

Visit now until Dec 5 to register for prizes they are giving away. It's free to enter and prizes include Lions rolling cooler, Detroit Tigers bag, an Olympus digital camera.

They will also be giving out smaller prizes such as free copies, free ink and toner for businesses.

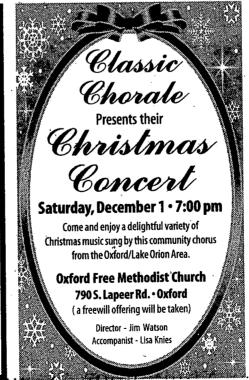
While there, pick up a frequent shipper card. With the card, after shipping nine packages, you will get \$5.00 off the tenth one. The offer applies to UPS, DHL, FedEx, and U.S. Mail packages five pounds or more.

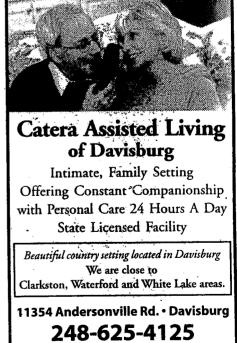
"We want customers to pick up one or two things and then come back for more," said Wendi Mohl, Vice President and corporate trainer for the company. Her dad, Mike Gallagher, is the President of the company.

Gallagher started the company in 1984 with a store in New Mexico. Then, he began selling them as a chain of stores. Today, there are over 800 locations nationwide, with only three to four in Michigan.

Pack & Mail Plus is located in the Kroger Center plaza at 6643 Dixie Highway. They are open Mon. - Fri. 8am-7pm and Sat. 9am-5pm. They are closed Sunday.







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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT ROAD **CLARKSTON MI 48346 MINUTES**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 13, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Catallo. Present: Catallo, Brueck, Gawronski, Inabnit, Johnston, Ottman Roth.

Minutes of October 22, 2007, accepted as presented with two deletions.

Agenda accepted as presented.

Bills in the amount of \$80,568.82 approved for pay-

ment.
Council members welcomed newly-elected Council member Peggy Roth and congratulations were extended to all incumbent re-elected council members.
Gawronski reported on the Planning Commission.

Kristy Ottman was appointed Mayor Pro tem.

Catallo and Council members expressed appreciation for the work of the Police Department on the Halloween coverage. Mayor Catallo felt that the police presence was very noticeable and important. Mayor Catallo reported that business owners are pleased with the new Chief.

Chief LaCroix reported that there was a break-in at the Clarkston United Methodist church over the week end, both Saturday and Sunday. There was also an incident of underage drinking on Madison Court.

Discussion was held regarding advertising on police vehicles which is done in some communities. Chief LaCroix will research this matter.

Pappas reported that Bob Pursley had asked Council to choose a color for the Gazebo roof. Council asked that Mayor Catallo choose the color

Ottman will be contact a North Holcomb resident regard-

ing his parking situation.

Mr. Vito Guida from Deer Lake Drive asked that Council do something about the sign at the work in process on the Clarkston News building wall. He stated that a sign had been at this location for two years, and that seemed excessive. Pappas was asked to refer to the Minutes in which this mural was approved, and to have the Building Inspector review this issue

Resolved that the Police budget be amended to allow for the purchase of a vehicle computer in the amount of

Resolved that the Program Year

2008 Community Development Block Grant Funds be allocated as follows:

Public Services: Senior Center Van Clarkston Area Youth Assistance 1,100 Planning and Administration: General Program Administration 1,600

2.800 Public Facilities: Senior Center - Deck Ramp Resolved that the City council adopt Ordinance 139(1).

An Ordinance Controlling the Riding of bicycles and Other Similar Vehicles on The Sidewalks and Paths of the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Mayor Catallo distributed a memo on her views of the

sidewalk repairs in which she asked that repairs be completed as soon as possible without widening the

Johnston stated that there should be minimum standards

established prior to repairing any sidewalks.

City Attorney Ryan stated that there are State specifications for sidewalk construction. Ottman brought up the issues of trees on one side of the sidewalks that would cause a problem if the sidewalks were widened.

Brueck asked that a committee come to Council with a short term addressing of the safety issue. Johnston stated that he would accept any standards that are acceptable. Brueck asked for a meeting with Pursley and Gary Tressel to come back to Council with recommendations for sidewalk widths.

Moved that the 2007 Official Ballot for Directors of the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool be endorsed by the City of Clarkston Council. Motion

Pappas asked that the Council consider signage or an ordinance to prohibit skateboarding by the Gazebo. This matter is covered by the Park Ordinance.

