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# Successful tree hunt

Tony and Curtis Daros of Davisburg carry out their perfect Christmas tree, Saturday, at Rattalee Tree Farm. For more photos, please see page 4A. *Photo by Wendi Reardon* 

# Rock classics to fill club for the kids

### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The sounds and energy of live classic rock returns to Independence Township, Dec. 5, for a good cause.

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club hosts its 11th annual Toys for Tots Rock n' Roll Toy Drive, 1-9 p.m., Sunday.

"We're just going to go in there and do

our thing again. It's something we look forward to big time every year," said Jim Hamblin, drummer with Urban Nomads. "It's just a feel good situation and you like doing it. It's nice and close by with a lot of people you know."

Also playing are Phil Treais Group, Targus, Skee Brothers, Charlie Allen Martin with 2XL, Mule Drive, Donde, Detroit

our thing again. It's something we look forward to big time every year," said Jim O'Leary of WCSX 94.7 will be the MC. A Hamblin, drummer with Urban Nomads. "It's cash bar and food will also be available.

"I've been doing this show for right around nine years, myself and Charlie Martin and it's gotten bigger and better every year," said Devon Stacy. "The groups love to come in there and play."

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# **Bullied** out

# Chronic bullying push parents to pull daughter from school

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

According to district policy, bullying is prohibited in Clarkston schools. That's small solace for one student.

"Having to put up with it every day made me feel so sad – my grades suffered, I couldn't keep up, it made me feel like I was a

failure, like I was stupid," said the 13-yearold Independence Township girl.

Township girl.

The girl, who will not be identified, was a student at Clarkston Junior High School until just before Thanksgiving 1

Candlelight vigil 7 p.m., Dec. 4 Depot Park

**Anti-bullying** 

awareness

before Thanksgiving break, when her parents pulled her out of the district to be homeschooled.

Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock and Clarkston Junior High Principal Adam Kern declined a request for interview, but forwarded a statement regarding bullying in Clarkston Community Schools' policy manual

"The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students," according to the manual. "Aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated."

However, the 13-year-old student said she faced frequent bullying from individuals, as well as witnessed several instances of students yelling, swearing, and punching at each other, and large groups of students walking down hallways, "like a football team," pushing students out of the way.

"I've been smashed into a locker twice this year," she said. "It's really demeaning to the kids who don't have a pack, including me. I don't think you have to travel in a pack."

Her parents, who noticed a problem the first week of school this year, traded emails and met with administrators to discuss the

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# Green up home for holidays with Garden Club

Clarkston Farm and Garden Club hosts its 19th Annual Greens Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road.

The Greens Market, the club's main fundraiser, is a festival of holiday designs, highlighted by Michigan-grown traditional wreaths in three sizes, with red or burgundy bows, and roping in 25- and 50-foot lengths.

The church's social center and hallways will be filled with conventional decorations like door arches, centerpieces and mantle tops, swags, potpourri, kissing balls, sachets, and loose greens.

. Bundles containing nine kinds of plant materials including pine, cedar, blueberry juniper, silver fir, noble fir, incense cedar, yew, ilex and curly willow are also available for your use in designing your own unique arrangements for the holidays.

'We really concentrated this year on gathering local greenery and using in-state growers for materials to produce arrangements," said Anita Andes, Greens Market chair.

Mother Nature's magic keeps the needles in place through the long holiday season. This precaution helps to ensure long-lasting freshness of the items you receive and those you send as gifts. "By going local we were able to reduce our costs without compromising the gorgeous pieces we offer," explained

Barbara Trueman, who has been a garden club member for nearly 20 years, said a number of local people have opened their backyards and vacation properties to members to cull for greens and other natural materials. "That helps keep our costs low, which is important to the success of the event because our club keeps adding to the services it provides to the community."

There is no admission fee for the event. Proceeds from the sale of merchandise benefit the club's maintaining and seasonally decorating downtown planters, library gardens, college scholarships, and mini grants to elementary schools for horticultural and environmental projects, among others.

Along with the sale, members are conducting a raffle of gingerbread renditions of Clarkston buildings, including Rudy's Market, KH Home, Clarkston News, and the old Post Office.

The village houses will be given away at a noon raffle at the Greens Market. Ladies from the Church of the Resurrection will also conduct a bake sale on site.

Serving with Anita on the planning committee for the Greens Market are Lauren Brasile, Vicki Little, Nancy Foley, Sue White, and Mary Jane Scharfenkamp.

- Sue Sajdak



**Member Mary Himburg demonstrates** how common household items can be used to make arrangements. These items, a ball and plunger, will be used to make a topiary. Photo provided

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# Briefly

# Toy Drive at Everest

Everest Academy hosts a Christmas Toy Drive through Dec. 14. Drop off toys for boys and girls in the lobby of both boys and girls school, 5935 Clarkston Road.

The school also hosts a Special Christmas Event, 9 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 5. Mass will include a ceremony to bless Baby Jesus from nativity sets. Pancake breakfast with Santa follows.

For more information or to volunteer, call 248-391-8243.

# Lunch with Santa

Springfield Township Parks and Rec hosts a Holiday Lunch With Santa, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at Hart Community Center in Davisburg.

Admission is \$10/resident child, \$12/ non-resident child, and \$5/adult.

Call 248-846-6558 for more information.

# Food for seniors

Qakland Livingston Human Service Agency distributes free food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program, seniors only 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Independence Township Senior Center, 5980 Clarkston Road.

For income eligibility requirements or additional information, call 248-209-2686, 248-209-2655 or 800-482-9250.

# **Concert for Lighthouse**

Oakland Baptist Church hosts a Benefit Show for Lighthouse North, 7-10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3.

The bands Powerout, The Vista Cruisers, Chemical Switch, and Take A Hint will perform at the church, 5628 Maybee Road, Admission is a \$5 donation.

# City closer to allowing 90 N. Main businesses

### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's been two years since Bob Roth and Ed Adler of Leh-Ray Holdings, LLC stood before the Clarkston City Council "to determine the future development of the township hall property on 90 North Main."

Now, things are slowly moving forward.

"We went to the city council first and then they sent us to the planning commission to set up a subcommittee to talk about what options could be used for this property," Roth said. "At that time they did not want to set up a subcommittee to discuss those issues."

The building, erected in 1910, housed Independence Township municipal offices from 1951 until 2008, when it was traded in the township's bid for a new facility, now open on Waldon Center Drive.

Roth said maintenance is \$13,000-\$16,000, and taxes are \$32,000 to \$34,000.

According to R1 residential zoning government buildings are an "allowed use," but commercial is not.

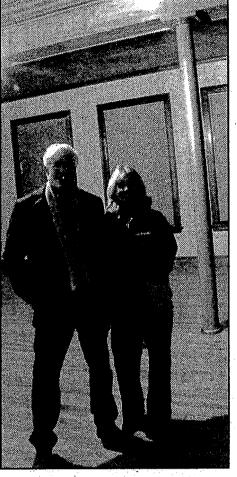
"This has never been a residence, if you come in here and look it doesn't look anything like a residence (and) it's not going to be a residence," Roth said. "There could be some sort of possible residential component here, but with all this property. I don't see many houses with the biggest parking lot for 70 cars."

The building, erected in 1910.

Roth said he and Adler see possible uses of the building as architect or engineer offices, or studios of some sort.

"It will be much less use than the township hall was as far as the traffic coming in," he said. "If this was an architect's office that came in here and came to work, they are going to come in at eight in the morning and leave at six at night."

However both Leh-Ray Holdings and the City are trying to reach an agreement that would accommodate such uses of the building, but also accommodate the zoning issue. City Planner Dick Carlisle is drafting up plans for a possible "overlay district" that



Bob and Peggy Roth stand inside the refurnished 90 N. Main. *Photo by Trevor Keiser* 

would suit both use and zoning issues.

"I'm sure we'll come to an agreement with the City," Roth said. "The city is working with us and trying to resolve a situation that is truly a non-residential property."

Resident Michael Sabol, who recently ran for city council last month, has been very vocal on the issue at council meetings. Sabol said he only had two issues. He felt "the process" according to law was not being followed and he doesn't like the city making an "accommodation" for one business to

be located at the site. He says this is a clear violation of the law.

"There is no process for providing an accommodation, or at least there is no such word in the zoning ordinance that says you can do this to provide an accommodation," Sabol said.

City Manager Dennis Ritter originally told Savage Photography currently located at 90 N. Main, they would have to leave, but the city did allow an accommodation due to the owners' concern of vandalism. However, no other businesses would be allowed in until both parties reached an agreement.

