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Crossing the road

Chamberlin wants more Main Street handicap parking

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bill Chamberlin drives to Clarkston Village Bake Shop once or twice a week for a cup of coffee and a doughnut. But finding a handicap parking spot close enough is a challenge.

"I'm sure these store owners don't want to patronize us, but let's face it, the senior citizen and handicapped person is a lost citizen," he said. "They really are."

Chamberlin, who was permanently injured in 1987, doesn't think there is enough handicap parking on the east side of M-15. If he parks on the west side and tries to cross the road, he can't make it in time.

"If I start walking once that light says I can walk, I'm only approxi-

mately half way across when it stops and traffic starts heading the other direction," he said. "If they're not aware, as many people are not when they're driving, then I'm in the intersection and get killed."

Chamberlin suffered a spinal injury when he fell on the job as a project manager for Toyota. Ever since, he has to walk with "baby steps."

"I tell my grandchildren, I came into this world with baby steps and I am leaving with baby steps," he said.

Chamberlin talked to city officials, but said he was told to contact his state representative.

"Why do I have to do it, when (city government) has a lot more pull than I have," he said.

Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix told him he would check with Clarkston City Council about getting a couple handicap spots on Washington Street next to Olde Village Café.

"Basically, it came down to it's not wide enough to put a regulation parking place in or the slope of the ground is not conducive," said LaCroix. "They (American Disability Act) have regulations of how much slope can be on the ground and none of the places owned by the city have the right-of-way fit."

Chamberlin said an ideal handicap parking spot would be the last parking spot right in front of Olde Village Café.

"You don't have to go out any farther into the street," he said. "All they need is a cut in the curb."

LaCroix and City Manager Dennis Ritter checked into it, and said nothing could be done along M-15 because it's a state road. None of the parking spots are wide enough anyway, according to ADA regulations.

"It would bulge right out into the thru lane," said Ritter.

If the city doesn't follow guidelines and someone is hit, the city would be liable, LaCroix said.

"I understand that, but what's a Please see Crosswalk on page 4A



Bill Chamberlin, would like to see more handicap parking on the east side of M-15. Photo by Trevor Kelsner.



Christmas marchers

Girl Scout Troop 1919 of Pine Knob Elementary march in the Holiday Lights Parade, Dec. 13 in downtown Clarkston. Please see page 8A for more pictures from the parade. Photo by Laura Colvin

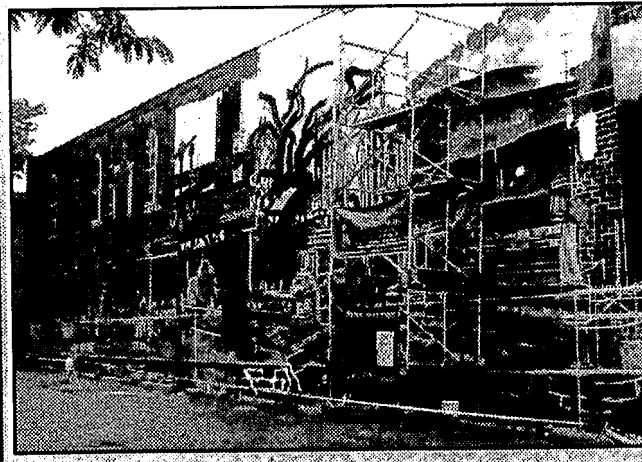
More mural inspired points of view

When the first Rudy's Market, on the north side of 5 S. Main Street, burned down in 1941, Tom Bullen of Independence Township was there.

The building was occupied by Walter's Dry Goods at the time. The flames spared the brick building, but left a blank wall facing Washington Street, said the retired accountant and lawyer, and 1953 graduate of

Clarkston High School.

Now owned by Jim Sherman Sr., retired publisher of *The Clarkston News*, and home to the community newspaper, Bullen said he is inclined to be more patient about its outcome than others, having "gazed at it these 67 years." Reflecting that sentiment he writes:



'Ode To A Mural'

How to magnify a wall so blank?
 While bearing impertinence, impatience so rank.
 Enduring small brushes for an expanse so great,
 With rickety scaffolding and funding so slight.
 The Sistine Chapel was not done in a day,
 Michelangelo's inspiration ignoring delay,
 The art of Van Gogh never quite understood,
 Even by harpies or other dark sisterhood.
 So be patient art lovers and others of cheer,
 While a mural's completion may be far from near,
 There's fun in the waiting, the struggle, the pain,
 The squabble by rabble for us to entertain.

— Thomas K. Bullen

For many more opinions on the developing mural project, see page 6A and 12A.

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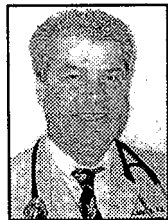


Getting an early start

Madie Carpentier isn't yet in kindergarten, but that doesn't mean she's not interested in learning. With the help of her grandmother, Carol Carpentier, Madie explores her hometown of Clarkston, talking to people and getting their picture for her book, "Cool People Who Make and Do Cool Things." *Photo by Laura Colvin*

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Briefly . . . News offices set to close for holidays

The Clarkston News office will be closed at noon, Wednesdays, Dec. 24 and 31, and all day for Christmas and New Year's Day, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

The office will be open Fridays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

New planning commissioner for Clarkston

Robert Hahn of Clarkston is the newest member of the Clarkston Planning Commission.

"He has a long history in the community," said Council member Cory Johnston, who nominated him. Hahn fills Steve Wylie's unexpired term, ending December 2009.

The council voted 5-0 to approve the appointment.

Bible-based financial class

Calvary Lutheran Church of Clarkston hosts Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University in January.

"There are an awfully lot of people who are struggling to make ends meet," said organizer Dave Beare. "We at Calvary will be offering this 13 week class for nothing more than the actual cost of the materials -- \$100, including shipping."

Topics include how to get and stay out of debt, build wealth, budget, invest, and insurance. Concepts are biblically based, but the class is open to all.

Free preview sessions at the church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, are set for Jan. 4 at noon and Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call 248-625-1611.

Corrections

In the story "Mural meltdown at city meeting," Dec. 10 edition, Don Frayer's name was spelled incorrectly. Also, Lorry Mahler was misidentified as Marilyn Moir.

In "Salary freeze for township elected officials," the Independence Township Board voted 7-0, Feb. 5, to approve a three-percent pay increase, not 6-1.



At left, Miranda Liles and Mary Warner enjoy a good chat.



Dr. Charles Monk and his wife Linda Monk talk with Keith Patten, one of Fountains owners. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Christmas at Fountains

Many Clarkston area residents gathered at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, Dec. 5, to enjoy food, drinks, live music, and dancing, all for an admission price of a newly unwrapped present to benefit Santa's Kids.

Springfield firefighters get hefty raise

Other township employees get raises, too

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township's fulltime firefighters got some good news just in time for the holidays.

The township board unanimously approved a 13.3 percent pay hike—an increase of about \$5,000—for the two firefighters in 2009.

Across the board, other township employees received a pay raise equal to about 3 percent of their current salaries.

"There is a larger increase for fire personnel and that's reflective of what firefighters earn in other (municipalities)," said Trustee Denny Vallad. "You run a risk of losing trained firefighters if you're too far out of line on salaries, so I think this wage increase is appropriate."

Trustee Roger Lamont agreed.

"Our fire staff, along with the chief, are quick to respond to emergencies and are kind, caring and Johnny-on-the-Spot," he said,

noting his comments were drawn from personal experience. "The training and the time to replace them would far exceed the cost of a raise."

Treasurer Jamie Dubre proposed a 3 percent raise for other township employees and said layoffs have forced remaining staff to shoulder increased responsibility without much compensation in pay during recent years.

For the first time ever, she pointed out, employees were asked to help pay for medical benefits, while township 401(k) contributions were reduced from 7.5 percent to five percent.

"We still have the same staff so we're very fortunate" Dubre said. "The staff's knowledge, dedication and hard work has meant a lot to the township offices, and I think they should be recognized in some manner."

Dubre said she thought the 3 percent raise was "not out of line" given the current 4.4 percent rate of inflation.

No raises were proposed or granted to the supervisor, clerk, treasurer or trustees in 2008 and 2009.

In fact, Dubre pointed out, as "new hires," recently elected Supervisor Mike Trout and Clerk Laura Moreau will receive a township 401(k) contribution of only 2.5 percent.

In addition staff pay hikes approved for 2009, the board also agreed to a one time increase to 2008 wages of existing staff.

Employees in the assessing and supervisor's office will get \$4,000; those in the clerk's office will see \$3,000; and the treasurer's office will see \$2,500.

The supervisor, clerk, and treasurer, respectively, will determine how the one-time increases are allocated.

Springfield Township government salaries

Title	2008	2009
Assessor	\$53,045	\$54,700
Asst. Assessor	\$38,110	\$39,300
Assessing Clerk	\$29,355	\$30,300
Deputy Treasurer	\$36,050	\$37,200
Treasurer Asst.	\$29,355	\$30,300
Deputy Clerk	\$36,050	\$37,200
Clerk/Clerical	\$29,428	\$30,300
Voter Reg. Clerk	\$15/hr.	\$15.50/hr.
Admin. Asst. to Supervisor	\$34,505	\$35,600
Ordinance Officer	\$16/hr.	\$16.50/hr.
Fire Chief	\$55,105	\$56,800
Full-time Fire	\$37,080	\$42,000
Fire Clerical	\$15.45/hr	\$16/hr.

Time to Sell...or Time to Buy?

We're in a recession, which could be severe. Several financial services companies have either collapsed or been bailed out by the government. And the stock market is down about 45 percent since hitting its peak in October of 2007. Is this a "perfect storm" that should blow investors out of the market — or is it actually an opportunity for investors to jump back in?

If you're an investor, your first impulse might be to join the "get out while you can" camp. After all, it's no fun seeing the market plunge hundreds of points one day — and then hundreds more the next day. And we keep getting hit by waves of bad economic news. What possible reason could there be for remaining invested in the market, or even adding more dollars to your current investments?

Actually, you might be surprised. Some strong historical evidence suggests that, during a period such as we are now in, you may indeed benefit by not only staying invested, but also increasing your investment dollars in the financial markets. Consider this: In nine of the last ten recessions, dating back to 1949, the S & P 500 had moved up by at least 29 percent just 12 months after hitting its lowest point during the recession. Of course, as you've no doubt heard, past performance is no guarantee of future results, but it's interesting to note that the market eventually recovered after each recession.

However, no one can really predict when stocks will reach that low point. It's possible we've already hit it, but it's just as likely that we'll see further drops.

And yet, even if you can't say that we've hit a market low, should you sell your stocks to "cut your losses" and use the proceeds to buy what you perceive as less risky investments? Before making this move, you need to consider some important facts. For example, if you pulled out of the stock market and purchased certificates of deposit (CDs) from a strong

financial institution, you could reasonably expect that your principal will be safe and that you will receive the interest payments promised to you. But the interest rate you receive may not even keep up with inflation, so, over time, your investment could end up costing you purchasing power.

On the other hand, if you were to remain invested in the stock market, and if it does follow historical patterns, you do have a chance of making up your losses. Will there be continued volatility in day-to-day price movements? Almost certainly. But keep in mind that, over the long term, a portfolio that contains a reasonable amount of stocks, along with bonds, government securities and other investments, gives you the best chance of achieving your financial goals.

And here's another reason to keep investing: As measured by the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E), stocks are currently inexpensive. If you buy more shares when prices are down, your increased ownership stake should become more valuable when stocks recover — as they have done following every bear market in the past.

It's tough to stay positive during a gloomy market environment. But the most successful investors are often the ones who have the courage to be optimistic when everyone around them is not.

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Falling snow doesn't make crossing Main Street any easier. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Crosswalk too quick

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few dollars compared to somebody's life," asked Chamberlin. "That's not worth it. I said (to LaCroix) 'well I suggest you go and buy yourself a big shovel and big bucket and when I get killed in the intersection, you can come out and shovel me up.'"

Ritter said the city will keep their eyes open for possibilities.

"Obviously, we're sympathetic to the request, that's for sure," he said. "If an oppor-

tunity comes along, we want to take advantage of it, (but) I don't know when that will be."

The 48-foot cross walk across M-15 provides 34-36 seconds for pedestrians to get across before the light changes. Deirdre O. Thompson, pedestrian and bicycle safety engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation, said she would check with Oakland Transportation Center and MDOT to see if it can be made longer.

City set to settle police lawsuit

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A settlement seems likely in a lawsuit by a former Clarkston police officer against the city.

John Swatowski Jr. filed suit this past September against the City of the Village of Clarkston, charging violation of Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act when he was fired, July 10, 2007.

The council discussed the case in closed session at the Nov. 26 council meeting with city attorney Tom Ryan. Negotiations were handled by Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool's Meadowbrook Insurance Company.

The council took up the issue at a special meeting, Dec. 11, but voted unanimously to table it until they know whether another closed session is needed to finalize the deal.

"Our insurance company has full authority to settle the lawsuit, but Tom Ryan thought it important for the city council to give its approval," said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

Ritter will also see if details of the settlement will be sealed.

"I'd prefer the agreement be kept private," said Mayor Stephen Arkwright.

Swatowski asked for at least \$25,000 to compensate for lost wages, benefits, and other economic benefits, as well as mental

anguish, emotional distress, and outrage over how he was treated, according to the lawsuit filed with Oakland County Circuit Court.

He joined Clarkston Police as a part-time officer in May 2006 after 35 years with Detroit's police department. He suffered a minor stroke on Jan. 16, 2007, was treated, and returned to work, Feb. 28, 2007.

The suit claims Clarkston Police Office James Thompson, acting chief at the time, placed Swatowski on involuntary leave on April 11, 2007, in order to determine his medical status.

Also on April 11, 2007, *The Clarkston News* published an opinion column by staff writer Laura Colvin. "Cops snooze, it's news" described finding an unnamed Clarkston police officer asleep at department headquarters on Church Street.

The suit further states Swatowski was diagnosed and treated for sleep apnea, cleared to return to work on July 5, 2007, but was terminated by the city a few days later.

The city's response, filed with circuit court, admits to the dates of medical leave and termination, but wouldn't admit or deny allegations regarding Thompson.

Thompson said he was advised not to comment on the case pending litigation.

Attorney Michael L. Pitt, representing Swatowski, did not return calls for comment.

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Mike Florek of Lake Orion hammers away.



Pablo Salazar Mark Hujan Juan Nawarrete of Ann Arbor build their wall brick by brick.



Ben Hunter of Oakland Technical Campus Northwest finishes the final touches on his wall.