Mayor Catallo referred to a letter she received from the City Planner, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc., wherein the name of a charity was requested for a Christmas donation. Council suggested Lighthouse North or the City Playground. Pappas was instructed to respond to the letter. to respond to the letter

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m

Respectfully submitted, Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING **NOVEMBER 8, 2007** SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls PUBLIC COMMENT: CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved Minutes: October 11, 2007 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$453,861.97

Accepted October 2007 Treasurer's Report

- Received September 2007 Reports: Building, Elecc) trical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fire
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, total
- Authorized Fire Department to issue request for bids to sell Tanker #16 Authorized attendance by Board Members at MTA
- Educational Conference, not to exceed \$330.00 Master Plan Update: Required approval by Township Board of Master Plan Update, as authorized per MCL
- 125.328 of Township Planning Act
 Revised 2007 Cable Fund Budget to increase Revenue from \$10,600.00 to \$37,00.00 and Increase
 Expense from \$10,600.00 to \$19,000.00
- Received communications and placed on file PUBLIC HEARING:
- 2008 Community Development Block Grant Funds Received oral and written comments
- 2008 Budgets: No comments received

OLD BUSINESS: Tabled Consideration of Township Lake Board Repre-

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Development Block Grant Funds
Reprogramming – 2005 Allocation: Adopted Resolu Service funds for \$2,072.00

2008 Allocation: Allocated to crisis intervention, disabled services, youth services, emergency services. planning and management, minor home repair, and road gravel in eligible area.

Adopted 2008 Budgets for General, Fire, Police, Cem etery, Cable, Building, Civic Center Debt, 2008 Softwater Sewer SAD, 2008 Softwater Lake Improvement, and 2008 Lake Improvement Funds

Amended Parks and Recreation Budget

- First Reading, Zoning Ordinance No. 26, Proposed Map and Text Amendments: Authorized Second Read-
- Tabled consideration of Snow Removal Proposals Conditionally approved Oakland County Mutual Aid

First Reading Ordinance No. 66, Emergency Services Cost Recovery Amendments: authorized Sec-

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trustee Vallad updated the Board on the status of submission of Harbourtown Subdivision paving petitions and formation of a Financial

ADJOURNED: 9:35 p.m. Published 11-21-07

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

C NOTICE People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING **AGENDA**

Date and Time: November 20, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. Independence Township Library 6495 Clarkston Rd, Clarkston, Mi 48346

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

Opening Statements and Correspondence

Approval of Agenda

Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes

Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2007

Approval of Purchase Orders

Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run Plante & Moran Engagement Letter

Public Hearing
1. CDBG 2008 Funding Application

Unfinished Business

Purchase of back-up generator

1. Amendment to McLaren PUD - ADDED

Approval of 2008 CDBG Application

Waiving of partial CDBG 2005 Funds

Permission to purchase Senior Center vehicle with CDBG Funds

Permission to hire Head of Circulation/IT Manager for Library

Permission to hire Assistant Director of Assessing
The Charter Township of Independence will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5111.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2007-311, 261-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of RAYMOND F. CERANKOSKY, DECEASED. Date of birth: 1/ TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RAYMOND F. CERANKOSKY, DECEASED, who lived at 3565 Lotus Dr., Waterford, Michigan died June 1, 2007.

editors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the es will be forever barred unless presented to Sandra S. Hale arkial Sister Catherine, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal repre 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924
Sandra S. Hale a/k/a/ Sister Cath 1295 Bald Eagle Lk. Rd. Ortonville, Michigan 48462 2745 Pontiac Lake Road erford, Michigan 48328 (248) 682-8800 (248) 627-4355

FILE NO:

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST OF RAYOND F. CERANKOSKY UDT MARCH 17, 2006 Date of birth: 1/12/1930 TO ALL CREDITORS:

TO ALL CREDITORS; NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST OF RAYOND F. CERANKOSKY UDT MARCH 17, 2006, who lived at 3565 Lotus Dr., Waterford, Michigan died June 1, 2007. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sandra S. Hale a/k/a/ Sister

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2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48328 (248) 682-8800 Sandra S. Hale a/k/a/ Sister Catherine 1295 Bald Eagle Lk. Rd. Ortonville, Michigan 48462 (248) 627-4355

FILE NO: STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT 2007-313, 719-DE **COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Decedent's Estate sed. Date of birth: 10/11/1932 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary N. Gregor, who

lived at 1040 Ellis Road, Clarkston, Michigan died 8/30/2007.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel Gregor, named perwill be locaver uarred unless presented to better cregory, named by-sonal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the namet/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kathryn M. Karuso (P44723) 6480 Citation Drive Clarkston, Michigan 48346 (248) 625-0600

