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Officials learn how to get our share at seminar

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer
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About \$400 billion in annual awards is available from more than a thousand federal grant programs, and it's all organized—or on the way to becoming organized—in one place: Grants.gov.

Invited by U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, *The Clarkston News* and its sister publication *The Citizen*, police, government officials, and others heard about the website, many for the first time, when they arrived at Clarkston Junior High School last week, hoping to learn new ways to stay afloat in Michigan's weak economy.

"A lot of people are struggling," said Pat Fitchena, Oxford Township trustee and North Oakland Transportation Authority director. "Some of this money could help expand our program."

Fitchena said the organization has seen a surge in the need for transportation recently, some times up to a dozen new requests per week.

And often, she said, the requests are coming from educated, white-collar individuals.

"People bought expensive homes," she said. "But now the jobs are gone, their homes are in foreclosure, what do they do?"

It was just such questions that

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Shannon Hefter, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, shares a few grant-writing tips with Shélagh Vanderveen, Independence Township clerk. Photo by Phil Custodio



Donna Clancy, executive director of fundraising for SCAMP, thanks the organization's many supporters during the annual social last week. Please see page A24 for more pictures from the event. Photo by Laura Colvin

Community comes through for family affected by fire

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The Browne family home in Independence Township is gone, burned in a fire, but the family is fine.

Their neighbors have made sure of that.

"It's unbelievable – the community just opened their arms to us from the moment the fire happened," said Molly Browne, who lives in Independence Township with her husband Jim Browne and their children Maddy, Olivia, Charlie, Jonny, and Ryan.

The family escaped the early morning, Nov. 16 fire, but lost almost all their belongings.

"It was almost a total tragedy, but I've come away

with a wonderful feeling of community," Molly said. "So much has been positive – the love, support, the help from the community."

Independence Township firefighters went above and beyond the call of duty, rescuing the family cat, Sophie, and spending hours rescuing photos and other irreplaceable items.

"The fire department was so wonderful to us – they're so caring," she said.

"Friends, family, complete strangers came over to help – the next couple days, neighbors were helping us save photos, spreading them all over, wiping them

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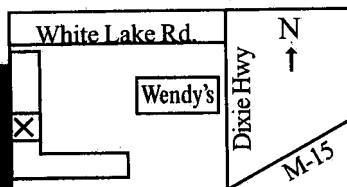


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Reminder from the Clarkston Police: Parking is prohibited on any city street or city-owned parking lot between 2-6 a.m. in the City of the Village of Clarkston beginning Dec. 1.

Vehicles in violation of the winter parking ordinance, which remains in effect until April 1, are subject to fines and towing.

The ordinance provides room for plows to work after heavy snowfall.

Blood drives set Dec. 20, 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.

Independence Township Fire Department and Lions Club of Clarkston also host an American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Dec. 20, at the township firehall, 6500 Citation, off M-15 north of Dixie Highway. Call 248-625-1924.

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 Premier, 20 month/20,000 miles. Other prizes include \$25, \$50, and \$200 gas cards. The contest is being held by the American Red Cross from Dec. 20-Jan. 7. Must be 18 to enter. Call 800-448-3543.

Open house for dance studio

Bella Pointe Dance and Performing Arts, 5631 Sashabaw Road, will host an open house, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1.

The studio offers ballet, jazz, hip-hop and other styles of dance for boys and girls of all ages. Call 248-620-9830.

Danger lurks online

Kids and teens can easily fall prey to Internet predators, officials warn

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston-area parents heard a stern and frightening warning last week: Be vigilant about what your kids are doing online or they could fall victim to a sexual predator.

Several dozen people showed up to listen to the two-and-a-half hour presentation at Clarkston Junior High, and many found the information alarming.

"We don't like to talk about it in America but it's a serious problem, said Rep. Mike Rogers, who presented his talk, "Parents Protecting Children From Internet Predators," at the school Nov. 20.

"One in five of our children will be solicited for sex online," he said. "This year, 725,000 children will be asked to leave their home to go to someplace where they might... be asked for an illicit act."

Rogers told parents it's important they recognize danger signs, learn how to report concerns to authorities, and how to keep children safe from these criminals.

Experts from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were also on hand to educate parents about the issue.

More and more, predators use the Internet to locate, "groom" and ultimately come face to face with children and teens, Rogers told parents.

It's a trend he began watching and work-

ing on during his 1995-2000 tenure in the Michigan State Senate, when he introduced and authored laws allowing police officers to pose as minors online in order to entice and prosecute predators.

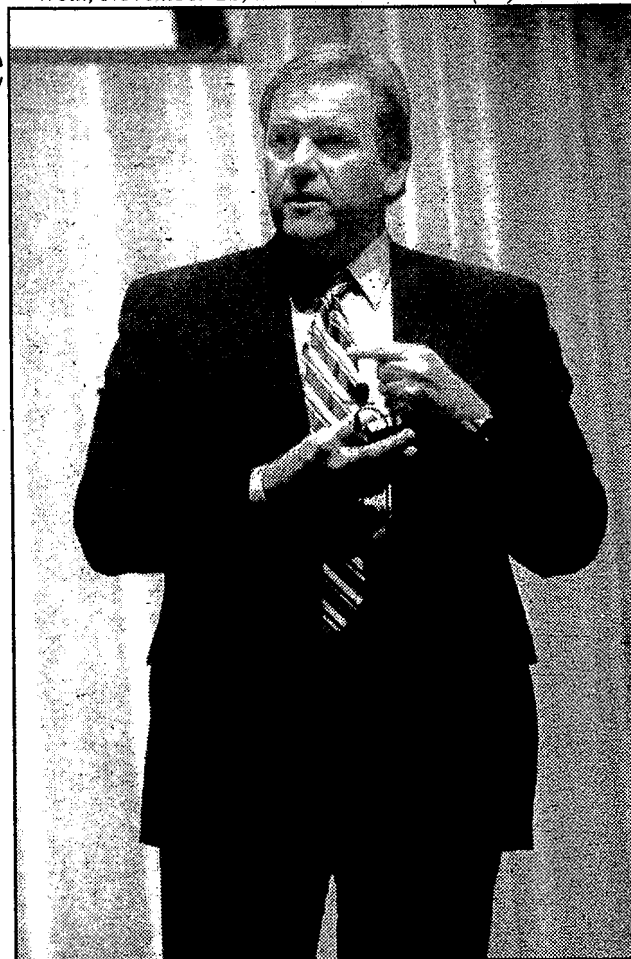
Rogers told parents about one of the first cases he saw, which involved a man in his 40s pretending to be a 14-year-old girl while talking to another 14-year-old girl online.

With the wealth of information available online, predators have an easy time learning about schools, activities and personal information, and therefore create a false sense of commonality and increase comfort level with a potential victim.

"It was about 8 months before the predator made the first overt action to ask that child to do something," he said.

"Electronic courage," said Rogers, who is the father of two school-age children, makes more aggressive and more willing to act on an unhealthy compulsion.

"Years ago, sexual predators who wanted to make a connection with a child had



Rep. Mike Rogers talks to Clarkston-area parents about protecting kids from Internet predators.

to... show up at the playground or the school event, or someplace where the kids were hanging out," Rogers said. "That's a pretty hard thing to do, so it discouraged a lot of people who may have had those thoughts."

Today, he said, child sexual predators can

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School district sets summer to-do list

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

About \$3 million in replacements, renovations, and upgrades are in the works for Clarkston schools next summer.

The district-wide project list includes:

- Roof audit, to find out what needs to be replaced and repaired, \$50,000;
- Roof replacements, \$500,000;
- Mechanical system audit, \$75,000;
- Mechanical systems, such as variable power air circulators and heaters, \$150,000. These will be more energy efficient and will "pay back" the cost in savings in 2-5 years, said Wes Goodman, director of building and grounds;
- Upgrades to electrical systems, \$400,000. New, energy efficient bulbs, motion sensors, and lighting fixtures in the gym will also have good pay back, Goodman said;
- Bathroom fixtures, \$100,000;
- Utility vehicle for field maintenance, \$25,000;
- Additional security, such as locks, cam-

- eras, and card-access systems, \$200,000
- Door replacement, mostly exterior and overhead garage doors, \$100,000. These will have better seals to reduce loss of heat;
- Stage curtains at the junior high, \$50,000;
- Gym curtain at the high school, \$60,000;
- Hot water heater at junior high, \$15,000, replacing a 30-year-old boiler;
- Fuel system at transportation center, \$20,000;
- Transportation system at Springfield Plains and Independence elementaries, \$50,000;
- New freezer at Sashabaw Middle School, \$100,000, to replace a failing unit;
- Furniture at junior and high schools, \$150,000;
- Repave bus loop at Community Education, \$70,000;
- Irrigation wells at Early Childhood Center, Sashabaw Middle, junior high, Renaissance High, and Clarkston, Pine Knob, and North Sashabaw elementaries, \$60,000;

- Water softeners at Sashabaw Middle, junior high, Renaissance High, and Pine Knob and North Sashabaw elementaries, \$60,000;
- Landscaping at elementary schools, \$60,000;
- Air conditioning at Community Education building, \$150,000, due to summer programming;
- Activity fields at Community Education and the former South Sashabaw Elementary, \$500,000.

Projects total \$2,970,000. The list is preliminary and is subject to adjustment pending final board approval and the bid process, said Bruce Beamer, executive director of business services.

Funds will come from what's left of the 2003 school bond, approved for capital-improvement projects only. About \$1 million will remain in reserve, he said.

Beamer and Goodman will present the list for formal approval by the school board at its Dec. 10 regular meeting.



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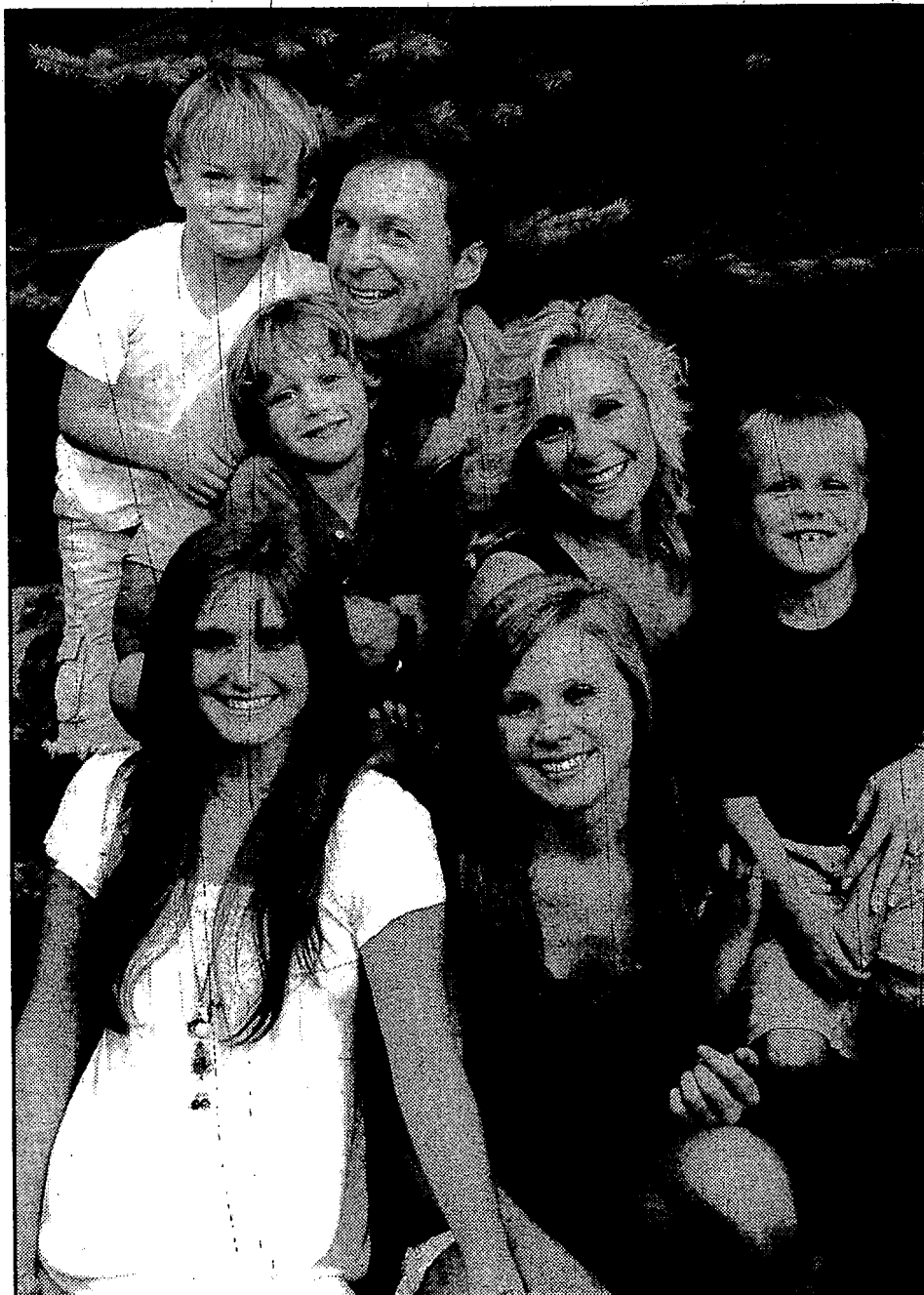
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Molly and Jim Browne of Independence Township, with their children Maddy, Olivia, Charlie, Jonny, and Ryan. Photo submitted

Neighbors plan thank-you event for volunteers, donors

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off, repackaging them,"

Laura, a neighbor who asked that her full name not be used because she doesn't want any more recognition than anyone else in the community, is hosting an Angels for the Holidays benefit in her home for family and neighbors.

"There have been a lot of people in this — people all over Clarkston," she said. "It really shows an outpouring of love. The community is there for them."

The event is an opportunity for the family to receive some of the items donated by the community, including food and gift cer-

tificates from individuals, schools, and Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Christmas tree from Bordine's, and other items.

"Right before the holidays, it's a really difficult thing to have to deal with," Laura said. "It's nice to know people care, and extend their love and support."

"I just appreciate everyone so much! — this is such a caring community," Molly said.

The family is planning to move into a house across the street from their home, near Independence Oaks Park, next month while it is rebuilt. For donation information, call 248-977-9741.

Racer Rob turns hobby into high-speed career

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township resident Rob Huffmaster began his racing career at age 11 on a 1/8 of a quarter mile, clay oval track with a Go-Kart. Huffmaster got the love of racing from his father.

"My dad has always been big into Motor-Sports in general. He raced snowmobiles when he was younger, Snowmobiles and dirt bikes until he was like 20. Then his dad actually made him stop, but up at our cottage at Houghton Lake we have always run dirt bikes and snowmobiles and all that stuff," he said. "When my dad turned 40, my mom bought him a Skip Barber Racing school thing and he went out there for three days and that just got him hooked on road racing, so after that I was really interested in it. I helped him out a lot with it and crewed for him."

Huffmaster raced Go-Karts for about three years, and then raced a 100cc road-kart for about half a year. At 15 1/2 years old, Huffmaster got a waiver to race at the Waterford Hills road course where he raced Miata Spec Cars. After that, hopped into Dad's Mazda RX 7 raced that for a year, which led up to this year.

They actually have two cars, the 1990 RX 7 and a 2004 RX 8.

"We kind of swap back and forth between the two," said Huffmaster, now 21 years old.

The Mazda RX 8 was Huffmaster's main car this season, a season championship that Huffmaster was not expecting. He earned his first Touring 3 National championship at the 2007 SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) National championship Runoffs at Heartland Park in Topeka, Kansas.

"It was pretty incredible, because the whole year was more spaced out than the past few years, racing wise. We've raced a lot more in past years. So this year I didn't think that we were that far into it, but we had one big race at the end of the year and we've never been to the SCAA National runoff, so I had no idea how I would stiff up to the competition. I had a pretty open mind going



Rob Huffmaster, SCCA Champion, and his father Ray Huffmaster. Photo by Juha Lievonon

into it," said Huffmaster. "After qualifying, I was called up to third, so I was pretty happy with that. I thought a podium would be amazing for my first time there, then the morning of the race it was raining a bunch and thunder storming. One guy spun out in front of me and another guy got black flagged because his car was too loud and that put me in the lead. It was amazing. I couldn't believe I did it my first time that I went down there."

Huffmaster said 2007 MX-5 champion Jason Saini was a "huge help" on the set up of the car, and helping him improve his lap time on the track.

Huffmaster will be leaving on Wed. Oct 28 for a 25-hour race with four other drivers at Thunder Hill raceway in California, to give him seat time in a Miata MX 5. In another two weeks, Huffmaster will race a one-day competition against five other drivers who have also won championships this year in a Mazda. The winner will receive a Miata MX-5 pro race car and the parts to build it.

"We all get in the MX 5's and do lap time, post race interview, like a mock interview,

talk with engineers to see how your input is on the car, judge you and announce the winner a couple weeks later," he said.

Huffmaster had originally just thought of racing as a hobby after this year, but once he won the championship and got a chance to win a pro-car, his mind has changed a little.

