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Ronk leaves legacy of service

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston area lost a longtime leader and friend Dec. 24, with the death of Frank G. "Tink" Ronk, at the age of 78.

Ronk was born in Clarkston, and joined the Independence Township Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in 1947. After high school, he worked at Morgan's Service Station while studying at the Flint Institute of Barbering.



Frank G. "Tink" Ronk

He served in the armed forces during the Korean War, after which he returned to Clarkston to open a barbershop, on the west side of Main Street between Bob's hardware and the post office, which he operated for 20 years. His barbershop, located near where the Chocolate Moose shop is now, was a hub of activity in the '50s and '60s, said friend and neighbor Ralph Chambers.

"Those days, you'd go downtown, and everyone would know everyone," said Chambers, one of about 255 Clarkston area residents whose names appeared in a *Clarkston News* ad on Aug. 1, 1984, supporting Ronk for supervisor.

"Tink's barbershop was the center of the hub of everything that went on in town."

One customer was Dan Fife, Clarkston High School athletic director and another supporter from 1984.

"I've known Tink since I was 11 and began getting my hair cut," said Fife, who has and is coaching many of Ronk's children and grandchildren.

"He was a good man," Fife said. "Never knew him not to have a smile on his face. Always felt he was happy to see you and genuinely glad to see you."

Ronk hosted meetings of the Clarkston Area Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees. They would gather to plan community activities, such as clearing out brush from what would become Depot Park, and the occasional prank.

"One time, we got together 100 white Oldsmobile convertibles and drove all together down to the Jaycees convention in Louisville," Chambers said. "That was a wonderful convention."

Ronk was named Independence Township's first full-time fire chief in 1972. He served on the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education and the Independence Township Board as supervisor from 1984-1992.

"There isn't a nicer person you could meet than Tink Ronk," said Treasurer Jim Wenger, who worked with Ronk on the township board.

"He's done well for the community both in terms of political and as fire chief. He's meant a lot to the community."

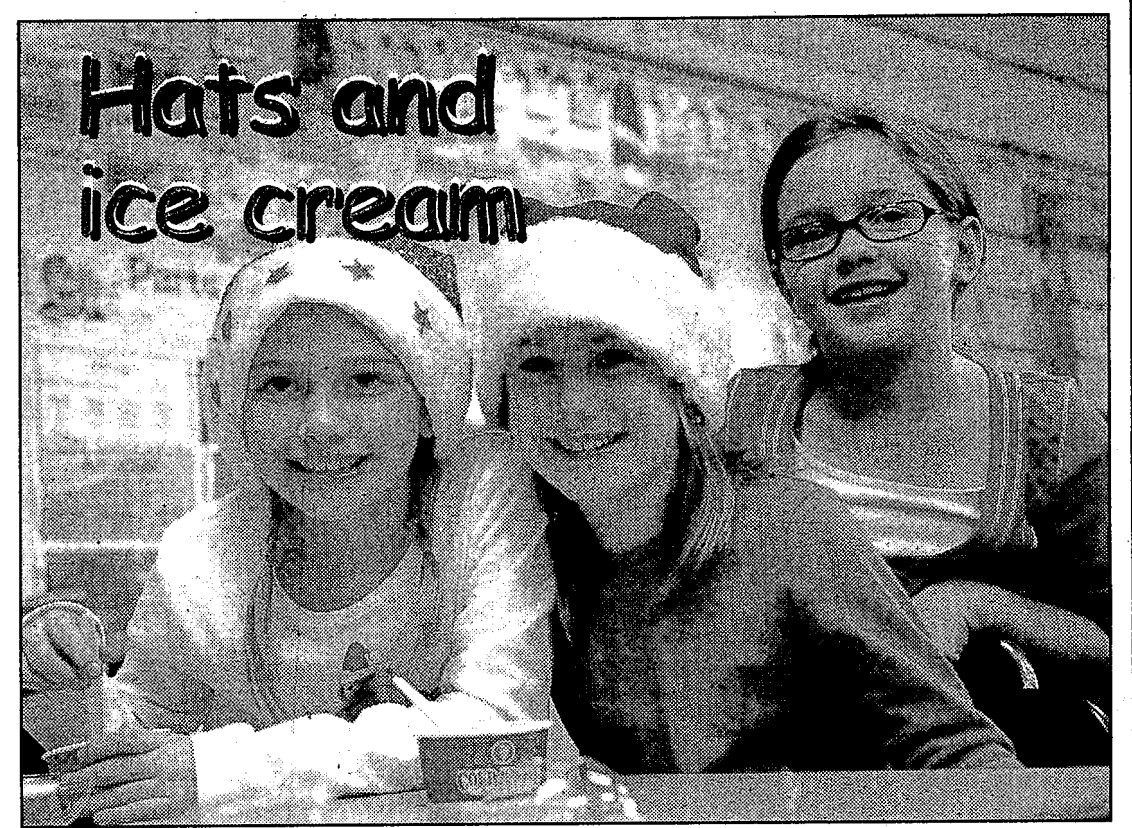
"He was a good person, good fireman, good dad, good granddad, and a good friend," Fife said. "God definitely threw away the mold after he made him."

Ronk had natural leadership abilities, strong personality, and a great sense of humor, said township Trustee Larry Rosso.

"He was really a remarkable individual," Rosso said. "He brought all kinds of enthusiasm to whatever he did, whatever he engaged in. A real people person, just a genuine good person through and through. He would do anything for anyone, he was very kind and very people oriented. He was just really the human element of what our community is all about, he was right in the forefront."

As a young man, Ronk and his brother, John, would spring into action when rain flooded Middle Lake

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These Clarkston Elementary School students get into the spirit at their class holiday party, enjoying a frozen treat in their Santa hats. Photo by Laura Colvin

Helping with holiday emergencies

BY TREVOR KEISER
Staff Writer

The American Red Cross and blood donors have been busy the past few weeks.

Independence Township Fire Department hosted a blood drive Dec. 20 at their station off Citation Drive. Elizabeth Hawthorne, Miss Michigan Teen USA, earned more community service hours at the fire station, helping with registration and planning on donating blood for her first time. However, her iron count was one point low of donating standards.

"I feel bad, even though I know it's not my fault. But I can come back if I take vitamins."



Fred Taylor donates blood at Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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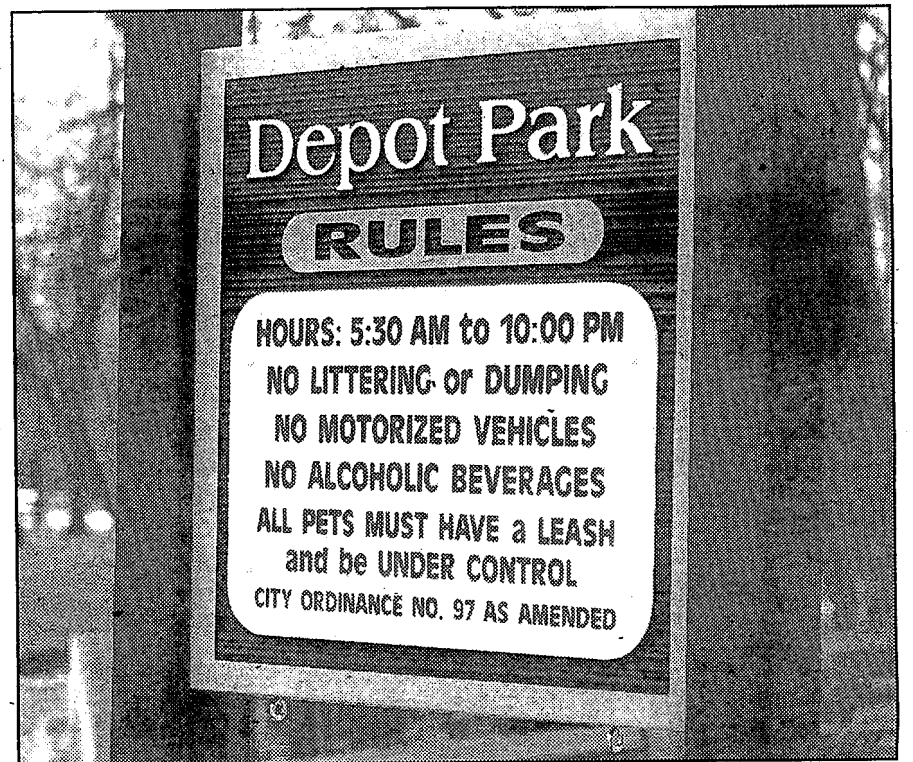
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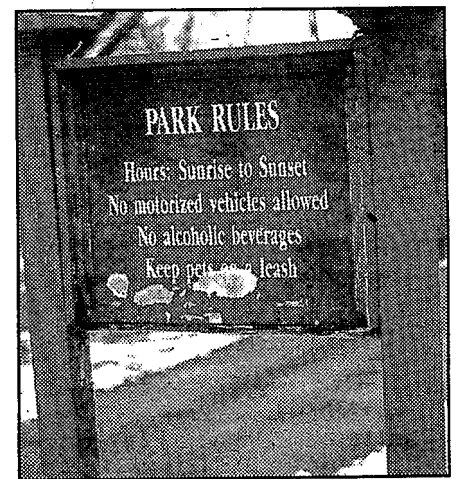
No excuses

Three new signs clearly stating park rules went up in Depot Park last week.

City officials hope the signs will help cut down on loitering and vandalism, an ongoing problem during warmer weather.

The signs are located at the south, east and west entrance to the park, and replace one old sign, right, located near the city offices on Depot Road.

Hamblin Signs of Independence Township designed, manufactured and installed the new signs.



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Recycle those Christmas trees at county parks

Independence Oaks in Independence Township, Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Springfield Township, and other Oakland County parks are recycling live Christmas trees.

Drop off trees 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.

For more information, call 248-858-0906 or check www.oak.gov/parksrec.

Red Cross, blood donors keep busy

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tamins and try again," she said.

The American Red Cross, Independence Fire Department and the Clarkston Lions Club all work together for blood drives twice a year, once at the fire station and the other at the Senior Center before the fourth of July, said Mike Mersier from the Lions Club.

The Red Cross was also seen at the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit union located north of I-75 off M-15 on Dec. 27. The credit union also holds blood drives twice a year, once in winter before the New Year and once in summer at the end of July.

What's your blood type?

According to American Red Cross, O-type blood is greatly needed – O-negative can be given to everyone, while O-positive can be given to 84 percent.

- About 40 percent of the population has A-blood type: 34 percent are A-positive and 6 percent are A-negative
- Only 11 percent of the population is type-B blood: about 9 percent are B-positive and 2 percent B-negative
- AB blood type makes up four percent of the population: about three percent are AB-positive and one percent AB-negative.
- 45 percent of the population are O blood type: 38 percent are O-positive and seven percent O-negative.



Miss Michigan Teen USA, Elizabeth Hawthorne, helped out at the blood drive at Independence Fire Station. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Taking one final look at the year 2007

June 13

Clarkston places three All-State at track finals: After impressive performances, three members of the track team took home All-State honors at the state finals in East Kentwood June 2. As a team, the Wolves finished with 13 points, tied for 14th position. Clarkston took second place in 2006 behind state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Millstream: Michelle Tynan believes a certain amount of risk is necessary to her art—and her life. So, although *The Clarkston News* mural is by far the largest project she's yet tackled—the wall measures 3000 square feet—Tynan knows she's on the right track. Tynan, an Independence Township resident, had her eye on the building for several weeks last summer before approaching owner Jim Sherman Sr. about the project. Sherman, former publisher of *The Clarkston News*, was receptive to the ideas Tynan proposed.

June 20

Walkers bring local relay to life: Kim Fischer and the Clarkston community got ready to donate their time to benefit cancer research through the American Cancer Society. The event was the eight-annual Relay for Life Clarkston, which took place June 23.

Shoppers sad, mad about closings: Shoppers had mixed emotions as the July 7 closing date drew near for the 66 grocery stores in the Farmer Jack chain. Customers of Farmer Jack at

7121 Dixie Highway expressed their feelings. "I am sad to see it leave and it's too bad another store in Clarkston is closing," said Joanne Gemborys. "It's too bad it's that way and we hope they can find jobs."

Millstream: Involvement in Clarkston SCAMP can come about in many ways. Marlene Stone, 2008 president, became acquainted with the group five years ago as a business consultant. Stone, founder and president of Intellitrends, a market vision and strategy company from Independence Township, was asked to oversee a meeting of the SCAMP board. Stone's company, in the business of helping others grow, spurred her own involvement with SCAMP, introducing her to the organization as the two worked together.

June 27

July 4 ushers in a new era: This issue was the late issue to be printed in the 15 inches tall and 11.5 wide format. *The Clarkston News* gave a preview of the "new" format the paper would be in as of the edition of July 4, "new, contemporary, easy to hold and read design." Publisher James Sherman said the change in paper size would cut down on waste that goes into landfills and help defray postage increases — savings will be passed on to consumers.

Wolves take home post-season honors, ready for '08: A late start kept Clarkston from an early showing to start the softball season, but the Wolves kept plugging away, finishing

with a 22-15 mark and a district championship.

