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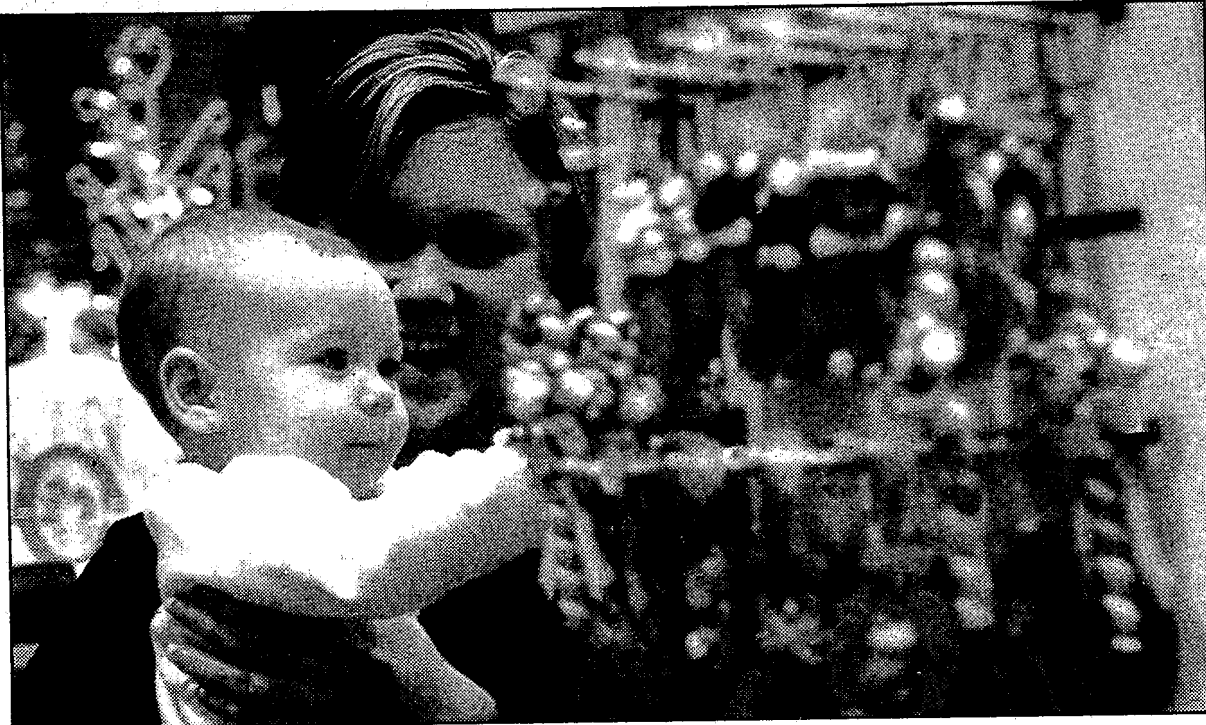
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## A Christmas first

Eagerly anticipating her first Christmas, 9-month-old Tori Russell delights in some pretty ornaments at the Clarkston High School Craft Show while her mom, Sarah Hammond, looks on. Please see page 24A for more pictures from the Dec. 6 show. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Mural meltdown at city meeting

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With 93 petition signatures in hand, about 20 residents filled city hall Monday night to complain about the ongoing mural project on 5 S. Main St., home of *The Clarkston News*.

"We have discussed this with many people in the area," said Clarkston resident Charlotte Cooper. "It is suggested that the mural should be painted over in a solid color before the 2009 Memorial Day Parade when many visitors come to the Village."

Marilyn Moir said she was "happy and pleased" by the original sketch of the wall, presented by artist Michelle Tynan in 2006, however her feelings have changed since then.

"I can only speak for myself and my husband because we do live where we do I have full view of that from every window in my house and from being outdoors I can't get away from it," she said.

Carol Walter said she attended because she feels she still "represents that building."

"That is the Walter building," she said. "My name is Walter and in the village I am the sixth generation."

She recalled when she was young and someone would paint alongside the building, her dad would have her and her siblings out there "within a day" repainting the wall back to its original gray color.

"I agree gray may not be the most appealing, but dark stormy clouds, carousel horses, fire, ghoulish moss or whatever it is coming over. It is an embarrassment to me and my family I speak for them, we have sent them pictures," said Walter. "I feel that Mr. Sherman bought that building in good intent, but I believe he has a liability and a stewardship that it speaks to the entire village and welcomes those who are traveling in to see this beautiful village that we've all talked about so much and read about."

But resident Don Freer cautioned the group about how they go about correcting the situation.

"I would hate to see *Clarkston News* close, hate to see them relocate, hate to see a vacant building sitting on Main Street that affects our taxable base," said Freer. "I also want action taken, but how we do it, who does it, I think, is extremely important so we don't create the kind of situation I'm

Please see Mural on page 4A

## Dough from cookie sale to help kids

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A baking sheet of sugar-cookie dough balanced on a tub of sprinkles, some freshly rolled-out dough on the counter, dozens of cookies cooling on racks, while a double-boiler filled with melted chocolate bubbles on the stovetop.

It's Christmas season at the Sutherland house.

"This is when it gets tricky, but we manage," said Emily Sutherland, sharing scarce counter and oven space with her daughter, Jennifer Sutherland, at their Independence Township home. "We always say, someday we'd like to have a nice, big kitchen."

Baking cookies, chocolates, and other treats for family, friends, and neighbors has been a family tradition for years. The oldest of eight children, she learned to bake when she was young and was in charge of making cookies.

"I've always liked to bake," Emily said. "I carried on the tradition with my girls."

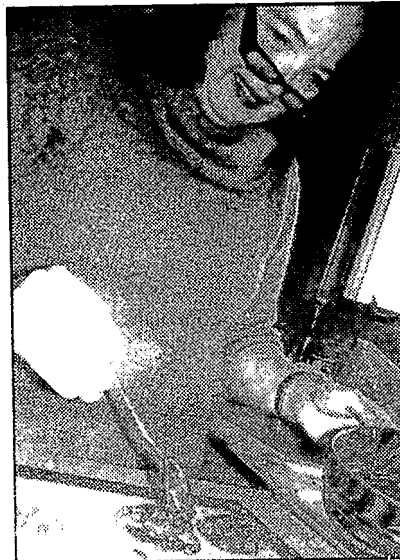
Since last year, the tradition has taken on new meaning.

"Last year, we turned it into a charity event," Emily said. "We began a new tradition - baking cookies and making chocolates and hard rock stained glass candy to benefit the work of ESTHERS Children."

She founded ESTHERS in 2006, after a mission trip to Brazil during which she helped homeless children.

"The children are living in the street, young moms with babies," Emily said.

"I couldn't get it out of my mind. God put it in my heart to do something to help those girls."



Emily Sutherland makes caramel turtles.

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The group started by sponsoring four girls in Brazil. They now help 11 girls.

Our goal is to help them graduate from high school," Emily said. "That's the key to the future."

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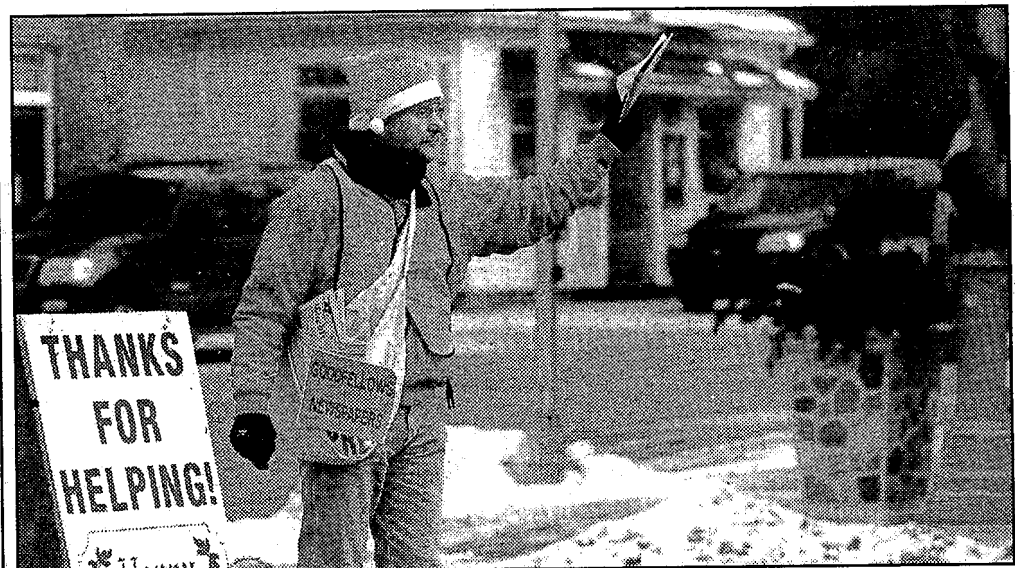
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Kirt Stalker, a long-time Clarkston area resident, showed his jolly holiday spirit while volunteering with the Clarkston Rotary's 58th annual paper sale, Friday and Saturday. *Photo by Laura Colvin*

## A good fellow

Dozens of Clarkston Rotary Club Goodfellows bundled up and braved cold temperatures and heavy traffic on street corners across the area to help out all weekend.

Collections were down, possibly due to the economy and weather, but the number of those

in need is expected to rise to more than 500, from about 450 last year, said Rotarian Mindy DeLong.

The fundraiser benefits the club's Shoes for Kids program. To help, contact any Rotarian or send donations to Clarkston Rotary Club, P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, Mich., 48343.

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## Briefly . . . Holiday Lights Parade Dec. 13

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosts Holiday Lights Parade, music starting at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13.

The Ice and Lights parade begins at 6 p.m. at the Clarkston Community Education building on Waldon Road.

Following the parade is Holiday Lights Night at Depot Park, including tree lighting, carolers, hot dogs, cocoa, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Clans.

## Tax exemption deadline Dec. 31

Home owners interested in renewing a state tax exemption have until Dec. 31 to file.

"Residents who move into a new home can get a tax break," said Beth Serton, Springfield Township Assessing Office.

To qualify for Principal Residence Exemption on some school-operating taxes, the old home must be unoccupied, for sale, not leased or rented, used for any business or commercial purpose, and must have been the owner's principal residence before moving.

Conditional Rescission of Property Residence Exemption, Form 4640, must be filed with local assessors every year. Forms are available at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury) or at assessors' offices.

Those who already have the exemption must file another Form 4640 by Dec. 31 to qualify for 2009. New filers have until May 1, 2009. Springfield Township residents call 248-846-6530; Independence Township, 248-625-8114; and Clarkston, 248-625-1559.

## Donations needed

The non-profit Neighbor for Neighbor of Davishburg is running low on personal care items at its Christmas Store for families in need.

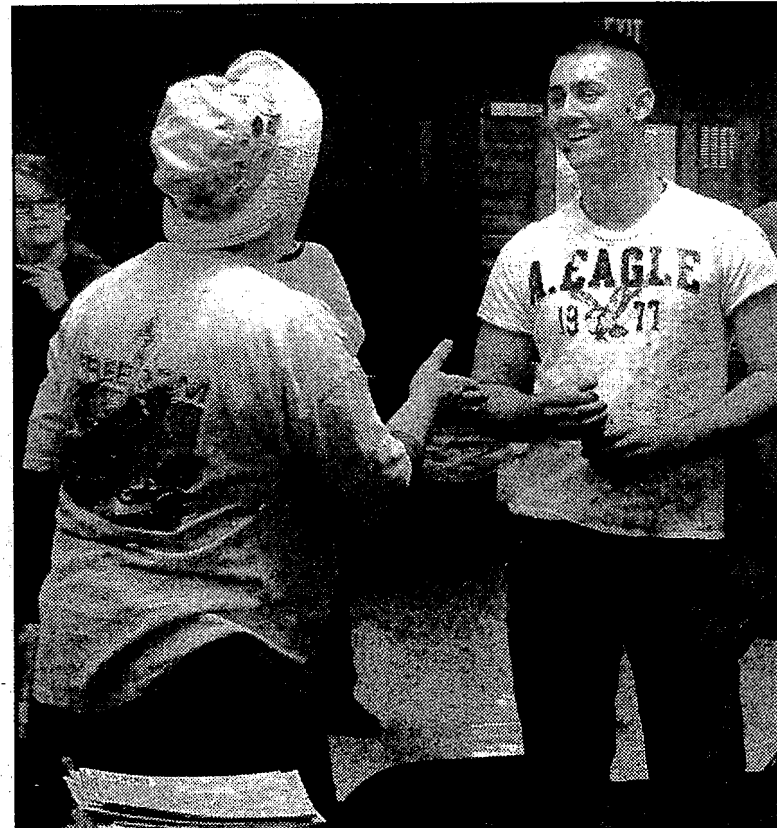
"We're very low on shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, baby wash and other items," said Ruth Karash, Neighbor for Neighbor executive director.

The Christmas Store will be Dec. 17, she said, so donations are needed quickly.

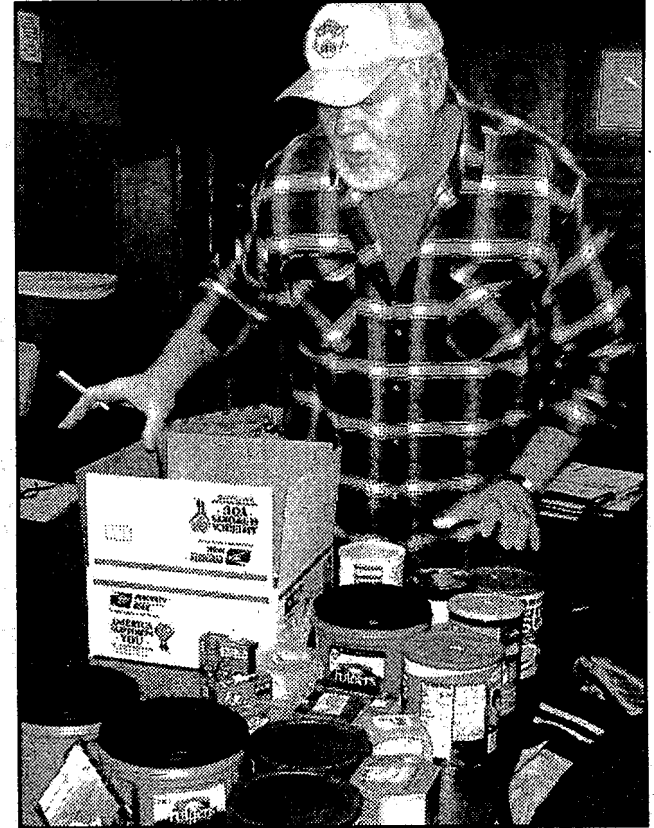
Drop off donations at *The Clarkston News*, 5 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston, or call us at 248-625-3370.