Daniel Gregor 5912 Sunridge Court ston, Michigan 48348 248/425-5059

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** Estate of ARTHUR H, McQUINN, Dec

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ARTHUR H. McQUINN o lived at 1915 Baldwin Apt. 225, Pontiac, Michigan died

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all cl Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims egains up obtained the forever barred unless presented to HAROLD F. McQUINN, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal months after the date of publication of this notice

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48328 HAROLD F. McQUINN 11132 Judy Drive Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313 (586) 274-9016 (248) 682-8800

Sheriff collects 'Coats for the Cold'

Oakland County Sheriff Office is collecting new or clean, gently-used coats until Dec. 3 for the 21st annual "Coats for the Cold" Coat Drive.

All donated coats will be distributed among several charitable organizations, which will then supply the coats at no cost to those in need.

Local dropoff points include: Outback Steakhouse, 6435 Dixie Highway, 248-620-4329; Real Estate One, 31 S. Main, 248-625-0200; and Oakland County Sheriff's Office Substations, 6560 Citation Drive in Independence Twp., 248-620-4968, and 9075 Big Lake Road in Springfield Twp., 248-625-8531.

For more information, check www.oaklandsheriff.com.

Blood drive set Dec. 27

Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union hosts a blood drive with the American Red Cross 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 27.

The event will be at the Clarkston office, 8055 Ortonville Road.

Members and non-members are invited to participate.

Anyone interested in giving blood can come in to make an appointment or call 248-625-2923.

Walk-ins will also be accepted. Beds will be set up inside and an additional mobile unit will be available outside to make donating as quick and convenient as possible.

Anyone who attempts to give blood will receive a free American Red Cross fleece scarf.

They will also be entered to win a lease on a new 2008 Mercury Mariner Premiere, 20 month/20,000 miles. Other prizes include \$25, \$50, and \$200 gas

The contest is being held by the American Red Cross from Dec. 20-Jan. 7. Must be 18 to enter.

Official rules are available from the American Red Cross - call 800-448-

For more information about the blood drive and Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, call Katherine Kelly or a member service representative at 248-625-2923.

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Unit #109, Mike VanDoran: miscellaneous household & garage items. Unit #15. Mike Stroud: Bed & frame, TV, stereo equip. Misc. household boxes. Unit #48, . James Nance: Red & frame, tools bike, household items, boxes. Unit #252. Vicki LaLone: Furniture, lots of household, hoxes Unit # 233. Heather Hobbs: Miscella neous household items. Unit #125, Leola & Todd Clowes: Dishwasher, push mower, TV, dehumidifier, shelving units. Unit #324, Katherine DeWitte: Boxes, living furniture, fridge, TV's, misc. household items. Unit #54, Andrew Dunn: Bed & frame, heater, dresser, weight set, misc. boxes & bags. Unit #247. Keith Eversole: Miscellaneous house hold items. Unit #33, Jeff Quigley: Miscellaneous garage & household items

"CASH SALE"

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SALE OF DEFAULT UNITS Wednesday, November 28, 2007. 10am, Lake Orion Self Storage Center Inc.; 180 W. Church St., Lake Orion, MI 48362, 100 yards East of Laneer Rd. (M-24)

248-814-8140 Unit #10005- Steve & Rebecca Ohee: Refrigerator, TV, mattress and box springs, bed frame, table STOR YOUR STUP MINI STORAGE

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Unit F.133 leased by J. Fiter, Unit G-242 leased by J. Beeding, on November 23, 2007 at 10am. Unit contents includes various household & garage related items. Each unit will be sold as a whole. Cash sale only. Please call 48 hours in advance to check on possible cancellation, 586-752-4600

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110 GARAGE SALE

ESTATE SALE- NOVEMBER 23, 24, 10am-5pm. 5130 Seymout Lake, Oxford. Between Sashabaw & Bladwin, No early birds.!!L501

120 CRAFT SHOWS

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HITACHI PROJECTION color TV, model #53UDX10B. Dimensions on it are height 51", width 46", depth 25-5/16", weight 225 lbs. TV does work but needs a convergence assembly part. Best offer, 248-931-0568, IIC182 OAK/ SMOKED glass entertainment center, nice, slots for hundreds of CDs/ DVDs/ VHS, shelves, drawers, cabinet, \$300 oho. Dak wall mirror with shelf 57x30, \$100 obo, 248-827 4930, 11ZX132

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COMPLETE KITCHEN CABINET set with 9X9 counter top with deep double collier sink. 5 years old, white. \$500 obo. 248-240-2621. IIZX132