Millstream: As a goalie with Junior A hockey in Ontario, Canada, Scott Cooper of Independence Township learned the value of meditation. As a father, meditation became even more important. By this time, he had learned self-hypnosis techniques as a way to work out the problems and issues of the day.

July 4

Two seriously injured in homemade fireworks explosion: Two men were seriously injured in an Independence Township explosion when an attempt to create homemade fireworks went terribly wrong. The men, brothers Andy Impola and Lee Marvin Impola, later succumbed to their injuries.

23 candidates for police chief: A pile of 23 resumes shrunk to eight last week when Clarkston's Police Chief Selection Committee met to officially begin hunting for the city's next top cop.

Millstream - Gardening to karate: From flower beds to Karate training, Al Smock loves it all. He is a part of this year's Garden Tour, set for July 18. "Many people do many different sports, and play golf, but the number one hobby in America is gardening," said Smock.

July 11

Power outage doesn't lessen crowd's energy: Susan Surma of Redford Township didn't mind hanging around DTE for several extra hours last week when storms knocked out the

venue's power and held up what was, for some, a much-anticipated Toby Keith concert. Surma, who came to the concert with her husband Kevin and several other family members, said she'd been to every one of Keith's Michigan performances, and wasn't going to miss Thursday's show.

Local 4Her wins state honors: Chelsea Rawe of Springfield Township is keeping busy this week at the Oakland County Fair. A member of 4H SCRUBS, Students Committed to Research and Understanding of Biological Science, 4H K-9 Tail Waggers, and 4H Livestock Club, she has several projects on exhibit at the same time: a quiz bowl game, with a hour's worth of science questions, another featuring her trained therapy dog, Chloe, and others demonstrating her skills with growing cherry tomatoes, knitting, and refinishing a 100-year-old table.

Music brings meaning, joy to singer Beth Stalker: Beth Stalker took the stage at Friday's Concert in the Park. "I love to sing. It's a joy," said Stalker, who started singing at 3 years old. She released her first album four years ago, entitled "Jesus Loves Me." She was known as "Little Liz" when she was younger.

Millstream - On patrol: Police knew the man they were searching for was hiding in the attic of a local home, but he remained quiet and refused to come out, despite a houseful of armed

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 "I don't have a thing to wear."
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Clarkston area veterans of the American Legion Post 63 lead off the Fourth of July-Day parade, as floats trail behind them.

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deputies waiting below. The man changed his mind when officers called for reinforcement... So the call went out for Mullins and his four-legged partner, Boomer. With the 80-pound German Shepard on a stepladder leading to the attic, Mullins issued a stern warning: Sheriff's Department Canine Unit, come out or I'm going to send up my dog!

July 18

On guard at Deer Lake: About a hundred people drown each year in Michigan – fortunately, none at Deer Lake. It's the lifeguards' job to keep it that way. "Over the past five years Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Company has had zero drown," said Kevin Breen, 25, Independence Township Parks and Recreation aquatics director.

Back to school - Trustees set rules, roles for upcoming school year: It's a new year for the Clarkston Board of Education, with a new trustee, schedules, and assignments. Stephen Hyer was reelected board president in a 4-3 vote. Karen Foyteck earned the three votes.

'Clarkston for Cure' Breast Cancer walk: "Clarkston for a Cure" is set for the three-day Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk Sept. 28-30. The team was originally known as "Sisters in Stride," founded by Melissa Traver. In 2005, Traver registered for the walk with a coworker because she thought it would be fun, good exercise, and achieve some personal goals. But she never thought about the meaning behind the walk.

Millstream - Road to the yellow brick: It's just an ordinary brick, painted yellow with black

letters—FBINA #229—stenciled on top. But for Lt. Dale LaBair, the brick symbolizes 10 weeks of intense academic and physical training at the FBI National Academy in Virginia.

July 25

CMG, McLaren break ground on \$600M complex - Clarkston Medical building to open spring '09: Anticipated summer blockbusters come and go from year to year, but Clarkston saw the first steps in a project which will have long lasting implications on the community. Clarkston Medical Group and McLaren Health Care Corporation collectively broke ground July 25 on the three-phase, \$600 million McLaren Health Care Village. The complex will be built on property on Bowpointe Drive off Sashabaw Road in southern Independence Township.

Salaries increase for township workers: Independence Township non-union workers are getting a raise, except for those elected. Supervisor Dave Wagner motioned on July 17 for department heads and non-union employees to receive 3 to 7 percent pay increases, one percent of which will go directly to health care. The motion was approved by a 5-2 vote.

Millstream - Learning in the library: While she does enjoy horticulture, Francie Bauer, Springfield Township Library children's librarian, is hardly of a garden variety.

August 1

And so it begins... McLaren, CMG break ground on \$600M complex: Clarkston Medical Group and McLaren Health Care Corporation collectively broke muddy ground July 25 on a three-phase, \$600 million McLaren Health Care Village. The complex will be built on Bowpointe Drive off Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

A life well lived - Janet Rose lived every

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minute to help others: Janet Rose, community activist who passed away July 22, had a love for life, love for family, and love for people. "The first thing that pops into my mind when I think of Janet is that she was always begging us (Clarkston Village Players) to perform the melodrama 'Little Mary Sunshine,'" said Marlene Sewick. "She reminds me of sunshine, she waltzed through everything with a smile."

Resident asks commission to consider owners' views: When Springfield Township Planning Commission holds a public hearing Thursday on proposed rezonings, homeowner Len Gorz plans to be there. The proposal would redesignate some One Family Residential zoning districts as Resource Conservation, and Public Land districts as Parks and Recreation.

Millstream - Dentist picks home over Hollywood: When Brett Teran was a 19-year-old University of Michigan student, he watched a video called "Implants," about dental surgery. It changed his life. "I thought it was cool," said Teran, 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School. "I've always liked using my hands, and helping people. I was good with tools."

August 8

Best in show Car guys, girls revel in Concours display for SCAMP: Cars with hoods popped open, proud owners nearby, lined Depot Park's lush green grass where Concours in the Park once was the Friday event d'jour. The 20th annual Concours in the Park, one of five annual fund raisers for Clarkston SCAMP, was on tap this past Friday, Aug. 3.

'A slap in the face' Property owners oppose planned rezonings: Officials seemed ready to reconsider proposed rezoning in Springfield Township after about 150 residents objected to plans they said were vague, unnecessary, and would ultimately result in lost income and decreased property values. The rezoning was proposed after a review of the township's master plan revealed several zoning districts the planning commission felt were inconsistent with the plan, or did not reflect current use of the property.

Holding the line - Schools face ongoing state, local challenges: In a preview of his state-of-the-schools report, set for Aug. 13 at the



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Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Al Roberts said he is optimistic about Clarkston Community Schools' future. "Lots of things are going on, despite the state budget," Roberts said. "I'm pleased we can continue to offer exemplary programs for the kids."

Millstream - Wish come true: For the last five years, Joel Frick of Springfield Township has been bicycling in the WAM (Wish-A-Mile) 300, in order to raise money for Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Michigan. "All the rest of the riding is about the ride, but this (the WAM 300) is about the kids in the end," Frick said.

August 15

Bus fuss - Parents: don't expect curb-side service: Changes to Clarkston Community Schools busing routes are not new. But officials expect tempers may flare next week when postcards specifying individual bus stops tell hundreds of parents their children's stops were

moved or eliminated. And they are prepared, setting up a hotline and streamlining report procedures, said Anita Banach, director of communication and marketing.

No opposition (yet) in race for council seats: Candidates for Clarkston City Council will run unopposed in the November election unless one or more write-in hopefuls join the race in coming months. Nominating petitions for three seats were due at city offices—signed by at least 20 registered voters—Tues., Aug 7. Only three petitions arrived by the cutoff time, said Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas.

Springfield library goes wireless: Connecting to the online world will get a little easier for patrons of the Springfield Township library once a highly-anticipated project to give the library wireless internet access becomes reality over the next several weeks. "We've been working on this project for several months now," said Cathy Forst, Springfield Township Library

director.

Millstream - Life leads Luther Savage back to traditional faith: Luther Savage has come full circle in his journey to become the new director of youth and young adults at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Savage, 29, is inheriting an already large youth group and hopes to keep going what has already started. He also wants to start a program for the young adult, and more integration between the different age groups.

August 22

The Secretary of State office on Main Street will close next year, but it shouldn't move far: According to the state Department of Management and Budget, the new office will remain in Independence Township. The new, approximately 4,000-square-foot center, to be located within five miles of I-75 and Dixie Hwy., will mean more and better services for Clarkston area residents, said Kelly Chesney, spokesperson for Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

Independence Twp. trustee sets sights on state office: Independence Township Trustee and attorney Dan Kelly announced his candidacy for 44th District State Representative. "Full time politicians of both parties have shown themselves to be incapable of cutting the size of our bloated state government," Kelly said.

'I like helping people' - 8-year-old Emily collects videos to comfort kids: When Dawn Frasa, who works for Home Interior Warehouse, told her 8-year-old daughter Emily Frasa a domestic violence shelter in Detroit only had three videos for the kids to watch, Emily decided to do something. It was time to help, so she decided to start a video/DVD drive to get more movies for the children to watch.

Millstream - Navigating life's curves: Fitness aficionado Carolyn Thiele of Springfield Township, owner of Curves Davisburg, is committed to making people more comfortable. Thiele ensures the nearly 240 clients of her center get comfortable with their exercises, diets as well as their personal comfort level.

August 29

Suspect denied bail in arraignment: Ramon Felix Pineda of Brandon Township remains in Oakland County Jail after being denied bond at his arraignment in connection with the Aug. 26 death of Vincent Owen D'Anna. Pineda was charged with four counts, including second-

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Pet of the Month



Flurry is the Custodio family's 2 mo. old domestic long hair. Her favorite activity: pouncing on Crawford, her older brother kitty.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

2008 looks to be a busy year

The new year is here, time for some resolutions and predictions.

First prediction: road construction returns to Sashabaw Road.

I wasn't working for the paper at the time, but I remember the last time Sashabaw was ripped up for widening and other work, a few years ago.

It wasn't pretty.

Phase one of the McLaren Health Care Village is set for completion in 2009, so if they want to finish all the work they want done to support even more traffic, they better get started soon.

This despite negotiations about Sashabaw improvements and funding between Independence Township and Oakland County, approaching their third year.

Projects have been steadily whittled from the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority plan. When all is said and done, I predict (#2) it will pay for approximately half a tank of gasoline for a lawn tractor to mow the grass in front of the developing medical facility.

Prediction three: students and parents will be confused as they switch from two semesters to three trimesters at the junior and senior high schools.

Most classes will be two trimesters, leaving the third trimester for an elective, unless it's an AP class, which are three trimesters long, or a music class, which can be three trimesters, unless you have to have an elective, in which case it can be two trimesters long.

Good luck with that.

Prediction four: dozens of Clarkston teachers will be laid off in April, but most will be rehired by August.

This happens every year due to state law and employee contracts. I'm sure it does wonders for affected teachers' mental well being, and by extension that of their students.

Under resolutions: the health thing, of course. The Crim Festival of Races, a big thing up in Flint where I live, is expanding into Oakland County this year, with the Brooksie Way Half Marathon.

Named after the late Brooks Stuart Patterson, son of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, the race will be about 13 miles long.

I will take part.

Oh yes, I will participate. I can do it. I learned distance run/walk techniques in the Army, where marches would be up to 15 miles long.

I "ran" (mostly walked) four Crim 10-mile races in Flint, all within the past 10 years.

The half-marathon is set for the fall, so I should be ready if I start training soon, like next week. I figure the best time and place to do that would be here, in Clarkston, after work.

No running me over, or pointing and laughing, please.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Health care costs killing auto industry

Dear Editor,

The U.S. auto industry finds itself in a "perfect storm" of health care, energy costs and globalization.

Health care, however, plays a big role.

Manufacturers like Ford, GM, and Chrysler, absorb \$1,500 per vehicle to cover health care for employees and retirees.

Foreign automakers have national health care in their own country and don't have the same cost disadvantage with plants in the U.S. - they have few retirees and workers are much younger.

People pay \$10 a gallon for gasoline in other parts of the world so vehicles there are fuel efficient by U.S. standards. U.S. produced vehicles were designed when oil cost \$35 per barrel. Today we see oil prices near \$100 per barrel.

If "Green is the new Red, White, and Blue," which is more

patriotic - to buy the most fuel efficient vehicle or to buy an American made vehicle?

To do both requires getting the cost of health care out our manufactured goods and services.

Automakers are moving their suppliers and plants out of the U.S. to other parts of the world where labor costs are much less. It's as if Wal-Mart was in

charge of purchasing for the auto industry.