"I am trying to do my best for the next two years to put myself in the best position to try and become a professional driver, but it's so hard and a lot of things have to go your way, but it's definitely a really good start," he said.

Even if he doesn't become a pro-racer, he would still like to do something with racing, whether it is a race car instructor, working for a race series such as Grand-Am or at a race track.

"I figure if I stay around racing and I get enough seat time, you never know if later on I might get an opportunity to do something."

Huffmaster's favorite part of racing is the competition.

"I have always been very competitive at anything from air hockey to racing on the

tracks," he said.

He has also managed to stay out of major trouble on the track as well.

Fortunately, I haven't had any major off track crashes that did serious damage to the car, but I have had numerous entanglements with other cars that did a little bit of body damage. In general I do not lose my head when I am on the track, I am a pretty clean racer, I don't try to hit anyone. I am racing on my dad's budget. I got to be pretty clean," he said with a laugh.

Huffmaster has also worked on his car by himself this year as well.

"Earlier when I was 15-16 (years old) I didn't really work on the car because I didn't know much. As the years have progressed, I definitely have become a lot more hands on. This year I have pretty much prepped my car before every race and I've done that by myself, just because I feel better as a driver when I make sure the car is ready myself."

Huffmaster is currently going to school at Central Michigan University for an Entrepreneurship degree and a Legal Studies minor. However, he is not exactly sure what he wants to do at this point.

"I could always go into my dad's company. He owns a security company; my other two brothers (Ray, 26, Ryan, 25) work there now. That's always an option for me, but I would like to try to do something outside of the family for at least a few years, test the waters, just some sort of business job. I mean if I could ever start my own business, that would be great. I'm sure I would have to start working for someone first."

Due to racing, he has missed a lot of class time this year.

"In general my priority is racing at this point. I can always retake a class, but can't redo that race," said Huffmaster.

He grew up in Rochester Hills, and has been a Clarkston area resident for about a year. Huffmaster's race on Dec. 5 will be broadcast on the SPEED TV channel at 1 p.m. Check www.huffmasterracing.com.

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Little of a Lot

It's me again.

First, my mom was a little surprised I did not mention this in my first column. I didn't include it because it wasn't in my writing history. But I guess you could say it's part of my history. In my senior year, I won two art awards from Scholastic. I was featured in our sister paper, The Lake Orion Review. I went to Washington, D.C. My painting was hung in the Corcoran Art Gallery. I sold it to Scholastic. Then, I went on to college and studied my first passion, writing.



Next, I just wanted say how great the fans of Clarkston are. I have met some of the nicest parents of great athletes. Very welcoming and talking about their favorite athlete. One will be a future athlete of the week (it will be coming in December).

This week, I trended a little away from my usual sports writing and talked to an author of a children's book, Bryan Chick. (See 1B)

After going over the press release my friend got at a school she is student teaching at (thanks Katie!) I was ready to go. Also, I was really excited to meet an author who not only wrote a children's book based on his imagination, but decided to publish it himself.

I am a worldly kind of girl. I like everything. I like learning about everything. I like reading about everything. Yes, everything, history, suspense, adventure, romance. And yes, I read children's books (I just finished Harry Potter book seven last week. It took me four months to read the whole series, but I made it!).

I especially enjoy anything that gets kids to read. Imagination is one of the greatest attributes a child can have. It can be used anywhere at anytime.

I would like to say I read "The Secret Zoo," well that was the general plan for this column, but I haven't. But, I started it. I am on chapter five. It's good. It doesn't lag, so kids will keep interest in it. It has short chapters, if you want to read a chapter at a time at bedtime for little ones that can't read.

It's a great holiday present. It's portable. Doesn't need to be put together. No batteries required. No lead paint.

If you want a child's opinion, this is what I have heard. My friend is a student teacher, she says the kids in her class love it!

The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Trustee Kelly isn't a tax saver

Dear Editor,

Independence Trustee and Candidate for state representative of the 44th district, Dan Kelly conveniently left out some important information while defending his supposed "savings" of our tax dollars on a new "temporary" senior center ("New center was best solution," Nov. 7).

Contrary to his claims, there were better choices than using \$250,000 of our money to build a new "temporary" senior center. But those choices weren't good enough for the "we won't take no for an answer" tax and spenders that continue to ignore the voters of Independence Township.

According to published reports, the other choices included the mothballed school on Maybee Rd. and a building at Baycourt Park. It was reported in your paper that the school on Maybee Rd. could have been renovated and used for a "temporary" senior center at a cost of \$100,000. Instead it was quickly demolished. The decision to build the new "temporary" senior center by trustee Kelly was not a savings, it was a loss to taxpayers of \$150,000.

The building at Baycourt Park was another choice that would have saved tax dollars. But instead of pursuing that option, officials claimed that it was "too far away" to be used as a senior center. Only now have we found out what it was "to far away" from. Turns out, the Baycourt

building was "too far away" from being the brand new building they have always desired.

It was amazing to see how quickly the Maybee Rd. school house was demolished and removed after a \$250,000 tax surplus was discovered and a proposal for a new building was quickly made. With it's quick demolition, that option was taken off the table. Thanks to that decision taxpayers lost over \$150,000

Our trustees continue to ignore the one option mentioned by Mr. Kelly that really would have saved taxpayers money. No senior center. Taxpayers have continually said that we do not want our tax dollars used to support a program that is used by a select group of 10 to 20 people.

And let's not forget about the "savings" we've gotten since our trustees decided to hire a new law firm who's fees are now double the costs of what the township was previously paying. Another example of trustee Kelly "saving" us money.

Only a career politician would have the gall to claim that he has saved taxpayers money by spending more money than was necessary to fund a program that we said we do not want. Claiming to have saved taxpayers money on this project is a ridiculous claim and one that won't soon be forgotten by voters.

Michael Powell
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Project shows politics at its worst

Dear Editor,

Is backdoor politics at work in thwarting Independence Township's attempt to spur economic development and create new jobs for the community? I think so.

For over 15 years, Independence Township has invested considerable money, time, and effort into developing the Sashabaw Corridor. As a result of that investment, the township was lucky enough to attract a world class medical center to be developed by McLaren Hospital and the Clarkston Medical Group.

The \$600 million project headed up by McLaren and Dr. James O'Neill's group is expected to create 4,000 jobs and be an anchor for years to come on the Sashabaw Corridor. The influx of these high paying jobs, as well as the benefits derived from having a local full-service medical center, was a major factor in the Township Board's decision to create a Corridor Improvement Authority, "CIA." Unfortunately, it appears the township's efforts at beneficial economic development may be threatened by behind-the-door politics.

For over two years, Independence

Township has worked on developing a fiscally modest CIA of local citizens to assist in the orderly and controlled development of beneficial projects, like the McLaren Medical Center.

Township officials have met with Oakland County representatives numerous times over the past two years to discuss their commitment to the Sashabaw CIA and its associated economic development.

Despite the county's apparent support of the McLaren project and encouragement of the CIA, the county has delayed, and on no less than three occasions, changed the criteria for their approval of the Sashabaw CIA.

This constant changing of the CIA criteria has cost both the county and township taxpayers thousands of dollars in wasted fees and unnecessary expenses.

This is no time to play politics. The Independence Township Board has decided to no longer waste time and money by repeatedly responding to ever changing requests and politically motivated criteria. If necessary, we may have to go it alone.

Dan Kelly, Trustee
Independence Township Board

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1992

"Murderer released at age 19" A Springfield Township man, who confessed and was convicted of murdering his father, mother, and sister with a shotgun in 1988, was released from jail because state law at the time did not allow juveniles to be imprisoned longer. Officials said he was a model prisoner and not a threat to society.

"Garbage truck strikes employee, 25" A trash disposal employee of Pontiac was killed when a Springfield Township company's truck ran over him.

"Hunters caught killing deer on private property" An Independence Township family said hunters shot a deer within 200 yards of their home. They called police, who apprehended four poachers. The family vowed to lead an effort to ban hunting in the township.

"She inspires pupils with tales from China" Clarkston Junior High teacher Barbara Glover shared stories and souvenirs with her students.

25 years ago - 1982

"First grade asks Reagan for peace" Clarkston Elementary first graders made a peace poster, calling for friendship between and U.S. and the Soviet Union.

"The repercussions run deep" Clarkston village officials dealt with aftershocks after repealing the historic district ordinance, along with its powers to protect and preserve historic downtown homes. Advocates feared eventual deterioration of historic downtown.

"Clarkston kids hold course with MEAP scores" Students were holding steady in results from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program despite recent budget cuts totalling more than \$1.5 million. Officials were pleased.

50 years ago - 1957

"U.F early returns look hopeful" United Fund officials reported collecting 62 percent of their quota. Hopes were high of reaching their goal.

"Flag is presented to justice court" American Legion Post 63 presented an American flag to William H. Stamp, justice of the peace for his courtroom.

"Shop at home where patronage is appreciated" The Clarkston News urged shoppers to give local merchants a try, to keep Clarkston a live, happy small town.

"Senior play is success" Clarkston High School's senior class staged the musical "Annie Get Your Gun." The general reaction to the play was very favorable.

Beat the drum slowly, but get Larry out quick

Now it is a waiting game. A time to count time -- by the days and even hours. But, counting time is something Larry Drum and his family are good at. They've had plenty of time waiting, counting. Nearly 17 years, to be exact.

Seventeen years is how long Larry Drum, 70, former Eagle Scout and Marine from the area has spent in Michigan prisons after a conviction stemming from his cocaine usage in the 1980s. He's been serving a sentence tied to the state's old "650-lifer" law - which gave judges the authority to lock up folks for life if busted with more than 650 grams of a controlled substance. If Larry serves out his sentence, he'll be released in 2022 -- when he's 85.

In the past two years family and friends have worked tirelessly trying to spring Larry from the big house -- lawfully of course. Their efforts reached far and wide. Over 40 articles, columns and editorials were written about Larry in newspapers across the state. The hard worked garnered support letters from over 300 people -- including one from former Michigan Governor Milliken. Milliken's signature in 1978 made the state's 650-lifer law a reality.

I say it's a waiting game now, because earlier in the month, on Nov. 13, Larry received an open-to-the-public parole hearing. And, according to Larry's little baby sister, Gayle Garcia of Lapeer, things went pretty well. Supporters of Larry, 22 in all, were present and were able to speak on his behalf.

"One, Pat Denis from Indiana, commented that the five years Larry was into drugs was but a snapshot of his life. That he was a respectable and honorable person for all the years before and after. That his life before and life in prison can attest to the true Larry. The small percentage of his life where he screwed up has cost him 30 percent of his life," Gayle said.

I received an e-mail from a person who shall remain anonymous, also showing a side of Larry I hope Governor Granholm pays attention to.
Mr. Rush,

**Don't
Rush Me**



**A column by
Don Rush**

I knew Larry Drum back in 1963, Larry used to come into a cleaners that I worked in after school. I know it's unusual to remember someone that long ago as a customer. I was only 17-years-old at the time, very young and innocent. Larry would come in right before closing every Thursday to pick up his shirts (three white shirts no starch and on hangers). He was very particular regarding his clothes. Larry noticed that I would become extremely nervous whenever my boss came into the shop. My boss had been taking inappropriate advantage of me and I didn't know how to handle it. I couldn't quit my job, my parents would want to know why and my boss was a respectable community leader in our community. Back then I don't think anyone would have believed it. I never said anything to Larry, but I sensed he knew what was going on. Larry's presence in the cleaners at closing time or he said something to my boss was enough for him to leave me alone. Now you know why I remember him, he would be hard for a young girl to forget.

I don't think Larry would even remember the incident, but I never forgot. His act of kindness to a young girl will never be forgotten.

Gayle said the day after the parole hearing she received a call from Gov. Milliken, "He wants to talk to Gov. Granholm when the recommendation goes to her office. He is still very much in support of Larry's release."

She suspects the Parole Board's recommendation concerning Larry will be sent to the governor's office by the end of this week. Once there, the Gov.'s legal council reviews the recommendation and then makes its own recommendation to the governor -- which she can accept or reject with the power of commutation.

If he gets out, he has a home, job and plenty of supporters waiting for him.

I'd like to end this by again asking Gov. Granholm -- let Larry Drum free. Send him home to his family for Christmas. A society that cannot forgive is a hard society and one I wish not to be a part of -- and it is time for society to forgive Larry Drum.

Comments for Don can be addressed, via e-mail to: Donrushmedon@charter.net

Community newspaper scandal sheet of 1879

The original purpose of a weekly newspaper was to make public items that seemed important to locals, but were irrelevant to non-locals.

These papers covered local governments, but more widely they emphasized "who went where and when" items neighbors wanted to read. Weeklies had country correspondents who wrote these 4-Ws at named cross-roads and real small towns.

**Jim's
Jottings**



**a column by
Jim Sherman**

Weeklies became THE source for news before telegraph, telephone and Pony Express. They proliferated. It was almost like, if a person had a printing press and a few fonts of type, they'd start a newspaper.

And, so it was in Oxford, Michigan in April, 1879. Two weekly newspapers were started in this town of about 1,000 that month. They competed against two weekly newspapers that were already established.

Not only that, but two years later another newspaper was started in Oxford.

Well, you can see that something other than local goings-on had to fill these pages. After all, there's only so much Club news, school, Council and church news to print.

Along came the *Oakland County Standard* to fight the *Weekly Journal*, *The Bee* and *The Oxford Intruder*.

And, *Standard* publisher-editor Stephen A. Fitzpatrick had a better idea. He thought (there I go assuming, something newspaper people aren't supposed to do).

The Standard was half-tab in size, 8 1/2 x 11; three columns in width. The front page of the very first issue had a column of ads on each side and a news strip in the middle. The news strip was filled with scandal, innuendo and editorializing.

The first item read: "A Clarkston man pays about \$200 a year in support of a Pontiac woman not a lady. He has a nice wife at home."

Next: "We saw an Oxford man, who stands high in society, coming out of a house, not a church, at

Pontiac a few days since. He requested us to keep dark."

And: "Temperance people should teach their children the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments and Apostles' creed, and then you will have no difficulty in trying to reform them."

The column ends with these editorial observations: "Boys, there's a great difference in the waltzing of females. A Rochester girl crooks her arm in the middle like a door-hinge, takes her fellow by the shoulders, and makes him miserable by trying to hop and step without treading on her No. 9 shoes."

"A Commerce girl throws her hair back, jumps up, cracks her heels together and carries off her fellow as though a whirlwind had struck him."

"An Oxford girl takes her partner gently by the left hand and right shoulder and jumps up and down like an Orion girl."

"A Pontiac girl--yum, yum--She creeps closely and sweetly with her bright, black eyes up to her fellow, as if she would like to get into his vest pocket, and fairly melts away in Charley's arms, she is so sweet."

"But the Holly girl, with bright blue eyes and two coats of paint, throws both arms around a fellow's neck, rolls up her eyes, and as she floats away is heard to remark: "Oh, hug me tight, Jenkins."

Some probably believe newspaper reporting hasn't gotten better in the last 127 years.

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Trevor pleases grandpa, uncle, cousin

Teachers of our 7-year-old twin grandchildren sent discipline folders home with their students after the first four days of school.

Haley's teacher's comment was, "Nice job."

On Trevor's second day, his teacher wrote, "Goofing off." The third day comment was, "Talking."

His mother showed me the folders in front of him, and she couldn't hold back her grins of pride, which may not be the right reaction.

As for me, this proud grandpa couldn't wait to tell his uncle Jim, cousin Dan and several others whether strangers or friends.

Trevor's so normal. It's what guys do, until the vows.

This column was originally published Sept. 20, 2006.

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all the opinions
opined in this edition?**

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Parents learn how to protect children from online predators

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seek out potential victims just by sitting in front of a computer.

The first and most important rule for keeping kids safe online, he said, is a steadfast rule: Don't post or give out any personal information. Ever.

MySpace and other social networking sites are among the most dangerous, since kids often use these platforms as a way to connect with friends and meet new people.

"Ask questions about every person (on their friends list)," he said. "I know it's hard to do; if you have a teenager they're going to scream bloody murder, but it's important you ask about every person on that list."

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, who also spoke at the event, concurred with Rogers.

"I can't tell you how many Internet predators we've arrested right in Clarkston," he said. "They're everywhere."

Sometimes, he said, it happens in the blink of an eye.

"We had a case in Clarkston where the detective started talking to a guy who thought he was talking to a kid," Bouchard said. "Within an hour the guy jumped into his car and made a three-and-a-half hour drive to Clarkston to meet what he thought was a going to be a young boy."

The man was arrested, but not without a fight.

"When he found out he was getting trapped by the cops he rammed our police car," Bouchard said. "He was a violent, bad guy."

In order to keep kids safe, he said, it is essential for parents to ask questions—lots of questions.

"The first thing you have to do is make sure computer is in a central room... where you walk by and say 'What's going on?' who are you talking to?" he said. "Your job is to be a parent, and sometimes be intrusive."

Otherwise, it's the bad guys who will do the intruding.

"One of our most successful undercover names was Jenna9," Bouchard said. "We'd

go into a chat room and it was like flies. We'd get instant messaged: 'Do you like older men? Do you have pictures of yourself? Would you like to see pictures of me?' just by going into a chat room with a name that implied a 9-year-old girl."