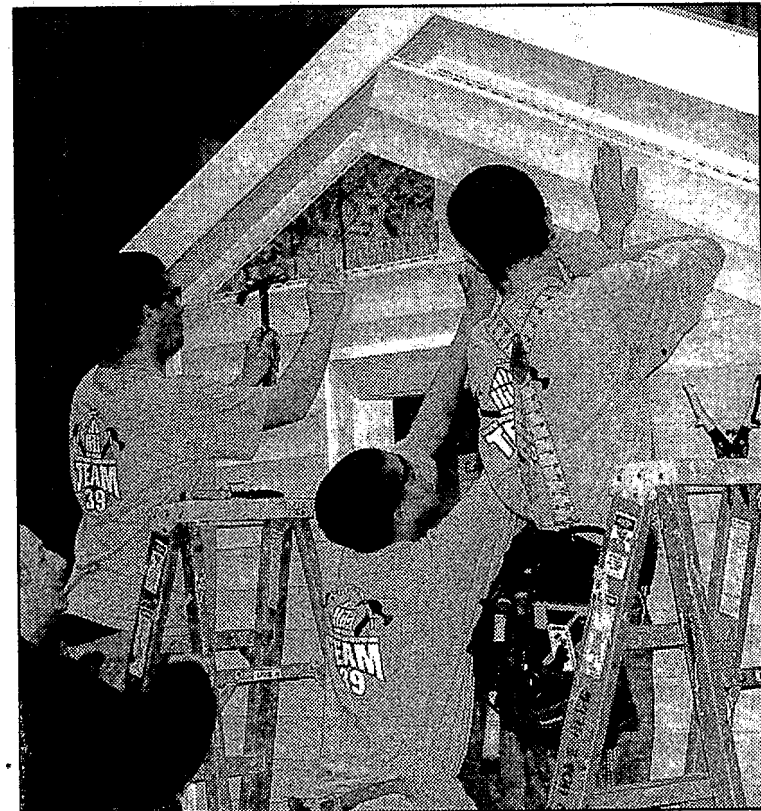
Hammer time

Construction-technology students competed in the second annual Carpentry and Masonry Invitations, Dec. 4, at Springfield Oaks.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest in Springfield Township and northeast campus in Pontiac competed with students from Ann Arbor Public Schools and Dakota High School of Macomb.

The competition, in which students built projects from blueprints, prepares them for the upcoming SkillsUSA competitions, locally and nationally.

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Out loud

A column by Laura Colvin

Mural madness

What do you do? Are you an architect or a builder? Imagine this: you're in the middle of a huge project, looking on proudly as the skeleton of your building stands against the skyline.

Suddenly, an angry crowd appears.

"Take it down," shouts one stout man.

"It's ugly!" snorts another. "I don't like it!"

"You have no talent," screams a third (claiming superiority because he "studied" architecture, but never actually produced a thing).

Or maybe you're a pastry chef who's worked up an idea for the crème da la crème of desserts. You're beating the eggs and whipping the butter when a mob busts into your kitchen.

"Ew!" they shriek. "That looks disgusting! We'll never eat it!"

"But it's not finished," you try to explain. "I still have to add the sugar, the spice and everything nice."

They don't care. They won't even listen, instead clamoring for you to throw it out. Those who are too afraid to speak in your presence clap and cheer in heartless arrogance.

Scrape it all in the disposal, just get rid of it, they demand.

Or this: You've purchased a home in a historic town, and spent months restoring it to your standard of beauty. But here comes the crowd again, and this time they've got a pitchfork. And torches.

"Plastiwood? You can't use that here! Get out!"

"But this is MY property," you rationalize.

Suddenly someone else appears.

"Your property?" the person shouts. "Yours? My family owned this property 30 years ago and you're embarrassing us with that plastiwood!"

Sound a little absurd?

It is. Whether a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker or a painter of large-scale murals, a person should be allowed to finish the work before the haughty, holier-than-thou crowd starts screaming.

Some say the Clarkston mural is taking too long. I say, what's the rush? Seriously, what?

Some claim they just don't like the mural.

I wonder: have they ever tried to imagine it without the guide lines, or the "stay off scaffolding" signs that won't be there when it's finished?

I'm surprised by the snobbish, sarcastic, sanctimonious attitudes and the downright ugly treatment Michelle Tynan has received from many.

I'm always telling outsiders how great the Clarkston community is, how kind and giving the people who live here are. Apparently, not all the people.

The story in last week's paper inspired phone calls and letters, proving Michelle has plenty of support in the community.

Personally, I admire her, and the work she's doing.

Who else could withstand such mean-spirited criticism and resolve to continue on, simply because she believes in herself and her work?

If we all had such faith in ourselves, in our own unique talents and abilities, just think of what we could accomplish. Just think.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Mural opposition brings negative attention, too

While some predict riots in the streets with the collapse of General Motors, American troops in combat overseas, foreclosures at an all-time high, and a jobless rate highest in the nation, it's disturbing to note the attention some place on the 5 S. Main Street mural.

Home of *The Clarkston News*, the building's north side has been a work in progress for the past 28 months. Patience worn thin, embarrassed and appalled by images so far, 93 residents signed a petition to set a timeline for withdrawal from the mural debacle, as they see it.

Here's how we see it: this effort at art suppression is way out of line.

The building is owned by Jim Sherman Sr., retired publisher of *The Clarkston News* and father of the paper's current owners. He hired artist Michelle Tynan to paint his wall.

It should be as simple as that.

Instead, we have a group of concerned residents letting themselves be offended and asking city council to fix it for them. Why shouldn't they? We seem to be entering an age of

government caretaking.

Thankfully, city attorney Tom Ryan came to the defense of free expression, at least as far as city action.

Bad taste, if that is how you wish to see it, is not against the law. Harassment is, however, whether by citizens on the street or city officials considering ways to increase pressure on a legal enterprise.

Petitioners and their supporters should also consider consequences of success.

This is the kind of thing folks like Jon Stewart and David Letterman love, another way to poke fun at small-town America for being closed-minded, self-important, easily scandalized, banning books, organizing boycotts, running an artist out of town because they don't understand her work.

Perhaps one of the unintended consequence to which Don Freer referred at the Dec. 8 city council meeting, that would bring at least as much stigma to downtown as the mural.

—PMC

Editorial

Writer's 'sure' mural choices all for best

Dear Editor,

The mural is not going away any time soon, so Clarkston we might as well look at the positive.

We should be proud Michelle Tynan has already made this mural a regional attraction: a beautiful poem was written about it, high school seniors and wedding couples take their portraits in front of it and the mural is even on Craig's List!

I am sure these people are admiring her best work, so far, and not mocking it. We should embrace Mr. Sherman for chopping down the trees along the parking lot so we could have a better view, because I am sure he didn't do it to be spiteful.

When we hear people degrade the mural, we need to tell them to not be so small minded, that this is not Mayberry, because

I am sure it is not what Ms. Tynan meant when she blogged about Clarkston.

Now that the tarps are gone we don't have to tell people how nice Ms. Tynan was for providing tents for the homeless because I am sure the tarps were not meant to keep the public away.

Finally, when people ask us why is it taking so long?

Be compassionate and remind them that a project this size takes longer with an artist who uses tiny brushes because I am sure it has nothing to do with motivation or capability.

Let's hope Mr. Sherman and Ms. Tynan truly believe this is art because I am sure it is not meant to be an eye sore.

Cameron Hahn
Independence Township

Alternatives to mural not so appealing

Dear Editor,

In regards to the mural on the wall of the *Clarkston News* building, we have both spent over eight years at the college level in studies that included art, art history, architecture and urban design. We have travelled extensively in North America and Europe studying and enjoying architecture and always visiting museums and art galleries. We have had the unique pleasure over the last 30 years of working with some of the finest architects and designers in our area, and in our country.

Through all of this, we have never heard anyone praise or request a plain beige or gray wall and we are certain no one went out of their way to see one. We are by no means qualified

to be either experts or critics on art, but we do hope Mr. James Sherman, Sr. and Ms. Michelle Tynan continue on with their effort and create something great.

With all due respect to our neighbors and friends, there are more than enough plain walls in the world and we hope Clarkston will encourage everyone to do better while refraining from attempts to legislate "good taste."

We recommend everyone read the Wikipedia entry for Maurice Sendak's, "Where the Wild Things Are" or perhaps read the book. It is only 10 sentences.

Cory and Robyn Johnston
Clarkston

Some 'sports' are ruining sport watching

Will Rogers said, "Get someone else to blow our horn and the sound will carry twice as far."

I watch a lot of sports on television. The majors, baseball, football and basketball get most of my sports viewing time.

Please note I wrote 'viewing' time. None of them get much of my listening time. The networks put three people in the microphone booth and at least one on the sidelines to tell me what I've seen.

I think I know what I've seen. However, these promoters are so unsure of what's shown they have introduced challenges to plays. Did the Pistons' shooter have his foot on the 3-point line?

Stop the play and check it!

Did the runner's foot hit the chalk line? Stop the game and review it.

They are making a 3-hour game last four hours. I don't need or want all that incessant, vocal droning and replays.

But, that's not my big objection. What's got my dander up are the show-offs, the Neanderthals, the jerks who show their egotistical ways for just doing their jobs.

A tackle makes a tackle, as his contract expects, then crouches down as he walks away from the other players to display his arrogance in an open field.

A split-end catches a ball, as his contract expects, in the end zone then makes love to the goalpost, jumps into the stands

or kneels in solitude.

A batter hits a home run, then stands at the plate to add emphasis to his accomplishment *that has never before been achieved by another human.*

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Basketball players begin their approach to the basket from center court and soar to exaggerate a 2-point play. Simply laying the ball over the rim and into the basket won't do. The egos, especially in pro sports, are so huge ordinary fans won't appreciate them unless sickening emphasis is added.

Bring back Barry Sanders, the Detroit Lions of yore running back who, after he scored touchdown handed the ball to the referee and trotted back to his teammates on the sidelines.

We'll forever blow his horn and the sound will carry twice as far.

Seriously, folks, have you ever been prouder of our so-called representatives in Washington? Lansing, too, for that matter.

Let's petition for another election on Groundhog Day. Seems like a good day to

clean the sty.

Whoa, horsey! Let's do something to get out of this negative mood. Maybe a limerick will help?

In the Garden of Eden sat Adam,
Disporting himself with his madam.

She was filled with elation,
For in all of creation
There was only one man--and she had'm.

If you like to sew and travel, might I suggest you get a job like a niece of ours has. She's a seamstress on a cruise line. Her holiday letter this year says she has sailed to Australia, Italy, Tangiers, Alaska and a couple other places.

Primarily she works on costumes of entertainers aboard the ships.

Here's a stress management idea for 2009.

Picture yourself near a stream. Birds are softly chirping in the crisp, cool mountain air. Nothing can bother you here. No one knows this secret place, except you. You are in total seclusion from that place called "the world." The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity. The water is clear. You can easily make out the face of the person whose head you're holding under the water.

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1993

"The Geography Bee" Nora Kammer, Clarkston Middle School student, won the National Geography Bee. Megan Cahill was runner-up.

"Redistricting has parents concerned" School officials were considering whether to alter a proposed boundary map. Parents were concerned transportation changes would mean their children would have to walk through wooded, swampy areas.

"Not un-American, just patriotic" Clarkston graduate Nikki White and her husband Chuck received national attention for their T-shirts, depicting President Bill Clinton as a Jack-in-a-box, labeled "Pop goes the weasel."

"A Christmas Carol - it's family tradition on Perry Lake Road" The Keller family and friends' caroling tradition extended back to 1969.

25 years ago - 1983

"Gifts dwindle" Holiday gifts at Independence Township given by builders, developers, and realtors came to an end, as a new policy restricting gift giving took effect.

"Shannon Wiltse; more than a kid" Ten-year-old Wiltse played a wicked game of Space Invaders, despite being born without full arms or legs. She attended Clarkston Elementary School, using specially-fitted tools to write and hold a fork, and was always on the honor roll.

"Moguls 1, skier, 0" Fritz Lamm, 12, learned about life's hard knocks, breaking his collar bone on a mogul at Pine Knob Ski Resort. He fell the day after his parents got him a season pass.

"Church group to appear in National Enquirer" Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church's youth group was to be featured in the national tabloid for their fundraising efforts for a California boy hurt in a car accident. Photographer Richard Faverty took 108 photos in three poses.

50 years ago - 1958

"New trial denied" An appeal of a verdict to condemn the Caribou Inn property was rejected by Judge John Beer.

"Localite finishes basic training" Airman John H. Lucas, son of Essie Proctor of Clarkston, completed Air Force training at Lackland Air Force Base.

"Ira J. Snader to be candidate" The Sashabaw Road resident announced his candidacy for township supervisor. He was serving as township treasurer.

Trustee Wallace trustworthy

Dear Editor,

After watching the first meeting of the township Board, I was glad I voted for Neil Wallace. The fellow who wrote the letter last week must have been watching a different board meeting. I saw Mr. Wallace expressing legitimate concerns over specific issues such as the township hall purchase and overuse of closed meetings to conduct public business. He made good, positive points about the hiring process. After the closed meeting, he made both motions in clear language and the entire board agreed.

Finally, I think he was right to object to the supervisor's proposed raises for elected officials in these tough economic times. It was as he said, "callous." In fact, the vote was unanimous against the raises. Even the supervisor voted against his own proposal. I guess he agreed with Neil.

What we got that first night was the kind of thoughtful approach to public business all board members should have.

Sincerely,

Linda Donkerbrook
Independence Township

Wallace holds board accountable

Dear Editor,

After watching the Independence Township Board meeting live last week, unlike some others, I wasn't disappointed by the remarks of new Trustee Neil Wallace.

It's good to see that some of the rubber stamps of the past are now gone. But as expected, it didn't take long for those that were accustomed to past board members to start complaining about valid questions coming from new board members.

Though I have not always agreed with Mr. Wallace in the past, it's good to see we have new trustees on the board that are willing to ask questions and act in the best interest of those that they serve.

The actions of past and present board members warrants a new board that is diligent in asking all of the valid questions publicly before making decisions.

Inconsequential "informational meetings" held after the fact to make amends for trustees who didn't ask those questions in public is what should not be

tolerated by residents. Chastising board member's for asking questions is ridiculous.

I saw no negative remarks by Mr. Wallace directed at Supervisor David Wagner. Instead, what I saw were very valid questions that should have been asked and needed to be publicly answered. In a healthy Democratic Republic the only "negative" question is one that is never asked.

What should not be tolerated by the citizens of this township is a trustee who is afraid to ask those questions. I voted for a "trustee" to look out for the public's best interest, not their own.