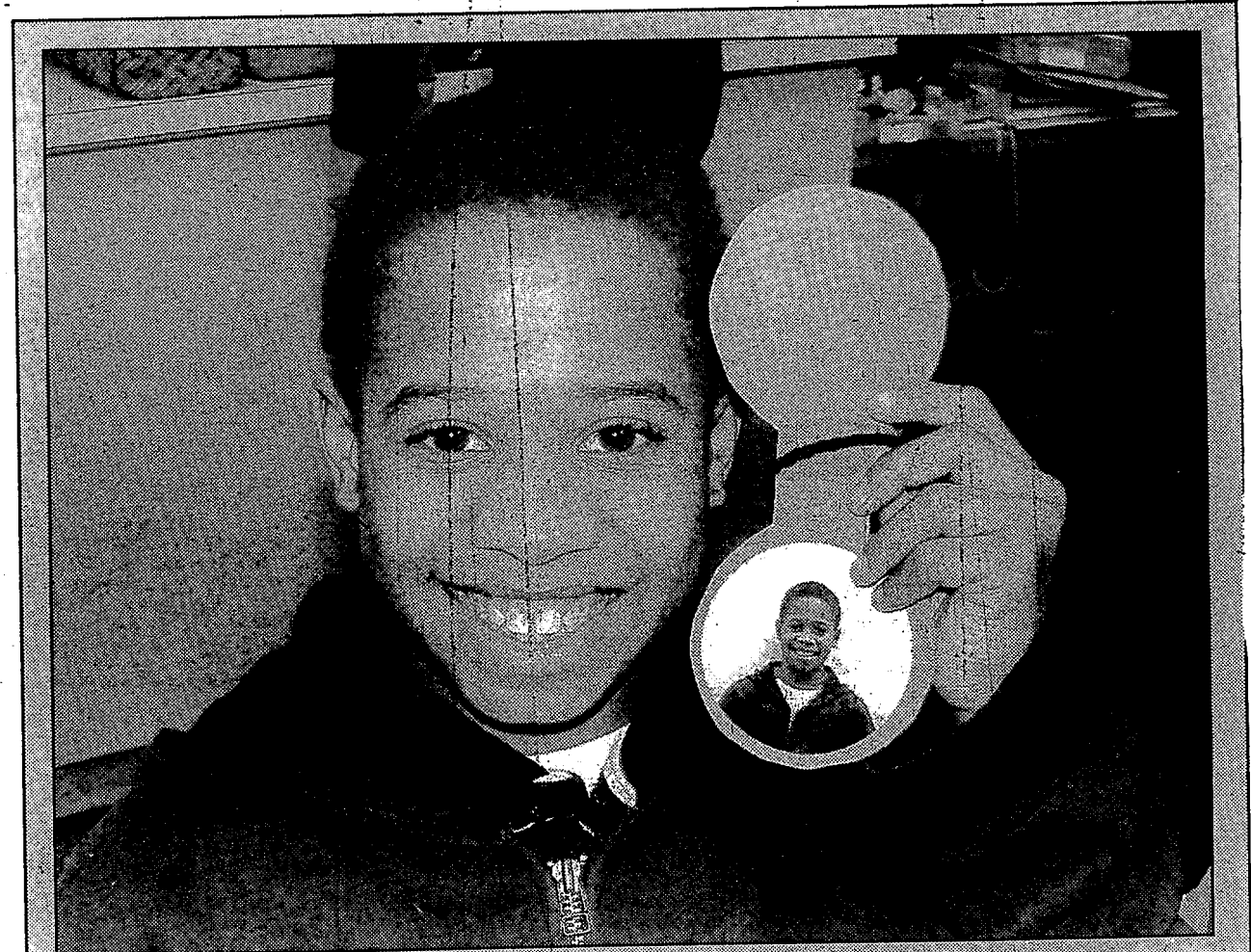
This will have drastic implications for Michigan's manufacturing sector.

I've been with Chrysler for 35 years. Those familiar with "The Perfect Storm" might see, as I do, an analogy for company provided health care, a failed U.S. energy policy, and the effects of globalization.

Health care should not be an employer provided benefit.

Phillip Reid
Clarkston

Letters to the editor



Smile of the week

Armani Lamb and his Christmas tree ornament share a similar smile at the Pine Knob Elementary School holiday party. Photo by Phil Custodio

Love those Samaritans; 6 eggs and ego burst

Thank goodness for good Samaritans.

Ma'dog Shayna's electronic tether allows her to go about 90 feet from our house. She has been so controlled over two years.

The "collar" shocks her, or me, when I forget to take it off in the car. And, I take it off at night. So, sometimes, when I know the two of us are going for a ride I let her outside sans collar.

I did that at about 10:30 the morning of December 19.

At 11, when my call, "Wanna go for a ride?" went unanswered, I knew something was up. That call always trips her excitement nerves and brings her running to our van.

Continuous calling and whistling had the same results. There'd been a fresh snow, so I circled the yard for tracks. Nothing. I looked up and down the road hoping not to see anything but joggers. Didn't even see them.

So, I did the car search thing. Then I asked my dog-conscious son if dogs usually came home. He said they did, and I went about my accomplishing-nothing routine.

At our newspaper office at 2:20 p.m. my neighbor lady called to say she had Shayna. Neighbor Chris is a good Samaritan, but not this story's hero.

Seems she got a call from Paisley (isn't that a great name?) a dog walker who found Shayna in a subdivision sev-

eral hundred feet east of our home.

She had gotten our name and address from the county animal control on Brown Road. Seems they have a data-base to link license number and owner, which she learned at Lakeville Animal Clinic, just outside of Oxford.

So, where was Shayna between 10:30 and 2:20?

Paisley said, "I was in the subdivision to see two of my dogs, and there stood Shayna. I opened the car door and she jumped in. I could see she was friendly and unabused, and I took her with me on my errands.

"We went to Rochester and environs, to Lakeville and to the clinic. Shayna just looked out the window or laid down."

Thing is, she didn't seem particularly happy to be home. *Post Script* . . . Paisley calls Shayna one of "her dogs," and brought her Christmas presents.

I don't know how long we should keep eggs in our refrigerators, but two weeks seem enough to me. Whatever are there then get hard-boiled.

I love hard-boiled eggs, cut in half,

laid in a tablespoon and soaked with vinegar. Gone in one gulp.

The idea was to put the eggs in a pan of water, let it boil just over 10 minutes, pour out the water and cover the eggs with ice cubes to aid peeling.

Well, my memory is about as long as a clock tick, and I went off to the Oxford Rotary Club luncheon.

Two hours later an awful smell hit me as I opened the door. It wasn't the fireplace, there was no smoke and the smell was unfamiliar.

On to the kitchen.

Wow! Five of the six eggs had exploded. Pieces of yolk were everywhere . . . the stove hood, floor, across the countertops, and a week later daughter Luan asked, "What's that on your ceiling?"

I hadn't looked up.

The result is I now have egg on my ceiling and face. But that lesson did nothing for my memory.

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One of the more unbelievable commercials recently had a woman extolling the benefits of her new bath fixtures.

It opens with the woman readying her daughter for school, and ends with her saying, "I look forward to coming home and having a bubble bath."

C'mon! There isn't a mother in the world with a school-age child who can experience a bubble bath before midnight.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Downtown lights are nice

Dear Editor,

We would like to commend the Clarkston Cafe and the Milzow Realty on Main Street for the beautiful lighting. I'm sure the whole community is delighted by it.

Perhaps this will set an example for the rest of the merchants for next year.

God bless you.

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1992

"Car crash kills teen" A 13-year-old Groveland Township girl was killed and four others injured in a collision on Dixie Highway.

"Man recovering from Christmas Eve crash" A Clarkston man was seriously injured in a head-on collision on Dixie Highway.

"One injured in New Year's Eve accident" A man was seriously injured in a head-on collision on Ormond Road in Springfield Township. Police said alcohol was a factor.

"Reward: Neighbors want tree vandals caught" An Independence Township neighborhood offered a \$100 reward for information about who was running over their trees.

25 years ago - 1982

"Schools can collect summer taxes" A bill signed Dec. 22 by Gov. William Milliken forced collection of summer taxes for school districts. Clarkston School Board set a meeting for public comments.

"Springfield approves levy" Rushing to meet the Jan. 1 deadline, Springfield Township Board voted to collect half its school taxes in June.

"First lady shares memories, plan" Paula Parker Blanchard, wife of Gov. James Blanchard, grew up in Clarkston. She recalled meeting friends at Cheeseman's ice cream parlor and going on errands to Terry's Market.

"Cable firm makes new offer" Capital Cities Communications jumped into the Independence Township cable TV bidding war, already involving Omnicom and Multi-Cable.

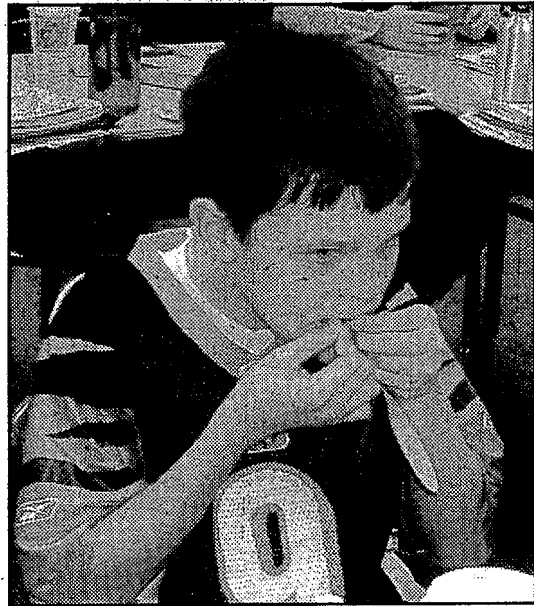
50 years ago - 1957

"Chairman named for March of Dimes" Everett Davis was named Clarkston and Independence Township chairman for the 1958 March of Dimes polio drive.

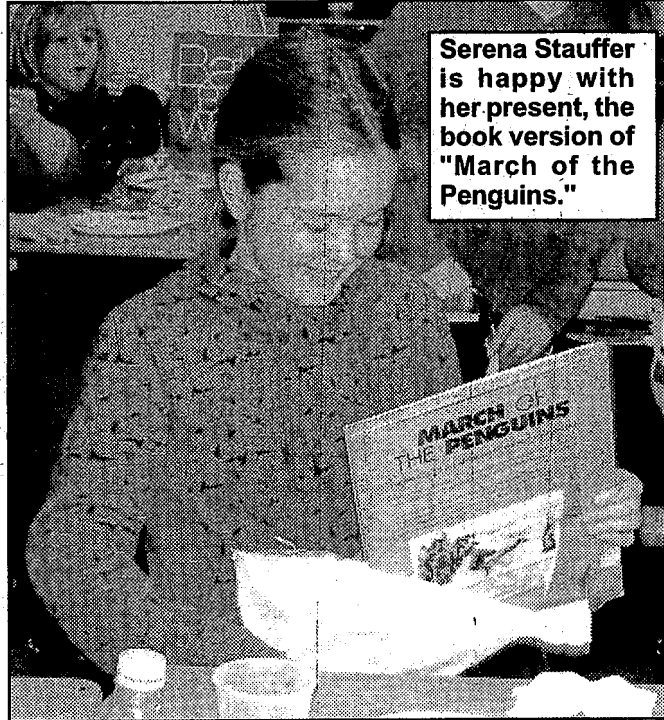
"Public hearing on proposal for compulsory slaughter of brucellosis reactor cattle" A hearing was set about a plan to slaughter cattle infected with the bacterial disease.

"Martin Luther" at Baptist Church" The First Baptist Church of Clarkston showed the film, "Martin Luther," about the beginning of the church Reformation.

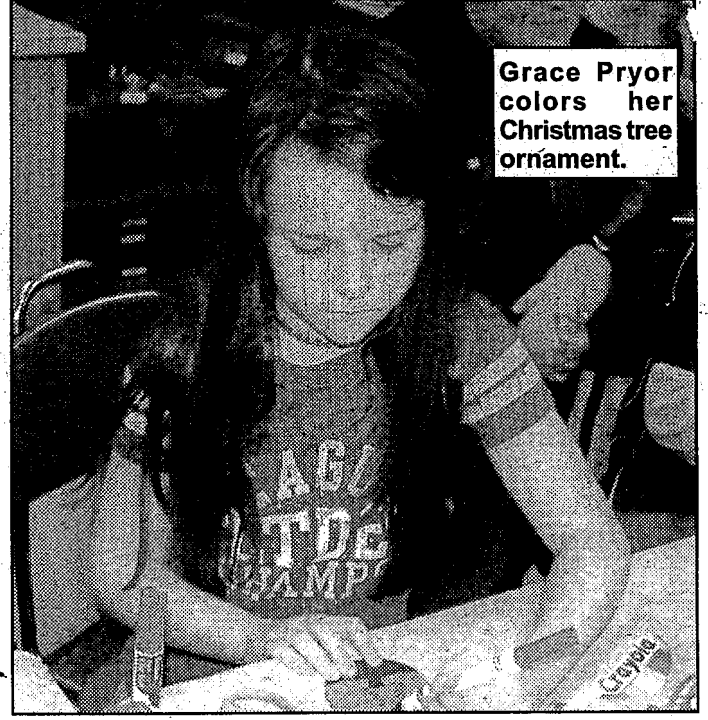
"Large crowd at Christmas party" About 450 children attended the Rotary Community Christmas Party. Santa was seated on a platform in front of a background of fir trees.



Conner Sunde uses his teeth to tie off his ornament.



Serena Stauffer is happy with her present, the book version of "March of the Penguins."



Grace Pryor colors her Christmas tree ornament.