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BROYHILL TAPESTRY sleepe sofa & loves eat \$500. Ethan Allen solid oak 2 end/ coffee tables \$650. 2 lamps \$100 each. 8x11 oriental design rug \$250. Maytag gas dryer \$75. All in very good shape. 248-922-9660. !!L502 CRIB WITH CHANGING table, sleigh style, light wood. Converts into toddler bed. \$50. 248-303-2812 111492

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THOMASVILLE FURNITURE: 3 piece entertainment center, like new \$350: end, coffee and sofa tables \$150, 810-249-3400. 11ZX132

OAK CURIO CABINET. 8X4X2. 4 glass shelves, lighted interior, mirror back panel. \$200. Excellent condition, 586-752-6877. MICROSUEDE BEIGE sectional couch with lounge, 6 months old, like new. \$500, 248-736-7106 TWO DARK BLUE leather sofas. \$300 each or both for \$500. 248-620-3528. IIC19-2

140 COMPUTERS

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RECONDITIONED DELL Computers with 17" monitor. \$100 while they last. Limit 3. Zak Computer Center, 172 S. Washington, Oxford Marketplace, 248-628-

8600, !!L29tfc

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Microsoft certified technician. Free diagnostic, John 248-892-5667 (Clarkston), !!LZ484

DVD LAPTOPS

Good Christmas Presents Laptops with DVD player Starting at \$185 & up. Call Bernie

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OGET YOUR ROLLED TICKETS at the Lake Orion Review, 30 N. Broadway, Lake Orion; Oxford Leader, 666 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford or at the Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston. Single rolls \$6.00, double rolls \$9.50, assorted colors. !!!RX9-dhtf

NEW ORION TOWNSHIP maps at the Lake Orion Review, \$2.75. 111RX9-dhtf

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WOMEN'S ARIAT riding boots, size 7, never worn, paid \$169, \$99. Kenmore washer/ gas dryer. runs great, \$160/ set. MaryKay suitcase, brand new, paid \$125, \$50. MaryKay starter kit, paid \$100, \$30. 248-535-3494. 111502

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beds, complete, \$50. Trunk \$10. Chainsaw \$50. Brass floor lamp \$10, 248-693-0105, !!LZ502f

THANK YOU **NOTES**

Available at all Sherman Publications locations. Oxford Leader, Lake Orion Review, Clarkston News.

UPRIGHT FREEZER- \$80, Port-acrib. \$30. Crib mattress \$25. Wicker bassinet \$25, After 4pm. 248-693-0079, !!R492

2006 JET 3 POWER Wheel chair, gray/ red, joy stick driven, hardley used. Original price \$4150/ ask-ing \$2350 obo. 248-238-8592 111 49-2

EXPECTING A BARY? Girls/ hovs cinthes newborn to 4T, some new. Large/ extra large maternity items. 248-693-8786. IIL492 DOG HOUSES: Medium \$45; large \$55: extra large \$65. Rabbit hutches \$50. 248-673-1436

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238-0341, !!L502

2 RECONDITIONED Water Soft eners, brass controls, Bill Miller 248.693.8233 111492

HOT TUB WITH lid, seats 4. \$800 obo 248-330-1887. !!LZ502 TWO FUR COATS: wolf, black

full length, medium large, \$800 nho : rabbit, gray, long, extra large, \$600 obo. 248-394-0783.

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NEW BOILER, Weil- McLean, used 1 year. 248-420-7066 !!L49-2 PENESTAL DRILL PRESS, Craftsman. \$113 obo. 248-391-0828.

SEARS 5HP generator, \$200. 248-693-8233. IIL492

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180 REC. EQUIPMENT

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LOST: MALE red/ brown Doberman, family pet, needs me tion Reward! Please call 248-989-2779. !!ZX142

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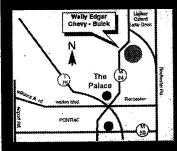
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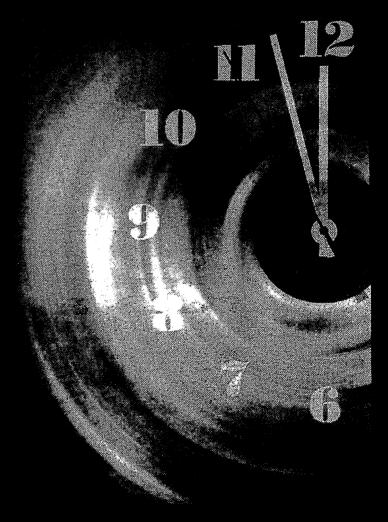
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