When kids share personal information in any way, he said, that information it can be used as a "patterning tool" for a predator.

"If you know how to do a few things, simple things, you can actually track, search, follow and create a predator list and we've arrested people who've done that," Bouchard said. "I can look for every 11-year-old boy that lives in Clarkston, and it will search these different fields and databases and I'll get a list. If I'm a predator that's my target list."

Predators, he said, communicate with one another to avoid police, sharing tricks and techniques to ferret out police.

"They've become organized and some of these groups are very difficult to break into," Bouchard said.

"There's a high price of admission, and just pretending to be somebody who likes kids is not enough is not enough; some of these groups require you to show yourself show yourself violating a child. It's a really sick world."

And, he warned parents, don't fool yourself into believing boys are less vulnerable than girls. They're not.

"You don't need to hover over them," he said. "But if a phone rings or somebody knocks on the front door, you as a parent say, 'who is that?'"

The same logic, he said, should apply when kids are online.

Another speaker, FBI Special Agent Jason Bollinger told the story of 14-year-old "Mary" who disappeared from her home late one night. When the police began investigating, they discovered the hard drive missing from the family computer.

Investigations turned up no leads until a letter from Mary arrived in the mail with a California postmark.

Authorities finally tracked Mary down out west, where she was alone in the house while the predator who kidnapped her—al-

mother, said she didn't realize Internet predators were such a widespread problem.

"I know that you don't know who you're talking to when you go on the Internet," she said, noting she planned to go home and share the information with her grandson's parents. "But you always think the bad guy is some scruffy-looking greasy bearded person."

Quite the contrary.

According to the information presented, predators are usually professionally employed white males between 25 and 45 years old. And many times they're employed in occupations that work closely with children.

Several people who attended the meeting brought children and teens along.

"They don't hear the stories we hear," said Mary

Stechschulte, who drove to Clarkston Junior High from Oxford with her teenage daughter and a friend. "I wanted them to hear firsthand what can happen."

And hear they did.

With her daughter's permission, Stechschulte talked about an online relationship the 16-year-old has cultivated over the past 7 months with an individual living in Florida.

While the young woman is convinced her friend is the person he claims to be—17-year-old boy who lives with his parent in the Sunshine State and plans to visit Stechschulte's daughter over spring break others were a little more skeptical and advised her stop the communication immediately, or to proceed with extreme caution.

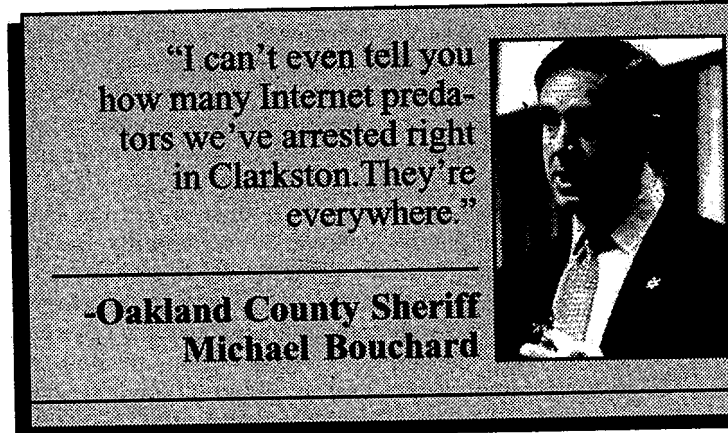
The following sources offer a wealth of resources and further information for keeping kids safe online:

• Sheriff's Community Liaison:
248-858-1947

• National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: 1-800-THE LOST

• www.netsmart.org

• www.cybertipline.com



though she went willingly—was at work.

Mary, Bollinger said, had fallen in love with her predator after months of talking to him online.

It's an occurrence, he said, typical for girls who fall victim to such crimes.

Cheryl McGinnis, Clarkston school board trustee, attended the talk with Superintendent Al Roberts and other administrators.

"It was informative," she said. "It's a great platform for our building parent groups to spin off at meetings, and find ways to bring the information forward to other parents."

McGinnis admitted she doesn't know every person her 16-year-old son talks to online, but said she intended to go home and talk to him again, reaffirm ways to keep himself safe online.



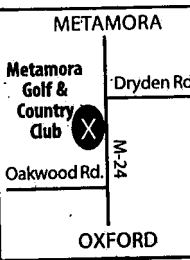
"We have to find different vehicles of communication," she said. "We as parents get lax about what our kids are doing on the internet. We need to be over their shoulders constantly and reaffirm that there are boundaries. Kids want boundaries, and we need to enforce them."

Margaret Purves, a Clarkston-area grand-

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Independence Twp.

Fri., Nov 16 A 28-year-old man was arrested and jailed for immigration violation after a deputy noticed the man's vehicle had a headlight out and pulled him over. The man told police he was from Honduras and entered the U.S. about 5 years ago by walking through the desert in Arizona.

Sun., Nov 18 A 48-year-old White Lake man was arrested and jailed after assaulting his girlfriend in the parking lot of an Independence Township restaurant. Both parties had been drinking heavily.

A 51-year-old man living in the 7700 block of Park Crest Circle called police after discovering someone had entered his garage and stole a set of golf clubs. The man was unsure exactly when the theft occurred.

The owner of a painting company in the 10300 block of Horseshoe Circle called police after discovering the rear of a new pole building had been spray painted with gang graffiti and several GPS units stolen from company vehicles.

Tues., Nov 20 A 65-year-old man living in the 5800 block of Dixie Highway called police after discovering someone attempted to steal his vehicle overnight.

Wed., Nov 21 An employee at a restaurant near White Lake Road and Andersonville called police after arriving at work to discover someone smashed out a window, entered the building and stole the cash drawer containing about \$243 from a register.

Public Safety

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

A 23-year-old Holly woman called police after discovering someone smashed out a window in her locked vehicle overnight and stole her purse.

A 17-year-old woman reported a window was smashed from her vehicle while it was parked in the 5700 block of Water Tower Place. Thieves stole her purse and an iPod.

A 47-year-old woman called police after discovering someone smashed a window from her locked vehicle while it was parked in the 7100 block of Ortonville Road. Thieves stole an envelope containing a check and \$100 in cash.

A 50-year-old woman called police after someone smashed out a window in her vehicle and stole her purse while she was attending choir practice at St. Daniel's Church in the 7000 block of Valley Park Drive.

A 23-year-old woman called police after discovering someone shot out the rear window of her vehicle while it was parked in the 6400 block of Middle Lake Road.

A 34-year-old man living in the 5200 block of Landcaster Hills filed a police report after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a DVD player,

iPod, eyeglasses and cash.

A 21-year-old woman living in the 6800 block of Balmoral Terrace called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole an iPod and \$50 in cash.

A 60-year-old man living in the 5700 block of Bellshire Lane called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a golf bag and clubs, digital camera, cell phone and a suitcase packed for a trip to Florida.

A 33-year-old man living in the 6700 block of Balmoral Terrace called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a pack of cigarettes and \$130 in cash.

A woman living in the 6700 block of Wellesley Terrace called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a lottery ticket from her console.

A 43-year-old man living in the 6700 block of Waterford Hill Terrace called police after someone entered his vehicle overnight and stole a GPS unit and satellite radio. The man told police he believes an electronic device

was used to circumvent his security system.

A 25-year-old Hamtramck man called police after discovering someone entered his vehicle while it was parked in the 6300 block of Sashabaw Road and stole a laptop computer he had just purchased.

A 42-year-old woman filed a police report after receiving numerous calls from a man who had formerly lived in her Independence Township residence. The woman told police man, who is on parole for a third drunk driving offense, had been drinking and threatened to hitchhike from Traverse City stating "you have ruined my life and I am going to kill you."

An additional 7 reports were filed during the week involving circumstances similar to those above.

Please see Police on page 19A

Police work to catch copper crooks

Police in Springfield Township are requesting help from anyone with information as they investigate the theft of copper wiring and copper buss bars from the Oakland County Springfield Radio Tower at 10275 Dixie Highway. The larceny occurred sometime between Nov. 11-13, after thieves cut a hole in the fence to gain access to the property. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-888-TURN-1-IN.

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New grant program promises easier access

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prompted Rogers to bring information about Grants.gov, along with several experts, to Clarkston Nov. 20.

The event attracted people from Brighton, Madison Heights, Wixom, Holly and many other surrounding communities.

Merrie Carlock, park planner and landscape architect for the City of Southfield, arrived with coworkers, saying she's constantly on the lookout for funds to support parks and environmental projects such as storm water mitigation.

"Every little bit helps," she said, noting a centrally organized source for grants seemed like a good idea, as fund-seeking adds a great deal of time to the workday. "You could work full time just looking for grants. No one has the time for that."

By registering once on this site, an organization can apply for grants from 26 federal grant-making agencies such as U.S. Department of Education, the Small Business Administration, National Science Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and many others.

Through the website, state, local, and

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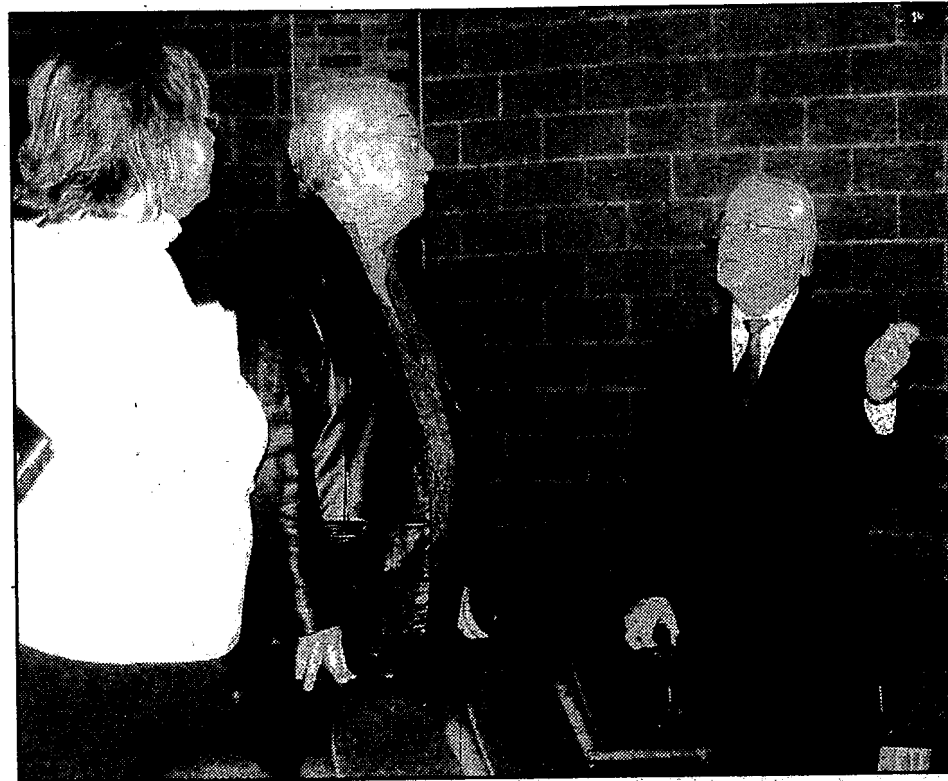
Federal grants.

But, some warned, no organization should rely on federal funds alone.

"Federal grant dollars are great, apply for them," said US Department of Labor representative Marium Baker, who was available to answer questions at the forum. "But it's critical to have a fiscally sustainable plan. Just banking on federal dollars, with the way things are right now, can be risky. Sometimes the funds are available, sometimes they're not. But there's a lot of money available through foundations and private organizations. I strongly encourage people to diversify their grant portfolios."

The site was implemented to improve effectiveness and performance of federal financial assistance programs, simplify the application and reporting requirements and improve delivery of services to the public.

The concept of a single source for government grants seems good and I have gone to the sight and played some. It is pretty nice. However, having you federal representative



William Humphries talks about grant opportunities with Janet Green, Orchard Lake clerk, and Jim Palpos, Orchard Lake mayor. Photo by Phil Custodio

travel around with all his assistants and give a presentation that went on and on about how convoluted and difficult the system was seemed to be the height of government waste. I think the whole thing could have been

handled equally well with a letter. In some communities, the representatives from the specific departments may have been helpful but I don't think Clarkston was the right one for who they brought.

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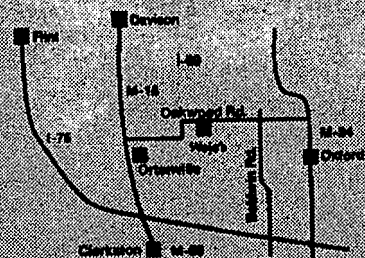
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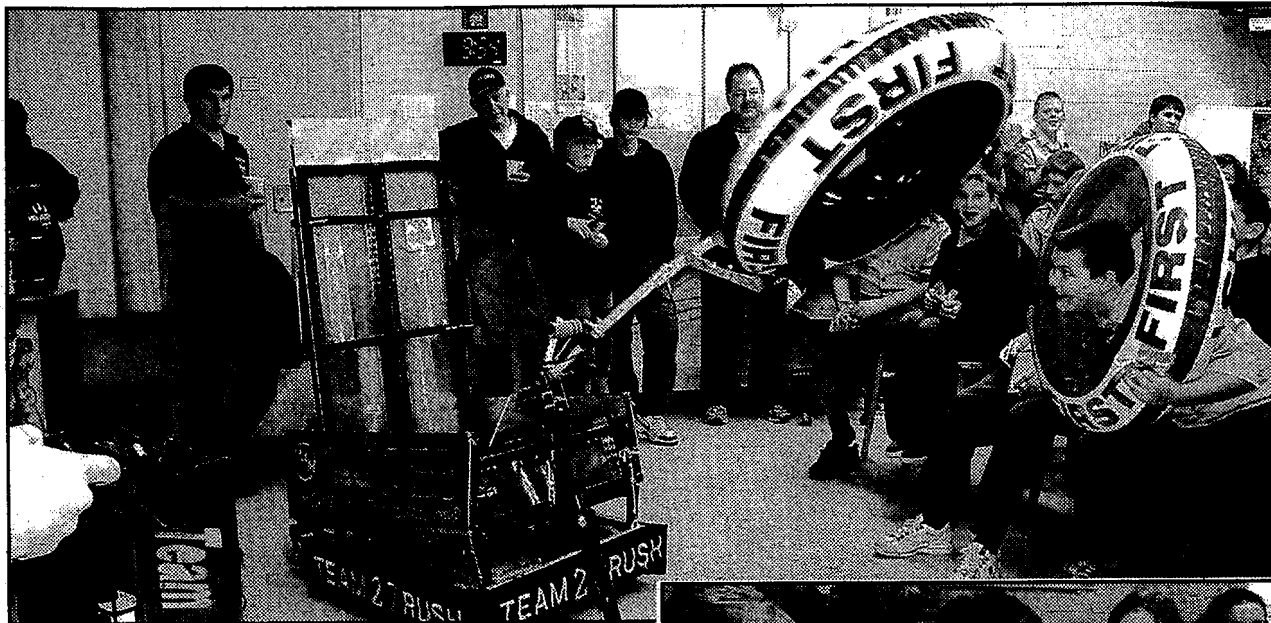


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Hands-on learning

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The Girl Scouts at right are performing an exercise on product awareness. Using two of the same item from different manufacturers, they had to identify similarities and differences, and discuss how that might affect cost, aesthetics and function.



Greenbacks needed for green space poll

Two local men who want to preserve a parcel of natural area in the rapidly-developing Independence Township are hoping to raise about \$10,000 to prove others are interested in safeguarding a bit of green space, too.

Thomas Pytel and Jim Reed approached the township board recently to ask for a ballot proposal of 0.6 mills to be used for the purchase of natural area to preserve wild life, habitat, forests, and water.

"Most people moved out here for a rural lifestyle," said Reed. "If we don't start preserving some of the rural areas, the natural habitats and the waterways, it's going to start looking like downtown Troy around here. I don't have anything against Troy, but I don't want to live there."

With \$1.6 billion in taxable value in the township, 0.6 mills would generate around \$1 million a year for 10 years, beginning Dec. 1, 2008. But before such a measure can be placed on the ballot for voter consideration, Pytel and Reed must hire a polling company—at a cost of about \$10,000—to gauge community interest.

If residents support the idea, a proposal will be placed on the November 2008 ballot. Pytel and Reed are hoping for close to 60 percent support.