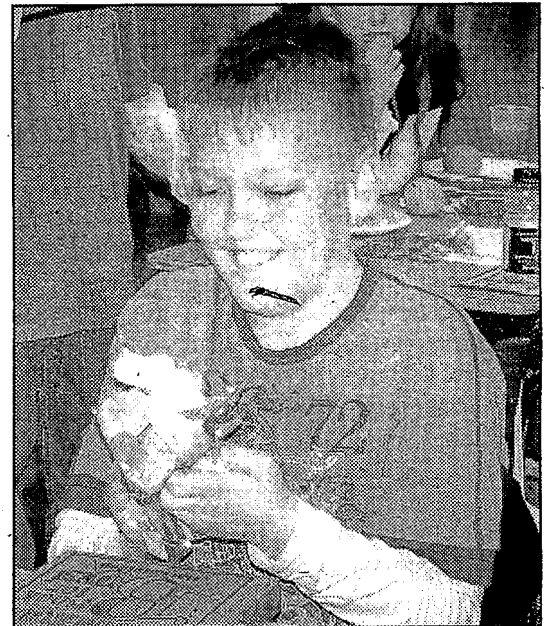
Lucille Mallory opens her present.

Day of fun

Students, teachers and parents at Pine Knob Elementary School let their hair down a bit during their last day of school before holiday break.

They opened presents, made decorations, ate lots of snacks, and just had fun.

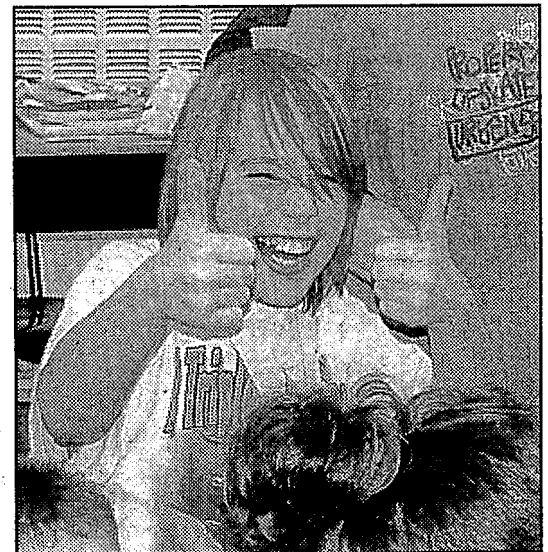
Photo story by Phil Custodio



Logan Creger unwraps a copy of "Dangerous Book for Boys" at his classroom party.



Dana Ferrand, left, and Taylor Adair entertain their class with a song and dance.



Joe McAlister is enjoying his classroom party.

Independence Twp.

Fri., Dec 21 Employees at the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home called police after discovering someone had stolen the baby Jesus from the nativity scene in front of the home. The figure, which was secured to the foundation of the display, was valued at about \$500.

Deputies were dispatched to assist Michigan State Police after a pick up truck towing a trailer went off the road and into a ditch on I-75 south of Clintonville Road. No injuries were reported.

A 60-year-old Independence Township woman called police after discovering someone used her debit card to fraudulently make several hundred dollars in purchases and cash withdrawals from her checking account.

Sat., Dec 22 A 59-year-old Independence Township man filed a police report after discovering his 14-year-old son had run away while visiting with his mother, who also lives in Independence Township. The boy was entered into LEIN, but returned the following day.

A 15-year-old Independence Township youth called police after his parents began verbally arguing over unfinished holiday chores.

A 42-year-old Independence Township woman was arrested and jailed after

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

police—whom the woman called when she locked her keys in her vehicle—discovered the woman had a misdemeanor warrant out of the 52-2 District Court.

Sun., Dec 23 A 34-year-old Independence Township woman called police after her 43-year-old husband locked the baby's car seat in the car and would not allow the woman to leave with the child.

A 36-year-old Waterford woman called police after she was unable to avoid crashing into a tree that fell across the road as she was driving along Sashabaw Road near Clarkston Road around 12:30 p.m. The woman was uninjured, but her vehicle sustained heavy damage.

A 46-year-old Independence Township woman filed a police report after discovering her wallet was either stolen or lost.

A 33-year-old Flint man was arrested and jailed on a felony warrant out of Independence Township after he was picked up by Flint police.

Mon., Dec 24 Police transported a 22-year-old Holly man to the hospital for a committal after the man arrived at the

home of his Independence Township parents and threatened to harm himself.

A 28-year-old Westland man called police after the Independence Township mother of his two young children refused to allow the man to pick up his children according to child custody orders.

Deputies were dispatched to assist the Independence Township Fire Department in the sudden death of a 55-year-old Independence Township man on Joy Street. The man's wife said she noticed her husband breathing "funny" during the night, but found he was not breathing and had no pulse when she went to check on him in the morning. The investigation was closed pending autopsy reports from the medical examiner.

Tues., Dec 25 A 32-year-old Independence Township woman called police after her former boyfriend began making threatening phone calls and showing up at her residence after he was released from jail.

A 23-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed on several

warrants out of Wayne County after an employee at a gas station near Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road called police to report the man had taken several cans of alcoholic beverage from the cooler, despite her warning that she could not sell alcohol on Christmas. The man, however, left the cashier \$20, and told police he needed the alcohol because his girlfriend had broken up with him.

A 17-year-old Detroit man was arrested and jailed after stealing a car, cash and gift cards belonging to the mother of an Independence Township acquaintance.

Wed., Dec 26 A 48-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman called police after discovering a window in her vehicle had been smashed out while parked in the lot of her Independence Township employer in the 7200 block of Ortonville Road. Nothing was missing from the car.

A 42-year-old Grand Blanc woman called police after discovering a window in her vehicle had been smashed out while parked in the lot of her Independence Township employer in the 6800 block of Dixie Highway. Nothing was missing from the car.

Police were investigating a case of identity theft after an Independence Township man called to report someone had fraudulently charged \$1,090 to his debit card to purchase an airline ticket from Hamburg, Germany to Costa Rica.

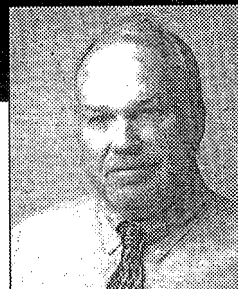
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degree murder. Prosecutors will seek the maximum sentence: life in prison.

Locking up the lakes - First read approved for 'keyhole' law: Independence Township Board members voted unanimously for the first reading of a keyholing ordinance. Keyholing has been under discussion between Independence Township Board, Planning Commission, and lake residents for nearly 20 years. A subcommittee was formed back in March to study the issue in more depth. The committee included Trustees Dan Travis, Dan Kelly, and Charles Dunn, and some lakefront riparian owners.

Supervisor doesn't get \$30k more for legal fund: Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner asked the township board for \$30,000 more for the legal budget this year, but the board denied his request. According to Wagner, at the end of June the township spent \$141,000 out of a \$230,000 budget.

Millstream - Saving a landmark: It took two years to reverse 175 years of wear on the Stickney McCord home and barn off Pine Knob Road. "It was a long two years," said Sam Moraco of Independence Township, whose company Muraca Building restored the home, the oldest in the Clarkston area. "We saved another landmark," he said.

September 5
Here's the chief - LaCroix offered chance to lead Clarkston police: The man selected as Clarkston's new police chief says he wants to get acquainted with business owners, residents and local officials, and claims he'll do plenty of "walking and talking" to accomplish that goal. Dale LaCroix, retired Waterford Township deputy police chief, received word about 8 p.m. Thursday he'd been selected to

run the Clarkston Police Department.

Celebrating 175 years of history: Residents young and old filled Depot Park Sunday afternoon to wish Clarkston a happy 175th birthday, and dedicate its new bridge. "This is something typical about small town Americana," said Bart Clark. "This bridge will make the back area more accessible and it will add to the park, hats off to Jim and Ginni Schultz."

Someone swiped a city sign: Sign, sign, everywhere a sign. Except on White Lake Road, where two green posts buried deep in the ground are all that remains of a 'Welcome to Clarkston' sign. "It's upsetting, and disappointing," said longtime Clarkston resident Tom Stone, who last year initiated a project to replace the city's old worn signs. "I can't believe no one saw anything."

Millstream - Taking the Rotary road to Clarkston: Through the Rotary Club of Clarkston, Mary Sloan gets to travel around the world, serving humanity. It also found her a husband and a new hometown. "I met my husband (Jeff Lichty) through Rotary - he was president of the club. He saw me as a new recruit," Sloan said.

Sept. 12

Friends, family, soldiers and students at Everest Academy remembered a local hero: Friday, raising the flag in honor of PFC Joseph A. Miracle, who died fighting in Afghanistan. "It was difficult to bring it all back again," said Judy



Dana and Paige Olsen, 11, try their team-work skills at wood skiing at Clarkston's 175th birthday celebration September at Depot Park.

Miracle, teacher at Everest and

Joseph's mother. "It's like opening a wound, but it brought meaning to the students, which is why I went through it. It was for them to see history in action."

Protecting nature or taking property?: Property owners will have another crack at

speaking their minds about proposed development regulations. The rezoning issue, which prompted about 150 angry people to speak out at a public hearing held by the Springfield Township Planning Commission, is back on the agenda for discussion Mon., Sept. 17. The proposed rezoning drew ire from many who said plans were vague, unnecessary and would ultimately result in lost income and decreased property values.

Suspect questioned in carjacking case: Police questioned a suspect and two other individuals the previous week in connection with a carjacking and strong-arm robbery that left a 52-year-old Independence Township woman injured after she was attacked in Kroger's parking lot Sept. 1. The alleged assault took place about 8:50 a.m. in the south parking lot of the Kroger store at 6625 Dixie Highway, near Maybee Road.

Millstream - A lifetime of service: After 65 years of doing the Lord's work around the globe, how does Brother Bruno Karpinski spend his retirement? "I get up every morning at 5:15 and spend an hour talking with the Lord, (asking) 'what do you want me to do, Lord,'" said Karpinski, 87, a Jesuit at Colombiere Center, off Big Lake Road in Springfield Township. "Then I go to church and receive his body and blood, the sacraments, and that fortifies me to face the day."

September 19
New year brings new ideas for chamber of commerce: Lou Melone just picked up the reins

as president of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, but he already had someone to thank. "I want to thank my wife in advance for all her patient support," Melone said at the chamber's Annual Meeting this past Saturday. Officers, directors, staff, and activity chairpersons have a big year ahead, celebrating the chamber's 20th anniversary.

New chief takes the wheel: After signing a six-month, \$20,000 contract last week, Dale LaCroix arrived in town Monday for his inaugural day as Clarkston's new police chief. LaCroix, who retired as Waterford Police Department's deputy chief in December, said he was eager to get on board and learn what residents like and don't like about Clarkston's police force.



Marcus Barry of Clarkston enjoys some chicken on a stick at the 2007 Taste of Clarkston.

Rezoning resistance: Most of the angry faces looked familiar to Springfield Township planning commissioners as property owners expressed continued displeasure over proposed rezoning at a Sept. 17 meeting. At meeting's end, the commission unanimously passed a five-point motion it hoped

would address all issues.

Millstream - Finding a cause with paws: At Sunday church services three years ago, Carolyn Place of Independence Township noticed something unusual. "Here walks in a woman and a dog," Place said. She had owned dogs all her life, but wasn't in the habit of bringing them to church. Talking with the woman, Chris Wellsandt, Place learned she was a puppy raiser with Paws with a Cause, helping train a

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future assistance dog.

September 26

Demo day - Senior center no longer a problem: Members of the Independence Township Board, Parks and Recreations, Senior Center and the community joined at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 19 to watch the demolition of the old senior center. "This is a great day," said Dave Wagner Independence Township Supervisor. "It's been a long awaited day and it's good to see all the people that are out here."

City council dismayed at Rausch resignation: Claiming he didn't have enough time in his schedule to adequately do the job, Clarkston Councilman Bill Rausch has resigned his seat. Rausch, who was elected in the November, 2006, election with 74 write-in votes, served as the council's police liaison and dedicated much time and energy as a member of the Police Chief Selection Committee.

Police catch Clarkston athletes in marijuana case: Four members of the undefeated Clarkston Wolves watched their football season go up in smoke last week when each was cited for possession and use of marijuana after practice Mon., Sept. 17. A fifth CHS student who does not play football was also involved.

Millstream - Fast Mover: When most 9-year-old girls were playing with Barbie, or dreaming about being ballerinas and princesses when they grow older, Keera Allen was saying "I want to be a race car driver when I grow up." Allen's

interest in racing started while sitting on the sofa with her grandfather on a Sun. afternoon watching NASCAR.

October 3

Tastes good - crowd fills downtown to sample local cuisine: The rain held off long enough to deliver a sunny Sunday for the 2007 Taste of Clarkston. Hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 30 restaurants offered their best entrees, desserts, and drinks throughout downtown Clarkston for thousands of people to sample.

Gazebo fire investigation continues: Fire investigators from Independence Township are conducting an ongoing arson investigation after a fire broke out in downtown Clarkston's Depot Park Saturday, Sept. 22. The blaze, which started on a wood pile stored in an out-of-the-way-area, was discovered just after midnight, about 45 minutes after an officer checked the park.