Sabol is positive about what he heard at the last meeting and believes they are making a "favorable turn in the right direction."

"As long as they follow through with and they don't violate any of the process and they stick with what zoning ordinance and everything says," he said. "I'm perfectly fine with it."

Ritter said the only promise they made was "the process goes on in an orderly fashion without anybody dragging their feet, so to speak."

Some residents have voiced concerns of work that has been done on the inside. Roth said the only work they've done is tearing up the old carpet and taking on the drop ceiling on the second floor and refinishing the maple floors and ceiling.

"Bob and Ed have done a tremendous job restoring this building with the floors and ceiling," said Roth's wife and Councilwoman Peggy Roth. "Actually what I think they've done is give the city a tremendous gift by redoing this. This is a piece of Clarkston's history."

"The property owners are not second class citizens. They have right like anyone else that owns property in any community to seek the best use of the property as they wish it to be," Ritter said. "We're moving forward. Our planner is reviewing it and once we receive his report, we'll know what the next step is and that will be shared with everyone."





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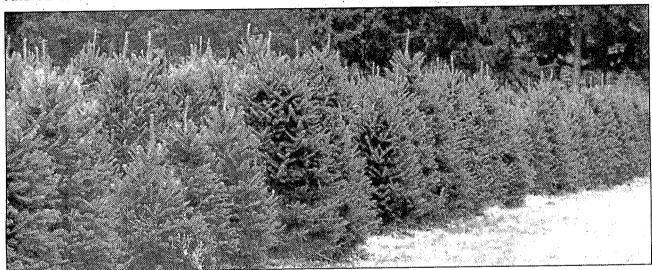
Andrew Loch fluffs branches.



Polly Brooks, of Oxford, agrees on the perfect tree.



Matt Goebel and Aaron Wright get the pre-cut trees ready for their next home.



Rows of trees wait to be cut.

# O, Christmas Tree

The fount began Friday and continued into the weekend - not for the perfect gift.

It was for the perfect tree and wreath at Rattalee Lake

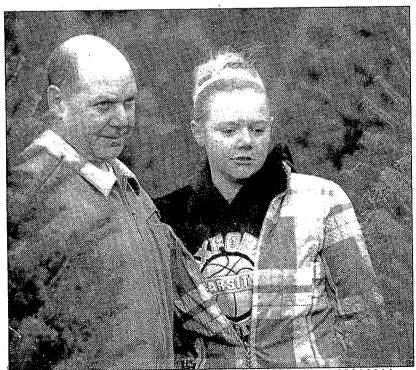
Many looked for just the right size to fit in their house and choose between a wide selection in White Pine, Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Canaan Fir and Black Hills Spruce.

"I used to come all the time with my parents when I was a kid," Tony Daros, of Davisburg, reminisced as he brought

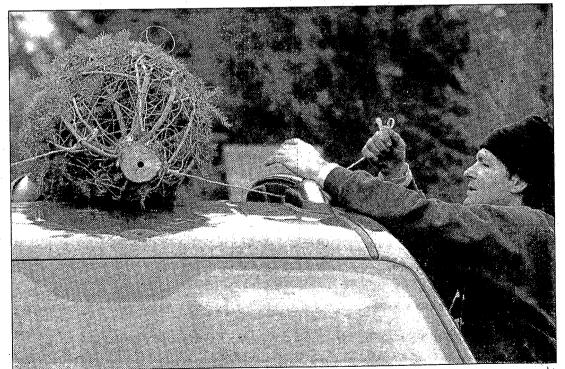
his family.

Rattalee Lake Tree Farm is located at 7650 Rattalee Lake Road and is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-dusk, Saturday-Sunday, 7 a.m.-dusk.

Photo story by Wendi Reardon



Greg Brooks and daughter, Emily, floure out if the tree will fit. Bill Hudler, co-owner, secures a tree for its road trip.





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# What Are Impacted Teeth?

When a wisdom tooth is unable to erupt or come into the mouth normally, it is said to be "impacted". Nine out of ten people have at least one impacted wisdom tooth resulting from a lack of space in the mouth.

# **How Serious is an Impacted Wisdom Tooth?**

Impacted wisdom teeth can result in pain, infection and crowding of, or damage to, adjacent teeth. More serious problems may occur if the sac that surrounds the impacted tooth fills with fluid and enlarges to form a cyst. This enlargement can hollow out the jaw and cause permanent damage to the adjacent teeth, jawbone and nerves. In rare cases, if the cyst is not treated, a tumor may develop from the walls of the cyst and a more complicated surgical procedure may be required to remove it. Many people believe that as long as they are not in pain, they do not have to worry about their wisdom teeth. However, "asymptomatic," or "pain free," does not mean the absence of disease or pathology. A recent study by the American Association of Oral Surgeons found that wisdom teeth that have broken through the tissue and erupted into the mouth in a normal, upright position may be prone to many of the same diseases as those wisdom teeth that remain impacted.

# Why have your Wisdom Teeth Removed?

Bacteria that causes gum disease may exist in clinically significant numbers in and around non painful wisdom teeth and cause damage before symptoms let you know that something is wrong. Impacted wisdom teeth can contribute to a variety of problems, including infection, damage to neighboring teeth, tooth decay, receding gums, loosened teeth, bone loss and tooth loss. Research suggests the bacteria surrounding wisdom teeth may contribute to systemic health problems, including diabetes, heart disease, and kidney disease. Other studies have found that gum disease in expectant mothers is strongly associated with a greater likelihood of preterm and low birth weight babies. It isn't wise to wait until your wisdom teeth start to bother you. Summit Oral Surgery strongly recommends that to prevent future problems, wisdom teeth are removed by the time that patient is a young adult. The researchers have found that older adult patients may be at greater risk for the development of disease, including periodontitis, in the tissues surrounding the wisdom teeth and adjacent teeth. In addition, the longer wisdom teeth remain in your mouth, the more

likely they are to cause problems. When they do, these complications may be more difficult to treat in older patients and, may affect your general health. To schedule an appointment, please contact us. Summit-Qral Surgery is now open in Clarkston to meet all of your Oral and Facial surgical needs.



# Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

# Seasons of Life

Many of you probably remember the song "To every season turn, turn turn..." sung by both the Byrds and the Beatles. Some of you may even know this song is actually taken from the Bible. Ecclesiastes 3, "There is a time for everything and every season under heaven."

I have noticed the weather starting to change once again. It's been getting darker earlier at outside, it's only 5 p.m. and it feel like 8 p.m. The sun is not rising as early in the morning anymore, either.



The air has cooled off more in the night, reaching freezing temperatures which are signs that fall is ending and winter is coming.

I am not one who likes the changing of the seasons. I become quite the "humbug Scrooge" in winter. I rather it stay summer year around. But I know the changing of the physical seasons is like the changing seasons of our lives. For example we would not appreciate the warmth of summer if we did not experience the cold of winter.

We would not appreciate the blossoming of spring if we did not experience the death of fall, just like we wouldn't understand joy if we didn't know sorrow. Or how could we understand love if we did not know hate.

The seasons of our lives help us grow, the help shape who we are and who we will become. It's learning how to embrace each season that we are in, taking it one day at a time, because every new day is one day closer to the changing of the

We have no more power over the seasons of our lives than we do the weather outside.

I believe God uses the seasons to show us how we need to trust Him no matter the weather rain, snow, sunshine, or cloudy. No matter the circumstance happy, sad, mad, or hurt.

The seasons expand our faith, they help give us the proper perspective that we can't remain in the same season we are in forever, but we need to be ready for the change that is about to take place.

The time has come to put on your sweat shirt and have your winter coat, hat and gloves close by. We can't look back at what was, but look ahead at what is, and what will, knowing that summer will return. And when it does we will have a greater appreciation of the warmth it brings after the cold of winter.

# Resident favors sheriff service

Dear Editor,

land County Police department taking over one of the best ideas that this town has ever had.

Although I've had some great experiences my whole life in this town, the Clarkston police never played a part in any of them.

They were always very rude towards this citizen and this isn't just coming from me, I always heard stories about them that were negative.

They bullied their citizens rather than giving them a sense of protection. It seemed as if they just thought they could do whatever they wanted because they had a badge which

is very unprofessional and immature. Now I've lived in Clarkston my whole life, born on the other hand, the Oakland County poand raised. I just want to say that the Oak- lice have always been respectful towards

their citizens.

They always gave a for the local police is Letters to the editor more protecting vibe and it will also save

much money, which as we all know is a problem in just about any small town in America these days.

All I'm really trying to get through to you guys with this letter is bravo for abolishing the Clarkston police.