If some residents don't like to see their elected officials questioned in public and believe it is "disrespectful" for trustees to question each other, then I think they have become to accustomed to having their "rubber stamp trustees" and they must now feel that their agenda is threatened.

Michael Powell
Independence Township

Please see page 12A for
more Letters to the Editor



From left, K of C members Fred Baumgartner and Dan Fuller talk with parade chairman Jon Horowitz.



These two ran off to get warm before we got their names, but they sure had fun.



Santa and Mrs. Claus were greeted by a cheering crowd along Main Street.



Tim Warner lines up with his Clydesdales, Bill and Ted.



Clarkston United Methodist Church won the Depot Street Award for their holiday spirit.

Parade lights up the night

And the winners are...

Main Street award for Best use of Lighting:
Clarkston Eagles

Church Street Award for best costuming:
Girl Scout Jr. Troop 1897

Washington Street Award for most creative entry:
Mesquite Creek

Buffalo Street Award for Best use of theme:
Cub Scout Pack 126 (Clarkston Elementary)

Depot Street Award for Holiday Spirit:
Clarkston United Methodist Church

People's Choice Award:
Cub Scout Pack 499 (Pine Knob Elementary)

For many more parade photos, go to Clarkstonnews.com and click on the Blue Button

Photos by Laura Colvin



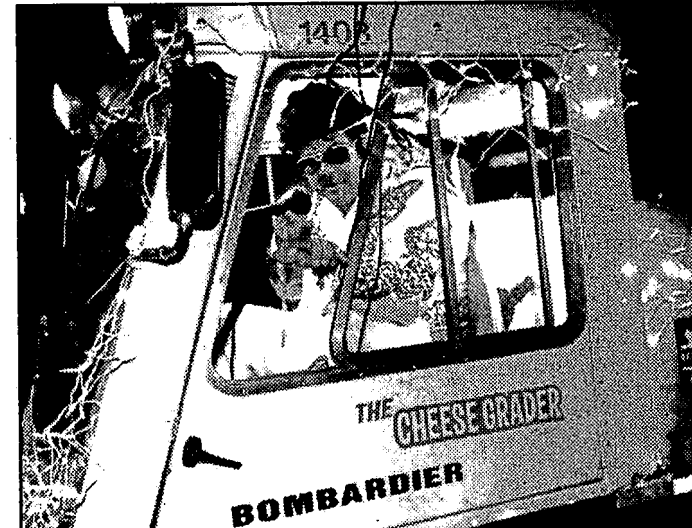
Cub Scouts on their Christmas float wave to their friends.



These two danced down Main Street.



Darci Molina, a junior on CHS' Equestrian team, prepares her horse for the parade.



'Elvis' leads the Clarkston Union parade entry.

Drugs in storage

A deputy stopped a vehicle with an expired license plate, 3:44 a.m., Dec. 4, at Sashabaw and Clarkston roads.

The driver told him he had some marijuana in a piece of Tupperware. He was cited for drug possession and driving with a suspended license.

Drugs in money

A deputy noticed a car with its license plate light out, and stopped it at Clintonville and Mann roads, 8:15 p.m., Dec. 4.

The 21-year-old driver had Michigan ID, Mexican ID, registration, and expired proof of insurance, but no driver's license. In his wallet was also a folded dollar bill with cocaine inside.

The man, who said he was in the country illegally, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and drug possession.

Drugs in the dark

Checking the area around Clearview Drive and Eston Street, 1:30 a.m., Dec. 5, a deputy noticed a car with three teenagers inside, lit only by flame from a lighter, parked in a dark area next to trees.

Despite holding two marijuana bowls and smelling strongly of marijuana, two teens, both 18-year-old Independence Township residents, repeatedly denied doing anything illegal.

Public Safety

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

The third said he was offended they would lie about it, and told deputies they were complaining about running out of marijuana.

The two were arrested on drug charges.

Broken window

Someone broke out the passenger door window on a car on Joy Street, Dec. 5. Deputies didn't find footprints in surrounding snow, and nothing was missing.

Clumsy crook

A Dixie Highway convenience store employee watched as a 34-year-old Davison man exiting the shop set off the security alarm, drop some items from under his sweatshirt, and pick them up, at about 11 a.m., Dec. 5.

She notified a manager, who tried to stop the suspect's vehicle but was unsuccessful. He got his license plate number though, and provided it and video surveillance to deputies.

Too fast

A sheriff's deputy followed a car exiting I-

75 onto northbound Sashabaw, about 2:20 a.m. Dec. 6. When the 28-year-old Brandon man hit 70 mph, he pulled him over and cited him for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Stolen electronics

A Mann Road resident said someone stole a laptop and video game system from her car, Dec. 6. She thought she locked the doors, but there were no signs of forced entry.

Rescue and a ticket

A deputy noticed a car stuck in the snow off the northbound entrance from Ortonville Road onto I-75, about 1 a.m., Dec. 8.

No one was injured, but the 18-year-old driver, who at first denied she was behind the wheel, was cited for driving with an expired license and going too fast for conditions.

Hot copper

Employees of a White Lake Road recycling center called deputies to report sus-

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pected stolen copper wire, 9:45 a.m., Dec. 9, and delayed them until deputies arrived.

The two suspects, both of Lapeer, said they were heading to Detroit to buy some heroin when they stopped at a friend's house in Pontiac.

They said they had permission to use anything in the house, so they took the wire from the garage. The home owner said she didn't have wire at her house, and even if she did, they wouldn't have permission to take it.

Detroit Edison said the wire, worth almost \$2,000, was theirs, and the suspects didn't have permission to sell it.

Burning bedding

Independence Township firefighters put out a burning mattress in the back parking lot of a former car dealership on Dixie Highway, 9:30 p.m., Dec. 10.

Sharp-eared neighbor

A resident in the 6700 block of Maple Drive called deputies when she heard people break into her neighbor's basement, 10:45 a.m., Dec. 10. When deputies arrived, they found a lower-level rear door kicked in, but no one was inside.

Info to crack the case?

Call Clarkston Police, 248-625-0088, or Oakland County Sheriff, Independence Twp., 248-620-4970, or Springfield Township, 248-634-3111



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From left, Harriett Bialy, care giver with Home Instead, Victoria Wygant, 4, and Shannon Wygant, president, wrap gifts. Photos by Phil Custodio

Santa service for seniors

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Shannon Wygant of Springfield Township, Christmas isn't just for kids.

"It's for adults, too. Some have no one at home, no family," said Wygant, president of the local Home Instead Senior Care.

Volunteers from the community, churches, and schools filled Waterford Senior Center, Dec. 10, to wrap about 1,800 gifts for Home Instead's Be a Santa to a Senior program.

"It's amazing. People have been coming and going all day," said Nancy Wasilk of Davisburg, community service representative with Home Instead. "This is a very big project."

"It's really neat to see everyone take the time to come out for a good cause, for needy people," Wygant said. "It's our way to give back to the community."

About 1,500 seniors from all over Oakland County will benefit from the program, sponsored by National City Banks and Aco Hardware stores.

Seniors' wish lists were supplied

by Christians in Action, OLHSA, Open Door, Hospitality House, Neighbor to Neighbor, Knights of Columbus Ladies Group, Sunrise, and other agencies.

The community donated gifts based on wish lists posted on local Giving Trees.

"The gifts are beautiful," Wygant said. "None of this would be possible without the Giving Trees and the public."

Wygant has lived in the Clarkston area for the past five years. He started his Home Instead franchise in 2001.



Shannon Wygant, in his Santa suit, and Nancy Wasilk, community service representative with some gifts for seniors.

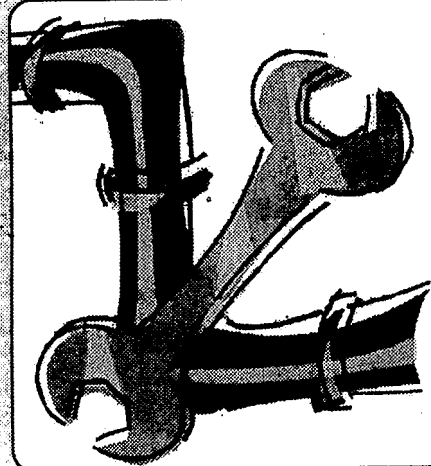
He lived with his grandmother for 19 years, and built an apartment for her above his garage.

"I was her caregiver," he said. "It helped her stay healthy and happy at home with family close by. Our goal

is to keep people in their home as long as possible."

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Paige is 12 years old and is a seventh grader at Sashabaw Middle School. In her spare time she loves playing tennis. Congratulations on a great smile Paige.



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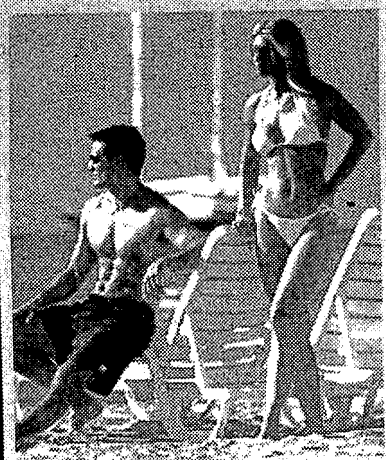
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Yes it's true. Today marks the first time in days that the sun has peaked its smiling face down on us.

Are you S.A.D.? S.A.D. stands for "Seasonal Affective Disorder". Millions of people living in northern states suffer from this medical condition; The lack of sunshine. The signs: depression, irritability, loss of energy, poor sleeping habits, lack of motivation, mood swings, and many more. Until the breakthrough several years ago, S.A.D. was simply diagnosed as depression. However, further research concluded Season Affective Disorder was prominent in the winter and geographically located in states with shorter amounts of visible sunshine. Doctors treating this condition often prescribed and continue to suggest treatment of S.A.D. by exposure to real or artificial sunlight.

For years psoriasis sufferers have used ultra violet exposure as part of their therapy to combat and cure this skin disease. Researchers found the link for treating S.A.D. by the development of Vitamin's B, C, and D in human studies obtained by real or artificial sun exposure. I have been advocating to many throughout the years, the exposure to sunlight by way of artificial or direct as a way to treat both Seasonal Affective Disorder and psoriasis. So you see, sunlight in moderation can be healthy.

Of course, as you may have assumed, I am in the artificial sunlight business.

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More letters to the editor Thanks for community help

Dear Editor,

During the month of October, November, and December, students at Sashabaw Middle School were involved with an Academic Service Learning Project for Lighthouse North of Clarkston and Pontiac.

Academic Service Learning connects what is being taught in the classroom with a service project to the community. SMS students were able to make academic connections through math, language arts, global studies, exploring engineering and art. Additionally, they learned the importance of giving back to others during this holiday season. More than 1,200 stockings were stuffed and delivered to Lighthouse North on Dec. 12, 2009.

We would like to give a big thank you to our Sashabaw Middle School parents, teachers, secretaries, paraprofessional staff

and senior citizen volunteers from the Independence Township Senior Center that helped us to cut, sew, and decorate stockings for our Lighthouse North Stocking Project.

Plus, we want to thank all who donated items and monetary donations for this project. Donations were given by Oakland County Health Division Clerical and Admin, the Oakland County Drain Commission, Meijers, Inc. of Waterford, Dr. Prudhomme DDS, Dr. Rick Baker DDS, Dr. Christina Joslin DO and Carnwath Excavating.

Thanks to our community partners and the Learn and Serve Grant, SMS was able to make a difference this holiday season!

Sue Wilson

District Learn and Serve Grant
Coordinator

Clarkston Community School District

Food donations appreciated

Dear Editor,

From the volunteers and recipients from Neighbor For Neighbor, we would like to thank readers and *The Clarkston News* for all of the donations. It truly has made the holidays a

happier time for everyone involved in our program and we appreciate the help so much.

Thanks again Clarkston!

Neighbor For Neighbor Volunteers
Springfield Township

Mural is beautiful work of art

Dear Editor,

We were really surprised to see another article complaining about the mural. Although we don't live in the village, we have lived in the township for nearly 40 years.

The mural in our eyes is a beautiful work of art. It is awesome to see it evolve. The conversations that erupt trying to visualize the finished canvas bring excitement. When the painting first started, we saw windows, tree, people on a park bench with horses. Then a staircase appeared, making us wonder

what would be next.

To see something like this mural existing within a town known to be very conservative is nothing more than a depiction of what America is all about. That is two very different points of view coexisting. Kudos to Mr. Sherman for allowing the artist, Ms. Tynan, to portray her talents for us all to see.

Good art is always controversial and as they say, Rome wasn't built in a day.

Bob and Carrie Giaier
Independence Township

Mural is a blight on Clarkston

Dear Editor,

What blight on the beauty of the City of the Village of Clarkston to be the site of a failed attempt to dramatize the north side of an historic building at the Southwest corner of Main and Washington Streets.

What began as an enhancing perspective painting on a wall, carrying out the characteristics of the building, has deteriorated into a bizarre combination of

unique visions. All this has taken three years, and it is still not done.

What a pity!

The painting is the talk of the town -- none of what I have heard is complimentary.

Either the painting on the wall should be representative of that which the city approved, or it should just be painted over.

Tom Stone
Clarkston

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Clarkston's block-grant funds to help Lighthouse, senior center

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Lighthouse Emergency Services will get about half Clarkston's Community Development Block Grant funds this year.

The City Council voted unanimously, Dec. 11, to allocate \$3,600 of \$8,000 to Lighthouse North: \$2,600 for food, clothing, and other emergency services to low and moderate-income people, and \$1,000 to replace linoleum flooring at the Sashabaw Road facility. Clarkston also received \$8,000 in CDBG funds last year.

Lighthouse gets the maximum allowed under CDBG rules, administered by the federal Housing and Urban Development department,

said City Manager Dennis Ritter.

"Not more than 45 percent can go to a service agency like Lighthouse," Ritter said.

Clarkston's SCAMP program gets \$1,200 for two strollers designed for special needs children and young adults, and \$2,500 goes to Independence Township Senior Center for tables, chairs, office furniture, storage cabinets, and other furnishings for an office extension.

The remaining \$700 goes to Clarkston as an "administration fee," which Ritter calculated to include city employees' time and wages, and mail, driving, and other costs.

"It includes all the things needed to administer the program throughout the year," he

said.

Most of the funds go to programs in Independence Township because the city does not fall under the CDBG income rules, he said.

"That's why they always end up going to SCAMP and Lighthouse," said Council member Charles Inabnit.

Rules allow reallocation of funds during the year, so Mayor Stephen Arkwright asked Ritter to check into using some to improve handicap parking on Main Street.

"There has been talk of leveling Washington Street," Arkwright said. "I don't know what

it would take, but I'd sure like to see that."