Millstream - Honor Bound: As an infantryman in combat in Okinawa during World War II, Sidney A. Centilli Jr. dreamed of the future. Among his dreams: raising a family in Clarkston, a small town along M-15 his bus would drive through in 1941 on the way from his home in Detroit to school in Flint. Among his dreams now: collecting and preserving memories and mementos of the war for his children, something he wanted to do since 1945. His book, "Coming of Age During WWII," is set for publication, and he recently donated about 50 pounds of letters and personal items from the war to the Library of Congress.



Motorbikes, sirens, cheers from the crowd - it's a bit too loud for Kylie Schmehl, watching Oakland County Sheriff's deputies demonstrate their skills at Clarkston's Labor Day parade.

October 10

Royalty reigns over Clarkston: Cars filled parking lots and roads all around Clarkston High School Friday night, as students, alumni, family, and friends gathered to watch a Homecoming queen get crowned, and the Wolves gridiron heroes defeat another opponent. The Homecoming Court included: Queen Autumn Touchstone; Homecoming King Sean Goebel; Senior Princesses Ashley Ann Taylor and Amanda Bartonbaker; Senior Princes Alex Orr and Billy Thompson; Junior Maid Mickayla Meola and Escort Doug Zasacky; and Sophomore Maid Taylor Gerber and Escort Andrew Singles.

Council puts brakes on biking in downtown Clarkston: Anyone who rides a bicycle on the sidewalk in Clarkston's downtown business area faces a fine. Clarkston officials rewrote and passed an ordinance requiring folks to walk bicycles on the city's downtown sidewalks, but the issue was back on the agenda and tabled at Monday's meeting as city council members debated over how and when to actually issue citations

Millstream - Downtown Main St. provides inspiration for local artist: When it comes to retirement most people take up a hobby such as golf, bridge, and painting. Oh, and let's not forget moving to Florida. For Springfield Township resident Jean Cavalier, retirement means all of these things and more.

Trimesters on track - team works to bring plan on line on time: Clarkston Community Schools were on track for the trimester switch next year. A Trimester Implementation Team of 12 parents, teachers and administrators drafted a month-by-month plan to switch the high school from two semesters to three trimesters per year.

October 17

Dragon slayers - Wolves claim OAA Red title: The gridiron gang of Clarkston High has officially earned bragging rights, after they defeated arch-rival Lake Orion Dragons 21-19, and earned the OAA Red Division league title with an undefeated 8-0 record.

Pineda to face trial for murder: The man accused of killing off-duty Flint police officer

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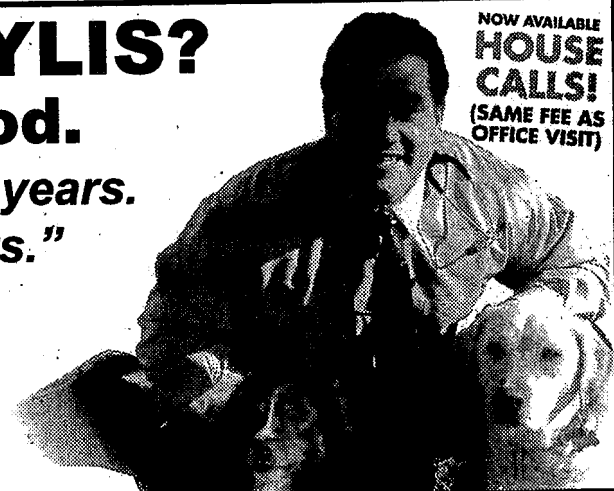
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Seventh year sting

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

After six straight seasons of holding onto the Oakland County trophy, Clarkston grapplers came in third place, losing it to Lake Orion.

Going into the second day of the tournament, Dec. 22, Lake Orion had two advantages going for them. The second part of the tournament was held at their high school for a home advantage against the other 49 teams. Also, they were already in first place after scoring 137.5 points the previous night.

Clarkston followed closely with a 1.5 point difference going into the second day.

By the end of the day long tournament, Lake Orion scored 295.5 to put themselves in first place. Novi's Detroit Catholic Central followed in second place with 288.5 points. Clarkston was next with 255 points earned by the team.

"We did well - we had a shot," said Coach Joe DeGain about their placement.

"We did well getting third place out of 50 teams that participated in the tournament. We were not quite strong enough to

walk away with championship."

Taking first place titles for Clarkston were Matt Dietz (125), Alex Popp (135), and Adam Lauzun (171). This was Lauzun's second year winning a first place title.

Other wrestlers that placed for Clarkston were Bryant Craft (189) in third place, Erik Butterfield (160) in fifth place, and Sloan Hadsall (215) in seventh place.

Clarkston needed more wrestlers to place to balance out the points, said DeGain.

The tournament marked the beginning of a midseason break for the team.

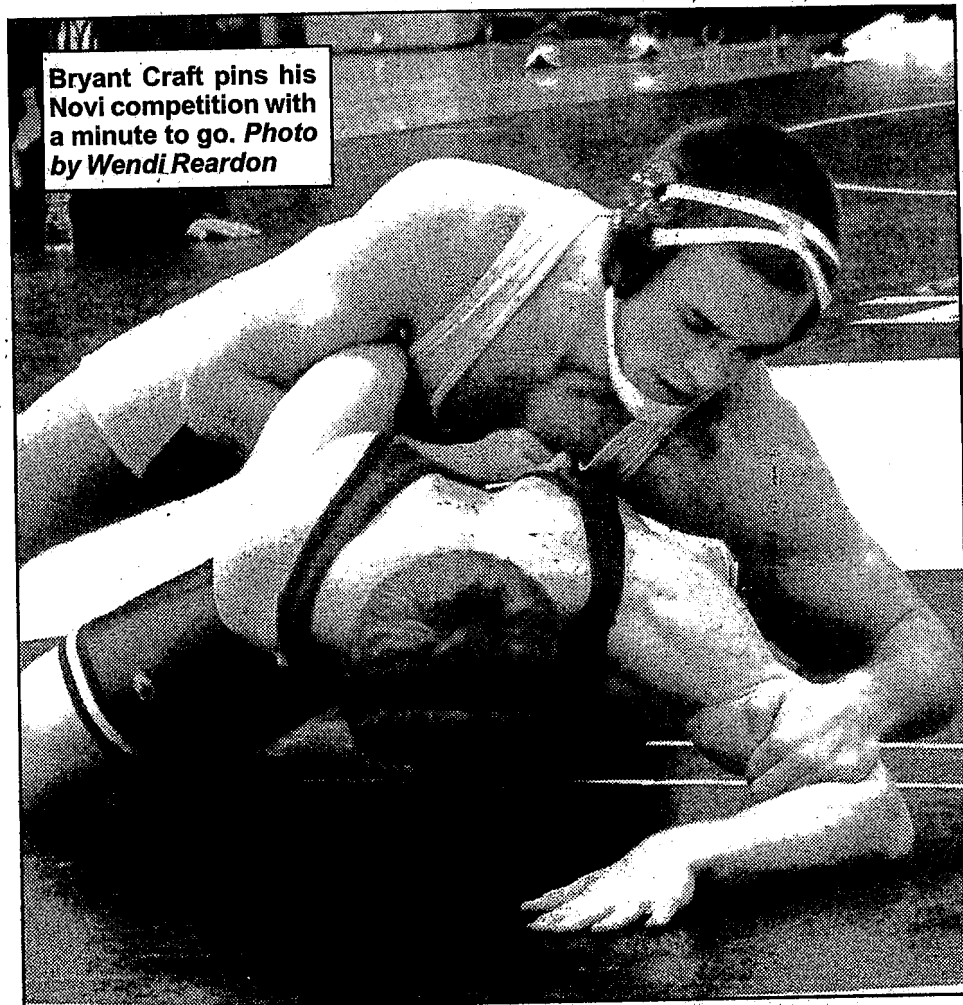
During the break, the Wolves will be able to work on getting ready for the second half of the season with less pressures.

"I think it will be good to have this break," said DeGain. "With the down time, they can grow a little bit."

Also, they will be ready to put on their game faces.

Clarkston grapplers first competition of 2008 will be Wednesday, Jan. 9.

They will travel to Troy High School, 4775 Northfield Parkway, to compete in a double dual against Rochester and Troy. The dual will begin at 5:30 p.m.



Bryant Craft pins his Novi competition with a minute to go. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Athletes of the year

Congratulations to last year's Athletes of the Week, from July to December

July

CSSC U-10 Impact Green Team

CSSC Shadows '94 Team

U-14 Riverdaws

Runner Kristen Smith

August

SuperNOVA U-14

Clarkston Michigan Stars 10-under Team

U-9 Riverdaws

U-10 Riverdaws

U-12 Oakland Sidewinders

September

U-14 Michigan Stars

Runner Dr. Kip Litton

Swimmer Mollie Simpson

BMX Racer Sean Lucas

October

Jade Senior Softball Team

Michigan Stars U-10

Clarkston Junior High Cross Country Team

Volleyball players Katelyn and Jenna Coates

Basketball player Jordan Clark

November

Baseball player Peter Whiting

Hockey player Michael Brach

Soccer Oliver Kupe

CSSC Shadows '98 Team

December

Swimmer Alyssa Vela

Baseball player Jonathan Moehlig

Hockey player David Morin



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Ready for the slopes

BY MARYANNE KENERSON
Special to The Clarkston News

Ask skiers what they want and they will tell you cold and snow – so far this season, the Clarkston High School ski teams have gotten just that.

Pine Knob Ski and Snowboard Resort has been making snow since late November. Along with natural snowfall from the past weeks, conditions have been optimal, said head coach Mike Foyteck.

"This season has had a great start compared to last year," Foyteck said. "The team has had more training days than all of the 2006/07 season combined."

A group of CHS ski team members started preparation early by attending race camps in Colorado during Thanksgiving week.

In December, several athletes again traveled to Colorado for training and races. This, combined with local training, has allowed the teams to build a solid foundation of practice, he said.

Most of the team members participated in race camps over the Christmas holidays, too.

The athletes compete in two disciplines in high school racing – giant slalom and slalom races. They often mean different skis and related equipment, including various types of wax. Fine tuning equipment and perfecting waxing techniques is part of the pre-season preparation.

Foyteck is joined by veteran assistant coach Sara Tarzwell and first year assistant Ryan Parrott,

a former CHS racer.

The girl's team lost one varsity athlete, Trisha Peters, to graduation, but returns a strong, experienced line up led by Hannah Wolfe, 2007 state champion in giant slalom.

Joining Wolfe are Heather Barnon, Maddy Dunn, Erica Halsey, Analicia Honkanen, Kelly Peters, Katie Reis, and Katelyn Schermerhorn.

"I have been coaching a long time, and you don't get to coach a team with this kind of experience very often," said Foyteck "It will be exciting to see if the team can reach the goals that they have set."

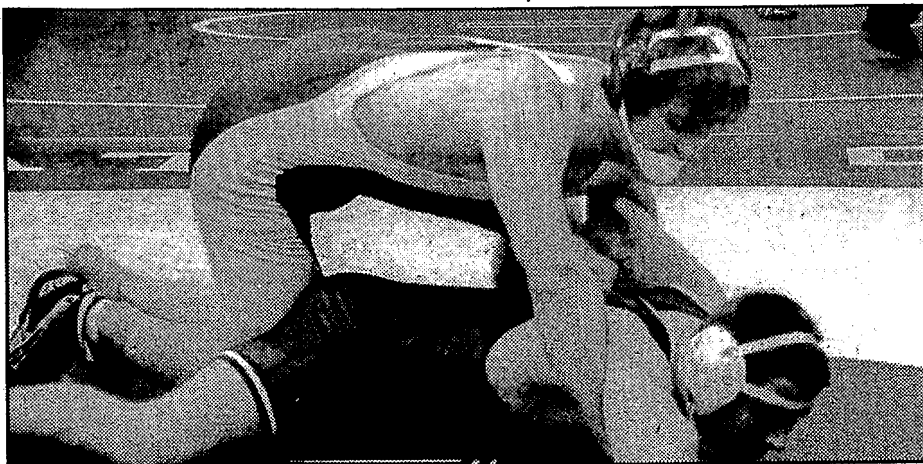
On the boys' side, the team lost several seniors to graduation, including all state skier Eric Weiland.

Chris Bland and Tyler Kenerson are third year starters for the team and will anchor a group of new varsity team members who are training hard to increase skills and racing technique, Foyteck said.

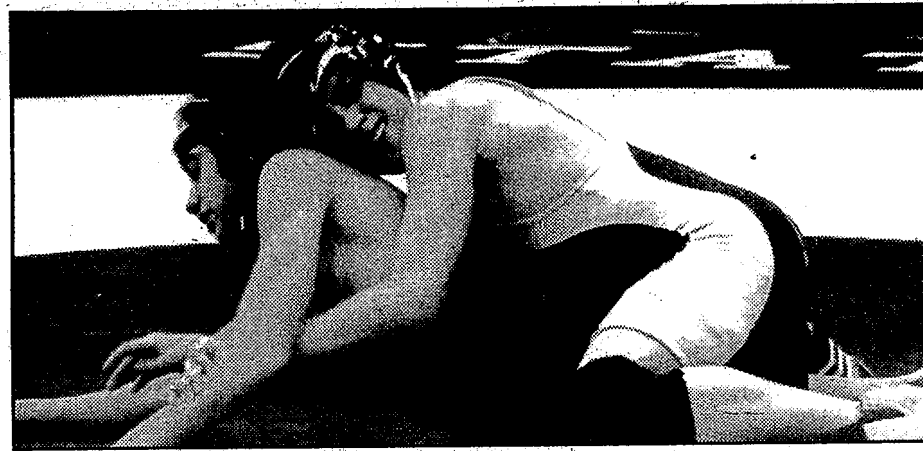
"I have coached Chris and Tyler for their high school years and look forward to seeing them have a great senior season," he said. "The new boys on the team have great potential but we have some work to do."