This is one of the best ideas this town has had in my life and I feel that in the long run, this will make for a happier community.

Thank You.

Max Baker Clarkston

# Thanks for supporting local troops

On behalf of the West Point Parents' graduate network, I want to thank the many people who participated in creating cards and letters to send to our soldiers.

The grad group met to pack 200 Christmas stockings to send to our soldiers in Afghanistan. They were collecting "boodle," the Army term for supplies/goodies, to go inside the stockings. They were also hoping to include personal cards and letters of appreciation.

The word spread and I received over 350 cards, letters, and drawings. I want to thank the following organizations for their contribution: Independence Elementary Daisy Troop 74061, first grade; Brownie Troop 70160, second grade; Brownie Troop 70167, third grade; parishioners of St. Daniel Catholic Church; seventh and eighth grade students from St. Mary's school in Mt. Clemens; my Thursday night Bunco group; McGregor Elementary of Rochester third grade stu-

dents; Danielle Fuller and Clarkston High School's Military History Club; and the many other students from CHS. I wish to also thank the St. Daniel Wednesday afternoon bible study group for their generous donations as

It truly warms my heart that so many people care. The beautiful cards you made and the heartfelt notes you wrote mean so much to the men and women who are away from home and their families. You participated in a wonderful activity that shows care and

As one soldier wrote in response to a previous show of kindness, "Many of us know the importance of the support and prayers from back home.

Taking the time to show that support helps keep the morale of the soldiers up when times get tough."

Thank you!

Sandy Kolano Independence Township

# Youth wants to preserve programs

Dear Editor,

It's a real disappointment to see some of the programs being cut, including Clarkston's Got Talent, Kite Fest, Kids Only Garage Sale and the Fourth of July Festival of Fun. These programs add fun to Clarkston and make it a good place to live.

Since a low revenue is made over the cost of the programs, all the township would need

to do is either cut some of the expensive parts of these programs. Or cut other non fundamental parts of the budget.

Clarkston is a great place to live because of these activities and taking them out should not be necessary and would be disappointing.

Keith Auchterlonie, age 12 Independence Township

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# A Look Back

From The CNews archives

# 15 years ago - 1995

"Greens Market decks halls naturally" Carol Rademacher, Judy Huttenlocher and the rest of Clarkston Farm and Garden Club prepared their fourth annual Greens Market, at the Cedar Lodge on Main Street.

"Clarkston reacts to Bosnia mission" Clarkston residents disagreed over the peacekeeping mission to east Europe. John Lynch supported the mission. though he worried it was too much a half measure, while his wife Shirley thought it was a totally political act by President Clinton.

"Pearl Harbor vet remembers" Bill McGlashen wrote of the shock and confusion of the surprise Japanese attack on the Hawaiian harbor. An anti-aircraft gunner, his battery was credited with shooting down an enemy plane during the attack's second wave.

# 25 years ago - 1985

"Video experience" Karrie Woolley, Jessie Fisher, Cary Newport, Marc VanBaalen, Emily Winfield, and other Media II students at Sashabaw Junior High School worked hard, making a music video set to Prince's "Let's Go Crazy."

"Lights out: Rotary blames Edison" Clarkston Rotary Club decorated downtown Clarkston as usual, but couldn't light them because the power company wouldn't allow installation of electrical outlets on the poles. The Village Business Association helped out by buying decorative banners.

"Feast!" Kim Dengate, April Pawley, Nicole Cooley, Shane Smith, Dale Nelson, and classmates at Pine Knob Elementary made corn muffins as part of a community feast.

# 50 years ago - 1960

"Mr. Goedde at Study Club" Goedde. principal at Clarkston Senior High School, discussed new school policies with Clarkston Senior Study Club. New rules included no more going out for lunch by students without special permission, and no more selling by students, other than magazine subscriptions.

"Current boxing activities" Television wrestler "Red" Younger brought his own portable wrestling ring to Clarkston Community Center for an exhibition wrestling match. About 30 boys trained in Leo Armstrong's new boxing gym.

"Clarkston local" Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rose and family of Berkely were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose on Thanksgiving Day.

# Ford got into ships, railroads, hospitals

This is the fourth in my series on sible cost." Henry Ford, recounted from the 1938 Detroit Free columns by Iffy the Dopester (aka Malcomb Bingay.)

Titled "Who does Henry Ford think he is?" I first repeated the story of Ford rejecting the Jim's New Dealers early in the Jottings century, then came his \$5 a day plan, then he won the fight with Seldon Company over rights to the gasoline engine. Now, back to Iffy's column.

Then there was the time Henry bought a rail- a column by road, and that gave ev- Jim Sherman erybody a laugh, since

neither he nor anyone in the organization knew much about railroads.

Henry reasoned, "All there is to railroading is picking up a load of something here and delivering it there in the best possible manner and at the lowest pos-

He took the old dilapidated Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railroad and made it into a bang-up system. Then the government said he couldn't own a road and be his own best customer, he sold it and made a good many million profit.

... They laughed at him too when he announced he was going to build and run a hospital, but they all have to admit now that the Ford Hospital in Detroit is one of the great medical centers in the United States.

Henry spent millions of his own money financing researchers to develop products out of peanuts, soy beans, etc at the dawning of the biochemical age.

And one time Uncle Sam wanted to sell Henry a fleet of ships. A naval officer came here to sell the ships. Henry said he'd buy \$4 million worth. His engineers thought for weeks trying to find a purpose for the ships.

They didn't have an answer. Henry said, "All they thought about was using them for ships. I'm buying them for scrap

"You see, there's a corner on the scrap iron market and we have to use scrap iron in this business. But we're paying three times the price it is worth. Now, I'm going to cut up, after the engines have been salvaged, and I will have the biggest mountain of scrap iron on the conti-

He made over a million profit on the

Henry was fooling around with water power long before the Government thought of the Tennessee River Valley experiment with taxpayer money.

He had dams built through southern Michigan (one in Clarkston) and was running branch factories by water power, testing out the ideas with his own cash.

There was a time the whole nation swore that Henry must be absolutely insane because he refused to let General Hugh Johnson of the NRA bluff him into signing a code that would let the Government run his business for him. That's a funny one.

He wouldn't let Washington run his business any more than he would let Wall Street run it. He-was paying his men away beyond any scale in the code, the hours were shorter and their working conditions better.

Henry, you know, didn't get that much schooling. Too busy thinking things out for himself. A lot of book-taught fellers think that means he don't know nothing. Mebbe he don't; it ain't for me to say.

But then Tom Edison never went to school either, and there was a feller named Franklin (Ben) and Abe Lincoln and a whole lot of chaps like that who didn't either.

Mebbe Mark Twain would not have been so great if he had had some college professor teach him how to write.

(There will be only one more in this series on Henry Ford. That's all Iffy

# It's really December? Already? Yikes.

week in December, 2010 will be in full swing. That means it's only a few short weeks to Christmas.

And, that means I am still on track for gift purchasing to take place in about 22 days. Which means

if I can save a dollar a day til then, I'll have about 22 bucks to splurge with. And, I wonder why my kids call me the cheapest dad "EVER." It's the thought that counts, right? That's the theory I'm bankin' on anyway.

That said, went to Olde World Canterbury Village (Always Christmas) in Orion this past Sunday and while I always enjoy looking at Christmas trees, Christmas lights and Christmas ornaments, there are actually a few things I don't like about Christmas

(which has nothing at all to do with Olde World Canterbury Village, except that it is always Christmas

And, that there are some things I don't like about Christmas, kinda bums me out. I love Christmas. I love the idea of peace on Earth, good will to all. I love the idea that a soul was born to save us all.

I don't like these Christmas songs. (How's that for a transition?)

1. (Simply having a) Wonderful Christmastime by Paul McCartney. This song drives me to say Bah! tiveness. Arrggg! That melody will haunt my dreams

2. Do They Know It's Christmas, by all those British and Irish recording artists singing for BandAid. (BandAid was the band formed in the mid-1980s for this one song. Their goal was to raise fund to help famine-devastated Ethiopia.) While I know it was for a worthy cause, whenever I hear this song, I want to tell all those obscenely rich folk to stop trying guilt me into giving more. Did somebody just all me Ebenezer?