"To make it level, this wouldn't even touch it," said Council member Charles Inabnit, an engineer by trade.

Another idea is to level out entrance thresholds into Main Street businesses, said Council member Cory Johnston.

"They're not handicap accessible," Johnston said. "That would be a smaller project."

Oakland County Board of Commissioners gets final approval on the project list, Ritter said.



Daniel White, AIA vice president with RTKL points where Clarkston State Bank will be located. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

McLaren moves ahead

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A unanimous vote gave McLaren Healthcare approval for their amended final Planned Unit Development site plan.

The plan rezoned and added into the PUD two existing parcels, expanded the proposed retail section to allow for Clarkston State Bank and also approved the revised PUD plan layout and architectural building design of the retail center as well as approved the revision of required traffic improvements noted with the recorded PUD agreement between phases of the development.

"First of all this is a great expression of confidence in our economy to look ahead for McLaren who's making this incredibly great investment in our community," said Commissioner Larry Rosso. "We look forward to the Clarkston State Bank, which is philosophically a financial pillar in our community to be incorporated into this."

Commissioner Joseph Lawrence was happy with the design of the project.

"I am very pleased to see the petitioner has broken up the layout, so it does not

look like a strip mall," he said.

They also voted unanimous to approve the conceptual site plan review for the retail center on Phase 1B.

"I'm just happy to see this moving forward, I'm really happy to see Clarkston State Bank is going over there and not isolated," said Planning Commission Chairman Sam Moraco. "I think this is a big plus in terms of the medical campus."

Kevin Thompkins, vice president of marketing for McLaren Health Care Corporation said McLaren was "pleased" with how the meeting went and "thankful" of the Planning Commission's and Planner Dick Carlisle's input throughout the project.

"We've said many times that early on that both the planning commission and McLaren put a lot of work into working together and I think without a doubt it has continually made this a better project. We think it improves every time we meet with them, Thursday night was no exception," said Thompkins. "We're pleased with the approval both on conceptual site plan approval on the retail space and the approval on the amendment request."

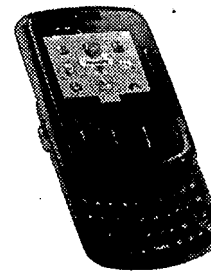
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Broughton brought two wins in dual meet win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers were ready to win their second meet after some motivation from their head coach Joe DeGain last Wednesday.

After beating Avondale, 51-15, the boys continued their win, shutting down West Bloomfield, 65-0.

Derek Booker (160) led against the Lakers winning the first match by major decision.

Alex Popp (135) and Kyle Broughton (130) were two wrestlers who stood out for the evening.

"I am real proud of both of those guys for their meet this week. They did a great job," said DeGain.

Popp finished the night beating West Bloomfield 21-8. Earlier in the night he beat his Avondale opponent with a technical fall before the match finished.

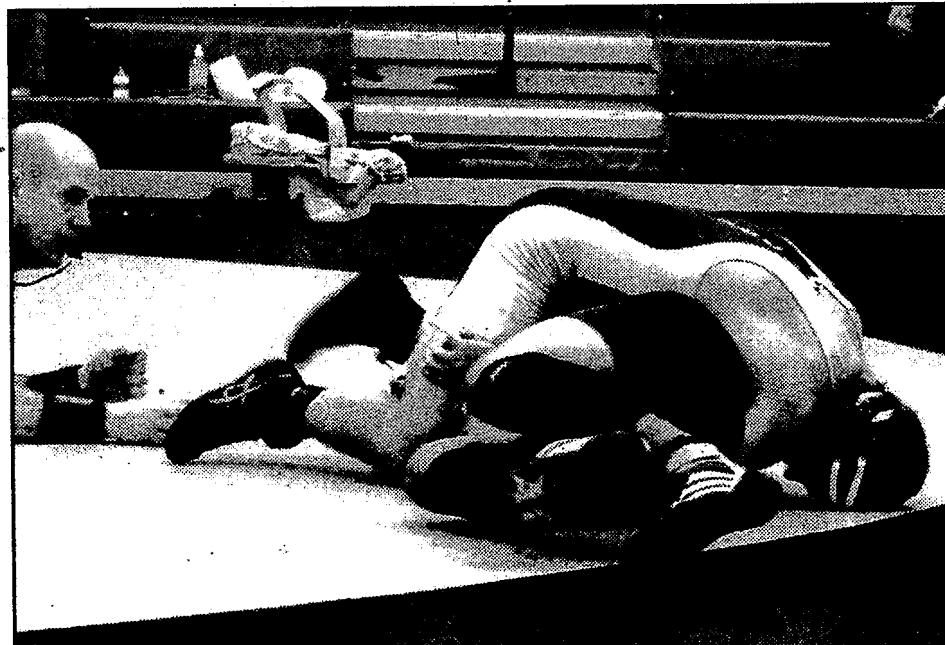
"Alex was relentless in his attack," said DeGain. "He had a good opponent against West Bloomfield and he didn't let up at all."

Broughton also had two victories for the night. He started against Avondale and ended the match with a tie, 6-6. Only 29 seconds into overtime he won with two points.

He won his match against the Lakers with a take down.

"He did a very good, disciplined job," said DeGain.

"The guys are coming out real strong,"



Alex Popp holds down a Yellowjacket for a win. Photo by Wendi Reardon

said DeGain about the team's performance for the dual meet. "They are doing a good job with their intensity. We are beginning with the intensity but they seem to be dropping off by the end of their matches and lightening up on the opponent. We have to train not to lighten up." ***

Clarkston took second place at Herm Wilkinson Classic at Howell High School on Saturday.

The top placers for the Wolves were Matt Vandermeer (171), Sloan Hadsall (189), and Alex Popp (145) in second; Matt Deitz (135) in third, Chris Burkhart (140) and Mike Richmond (285) in fourth; Kyle Broughton (130)

and Evan King (152) in fifth; Derek Booker (160) in sixth; and Raymond Wilkie (103), Mike Williams (119) and Mike Henige (125) in seventh.

Next for the boys is the Oakland County Tournament beginning Friday.

"Oakland County is always fun," said DeGain. "It breaks the season in half. It's the pinnacle of what we work for for the first half of the season. The other half of the season is what we work towards for the state meet."

Last year the Wolves took third place and rivals Lake Orion were champions of the tournament.

"The guys need to get up for it, they need to be excited. It's a good practice for the state meet. They want ownership over the Oakland County meet and I expect them to come out like they want it."

DeGain knows everyone has a chance to win the tournament and knows what it will take for the boys to win.

"It's going to come down to who can show up that day and go after it that's who will be crowned champion."

The event is held at Oxford Middle School located at 1420 Lakeville Road. The matches on Friday begin at 3 p.m. and continue on Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m..

They will host one last match before going on their holiday break, against Davison on Monday at 7 p.m.

Athlete of the Week

Zendejas dives into new record

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jordan Zendejas listened for his combined score for his six dives to be announced last Thursday at the Wolves first swim meet. It was announced - 238.5. He had just broken the school record set at 220.35.

"It felt pretty good because everyone has been waiting for me to break it since last year," said Zendejas.

While this is only the beginning of the season for the junior, Zendejas and Diving Coach Daniel McGinty know he will break the record a few more times.

"I felt like I didn't do as good as I could have," said Zendejas. "I am supposed to do 250 and I missed it by 15 points."

"Jordan has a ton of potential and talent," said McGinty. "He did really well and he is starting to show a lot of what his ability is."

Last year, Zendejas broke the record for 1 dives during the OAA league meet held at Clarkston.

Zendejas has set his goal to make it to

the Olympic trials in the next four years and be able to compete.

"That would be amazing," he said. "I feel like I need a lot more practice, but in the end I think I can make it."

For right now he is concentrating to be one of the top divers in the state and to set new diving records at other schools.

He has found his earlier training in gymnastics has helped with his diving.

His parents, Kelly and Marco, enrolled Jordan in gymnastics when he was four.

"I kept falling off of my bike. My parents thought I should be better balanced," he said. "I liked it and I was good so I kept doing it for seven years."

His dad got him started in diving because he thought it would be a good idea to get Jordan diving for high school.

"It is different from gymnastics, but in the end it helps. It has helped me with my positions and my spins," Jordan said.

Jordan is taking psychology and law classes with his required courses and has a 3.0 GPA. He plans to dive in college and dive professionally after that.



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Newcomer Harris hopes to turn tide after home opener loss

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers may have lost their home opener against Davison, 50-41, but they showed they are becoming stronger as a team.

"I thought we did some good things tonight, as far coming together a little bit as a team," said Varsity Coach Tim Wasilk.

He noticed the girls grow defensively and with their communication on the court.

"We are going to some of our lumps early," said Wasilk. "We will continue to stay competitive and stay focused and do the things that we can control. It's a matter of us gelling and coming together. I think we will be okay."

The girls momentum picked up during the fourth quarter. The ball was knocked out of Kaleigh Kenny's hands by Davison defenders. Teammate Mikaela Parrish caught the ball but Davison quickly knocked it out of her hands as well.

Erica Harris caught the ball and took her shot before the Cardinals could take the opportunity away from her.

Harris shot for another two points and closed the previous 13-point gap. Before the game was finished the Clarkston newcomer scored 11 points in the quarter.

"Erica did a great job," said Wasilk. "This was her first game today and we're excited to have her. She brought a lot of energy to the

floor and gave us a spark on both sides on the floor."

Freshmen Anna Manilla and Megan Hastings saw more time during the game.

"They have been doing a great job during practice. They are talented kids and work hard. They will only get better with experience," said Wasilk.

Hastings put Clarkston on the board with a three point field goal.

A basket from Kenny and another from Hastings tied the score at seven points to end the first quarter.

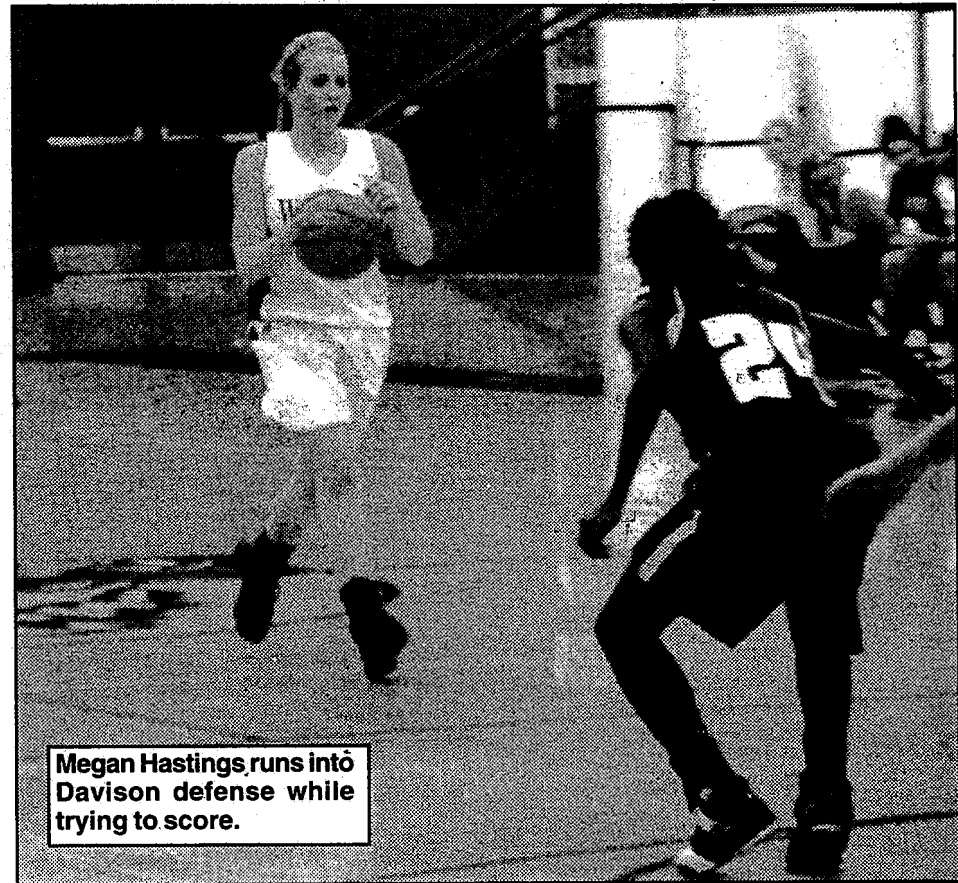
The Cardinals fought back and quickly gained their lead with five points and ended the first half, 22-14.

The leading scorers for Clarkston were Harris, 14, Parrish and Hastings, 8, and Kenny with six points. Harris and Hastings had two 3-pointers for the night.


High scorers for Davison were Lauren Bellamy, 11, Chelsea Billbrough, 10, and Kaylee Rahmann, 8.

JV won their game against the Cardinals, 51-32. The girls played Lake Orion on Tuesday and will play at Southfield-Lathrup on Friday before their holiday break.

"We just need to get better in our energy, in our intensity," said Wasilk looking ahead. "We are just going to keep working and getting better."



Megan Hastings runs into Davison defense while trying to score.



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Ice melts in rivalry show down

Clarkston outshoots, but falls to Dragon goalie

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Players returned from their time-out with an extra attacker on the ice.

Less than two minutes remained in the game and with the Wolves down by one point against Lake Orion they took a chance.

They pulled goalie Neeko Muniz out and put a sixth man in for a chance to tie.

The Dragons turned the puck around and Adam Chapie headed towards the empty net to score and shut out Clarkston, 2-0.

The Wolves out shot in a 3-1 ration, but they couldn't get it past Lake Orion goalie Jason Stross.

"The game plan was to get as many shots and try to put some traffic in front of the goal and hopefully get a goal," said Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier.

"I thought we played well. Anytime you out shoot your opponent you should get a couple of goals here and there and get a goal. Unless you run into a really good goaltender that can win the game."

Lake Orion's first goal came from Dan Blascak in the first period after the Dragons' grabbed control from face-off.

The Wolves's defense held their own and knocked attempts away and pushing them to their teammates.

During the last five minutes of the game Luke Connor and Dan Smith took their chances and shot the puck towards the net no matter how far they were.

"I thought we played well," said Krygier. "We got a couple bad breaks, a face-off goal should never happen. I am not disappointed."

The boys record is now 3-4. They are in second place in OAA action with 3-2.

Clarkston hosts their Christmas Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The Wolves will play Cranbrook on Friday at 5 p.m.

Cranbrook is rated number one in Division 3.

"We need to play exceptionally well," said Krygier. "We got to out work them if we are going to be in the game."

Novi and Davison will play following Clarkston.