The Lady Wolves will be led by captains Hannah Wolfe, Erica Halsey and Katelyn Schermerhorn. The boys' captains are Chris Bland and Tyler Kenerson.

The teams' first meet of the season is Jan. 9 at Pine Knob. The meet begins at 4:15 p.m.



Sloan Hadsal (top photo) and Jeff Sloney (bottom photo) get a hold of their competition at the Oakland County Tournament. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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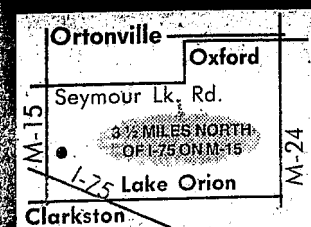
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Clarkston News Sports Writer

Before going on holiday break, Clarkston Cagers won a tight game against North Farmington, 73-56.

"It was a good game for us," said Coach Dan Fife. "Highly competitive."

The score stayed close throughout the first half, with North Farmington trailing by only a few points at most. By half-time, the score was tied 28-28.

The Wolves came back from intermission with a fighting spirit and added 21 points to their side of the scoreboard. North Farmington was only able to get eight points in the third quarter.

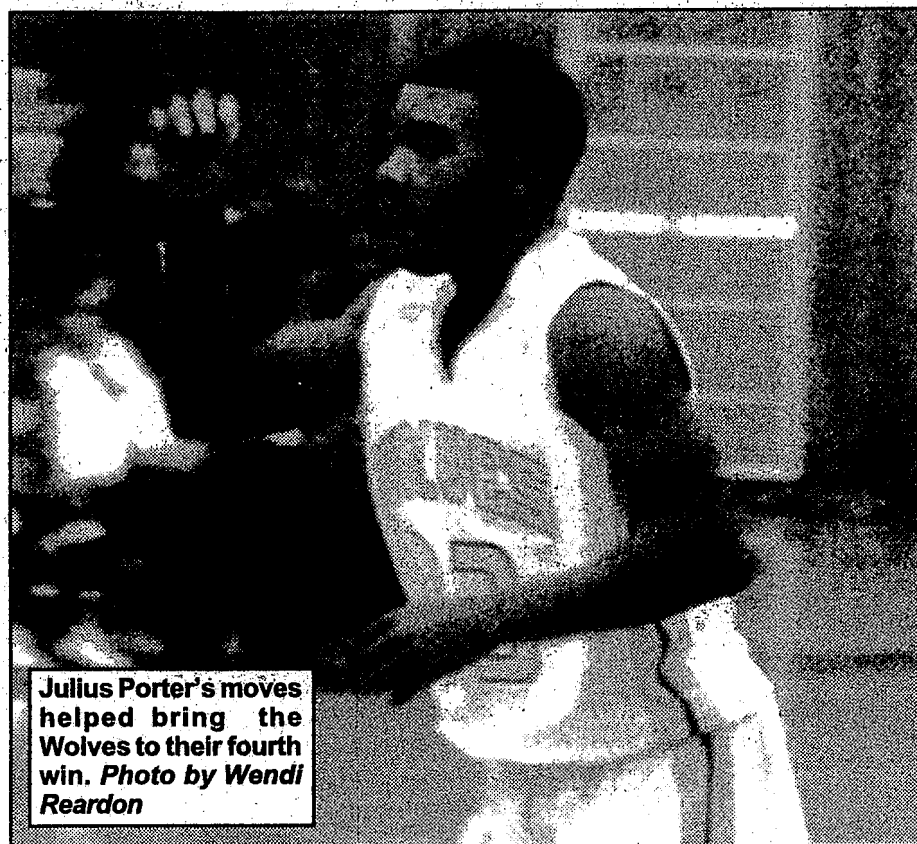
Clarkston kept up the momentum into the last quarter of the game, adding 25 more points.

North Farmington tried to keep up by scoring 20 points, but it was too late, and the Wolves won 73-56.

"It was a good game. We were taller than them and matched their intensity," said Fife.

The Wolves' height was an advantage as they wore North Farmington down, said Fife.

High scorers for the Wolves were Brandon Pokley with 22 points and Julius Porter with 20. Pokley and Porter played well,



Julius Porter's moves helped bring the Wolves to their fourth win. Photo by Wendi Reardon

scored, and pressed their opposition the entire time, said Fife.

"Julius had a good scoring game and good floor game."

North Farmington's high scorers were Kyle Vinales with 21 points and Taylor Gray with 20.

The players have spent most of their holiday break practicing.

"Work on things we need to work on," said Fife.

After the break, the Wolves will come back to a busy basketball season. Their first game back will be Friday, Jan. 4, as they host Lake Orion High School. The JV team will begin at 5:30 p.m., with Varsity following.

"Lake Orion is an outstanding team," said Fife. "It will be good for us."

Clarkston loses longtime leader

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and Paramus roads, even in the middle of the night, Chambers said.

"Tink and his brother would get out there in knee deep water, in the 20s, at two or three at night and pump the street clear," Chambers said.

The Ronk family has been key community leaders for decades. His mother, the late Elizabeth Ronk, was Clarkston's postmaster, and worked with the post office for 37 years. His son Steve Ronk followed in his father's footsteps as an Independence Township firefighter since 1976 and has served as fire chief since 2000.

"He was as good as they get in this community," Rosso said. "We have a core of legends that come out of this community; he was right near the top. He ranks right near the very top few, that's how notable he was to our community."

"He's what made Clarkston, Clarkston," Fife said. "Clarkston lost a true friend."

Frank Ronk was the husband of Mary, father of Kathryn Vachon, Steve (Anne) Ronk, and Rob (Melissa) Ronk, grandpa of Andrea, Rob, Tommy, Drew, Emma, and Maryn, and brother of John.

Memorial service was Dec. 28 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Inurnment, Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Independence Twp. Fireman's Fund or a charity of your own choice. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Trevor Keiser and Wendi Reardon contributed to this report.

More wins before Holiday break

Lady Cagers won their game against Waterford Kettering, 43-36, on Dec. 20.

Jennifer Johnston led the way by scoring 20 points for the game. Three of her throws were three points each. Kaleigh Kenny was second with the most points. She scored eight points and had seven rebounds.

The win brought their overall record 4-2,

and their OAA Division 1 record 2-2.

The ladies will be back from break with two away games.

The first game will be Wednesday, Jan. 2 at Pontiac Central, 300 West Huron Street.

The second game will be Friday, Jan. 4 at Rochester, 180 South Livernois Road in Rochester Hills.

For both games, the JV team will begin at


5:30 p.m. and the Varsity team will follow at 7 p.m.

Seawolves from the boys swim team beat Troy-Athens, 116-68, on Thursday, Dec. 20.

The team will be back Tuesday, Jan. 8 as they travel to Royal Oaki's Natatorium, 709 North Washington Avenue. The meet begins at 6:30 p.m.

Don Rush

Hey relax! Don Rush is a product of Clarkston schooling. He's just an average Joe, trying to make an honest buck and keep folks thinking. Read his award-winning column **Don't Rush Me** each week in *The Clarkston News*.



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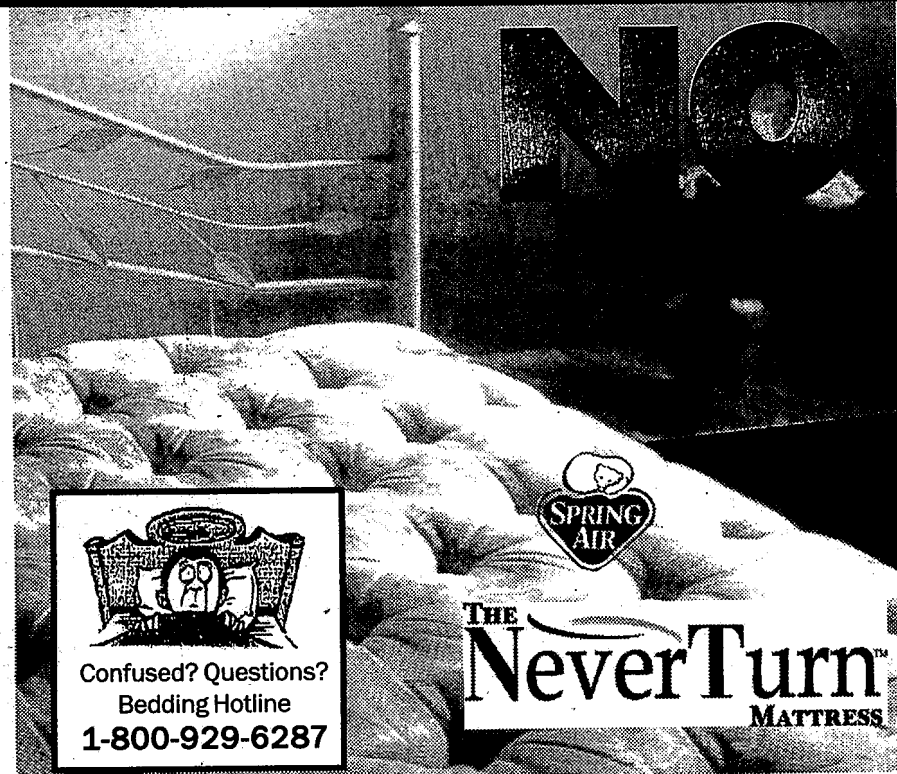
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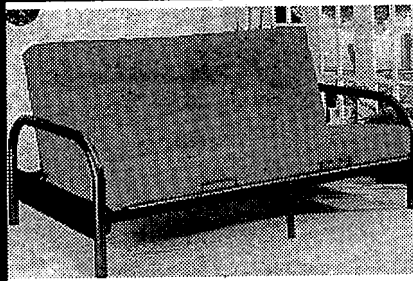
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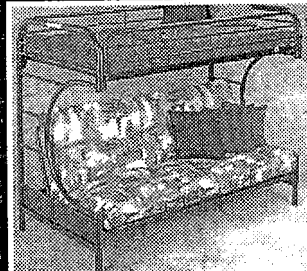


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Kids created colorful crafts to take home.



These fifth graders were adding the final touches to a fun project.



Kindergarteners played pin the nose on the snowman.

Havin' a party

Clarkston Elementary students enjoyed silly games, cool crafts and tasty treats Friday, Dec. 21 before school let out for the Christmas break. Classes resume Jan. 7.

*Photos by
Laura Colvin*



What's a party without treats?



How many balloons can you stuff into a Santa suit?



Chocolate syrup makes it even better.



Getting crafty!

People Poll

January 2, 2008

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Favorite Christmas present?



"My all time favorite is my G.E. tape recorder."
- Mike Anderson



"Nintendo DS."
- Olga Shmelyova



"A journal that my mom got me."
- Jessica Kuchbauer



"A little bird house with bird seed all over it, and friends all around."
- Elma Tallenger

By Trevor Keiser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Smiles of the year

Millstream's second half of 2007 featured lawmen, authors, artists, readers, and other hard-working members of the community.

Check out our Millstream features on those you know at ClarkstonNews.com - enter the person's name in the "Site Search" field, or check out them all by hitting the "archives" button.



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Yoga Classes, Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27. 18 and older. \$70/residents, \$75/non-residents. \$12/walkin. Springfield Township Civic Center, upper level Conference Room, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-634-0412.

Lego Robotics, 6-7 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 10-March 6. Grades 4-8. Levels 1 and 2. \$40/residents, \$45/non-residents. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

Catapults /Trebuchet, 7:15-8:15 p.m., Thursdays, Jan. 10-March 6. History, science, construction of tabletop Storm the Castle launcher. Grades 4-8. \$40/residents, \$45/non-residents. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

Animal Track T-shirts, learn about winter animal tracks, stamp prints on shirts, 1 p.m., Jan. 12. \$2/child. Nature Center, Indian Springs Metropark. 248-625-7280.

Lab-tabulous Science Experiments for Kids, 1 p.m., Jan. 12. Environmental Discovery Center, Indian

Springs Metropark. \$2/child. 248-625-7280.

Grace Under Pressure, self-confidence, coordination, self-discipline, self-defense. 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 15-March 25. 5 years and up. \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

Sanchin Ryu Karate: K-8th grade, 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 15-March 25, \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. Adult and family, 5 years and up, 7-9 p.m., Jan. 15-March 25, \$45/resident, \$90/family; \$50/non-residents, \$95/family. Hart Community Center, Davisburg. 248-634-0412.