## Correction

The basketball player working his way past defenders in "Cagers work out kinks in scrimmage," Dec. 3 edition, is Chris Young, not Max Collins.



Louise Downs of Desert Angel introduces Chris Wright, a soldier home on leave from Afghanistan.



Glen Miracle assembles a Miracle Box, named after his son, Pfc. Joseph Miracle.

# Angels make soldiers' day with Miracle Boxes

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

When serving in Afghanistan, Specialist Chris Wright enjoyed receiving care packages from the United States.

Home on leave, the Army reservist with Michigan's 783rd Military Police Battalion helped pack some more.

"I know some of the people who will be receiving these," said Wright, who is preparing to return to the Middle East. "They remind you that people are thinking about you. When I get letters from little kids, I write back and we keep writing. It lets you know people at home are there for you."

Volunteers packed more than 100 packages at the Desert Angel "Miracle Box" packing party, Dec. 4, at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club in Independence Township.

OCSC Office Manager Salli Petherbridge got the idea to invite Louise Downs, founder of Desert Angels, when she read about her in *The Clarkston News'* sister paper to the north in Ortonville, *The Citizen*.

"I contacted Louise, ran it by Dan (Stiff, club manager), and we worked it out," Petherbridge said. "It was time to do something, pay it forward. I'm thrilled with the number of people who showed up."

The project helps honor her father, James "Bob" Robert Kee, who served on the U.S.S. Comstock from 1945-1948.

"My dad was a nuclear veteran - testing nuclear weapons after World War II," she said.

Many club members are veterans or have

family members in the service, said Joe Oberlee, club president.

"In its history, the club always finds ways to help troops overseas, in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the first Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq," Oberlee said. "We're always jumping in to get the job done. I'm glad we're able to do this."

Pamela Green of Clarkston has been helping the group for the past three years. She bagged cookies at the packing party despite an injured arm.

"It's hard working with one arm, but I have to be here. I'm the cookie lady," Green said.

The project is named in honor of Pfc. Joseph A. Miracle of Ortonville, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2007.

"I think this is beautiful," said Glen Miracle, Joseph's father and club member. "This is a way to acknowledge soldiers, show that they haven't been forgotten."

The care packages mean a lot to troops overseas, he said.

"I talk to friends of Joe's about these packages," he said. "It's a real morale boost. All of a sudden, they realize people care and haven't forgotten."

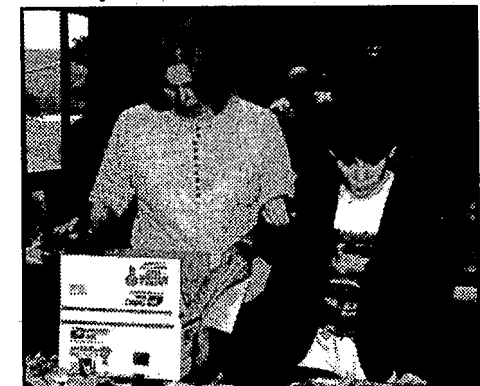
Louise Downs of Metamora, who founded Desert Angels in 2001, emceed the packing party.

"We want them really full," she called out using a microphone. "Every box gets cookies. Make sure you get some cards in them."

She and her group ship thousands of boxes filled with snacks, personal items, and letters to troops overseas.



Dennis Kayfes of White Lake and Diana McMillan of Fenton seal a box for shipment.



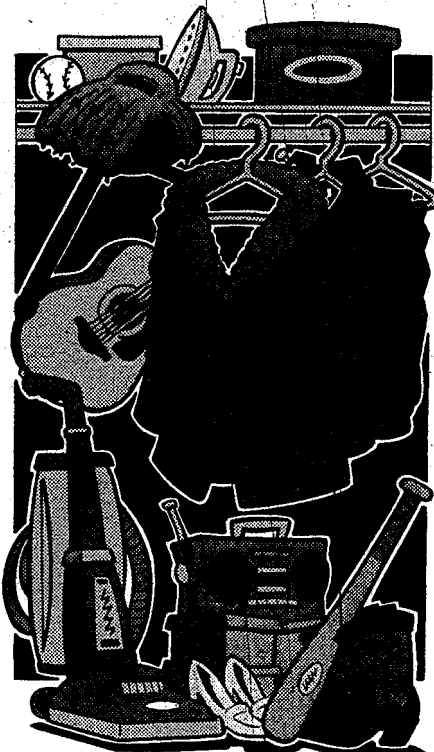
Rebecca and her son Spencer Jones of Lake Orion pack a box.

"We're honored to send the Miracle boxes. They perform miracles," she said. "When you find a purpose in your life, that's what you do. This is my purpose in life."

For more information, check [TheDesertAngel.org](http://TheDesertAngel.org).

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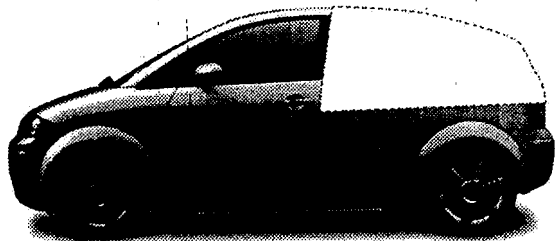


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Clarkston resident Charlotte Cooper reads a statement against the 5 S. Main St. building mural. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## Residents want mural to be washed away

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calling an "unintended consequence."

Mayor Steve Arkwright said the council has discussed the issue but is limited to what it can do.

"I think a showing like this is huge, to make a point that it is a community issue," said Arkwright. "I can assure you we will do everything we can, but we certainly have parameters to what we can do. I think you have focused our attention on it very effectively tonight."

Tom Ryan, city attorney, said as long as the painting was not obscene, lascivious, or breaking any law, government doesn't have any discretion.

"What is objectionable about this plan (compared to the first) and what objection standard do we use by the city to take an action," asked Ryan. "There are none because, objectively, just because you don't like what's there doesn't mean it's got to be taken down. That's censorship. That's a violation of free expression and there's other ways of doing it without involving the government."

Councilwoman Kristy Ottman, who was on the board when the original idea was proposed, said Tynan and Clarkston News building owner Jim Sherman Sr. brought the plans before the board as a "common courtesy."

"We were actually thrilled to get rid of a blank façade and put something up that would

bring in something a little bit more appealing to that corner," she said.

Ottman said they found out through talking with Sherman and Tynan that she had never done a building to this scale before.

"Now, the unfortunate thing I think may be happening is she may be feeling intimidated because there has been nothing but negative press about this, but Mr. Sherman owns the building and he is paying her," Ottman said. "I would love to see this finished. I am speaking for myself that this is doing nothing to enhance the artist's reputation or bring business for her and it's certainly not doing anything for Mr. Sherman and his judgment for what is happening locally and the stigma that it is bringing to downtown Clarkston."

Tynan, who attended the meeting to listen, said she was upset city officials did not contact her about it.

"I'm very proud of the work I have done to date and can assure Kristy Ottman that my business has been enriched by my authorship of this project," Tynan said. "It is my very best work and the reason I get referred for other projects."

She is not intimidated by complaints, she said.

"If I have been weakened by anything, it has been the opinion sharing of council members with residents concerning the topic," she said. "That is intimidating."

# Salary freeze for township elected officials

**BY TREVOR KEISER**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Township officials get no raises this year, despite a request from Supervisor Dave Wagner.

"As elected officials, we are all very concerned with the appearance of giving ourselves raises," Wagner stated in a memo to the board, Dec. 2. "Unfortunately, there is no other way out of this."

Wagner recommended a two-percent increase for all elected positions and their deputies, based on a 5.8-percent inflation this year and a salary freeze last year.

However, officials did receive a

three-percent pay increase recommended by Wagner in his February, 1, 2008 memo. It was approved 6-1 by the board. In a Dec. 8 interview, Wagner admitted he forgot.

"I didn't think we did," he said "I thought the board had only received a one percent increase, which was contributed to Blue Cross."

That increase was approved by the board 4-3, July 17, 2007.

The board voted unanimously to freeze salaries for the township's three full-time officials, supervisor, clerk, and treasurer.

Trustee David Lohmeier said it was an "incredibly bad time" to go

forward with a raise.

"From my perspective, I can't see justifying taking any kind of increase in this economy," he said.

"Given our current situation, we should probably take a wait-and-see attitude and see how the economy improves."

Trustee Neil Wallace agreed, and did not think using the inflation rate was a "sufficient rationale" for a pay raise.

"I think, given the current economic situation that's dramatically impacting the people of this community and the likelihood that we're going to see less tax revenues coming

in, any serious consideration of this would be callous," said Wallace. "I would vote against any increase at this time for the elected officials."

Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen said, "I know everyone out there is being asked to do a lot more with a lot less and I don't think I could in good conscience accept a raise at this time."

Wagner said pay raises should be passed and each individual could choose whether or not to accept it.

"If pay raises are never taken, then the officials will never catch up to what the going rate is," he said. "This way, if they put the raise in place, the elected officials don't have to take it,

and if they do, then of course they have to answer to the public."

Supervisor currently makes \$78,248.98, Clerk and Treasurer receive \$69,861.58, and trustees get approx. \$4,600 a year

Wagner said trustees earn \$5,000-\$7,000 less than in communities of comparable size. Clerk and treasurer earn \$9,000-\$11,000 less, and supervisor earns \$5,000-\$6,000 less.

"Three or four years from now, if we have to come up to speed from a study that shows we're so far behind, how do we come up with a 20 percent increase" asked Wagner. "It just can't happen."

## No raises for union workers, either

**BY TREVOR KEISER**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it came time for closed session to discuss union contracts at the Dec. 2 Independence Township Board meeting, Trustee Neil Wallace was hesitant.

"I think it's inappropriate for us to go into closed session on both of these matters," said Wallace. "I had an opportunity to review the open meetings act. Particularly with respect to the non-union employees, I think that's pretty clear."

However Greg Shultz, township labor attorney, disagreed.

"This group of employees (department heads) we're talking about are not technically non-union," said Shultz.

"They are in the early unionization process, so closed session is appropriate," he said.

Wallace said he didn't see any exceptions in the statute for somebody "who's threatened to become a union or taken steps to become a union that you can go into closed session."

If they did, they could violate the open meetings act and "taint the whole situation."

"They have voted and are certified as a union," reaffirmed Shultz.

Non-union employees, which include all full-time department directors, department assistant directors, and administrative assistants, filed a petition March 24 to join Teamsters Local 214, based out of Detroit.

The board voted 6-1 to enter closed session. Wallace voted against. When they came out of closed session, Wallace said he was concerned about AFSCME "because it takes away from us a flexibility that we need, particularly when we cannot see very far into the future."

He moved for the bargaining team to go back to the table to come up with a better agreement.

Treasurer Curt Carson agreed. "I'm concerned about the flexibility and I'm concerned about our taxpayers," said Carson. "I'd just as soon go back and see how we can keep these people employed so they're not

on the unemployment line with thousands of others that we live next door to."

The board voted unanimous to deny a two-percent increase and renegotiate.

"I was very disappointed in the vote and hopefully we can work out a contract that's fair to both sides," said Craig Richardson, long-time township Department of Public Works worker. "I think things will work out on both sides."

Concerning the Teamsters, Wallace felt the board "should and needs" to table any action with regards to compensation.

Lohmeier agreed. "I think we would all like to address this issue as soon as the opportunity presents itself, but for now I think we should table it," he said.

The board voted unanimous to table.

"We're hoping at our next board meeting to have the differences resolved," said Supervisor Dave Wagner.



Clarkston resident Mary Martin, left, makes some custom adjustments to an arrangement, with the help of club member Ginny Knowlden. Photo by Laura Colvin

## Greens for the season

Hosted by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, the Greens Market this past Saturday serves as the club's principal fundraiser each year.

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Ready for the truth

I got a call the other day from a student working on some kind of paper. She wanted information about Clarkston, and what better source than the editor of the local community newspaper.

I gave the easy answers.

Clarkston is a city, a small, bedroom community in Independence Township northwest of Detroit, with a historic downtown and lots of lakes.

But she was looking for more. For one thing, when she said "Clarkston," she meant the Clarkston area, which widens the scope quite a bit. She was also looking for something deeper, what it really is, insights into the community.

I didn't have them.

From my short two years so far as editor, I see some view Clarkston as a shining beacon, an example of small-town community so selfless that people carry extra shirts in their cars because they keep giving the ones they're wearing to those less fortunate.

We've written lots of stories about individuals and groups reflecting that ideal - just this past weekend, Clarkstonites filled the Knights of Columbus Hall many times over, all to help a local girl get her memory back.

Others believe such niceties are an illusion, a thin veneer barely covering a festering heap of corruption, deceit, racism, and scandal.

We've covered that, too.

In my opinion, Clarkston's a good place, which I told the student. I couldn't clearly explain why, besides some of the examples written about in the paper.

What do you think? How would you answer?

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## The Clarkston News

# Viewpoints

## Thanks for community help

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank everybody for their support, and the amount of labor put into the party for our daughter, Lindsey Friend.

We want to send a special thanks to the super effort put in by teens and young adults who worked at the benefit. They undoubtedly have excellent parents.

A nice gentleman

said to Lindsey, "Wow, you have a lot of friends."

In response, she said, "I guess I do."

She is such a wonderful girl and we are so glad to still have her even at a reduced level for now. She is outstanding and returning to her magnificent self, thanks to the benefit. We are now in the midst of finding three therapists to aid in her full and complete, if not advanced, recovery.

The community, teachers, and our parish have been, and still are, such a marvelous help; we know now we do not need to worry as much as we used to.

Thank you to everyone who helped, including Sue Rea and Debbie Kuenzel, close friends who put together the benefit, Knights of Columbus, Clarkston News, John Bailey,

Gozdor family, Clarkston Chiefs, Waterford Corsairs, Darin Brandt, Waterford Courts, Mr. B's restaurant, Forsters Car Wash, Cherry Hill Lanes, Clarkston Auto Wash, Audio Book World, Coach's Corner, St. Daniel Church, John Foster Dentistry, Belle Visage, Show Offs party face painting, Empire House, Teknicolors Paint Store, Tiny Tots Golf

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Apologies if we've missed anyone. You can blame David if we did.

David Friend

Independence Township

## Letters to the editor

## Trustees should be respectful

Dear Editor,

After watching the Independence Township Board meeting on Comcast TV last week I was disappointed by the negative remarks of new Trustee Neil Wallace.

I had assumed that any personal grudge against the supervisor would have ceased after the election and a dedicated and respected board would go about their business of running the township.