The tournament will continue on Saturday with Friday's two teams that lost at 12 p.m., and the following game will crown the champion of the tournament.



Matt Campbell keeps a Dragon from getting to the puck, while teammate Michael Fiteny fends off his own Dragon. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Wolves start the game hitting the puck towards Lake Orion territory.

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Ball in play as season starts

Cagers worked out the kinks they had during their scrimmage over Thanksgiving break and won their first game against Utica, 73-40.

"It was a good first game for us," said Wolves Coach Dan Fife. "It reinforced things we needed to work on."

It was the second year the boys have played against Utica and senior Brandon Pokley's uncle, Gerry Kraemer, the Chieftains head coach.

"We wanted to do it for Pokley, his family and his uncle," said Fife. "Utica is going through a rebuilding program and we have a lot of returning kids."

The two faced off to see how each program would fair. The Wolves showed their experience leading throughout the entire game.

The next two games will show what the boys are made of when they went to Flint Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday and host Flint Northern on Friday.

"Carman has always been a good rival for us. They have a good basketball program," said Fife.

"They have beat us a lot and we have beat them a lot. They beat us twice in the quarterfinals when it really counted."

High scorers for Clarkston were Matt Kamieniecki, 27, Pokley, 14, and Tom Staton with seven points. Pokley shot two 3-point field goals and Kamieniecki shot one.

They will host Flint Northern in their first home game on Friday. Come out sporting the blue and gold when JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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Kristian Nikaj comes up for air. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Swimmers close to qualifying for state contest after first meet

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The first swim meet for Kenny Stepflug proved to be successful on Dec. 11.

He set a new school record in the 500 freestyle event and qualified for states with his time of 4:56.80

"Kenny could own all the individual records before he leaves," said Boys Swim Coach Kenwyn Chock.

Jordan Zendejas also set a new school record by scoring 235.85 in six dives.

The team won their first meet against Troy-Athens, 114-71.

The Wolves placed first in seven other events and the relay teams were only a few seconds off from qualifying for states.

"I think we could get all of the relay teams to states this year," said Chock. "I am looking to get more individuals to states, too. I

am really happy about the numbers."

Swimmers taking first place were 200 yard medley relay of Jake Rush, Mike Inch, Bobby Nelson, and Stepflug, time of 1:47.39; and 200 yard freestyle relay of Nelson, Kristian Nikaj, Inch, Kramer Kamp, time of 1:40.07.

Individual event leaders were Stepflug in the 200 yard freestyle, 1:50.34; Rush in 50 yard freestyle, 24.06; Steve Nelson in 100 yard backstroke, 59.82; and Bobby Nelson in 100 yard breaststroke, 1:09.09, and 200 yard IM, 2:07.98.

"We did really well for the first meet of the season," said Chock. "Everyone swam the maximum of four events. Now we will start our division one meets. Our swimmers will be challenged."

The boys next meet is Thursday against Birmingham Seaholm.

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Girl Scout Troop 1897 won the Church Street Award for best costuming for their penguin suits, at the Clarkstoh Holiday Lights Parade. Photo by Laura Colvin

Strikers bowl over competition at meets

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Varsity bowlers split their week and won their first tournament while JV Boys won both of their meets.

The teams started their season last Wednesday against North Farmington. Both boys teams won, varsity 19-11 and JV 28-2. The girls varsity team won 28-2.

"It's still early in the year, but the girls were better than expected," said Bowling Club Liason Rodney Pierson.

Stephanie Lavelly bowled 208 in 385 series.

The varsity teams continued the week with their first tournament hosted by Farmington. Both teams took first place. Highlights came from Pat Zuker and Alice Meyer.

Zuker bowled 289 in 715 series and Meyer bowled 222.

Farmington-Harrison was right behind them in the tournament

and the Wolves saw them again on Monday night.

"Harrison was on today," said Pierson.

Both of the varsity team lost, the boys 22-8 and the girls 17 1/2 - 12 1/2. Caitlyn Stebbins bowled 221 and 191 in 412 series.

"The girls found the importance of spare shooting from today," said Pierson.

The boys highlights were from Zuker, Nick Cooper, and Paul Anderson.

Zuker bowled 212 and 225 for 437 series, Cooper bowled 222 and 200 in 422 series and Anderson bowled a 224 game.

The boys JV team won 19-11.

The bowlers will host Hazel Park in their first home meet of the season on Wednesday. It will start at 3:45 p.m. and Cherry Hills North.

"Both teams look to rebound," said Pierson. "We like our chances. We match up."

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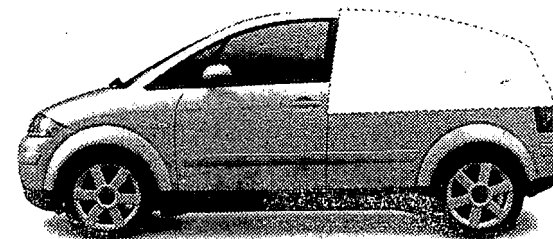
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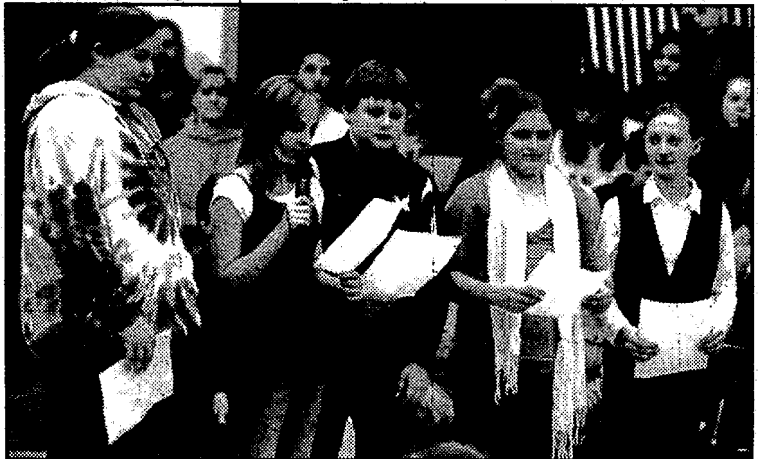
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Brianna Vaughn, left, and Richard Jones played with the orchestra during the assembly.



From left, Trisha Feneley, Jessica Haden, Alex Baran, Jillian Buttino and Courtney Bell talk about what they learned.

Stocking stuffers

BY LAURA COLVIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For each student at Sashabaw Middle School—more than 1,200—a less fortunate child or senior citizen will have a Christmas stocking this year.

The school-wide academic service learning project, in its second year, gave SMS students the opportunity to make and stuff 1,229 stockings through partnerships with teachers, staff, local businesses and other members of the Clarkston community.

"The kids wrote letters to business owners, and when they got a response it was a very positive message," said Sue Wilson, a SMS Language Arts teacher who also serves as the district's Learn and Serve Grant Coordinator. "They said 'Wow, other people really care about this, it must be important.'"

During the project, which began in October, students connected lessons in math, language arts, global studies and art to the project as they learned about Oakland County's economy, the costs of supporting a family, maintaining a home and related

issues.

About 70 SMS teachers and staff also took part in the project, and each decorated a stocking to donate, as well.

Parents, seniors recruited from the Independence Township Senior Center and many others also stepped up to help sew stockings, Wilson explained.

"My mother in Toledo sewed some," she said. "The grandpa of one of our teachers came in and sewed. Once people heard what we were doing they said 'Oh, I can do that,' and they came in to help out."

Friday, when the stockings were stuffed and ready for distribution through Lighthouse, students, staff and others from the community celebrated with a school-wide assembly.

Connie Stapleton of Lighthouse North in Clarkston talked to the students about the project.

"We never had stockings to give before," she said later, noting the organization has had a 30 percent increase in the families they're helping, just since 2007. "Last year, par-



Helena Schutt gets ready to stuff.



Lauren Bastuba, Austin Bell, Natalie Gilbert and Skylar Sands show off some of the stockings they filled. Photos by Laura Colvin



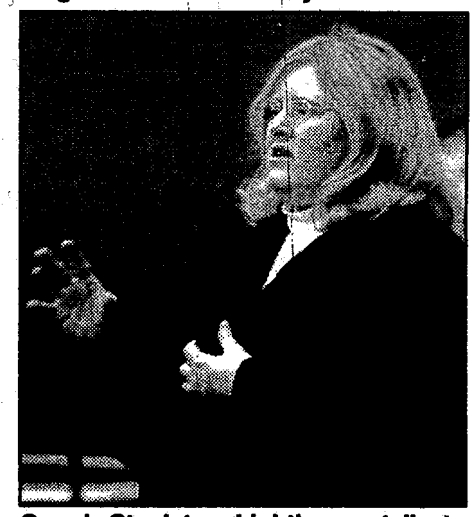
Veronica Block and Tori Johns played holiday selections with the band during Friday's celebration.

ents were so appreciative to get the stockings, and this year they're getting them again," she said. "A Christmas stocking is like icing on the cake."

Some of the stockings, stuffed with small toys, mittens, hats, school supplies and personal care items, were also shared with Lighthouse in Pontiac.

"When we took them over, the volunteers were very surprised," Stapleton said. "They said 'These are wonderful, where did you get these?'"

Stapleton said she was happy to tell them the stockings were made, stuffed and sent by students at Sashabaw Middle School.



Connie Stapleton, Lighthouse, talks to students about the impact of their work.



Luke Brandel and Ali Ghadamabadi head to the gym with a big box of stockings.



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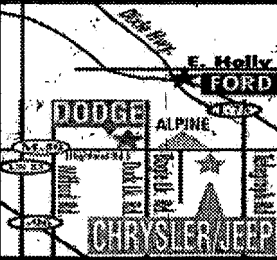
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Cheerleaders have giving spirit for Christmas

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

They have the spirit to get the crowd going during a home game.

But Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders do not keep their spirit limited to only sporting events – they give their spirit to the whole community, especially during the Christmas season.

Coach Chandra Price approached the girls and asked them what they thought about adopting a Clarkston area family.

The girls immediately said yes.

"I thought it would be nice to give something to someone who didn't have a lot for

Christmas," said senior Paige Semaan on why she wanted to help.

Each of the 21 girls on the team received a piece of paper with a gift to give one of the members of the family.

The team knew little about the family they had adopted. They knew their names, ages, sizes and what toys to look for.

They brought all the gift-wrapped presents to practice last Friday for them to be taken to their next location.

"I think it's wonderful," said Price. "They couldn't be happier to help out and it was nice to see them give back."

The team was all smiles while talking about the family they had adopted and echoed the same sentiments – they felt good giving back and were happy to give Christmas to a family.

The girls also helped with Lindsey Friend's spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Dec. 5. They made the desserts and worked at the event at for the JV cheerleader suffering from amnesia.

The team helped Lighthouse at the beginning of the school year by donating school supplies.

"The team is very giving. They show a lot of compassion," said Price.

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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'oeuvres, 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.

Pickle Ball, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 6, First Congregational Church gym, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3 drop-in fee. Call Independence Township Senior Center, 248-625-8231.

A Chorus Line, Fisher Theatre, Jan. 29, lunch, show, transportation. \$94. Sign up at Independence Township Senior Center by Dec. 23. 248-625-8231.

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. Inde-



The Herdmans, from left, Ian Lyna of Pontiac, Ivie Adoglu of Clarkston, Meghan Jolliffe of West Bloomfield, Samuel Buelter of Shelby Township, Alec Malstrom of Clarkston, and Hannah Agnew of Clarkston battle over the baby Jesus in a scene from Oakland Theatre Guild's production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Starlight stages 'Best Christmas Pageant'

Oakland Theatre Guild presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday; 4 p.m., Saturday; 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Sunday, through Dec. 21, at Starlight Theater, 315 N. Telegraph Road in Waterford.

The comedy, directed by Thomas Lo-

gan, tells Barbara Robinson's story of the "Horrible Herdmans," the meanest kids in town, and how they take over the Christmas pageant one year.

Tickets are \$14/adults, \$12/seniors, \$10 students and children under 12. Call 248-335-1788.

pendence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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 Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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.

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.

Bingo, Mondays, 6 p.m., sponsored by Divine Peace Metropolitan Community Church, at Knights of Columbus hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 18-way bingo, double action, regular jackpots to \$500, local progressive. 248-332-1186.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road. 248-625-4244.

Fountains charity poker, 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. \$30 buy in. Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. 248-625-3731.

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.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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.

BNI, Clarkston Waterford chapter, Tuesdays, 7 a.m., Green Apple restaurant, Dixie Highway at Walton. 248-673-6007.

Shallow Water Aerobics, Tuesdays, Thursdays, through Dec. 18, 12 p.m. Clarkston High School Pool. Medium intensity work-out. \$42 for 12 classes. Call senior activity center, 248-265-8231.

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

Introduction to Tai Chi, Wednesdays, through *Please see Around Town on page 3B*

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Around Town

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Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Beginning class by John Marchewitz, Wu Style T'ai Chi Ch'aun form. \$6 drop in. Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Meet and greet, North Oakland Bethany, last Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Mesquite Creek, 7228 N. Main St. 248-464-0756.

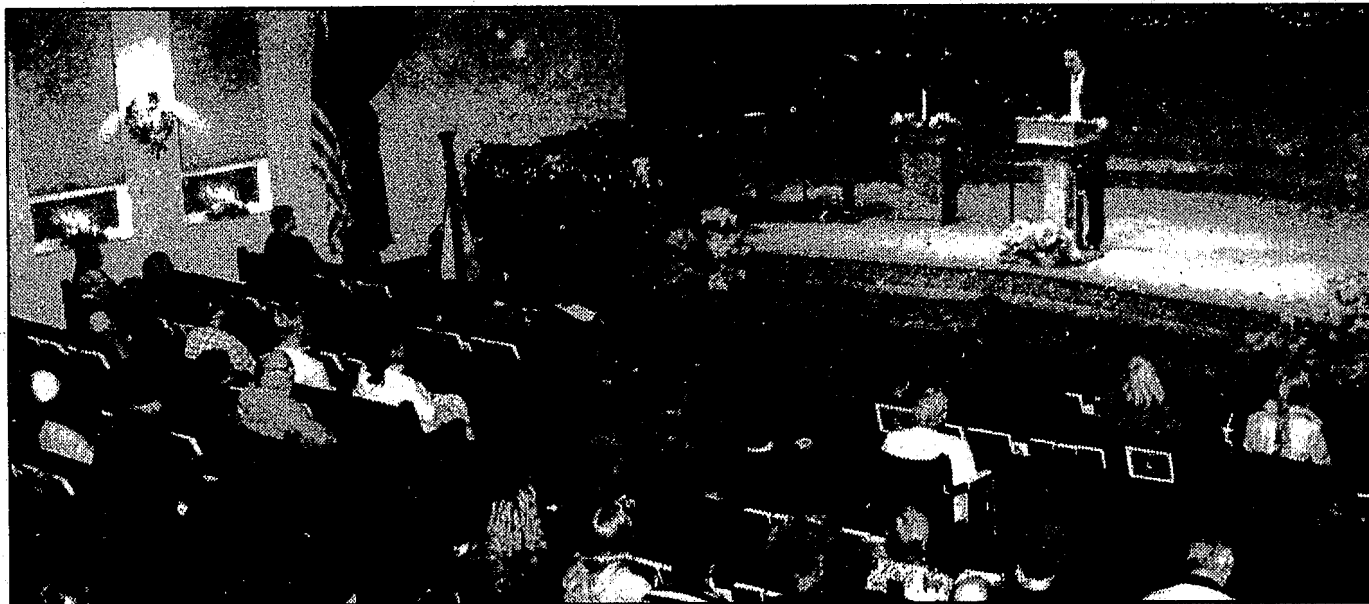
Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, next to the Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park. Visitors welcome. 248-802-8603.