Annual Fish Dinner, 5 p.m., Jan. 19, Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway. \$9/adults, \$5/children ages 5-12, \$1/children 4 and under. Proceeds benefit local charities. 248-634-3373.

Infant, Child & Adult CPR, 6-9 p.m., Jan. 24. 10 and older. \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. Springfield Township Civic Center, upper level Conference Room, 12000 Davisburg Rd. 248-634-0412.

Beneath the Ice, examine organisms living under a frozen pond, 1 p.m., Jan. 26, Environmental Discovery, Indian Springs Metropark. \$1.50/child. 248-625-7280.

Night Sky Navigation, 1 p.m., Jan. 27. \$3/child. CUBEX Planetarium, Nature Center, Indian Springs Metropark. 248-625-7280.

Adventures of Babysitting workshop, 7-8:45 p.m., Jan. 31, Springfield Township Civic Center, upper level Conference Room, 12000 Davisburg Rd. Care of infants/children; growth and development; emergencies; safety precautions. Bring an infant-size doll and blanket. 8-14 years. \$22/residents, \$27/non-residents. 248-634-0412.

Fund-raiser dinner, benefits Clarkston Area Lions Club's local activities for visually and hearing impaired, 4-8 p.m., Feb. 5, Pete's Coney Island II, 6160 Dixie Highway.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 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.

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

De-Stress Gentle Yoga, 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 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 Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All levels welcome. Tea and coffee served. 248-625-2212.

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

LBN - Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. Call Stacy Meagher, 248-241-6000.

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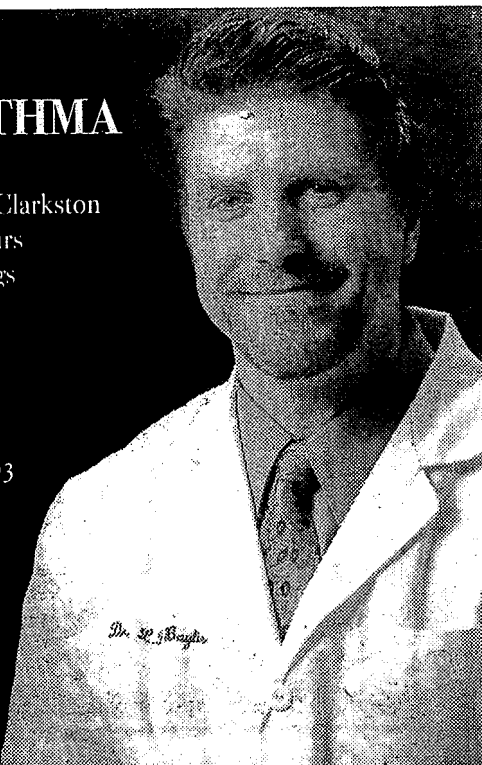
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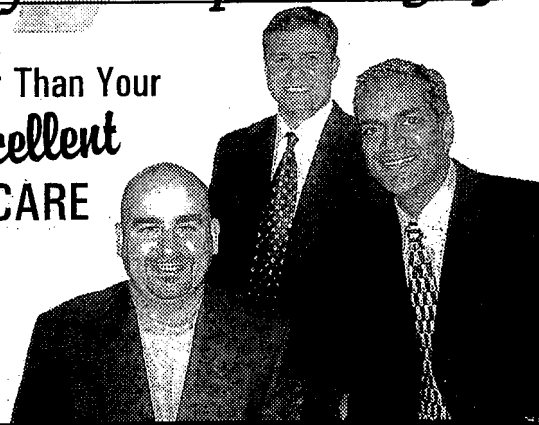
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Religion

This New Year's, forget the experts

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— H. M. Warner, Warner Bros. Pictures, c. 1927

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— Grover Cleveland, 1905

There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom.

— Robert Millikan, Nobel prize winner in physics, 1923

Heavier than air flying machines are impossible.

— Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society, c. 1895

Ruth [Babe Ruth] made a big mistake when he gave up pitching.

— Tris Speaker, 1927

The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty.

— The Michigan banker who advised Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the new motor car company

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— Gary Cooper

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Don't listen to the experts this New Year! Listen to God! And go for it!

Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

In our churches...

Conscious Transformation Advent celebration, with traditional Phoenix Fire Burning Bowl Ceremony, by the Rev. Matthew Long, 9 a.m., Dec. 30. Special music by Emily Driscoll. Peace Unity, meeting at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

World Healing Meditation, honoring all spiritual paths, peoples and elements, 7 a.m., Dec. 31, Peace Unity center, meets at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. Join people all over the world in a prayer for peace and a restorative balance for our planet. 248-891-4365.

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

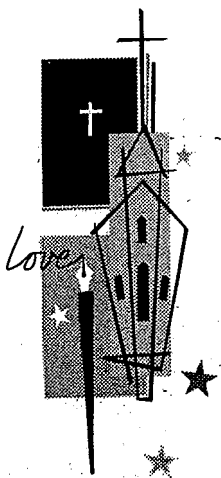
Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

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

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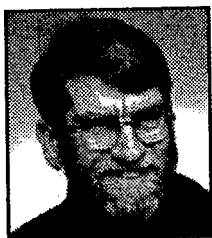
Obituary

Gilbert R. 'Gil' Decker

Gilbert R. "Gil" Decker of Clarkston passed away Dec. 18 at the age of 61.

He was the loving husband of Marty for 37 years; father of Gilbert R. (Paula) Decker Jr. and Jeffrey (Christina) Decker; and grandpa of Joshua, Megan, Brandon, and Jeremy.

Mr. Decker retired as a Pipefitter from



GMC Truck and Bus in Pontiac.

Funeral Service was Dec. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Jessie Hipsher

Jessie Hipsher of Ortonville passed away Dec. 19 at the age of 82.

She was predeceased by Joe Hipsher. She was the mother of Herbert (Shirley), Raymond (Debbie), and Robert (Lisa); grandmother of Christina (Brent) Congo, Logan, and Samantha Hipsher; and great grandmother of Claire and Hannah Congo. Funeral Service was Dec. 22 at Lewis E.



Wint & Son Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Marie LaPointe

Ruth Marie LaPointe of Davisburg passed away Dec. 24 at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leo. She was the mother of Peggy (Donald) Lumm and Robert LaPointe all of Davisburg; grandma of Ann Austin, Edward (Ronnie) Lumm, and John (Pam) Lumm; great grandma of Carol, Brandy, Chelsea, Devon, Leo, Alexandra, Alexis, and Riley; great great grandma of Seith and Jimmy John.

Mrs. LaPointe was an active member at

St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Waterford, having served in the Alter Guild and with the Tuesday Prayer Group. She retired from A & P, Waterford.

Visitation was Dec. 26-27 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Dec. 28 at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Waterford. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac.

Memorials may be made to St. Andrew Episcopal Church or O.A.T.S. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary E. Mills

Mary E. Mills of Pontiac, formerly of Eastpointe, passed away Dec. 21 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles. She was the mother of Charles R. (Judy) Mills of Clarkston; grandma of Susan (Mark) Evans, Cindy (Gary) Dibble, and Laura Mills-Townsend; also survived by 6 great grandchildren. Funeral service was Dec. 23 at the Lewis E.

Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private interment Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice or American Heart Association.

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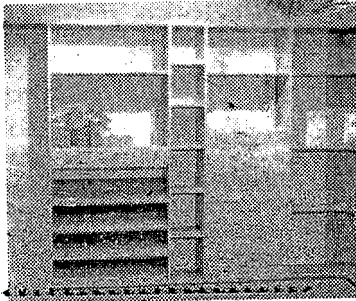
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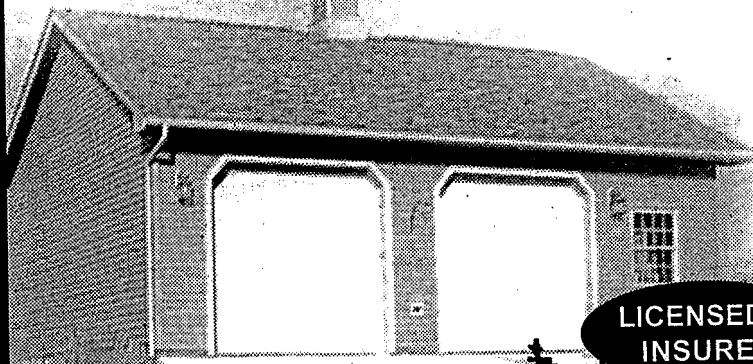
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Garry L. Prestriedge

Garry L. Prestriedge of Oxford passed away Dec. 20 at the age of 58.

He was the husband of Pamela; father of Jacqueline (Rex) Agar; stepfather of Laurie Lord; Grandpa "Poppy" of Sarah, Jacob and Devon; brother of Sharon (Demcie) Griffith; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Prestriedge was employed at U.S.F. Holland, Wixom, and was a Union Member

of Teamsters, Local 299.

Funeral Service Sunday, Dec. 23, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Saturday 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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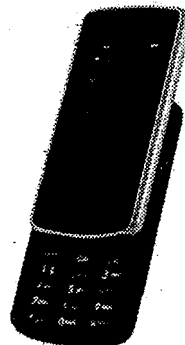
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Wednesday Evening Feast - Food for Body and Soul, 6:10 p.m., praise and worship at 7 p.m., classes for all ages from 7:15-8:30 pm. Nursery provided. Through Nov. 14. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

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.

Living Well and Dying Well - It's Not Just About Me!, learn about end of life matters such as advance directives, organ donation, supportive care, and funeral planning, 6:10-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays in January. Calvary Lutheran Church, SW corner of I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

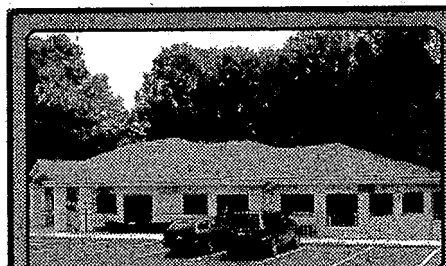
St. Daniel Catholic Church holds **Rainbows meetings** on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Cushing Center. Rainbows is an outreach program for children and adults dealing with change in their lives due to death, divorce or other significant loss. St. Daniel Catholic Church is located at 7010 Valley Park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

Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:15 a.m., Fridays, Jan. 11-March 14. Studying Beth Moore, "Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith." Calvary Lutheran Church, SW corner of I-75 and M-15. 248-625-3288.

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Vincent D'Anna was bound over Monday for Circuit Court trial after two days of testimony—including graphic and emotional eyewitness accounts of the accident scene. Ramon Felix Pineda, 25, an illegal Mexican immigrant, is charged with second-degree murder in the death of D'Anna, 26.

Millstream - Historic barns give glimpse into past: Paul Rumph of Independence Township has lived on the same farm for the past 30 years. "I like anything that has stood the test of time. Anything old that has lasted decades and decades, especially in the throw away world that we live in now," Rumph said. He was asked to be a part of this year's Barn Tour, set for Oct. 21, hosted by the Clarkston Community Historical Society. Rumph was told his barn dates back anywhere between 150 to 160 years old.

October 24
A friend indeed: Children dressed in all manner of costume converged on Clintonwood Park Saturday for some pre-Halloween trick-or-treating fun. Kids went from station to station, collecting candy and other treats. The annual event was hosted by Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

Millstream - 'Voice of the Wolves': Every once in a while, Dale Ryan connects with someone who finds him very familiar, yet can't quite place the face. But it usually doesn't take the person long to realize it's not Ryan's appearance they identify with. It's his voice. Every Friday night each fall, Ryan and his crew climb into the press box overlooking Clarkston High School's football field at Clarkston and get ready to keep several thousand fans informed and updated about every aspect of the game taking place on the lighted turf below.

Student's life brightened two school communities: John Joseph Lafata lived and learned in Ortonville, but made a big impact on Clarkston High School. Lafata, who died Oct. 15 at the age of 16, was in his second year with OSMTech at the high school.

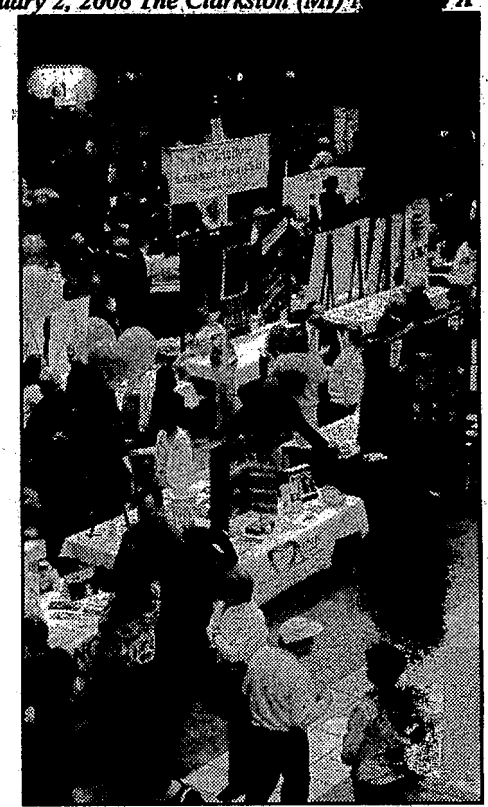
October 31
City Council votes are in: Incumbent Jim Brueck came out on top Clarkston's uncontested City Council election, with 118 votes. Cory Johnston, also an incumbent councilman, pulled in 97 votes, while newcomer Peggy Roth received 94. Dan Colombo, who served 10 years on the council, announced in September he would not seek reelection.