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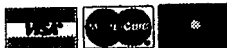
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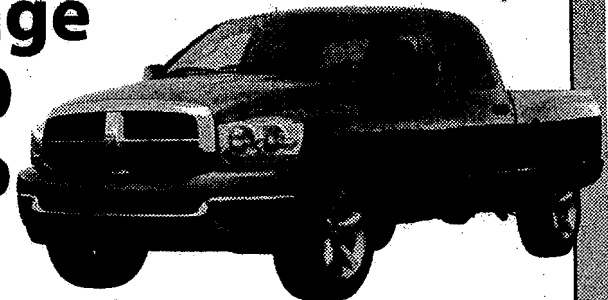


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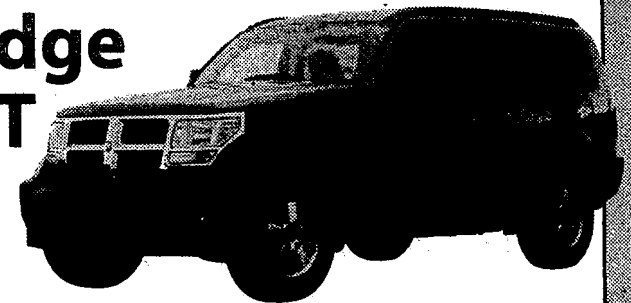
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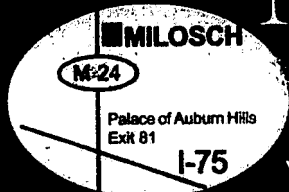
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Santa Claus set to visit Dec. 8 at Deer Lake club

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

You better watch out, You better not cry, Better not pout, I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming to town.

In Independence Township, Santa is coming to town on Saturday, Dec. 8, 12-3 p.m. at the Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road.

"It's a great opportunity for families to come and have a nice afternoon together; and a great opportunity for the kids to see Santa," said Lisa Sargent of Independence Township Parks and Recreation, which is hosting Share Your Wish with Santa.

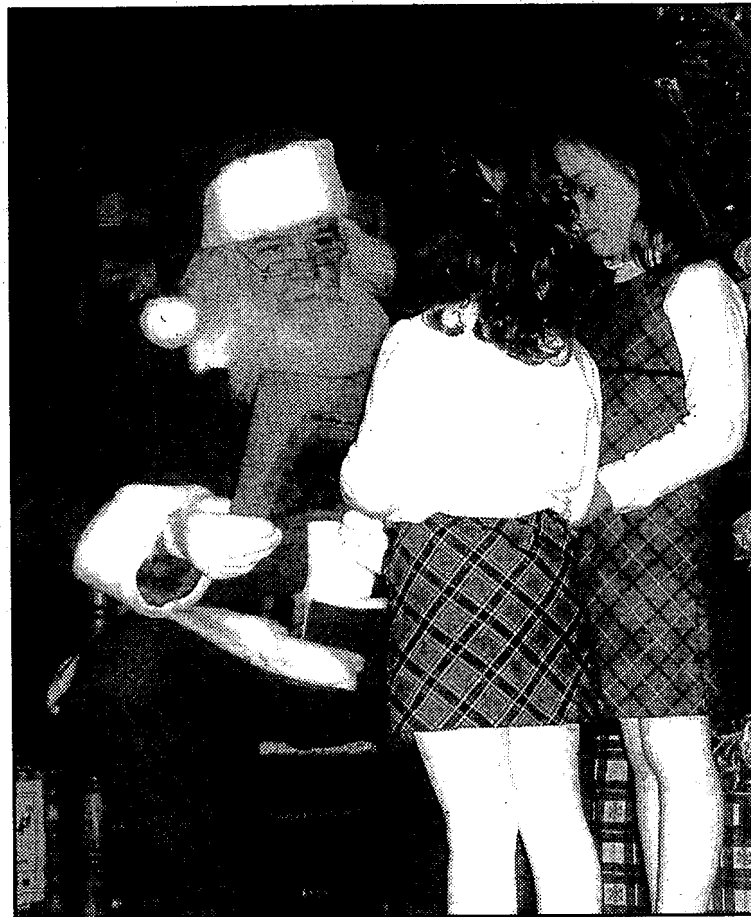
"A lot of families get dressed up. It's like a special outing for the holidays."

Lunch will be provided by Deer Lake, while professional carolers will sing. For the children will be crafts such as activity placemats, coloring books, and cookie decorating.

After lunch, children will be able to write their own letters and personally give them to Santa, along with getting their picture taken with him.

"Last year was the first year we've done it and it was a lot of fun," said Sargent. "The families really enjoyed it, so we're excited to do it again."

Tickets are \$14 for residents and \$16 for non-residents. They can be purchased at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation office, 90 N. Main Street. For more information, call 248-625-8223.



Children present their letters to Santa at last year's Share Your Wish with Santa. Photo provided

Christmas tree recycling at county parks

Independence Oaks in Independence Township, Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Springfield Township, and other Oakland County parks will recycle live Christmas trees this winter.

Drop off trees Dec. 26 through Jan. 13 at Springfield Oaks and Jan. 27 at 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.

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

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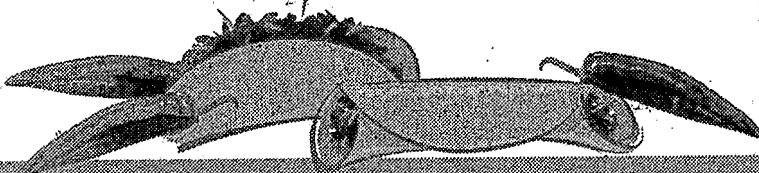
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Live music, entertainment at Toys for Tots benefit

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For only \$10 or a new, unwrapped toy, you can enjoy a night of live music and entertainment, as the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club hosts its eighth annual "Toys for Tots" Benefit, Sunday, Dec. 2, 2-9 p.m.

"It keeps getting bigger and better each year, but the demand is also bigger, especially this year," said Salli Petherbridge, office manager of OCSC, 4770 Waterford Road in Independence Township.

Each year a couple Marines will be at the club to help sort and carry toys.

"Year's past, we bring everything in here (the office) at the end of the night and in this office, you can't move," said Petherbridge. "I just love seeing the variety of toys and the people that bring them in."

While Petherbridge enjoys seeing the toys, Dan Stiff of OCSC enjoys lining up and taking care of all the bands, as well as "watching Salli chase around all those hot Marines," he said with a laugh.

This year's bands include Phil Treas Group, Charlie Allen Martin, Urban Nomads, Motor City Women & the Express, Skee Brothers, Donde, and Mule Train. Emcee for the evening will be John O'Leary of 94.7

WCSX.

"It will range anywhere between country music to rock-n-roll," Stiff of OCSC.

All the bands are "working bands," and three or four are currently recording, he said.

"All the bands donate their time," he said. "I think they enjoy it as much as those who attend do."

"I am really anxious to hear the Motor City Women; they cover all types of music. They do hip-hop, folk, rock-n-roll, and country," said Petherbridge. "They represent every kind of music that there is."

The OCSC already owns most of the equipment, the sound system, and amplifiers.

"So the musicians just bring their chords and their instruments, plug in and start playing," said Stiff.

Two stages will be set up for the bands. The Skee brothers supply their drum set and Jim Hamblin brings the second stage's PA system.

Hamblin, who used to be the road manager for the Detroit rock-n-roll band The Rockets and currently plays with the Urban Nomads, said he enjoys the Toys for Tots benefit each year.

"I just really look forward to it - it's just a gathering of all the musician friends. It's got

ten to the point where I know all the bands and all the guys in the bands," he said. "It's almost gotten to be like a family reunion when we come up there and do that once a year. It's really, really neat."

Hamblin also said Dan Keylon, who used to play bass for the Rockets, was coming up that weekend and would be joining him that Sunday for Toys for Tots.

"I haven't seen him in 25 years, so I am really looking forward to that."

Stiff said the OCSC started doing Toys for Tots because it was a good community service.

"We wanted to shine a positive light on this place and also do a great thing at the same time," said Petherbridge. "It's just a real nice thing to do for other people, especially children."

Each year, OCSC is awarded a certificate from Toys for Tots, as well as invited to the Toys for Tots Appreciation Banquet. In 2004, the OCSC donated \$549.

"The demand is bigger this year, so many people need help. If you can spare a few bucks, come out and have a good time and it all goes for a good cause," said Petherbridge.

For more information, call the Oakland County Sportsmen Club at 248-623-0444.

Toys for Tots are available to low-income



Charlie Allen Martin will perform for Toys for Tots. Photo courtesy www.seagnet.com

families with children up to 12 years old, or older children with disabilities. Applications are available at the Toys for Tots distribution center, 1999 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 3-7.

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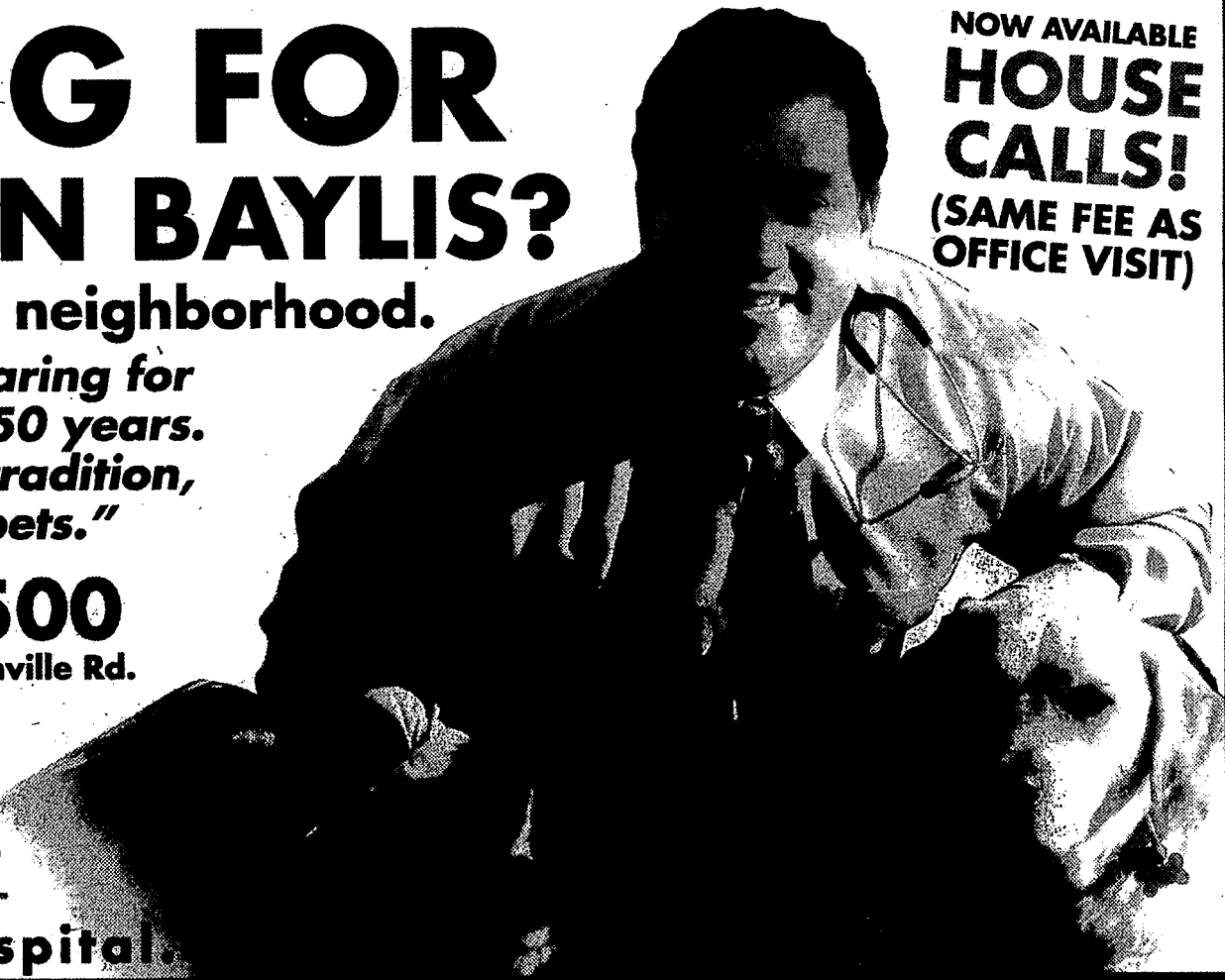
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Thur. Nov. 29
 6 p.m. Boys Varsity Wrestling Goodrich Quad at Goodrich High School, 8029 Gale Rd.
Friday Nov. 30
 6 p.m.-Boys B Team Wrestling at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene Ave.
 5:30 p.m.-Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Avondale High School, 2800 Waukegan St. in Auburn Hills
 7 p.m.-Girls Varsity Basketball at Avondale High School
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 10 a.m.-Boys Junior Varsity Wrestling at Carmen Ainsworth, G-1300 N. Linden Rd. in Flint
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Fri., Nov 23 Police were investigating a case of domestic assault after a 50-year-old woman living in the 2300 block of Waterford Hill Terrace attacked her husband after a night of drinking. The woman left the house before deputies arrived, and was arrested on a separate charge of driving while intoxicated.

Sat., Nov 24A 42-year-old Waterford man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after he was involved in a traffic crash near Dixie Highway and Maybee Road.

Sun., Nov 25 A 25-year-old woman filed a police report, telling deputies she lost a 5-carat diamond ring valued at about \$100,000 while dining at an Independence Township restaurant.

Springfield Twp.

Sat., Nov 10 A 27-year-old man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges and an outstanding warrant after he was pulled over for driving with expired plates.

Sun., Nov 11 a Davisburg man called police after discovering an ATV, which he had for sale, had been stolen from his property after thieves used a bolt cutter to remove the lock and chain securing the vehicle to a tree.

A 27-year-old man reported a dirt bike stolen from the home of a friend in the 12100 block of Andersonville Road, where he had the bike chained to a tree with a for-sale sign.

A homeowner in the 8700 block of Rachel called police after discovering someone drove over a mailbox overnight. Two other boxes on the block were also damaged.

Fri., Nov 16 A 53-year-old man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after he was pulled over for erratic driving on I-75 near the 95.5 mile-marker.

A 62-year-old Bloomfield Hills man reported someone smashed a window from his motor home while it was parked at a Springfield Township storage facility. Nothing was missing, but the motor home sustained significant damage.

A 41-year-old man reported his custom boat cover was damaged while the boat was parked at a Springfield Township storage facility.

Sat., Nov 17 a 34-year-old man was arrested and jailed on second offense drunk driving charges after deputies were dispatched to a one-vehicle crash near Andersonville Road and Clark Road and discovered the man was intoxicated.

Sun., Nov 18 A 32-year-old man was arrested and jailed on domestic violence charges after an argument with his girlfriend became physical. Both parties had been drinking.

Wed., Nov 21 a 48-year-old man living in the 10000 block of Creekwood called police after discovering someone entered an unlocked vehicle overnight and stole a laptop computer, case and three charger cords.

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Wed., Nov 14 A 28-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed on drunk driving charges after police pulled him over on a seatbelt violation near Washington and Main and discovered the man was intoxicated.

Mon., Nov 19 A 20-year-old Brandon Township man was arrested and jailed on charges of probation violation after results of a PBT at the police station showed he had consumed alcohol.

Wed., Nov 21 Owners of three vehicles parked at Clarkston United Methodist Church on Walton called police after returning from a church function to discover someone smashed out windows out of the cars and stole items from inside. The thefts occurred between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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Wolves split Thanksgiving tournament

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Boys Varsity Hockey team faced off with Brighton and Cranbrook in Cranbrook's Annual Thanksgiving Tournament. They beat Brighton 4-1, but came up short against Cranbrook 2-3.

Less than five minutes into the first period against Brighton, Nov. 23, Clarkston's Cole Shaffer scored the first goal, with assistance from teammates David Morin and Matt Campbell.

In the second period, the Wolves scored two more points, the first with 9:51 on the scoreboard by Adam Frank, assisted by Tyler Frakes and Campbell.

The second goal was made with less than five minutes left in the period. Frakes passed the puck to Campbell, who hit it into the net and put Brighton three points behind.

In the third period, Brighton scored their one goal with five minutes left in the game.

The goal was made by Detrick Pierzinski with help from Shane Calmeyn.

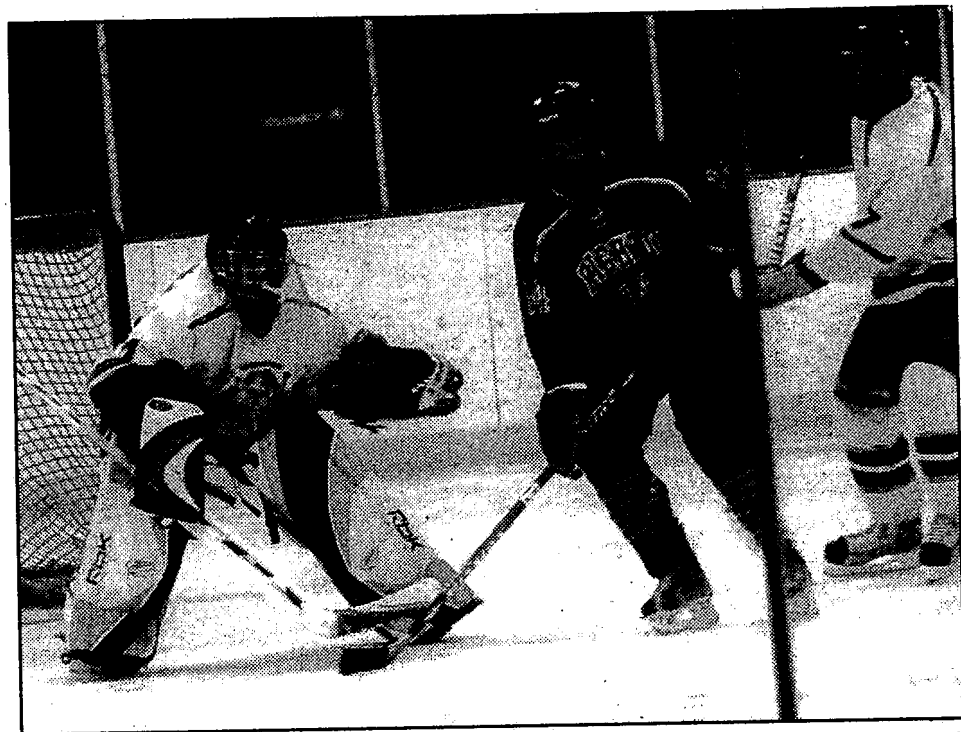
With 20 seconds left, Jeff Thomson passed the puck to David Cannons. From just the other side of the red line, Cannons shot one more goal into the net.