To grandstand at a televised public board meeting with negative remarks obviously

directed at the supervisor was uncalled for and should not be tolerated by the citizens of this township.

Each member of this new board was elected by township residents and should be given the respect their position entitles. If Mr. Wallace or any other elected official has a gripe or another agenda it should be taken up with the individual personally and not by grandstanding on cable television.

Bob Brown

Independence Township

## Help commuters help out, too

Dear Editor,

I think it is wonderful Clarkston News stepped up to help fill food pantries for families in need.

But you are not helping the working people to be able to drop off their donations. I work from 7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m. in Troy. I don't even get home until 5:30 p.m., on a good traffic day.

How am I supposed to help by bringing

food if you close at 5 p.m.? Could you stay open one night so people could drop off food items? Could you open for a few hours on Saturday?

This is the same with Lighthouse, only open until 3:30 p.m. I would like to help, but I can't be there during "normal business hours."

Jackie Baxter

Independence Township

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1993

"Bah humbug! Christmas rip-offs leave some angry" Christmas lawn decorations and lights at area homes were being stolen or damaged. Deputies were investigating evidence left at one of the crime scenes.

"Local's fight goes national" Jill Burstein of Clarkston, a security officer at Detroit's Renaissance Center, wasn't allowed to display a "Happy Chanukah" sign at work, although Halloween and Thanksgiving displays were allowed. Newspapers, radio, and television from round the country covered the story.

"Spirit of giving alive and well" Sashabaw Middle School students collected more than 5,000 food items for Lighthouse North.

"These Clauses prefer Oakland over North Pole" Wayne Foore and his wife, Ellene, embodied Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, enlivening Christmas celebrations at local businesses and homes for almost 10 years.

### 25 years ago - 1983

"Puppet productions" Jackie Jablonski, with Shivers the Penguin, Sara Roy, with Stinky and Skunk, and other puppeteers with Sashabaw Junior High's drama class, presented a Christmas show for Clarkston preschoolers and kindergartners.

"Leading sheriff personnel frown on vote" Deputies recommended Independence Township hire more road patrol officers or crime investigators, but the board voted to hire a part-time deputy for school liaison and crime prevention.

"Teachers' contract ratified" In the earliest settlement anyone could remember, Clarkston teachers and administrators agreed on a contract including a 6-percent raise. Teachers earned about \$28,000 a year, \$32,000 for those with master's degrees.

### 50 years ago - 1958

"D.A.R. Good Citizen of the Year" Carolyn Warrick received the award at Clarkston High School. She was chosen Carnival Queen in her sophomore year and Homecoming Maid as a junior. She was a member of Future Teachers, Y-Teens, and Girls Athletic Association. She was sports editor of the yearbook and led the marching band as majorette.

"Anthony to seek office of supervisor" Carl P. Anthony Jr. announced his candidacy for Independence Township supervisor on the Republican ticket.

"Law office opens in Clarkston" John W. Bell and David C. Hertler opened their law office on 22 S. Main St.

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# From plowing snow to bashing government

So far this fall I've got on my little John Deere tractor, snow blade in place, and pushed the snow aside twice.

It wasn't so long ago I'd complain to myself, bemoaning the task at hand... that of clearing the driveway, steps and sidewalk of snow.

Nowadays I've come to an understanding with Mother Nature. She provides the need for me to get off my duff, and I look favorably on the task at hand.

It's great to be at that stage in life when what used to be a chore becomes something to be enthused about, when a previously dreaded obligation turns into a time of enjoyment and when some job you were forced to do can now be looked forward to as a pleasure.

I find myself singing Christmas carols, not out loud, even as a pine tree branch lets go of its snow buildup. Being pain-free and well-rested helps set a mood, but bright snow, colorful birds and an occasional whitetail walking through elevates the feeling.

I feel for the folks who have convinced themselves to hate winter and taken to the south. For me this season is like the song that goes in part: "What a glorious time of the year."

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I don't believe I've used this great quote in 30 years, but I love it: "You can have money piled to the ceiling, but the size of your funeral is still going to depend on the

weather."

Here's a quote from the late Walter Winchell: "Hollywood is a place where they shoot too many pictures and not enough actors."

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## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

"This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer." - Will Rogers

At this writing our government has made no decision on our auto makers request for loans. But, at this writing those elected officials in Washington have let us all know how they feel about our auto makers.

Never mind they forced fuel engineering changes on the companies without scientific proof autos were causing even an unusually high percentage of damage to our environment.

Never mind they forced changes in production to vehicles that were both unwanted by the public and unprofitable. The grandstanding electeds spent their time trying to ridicule the biggest names in the auto industry.

"You flew here in your private jets instead of crawling here, bowing before us and singing our praises. We de-

mand respect! We are your superiors! You are peons, we are kings," they shouted.

Of course, these DC interviewers are exactly what they showed themselves to be. Arrogant, show offs, tactless, indecent and not very smart.

I was embarrassed by the actions of these representatives of our government for the image they displayed to the rest of the world.

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I think, most of us with telephones are contacted for money by numerous organizations. Police associations, food banks, child feeders, elderly, churches, welfare providers, service clubs, etc. find ways to contact us all for donations.

Most are good, maybe they all are. However, doubts about giving away our money arise whenever we're told of embezzlements that take place within these organizations.

How can we be sure our "hard earned money" (as politicians like to say whole campaigning) is going to the people who we wish to support?

Of course, we can't, and that doubt probably isn't very charitable on my part.

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"The time to save is now. When a dog gets a bone, he doesn't go out and make a down payment on a bigger bone. He buries the bone he's got." - Will Rogers

## GM execs working hard

Dear Editor,

The following is a letter sent to Rick Wagoner, GM chief executive:

I watched in morbid fascination, the Dec. 4 Senate Banking Committee hearing regarding the bridge loan request by the three U.S. automotive companies and feel compelled to express my most heartfelt admiration and gratitude to you both.

While Senators Richard Shelby and Bob Corker sought to push veiled agendas, you both remained calm and resolute especially in the face of inflammatory questions, misrepresentations and sarcasm. You both lead by example and exhibit integrity, intelligence, pragmatism and dedication.

I pray that you are allowed to continue in your present positions for, although a

daunting responsibility, you are our industry's best hope.

Since 2001, the U.S. auto industry has been an extremely difficult place to succeed. No amount of money could be worth the stress, aggravation and family sacrifices you must endure, so I conclude that it is the passion and vision within that keep you leading this ship during the 'perfect storm.' For myself, my extended family, and the welfare of the country, please continue the battle.

Very sincerely,

*Cheryl McNeil*

*Independence Township*

P.S. Please forward this to Mr. Gettelfinger, as I was unable to determine his e-mail address.

*Ed. note: Cheryl McNeil called to say she received an e-mail back from Wagoner thanking her for her support and promising to continue to do his best.*

## Don't plow unnecessarily

Dear Editor,

In my opinion the streets are plowed much too often.

In my neighborhood, for instance, the road is plowed when covered with as little as two inches of snow

and then very liberally salted down!

With sensible driving, I think we can deal with at least four inches before plowing is required.

*Chuck Robertson  
Clarkston*

## Reward for arsonist info

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Fire Department and Oakland County Sheriff's office are offering a reward up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of an arsonist.

Firefighters received a call at 3 a.m. on Sun, Nov. 23, for a fire in the 5300 block of Parview Drive.

The case is currently under a joint investigation with Independence Township Fire Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

"At this point it's an intentionally set fire. We're not willing to let out much in detail just because that's part of the investigation, but anything that anybody might have seen around that date or prior to the fire would be really important to us," said Greg Olrich, Independence Township fire marshal.

"Arson is a serious crime. Some people would like to think it's a victimless crime, but it's not. It affects not only the homeowners, but the neighbors,



Detective Art Schrah hangs a '\$5,000 reward' sign on the front of the house. Photos by Trevor Keiser.

the neighborhood and also puts every firefighter at risk."

Olrich noted one firefighter had a minor injury and was treated.

Detective Art Schrah with Oakland County Sheriff's Office agreed.

"Arson costs everybody money," he said. "Probably the biggest thing with fire safety is the smoke alarms. Make sure you

have working smoke alarms in your house especially this time of year when you have Christmas trees and everything else. Kids, candles, power outages, you better be real careful. This is definitely an arson fire and it's an ongoing investigation."

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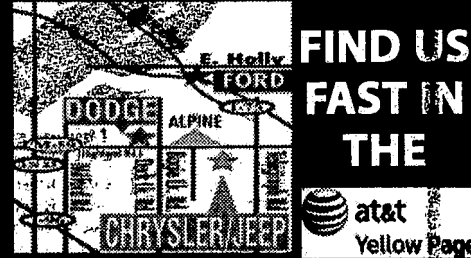
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## Heroin at home

A Felix Drive resident called 911 when she heard a loud crash from her bathroom and found her son unconscious, a black bandana filled with heroin next to him, about 5:30 p.m., Nov. 24. She gave the bandana and drugs to responding Independence Township Fire Department paramedic, who gave them to deputies.

The 43-year-old Springfield Township man told deputies he injected heroin into his left wrist. His girlfriend said he was in treatment. Charges are pending lab results.

## Free fire zone

Neighborhoods off Maybee Road east of Clintonwood came under attack Thanksgiving holiday weekend, with at least six vehicles hit by projectiles from BB or pellet guns, according to police reports.

Someone shot out car and truck windows on Shannon Lane on Nov. 26, and Fox Ridge Drive, Golf Pointe Drive, and Spring Meadow Drive on Nov. 29.

Deputies have no suspects, but are continuing to investigate.

## Tenants take too much

A Foxfire Circle homeowner told deputies her former tenants took just about everything from her house when they were evicted, Nov. 26. Deputies noted someone took every light fixture, ironing board from a wall, drawer and

# Public Safety

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

cabinet hardware throughout the house, two garage door opener units, central vacuum system, and dishwasher, and the water softener had been unbolted and was in the garage.

## The out-of-towners

Deputies were dispatched to the old Clarkston movie theater on Dixie Highway to check for a car full of kids, 1:30 a.m., Nov. 27. They found five teenagers from the Lake Orion and Oxford area. The driver, an 18-year-old Orion Township man, admitted to possession of marijuana, which the deputy found in a small baggie along with a glass pipe.

He was cited for drug possession.

## Friend suspected in theft

A Mary Sue Street resident was suspicious of a 27-year-old Independence Township, a former co-worker of a housemate, when he talked to her as she was leaving to do some laundry, 8:30 p.m., Nov. 28. When she returned from the laundromat an hour later, she found a window open, and television, video game systems, and other items

missing.

Her housemate tracked the co-worker down in Waterford and called police, who found the items in the suspect's car. He was arrested for home invasion, and receiving and concealing stolen property.

## Stolen from unlocked trucks

A Wellesley Terrace homeowner said his \$300 GPS unit was stolen from his SUV, which he said was probably unlocked, Nov. 29.

A Fox Chase Lane resident said someone took his wallet from his unlocked truck, the night of Nov. 29. The wallet, sans money, was left in the driveway.

## Third time for drunk driver

A passing motorist watched a driver hit a parked car, plow through a front yard, and go into a ditch, 9 p.m., Nov. 29, at Tappon Drive and White Lake Road. He confronted the intoxicated driver and called police. The driver, whose breath test indicated .26 blood alcohol level, told deputies he drank about seven beers. He was arrested for drunk driving, third offense.

## Cleaned out during laundry run

A S. Eston Street resident called police from her driveway, 12:30 a.m., Dec. 2, when she saw someone had entered her home when she was out for a brief errand. Deputies checked but didn't find anyone inside. She reported her laptop and jewelry stolen.

## Helping his granddaughter

Suspecting his step-daughter and her boyfriend were intoxicated, a Waterford man called deputies in Independence Township to check on his 4-year-old granddaughter.

They found her mother passed out with a blood alcohol level of .345, and her boyfriend with a .197 blood alcohol level. They called Independence Township paramedics to help the 38-year-old woman, who found she had a high blood sugar level, in addition to the alcohol. They took her to Genesys hospital.

The 4-year-old's father and grandparents picked her up.

## Man in black

On patrol, 3:30 a.m., Dec. 4, a deputy saw a man in a black coat and black jeans walking across the road between apartment buildings, near Willowpark and Sashabaw.

The 34-year-old Independence Township man had glassy, bloodshot eyes, smelled of marijuana, and appeared to be nervous. Found with a baggie of marijuana, he was cited for drug possession and released.