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Mico's Real Estate, 7183 Main Street. 248-505-5091.

Local Business Network, Independence Township Chapter, 7:15 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton. 248-241-6000.

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334.

Volunteering, Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147.



Dr. John Canine talks to people about remembering those who have passed away, at the Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, Dec. 9 at Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Photo submitted

Remembering lost loved ones during holidays

Wint Funeral Home sponsored the Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony at Clarkston Free Methodist Church on Winell Street in Clarkston, Dec. 9.

Emily Trahan, bereavement counse-

lor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, welcomed the attendees and introduced guest speaker Dr. John Canine.

Canine, a Clarkston resident, is a psychologist specializing in bereavement, author, and owner of Maximum Living

Counseling Services on Baldwin Road.

The hour-long ceremony included the music of Susan Lindquist, a local Clarkston harpist, playing "Silent Night" as participants lit their candles and remembered their loved ones.

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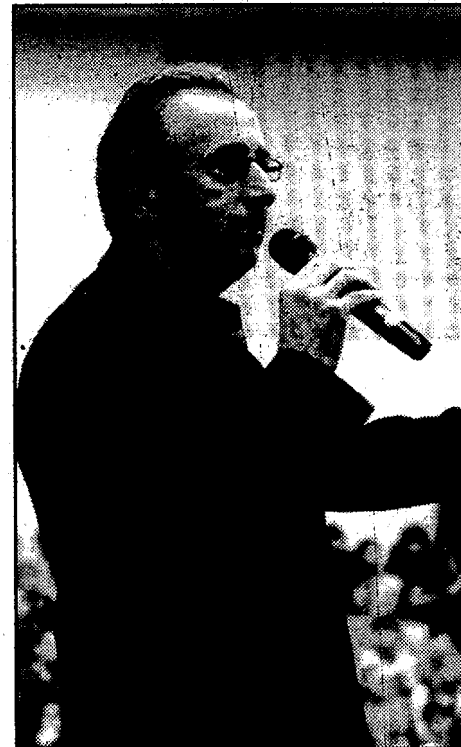
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Milestones

News from academia



John Diliiegghio

Many students at Sashabaw Middle School met Interim Principal **John Diliiegghio** for the first time last week, but others remembered him from elementary school.

Diliiegghio, who stepped in last week after SMS Principal Linda Foran requested a leave of absence for personal reasons, retired from the district about four years ago.

Since, he said, he's filled in as principal at Clarkston Elementary, Springfield Plains Elementary and Bailey Lake Elementary.

"There's an element of familiarity, and that's nice," he said.

While Diliiegghio couldn't recall exactly when he hired into the district—some 15 years ago, he speculated—he first served as principal at SMS and moved to the top position at Clarkston High School before becoming executive director of secondary schools, a position that no longer exists in Clarkston Community Schools.

"Sashabaw obviously has a special place in my heart," he said. "I already know many of the staff, and I'm looking forward to meeting those I don't."

It's unclear when or if Foran will return to SMS, but Diliiegghio said he's available for the rest of the school year if he's needed.

Corey Lynn Sadowski is set to graduate, Jan. 17, from Walsh College with her Master of Business Administration degree.

Sadowski is a 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School and 2007 graduate of Oakland University. She is the daughter of Al and Jody La Londe of Clarkston and sister of Shannon Sadowski, 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac and Waterford has been named to the National Catholic High School Honor Roll, a listing of the nation's best 50 Catholic secondary schools. This is the third time in four years that Notre Dame Preparatory School has received this honor and follows the school's recent authorization as Michigan's only Catholic International Baccalaureate "World School." The school previously was named to the Honor Roll in 2005 and 2007. This year it is one of only six schools in the state and the only school in metro Detroit to receive this special recognition.

McCallum - Verunac

Mr. and Mrs. James McCallum of Rochester are excited to announce the engagement of their son, Anthony M. McCallum, to Victoria C. Verunac, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Verunac of Keystone Heights,

Fla.

Anthony and Victoria currently reside in Fleming Island, Fla. They are planning a January 2010 wedding. Formal invitations will be sent closer to the date.

Got a Milestone to share?

We'd love to see them - births, weddings, engagements, military honors, business awards and school achievements!

Drop them off at 5 S. Main St. or e-mail
Clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Religion

Advent means season of hope

One day this past week, my 14-year-old daughter returned from school to find me working at our computer. Bounding in the room, she flung her arms around me, hugged me tightly and said those words we parents live to hear, "I love you!"

Lest you be tempted to believe I live in some sort of idyllic world where teenagers routinely act lovingly, obediently, and subversively toward their parents, let me reassure you this is not always the case!

In fact, on this particular day, she and her classmates had attended an assembly entitled, "Rachel's Challenge", the story of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shootings several years ago.

The Rachel Scott message, according to the website, is that "students have the power to make permanent, positive, and cultural change in their schools and communities by accepting the challenge to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion."

My daughter, who was very moved by the presentation, felt compelled to do something. She questioned me, "Mom, what *can* I do?"

Ah, and there's the question for us all, isn't it? We are

Spiritual Matters



Cheryl Smith

one week from Christmas, with one week left of the season of Advent. Our economy is a mess. At the time of this writing, we don't know the outcome of the auto company proposals to Congress, and everyone is on edge about what the future will bring. What can we do?

Many of us feel tempted to give in to fear, to go inward, to resign ourselves to feelings of helplessness and hopelessness until things somehow miraculously get better.

Yet this season of Advent reminds us to do just the opposite. The season of Advent leads up to and prepares believers for Christmas, when we will celebrate the birth of the Lord, his incarnation among us.

But as the Church prepares to celebrate his birth, it also looks forward to his second coming at the end of time. Between the first coming and the second coming of Christ, there is our current history, an in-between time, difficult as it might seem for now.

So, do we live suspended between first and second coming, without access to a current experience of the presence of Jesus? No!

Rather, we live our lives in the here and now a certain way, proclaiming the Good News of salvation, precisely because Jesus Christ is coming again. This looking forward to the second coming of Christ if full of possibility and promise. Therefore, hope - not fear - dominates this

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In our churches...

Birthing the Christ Within - The Metaphysics of Christmas, 12 p.m., Dec. 17; 7 p.m., Dec. 18; 8:30 a.m., Dec. 21. **Joy Filled Living**, 10 a.m., Dec. 21, focus on Humankind. Special music by Michael Krieger. **Christmas Eve Candle lighting Service**, 7 p.m., Dec. 24. Special Music by Cathy Zucker and Emily Driscoll. Peace Unity, 8080 Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

Candlelight Christmas Eve, special classical music by Panache Experience, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Dec. 24. Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. 248-625-1344.

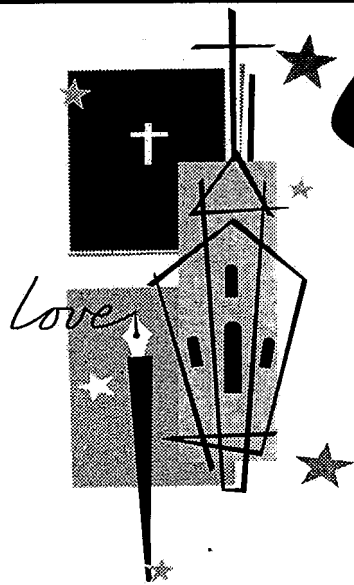
Angel Food Ministry, \$70 value for \$30, order dates: Dec. 21, 28, 31, Jan. 4, 9, 11. Pick up, Jan. 24. Williams Lake Nazarene Church, 2840 Airport Road, Waterford. 248-673-5911.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, free previews, 12 p.m., Jan. 4, and 10:30 a.m., Jan. 11, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

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

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with
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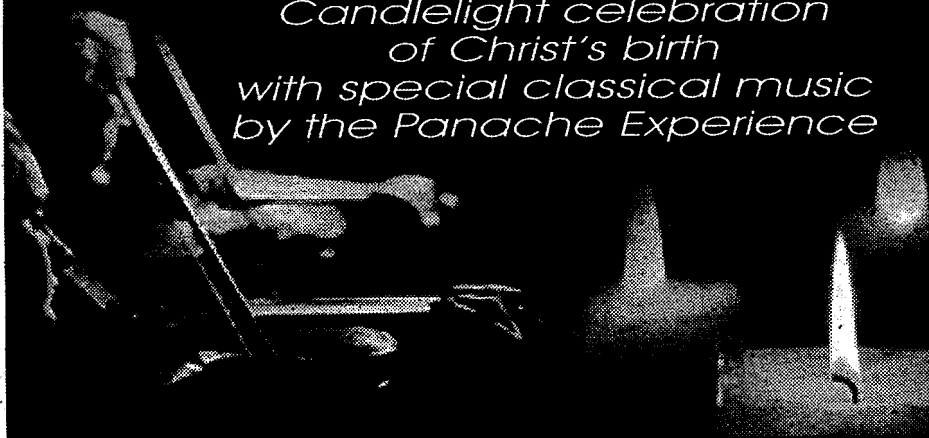
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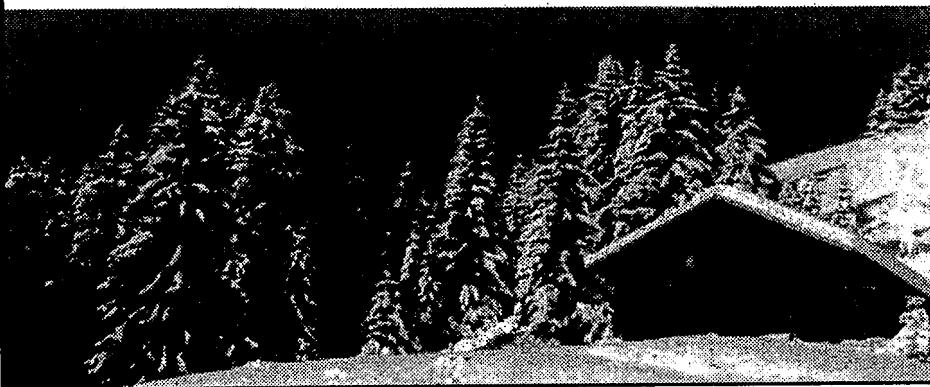
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Anne Clifton and her daughter Haile Clifton shop at Union General's open house. Photo by Phil Custodio

Open house at Union General

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston's Union General kicked off Christmas season crunch time with an open house, Dec. 10.

"We had a good turnout," said owner Ann Stevenson, who hosted the wine and hors d'oeuvre event with her husband, Curt Catallo.

"It was nice. We invited friends and neighbors from the village, most of whom could walk over here. That's the beauty of it. It's a lost way to shop."

Their first open house, they wanted to remind people of the importance of shopping locally.

"People are cognizant of where their money is going," she said. "They want to support local small businesses so they stay strong and stay around. It's great to see

people aware of that."

The shop offers several last minute ideas for presents, she said.

"Jewelry makes a great, quick gift," she said. "We have a line of French jewelry, good for any holiday."

Their Thymes line of Frasier Fir scents, lotions, candles, and diffusers are also popular.

"We sell a lot of that line," she said. "The diffusers are a great way to go. There's no candle to burn. They last about a year. They're really a hit, very popular."

As with all Main Street businesses, they offer personal service to help people find great gifts.

"We're happy to help," she said. "We'll even put it in a gift bag with some tissue and a bow so you don't even have to wrap it. That saves time, which is always a plus."

In our churches

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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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Akapolco Tan offers sun services customers need

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Akapolco Tan Too is a new tanning salon adding a little more to their customers' day than a tan.

Owners Kim and Al Moyski want the experience to be personable and each customer is known by name, not as a number in the computer. Each tanning room has pillows, cotton towels, protective eye wear, and candy treats left on the pillow.

"We try to make sure they have a little bit of sunshine," said Kim. "When they come out, they are smiling."

Akapolco Tan started in White Lake and expanded to the Clarkston area in October.

"Clarkston is new to us," said Kim. "We haven't heard anything but good things. They do so much here, it's neat. Everyone has been so nice and welcoming."

Akapolco Tan Too has a spa-like atmosphere and provides a relaxation room, massage therapy by a certified massage therapist Bonnie Dodd, and they share space with Oynx Salon & Spa.

"Everyone's time is so precious," said Kim. "This is a one-stop salon."

For tanning, they have three beds, one stand-up, and personal airbrushing for those who don't want to go in the sun. Many clients come in for airbrushing for special occasions such as weddings, vacations or baby showers. Chemicals are sugar-based and safe for pregnant women.

"Either you are young or older, male or female. We get every age group. I think it's because we make everyone feel comfortable," said Kim.

The staff will set up a package personally designed for



Owners Kim and Al Moyski and Bonnie Dodd provide free smiles with each visit.

each customer. They suggest how many minutes to tan per visit and how many visits the customer needs for the color they want. They also will suggest which moisturizers to use to maximize the length of time with the tan.

"We do it for a reason. We want them to see results," said Kim. "They may not be overnight, but that's not how it works. We will be the first ones to say that. We are honest about what we sell and what we are doing. Almost everyone has said I appreciate it and appreciate that you care."

The Akapolco staff is trained and certified with the prod-

ucts they carry. New products came out in October and the staff is still testing them. They know their tanning beds inside and out, making sure they are clean with fresh bulbs.

One month unlimited service is \$25. Another option is five visits, or go for a single visit. They have maintained the same prices since opening their White Lake location three years ago.

"We are very proud of that," said Kim. "We have six kids. We know how hard it is to have money. We feel like if you pay for something and that should be it."

Students and seniors receive a discount of \$5 off.