Clarkston goalie Garrett Knappe saved 34 of Brighton's 35 shots on goal. Brighton goalie Eric Lipon saved 22 of Clarkston's 26 shots on goal.

On Saturday, Clarkston continued in the tournament, going up against Cranbrook Kingswood.

With a drop of puck, the Wolves did not mess around as they swept towards Cranbrook's goal, but during the first period, Cranbrook kept the puck mostly in Clarkston's territory. The first and second periods ended with the score 0-0.

Thirty-two seconds into the third period, Cranbrook's Gregg Leonardo scored the first goal for his team. Two minutes later, Leonardo



Garrett Knapp keeps Brighton's Cole Haupt from scoring. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

struck again as he hit another puck past Knappe, bringing the score 0-2.

Cranbrook made one more goal with seven minutes left in the third period. The goal was made by Chris Hamadek.

With 1:57 left in the last period, Clarkston made their first goal, by Adam Frank with assistance from Tyler Frake and Aaron

Podbielski.

Less than 30 seconds later, Michael Fitney made one more goal for the Wolves during a power play. Nick Posawitz and Frank helped.

Efforts to score one more goal to force overtime came up short, and they lost 2-3.

"We did well the first two periods. Third

Please see Wolves on page 21A



Shadows '98 Coach Scully McGreevy in back. Back row, Gabrielle Bright, Parker Menard, Sara Stevens, Olivia Montgomery, Anna Davis, Hannah Hooten. Front row, Madelyne Bright, Kelly Moltmaker, Kristen Page, Emma Kortekaas. Photo provided

Athlete of the Week

Girls over shadow the competition

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Select Soccer Club Shadows '98 team finished their fall season with an overall record of 16-1-1.

Their last game was Nov. 3 against Royal Oak. Though the girls had played against Royal Oak previously, this game was different for the Shadows.

Coach Scully McGreevy took a different approach for this game. He put each of the girls in a different position than they usually played.

In their new positions, the girls scored two goals and allowed only two goals from the opposing side into the net. They finished their final game as being their only tied game.

Their fall season was a great season for them. They scored 33 goals and only up a total of ten to opposing teams.

"They have fun playing, yet work so hard," said Shadows manager Laura Davis. "This team of girls is incredible. They take it seriously. They work hard and come with

the same attitude."

They have learned a lot from each other and from their coach.

"Coach McGreevy brings a great deal of experience and discipline to the team and has earned the respect of the girls," said Davis.

From the age of 3, the girls started playing in Clarkston's Park and Recreation soccer program. In spring 2006, as they teamed together to make up the Shadows '98.

Their first season together was tough, and they ended it without any victories. They came back stronger as they finished first place for both the 2007 spring season and 2007 fall season.

The team is committed to each other and to soccer. They have love for the game as they practice twice a week and play all year round.

Since their fall season, the girls have been playing their indoor season at Oakland Yard. They play every Friday night until their indoor season ends in December.



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Aaron Podbielski faces off with Brighton's Bo Beaupre.

For next game, Wolves to work on consistency

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to make sure first, second, third period are pretty much constant and even.”
 “We didn’t come out and play the way we should,” said Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier. “We had a little bit of a let down. They capitalized on our mistakes and there’s no way of coming back. We had an opportunity to come back but when it’s all said and done, we ran out of time.”

With the next game on Thursday, Krygier already had some ideas on where to focus.

“We can’t stray, we’ve got to be methodical and we’ve got to be consistent every period,” he said. “So coming to Mott, we need

to make sure first, second, third period are pretty much constant and even.”

The team also needs to make more shots on goal for more chances to score. In the game against Cranbrook, the Wolves made 15 shots on goal while Cranbrook made 37.

The Wolves will play their first home game Thursday, Nov. 29, against Waterford Mott High School. The game will begin at 6 p.m. at Detroit Skate Center, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Wolves will play Waterford Kettering High School at 1:20 p.m. at 7330 Highland Road in Waterford.



Tyler Frakes tries to get the puck away from Cranbrook. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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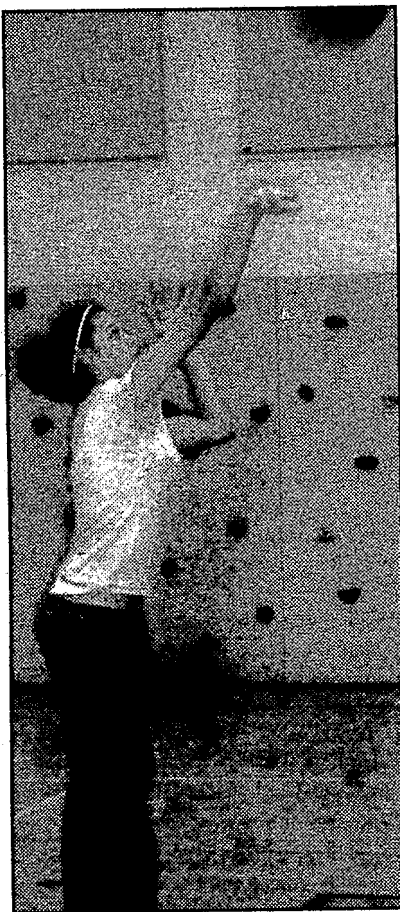
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Shooting for turkeys

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosted its annual Turkey Shoot Nov. 15 at Independence Elementary School.

Thirty-two participants were placed in divisions based on age and gender. Those with the most baskets out of 10 free throws in each group won a free frozen turkey, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Winners included:

- Men 60 & Over - Sam Antonazzo
- Men 50-59 - Ron Stafford
- Women 50-59 - Gail Hoffman
- Women 40-40 - Janice McDonald
- Men 40-49 - Kevin Underwood
- Men 30-39 - Ken Kornas
- Women 30-39 Tati Duva
- Women 18-19 - Julia batcha
- Girls 14-15 - Hayley Barker
- Boys 16-17 - Phillip Lannon
- Boys 14-15 - Sean Hoffman
- Boys 12-13 - Mark Tynan
- Girls 12-13 - Jessica Ming
- Boys 10-11 - David Lewis
- Girls 10-11 - Alicia Curry
- Girls 8-9 - Delanie lannon
- Boys 8-9 - Connor Kornas.



Clarkston High School cross country runners participated in the Schrauger Memorial Run. Photo by Kelly Irwin

Rivals Clarkston, Lake Orion join forces for memorial run

BY KELLY IRWIN
Special to The Clarkston News

The Clarkston Wolves Boys Cross Country are normally primed for competition against rival Lake Orion.

But there was no rivalry Nov. 17 as they raced with them in a fundraiser to benefit the Schrauger family.

Lake Orion students Josh and brother Tim Schrauger were killed in a car accident on Sept. 29. Josh was active in Lake Orion's cross country program.

To help support their family, the captains of both Lake Orion boys' and girls' cross country teams organized the Schrauger Memorial Run.

The adventurous 5K race featured giant mounds of hay as well as other challenging obstacles.

Runners and walkers of all ages participated from surrounding communities. One member of the Army Reserves, on leave from duty in Iraq, ran in full fatigues including backpack gear with a time of 22 minutes.

About 197 participants had registered in advance, but more than 500 showed up. More than \$6,463 was raised to benefit the family.

Running Gear of Waterford donated the numbers and equipment, Hanson's donated awards for top finishers, and many other area businesses made contributions of cash or equipment to fund the race.

The Schrauger family was on hand for the event and thanked participants and sponsors for their support.

"They crossed the finish line of life before the rest of us, Vicki Schrauger, the boys' mother, told the crowd.

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Run, turkeys, run!

This flock of wild turkeys hope the Sanctuary neighborhood off Dixie Highway will provide a refuge for them, as well as residents.

The birds enjoy Turtle Walk resident Ken Winship's bird feeders, eating seed fallen to

the ground or directly from the feeder, demonstrated by the turkey at right.

"You'd think these birds would want to be laying low the day before Thanksgiving," Winship said.

- Phil Custodio



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SCAMP founder Bob Brumback pauses for a photo while chatting with Liz Wickersham and Courtni Brewer. Photos by Laura Colvin



Mary Barnard, left, and Dr. Beck Rumph make a stop at the dessert table.

SCAMP says 'thank you!'

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

SCAMP gave thanks at its annual social last week to the many contributors who donated time and money so hundreds of special-needs children could enjoy a summer camp experience otherwise unavailable to them.

The evening included dinner, tributes to many supporters and special recognition for SCAMP pioneer Bob Brumback.

"Bob not only created the program," said Donna Clancy, SCAMP's executive director of fundraising. "He worked diligently for years to make sure we had funding to support the program."

Brumback was one of three men who in 1976 decided special-needs children shouldn't be left in the house to watch other kids have fun outside.

With a lot of hard work and a bit of seed money, 75 special needs kids attended SCAMP's inaugural year. In 2007, the five-week summer program hosted 275 kids.

Brumback stayed active in SCAMP since its inception, Clancy said.

"Bob shows up with his check book every year for our annual walk," she said. "First he makes sure make sure every child has (financial) support, then he stands at the corner to make sure everyone gets across the street safely."

Brumback has also served as the director of student support services and on numerous special-event committees over the years, she noted.

"I know he wants a plaque like he wants sore feet," said Clancy. "So we decided to create an award, which we'll give every year to people who've shown commitment to the future of SCAMP."

Liz and Tim Wickersham, major sponsors for SCAMP's annual golf outing, were awarded the first annual Bob Brumback award at the Nov. 19 event.



Kourtne Stolicker attended the event with 4-year-old son, Jack, who helped raise more than \$2,000 for SCAMP. Jack's parents wanted him to see that even a young boy could make a difference in his community.



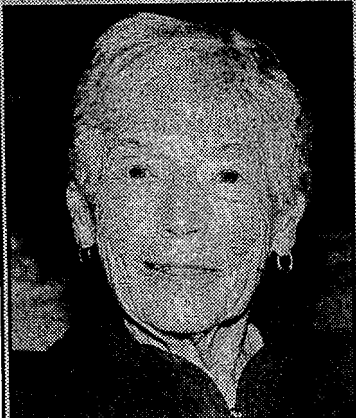
Forrest Stone and his sister Lindsay Stone helped pass out yellow roses to SCAMP supporters.

People Poll

November 28, 2007

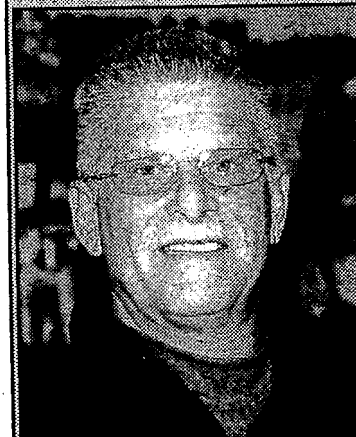
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Christmas tree:
Real or artificial?



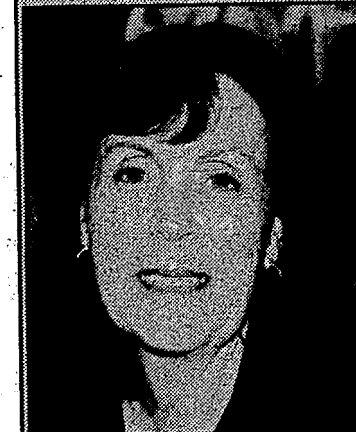
"Artificial, decorated with pictures of my grandchildren. I love a real tree, but my place is too small."

- Carol Smith



"Artificial. It's easier, and you're not hurting nature with all those thrown-out trees after Christmas."

- Terry Sarnowski



"Artificial, now that the kids are grown and gone. It's just easier."

Linda Roesser

By Laura Colvin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

A writer for readers of all ages

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident Bryan Chick has been busy with his first book, visiting local schools, and writing a followup.

In book one of Chick's "The Secret Zoo," a girl went missing. Three friends are led to the local zoo to find her. As the story develops, the characters and the readers find every exhibit leads to a secret underground and the zoo is protecting a secret.

The first book of the series is more of an introduction to the zoo and the characters.

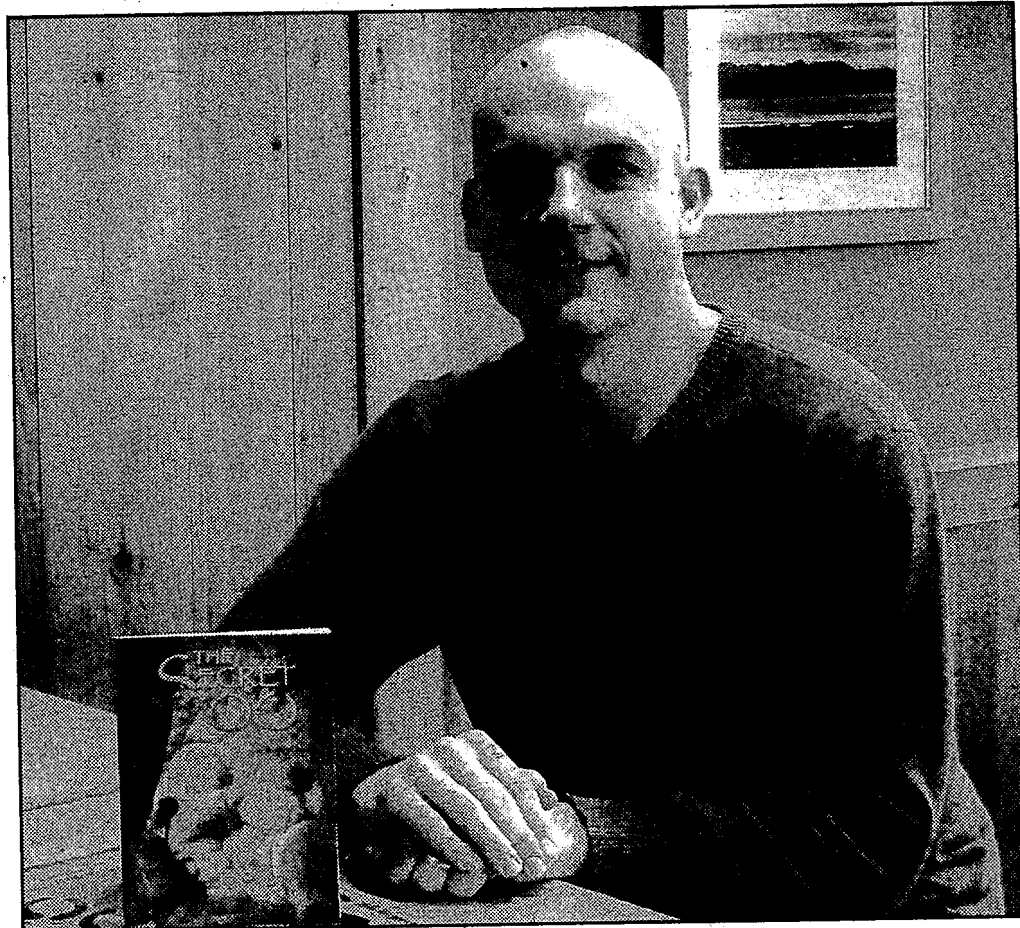
Chick's inspiration came to him when he was a child, on one of his many visits to the Detroit Zoo. The idea was from a single observation he had there.

"All the exhibits had areas you couldn't see into," said Chick. "Whether there were caves, or places in the treetops where visitors couldn't see into these areas. I used to imagine that the animals could go inside these secret areas and there were things they could do inside these places. They could escape the zoo."

As a child, he would make up stories about this place.

"They started to evolve, become more complicated, add different elements. For 20 years, I kept playing with those ideas. Every time I would go to the zoo, a part of me would remember how magical it was."

He continued to entertain the ideas and keep them in his head until five years ago, when he put all the thoughts and details together for a book.



While writing the book, he didn't have a particular age group in mind. He wanted it to be a book anyone at any age could enjoy.

He did focus on engaging the audience. He brought in elements of an adventure story to engage boys and also brought into the story mystery and fantasy.

He also put in several different writing elements for the readers.

"Kids are internally developing the skills from reading. They are picking them up without realizing it."

He had three markets in mind while writing - teachers, parents, and kids.

He finished the first book and released it nationwide in October. For the past month, he has been visiting local schools and book clubs to tell children, parents, and teachers about "The Secret Zoo."