3. The Christmas Shoes, by (and I didn't know the artist and had to look it up) Newsong (whoever they are). This song kinda reminds me of that Roy Orbinson song, Pretty Paper, about a poor little girl who sells paper flowers, and freezes to death. (Or was that the Bobby Darin song Artificial Flowers?) The Christmas Shoes is about a kid who wants to buy shoes for his mom, who is dying. It is a sad song. Call me a sap, but I don't like to cry on Christmas. Or, you can just call me

Ten-year-old son o'mine Sean, and I were conversing on the way home from the grocery store this past Saturday. And, as the truck's radio was dialed into all Christmas songs, all the time . . . the topic of Christmas songs we don't like, came up. (Blame Sean, it's all his

added to the mix, the other Beatle, John Lennon's holi- don@dontrushmedon.com

By the time this column hits the streets, the first Humbug! Just typing it I can hear its synthesized repetiday hit, Happy Xmas (War is Over). I hadn't thought of that song, but Sean said the reason he didn't like it, was the same reason I didn't like McCarntey's holiday horror . . . repetitiveness. Like father, like son I guess. (Hopefully, his taste in music is the only thing he gets from me.)

I also don't like any thing Christmas from the Beach Boys (summertime surfer dude music doesn't translate well to winter time fun), Trans Siberian Orchestra (again, synthesized muzak doesn't sit well with me), Barbara Streisand (her politics bums me out), and stuff from female singers like Mariah Carey, who try to impress listeners by showing the wide range of their voices. You know what I'm talking about, don't you? Their voices go up and down and all around a note, except hitting the note. I don't know what that singing style is called, all I know is whenever I hear it, I scream at the radio, "Shoot that damned cat, stop skinning it!" It makes Sean laugh.

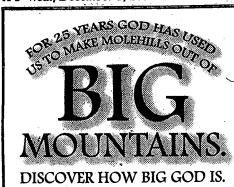
Well, I am glad I got that out. No need in keeping all that negativity bottled-up inside, when I can dump it on you all. Thanks, I feel better. And, if you want to share with me your negative Christmastime thoughts, do it. Get it out before the holidays so you too can enjoy them to the max!

Email your Christmastime negativities to me and We agreed on Sir Paul McCartney's mistake. He we'll get 'em in print, thus purging your psyche:



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A column by **Don Rush** 



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# Lessons learned in shooting simulation

BY C.J. CARNACCHIO

Special to The Clarkston News

Bodies littered the hallways and blood painted the walls after an armed intruder entered the Oakland County high school on a Friday morning and shot several students and staff members.

Fortunately, it was only a simulation.

Designed to practice and improve emergency response protocols, the Nov. 19 training exercise involved school staff, Oxford firefighters and police, Homeland Security and members of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and its Special Response Team (SRT).

The simulation, complete with school lockdown, hostage situation, and resolution-by-sniper, was paid for using funds from a \$250,000 "Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools" grant awarded to Clarkston, Oxford, and Lake Orion school districts by the U.S. Department of Education and Office of Drug Free Schools.

"I think today went very well. We had a lot of support from the community responders," said Dr. Stephanie Daly, who works for Edu-Tech Solutions, Inc. the company facilitating the grant for the three school districts.

Several Clarkston administrators participated in the simulation.

"I learned that it can be anyone at anytime," said Principal Adam Kern, Clarkston Junior High School. "We need to make sure we continually reinforce and practice our procedures so that if anything were to ever happen, we can remain calm and handle the situation to the best of our ability. Obviously you can never practice the real thing, but the more the procedures are reinforced, the better chance we have of avoiding a drastic situation."

Following the simulation, school staff, students, emergency responders and observers gathered to ask questions and discuss



Deputies in the Oakland County Sheriff's Special Response Team search for a gunman during a training exercise. Photos by C.J. Carnacchio

what happened.

Much of the discussion revolved around what to do if a staff member or student who is outside a secured room during a lockdown asks to be let in – during the simulation, a "wounded victim" crawled through the hallway desperately pleading for help.

Should the people inside the classrooms have opened their doors and helped him instead of leaving him out there as they did? Experts say no.

"You want to minimize the injuries and tragedies that could occur. By opening the door, now you've broken that integrity," Daly said. "Once you open that door, the people in the room are now exposed to the incident. You have one person outside. You may have 20

inside. Who are you going to protect?"

Sheriff's Deputy Randy Huston, who serves as one of the SRT's training officers, said students caught in the hallway should look for a place to hide such as a closet or restroom.

"You've immediately put yourself in a better position by getting out of the hallway into somewhere," he said.

Huston noted an armed intruder is "not going to go into each little closet looking for somebody because that takes too long."

Huston recommended that students not attempt to leave the building because exiting is not a safe option.

"You're going to do whatever your going to do when somebody trying to put a bullet in you, but it's not a safe thing to do," he said.

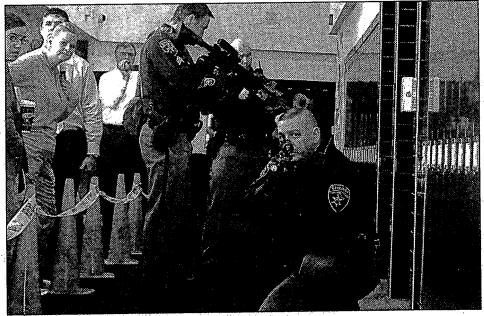
Someone asked if the opportunity arises, should they attempt to disarm the intruder?

"In most instances, I'm not going to recommend you do that," Huston said.

"The gunman today is a highly-trained SWAT officer and you'd have been hard-pressed to disarm him today. You don't know who this person is that you're going against. You're taking a big chance. 99.99 percent of the time, it's a bad idea. It's bringing a fist to a gun fight. It's not a good idea."

The best thing a person in this situation can do is comply with all of the armed intruder's instructions and not antagonize him or her.

"We don't want to anger him anymore than we have to already," Huston said. "If he's telling you to lay down on the floor and shut up, my advice is to lay on the floor and shut up because you're just going to make him angry (if you don't)."



Deputies cautiously approach a barricaded classroom.

Curtis Burkhardt of Grand Blanc faces

felony charges in 52-2 District Court in Independence Township for indecent exposure. The charge caries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Burkhardt, 43, is accused of exposing himself to a 11-year-old girl at a campground in Brandon Township, last August, as well as having inappro-



priate conversations with her. Burkhardt was previously charged and

Burkhardt

convicted of Indecent Exposure out of the 67th District Court. That conviction was dismissed after completion of probation, and he is currently a voluntary youth pastor at the First Baptist Church of Grand

He was arrested, Nov. 22, and jailed in Oakland County. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash or surety with no 10 percent

Additionally, Burkhardt is to have no contact with anyone under the age of 18, including his own children, and was outfitted with a GPS Tether after posting bond the night of his arrest.

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

# **Public nuisance**

A 41-year-old Waterford Township man received misdemeanor charges for fighting and urinating in public after a fight at a Sashabaw Road restaurant, 11:35 p.m., Nov. 19. He got mad at the owner of a pickup truck when told to stop relieving himself on the vehicle, and ended up punching him in the face.

# Heavy metal

Someone took about 2,760 pounds of scrap metal from a Waterford Road business, Nov. 20. A large trailer would have been needed, and a lock was cut to get to it.

# Suspicious walker

Springfield Township deputies responded to I-75 and E. Holly Road for a call of a man dressed in black clothing walking along the freeway near mile marker 98, 6:14 p.m., Nov. 22. They searched the area but could not locate the suspect.

# Drunk drivers

A deputy stopped a 59-year-old Independence Township man on Maybee Road near Eastview for driving 46 mph in a 25 mph school zone, 4:08 p.m., Nov. 22. The driver said he just drank three beers, and had a .17 blood alcohol level. He was arrested for drunk driving.

A 48-year-old Waterford Township man was pulled over, 7:58 p.m., Nov. 22, when his SUV was seen weaving down Maybee near Chestnut Hill Drive. He said times were rough so he drank a shot before leaving home. He had a .14 blood alcohol level, and was ar-, arrested and jailed. rested for drunk driving.

# Jewelry stolen from home

A Stickney Road resident returned home, Nov. 18, to find the rear glass door smashed open and jewelry taken.

# Bike taken

Heron Court residents placed a bicycle outside so they could clean their garage, Nov. 21. When they checked on it, it was gone.

# Into a ditch

Deputies responded to I-75 near and Sashabaw Road for a call of a vehicle in the ditch, 6:02 p.m., Nov. 22. There were no inju-

## Overdose

Independence Township firefighters were called to help a 22-year-old Independence Township man who was found unconscious by friends, 12:30 a.m., Nov. 23, in the 7000 block of Dark Lake Drive. No one admitted seeing him taking drugs, but when administered a dose of Nalozone, a treatment for heroin overdose, he was soon alert.