They have a few specials during the holidays - purchase a bottle of tanning lotion at regular price and receive two free tans. Some of the lotions they carry are by California Tan, Australian Gold and Designer Skin. They will make gift bags with lotion samples and a tanning package. Akapolco also offers gift certificates made out in any dollar amount the customer needs. Dodd has a special for new massage therapy customers. They will receive a massage for \$50.

Every Saturday in December and January is Customer Appreciation Day. They have free samples, food and drink, and Dodd will be offering chair massages.

Next year, they will add henna tattoo and facial services to their location.

For more information or to make an appointment for a spray tan or massage, call 248-620-4342. Akapolco Tan Too is located at 7020 Gateway Park Drive on the corner of Andersonville Road and White Lake Road. They are open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and closed on Sunday. Also, they will open as needed for their customers.

New stylist at Pink salon

Pink the Salon, 7151 N. Main Street in the Clarkston Crossings Plaza next to Brioni Café, welcomes stylist Dana Shook.

Shook has more than 10 years experience and is a certified master colorist in Wella and Redken color. She also has extensive education in hair cutting, styling and color/highlighting.

Her hours at Pink are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 1-8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Check out today's *Clarkston News* and *Penny Stretcher* for a coupon advertisement. For more information, call 248-620-4444.



Dana Shook

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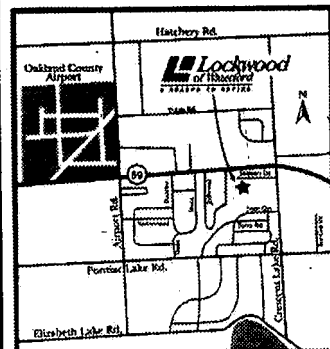
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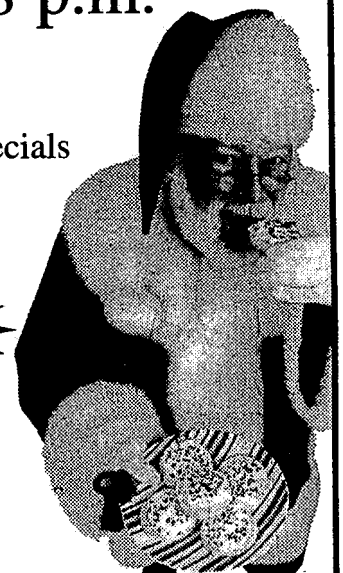


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Maddie Badgley and Kayte Greene sport special hats in support of breast cancer research.

Bowling to benefit friends, neighbors

Sixty-eight bowlers and about eight volunteers helped out at the Bowlathon this past Saturday, raising \$1,600 to benefit Clarkston resident Jean Cavalier, who has breast cancer, Birmingham resident Mark Roby, who has liver cancer, and Oxford resident Audrey Tenaglia, who has colon cancer.

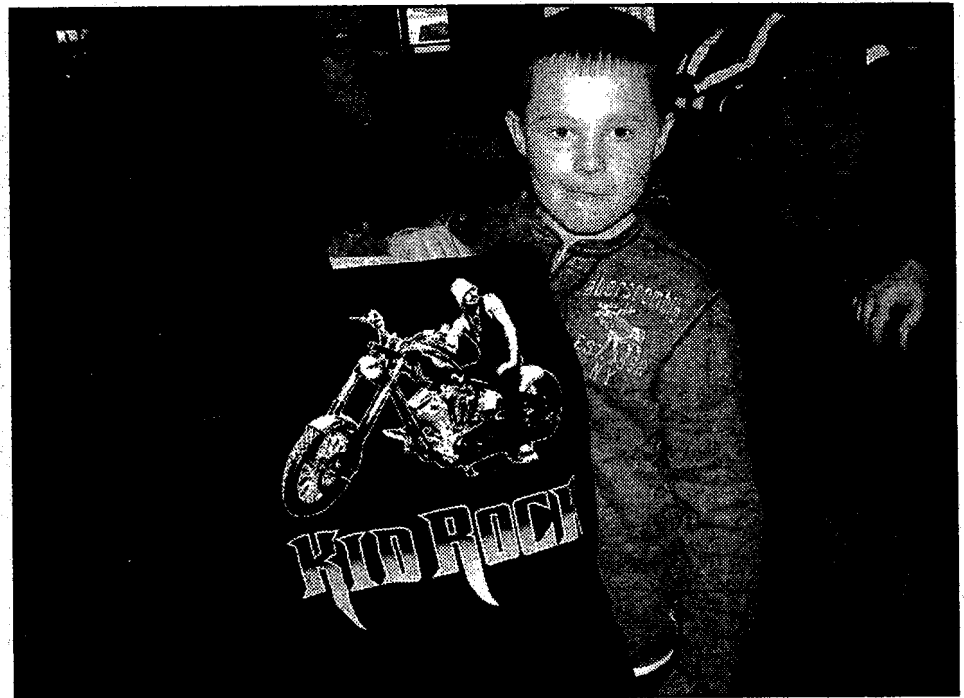
"We really appreciated the community

coming together and supporting us when everyone's budget is tight this year," said Michelle Phaup, founder and executive director of Lend a Helping Hand. "A special thanks to Rudy's, P'fino's, Karen Birch, Pam Ford Morgan, and Julie Thomas from Morgan, Milzow Real Estate for their donated raffle prizes."

Photo story by Trevor Keiser



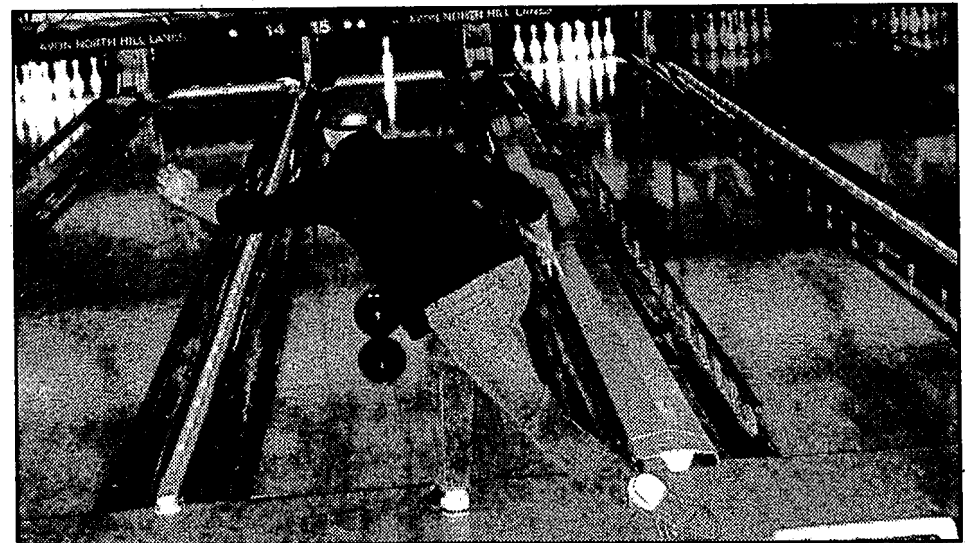
Alex Marsee, 7, in action at the fundraiser.



Dillon Sink won the raffled Kid Rock T-shirt.



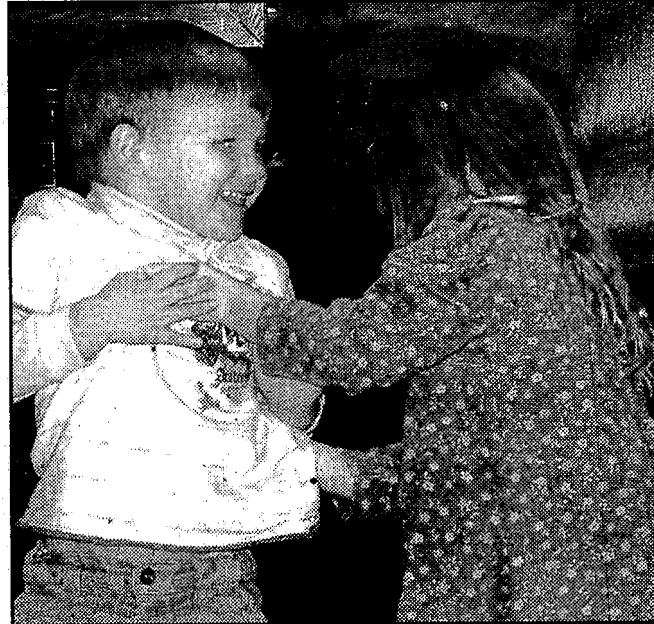
Michelle Phaup interviews Tara Forbes of Oakland University for Clarkston News Weekly cable show.



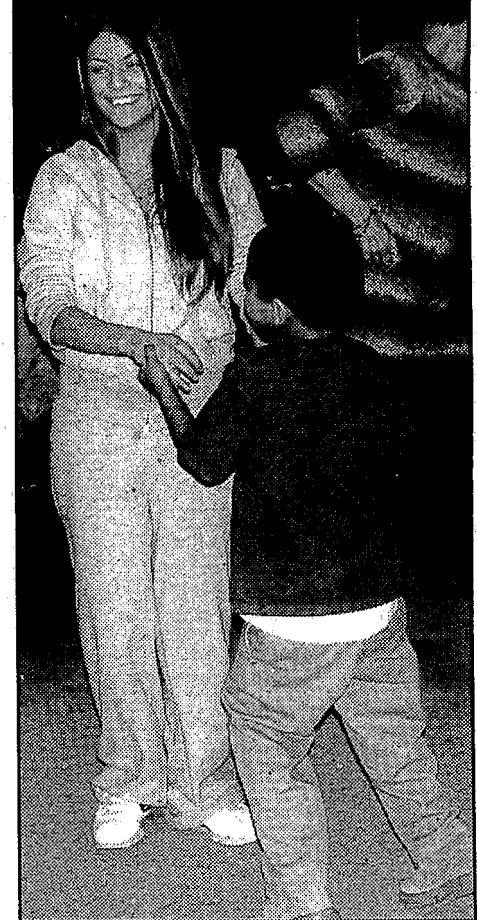
Art McKinlay hopes for a spare.



Bridgete Fisher and Emily Verstraete of Brandon High School pack toys in boxes.



Avery Hamblin and Haley Buccilli enjoy dancing together while the Urban Nomads play.



Christal Wood dances with Starr Wood during the performance of Wage Slaves.



Staff Sergeant Sean Smith of the Marines helps pack toys.

Rock for tots

Many children will enjoy new toys this year as the annual Toys for Tots proved to be a success once again at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Waterford Road on Dec. 7.

This year's bands include Phil Treais

Group, Mike Sneed, Urban Nomads, Skee Brothers, Wage Slave, Donde, Targus, Mule Train, and Terri Lee and the Mustangs. Emcees for the evening were John O'Leary of 94.7 WCSX and Carl Coffey of 103.1 WQUS.

Photos by Trevor Keiser



Wage Slaves gets the crowd into the music.

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Obituary

Elizabeth Steupert

Elizabeth Forsyth "Liz" Steupert of Clarkston passed away on Dec. 8, 2008, after a courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 48.

She was the loving wife of Juergen for 16 years; beloved mother of Klara, Charlie, and Martha; loving daughter of James and Emily Forsyth; dear sister of Anne (Rik) VanHemmen of Fair Haven, NJ, Brandy (Bill) Deatly of Summit, NJ, Jim Forsyth of Saranac Lake, NY, and Douglas (Heather) Forsyth of Colts Neck, NJ.

She was born on Aug. 24, 1960, in Little Silver, NJ. Liz graduated from Red Bank Regional High School in 1978 and went to Lafayette College in Pa., where in 1982 she graduated with honors in English.

From college, she went to Kidder, Peabody and Co. in NYC and then to Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark, NJ. At Prudential she managed, from its inception,



a long-term municipal bond fund which, under her leadership, earned recognition nationally.

In 1992 she married Juergen P. Steupert, who worked for GM and now for the Delphi Corp. They lived in Cranbury,

NJ, for several years before moving to Clarkston, then lived in Germany for five years before returning to Clarkston in 2003.

Memorial service was Dec. 13 at the First Congregational Church, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society or Natural Museum of the Adirondacks, Tupper Lake, NY 12986. Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Ruth Vera Legault

Ruth Vera Legault of Davison, formerly of Ortonville, passed away, Dec. 13, 2008, at the age of 76.

She was preceded in death by her husband Rene'. She was the mother of Linda Roughton of Clarkston and Sue Legault of Virginia; grandma of Jason (Jennifer) and Jeremy Roughton, Lisa Yeau, Michael Williams, and Gina Wiegand; great grandma of Matt, Chaz, Matthew, Cody, Colin, Mike, and Ashley; and sister of Nancy (Will) Kennedy of Arizona.

Mrs. Legault retired as an order timer at Al Serra Chevrolet, Grand Blanc.



Funeral service is Thursday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 3-9 p.m.

Interment, White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to American Business Woman's Association, or Brian's House Hospice.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Gene Jonas

Gene Jonas of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Dec. 9, 2008, at the age of 77.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gloria. He was the loving father of David (Tina) Jonas, Becky (Andrew) Borchers, Leah Jonas and Sara George; grandfather of Jeff Jonas, Ben Jonas, Nick Jonas, Caleb (Fran) Borchers, Anna Borchers, Amber George, Danny George, Morgan George, and Devon George; great grandfather of Bailey and Leah; also survived by one sister.

Mr. Jonas was a member of the Waterford Church of Christ. He retired from General Motors.

Funeral Service was Dec. 12 at the Waterford Church of Christ. Visitation was Dec. 11 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery.

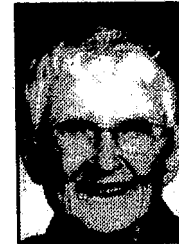
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gene Jonas Endowment Fund at Harding University Graduate School of Religion Advancement Office. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary K. Henderson

Mary K. Henderson of Waterford passed away Dec. 13, 2008, at the age of 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard. She was the loving mother of Helen (Keith) Phillips, David (Lynda) Henderson, and Marilyn (Gene) Emery; grandmother of Jeffrey (Michelle) Phillips, James Emery, Elizabeth Henderson, Kathryn Henderson, Christina (Ryan) Myers, and Jennifer Emery; and dear sister of Jean Vories.

Funeral Service was Dec. 16 at the



Clarkston United Methodist Church. Visitation was Dec. 15 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Clarkston

United Methodist Church or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Grace Helen Falardeau

Grace Helen Falardeau of Clarkston, formerly of Ferndale, passed away Dec. 8, 2008, at the age of 79.