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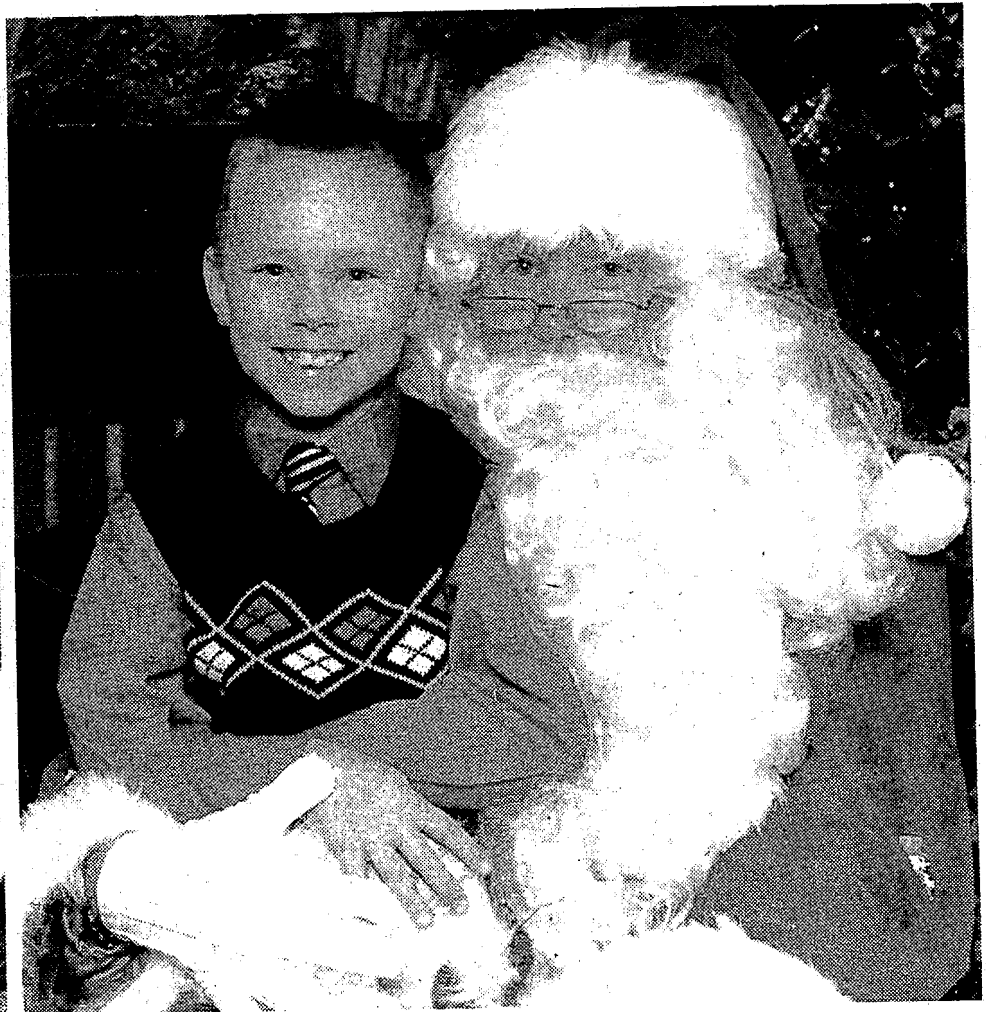
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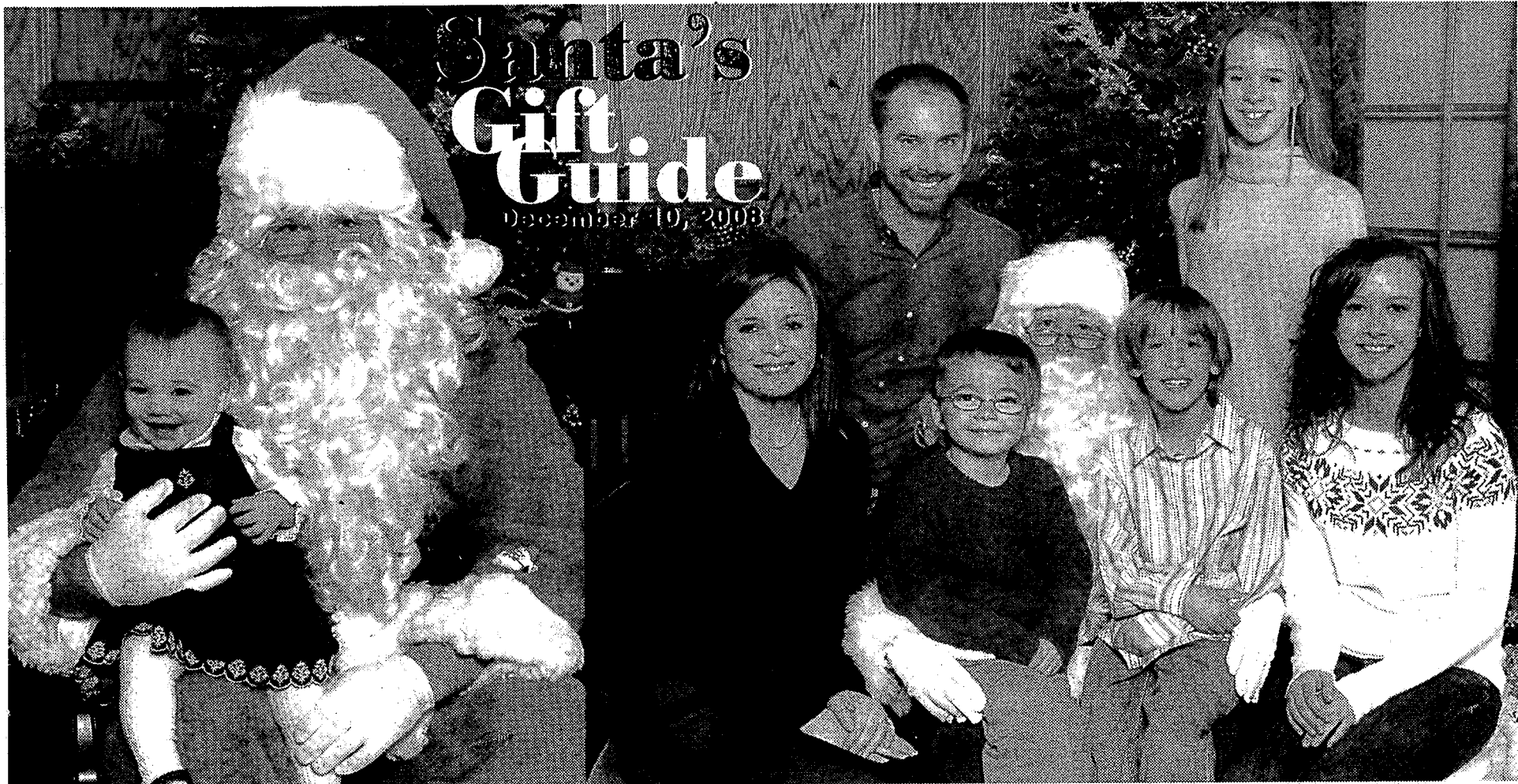
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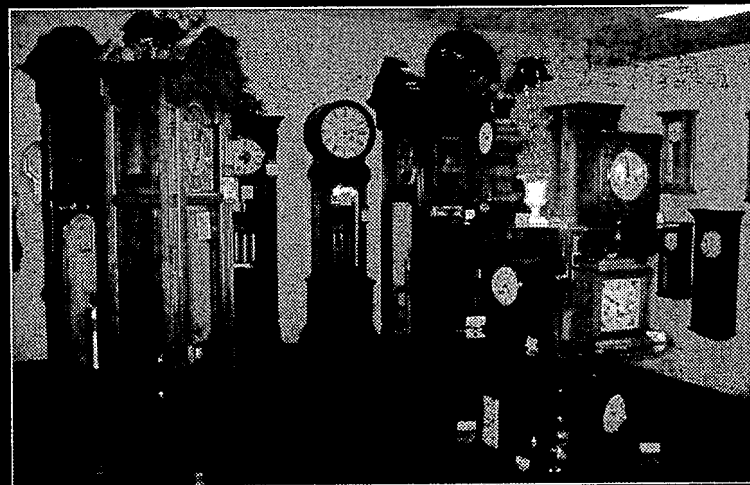
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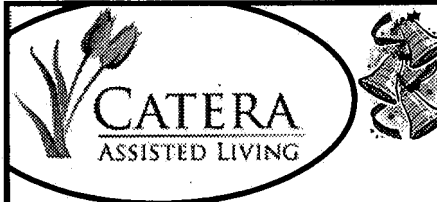
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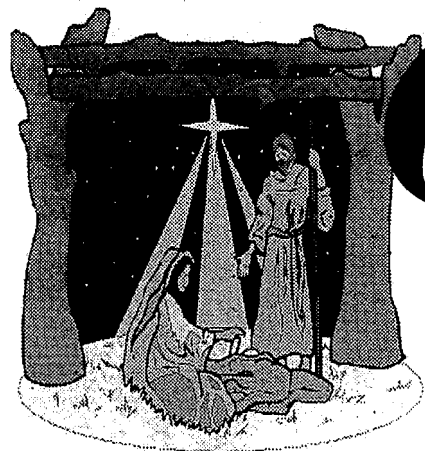
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# Lyons leads Wolves to victory over Flyers

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Connor Lyons second goal against Farmington helped the team hold onto the lead in Saturday's hockey game.

The Wolves were one point ahead after the Flyers scored their third goal near the end of the third period.

Goalie Neeko Muniz and his defense held on as Farmington took out their goalie and put a sixth man in their offensive line.

Adam Frank sent the puck down to Flyers' territory, but Farmington came right back with the puck and shot on the goal.

Muniz caught the puck before the buzzer sounded and the Wolves won, 4-3.

"We were more positionally sound," said Clarkston Head Coach Bryan Krygier. "We hit them a little bit more and forced them to turn the puck over, which is why we had a two point lead at the beginning of the third period."

Michael Rajala scored the first goal for Clarkston eight minutes into the game.

Farmington's Jack Nickelhoff tied the score a minute later.

Lyons brought the Wolves back into the lead when he scored his first goal of the night with 45 seconds left in a power play.

He followed it up with another goal in the second period.

"He shot the puck right from the spot to the net from a nice pass from Frank," said Krygier. "He was in position and played po-



Connor Lyons skates behind the net to get into position for his first goal.

sitional hockey - when you play that way you get opportunities."

The final goal for the night was made by Michael Fitney with three minutes left in the second period.

Assists for the night came from Austin Morse, Dillon Drayer, Cole Schaffer, Adam Matynowski, David Cannons and Luke Conner.

"We played better," said Krygier. "We

need to start playing well all periods. We need to be consistent but we are going to change that a round. We are going to make it happen."

The Wolves made 14 shots on Farmington's net.

Muniz saved 17 shots from the Flyers.

"Neeko has been playing well every game for us," said Krygier. "He has put us in the position to win the game."

The boys lost to Rochester United last Thursday, 2-1.

Michael Fitney scored the Wolves lone goal in the first period. Jack Schlau and Lyons assisted.

The Wolves made 15 shots on the net and Muniz saved 15.

"We didn't play well," said Krygier. "We were flat and they outworked us."

The Wolves take on cross-town rivals Lake Orion (3-2) in their next game.

The boys lost twice to the Dragons last year and do not anticipate to repeat it again.

"We need to hit them," said Krygier. "We need to be all over them. They are a good team and well-coached."

"We are looking forward to it," said Dragons Head Coach Pat Cherry. "We were successful last year. This year we have to start over and take each period as it comes. It will be a good challenge for us. Clarkston is a good team."

The game will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday and is at Detroit Skate Center.

## Athlete of the Week

### Vela places at state swim finals

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Julia Vela finished in 14th place during her third visit to the MESA State Finals on Nov. 22.

"It was my first time placing individually," said Vela on her swim in the 100 yard butterfly event. "I didn't do as well as I had wanted to."

She set a new school record in the butterfly during the state preliminaries when she swam 1:00.06 to qualify to go into the final round.

"I felt really good," she said. "It was my first individual record."

Placing was one of the reasons why Girls Swim Coach Kenwyn Chock nominated her for Athlete of the Week.

"She has great swimming genes," said Chock. "The whole family is goal-oriented and disciplined."

"It is my first time as Athlete of the

Week," said Vela. "I am excited."

Reaching the state finals was one of the goals she set for herself when the fall season began. Her other goal was to break a minute in the butterfly.

She won Most Improved Swimmer for the season at the Dec. 2 banquet awards. Vela began swimming because she had watched her sister, Alyssa, at her swim meets and wanted to try it.

Julia joined the Seawolves program when her family moved to Clarkston. Last year Julia was part of the two relay teams that placed in the finals - sixth in 200 yard medley and 12th in 400 yard freestyle.

Julia has a 3.5 GPA and is taking two AP classes in English and History. Her course schedule also includes drawing, economics and Spanish 3.

She advice for aspiring swimmers is to stick with it.

"Sometimes it gets really hard - work through it," Julia said. "In the end all of the hard work pays off."

During the off season she continue training with her goal to beat a minute in butterfly still on her mind and a new goal - to break the school record in the 200 yard IM. She plans to break 2:15.38 - the record set in 2005 by Kandice Keen.

"I am really looking forward to her swimming in her senior year," said Chock.

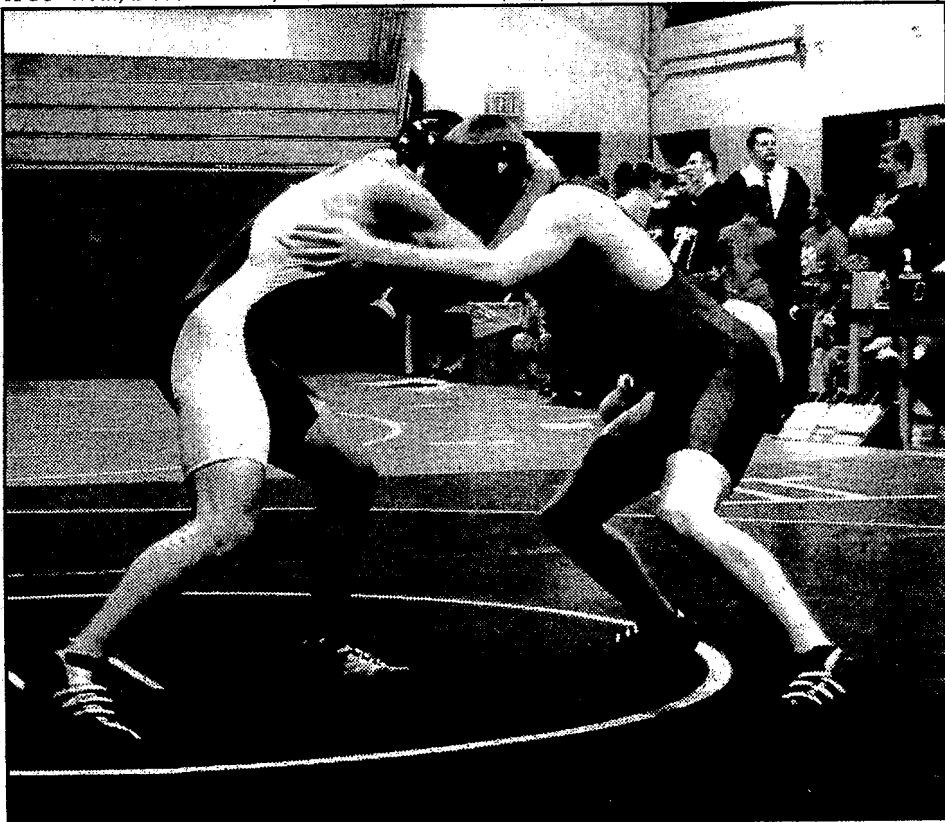
Julia plans to continue her swim career in college while she studies pre-law.



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Spencer Karrick keeps his Mayville opponent from taking him down.

## Grapplers ready to take new season down to the mat

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Seniors Sloan Hadsall and Alex Popp began their first week on the mat undefeated during their seven matches.

Hadsall took on runner-up state champion Kyle March from Goodrich in the Goodrich Dual Meet. He beat him by one point, after pinning Mayville.

Popp speed was quick as he pinned both his competitors in the dual meet within the first period.

The Wolves won their meet against Mayville, 50-23, and lost to Goodrich, 48-18.

"The guys wrestled hard. They really did in both of our meets," said Wrestling Varsity Coach Joe DeGain. "I am proud of the guys. We put our guts out on the table."

We had some real exciting things happen - Kyle Broughton won his first two varsity matches, Mike Richmond beat a very good heavyweight from Mayville, Ty Foltz beat another state qualifier from Mayville."