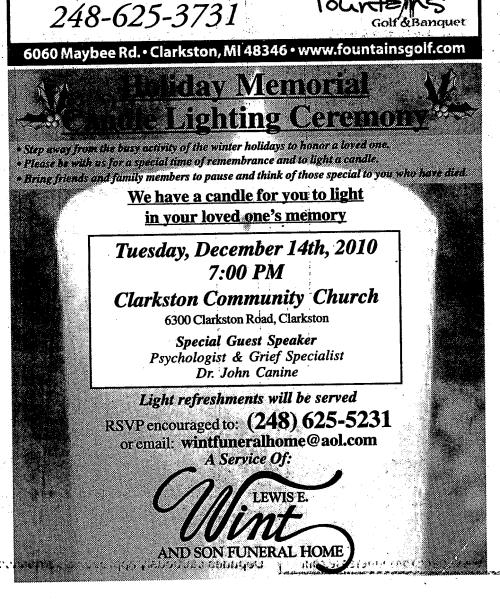
# Taking the furnace

A Flemings Lake Road resident was suspicious of a vehicle parked at a neighboring house, which was in foreclosure, and called police,  $6:25\ p.m.$ , Nov. 28. Deputies found two men in the residence who when separated gave conflicting stories on why they were removing the furnace. The bank owning the property said no one should be removing it. The suspects, a 37-year-old Pontiac man and a 31-year-old Waterford Township man, were

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# Oakland County treasurers fight foreclorsures

### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With 273 homes currently in foreclosure in Independence Township, Independence Township Treasurer is teaming up with treasurers across Oakland County to help fight mortgage foreclosures through the Oakland County Foreclosure Prevention Initiative (OCFPI).

"What we're trying to do is help people keep their homes," said Independence Township Treasurer Curt Carson. "There are a lot of folks that are either low income or fixed income and they're in a tough situation."



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The OCFPI was started about six months after Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner took office in 2009. The program was up and running about January or February this year.

"The reason why this problem is of particular interest to me as the county treasurer and to Curt as the

Independence Township Treasurer is that when you have a foreclosure, very often that home becomes abandoned and neglected As you read this article, there are nearly 300 of your neighbors trying to navigate their way through the rough waters of home foreclosure.

and it becomes a drain on property values," Meisner said. "As property values go down the tax revenues that are based on those property values go down as well. That hurts the county, the city and the state's ability to provide some pretty important services."

Meisner said his office acts as the "intake." He has a full-time person reviewing the cases everyday, which are being referred and handled by one of the major housing counseling agencies in Oakland County including: Oakland County Community and Home Improvement, Lighthouse of Oakland County, OLHSA and JVS, and GreenPath Debt Solutions.

"We communicate with the housing counseling agencies to see how the cases are coming. If one of the mortgage lenders is not being cooperative, then I might give them a call," he said. "I'm investing about a billion

dollars at about any given time on behalf of Oakland County. Frankly, that gives me some leverage and I'm not shy about giving them a call, insisting this or that case gets at least their fair consideration."

Meisner said they try to negotiate with the mortgage company to try and lower the interest rate or spread the payments over a longer period of time, but "if a family has stretched a little too far for the American Dream and got into a little more house than they should" than they will work with the homeowner on a "dignified exit."

"A dignified exit might include doing a short sale where we get the mortgage lender to agree to a sale of the home for less than what is owed on the mortgage or another option would be a deed in lieu of foreclosure," he said. "In other words the homeowner simply transfers the deed back

to the mortgage company and walks away free and clear."

He also noted as they also try to figure out if homeowners were victims of "predatory lending" or people with good credit got steered into a "subprime loan."

Meisner said foreclosures have already had both a major impact on both the county's budget as well as the stability of neighborhoods.

"I just think it's one of the most serious problems we face, that's why we're devoting resources and time to try and deal with this problem," he said. "We're proud to have organizations like the United Way that are willing to help us out."

To apply for the initiative or for more information, visit www.fightmortgage foreclosure.com/Oakland or call Oakland Treasurer's office at 248-858-0627 or the United Way's social safety net by dialing 211.

"I think any help we can provide any citizen that's struggling is a good thing because there are people from every sector of the pay scale of income that are finding themselves in a tough position," Carson said. "Whatever we can do to help save them, and save the property values in the area works out for everybody."



# Christmas fun at Indian Springs

Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center presents Christmas Stars in the Planetarium, 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec 4.

Make a real star wheel, paint the winter constellations on T-shirts and learn about legends behind the stars in the planetarium. Bring a white or light colored T-shirt or sweatshirt. Fee is \$2 per child.

Recycled Holiday Crafts is 1 p.m., Dec. 5, at the park Environmental Discovery Center.

Reuse everyday items to create decorations and gifts for the holiday season. For ages 6 and up. Fee, \$4 per person. Preregis-

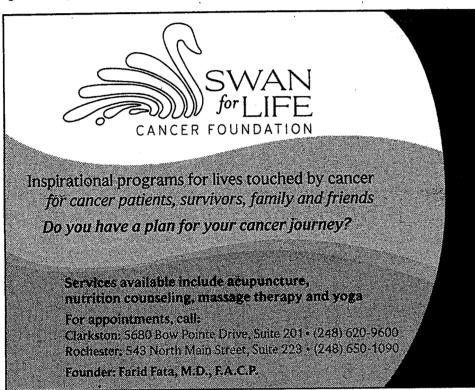
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On Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. will be Snacks 'n' Crafts with Santa, Environmental Discovery Center.

Listen to a story in front of the Christmas tree, decorate a cookie, make some festive crafts and visit Santa, \$5 per person.

Preregistration is required. Individuals needing assistance in order to participate in these programs should contact the interpretive center at least 72 hours prior to the pro-

For more information, call 248-625-7280.



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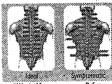
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# Fast ForWord program works wonders, school officials say

### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Staci Puzio, along with North Sashabaw Elementary Principal Debra Latozas and Renaissance High School Principal Billie Pambid, updated Clarkston School Board on Fast ForWord program, Nov. 22.

Since September 2009, 647 students have used the program, with 349 at the elementary level and 298 at secondary. Students gain an average of four months to a year in reading level, Puzio reported, based on 2-3 years of

results

Fast ForWord is a computer program to help students improve communication skills and their thinking, reading and speaking skills

Treasurer Rosalie Lieblang asked what happens with children after they finish the program.

"They are tested each trimester," said Latoza, adding some students are tested more depending on their needs. "We keep track of them pretty frequently." She noted students are tested either they have been part of the Fast ForWord program or not.

"They need to be on grade level and stay on grade level," Latozas added.

North Sashabaw Elementary put all of its fifth graders through the program and the results were positive in student behaviors in the classroom as well as reading.

"They did more in the classroom," Latozas said. "They listened better and performed better."

Students spend 30 minutes each day using Fast ForWord at North Sashabaw, Latozas said.

Pambid said Fast ForWord time at Renaissance High School varies from 15-30 minutes.

"It depends on what it best for the student," she said

Board Secretary Joan Patterson was concerned about students dropping out because they lost interest. Pambid said some stop using it but came back.

"If you talk to kids, there won't be one that didn't find it boring at one point," she said. "If they are bored they should be able to fly through it and get to the level more challenging for them."

Fast ForWord is also offered as an afterschool class through Clarkston Community Education, and Renaissance runs it during summer schools for their students.

The district spent \$568,540 on Fast ForWord, including \$102,000 on staffing for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Cost this year includes maintenance fee of \$4,500 per site, total of \$49,500. It includes ongoing assessment studies. The program is embedded into the regular reading curriculum.

No additional aide positions were added for the program, all aide time used for Fast ForWord comes from existing aide positions.



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# Morse leads Icers in win over South Lyon

### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It wasn't the ending the Wolves wanted on Saturday afternoon as Farmington won the trophy in Clarkston's First Annual Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament.

The Falcons beat the Wolves in the championship, 3-0, to claim first place at the tournament.

"We didn't play very well," said Clarkston Varsity Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier. "The third goal hurt us and we couldn't get any shots on the net. We had opportunities."

The Falcons outshot Clarkston, 2-1, putting 27 shots on the Wolves net during the night.

The Wolves snuck in 13 shots on goal.

"We need to push the puck toward the net," said Krygier. "Farmington doesn't allow a lot of shots and we didn't have a lot of quality shots. If it's not going to the net, we are not going to score."

Clarkston made it to the championship round after defeating South Lyon on Friday night, 6-5.

The boys were behind going into the third period, 4-1. They rallied scoring four points and pulled themselves into the lead.

South Lyon scored their final goal with 1:25 minute left to go in the game, putting both teams in at five and sending them into overtime.