She was the wife of Edward; mother of Edward "Bob" (Pat) of Midland, James "Jim" (Cynthia) of Fla.; preceded in death by her son Bill; mother-in-law of Donna Falardeau of Waterford; and "Grandma

Grace/Grammy" of Nicole, Anne, Lee, Alexandre, Wyatt and Abby.

Memorial service was Dec. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Toys for Tots or Autismspeaks.org. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Obituaries updated at ClarkstonNews.com

Activities coming up at senior center

"Programs and classes at the Independence Township Senior Center promote mind and body activity," says Mary Melega, senior center programmer.

One class beginning in January is Pickle Ball, a hot new activity that is a combination of tennis, badminton, ping pong and racquet ball. The equipment is provided and adults over 50 years of age with all skill levels are welcome. "While Pickle Ball is very cardio friendly, players don't need to be overly athletic," Melega says. Pickle Ball is a Senior Olympics sport.

The gift of helping adults over 50 years of age stay active is part of Melega's philosophy when programming at the center. When considering exercise programs, Melega structures classes for the aging body and appeal to adults.

U.S. News and World Report in an article entitled "Senior Citizens Need to Work Out, Too" by Deborah Kotz stated, "Despite the age-defying benefits of getting fit, 40 percent of women and 30 percent of men over 70 report that they never exercise. Beyond protection against heart disease, diabetes, and some cancers, numerous studies suggest that regular exercise can lower the risk of decline - the dementia, the frailty that spells the end of independence." "In August of 2007, the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association issued new ex-



Mary Melega, left, and Lisa McCoy are ready to play Pickle Ball this winter. Photo provided

ercise guidelines for seniors that call for several workouts a week incorporating resistance training, stretching and balancing as well as aerobics," says U.S. News.

Another new senior program is Zumba Gold Fitness. Zumba Gold Fitness is a dance based fitness program that is inspired from Latin meringue, salsa and samba dance moves that are easy to follow.

Additional exercise programs include tai chi, yoga, strength and stretch, pilates, line dancing, Drums Alive, Chi Gong, Aero Walking, volleyball, and women's 50+ softball.

Both beginner and intermediate Tai Chi is offered. Many golfers take tai chi in the winter to stay in shape. DeStress yoga and Drums Alive Golden Beats are offered in the evening, so those adults who work can participate. A gentle yoga is also offered.

Melega says that the instructors are knowledgeable about seniors and build their classes around the needs of an aging body.

"Line dancing is great for coordination and just a great social activity," shared Melega.

Two new classes that are paired together are Aero Walking, low impact walking that raises the heart rate and burns fat and lowers cholesterol, with Chi Gong, a Chinese healing practice with movements and healing sounds, as well as

self massage to improve life energy.

"I'm always seeking spaces to hold classes," says Melega. Senior Center classes are currently held at Clarkston United Methodist Church, St. Daniels Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the First Congregational Church's new gym as well as the senior center and the Clarkston Schools Community Education building.

Mens' 50+ Volleyball teams include both instructional and league play. A Women's 50+ softball team participates in a countywide league in the spring.

"Exercise is good for the brain and alleviates depression," says Melega. "Exercise is a lifestyle choice and a social outlet," shared an enthusiastic Melega.

Melaga is also working to expand the minds of seniors. Classes and programs teaching Spanish, Bridge, Euchre and Pinochle as well as a Scrabble group are available at the center. The Using You Noggin class is a new class at the center, featuring mind benders, puzzles, crossword puzzles, and sudoku.

Information on winter classes is available in the Independence Township January Newsletter. The newsletter is available online at www.township.independence.mi.us, click on the gold colored Township Departments drop down. Click on the last entry, 50+ adults.

Ten issues of the senior newsletter are available by mail for \$10 a year by calling the center. Mary Melega may be reached at 248 625 8231. Questions on the Independence Township Senior Center are welcomed by Center Director Margaret Bartos, 248 625 8231. The January 2009 column for Senior Tidbits will focus on transportation.

Spiritual Matters

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life between Christ's comings, giving meaning and value to our lives and prompting us to transform our reality to God's plan each and every day.

So back to my daughter's question, "What can I do?" My advice to her is not new and not particularly philosophic in nature.

As a matter of fact, I think it's a memory ingrained in my being by my grandmother. "Bloom where you're planted," she used to say. Simple as it may sound, it works. Live with a sense of hope for the future, and let Rachel's message become your personal mantra.

This week, start your own chain reaction of kindness and compassion, in whatever state you find yourself, while you look forward to welcoming Jesus into your hearts at Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Cheryl Smith is director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Senior tidbits



A column by Joette Kunse

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Lillian Janken Drozdowski

Lillian Janken Drozdowski of Clarkston died peacefully on Dec. 11, 2008, at the age of 89.

She was the beloved wife of the late Zigmund Drozdowski, loving mother of the late Janice (Joe) Marra and Gary (Elizabeth)

Drozdowski, grandmother of Joseph Marra, and was pre-deceased by her cherished sisters, Eleanor, Peggy, and Elsie.

Thank you, Lillian, for all the joy you brought to every life you touched. Check www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Margaret Kaufmann

Margaret Kaufmann of Clarkston, formerly of Saginaw, passed away Dec. 13, 2008, at the age of 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wesley. She was the mother of Tim (Connie) of Frankenmuth, Marilyn of White Lake, Wesley (Doreen) of Maryland, and Diane (Bill) Smith of Clarkston; grandma of Timothy, Aaron, Angela, and Christine;

sister of Paul Hanis, Steve Hanis, Ed Hanis, Helen Pasteris, and Ann Furto.

Visitation was Dec. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass is Wednesday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m., at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Saginaw. Rite of Committal, St. Andrews Cemetery. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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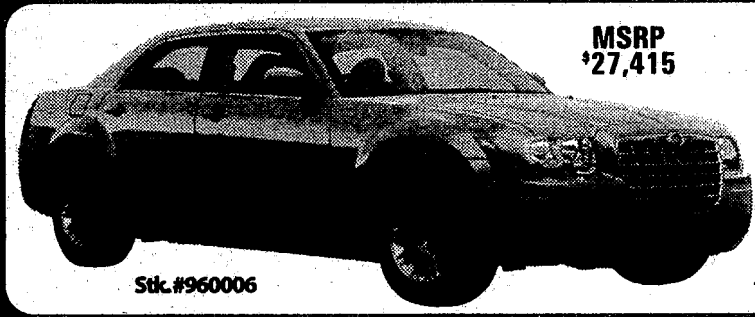
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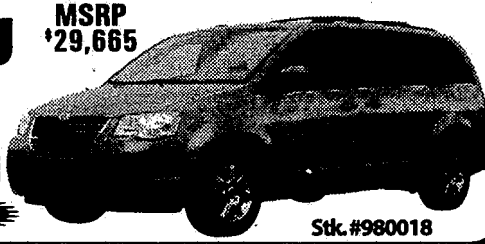
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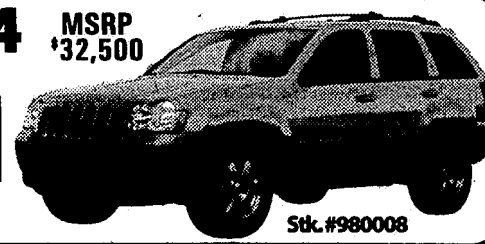


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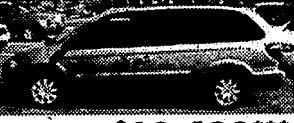






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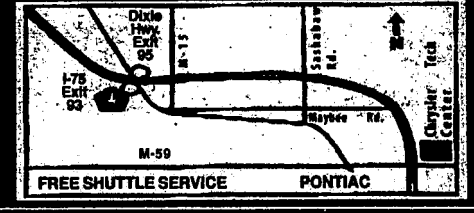
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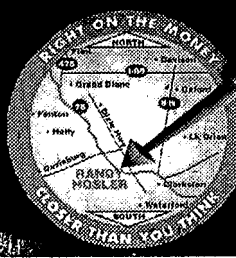


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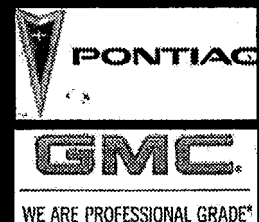
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**REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Springfield has received a request for Special Land Use from Msgr. John Budde, 4055 Parker Road, Davlsburg, MI 48350 for the following:

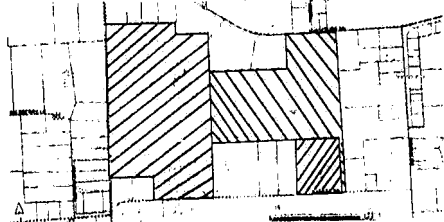
Development of a parish activity center that is the first phase of a Catholic Church campus (Divine Mercy Parish) containing a church, chapel, parish activity center, and elementary school on approximately 144 acres, utilizing Special Land Use provisions of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance.

The property is located west of Ormond Rd. between Davlsburg Rd. and Parker Rd. P.I. #07-18-376-010, P.I. #07-18-376-011 and P.I. #07-18-301-004.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that oral and written comments on the Special Land Use request will be received at a Public Hearing to be held at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board on Thursday, January 8, 2009 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davlsburg Rd., Davlsburg, MI.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the concept plan and other information related to the request may be reviewed at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davlsburg Rd., Davlsburg, MI during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davlsburg Rd., Davlsburg, MI 48350 up until the time of the Public Hearing. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the Hearing should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. Tel. 248-846-6510.

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield



Publish: 12/17/08

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48348 to hear the following cases:

Case #09-0001 Yahner, Dennis, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-837. ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. SIZE VARIANCE OF 167 SQ FT TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (CONSTRUCTION STARTED WITH PERMIT) 4730 Rattek Rd., Lot 4, R-1A Supervisor's Plat, No. 4 08-35-452-005

Case #08-0003 Serafini, Ronald, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VARIANCES PREVIOUSLY GRANTED ON MARCH 5, 2008 FROM ARTICLE III, SECTION 25, SECTION 50-890. SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS. TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME Thendara Blvd. and Huron Dr., Lots 1 & 2, R-1A Thendara Park Country Club 08-12-159-010

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48348 prior to the Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelagh VanderVeen, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111

A clean sweep

Company offers free house cleaning to women undergoing cancer treatment

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Donna Harvey has two priorities: homeschooling her two daughters, age 9 and 12, and getting treatment for her cancer so she can get healthy.

The chemotherapy drugs zap her energy, so cleaning the Springfield Township home she shares with husband Scott and the girls takes more strength than she can muster most days.

When a friend called to say she'd heard about a company providing free housecleaning services to women with cancer, Harvey was more than happy to accept the offer.

Once a month, employees from Clarkston Cleaning Service arrive to lend a hand.

"They've been a lifesaver," Harvey said. "They're doing a great job, and it's been really helpful because they're doing things that are difficult for me to do right now, like floors, bathrooms, and cleaning appliances."

It's nice, she said, to look around after the girls leave and see how everything sparkles, instead of looking at a house that needs cleaning.

"It's been so uplifting for me to know these things are done and I don't have to worry about it," she said.

Diagnosed eight years ago with breast cancer, Harvey underwent successful treatment. But three years ago, she said, the cancer came back. Again she underwent successful treatment

Now it's back a third time.

"It was never past stage one before, it was just localized," she said. "This time it spread to my bones and liver this time, so we're treating it

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2008-320233-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Daisy S. Janke, Date of Birth: March 8, 1914
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Daisy S. Janke, who lived at 5601 Hatchery #2013, Waterford, Michigan died May 28, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary J. Blacklock, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Beth Vroegindewey makes sure the microwave in Donna Harvey's Springfield Township home sparkles, both inside and out. Photos by Laura Colvin

much more aggressively."

But the aggressive treatment requires powerful drugs, and her energy levels are low.

"It makes me very, very tired," she said. "My bones and joints get achy. Ibuprofen usually helps, so it's just the fatigue."

Every month, she does three weeks of chemo, then has a week off.

"In my week off I bounce back pretty well and I pretty much function normally," she said. "But when I'm actually doing chemo, I'm wiped out."

It's something Dawn Raffler, who owns Clarkston Cleaning Service, understands.

"I've had family members who went through cancer treatments," she said. "When you're doing radiation and chemotherapy, you don't have a lot of energy for anything, especially cleaning the house."

But cancer treatments or not, she noted, people still want to live in a clean home.

"Women are the ones who really stress over it," she said. "They're thinking 'Oh,

my best friend is coming over and the house is a mess."

So when Raffler heard about Cleaning for a Reason, a national non-profit organization, she signed on.

The group, headquartered near Dallas, Texas, currently partners with 370 companies, many just like Raffler's, in 43 states.

In addition to Harvey's home, Raffler's employees are cleaning for one other Clarkston woman.

But, she said, she's prepared to take on more if the need arises.

"The girls love it," Raffler said. "They keep telling me it feels so good to do something nice for these women. A lot of them have lost someone to cancer, so they're happy to help."

The free service is available to women with cancer who live in the Clarkston area and have a Clarkston mailing address.

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Yolanda Hernandez of Clarkston Cleaning Service polishes a mirror.

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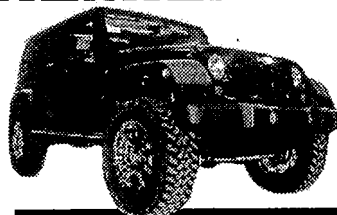
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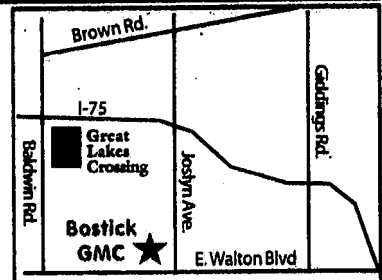
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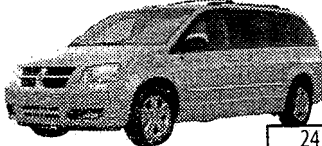


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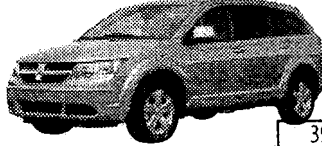


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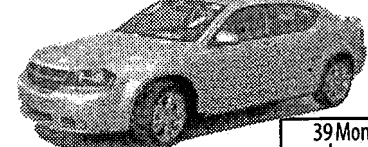


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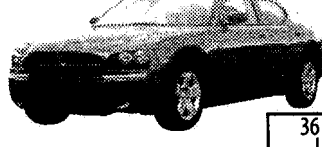


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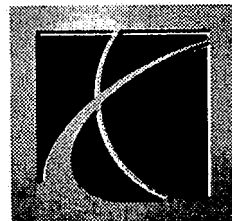
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