Clarkston approaches end of an era: Clarkston has never known another city manager besides Art Pappas, but next year, it may have to. Pappas submitted a letter to Clarkston City Council requesting a search begin for a new city manager.

November 7
On the road to RECOVERY: Every year, police make thousands of drunk driving arrests on Oakland County roadways. But rather than send many of these men and women off to pay penance inside the walls of Oakland County Jail, Clarkston's 52-2 District Court is taking part in a growing nationwide trend. In a two-part series, The Clarkston News took an inside look at Sobriety Court and the remarkable life changes made by two local men.

State budget blues? Grassroots group works on reforms: Representing a grassroots state reform effort, Henry Woloson of Independence Township advocated extending the sales tax to campaign advertising and downsizing the state legislature to part time.

Millstream - serving society: Elizabeth Anne Hawthorne began competing in



Lots of folks checked out Clarkston-area businesses at the Chamber of Commerce Expo.

beauty pageants at age 12. Little did she know four years later, she would be crowned Miss Michigan Teen USA 2008. Hawthorne competed against 64 other girls from around the state. She said her main goal for the competition was just to have fun and to enjoy meeting all the other girls.

November 21
Man runs errands after holding up bank: The man accused of robbing an Independence Township bank Nov. 9 picked up his dry cleaning, got a haircut and stopped for a sandwich after demanding \$5,000 from a teller at TCF bank on Dixie Highway.

Millstream - Sticking to the basics: When Don Herbert, Independence Township firefighter, heard from a buddy that an airliner crashed into the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001, he thought it was an accident. When he got home, he told his wife to turn on Fox News. After talking about it, she understood he wanted to enlist in the U.S. Army, but he knew it was not the right time because of financial commitments. The two had been married less than a year.

November 28
Heartfelt thanks - SCAMP says 'thank you!': 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.

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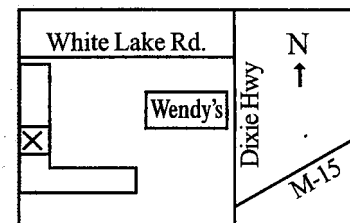
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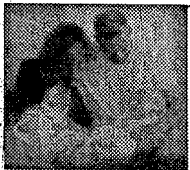
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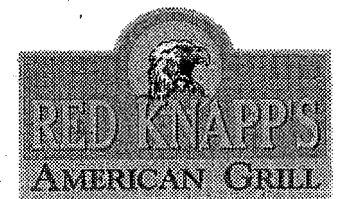


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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield's Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI will be open on Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Absentee Ballot Applications and issuing Absentee Ballots for the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary Election.

For additional information, contact the Clerk's Office at (248) 846-6510.

Nancy Strole, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Published: 1/2/08 & 1/9/08

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The Charter Township of Independence announces a Public Accuracy testing of the computer program for the Election on January 15, 2008.

The testing will be held on January 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Independence Township Supervisor's Office, Conference Room, 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, MI.

Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk
Published: 1/2/08 Charter Township of Independence

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Mrs. VanderVeen called the December 18, 2007, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Kelly, Wagner, Wenger,

Rosso, Dunn, Travis

Absent: None

There was a quorum

- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Public Forum
- Approved the Agenda, as amended.
- Approved the Consent Agenda
 - Approval of Regular Minutes of December 4, 2007
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - Approval of 2008 Township Board Meeting Schedule
 - Approval of 2008 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule:
- Approval of 2008 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Schedule:
- Discussion regarding part-time Legislature
- Approved motion to authorize DPW Director to negotiate the terms of the acquisition of the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery with the Board of Trustees for the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery Association, Inc.
- Approved motion to approve 2008 Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right of Way - MDOT.
- Approved motion to support Plan for Formula SAE at Waterford Hills Road Racing
- Approved motion to Table Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreements
- Update on CIA
- Approved motion to untable Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreements
- Approved motion to approve the interlocal agreement allowing Independence Fire Department to become a participating member of Oakland County Mutual Aid Association
- Approved motion to approve resolution approving the Charter Township of Independence as a member of the State of Michigan MEMAC (Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact).
- Approved motion to approve Resolution to Amend Fee Schedule
- Approved motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 12/26/07

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test on the M-100 Voting Equipment to be used for the Presidential Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 will be conducted on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.; Michigan time at the Springfield Township Civic Center, Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Oakland County, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

NANCY STROLE, CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
Published: 1/2/08

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF ELECTION - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

JANUARY 15, 2008

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

To all Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN

FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

- Precincts 1 and 3 - Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive
Precincts 2 and 6 - North Sashabaw Elementary, 5290 Maybee Road
Precinct 4 - Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell at Maybee Road
Precincts 5 and 14 - Pine Knob Elementary, 6020 Sashabaw Road
Precinct 7 - Independence Elementary, 6850 Hubbard Road
Precincts 8 and 9 - Clarkston Elementary, 6595 Waldon Road
Precinct 10 - Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road
Precinct 11 - First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road
Precincts 12 and 15 - Bailey Lake Elementary, 8051 Pine Knob Road
Precinct 13 - Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Road

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Mike Huckabee
Duncan Hunter
John McCain
Ron Paul
Mitt Romney
Tom Tancredo
Fred Thompson
Uncommitted

Democratic Candidates

Hillary Clinton
Chris Dodd
Mike Gravel
Dennis Kucinich
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Absentee Ballots may be requested from:
Independence Township Clerk's Office

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(248) 625-5111 x 233

VOTING ACCESSIBILITY:

In compliance with the voting accessibility requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), all polling places are handicapped accessible and will include an AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal, which allows voters with disabilities to vote without the assistance of another. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions will also be available. Voters should feel free to contact Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk, at (248) 625-5111, ext. 203, for more information.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

2008

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD MEETING DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the duly-established boards and commissions of the government of the Charter Township of Springfield have established meeting schedules and locations for calendar/fiscal year 2008 as follows:

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Springfield Township Board will hold its regular meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 10	July 10
February 14	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 10	October 9
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 11

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will hold its regular meetings, if required, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 as follows:

Business meetings: 3 rd Monday	July 21
January 21	August 18
February 18	September 15
March 17	October 20
April 17	November 17
May 19	December 15
June 16	

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its regular meetings, if required, on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except as noted below, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 17	July 16 (3 rd Wed.)
February 21	August 20 (3 rd Wed.)
March 20	September 18
April 17	October 16
May 21 (3 rd Wed.)	November 20
June 18 (3 rd Wed.)	December 18

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except as noted below, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 8	July 15 (3 rd Tues.)
February 12	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 14
May 13	November 4 (1 st Tues.)
June 10	December 9

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board will hold its regular meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Library (in the Quiet Study Room) CIVIC CENTER, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350:

January 15	July 15
February 19	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December 16

Questions regarding the above published meeting schedules and locations may be directed to the Office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

Nancy Strole, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Year

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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.

Millstream - A writer for readers of all ages: Clarkston resident Bryan Chick has been busy with his first book, visiting local schools, and writing a followup.

Racer Rob turns hobby into high-speed career: 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.

December 5

A holly jolly Christmas: Big trees, small trees, fat trees and thin trees, every one who arrived at Rattalee Lake Tree Farm seemed to find just the tree they were hoping for Saturday. The farm, located on Rattalee Lake Road about a mile west of M-15, offers Fraser Firs, Blue Spruce and Scotch Pines, plus free shaking, baling, drilling and roping.

Making spirits bright: The Clarkston News collected nonperishable food items, paper products and toiletries, which we distributed among several local organizations who work hard to help others.

Millstream - books bring girls together with moms: A group of giggling 10-year-old girls gather every month, sitting in a tight circle on the floor to talk about...books. Their moms aren't far. They're gathered nearby to talk about books, too.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Date and Time: January 2, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Independence Township Library
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Forum - *Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda, limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.*
- Consent Agenda:
 - Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2007
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
 - Resolution Establishing Guidelines for Granting Poverty Exemptions from Property Taxes
 - Resolution Authorizing Deferment of Special Assessment Payments

Unfinished Business

- Backup Generator Replacement/Upgrade
- New Business

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

250 CARS

1999 SATURN SL2, 4 door, navy. Good transportation. Grandma's not driving anymore. \$2,250. obo. 248-693-4642. I1LZ312
 2004 CHRYSLER Sebring Sedan, gray, 4 cylinder, automatic transmission, air, low mileage, all power, airbags, remote trunk, stereo cassette am/fm CD, reclining seats, 23 mpg. \$9700. 248-693-8292. I1LZ4812
 2002 HYUNDAI SANTA Fe, 4WD, GLS, good condition, V6, automatic, 102,000 miles, \$8000. 248-693-0187. I1LZ24

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260 VANS

2000 CHEVY VENTURE, seats 7. Loaded, towing package. Good condition. \$5,500. 248-391-1048. I1LZ528
 2002 DODGE RAM 1500 Conversion van, TV, bed, 70,000 miles, \$9995. 810-814-4003. I1RZ4712
 2003 HONDA ODYSSEY EXL, 102,000 miles, leather, runs great, \$10,900. 248-625-4624. I1C252
 2001 HONDA ODYSSEY mini van, 7 passenger. 119,000 miles, A/C, CD, moonroof, power windows & locks, gray, fold away back seat, newer tires, good condition, \$8100. 248-860-7226 or 248-620-0209. I1CZ1712
 1997 DODGE CARAVAN. \$2499 obo. Red with gray cloth interior, 102,000 miles, 248-969-0192. I1LZ24

270 TRUCKS

1998 JEEP GRAND Cherokee TSi, V8, loaded, leather, Infinity sound system, excellent condition, looks & runs great, ready for winter, \$5800 obo, 248-330-4615. I1LZ5212
 1990 F150 4x4, 6 cylinder, 5 speed, 84,000 miles, needs brake work, \$1000 obo. 248-310-8936. I1LZ212
 2006 SUPERDUTY 4x4 crew cab XLT, 6.0L, V-8 diesel. Low miles, loaded, clean, 1 owner. Cap, privacy glass, sliding rear window, polished tubular cab steps, warranty, \$31,000 negotiable. 48-318-8577. I1LZ24
 1992 CHEVROLET S10 Blazer, 4x4, 4 door, 4.3 V6 automatic, loaded, new brakes, runs & drives great, excellent transportation, \$1250. 248-620-4620. I1LZ14
 2004 SATURN VUE- loaded, power windows & locks, remote start, heated seats, leather, tilt, running boards, grille guard, rain guards, excellent condition, \$9550. 248-625-2122 or 248-981-6799. I1LZ528

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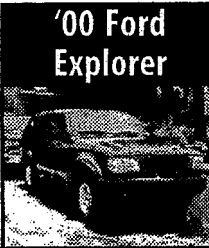
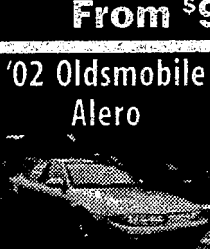
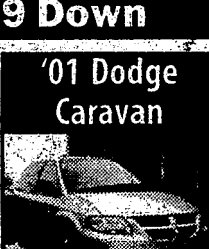
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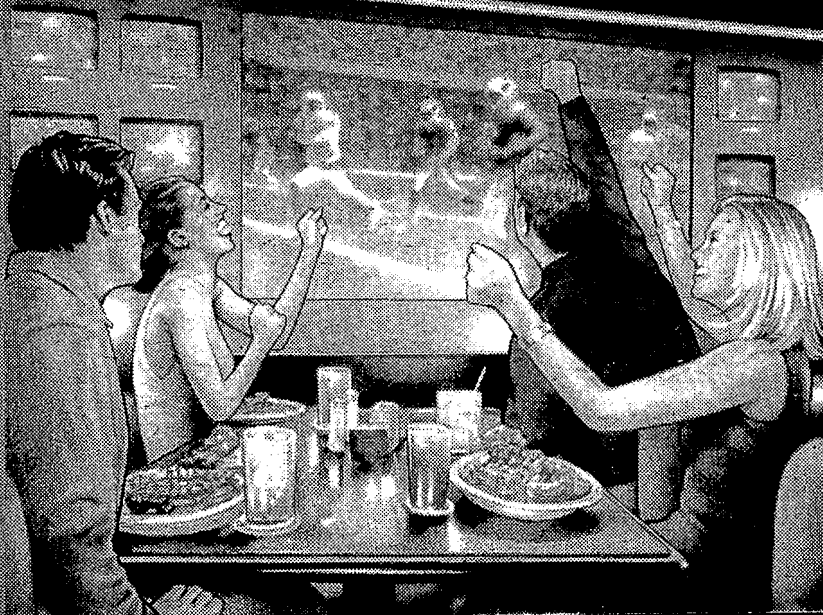
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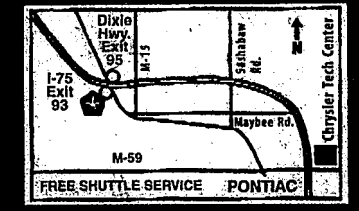
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