The Wolves sent South Lyon into the consolation after scoring their sixth and final goal.

"We didn't play two periods," said Krygier. "We played the third period which was good. We finally woke up."

Senior Austin Morse scored a hat trick during the game and scored the winning goal.

"It was good," said Krygier. "I was happy to see he got a hat trick. It was important for him and gave him confidence. It was a good start for him.

He scored his first goal 10:18 into the second period, tying the score to South Lyon's one goal.

Junior Brad Pizzey was the next Wolf to strike and scored on a power play, 5:18 into the third period. He added one more before the period ended.

Senior Macario Torres also took advantage of South Lyon being a man down and scored his goal during a power play with less than five minutes to go in the game.

Assists came from Pizzey, Nate Lowell, Chad Wotton, Adam Matynowski, Connor Hughes, Dillon Drayer and Adam Johns.

Goalie Troy Fasseel had 24 saves during

South Lyon went on to play Brighton in the consolation round, where they lost their second game in the tournament.

Brighton scored two goals with less than ten minutes to go in the game to win, 5-3. They finished in third for the tournament.

Though the boys won their first game, Krygier noticed they still need to work on a few things as they head into their third week of games.

'We are not playing disciplined," he said. We are not making good decisions with the

Clarkston goes into their home games this week with a 2-2 record.



Zach Gootee gains control of the puck against Farmington. Photo by Wendi

"We work harder in practice," Krygier said going into this week. "The things we practice are to prepare us for the games and bringing it to that level. We need to bring what we practice to the games."

They play Salem on Thursday, at 5:45 p.m.

and Troy-Athens on Saturday, 8 p.m.

"The guys need to wake up and play how we practice," said Krygier. "We can't revert back to old habits.'

The games are held at Detroit Skate Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.

# Athlete of the Week

# Marani breaks record

Standing just over six feet, junior quarterfinals against Farmington Hills Mercy. Stephanie Marani has a presence on the volleyball court.

Her quick reactions led to her breaking a 17-year-old blocking record for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team of 132 blocks.

She ended her season with 174 blocks, seven were from the team's last game in the

Marani divided her time during the fall season with the volleyball team and with the Clarkston High School Marching Band.

She joins 54 of her fellow band members when they leave on Dec. 27 for England.

They will play in the 25th Anniversary New Year's Day Parade in London.



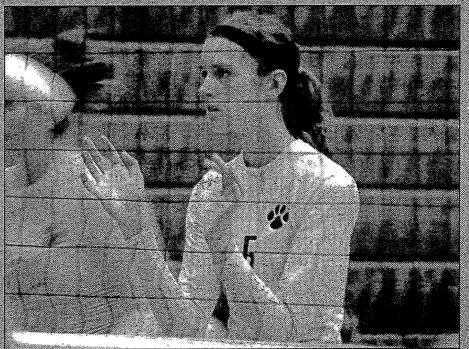
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Stephanie Marani anticipates the opponents next move. Photo by WR

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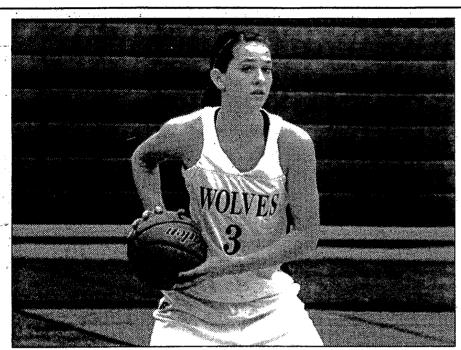
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Anna Manilla is one of the seven returners from the 2009-2010 season. *File photo* 

# Time to take reins on court

### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

When last year's season ended for Clarkston's Lady Cagers it was too early. Now they are back and looking to make a long run.

"We are very excited about this season," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk.

"We had a good summer and very good fall. The girls have played competitively in their summer and fall leagues."

Their motivation - improve from their 6-15 record in their 2009-2010 season.

The team has seven athletes coming back, including one senior Lindsey Reppuhn; juniors Anna Manilla, Jessica Ming, Megan Hastings, Christina Jokisch; and sophomores Natalie Drumb and Delaney Kenny.

New to the squad are juniors Breanca

Cantrell, Sarah Rooding and Victoria Trimmer. They have young talent in freshman Kacy Robinson.

"We have a nice core of newcomers," said Wasilk. "They will help us out tremendously. We have a good mix."

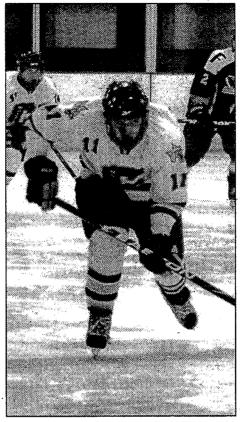
He expects the girls to play off tempo style of basketball, involving a lot of ball movement and screens.

"We are counting on the same offensive styles as before," Wasilk added.

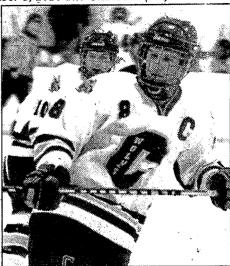
With two scrimmages already behind them, they begin the season quickly. The girls opened their season against Rochester on Tuesday.

They head to Troy on Thursday and are back home on Dec. 7 when they host Southfield-Lathrup. All games begin with JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

"I look forward to see what they can do in their first game and as the season progresses," Wasilk added.



Connor Hughes charges into Falcon's zone.



Dillon Drayer and Brad Pizzey get ready to make their next move.

# Melting the ice

Forget shopping malls and standing in lines, Detroit Skate Club was the place to be on Friday and Saturday.

The Clarkston High School Hockey team hosted their first Thanksgiving Invitational. They went 1-1 for the weekend.



Goalie Troy Fasseel keeps the puck and a Farmington hockey player from going into the net. *Photos by Wendi Reardon* 

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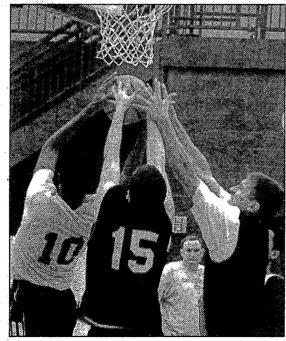
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Alan Kamieniecki looks for an open player.

# Countdown starts

Clarkston Cagers spent Black Friday playing scrimmages as they prepare for their home opener set for Dec. 10. Are you ready?



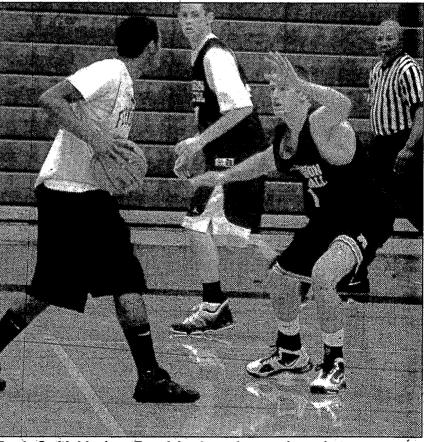
The boys battle for the ball.



Jordan Dasuqi keeps close to Ferndale offense.



Jaren Jones goes one-on-one.



Travis Smith blocks a Ferndale player from make a shot.

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# Superintendent has lots to be thankful for

as superintendent; two amazing daughters and a wonderful wife; healthy and happy parents and in-laws; warm house, car to drive (and deer to hit), and an able repair shop; books and ideas;

Teachers who care deeply about kids; a custodian who's spent 30 years in Clarkston and loves every day as if it were his first;

Students, who write me e-mails, proudly introduce themselves to me, hit the high notes, play music, perform in plays, design robots, and demonstrate amazing character on the playing surface;

Alumni who write me after 25 years away from Clarkston, looking for their 3rd grade teacher; central office staff who works together to ensure learning for all; a school board that cares about kids; thousands of PTA members who support all students;

Disability Awareness days that help students understand differences; Harvard Business Review; smiles; laughs; turkey; an amazing volleyball team who set new standards with a trip to the quarterfinals (and congrats to the 1976 team who made a similar run): championship swimmers;

Hundreds of high school students inducted into NHS; student writers of The Paw Print; college football; laptop computers; service men and women; pay at the pump; salt; thoughts and feedback from colleagues:

Parents who want the very best for their kids; ping-pong; food service staff (have you tried one of their cinnamon rolls?); down hill skiing; time; woodstoves; iced tea; the Internet; big ideas to ponder; NPR; freedom; building and grounds crew; faith; friends; local businesses; snowplows; and safety personnel.