While promoting, he has also been working on the second book of the series. He gave a sneak peek.

"In book two, they work in the zoo in secret and the scope changes. Book one, they go inside, do their thing and come back out. It's more of an introduction to the zoo and the characters."

Chick has been writing his entire life. His love

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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.

Holiday Arts & Craft Show, Keepsake Collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 1; 12-4 p.m., Dec. 2. Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. \$2/general, free/12 and under. 989-781-9165.

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.

Around Town

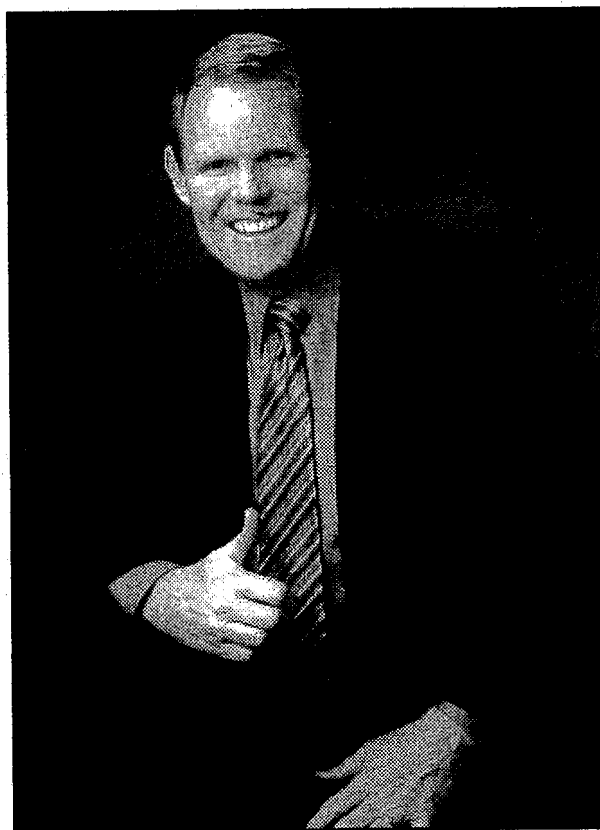
Book signing set Dec. 3

Independence Township Library hosts a book signing by Clarkston author Marty Zimmerman, 7-8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3.

Zimmerman will sign his latest book, "Speaking of Success," co-authored with Stephen Covey, Ken Blanchard, Jack Canfield, and others. The book is \$20, check or cash.

He will also have copies of his first leadership book, "In Their Presence: Best Practices and Stories of Role Models."

For more information, call 248-895-0016 or check www.intheirpresence.com.



Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Emergency food distribution, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 5, Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road inside Clintonwood Park. Must meet income eligibility. Seniors only.

248-209-2686.

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 Clark-

ston Road. 248-394-0200.

Holiday Lights Parade, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m., Dec. 8. Community Education Building on Waldon Road, Main Street, Miller Road, ending at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Floats, walkers, vehicles, horses, and Santa, all with colorful Christmas lights. DJ Jim Tedder will play holiday favorites and announce the parade. 248-625-8055.

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 Drives, American Red Cross. Independence Township Fire Department and Lions Club of Clarkston, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Dec. 20, 6500 Citation, off M-15 north of Dixie Highway, 248-625-1924. Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 27, 8055 Ortonville Road, walk-ins welcome, 248-625-2923. Free fleece scarf to all donors. Enter Red Cross contest for lease on a new 2008 Mercury Mariner Premiere, and \$25, \$50, \$200 gas cards. Red Cross: 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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The paper is written by our local Rotary Club and published by *The Clarkston News* publisher Jim Sherman, Jr.

This is the 57th year Clarkston Rotary Club has sponsored the program, said Rotarian Mary Sloan.

"It is one of our most satisfying community service projects," Sloan said. "All the donations you make for the newspaper will be used to purchase boots, shoes, hats and mittens for local children."

All proceeds benefit the Rotary's Shoes for Kids program,

which served 464 children last year. Clarkston Rotarians, joined by volunteers with Clarkston Lions Club, Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Clarkston Community Schools, baseball teams, and Cub and Boy Scout troops, collect donations and distribute the

Rotary expects about 500 children this year.

"Please watch for us and stop to make a donation for the paper to support Shoes for Kids," Sloan said. "Thanks to all who help support this wonderful annual program."

Mr. Alan's Sportswear and Jason Rjagle, Redford store manager, provide shoes and boots at reduced cost, and volunteer employees to fit them to each child.

- Phil Custodio



Clarkston Rotarian Brad Evans sells a Goodfellows newspaper at last year's sale. Proceeds from the annual sale, set for this weekend, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, benefits Clarkston Rotary Club's Shoes for Kids program. *File Photo*

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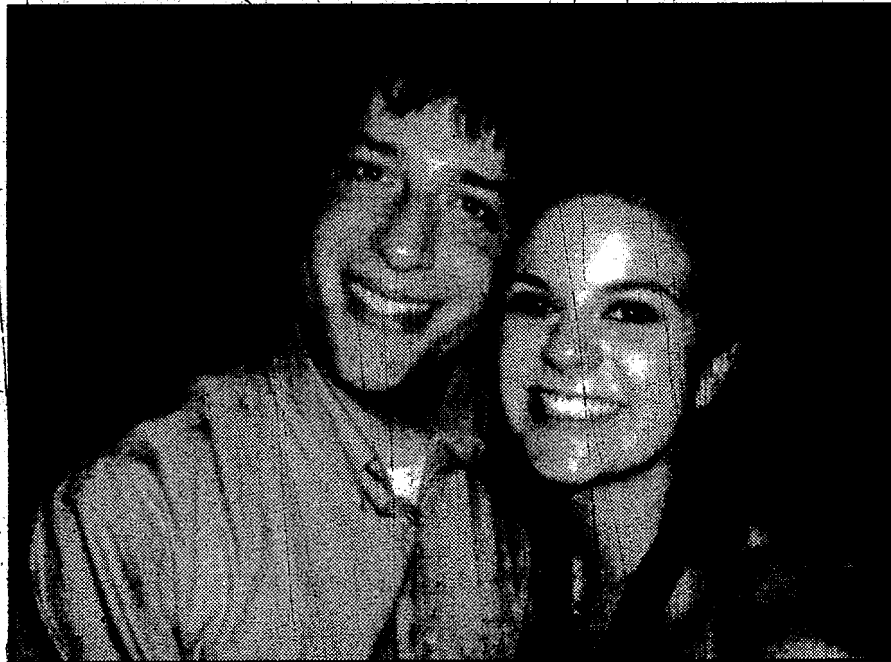
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Cassie and Josh are seniors at Grand Valley State University in Allendale. Cassie is majoring in Behavioral Science and Josh in Business.

The future groom is an employee in the Human Resources Department of Tubelite, Inc., in Walker. Cassie and Josh plan to remain in the Grand Rapids area after graduation.

The wedding is set for November, 2008, at the Clarkston United Methodist Church, with a reception following at Boulder Pointe Golf Club, Oxford.

Students achieve success

Cadet Justin Parr, 12th grader at Howe Military School, was named to the Superintendent's List for the second grading period, 2008 school year.

The cadet is the son of Betty and Jack Parr of Clarkston.

Philip DeMonaco and Chelsea

Gross, both of Clarkston, made the Dean's List at Kettering University for the Summer 2007 semester.

DeMonaco is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Gross is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

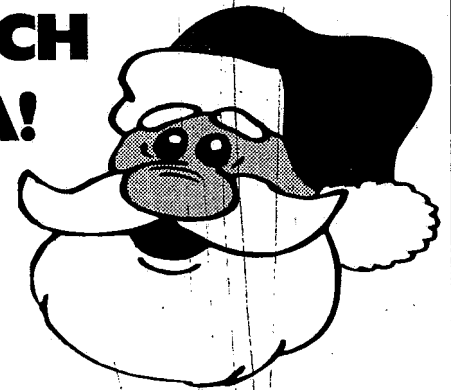
Got a Milestone to share?

We'd love to see them - births, weddings, engagements, military, business and school achievements! You can drop them off at our downtown office at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail them to shermanpub@aol.com, attn: Clarkston News Milestones.

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Religion

Celebrate Thanksgiving throughout the year

Thanksgiving is increasingly one of my favorite holidays of the year.

I like it because of its focus on appreciating the simple things of life that mean so much but that we all too often take for granted. Things like being with family, the food on our table, the friends we have, the many blessings we have received from God even if it has been a tough year.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful pause after the hectic pace of a busy fall and the even more hectic pace of the approaching Christmas season.

However taking time to really reflect on our lives and God's goodness need not last just a day. It seems to me that there should be bit of Thanksgiving every day.

For me it's a matter of taking the time. To pause long enough to remember that Thanksgiving day, just like any other day, has 86,400 seconds in it – and to decide to use at least a few of those seconds each day to say "thank you"?

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

I read some time ago a little story about a grandfather who was asked by his young granddaughter if he had liked the turkey this year – a question often asked at our holiday tables.

The grandfather responded that he liked the turkey very much and in fact he tries "to have a little turkey every day."

Confused the little girl asked what he meant.

He responded that he has a tradition in his life where each day he sets aside some intentional time to say thanks to God.

So even though Thanksgiving is over as you read this, I would invite you to join me in having "a little turkey every day" – or if you don't really like turkey you can substitute ham or fish or green beans or corn or tofu – what matters is the reminder that all I have is gift and that there is a giver to thank.

Psalm 100 is one of my favorite reminders to say thanks. I hope you will consider putting it on your refrigerator or in your daily planner or taping it to the bathroom mirror that you look into each morning so that these words can be a "little turkey for you every day."

Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 8B

In our churches...

Giving tree, for people in need through Lighthouse North, Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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.

"Your Journey of Transformation," Advent to Epiphany, 9 a.m., Dec. 2, Peace Unity Church of Clarkston, meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. "Mountains of Hope," by guest speaker the Rev. Kathy Harwood Long. 248-891-4365.

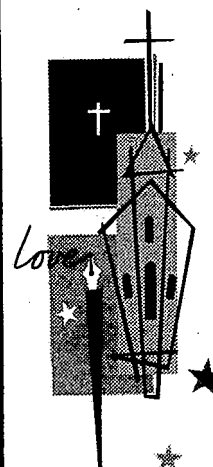
New Thought Bible Study, "The Sermon on The Mount," book by Emmett Scott, 7 p.m., Dec. 12. The Rev. Mathew Long, Peace Unity. Oakland County Alano Club, 5661 Clintonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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.

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Nursery available for all services.

Family provides inspiration for book

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for writing began in early grade school and continued through college and into his adult life. For years, the author worked on contemporary literature pieces—short stories and a few novels for which he never pursued publication.

"The Secret Zoo" is not only his first published writing, but also his first time writing a book for kids.

"The desire to be a writer was always there," said Chick.

For his first book, he self-published. He began with the traditional publishing route. Chick had positive feedback from publishers, but felt it was so difficult with the market and competition.

He learned about self-publishing and at first didn't want to do it because it was too much effort. Then, he learned about the positive aspects like he would have control over the creative content, could see what sales were like, and control time in the market.

If he wanted to do a book every six years, he could control that. With the traditional route, he might not be able to.

Then he said "let's give it a shot. We'll do it."

Chick knew if he wanted to go through the traditional route later on, he could, once he proved the series had a strong readership behind it and it's marketable.

Right now, he's taking it day by day and might approach New York again later.

"The publishing element is fun, but writing is funner," said Chick.

His wife, Barbara Chick, handles the marketing aspect of their publishing company, Second Wish Press.

"It worked out really good," said Bryan.

Before having children, Barbara

used to work in marketing and now does it for the company. She handles press releases, and communicates with schools and teachers to schedule visits. Also, she researches book awards and contacts, and puts the mailings together.

"She's doing an awesome job," said Bryan Chick. "It's been great to have her along. Also, she brings a lot of fresh ideas."

Being a writer is one of many jobs for Chick. He works part-time as a network engineer to supplement the first book while he works on the second. He spends another 10-15 hours to promote the book and go on the book tour. Also, he has three kids under the age of 5, which can be another job within itself.

"Family is number one priority," he said. "Finding time is difficult. It usually cuts into sleep time. Sacrificing other elements of life - like friendship, friendships are on hold. But it's good, it's exciting."

The characters' names come from people in his family, but he doesn't directly involve their personality. Mostly, the characters reflect parts of his own personality.

His children are too young to help him with a child's viewpoint. But his oldest daughter, Ella, has been starting to get it.

"My son is 3 and he calls me 'zoo man,' that's as much as he understands. As they get older and the series continues for the next seven years, they will help out. Ella can help with what will work and what won't.

"I didn't have experience with children. The book was written based on my own childhood experience. I had to look internally instead at outside at what kids are doing."

He hasn't gone behind the scenes of any of the zoos. He has used his imagination to create it.

"But I would love to," said Chick. "We are communicating with the Detroit Zoo with some different ideas. Also, I'm talking to the Toledo Zoo, talking to both about possible co-ops."

Since October, distributors have sold 900 books. Out of the supply he has at home, they have sold 800 through book tours and "The Secret Zoo" website.

"It's going good for my first book," said Chick.

On the website, not only can visitors order the book, they can read reviews and read the prelude from the book.

Having the prelude on the website has helped.

"A lot of positive feedback - especially from teachers who are making determinations about having us in for school visits," said Chick.

"I think the story is good and kids will like it, it's just getting them to the story."

Besides visiting schools, Chick has other upcoming events to look forward to.

"The Secret Zoo" will be reviewed in the January/February issue of Forward magazine. The magazine, based in Traverse City, reviews books made by independent presses. They receive more than 1,000 submissions every two months. Only one-fifth of the submissions are reviewed.

"We are excited about that," said Chick. "We are very fortunate."

"There was a time, and still exists at this point, people thought of self-publishing as being no good. That's changing. I personally think it's going the way as it did for independent filmmakers. If you can't prove it's worthy of something, do it themselves. 'Eragon' was originally self-published."

When he visits the schools, kids and parents can purchase the book

three ways. They can buy it in a presale before he comes to the school, during his visit, or later on.

"It's a great route for everyone. Teachers love it, kids have fun and get excited about reading and hopefully about writing."

With his second book, he is now experiencing what it's like to be on a deadline because he wants it to be out next year. If he is stuck on something, he goes to his wife. He will also go to where the idea began.

"A lot of times I will go to the zoo," said Chick. "The Toledo Zoo especially since I didn't go there until I was an adult. Not there for exhibits, but to get inspired for general feeling of it, how kids respond to exhibits, how families are reacting."

Chick used the Internet to look up information about animals and to look at layouts of different zoos. Also, on the Internet he found his editor Jill Ronsley, and his cover illustrator Chris Sheban.

When Chick was looking for an editor, he asked potential editors to proof five pages for free. Chick liked Ronsley best. The other editors said the five pages were okay and Chick didn't need an editor. Ronsley was more thorough, looking at corrections to be made in language, sentences, and making sure characters weren't saying the same thing.

For the cover, he used illustrator Chris Sheban who created the cover for "The Bridge to Terabithia" and "Because of Winn-Dixie."

Chick had a general idea of how he wanted the cover to look. For the future books, he will let Sheban read them and let him create from there.

The Secret Zoo is available to purchase online at www.thesecondzoo.com or at any book store. Bryan Chick is available for school and book club visits. Call 248-705-3619.

Spiritually satisfying shopping at gift fair

Clarkston United Methodist Church hosts its third-annual Alternative Gift Fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 1, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2.

The gift fair gives shoppers a chance to visit a festive holiday market and shop for presents for family and friends in the true spirit of the season, said Lisa Lawson, Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"It's a way to find Christmas gifts that are different, more meaningful and spiritual," Lawson said.

Gifts include donations made to charities in the recipient's name and handicrafts such as dolls and clothes, made by artisans from around the world, she said.

"You can shop from a diverse collection of local, national, and international organizations with established track records of helping people and the environment," she said.

Participating organizations include Pontiac's Grace Centers of Hope, Oakland County's HAVEN, Heifer International and Ten Thousand Villages. Gifts are tax deductible. Cash or checks can be accepted.

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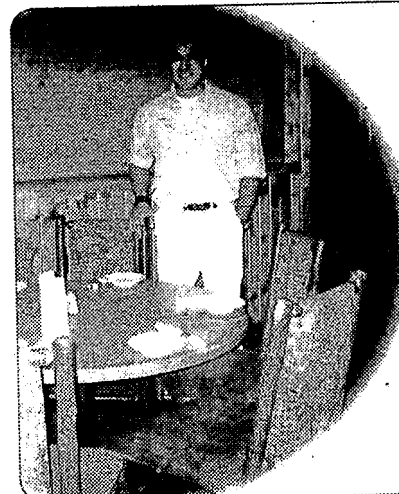


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Michelle Bondy, Marilyn Loukes, Sue Ring and Julie Piazza, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, sample the menu at the Andes Inn. Dinner for eight at the historical restaurant is up for auction at the club's Greens Market this weekend.

Trip back in time for auction at market

An early-American period dinner for eight, featuring dishes such as chicken and dumpling soup in bread bowls, pumpkin nut bread, corn meal muffins, glazed hickory smoked ham, herbed greens beans, and sweet apple buckle is up for raffle at the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's Greens Market Saturday.