Scoring against Mayville was Matt Deitz (140) and Spencer Karrick (160) with a pin they made in the first period.

Evan King (152) also beat Mayville. He was already ahead in points before Donald Bennett was disqualified from a penalty.

Mike Henige (125) beat Bryce Montgomery from Goodrich, 7-1.

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The Wolves wrestled in their first invitational on Saturday at John Glenn High

School and took third place.

They defeated Romeo, Belleville, Dearborn and Livonia Franklin and lost to John Glenn High School.

Going undefeated for the event were Hadsall (189), Popp (145), and Chris Burkhart (140)

Jeff Sloney (112), Dietz (135), Ty Foltz (130), and King (152) were 4-1 on Saturday.

"There are some tough kids down there," said DeGain before the meet. "They might not be the most skilled wrestlers but they are fighters and really like to get after you. So we have to be ready to go toe-to-toe with them. They are going to come at us with everything they've got."

The Boys B Team also wrestled in their first invitational and took seventh place.

Placing for the day were Naron McDougal and Spencer Karrick in first place, Kyle Broughton in third, and Scott Devos in fifth.

"We are still becoming a disciplined team," he said. "We have a few hiccups we are working on. We are gelling all of the pieces together right now and once we do and continue to put our guts out - we will be just fine and ready for a great season."

The boys host the league opener on Wednesday against West Bloomfield and Avondale.

"By then we should have all of our pieces glued together and all of our problems taken care of," said DeGain.

The dual meet begins at 5:30 p.m.



Sparklers cheerleaders smile after their win. Photo provided

## Cheer teams take first at contest

Two Liberty Cheer teams from Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy took first place in the Jam Fest Cheer and Dance Competition on Nov. 15.

"It was terrific," said Cheer Director Nancy Walters. "What a great way to start the season."

The Sparklers competed against 35 teams in Level 1 Small Youth Division and won first place along with the judges award for Most Entertaining Perform-

mance.

The Firestorm team took first place in Level 2 Small Junior Division.

"It was good for them to get their first competition out of the way," said Walters. "They were anxious to see their scores and get better."

The girls have been practicing since the summer. The next competition for the girls is this Saturday at Santa's Challenge in Birch Run.



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# Lady cagers keep it close in season starting loss

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers took to the court for their first game of the season last week.

The Wolves put up a defensive wall in the middle of the game making it hard for Waterford Mott to score, but the Corsairs broke through in the fourth quarter for the win, 52-47.

"We definitely have a very young, inexperienced team this year," said Clarkston coach Tim Wasilk.

"It's going to take us some time to come together. We tried to focus on the positives tonight and look at the things we did right. Our girls did some nice things defensively. I was happy with those things. We got a couple steals with our press and it got us going in the right direction."

The Wolves gained possession at the beginning of the game.

The referee threw the ball into the air and Jena Manilla tapped it away from Mott and towards her teammates.

But it was Mott that got on the scoreboard first and led the game going into the second half of the game.

The girls came back to the court determined to block Mott after the half-time break.

The Wolves began the third quarter five points behind, 27-22.

Kaleigh Kenny got the girls closer in score with two free throws. Kayla Brimacombe tied the score with a field goal. Mott couldn't find a way past the Wolves' defense and only scored three baskets.

Mott found their way back into the lead in the last eight minutes and widened the score.

"Clarkston has a good defense," said Mott coach Jessica Cox. "They have good players that definitely made it tough on my girls. They found out who our shooters were and shut them down for a little while."

Clarkston's leading scorers against Mott were Kenny, 17, Taylor Hasselbach, 10, and Brimacombe with six points.

Hasselbach and Brimacombe each scored two field goals.

Mott's leading scorers were Brianna McNeary, 14, and Scarlett Simancek, 12.

JV won their game against Mott, 34-23.

The girls hosted Davison on Tuesday and will play rivals Lake Orion next Tuesday.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

"We realize it's going to take time to get to where we need to be. It's part of the effort the girls gave," said Wasilk.

"Taking care of the basketball will be our main focus."

Check the Wolfpack Update at ClarkstonNews.com to see how the girls did against Davison.



Jena Manilla jumps up to give Clarkston possession of the ball.

## Sports Shorts

The boys are back and ready to swim in their first season in Division 1.

This year's team is the largest Coach Kenwyn Chock has seen so far with 24 swimmers and four divers.

"It should be competitive," she said. "It should be fun. The boys have the numbers and like the girls team, we will send swimmers to states again."

The team has 12 boys returning - including record-breakers Jake Rush and Jordan Zendejas. The first meet is Thursday at Clarkston High School against Troy-Athens. It begins at 6 p.m.

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Bowlers begin their season on Wednesday.

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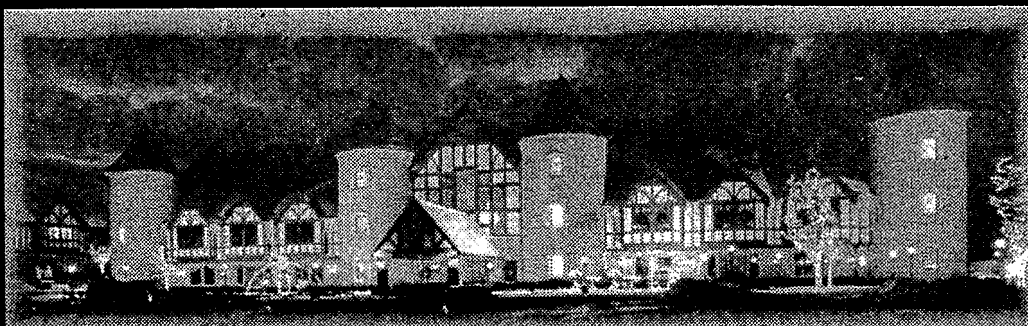
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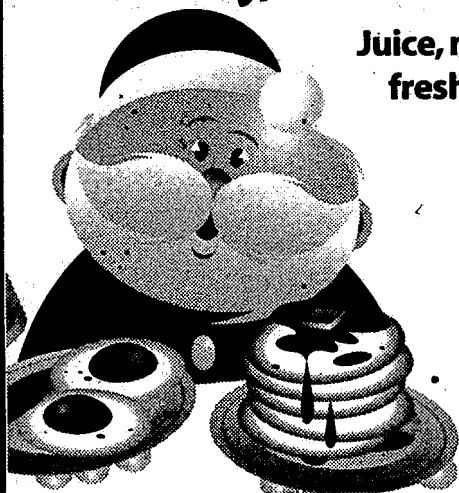
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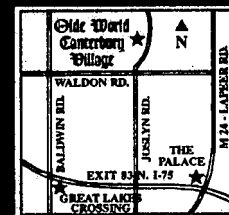
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Jennifer Sutherland decorates a sheet of sugar cookies.

## Family spends weeks baking for charity

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The charity relies on private donations, receiving no church, corporate, or government funding. Fundraisers include wine tastings, garage sales, spa days, teas, dinner auctions, golf outings, and the cookie sale.

"We're always doing something," she said.

Christmas Cookies and Chocolates for Charity is a family enterprise, also including her husband, Michael, their other daughter Tina Bowman, her husband, Mark Bowman, and their grandson, Tyler Bowman.

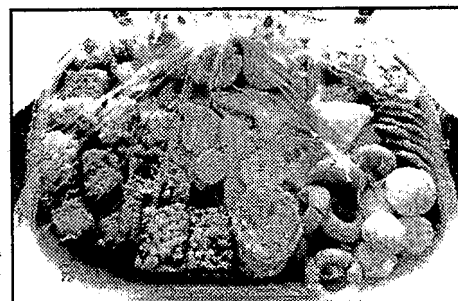
The kitchen is filled with 80 pounds of butter, 100 pounds each of flour and sugar in 25-pound bags, chocolate chips and powdered sugar in 4 1/2-pound bags. Emily and Jennifer will bake for about 12 hours a day until Christmas.

Cookies include date nut, magic bars, turtles, raspberry almond, shortbread, cream cheese sugar cookies, coconut almond thumbprints, spritz, Santa's whiskers, orange slice, peanut butter kiss, butter balls, nut cups, cranberry bliss, gingerbread, and Portuguese lemon.

Chocolates include caramel pecan turtles, chocolate-covered pretzel rods, peanut butter cups, chocolate-covered Oreos, mint-chocolate covered crackers, molded chocolates, buckeyes, peppermint bark, and English toffee. Their hard rock stained glass candy comes in a variety of flavors.

"It's fun, but it's a lot of work," Jennifer said. "People tell us we have the best cookies they've ever had."

Jennifer, a journalist, also works to spread information about the plight of "street children" worldwide.



The Sutherland's raise funds for Emily's ESTHERS project by selling homemade cookies.

"If people knew the real story, they'd be more motivated to help them," she said. "They need even simple things, the basics, a bed to sleep in, food to eat. They have literally nothing. We're doing what we can to help them."

ESTHERS stands for Equipping children with skills; Strengthening children in personal identity; Training; Healing; Educating; Restoring children physically, emotionally, spiritually, intellectually and socially; and Sending children back out into society equipped with education, skills and tools.

A platter of eight dozen cookies is \$50. Chocolate platter is \$40, and a pint of candy is \$10. All proceeds benefit ESTHERS.

For more information or to order, call Emily Sutherland at 248-202-5910, or e-mail esthers.children@gmail.com. To order, include name, address, email, phone, and delivery date, between Dec. 17-21.

They ship out-of-state orders, but locally, within about 50 miles, they make deliveries themselves. To help by donating cookie ingredients, contact Jennifer Sutherland at jenn.sutherland@gmail.com, or 616-304-0394.



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Richard Smitley gets some help from garden club member Jacquie Klinger.



Allison and Andrew Fergin look at books offered at the Independence Township Holiday Book Sale.

## Christmas countdown

Two weeks until Christmas, almost down to the wire for holiday gift giving.

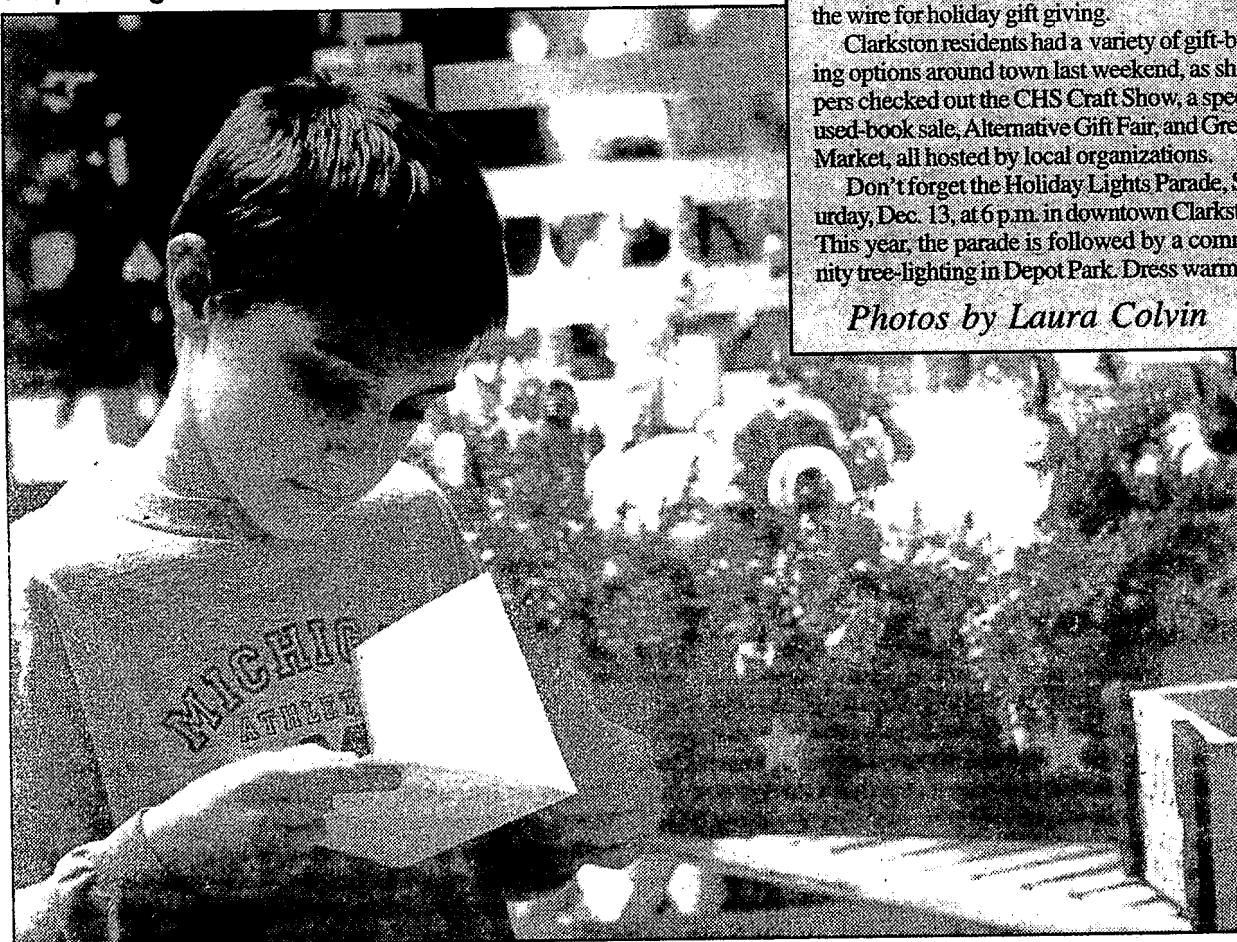
Clarkston residents had a variety of gift-buying options around town last weekend, as shoppers checked out the CHS Craft Show, a special used-book sale, Alternative Gift Fair, and Greens Market, all hosted by local organizations.

Don't forget the Holiday Lights Parade, Saturday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. in downtown Clarkston. This year, the parade is followed by a community tree-lighting in Depot Park. Dress warm!

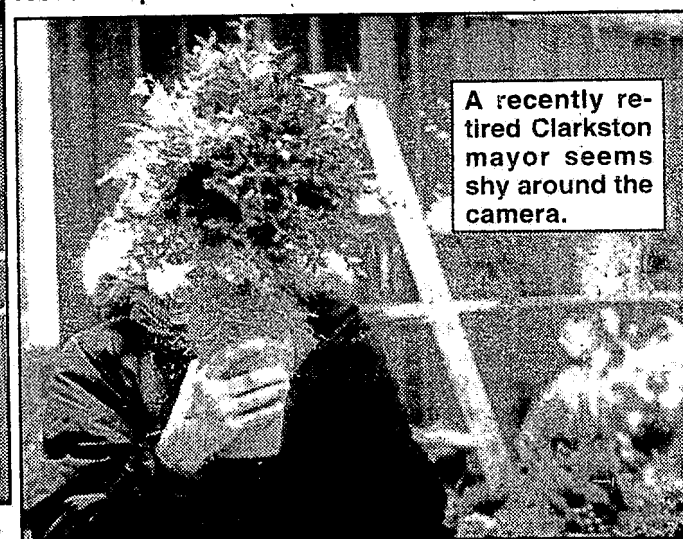
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Patty Davis, left, and Elaine Hughes of Church of the Resurrection helped with a bake sale to benefit Lighthouse.