In my October column, I spoke of three ideals that guide my living and learning:

- 1. Learning is a consequence of thinking (Perkins, 2002).
- 2. Children grow into the intellectual lives around them (Vygotsky, 1978).
- 3. We—as citizens and educators—are

Blessings in my life include: Eight weeks collectively responsible for who our students become as a result of the 13 years spent in our schools (Ritchhart. 2002).

I'd like to take a few minutes here to share my thinking on the first ideal.

Sup't Viewpoint



Dr. Rod Rock

Dr. David Perkins and his colleagues, Shari Tishman, Ron Ritchhart, Kiki Donis, and Al Andrade (2000) of Harvard University, subscribe to a dispositional view of intelligence, wherein "dispositions concern not what abilities people have, but how people are disposed to use those abilities" (p. 1).

Of course, knowledge is a key element of intelligence—"we can't think without facts" (Perkins, 2008); yet facts aren't enough.

Additionally, we must recognize opportunities to apply what we know, posses the motivation to apply what we know, and have the ability to apply what we know—particularly in novel contexts. As an example, Dr. Ritchhart says that most children know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide; they just don't always know when to do these

Obviously, intelligence is important, both individually and collectively. If you believe in a changing climate, an increasing global population, a lack of food and clean water in parts of the world, nuclear proliferation, declining natural resources, increasing debt and overspending, pandemics—some of the elements of globalization—then you likely also believe that our children will wrestle with these issues and that the decisions they make, both individually and collectively (across the world), will have major consequences relative to sustainability.

So, knowing alone won't do it for our children. If they know and don't act, or if they know and don't recognize opportunities to act, or if they lack the motivation to act, then what good is knowing, even if they did well on the test, earned straight As,

achieved high honors, or went to a great college?

As I lead, live, and learn, with the ideal of learning as a consequence of thinking serving as a guide, two questions remain on my

- 1. If we want students to think (globally, altruistically, long term), how must we think, learn, act, make sense, interact, talk, debate, decide, revise, be, and become?
- 2. If we want students to think (globally, altruistically, long term), what must we notice, model, assume, question, learn, and un-

I'm really interested in your thinking on this ideal. Will you let me know what you think at rdrock@clarkston.k12.mi.us?

Finally, I found this quote in the October 2010 Harvard Business Review:

"There simply are too many touch points to allow a single person—or even a few—to effectively manage a community. Everyone must be an ambassador" (Ross Kimbarovsky, Cofounder, crowdSPRING, http://darmano.typepad.com/).

What do you think? I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Holidays!

Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.

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# Nationwide vigil planned to fight back against bullying

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"I don't blame the school - they have too many fish to fry," her father said. "Everyday, it's something else. It's like playing 'whack-a-mole."

Requests for comment were sent to all seven Clarkston School Board members. Board President Steve Hyer responded, Nov.

"We have not been informed of an increase in bullying," Hyer said. "We have dealt with this issue very seriously through our prior policy decisions. Our administration continues to work on this issue on a daily

The students' parents forwarded to the News an email exchange they had with Kern.

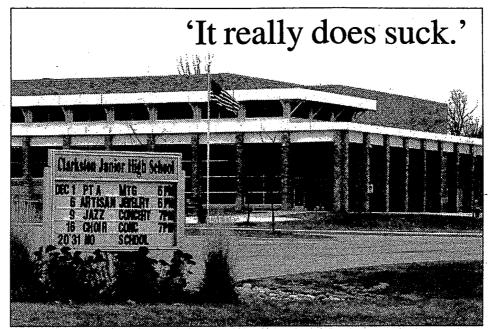
"We have seen an increase in bullying this year," said Kern in a Nov. 4 email. "I am not sure of exactly what all of the factors are, but I know that it is occurring. The unfortunate thing is that by the time we are hearing about it, it has already been going on for a couple of weeks, and the student has been dealing with it the whole time. We deal with each bullying situation as soon as we here about it, and are constantly working at lessening it in our hallways."

The student's father confirmed measures have been taken, including more dress code enforcement, and stronger presence by teachers and administrators in school hallways and outside at the beginning and end of classes. Also, a strict ban on student backpacks and bags is enforced between classes.

According to the student's account, there's still a problem.

"Teachers are in the hallway, but they talk to other teachers," she said. "Kids crowd around doorways. I'm trying to get into my science class. I say, 'please move,' and they tell me to go away. I say, 'I need to get into class so I'm not late,' and they say, 'who are you to tell me what to do."

Other factors affecting the student include increased workload of junior high, especially with the trimester system, school overpopu-



Clarkston suffers its share of bullying, despite efforts by administrators - one couple responded to bullying of their daughter at Clarkston Junior High by pulling her out of the school. Photo by Phil Custodio

lation, and an illness earlier this year during which she missed some school.

"It's the sum total of everything," said her father. "Every kid hates school sometimes, but most of them like school, or at least it's not torture. It was torture for her."

"It shouldn't be that way, but it is," said his daughter, sitting at her kitchen table, knees drawn up to her chin. "I'm afraid for the rest of the kids there."

She sees herself as a normal, average student, but one of many falling through the

"They have IB for the smarter kids, but don't have anything for the kids not in the top 20 percent," she said. "It really does

Classmates have asked her how they can be homeschooled too, she said.

"A lot are asking me about it," she said. "It's really sad for kids to be afraid of school." Right now, she just wants to get through school, graduate, and get a job, she said.

"That's what school's supposed to be about," she said. "It's turned into hell. I don't want to say that. I don't like going to school anymore, being bullied and the impossible workload. I used to like school."

In response to a growing nationwide problem of bullying, and suicide resulting from it, the group We Will Light Your Path - You Are not Alone calls for candlelight vigils all across the country, 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4.

Locally, Nancy McLernon of Clarkston is organizing a vigil at Depot Park. Clarkston City Council approved use of the park at its Nov. 22 meeting.

"Hopefully it will let those students who are dealing with being bullied, know that there are many individuals they can turn to in their communities," said McLernon, a social worker and member of the Michigan chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

"We are asking students, parents, and all

# Signs of bullying ...

Feelings of isolation and sadness Not wanting to go to school Mood swings, hangs head, avoids eye contact, talks about running away Threatens violence to self or others Unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches Damaged, missing clothing, belongings Few friends, nervousness about school, or walking to and from school Frequent unexplained stomachaches, headaches, other physical symptoms Sleep disturbances and/or nightmares Low self-esteem, loss of appetite – www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov

### Characteristics of a bully

Often seeks to control and dominate others Enjoys feelings of power and control Good at hiding behaviors from adults Quick to anger, excited by conflict Histories of behavioral problems - Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration

concerned citizens to attend and show your commitment to those being bullied and compassion for those students who have felt so desperate and alone they have taken their lives by suicide."

She invites youth groups, student councils, athletic teams, and all who will show a commitment to stop bullying to come to Depot Park with candles and posters.

We Will Light Your Path, founded nationally by social activist Jen Dugan, works with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE) to organize the vigils.

For more information on bullying, check www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov. For info on the vigil, check wewilllightyourpath.org.

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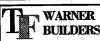
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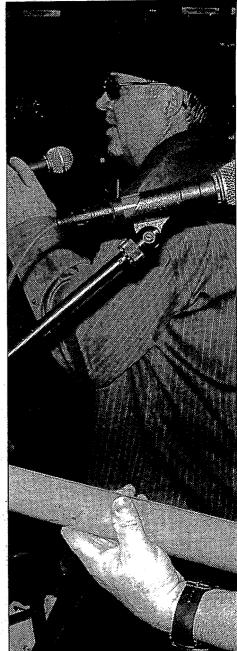
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Phil Treais of The Phil Treais Group performs at last year's Toys for Tots concert. File photo

# Music for Tots

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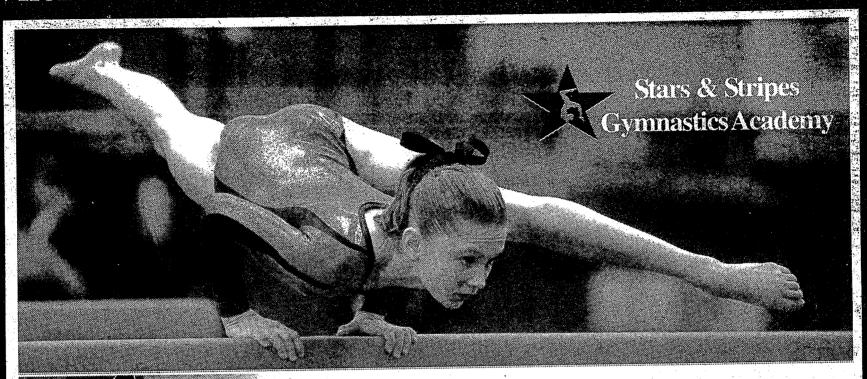
Stacy said they've also had a lot of help from Gary at Boomers, who donates use his PA system and helps the bands feel "comfortable with their sound."