The dinner will be at Andes Inn, a Nantucket-style reproduction house. A costumed greeter welcomes guest outside, where the smell of wood smoke in the air beckons diners to step back in time to an earlier era, said Sue

Sajdak, publicity chair for Clarkston Farm and Garden Club.

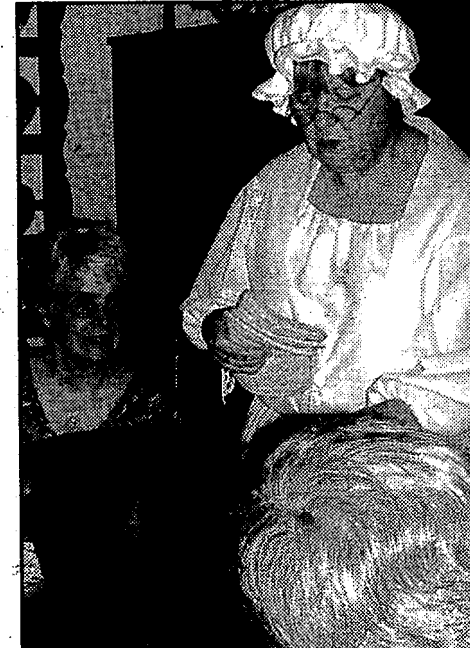
"Inside, the first course, a soup, and the last course, a dessert, will be cooked on the hearth in front of the guests," Sajdak said. "The main course and side dishes will be served warm from out of the kitchen on period-style dishes. Candle chandeliers, sconces and candlesticks will provide a glow in keeping with the period."

Raffle tickets will be \$5 each, five for \$20, at the market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, at

the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road.

The market features natural wreaths, roping, fresh evergreens arrangements for homes and businesses. It is the major fundraiser for the Garden Club, which uses revenues to fund Main Street Planters, Children's Literary gardens at the public library, horticultural therapy programs at local nursing homes, environmental education programs, and college scholarships. Admission is free.

"It's a great place to get live arrangements,



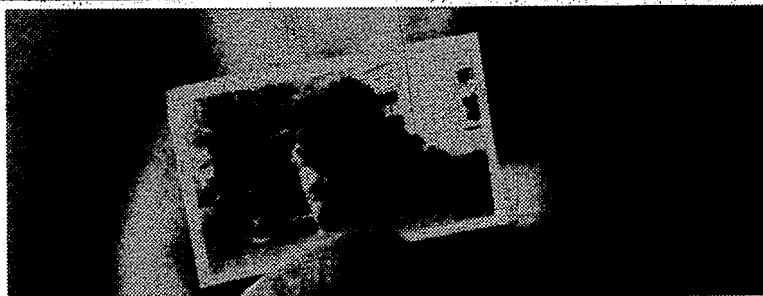
Proprietor Anita Andes of Andes Inn serves soup from a cast-iron kettle.

beautifully made by Garden Club members," said Jeanne Molzon, Greens Market chair. "They keep well. They'll really last until Christmas."

In honor of its 16th year, a table will be set up offering \$16 arrangements and fresh greens. For more information, check www.ClarkstonGardenClub.org.

— Phil Custodio

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Don't fall into the trap of late night eating



By Ernie Harwell

All of us face the temptation of late night eating. It's late, the TV's on, and you find yourself munching on something. Before you know it, you've eaten too many chips or cookies.

When I'd talk to big league umpires, they'd tell me that their biggest temptation was going out after games, having a drink or two, and eating a big meal. They knew it wasn't good for them, but it was awfully hard for them to avoid.

The truth of the matter is that when you're eating late, you're probably adding extra calories that you don't need. And that means you'll gain weight.

Next time you're hungry at night, try to hold off eating until morning. If you can't wait, try eating a low-calorie snack like a piece of fruit. That way, when you're hungry in the morning, you can have a big healthy breakfast to get you going — and you'll have the whole day to burn it off.

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

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

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Spiritual Matters

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

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Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100 NRSV)

Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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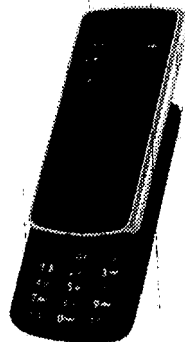
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Obituary

Jeanne A. Bartlett

Jeanne A. Bartlett (Roy) of Holly passed away Nov. 19 at the age of 54.

She was the loving mother of Jason Kinkle of Grayling, Karrie (Tim) Parks of Fenton, and Donald "D.J." Kinkle of Grand Blanc; grandma of Alyssa, Felicia, Austin, Samantha, Joshua, Thomas, Matthew, Kylie, and Jordan; sister of Joyce Berman, Mike (Marie), Mark (Becky), the

late Chris, Mary (Craig) Walker, Dennis, Colette Roy, Shawn (Dave) Locher, and J.P. (Angie).

She was preceded in death by her parents Jean and Florence "Chookie" Roy. Funeral Mass was Nov. 21 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

On line guest book
www.wintfuneralhome.com

Janice A. Willson

Janice A. Willson of Waterford passed away Nov. 23 at the age of 68.

She was the mother of David (fiance Davina) and Mark, all of Waterford; grandma of Curtis; sister of Robert (Joyce) Burns of White Lake, Donald (Connie) Burns of Pontiac, and William (Kathy)

Burns of Texas.

Visitation was Nov. 27 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, followed by graveside service at Crescent Hills Cemetery, Waterford.

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In our churches

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day evenings, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass in Clarkston, SW corner of M-15 and I-75. 248-625-3288.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park; call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539. www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

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

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 248-625-1750.

Around Town

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pendence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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

Knit or crochet program, second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Town-

ship Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212.

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

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

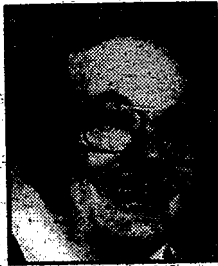
Obituary

Willard L. 'Bill' Stamper

Willard L. "Bill" Stamper of Clarkston passed away Nov. 22 at the age of 73.

He was the husband of Essie for 53 years; father of Bill (Tracey) of Tenn., Sherry (Jeff) Miller of Davisburg, Tom (Patty) of Holly, Tammy (Nathan) Miller of Davisburg, Pat (Tamara) of Ortonville, Adam Lee (Crystal) of Minn., Suzanne (Marcus) Kingsland of Davison, Zinnie of Clarkston, and David of Clarkston; also survived by 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; brother of Elmer of Ga., Ralph (Pansy) of Wisc., Lester (Joanne) of Harrison, Irene Petroskey of Howell, and Faye (Leroy) Nagel of Howell.

Mr. Stamper retired after 42 1/2 years at Superior Redimix, Auburn Hills, and continued to work with Anthony Jasso Concrete. He was an elder at Faith Tabernacle Church,



Burton. He enjoyed time spent with family and friends.

Visitation was Nov. 24-25 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Nov. 26 at Faith Tabernacle Church,

Burton. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials may be made to Alice Gustafson Center. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Online guest book
www.wintfuneralhome.com

Richard P., Lucille A. Kroninger

Richard P. and Lucille A. Kroninger, ages 78 and 76, long-time residents of Oxford, were called together to be with the Lord Nov. 16, after 56 years of marriage.

The Kroningers were the loving parents of Richard P. (Deborah) Kroninger II, Timothy K. (Susan) Kroninger, Kristina K. (Ronald) Macey, and preceded in death by daughters Debra and Bethany Kroninger; beloved grandparents of Audrey (Eric) Hernandez, Jeremy (Jennifer) Kroninger, Ryan (Lija) Austin, Mark Austin, Timothy Kroninger, Lauren Kroninger, and Bethany Macey; great grandparents of Ethan Hernandez and Abigail Austin. Lucille and Richard are also survived by her sister Betty Merkle and his brother Edward N. Kroninger.

Mr. Kroninger was a veteran of the U.S. Army who served during the Korean War. He also attended Muhlenberg College and General Motors Institute and worked for General Motors and IBM. He is also the owner and founder of the Auburn Hills



Community News.

Mrs. Kroninger retired from Oakland County as an audio technician.

Together they owned Happy

Hour Party Store.

Private funeral services are planned. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Richard and Lucille are appreciated - Lourdes Nursing/Rehabilitation Home 2300 Watkins Lake Rd., Waterford, 48328

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Ann Stevenson, owner of the Union General, 50 S. Main St., prepares her Christmas display. Clarkston's downtown Main Street business community offers many unique gift ideas for the holidays.

Freedom One drops PIMCO

Freedom One Investment Advisors of Clarkston is dropping PIMCO's Total Return Fund from its clients' 401K accounts.

"We're out of the derivatives game," said Donald I. Gregg, Freedom One chief investment officer.

Derivatives are used in futures markets, in which investors earn large returns if the market is good, but lose if it's not. PIMCO has been investing heavily in the fixed-income derivatives market, which has an estimated value of more than \$300 trillion.

Especially with problems in the housing market, derivatives, along with the money PIMCO has invested in it, are too risky, Gregg said.

Instead, they recommend diversification, investing in Dodge and Cox Income and Loomis Sayles Bond funds, Western Asset Management, and ABN Amro. When completed, Freedom One will be removing more than \$136 million from the PIMCO Total Return fund.

"Our role as investment advisor is to be a watchdog," Gregg said. "Just because (PIMCO) is the biggest name in town, doesn't mean we have to go with it."

Freedom One serves as the investment adviser and co-fiduciary to approximately 340 retirement 401(k) plans, as well as other institutional investors.

HAVEN calendar at Oxford Bank

Oxford Bank offers the 2008 HAVEN Survivors calendar, "We Shall Be Heard," for \$14.95 through January.

All proceeds will benefit HAVEN, Help Against Violent Encounters Now, a non-profit group whose mission is to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault through treatment and prevention services across Oakland County.

The calendars, underwritten by GM and Saturn, were created to raise funds, offer a voice to those who have suffered in silence, bring awareness to violence, dispel common misconceptions, and encourage people to seek help if needed.

They are available at Clarkston's Oxford Bank, 7199 N. Main St. Cash and personal checks only. For more information, call 248-625-0011. For information on HAVEN, call 248-334-1284 ext. 340.



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Money matters

By Maria Rotondo-Mark

A little time for reflection is necessary to maintain personal/financial balance.

How much does money matter? What is matter? To whom does it matter? Who assigns a value to money?

If matter transforms to energy when exchanged, is this technology generation's new soil?

In past generations farming provided a modest way of life.

In yesteryear, there was less focus on money. Land was utilized to subsidize for food. Gardening, farming, bartering, sharing, socializing may have been ways to make ends meet.

Today most of us are completely dependent on how much money is earned to keep from financial doom and gloom. We are lured to keep buying at a pace faster than money can often reach. In my profession, I provide personal services such as hair/maintenance and all that goes with keeping updated and self-worthy.

There is much competition as to the distribution of money matters. The responsibility for shelter, utilities, taxes, education, clothing, personal grooming, stress reducers, travel, automobile and all that entails, insurance and much more that waits for our earned dollars.

During a haircut conversation with my

friend Tom, a twenty-four year old college graduate and owns two homes. As the home next door was foreclosed, he learned the ins and outs to acquire a second investment and has an income property.

He maintains a career in the health field. Tom's job is to keep the hospital above the financial crunch by creative fundraising.

As I asked him about the cost of his haircut and what did giving up the money for it do for him? He immediately responded with, "It is an investment." What he receives is renewed energy to keep producing.

Wow, is all I could think, since many look for the least cost they can find. Rather than investment, it turns into nuisance task of things to do. If human beings have assigned value, the capacity to use energy effectively, responsibly, and respectfully; money matters are better utilized and managed. The supply will definitely keep within demand.

Prioritizing seems to be the way of today's lifestyles. To equate debts and omit the self-equation is to miss the possibility of abundance. Abundance of energy to keep the spirit moving toward balanced life. Assigning a value to self, family, community and money matters will keep production above costs.

Keep the pace moving the marathon has just begun. Be aware of the pit stops along the way. Money matters are attitudes. Let's look from another angle...

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Maria Rotondo-Mark is owner of Make Over Place Salon

Local nurse earns DAISY award

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

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

tal.

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

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James Hudson, left, and Tony Branum of Townsend Neon, Inc., install Advanced Eye Care of Michigan's new sign at its 7117 Dixie Highway location. Formerly Optimeyes, Advanced Eye Care doctors Todd Staniszewski and Nora Clancy offer full-service eye care for patients of all ages. For more information, call 248-620-1100.

New sign, service at Advanced Eye Care

Advanced Eye Care of Michigan offers a VIP-Vision Discount Program.

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Good Eats:

the biz from local restaurants



Theresa Boyd, left, and assistant Luz Sanchez show off Trini's nachos, along with a basket of chips and homemade salsa.

Hot Lunch Item of the Month...

Spicy Beef Nachos at Trini's North

Serving up fresh, authentic Mexican food is a longstanding tradition in Theresa Boyd's family—her parents owned several restaurants, including Trini and Carmen's, a 1960s Pontiac staple.

Today, at a place of her own in Springfield Township, Boyd keeps those traditions and family recipes alive at Trini's North.

Trini's is known for its top-notch nachos—a bed of crisp, homemade corn

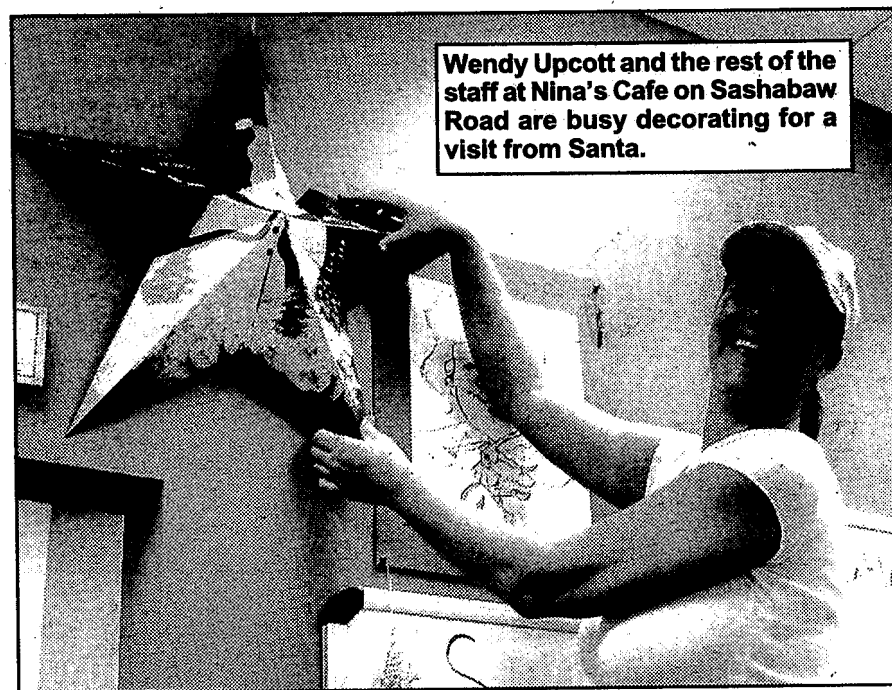
chips topped with spicy beef (the recipe's been passed down for generations), fresh tomatoes, green peppers, onions and a secret blend of melted cheese.

"We experimented with a lot of different combinations," said Boyd. "And finally ended up with the perfect nacho. I have people who come from all over for this dish."

The nachos are served up bubbling hot, with chips and fresh homemade salsa to snack on while you wait.

Not big on beef? Opt for nachos with chicken, beans or both; instead. Trini's also offers a complete Mexican menu to choose from, including tacos, tostadas, flautas, enchiladas, burritos and much more, along with a full bar.

Trini's North is located at 10063 Dixie Highway. Call them at 248-922-9020.



Wendy Upcott and the rest of the staff at Nina's Cafe on Sashabaw Road are busy decorating for a visit from Santa.

Getting set for Santa

Nina's Comfot Food Cafe, 5910 Sashabaw Road in the Kroger plaza, will host Brunch with Santa, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1.

Entrees will include peanut butter and jelly French toast and snow man pancakes for the kids, stuffed French toast, and upside-down corn bread, in addition to Nina's regular menu of sandwiches, burgers,

soup, chile, and other homemade dishes.

A dollar per plate will be donated to the Clarkston High School Marching Band. Small gifts will be given to the children, and band members will perform Christmas music.