Anthony Finazzo checks out a Christmas card on a break from volunteer duties at the CHS Craft Show.



A recently retired Clarkston mayor seems shy around the camera.



## People Poll

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Will the economy  
affect your  
holiday spending?



"Yes, we'll have to spend less on everyone, probably by half."

-Kelly Finazzo



"I won't give less, but I'll put more time and energy into being creative and spending less."

-Melissa Bunting



"Yes, we're taking a family vacation instead of buying gifts."

-Cara Martin



"Everything has to come down a notch. The food will be different; I'll buy some gifts secondhand."

-Tanya Molczyk

By Laura Colvin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

## A cut above

*Haircut honors  
memory of special  
friend, co-worker*

BY LAURA COLVIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Wet, chestnut-colored hair hung nearly to Cheryl McGinnis' lower back as she slid into a chair at Bellezza Salon last week.

By the time she slid out 40 minutes later, her locks were some 14 inches shorter.

"You started this whole thing," she said to stylist Chris Talbot. "Do you remember asking if I was growing my hair for Locks of Love?"

At the time, McGinnis, a long-time Independence Township resident who currently serves as vice president on the Clarkston's Board of Education, wondered what would make her stylist ask such a thing.

But the question got her thinking.

In October 2006, after all, long-time friend and co-worker Sharon Gillis had been diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer; doctors said she'd live six weeks.

But Gillis was determined to attend her daughter's wedding—which was pushed from Labor Day weekend to Memorial Day weekend after the diagnosis—and underwent radiation and chemotherapy treatments in hope of extending her life.

The difficult treatments paid off, and although she lost most of her hair during the radiation and chemo, pictures in her daughter's wedding album show no evidence.

"She had to have a wig," McGinnis said. "It was one of the fun things she got to do while she was sick, go pick out a wig. She finally got to be the blond she never was."

So when Talbot asked McGinnis if she was thinking of donating her hair, and told her many organizations now accept colored hair—McGinnis, 50, uses an organic formula to cover a few grays—she realized it was a perfect way to honor a friend.

Gillis worked some 25 years at Contract Professionals, Inc. in Waterford—a company owned by McGinnis' husband, Mark.

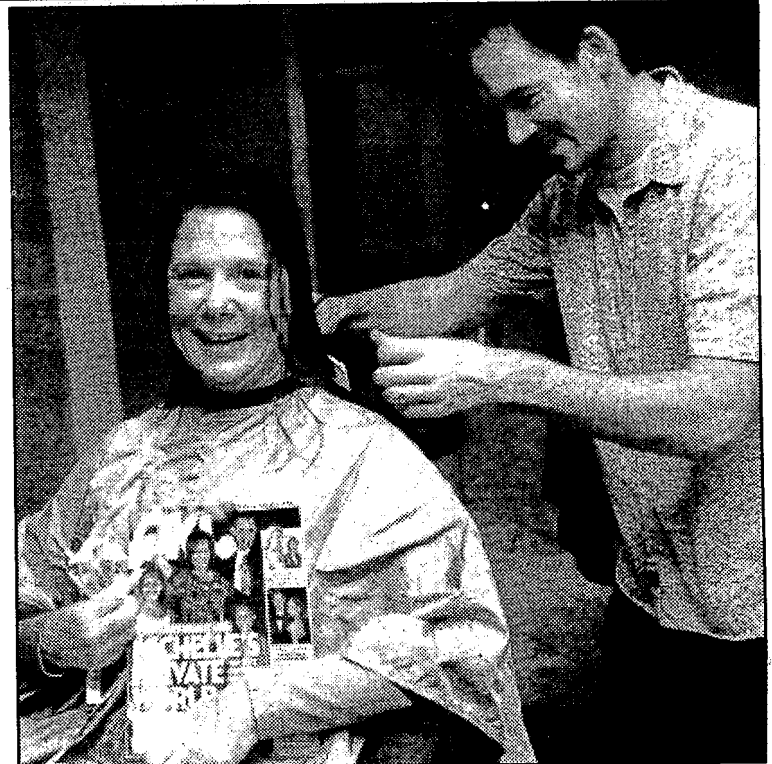
When she passed away Oct. 3, 2007, Gillis was just months shy of retirement as the company's Human Resources director.

A segment on Oprah Winfrey's Great American Haircut show that same month, McGinnis said, convinced her to donate her own locks to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, an initiative dedicated to supporting and encouraging women who've lost their hair during cancer treatment.

"But I didn't want to do it just any day," she said.

She remembered Sharon's birthday: Dec. 5.

It was the perfect day; after growing her hair two-and-a-half



Cheryl McGinnis points out soon-to-be First Lady Michelle Obama's haircut as stylist Chris Talbot goes to work. Photo by Laura Colvin

years, McGinnis made the appointment, then, coincidentally ran into Sharon's husband, Rod Gillis, at a retirement party Dec. 4.

Wanting him to know how special Sharon had been to those who knew her at Contract Professionals, McGinnis took the opportunity to inform him of her plan for the next day.

"It was really very touching," he said. "Cheryl's a pretty accomplished lady; for her to do something like that and dedicate it to Sharon was very gratifying."

The news, he said, renewed his sense of "what a wonderful

woman" his wife was, about the esteem and regard others had for her, and how much people cared for her.

Rod described his wife as "very capable of seeing both sides of things, very people oriented and willing to go the extra mile to assist or help someone out."

After Sharon lost her hair, he said, the wig became very important.

"Until you've been through it, you just don't understand how much it does mean," he said. "So many things are not going good,

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**The Rented Christmas**, play by Mt. Zion Theatre Company, 8 p.m., Dec. 12-13; and 2 p.m. Dec. 13. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 4900 Maybee Road. 248-409-1120.  
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**Holiday Lights Parade**, 6 p.m., Dec. 13, downtown Clarkston. Hosted by Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 248-625-8055.  
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**Holiday Lights Nights**, immediately after parade, Depot Park, Dec. 13. Tree-lighting ceremony with Santa, carolers, snacks, reindeer, music. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.  
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**Christmas Holiday Concert**, Clarkston Community Band, with special guests Bellissima! Handbell Choir, 2 p.m., Dec 14. Free. Clarkston Junior High School Auditorium, 6595 Waldon Road.  
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**Carrick Concert**, folk/rock artists Grievous Angel, 4 p.m., Dec. 14, with special guest Mike Vial. Refreshments available. 248-394-0113.  
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**Benefit dinner** for Clarkston High School Girl's Lacrosse, 5-8 p.m., Dec. 16, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 248-623-4300.  
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**Christmas Party**, 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Dec. 17. Holiday meal, gifts, Christmas music, and jolly Ol' St. Nick. "Senior" girls and boys welcome. \$5. Sign up by Dec 9. Carriage House, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.  
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**Santa Claus**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Big Chief Barber-shop Chorus**, 11:30 a.m., Dec. 20, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 248-623-4300.  
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**Christa Grix Trio**, harp, string, percussion, 4 p.m., Dec. 21, Free. Followed by light refreshments. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive.  
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**Snacks with Santa**, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., Dec. 30. Environmental Discovery Center, Indian Springs Metropark, Springfield Twp. Decorate cookie, story, crafts. \$5 in advance, \$7 at door. Photos, \$2. 248-625-6640.  
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**Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive**, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Dec. 30. Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. Walk-ins welcome. Sign up for appointment, or call 248-625-2923.  
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**New Year's Eve Bash**, 8 p.m.-4 a.m., Dec. 31. Appetizers, DJ, dancing, champagne toast, pizza at midnight. \$20. **Fountains New Year's Eve Party**, hors d'ouerves, 7:30 p.m.; prime rib, stuffed tipalia, or chicken spiedini dinner, 8:30 p.m.; champagne at midnight; pizza, live entertainment, \$150/couple, \$80/individuals. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.  
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**Adult Basketball League**, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**Pony Basketball League**, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. al cost. Independence Township Parks and Rec-

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**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.  
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**Therapeutic Yoga** classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270,  
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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. 248-625-4244.  
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**Fountains charity poker**, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.  
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**Clarkston Community Band** rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. Especially needed: percussion, clarinets, trumpets. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**Needlework Night**, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.  
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**Community Singles**, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.  
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**BNI, Clarkston Waterford chapter**, Tuesdays, 7 a.m., Green Apple restaurant, Dixie Highway at Walton. 248-673-6007.  
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**Belly Dancing**, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.  
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**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.  
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**Meet and greet**, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.  
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**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.  
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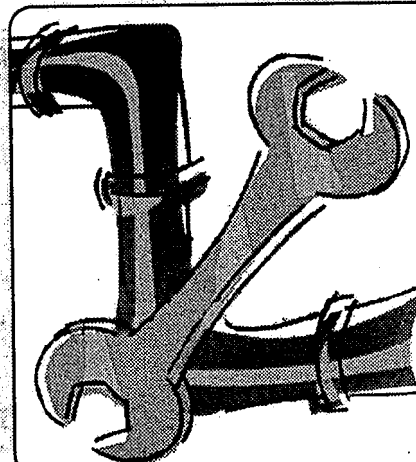


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# Some things worth saving

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

SCAMP supporters from across Clarkston and beyond turned out last week as the organization held its annual Recognition Night.

"We were very pleased with the way the night turned out," said Donna Clancy, executive director of the SCAMP funding corporation. "The event has been happening forever and ever, but with the economy the way it is, we considered not doing it this year."

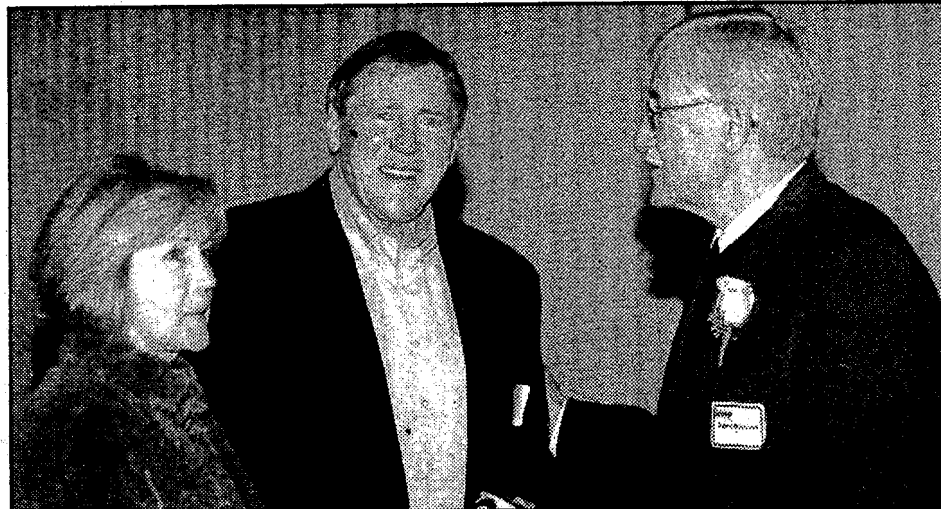
However, she said, a large number of sponsors stepped up and covered virtually all the evening's expenses.

"Even though times are tough, people keep saying some things are worth saving," Clancy said. "SCAMP is one of them."

SCAMP is a non-profit six-week summer offering young people with special needs an opportunity to make music and art, play games, practice motor skills, swim, fish and go on field trips.

It's an experience, say SCAMP facilitators, the children would not otherwise have.

More than a dozen groups and individuals were acknowledged at last week's dinner for ongoing support of SCAMP, including Deer Lake Athletic Club owner Forrest Milzow, who



Dr. Charles Munk, center, along with his wife Linda, talk with Bob Brumback, one of SCAMP's original founders, at last week's dinner. For more photos, see [ClarkstonNews.com](http://ClarkstonNews.com). Photo by Laura Colvin

donated use of the facility's banquet center for the evening.

Special recognition was given to the Clarkston Rotary, and Judy Hoddinott; Dr. Charles Munk took home the Bob Brumback award for his support of SCAMP.

Brumback worked as one of SCAMP's original founders and remains committed to the organization.

His wife, Pat Brumback, gave attendees a snapshot view of SCAMP's influence on the community since its inception in 1976.

"In some different places it may be difficult to have a job in a grocery store or have a job

anywhere if you have a disability," she said. "Not so here. In some places it may be difficult to have a circle of friends, or people who take you to the Big Boy, or just people who are friendly to you, or even know your name when you're in the high school. Not so here."

Years of SCAMP—supported by the community and the inclusion philosophy in Clarkston schools—make a difference, she pointed out.

"There's something fundamentally different about the acceptance and what goes on in Clarkston," Brumback said. "And for that I think we can be so proud and so thankful."

## Hair donation to help cancer patients

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but when you can restore some appearance, it's a very, very positive thing for those folks."

And that's why McGinnis wanted to help someone else in honor of her friend.

"I very much like my long hair," she said, noting her tresses were about four inches longer before the cut than at any other time in her life. "It'll definitely be an adjustment getting used to having it short again, but I made a commitment to doing this."

McGinnis' daughter Sarah McGinnis said the haircut was typical behavior for her mom.

"She's very selfless," Sarah said. "She's always been one to do things for others."

The Pantene Beautiful Lengths real-hair wigs for cancer patients are created in partnership with the American Cancer Society, the Entertainment Industry Foundation, and HairUWear, a leader in hair extensions and additions.

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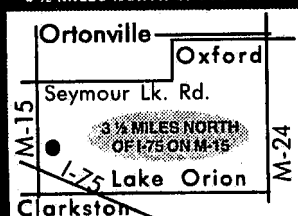
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# Milestones

## Former Clarkston man weds

Alicia Renee Enders and Adam John Gebus were married in a double ring ceremony, Sept. 27, 2008, in the gardens of Cheekwood Estate in Nashville, Tenn.

The Rev. Dr. P.A. Michel officiated.

Alicia is the daughter of Glenn and Vickie Enders of Dover, Pa. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Leonard Claytor of Dover, Pennsylvania, and the late Mrs. Claytor; the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Enders of Dover, Pa.; and the late Mr. Calvin Grim of Boiling Springs, Pa.