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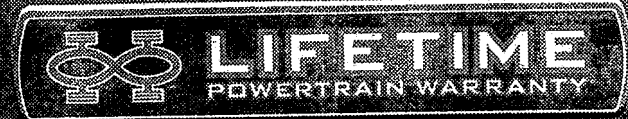
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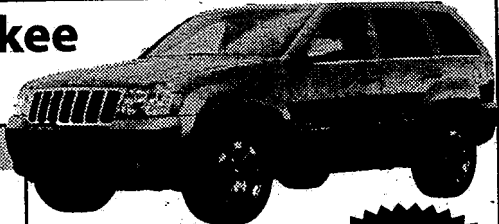


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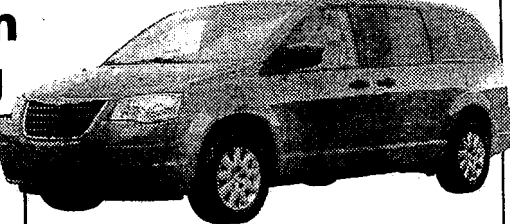
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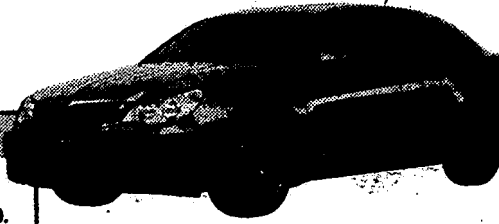
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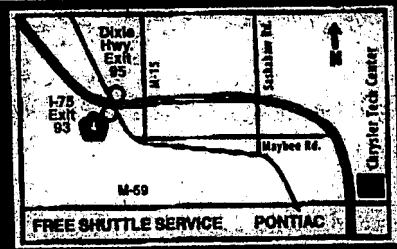
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF 2ND READING

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 66 EMERGENCY SERVICES COST RECOVERY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a SECOND READING at its regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI to consider the following proposed amendment to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 66:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 66 EMERGENCY SERVICES COST RECOVERY AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO.

66, THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 66, The Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE I - NAME

This Ordinance shall be known as the Springfield Township Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ordinance.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

In order to protect the Township from incurring expenses resulting from the utilization of Township resources to respond to requests for emergency, fire and medical services and to incidents involving hazardous materials, the Township Board authorizes the imposition of charges to recover the direct and reasonable costs incurred by the Township in responding to calls for assistance pursuant to Public Act 102 of 1990 being MCL 41.806a, as amended.

ARTICLE III - DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Building" shall mean any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

B. "Emergency response" shall mean the providing, sending and/or utilizing of police, firefighting, emergency medical services and rescue services by the Township or by a private industrial entity, corporation, or other assisting governmental agency operating at the request or direction of the Township or State of Michigan, for an incident resulting in a request for emergency, fire or medical services or a hazardous materials release or threatened release or the cleanup or abatement of a hazardous materials release.

C. "Expenses of an emergency response" shall mean the direct and reasonable costs incurred by the Township, or by a private person, corporation, or other assisting governmental agency, which is operating at the request or direction of the Township, when making an emergency response to a request for emergency fire or medical services or a hazardous materials incident, including the costs of providing police, firefighting, rescue services, emergency medical services, containment, and abatement of all hazardous conditions at the scene of an incident. The costs shall include:

- All salaries and wages of Township personnel, including all Oakland County Sheriff Department personnel contracted by the Township, responding to the incident, all salaries and wages of Township personnel, including all Oakland County Sheriff Department personnel contracted by the Township, engaged in the investigation, supervision, and report preparation regarding said incidents, all salaries and wages of personnel of assisting governmental agencies operating at the request or direction of the Township; and
- All costs connected with the administration of the incident relating to any prosecution of the person(s) responsible, including those relating to the production and appearance of witnesses at any court proceedings in relation thereto, attorney fees and costs, collection costs, and any and all fees in relation to returned checks; and
- All other costs incurred in the emergency response, including such items as disposable materials and supplies used during the response to said incident, the use, rental, or leasing of vehicles or equipment used for the specific response, replacement of vehicles or equipment which are contaminated beyond reuse or repair during the response to said incident, special technical services, and laboratory costs, and services and supplies purchased for any specific evacuation relating to said incident.

D. "Hazardous material" shall mean explosives, pyrotechnics, flammable compressed gas, flammable liquid, combustible liquid, oxidizing material, poisonous gas, poisonous liquid, poisonous solid, irritating material, etiological material, radioactive material, corrosive material, or liquefied petroleum gas.

E. "Owner"/"Property Owner" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, partnership or group, including their officers and employees, who are either listed as the owner of record by the Oakland County Register of Deeds, have a land contract vendee interest in, or are listed as the taxpayer of record for the real property where the emergency, fire service, medical service, or hazardous material incident occurred, or have title, use, possession or control of the hazardous material or the vehicle used to transport same. Owner also means the individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, partnership or group, including their officers and employees, who are listed as the record owner by the Secretary of State of a vehicle involved in an accident which prompts the need for emergency, fire or medical services.

F. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, partnership or group, including their officers and employees, who has responsibility for or actual involvement in the emergency, fire service, medical service, or hazardous material incident.

G. "Premises" shall mean any lot or parcel of land, exclusive of building, and includes a parking lot, trailer camp, stock yard, junk yard, public roadway, and any other place or enclosure, however owned, used, or occupied.

H. "Township" shall mean the Charter Township of Springfield, Oakland County Michigan.

I. "Vehicle" shall mean any mode which is used as an instrument of conveyance including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, trains, railcars, boats, tractors, snowmobiles, water crafts and aircraft.

ARTICLE IV - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INCIDENT POLICY

A. In the event Township personnel are dispatched to a hazardous materials incident, the Township personnel in charge shall notify the responsible parties, including appropriate state and federal agencies, as soon as possible. Township personnel shall make efforts to limit the Township's action to those necessary to address dangers from fire or the imminent threat of fire or the imminent threat from any hazardous material, and necessary evacuation of affected persons.

B. Except for procedures necessitated by fire or an imminent threat resulting from a hazardous materials incident, Township officials are not authorized to incur any obligations, financial or otherwise, to the Township in regards to the mitigation of impacts resulting from a hazardous materials incident.

C. All Township personnel shall take appropriate steps for a hazardous materials response that conforms to their level of training and, as appropriate, to the supplies and equipment to them, in accordance with established protocols and procedures.

ARTICLE V - UTILITY COMPANY COST RECOVERY

In any case where an emergency response results from an actual or possible hazard created by the construction, operation, maintenance, and/or Act of God involving any public or private utility company operating within the township of Springfield, the utility company shall reimburse Springfield Township the costs and expenses incurred by the township, its agents, officers, and employees. The decision to render such services, or provide such personnel and/or equipment, shall be based either upon the request of a utility, a Springfield Township resident, or upon the sole and exclusive discretion of Springfield Township Officials.

ARTICLE VI - LIABILITY FOR EXPENSE OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

A. Person(s) responsible:

- The owner, operator, occupant, or other person responsible for the operation, maintenance, and/or condition of any building, premises, property or vehicle where an incident arises necessitating a request for the emergency services of police, fire, or medical treatment or the release or threatened release of hazardous materials on or about said building, premises, property and/or vehicle; or
- Any person if, while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or the combined influence of an intoxicating liquor and a controlled substance, such person's operation of a motor vehicle proximately creates or causes any incident or accident resulting in an emergency response. For purposes of this subsection, a person is under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, or the combined influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, when his or her physical or mental abilities are impaired to a degree that he or she no longer has the ability to operate a motor vehicle with the caution characteristic of a sober person or ordinary prudence. Further, it shall be presumed that a person was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor if a chemical analysis of his or her blood, urine or breath reveals a blood alcohol content in excess of .07 percent; or

(iii) Any person necessitating the response of an emergency ambulance service.

B. Charge against person(s): The expense of an emergency response shall be a charge against the person(s) liable for the expenses under this Ordinance. The charge constitutes a debt of that person(s) and is collectible by the Township in the same manner as an obligation under contract, express or implied. Additionally, the 52-2 Judicial District Court is authorized to collect the debt for the Township as it relates to responsible person(s) described in Article V (A) (ii), and may impose a \$25.00 administrative service fee upon the Township for such collection.

C. Cost recovery schedule: The Township may, by resolution, adopt a schedule of the costs included within the expense of an emergency response. This schedule shall be available at the office of the Township Clerk for inspection by the public during regular office hours.

D. Billing: The Township may within thirty (30) days of receiving itemized costs, or any part thereof, incurred for an emergency response, submit a bill for those costs by first class mail or personal service to the person(s) liable for the expenses as enumerated under this Ordinance. The bill(s) shall require full payment within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing or service of said bill(s) upon the responsible person(s).

E. Appeal: Any person or entity who disagrees with the bill for expenses of an emergency response may appeal said bill to the Township Supervisor within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of service of the bill to the responsible party. The Township Supervisor, at his discretion, may adjust the amount of the bill based upon the appeal of the responsible party.

F. Failure to pay; Procedures to recover costs: Any failure by the person(s) described in this Ordinance as liable or responsible for expenses of an emergency response to pay said bill(s) within thirty (30) days of mailing or service of the bill(s) shall constitute a default on said bill(s). The failure to pay may further be considered a violation of probation if the payment was ordered by the court at the time of sentencing. The Township shall also have the right to bring action in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect said costs if the Township deems such action to be necessary.

ARTICLE VII - EXEMPTIONS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following are exempt from the provisions of Article V.A. (i) and Article V.A. (ii) of this Ordinance:

A. The rendering of emergency fire, police and medical services to property owners of the Charter Township of Springfield where the activity which necessitated the emergency response was not in violation of any local, state or federal law, nor constituted gross negligence, except in cases of medical transport/emergency ambulance service by the Springfield Township Fire Department.

B. Emergency, fire, and medical services which are rendered pursuant to a mutual aid agreement whereby the provisions of this Ordinance would conflict with the terms of the mutual aid agreement.

ARTICLE VIII - REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

ARTICLE IX - SEVERABILITY

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

ARTICLE X - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Ordinance No. 66 and documents related to the proposed amendment may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Second Reading. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

PUBLISHED: 11-28-07

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS PROPOSED RE-PROGRAMMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in accordance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements, a Public Hearing will be held by the Charter Township of Springfield on Thursday, December 13, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive written and verbal comments regarding the re-programming of Federal CDBG funds as follows:

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Activity Description	Public Services - Emergency Katrina Relief
Amount	\$2,072.00
To	
Proposed 2005 Program Year	
Account Number	730571
Activity Description	Public Services - Emergency Services
Amount	\$2,072.00

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that written comments will be received up until the time of the Public Hearing and should be submitted to Onalee Carnes, Administrative Assistant, Springfield Township, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350. Questions regarding the proposed re-programming may also be directed to Onalee Carnes. Telephone 248-846-6502. Those persons needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Springfield Township Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. Telephone 248-846-6510.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Publish: November 28, 2007

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2007-313, 838-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of REX E. LAMOREAUX, DECEASED
TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Mary Ann Molnar, Louise Karmann, Rachel Colver, Mary Webb, Onalee Vanalstine, Gail Hoffman, Helen Cortwell.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 12/19/07 at 8:30, at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge BARRY M. GRANT for the following purposes(s):

Petition for Probate and/or Appt. of PR, Determination of heirs and appt. of Personal Representative.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, REX E. LAMOREAUX, who lived at 70 Fairgrove, Pontiac, Michigan 48342 died 10/12/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William Knowlton, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1310 Park Street, White Lake, Michigan 4836 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 William Knowlton
2745 Pontiac Lake Road 1310 Park Street
Waterford, Michigan 48328 White Lake, Michigan
(248) 682-8800 (304) 615-3263

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION Monday, December 17, 2007

FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008

To the Qualified Electors of
Springfield Township - Oakland County, Michigan
Notice is hereby given that Monday, December 17, 2007 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

Qualified electors may register to vote or change their address in the following manner:

In Person:

- At the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI, 48350 during normal business hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, Tel. 248-846-6510
- At the office of the County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

Nancy Strole, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield
Publish: 11/28/07

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'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. Dropoff points include local Outback Steakhouses, Real Estate One, 31 S. Main, and sheriff substations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346
ORDINANCE NO. 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.

THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.01.

- A. That no person or persons shall ride any motorized bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, motorcycle or other motor vehicle upon any sidewalks or safety paths within the corporate limits of said City of the Village of Clarkston.
- B. That no person shall ride any bicycle, tricycle, skateboard or similar device on the sidewalks of the recognized downtown area as defined in the City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Ordinance and as posted by the City.
- C. That whenever a person is riding a bicycle or similar device on a sidewalk or public path, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.

SECTION 2.01.

This Ordinance shall not limit the use of recognized single person motorized or non-motorized vehicles and devices on a sidewalk or safety path that are required for a disability as long as speeds do not exceed 5 miles per hour and the safety of all pedestrians is respected.

SECTION 3.01.

- A. Municipal Civil Infraction Payment of Costs. Any person violating a provision of this Ordinance upon receiving a notice of violation may pay civil costs to the City of the Village of Clarkston Municipal Parking Bureau in the amount provided under the City of the Village of Clarkston Parking Violation Ordinance as prescribed by this Ordinance below.
- B. Costs.
 1. A person 16 years old or younger shall pay costs in the amount of \$10 for a first offense, \$20 for a second offense and \$40 for a third offense.
 2. A person older than 17 years of age shall pay costs in the amount of \$10 for a first offense, \$30 for a second offense and \$50 for a third offense.

SECTION 4.01.

Any person who is given a notice of violations and who fails to pay the notice of violation within 30 days or has received and paid costs for notices of violations and is charged with a fourth violation may be issued a citation to be adjudicated in the 62-2 District Court, or if a juvenile, the appropriate jurisdiction. Penalty for said violation shall be a civil infraction and shall pay fines and costs not to exceed \$500, which costs may include all expenses, direct or indirect, for which the City of the Village of Clarkston has incurred in connection with the violation.

SECTION 5.01. REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY.

A. Ordinance No. 18 and 139 are hereby repealed and all other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

B. If any section, provision, phrase, word or part of this Ordinance shall be held void, ineffectual or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases, words or parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6.01. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston, at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the thirteenth day of November, 2007, and shall be published in the manner prescribed by law and shall become effective 20 days after publication.

Artemus M. Pappas, City Clerk
Sharron Catallo, Mayor



Decorating for a white Christmas?

Clarkston Rotarians Mary Sloan, Joe Wauldron, and Frank Rivers picked Monday, the first snowy day of the season, to hang Christmas decorations along downtown Main Street. Rotary decorates Clarkston every year.
Photo by Laura Colvin

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Mr. Wagner called the November 20, 2007, meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Kelly, Wagner, Wenger, Rosso, Dunn
Absent: Travis

There was a quorum

1. Opening Statements and Correspondence
2. Public Forum
3. Approved the Agenda, as submitted.
4. Approved the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Special Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 1, and Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2007
 - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - d. Approval of Plants & Moran Engagement Letter
5. Public Hearing for 2008 CDBG Funding Application opened at 7:35 p.m. and closed at 7:36 p.m.
6. Approved motion to amend McLaren PUD to clarify definition of square footage.
7. Approved motion to approve 2008 CDBG Funding Application
8. Approved motion to approve waiving of 2005 CDBG Funds.
9. Approved motion to purchase new Senior Center vehicle from Midwest Transit Equipment with a base price of \$39,999.00
10. Approved motion to hire William A. Bowman to the non-union position of Head of Circulation/IT Manager for Library.
11. Approved motion to hire Christine Ritchie as Assistant Director of Assessing
12. Approved motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 11/28/07

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
At the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston Michigan, 48346, to consider the following:

FILE PC #2006-024

William Beaumont Hospital, Eric R. Hunt, Petitioner
REZONING REQUEST IN CONJUNCTION WITH
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

From: R-1A and OS-2 (Single Family Residential and Office Service Two)

To: PUD (Planned Unit Development)
Intended Use: Beaumont Life Care Campus
Health Care Campus with Hospital, Medical Office Buildings, and Assisted Living

Parcel Identification Numbers: 08-17-300-006 (6675 Cranberry Lake Rd.), 08-17-300-007, (6961 Cranberry Lake Rd.), 08-17-300-008, 08-17-300-015, 08-17-300-018, 08-17-300-017, 08-17-300-018, and 08-17-300-059

Common Description: Approximately 63 Acres, North of I-75 and West of M-15

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

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk
The Township will provide the 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 Building Department (248) 625-8111.

Community events?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Date and Time: December 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Independence Township Library
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. 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.

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2007
- b. Approval of Purchase Orders
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

New Business

1. West Oakland Pipeline Project - Consumer's Energy
2. MDEC Agreement for connection to municipal water supply

3. Township Personnel Manual and Employee Handbook
4. Permission to Hire Cable Administrator

Closed Session - Pending Litigation (Bear vs. Independence Township)

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH duplex, garage, air, approx. 1400sqft, Goodrich Schools. \$900 month. Call Lee 810-397-7854. IIZX182

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Match Cash: \$1,000
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Holiday Bonus Cash: \$500
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Match Cash: \$1,000
Friendly Cash: \$1,000
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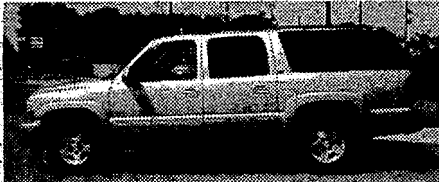
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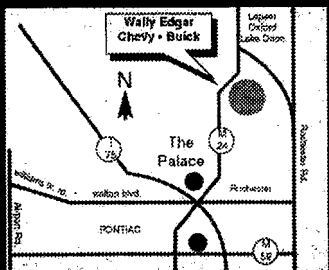
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