Adam is the son of John and Nan Gebus of Orange Beach, Ala., recently of Clarkston. He is the grandson of Mrs. Harlan Walterhouse of Davison, and the late Mr. Walterhouse; and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Gebus of Flint.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless ivory gown by Casablanca featuring a crystal beaded bodice with a dropped waistline, a full tulle skirt adorned with an elaborate hand embroidered design, and a chapel length train. She wore a double layer fingertip veil and carried a bouquet of ivory roses.

Attending the bride were her sister, Crystal Blanton of Phoenix, Ariz., and friends Andrea Painter of Washington, DC; Diana Legowik of Huntsville, Ala.; and Katelynn Kem of Sarajevo, Bosnia. The bridesmaids wore gowns of wine satin of varied design and length and carried bouquets of red roses and Blackstar calla lilies.

Best man was long-time friend of the groom, Cody Senkyr, of Bloomington, Minn., formerly of Clarkston. Groomsmen were friends Craig Verlinden of Huntsville, Ala., and Torre Antonazzo of Raleigh, N.C., both formerly of Clarkston; and Andrew Etter of Auburn Hills.

Hors d'oeuvres on the terrace at the Cheekwood Learning Center were followed by a courtyard dinner reception with dancing and cocktails. Weekend festivities for the wedding guests included a golf outing



Alicia and Adam

and tours of several historic Nashville attractions.

The wedding couple enjoyed a week-long retreat to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gebus reside in Huntsville, Ala., where the bride is a supply chain consultant/business analyst for Booz Allen Hamilton and holds a Pennsylvania State University Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Logistics, with a minor in Management Information Systems.

The groom works for Jacobs ESTS as an aerospace engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kettering University in Flint. He is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alabama, Huntsville.

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## Christmas message still needed

As we are approaching the Christmas season we are facing very uncertain times.

The economy of our nation is desperate while our state, Michigan, seems to be the direst of all states. Although there are many different solutions being tossed about on how to best cure our current economic distress it is painfully obvious that many of these solutions are only best guesses as to what will cure our problems.

It is amazing to me that in many cases the very people who have been leading the companies and organizations that got us into this economic crises are the very ones we are looking to in order to get us out of the current situation.

For me, it is not much consolation when I see such little understanding of our economic system. Many of the leading figures were not only vitally involved in the shaping of our economy but they were also educated at our "best" educational institutions.

When we hear scientists debate theories about the natural world it makes sense that we are still learning more about the unknown world we inherited from God. We need to realize that the economic system is a man made system, so logically it would make sense that we should be able to comprehend

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

how and why it works in the manner that it does. The truth is many things about the economy are certainly open to debate and the theories of how it works best are evolving with time.

This is one of the reasons the message of Christmas is so important and necessary for our world. The Christmas story is the story of God entering the affairs of man in a very personal way in order that He could offer us hope for our lives.

God does not just speak from heaven but He is willing to get personally involved in our lives. Jesus was God becoming flesh in order that He could dwell among us and relate to our human experience. God does not just join us but He offers us the opportunity through His son Jesus Christ to live beyond the human experience in the power of the living God.

In our contemporary world society has become too sophisticated to think we need the simple wisdom that the Bible offers. Our prosperity has given us something to rely on to the extent that now we often think we do not need God or the fellowship of the church.

We often consider these things as just memories from the past that we enjoy reminiscing about but do not have any firm commitments to. During these days of distress we need to remind ourselves about our need for something beyond the human experience. We need God and we need the wisdom He imparts to us. We need to return to the very principles that our society was founded on. Although we have come a long way

Please see *Spiritual Matters*, page 16B

## In our churches...

**Love Never Fails**, honoring the Animal Kingdom, plus the rise of New Thought Spirituality, with special music by Joe Reilly, 10 a.m., Dec. 14. Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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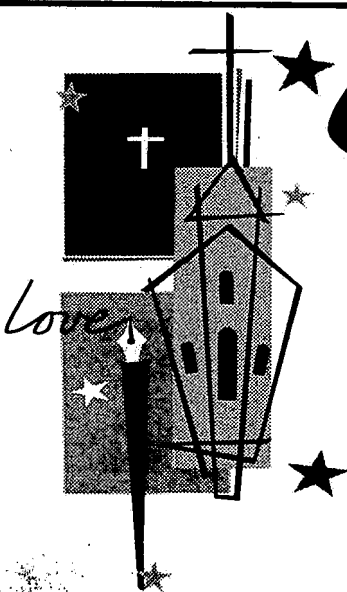
**Bethany North**, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

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**Basic Yoga**, with instructor Noreen Daly, 10 a.m., Wednesdays, Peace Unity. Drop ins welcome. \$7/class. 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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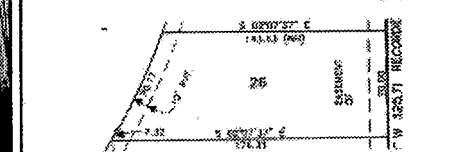
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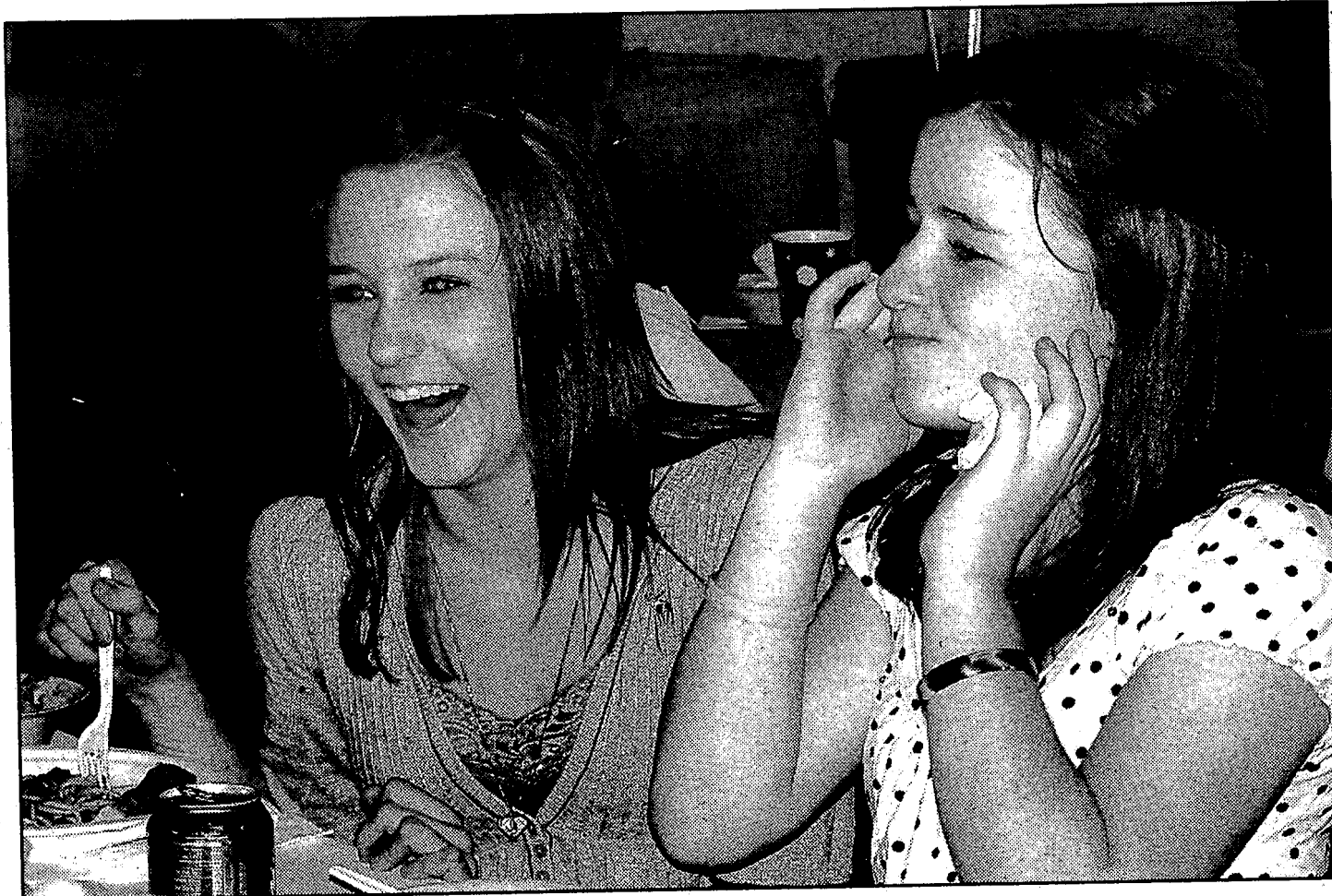
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Lindsey Friend, left, shares a laugh with Morgan Addis and other friends at the fundraiser.



Ellen Kuhn writes a message of hope.

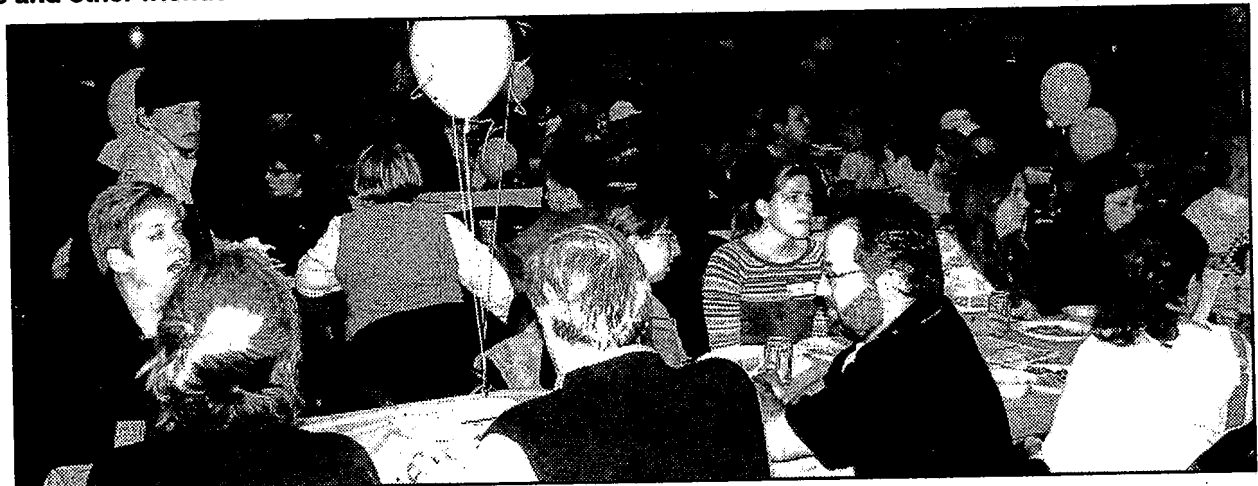
# Friends indeed

Friends, family and well-wishers filled Clarkston's Knights of Columbus Hall, Dec. 5, in a fundraiser for Lindsey Friend.

Proceeds from the benefit will help the Clarkston Junior High School student in treatment and recovery from a brain injury suffered when she hit her head this past September.



Lindsey Friend helps Bill Keller pick a door prize winner. Several local businesses and individuals donated items for auction and as prizes.



Friends and family fill the hall. Photos by Phil Custodio

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Hollie Campagna, director of figure skating, helps Berkley Bretschneider with her routine. Photos by Phil Custodio

## Skaters present Polar Express

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

More than 50 local skaters will tell the story of the "Polar Express," through music interpretation on ice.

"We working hard to prepare," said Hollie Campagna, director of figure skating. "It's a lot of fun - lighthearted entertainment, good family fun. It's a great way to kick off the holiday."

Lakeland Skating Club members, 7-17 years old, will perform solos, duets, trios and group numbers choreographed to music from the film as part of their new Holiday Festival on Ice, Monday, Dec. 15, at Lakeland Arena, 7330 Highland Road in Waterford.

"My vision for the holiday festival is to create another avenue for our skaters to shine like the stars that they are," said Campagna, Clarkston High School graduate. "With the expansion of the holiday exhibition, I am not only able to reach out to our new skaters to provide more performance opportunities, but also to the community to invite them to share in our program during the holiday season."

The festival begins with a pre-show exhibition by Team du Coeur synchronized skating teams at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Polar Express themed show from 5-7 p.m. Admission is free, and refreshments are available.

"I like the routines we learn," said Seneca Moore of Clarkston, 13, who will skate to "I

love candy." "I like flip jumps, they're challenging but easy."

The Clarkston Junior High School student has been skating for eight years.

"I love the sport, all the elements, jumping and spinning," said Karisa Yu, 12, skater for nine years, performing as a chef.

Lexi Denio, 17, of Clarkston, will perform a solo as the "Spirit of Christmas."

"It's always been fun and challenging, said Denio, student at Our Lady of the Lakes with 11 years of skating. "There's always something new to learn.

A senior-level competitor, she is working on double axel and triple Salchows elements.

"There's a lot of work to do, but I'm getting closer," she said. "My goal is to land a triple and do well in competition."

Berkley Bretschneider, 10, is performing in her first show, with Team du Coeur - Beginner 1 team.

"I skated once and liked it so much," said Bretschneider, a student at Clarkston Elementary School.

"I like everything about it," agreed Rachel Horton, 10, student at Andersonville Elementary.

Other Clarkston-area skaters are Alissa Chrisikos, 12, Lexa Prokopetz, 11, and Madison Dryden, 6.

Clarkston High School graduate Stephanie



From left, Clarkston skaters Lexi Denio, Seneca Moore, Rachel Horton, and Berkley Bretschneider are set to perform.



Seneca Moore helps Karisa Yu with her skates, as Lexi Denio watches.

Wotton, coach for the past two years, has 16 years of skating experience.

"Hollie was my coach," Wotton said. "It's been very rewarding, seeing the smiles on their faces. We have a lot of younger members. The show provides more opportunity for younger students to solo."

In addition to the public performance, a school field trip day will be on Dec. 16, with

one-hour Polar Express performances at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The club offers skating classes for ages 3 to adult in eight-week sessions. For more information, call Lakeland Arena at 248-666-1911 or check [www.lakelandskatingclub.org](http://www.lakelandskatingclub.org).

For more information on the synchronized skating teams of Team du Coeur, visit [www.teamducoeur.org](http://www.teamducoeur.org).



# Chiefs take national titles

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Reporter

Clarkston Chiefs continued their winning streak for one more weekend and won the North American Youth Football Championships during Thanksgiving weekend.

The Freshman teams were divided up into two teams - 8-year-olds and 9-year-olds for any boy who wanted to play at the nationals in North Carolina.

Freshman White Head Football Coach Joel Wells headed the team of 8-year-olds and Freshman Blue Head Football Coach Steve Groulx headed the nine-year-olds.

"It was amazing. We didn't know what to expect and thought it would be tough," said Wells. "Our boys were just that good."

Both team were undefeated as they faced off from teams from the Eastern part of the country.

The 8-year-old team shut out the North Carolina Ballantyne Gators, 14-0, and Niagara Falls Cataracts from New York, 21-0.

The boys had to play the Gators one more time in the final round.

"They were the next best team," said Wells. "We were down 6-0 at half-time. The rain and cold didn't stop the boys."

They won the game, 13-6.

The 9-year-old team didn't give their competition a chance to score any points on them. The boys shut out Virginia Spotsylvania Wolverines, Ohio East Cleveland Chiefs and the Virginia Dale City Bengals.

Each player received their own trophy and the teams received a larger trophy.

The Chiefs left an impression, not only on the boys they played against but the coaches and referees.

"I was most proud of the way the boys handled themselves, not only on the field but off," said Groulx. "I talked to a lot of coaches who couldn't believe how were organized, trained, and the sportsmanship the boys had."

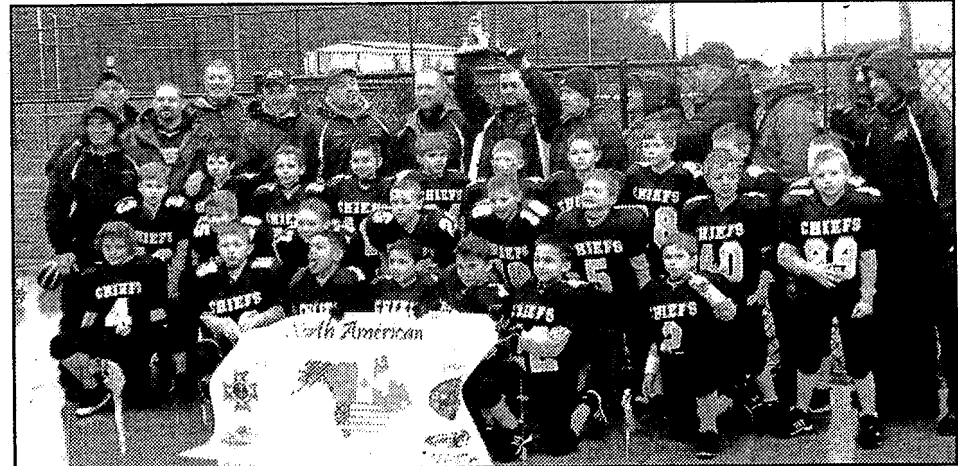
Groulx had seen information about the championship in a newspaper when he was in Charlotte, NC on a business trip for WorkLife Financial.

One of the requirements to play in the event was to win their division - which the boys did.

Groulx talked to the parents and got the ball rolling.

WorkLife paid for the entrance fees and sponsored the event.

Between players and their families - a total of 260 represented Clarkston at the championships.



Chiefs 8-year-old team smiles with their new trophies.

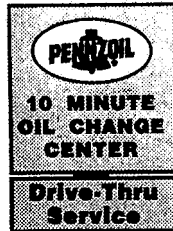


Chiefs 9-year-old team shut out three teams on their way to victory.

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# Obituary

## Shirley A. Wood

Shirley A. Wood of Gladwin, formerly of Pontiac, passed away Dec. 2, 2008, at the age of 74.

Shw was preceded in death by her husband Dale R. She was the loving mother of Jill Hurst, Kim (Craig) Giroux, and Richard (Starr) Wood; grandmother of Angela, Jeff, Tony, Nikki, Dana, Marc, Autumn, Kaila, Kathryn, Ashley, and Chelsea; and great grandmother of 10.

Mrs. Wood loved spending time out-



doors with her family. She enjoyed seeing the smiles when sharing her beanie babies.

Funeral Service was Dec. 5 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to

the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Online guestbook, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Shirley A. Starr

Shirley A. Starr of Coleman, formerly of Houghton Lake, passed away Dec. 4, 2008, at the age of 72.

She was the wife of James; mother of Ernest (Patty) of Brighton, Chelle (Gary) Brinin of Clarkston, and Dick (Amy) of Howell; grandmother of Danielle, Dustin, Ashlee, Gage, Kayte, and Megan; and sister of Donna (John) Femby of Lansing.

Memorial Service is Thursday, Dec. 11,



10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, 9 a.m. until time of service.

Memorials may be made to Midland County Senior Services. Online guestbook,

[www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Students learn about thankfulness

Students at Our Lady of the Lakes Elementary School planted more than 240 handmade flowers in front of their school, learning about gratitude and Thanksgiving.

In a project suggested by para-professional Dotty O'Ryan, students discussed what gratefulness is and for what they are thankful, then designed and made bright, colorful flowers each with a personal message.

One student wrote "I am grateful for my

mom and dad and brothers and sisters. Others wrote "I am grateful for my little sister because she is just so darn cute" and "I am grateful that God loves me."

The flowers were laminated and affixed to sticks.

"This was a very heartfelt project that comes at a time when many families in Michigan, especially in our area, have been struggling," said Principal Julie Sartori.

## Eleanor A. Miller

Eleanor A. Miller of Lake Orion, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Dec. 2, 2008, at the age of 89.

She was the loving mother of Kathy (Tom) Tabaka of Clarkston, Marilyn Rose of Bloomfield Hills, Joanne (Pius) Machokas of Fla. and the late David Miller of Fla.; grandmother of five and great grandmother of eight.

Memorial Service will be Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from 2 p.m. until time of the service. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or American Heart Association.

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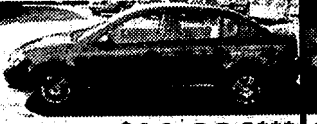





















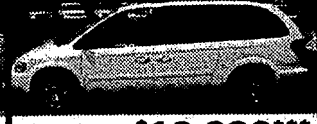



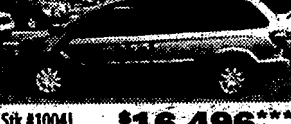






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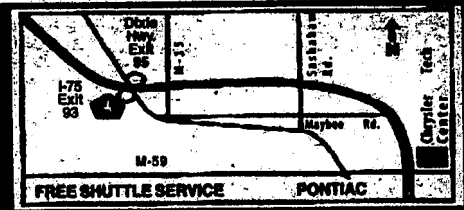
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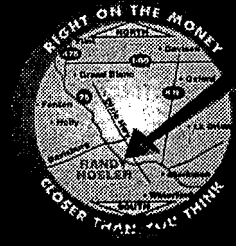


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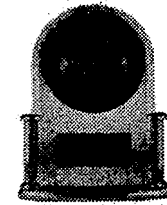
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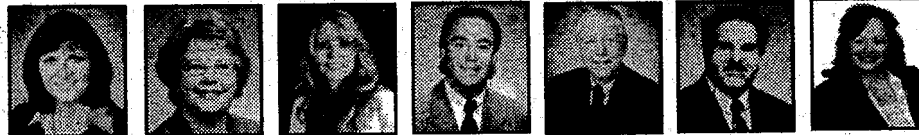
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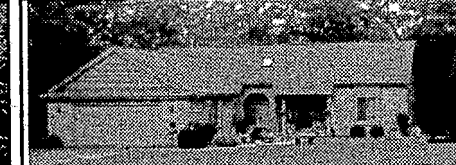
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The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Public Library.

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Carson, Rosso, Wallace, Wagner, Lohmeier, Petterson

Absent: None

There was a quorum.

- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- The agenda was approved as submitted.
- Citizens were offered a chance to address the Board regarding subjects that were not on the agenda.
- The following Consent Agenda items were approved:
  - Approval of Purchase Orders
  - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - 2009 Annual Permit Application for Municipality Maintenance - RCOC
  - 2009 Annual Permit Application for Municipality Community Events - RCOC
  - 2009 Annual Permit for MDOT
- Approved hiring of Clerk for Senior Center
- Approved salary freeze for elected officials
- Approved motion to go into closed session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement (AFSCME) and Non-AFSCME and Non-IAFF employees compensation
- Came out of closed session at 9:20 p.m.
- Denied approval of AFSCME contract
- Approved motion to table action on Non-AFSCME and Non-IAFF employees salary increases
- Adjourned regularly scheduled meeting at 9:25 p.m.  
Shelagh VanderVeen  
Township Clerk

Published: December 10, 2008

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**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 24, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arkwright.

Roll: Present: Mayor Arkwright, Brueck, Gawronski, Ottman, Johnston, Roth, Inabnit

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ritter, Police Chief LaCroix

Moved by Gawronski, supported by Roth, "That the minutes of November 10, 2008 Council meeting be approved as presented". Motion carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Johnston, "That the Agenda be approved with these additions- under Unfinished Business- (1). Council Meeting Policy, Procedures and Decorum and (2) Consolidated Goals and Objectives. Under New Business (4) Grant opportunities Main Street Oakland County and (5) WAM Grant." Motion carried.

City Manager, Ritter, wanted the Council to be aware of a letter from the Road Commission on behalf of MDOT stating, as a cost saving measure, MDOT would not pay for any overtime generated by any snow work done on State roadways. As a result the City is advised that one pass down the middle of M15 (Main Street) to removed snow is a possibility. Everything depends on the severity of each snowfall event.

Mr. Ritter advised the Council that the 2007/2008 Audit is complete. Janz and Knight, our auditors, will be presenting the audit to the Council on December 8.

Mr. Ed Adler and Mr. Robert Roth, Leh-Flay Holdings, LLC, would like to meet with the City to determine the future development of the Twp Hall Property on 90 North Main.

The Council recommended that the first step to take would be to go before the Planning Commission and work with them. Gawronski told Mr. Adler and Mr. Roth that Monday, December 1, 2008, will be the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Inabnit to "Adopt the attached Council Meeting Policies, Procedures and Decorum in an effort to benefit from the most efficient and effective City Council Meeting possible." Motion carried.

Motion by Gawronski, supported by Roth to "Appoint

Craig McCleod to the Planning Commission for a term ending November 1, 2009." Motion carried.

Mayor Arkwright suggested that any and all openings on any committee should be filled. Mayor Arkwright requested City Manager Ritter find out what committees have vacancies.

Resolution by Gawronski, supported by Roth to "Accept LTM Auto, Truck and Trailer bid of \$2,924.08 dated 11/14/08 to repair the '95 Dump Truck with a not to exceed 10% contingency.

Roll: Yeas - Roth, Gawronski, Brueck, Arkwright, Johnston

Nays - Inabnit, Ottman

Resolution adopted.

Mill Pond Skating - Virginia Schultz asked the Council if the City could plow an ice skating rink on the Mill Pond.

Mayor Arkwright asked the City Manager for information on who owns the land and water on the Mill Pond and the City's insurance coverage for the next meeting.

Grants Main Street Oakland County - DTE Energy Foundation has a cost sharing tree planting grant to be submitted by December 26, 2008, according to Council Member Ottman.

Resolution by Brueck, supported by Johnston to "Approve CWG applying for a WAM Grant including a \$700 In Kind Service from the DPW for the Rain Garden to be expanded in Depot Park."

Roll: Yeas - Mayor Arkwright, Johnston, Inabnit, Gawronski, Ottman, Roth, Brueck.

Nays - None

Resolution adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet C. Gillespie, Clerk

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

Date and Time: December 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.  
Place: Independence Township Library  
6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI

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.

7. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2008
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
- Plante & Moran Engagement Letter
- Approval of Blanket Purchase Requisition for 2009
- Resolution of Clarkston Soccer Club to be recognized as a non-profit organization for purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license

New Business

Budget Adjustments

Approval of 2009 Township Board Meeting Schedule

Only those matters that are listed on the Agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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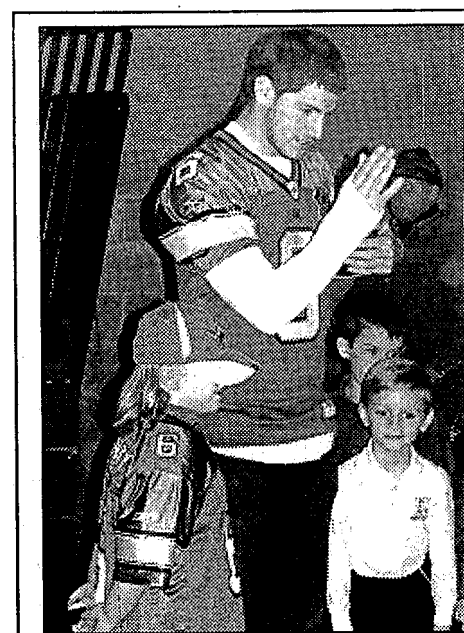
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Take notice that the City of the Village of Clarkston Council will hold a public hearing at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston MI 48346 at 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 11, 2008, the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2009 application in the approximate amount of \$8,000. Fill one vacant position on Planning Commission and Act on recommendation of Insurance representative regarding Swakowski vs. City of Clarkston.

The City of the Village of Clarkston Council will consider any public comments to this matter at this time. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comments. Contact the City Offices at (248) 625-1559 for further information or special services

Janet Gillespie  
Clerk-Treasurer

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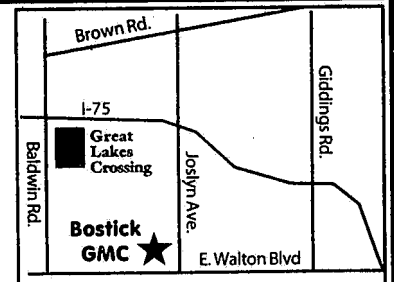
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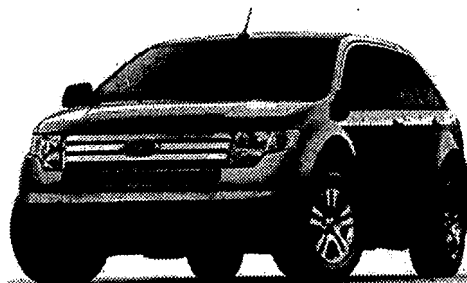
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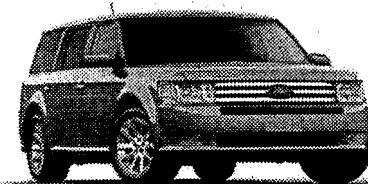
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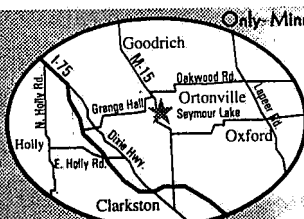
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