Cover charge is \$10 per person or a new unwrapped toy of that value. All contributions will go to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

The OCSC is located at 4470 Waterford Road in Independence Township. For more information call Dan Stiff or Salli Petherbridge at 248-623-0444 or email ocsclub@sbcglobal.net.

"The event is growing every year and we hope it continues to do so," Stacy said. "It's a good cause for the kids."

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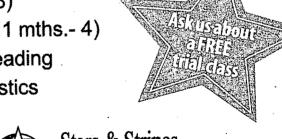
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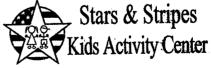
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# People Poll

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# How's business downtown?

"It's going well. The community has responded well to the call to support local businesses. We have extended hours, which has been well



received, More people are staying close to home this year when they eat out and go shopning."

Joan Donnay, Essence on Main.

"It's going better. We're selling lots of Michigan and Michigan State things - hoodies, pajama pants, those types of



Linda Uhrick, Coach's Corner

"The day after Thanksgiving was a great day. We had a very good Small Business Saturday. We anticipate a good Christmas We're sur-



rounded by big box stores — people want to support the unique shops and businesses."

Kevin Harrison, KH Home

"We had a good bump. Business is better this year. You can see the light at the end of the tunnel. People are happier when they



come in. Buying a bike as a Christmas present—that's starting to come back a little bit."

Jeff Noftz, Kinetic Systems

By Phil Custodio

# The Clarkston News' The Clarkston News' Section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work.

# Author tells Michigan soldiers' stories

**BYPHIL CUSTODIO** 

Clarkston News Editor

You don't have to be an avid Civil War buff to enjoy Independence Township author Kim Crawford's new book, but it helps.

"It's a big book for a small audience – those interested in history, perhaps with an ancestor in the unit," said Crawford, 53, who wrote "The 4th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War."

"It applies to a certain segment of the reading population. It's about the regiment, not the story of one guy. It's the story of over 1,000 men."

The book, published by Michigan State University Press, comes in time for a milestone, 150 years since the start of the Civil War in 1861.

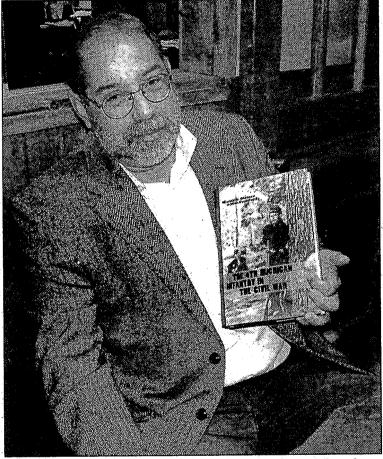
"They were young men, kids from the smallest towns to the biggest cities, volunteering to fight for their country—it's just remarkable," he said. "They thought it would be a big adventure. Then they saw what really happens in war—reality hit home fast."

Crawford worked with historian Martin Bertera for almost six years on the book.

"Marty did most of the research and I wrote the majority of it," Crawford said. "He has files, boxes, closets filled with newspaper articles, diaries, letters – it's just incredible."

Small town newspapers were an absolute gold mine of information.

"The guys from a community



Author Kim Crawford wrote a book on Civil War soldiers from Michigan. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

wrote letters to their newspapers about what they thought of the war," he said. "They were a bunch of small town guys, volunteers. They went to war to restore the union. They believed the South was committing treason."

Diaries revealed the men's

thoughts on why they fought, and what they thought of slavery and other issues of the day.

"When you're reading a diary and it comes to a halt – was he captured or killed? It's very interesting,"

He went through the material a said.

box at a time, as well as conducted research at Detroit Public Library, University of Michigan, and state archives.

"They were farmers – it's hard for us to relate to these guys," he said. "But they walked the streets of our small town, worked in the farm fields where subdivisions stand. They were real people. I fell in love with their stories."

A reporter for *The Flint Journal* for 28 years, Crawford wrote as if for a long feature story.

"It was camp life, drill, 99 percent routine, and one percent stark, hair-raising battle," he said. "Anyone who has served in the military would find many experiences they had to be very similar."

The book is illustrated with drawings by Lt. Charles Gruner, the regiment's "unofficial artist."

"He drew the regiment at Gettysburg, Fredericksburg – very dramatic depictions of the Fourth Michigan in combat," Crawford said. "I made sure it got them in the book."

He moved to Independence Township with his wife, Kelly, and their two daughters in the mid 1980s.

"My wife worked in Detroit and I worked in Flint – Clarkston was in the middle," he said.

Crawford plans to keep researching and writing about Michigan history – perhaps early 19th century, a time of fur traders, early settlers, and the War of 1812.

"It was an incredible time," he



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Holiday book sale, Dec. 4-5, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

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Alternative Christmas Gift Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 4-5, The Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Fair trade handicrafts, donate in a loved one's name to a mission agency, www.clarkstonumc.org/missions.

Rock n' Roll Toy Drive for Toys for Tots, 1-9 p.m., Dec. 5, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 470 Waterford Road. Live music by local musicians Phil Treis Group, Targus, Skee Brothers, Charlie Martin, Urban Nomads, Mule Drive, Donde, Detroit Groove Kings, and more. Admission: \$10 donation or new, unwrapped toy. 248-623-0444.

Basie & Paisley children's book reading, signing, art project, with author and illustrator Jim Miller and Leslie Kelly, 4 p.m., Dec. 5, Union General, 50 S. Main Street. www.BasieAndPaisley.com.

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Annie Capps Trio and Ben Bedford, Carrick House Concert, 4 p.m., Dec. 12. Folk music, Americana. Seating limited. \$10 donation. 248-394-0113.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., Dec. 14. Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony with guest speaker, psychologist/grief specialist, Dr. John Canine. Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Free, open to the public. 248-625-5231.

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**Grief Support Group**, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-6736.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, beginning and intermediate techniques, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m., \$7 per session. Bring mat. Peace Unity Church and Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878

Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, gentle movements for healing, stress reduction, balance, increased flexibility, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. \$8 per session. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-420-6119.

Co-Creating Healthy Families, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., "Bradshaw on: The Family," PBS series presentation, support group, 7:30 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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.

**Breast Cancer Support Group**, first Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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.

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

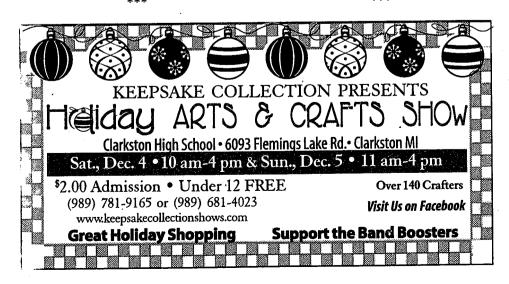
Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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# John A. Perris, 52

John Anthony Perris of Goodrich, formerly of Royal Oak, passed away unexpectedly Nov.

24, 2010, due to a heart transplant rejection, at age 52.

He was the husband and high school sweetheart of Diana; father of Nick (Leslie), Nathan, Natalie, and Nolan; son of Tony (Beth) Perris and Connie Perris; son in law of Tom and Mary Lou



DeLaunay; brother of Debbie (Bob) Clement and Nicole (Al) Consiglio.

Memorial service was Nov. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Any donations to the family will be used for the future education of the children. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

# Marguerite A. Hux Thornton (Dall), 94

Marguerite A. Hux Thornton (Dall) of Clarkston passed away at her home on her 94th birthday, Nov. 28,

Shw was preceded in death by her first husband Jerald Thornton and second husband Edward Hux. She was the mother of Ron Thornton of Westland, Nancy (Robert) Jenkins of Lake Orion, Marge



(John) Renehan of Port Huron, and Fred (Pat) Thornton of Fort Gratiot, Linda Ettl of Oregon, John (Debby) Hux of Grand Blanc, Allan Hux of Virginia, and Bill (Suzie) Hux of Battle Creek; also survived by 28 grandchildren, 24 reat grandchildren and one great great granddaughter; preceded in death by her son Oon Thornton, grandson Frederick Thornton, and siblings Violet Preininger, Azaea Church, Irene Donner, and Evelyn Cronin.

Marguerite was a talented seamstress, nuilter and baker.

Funeral Service, Friday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wedneslay, 6-8 p.m., and Thursday, 3-8 p.m. nurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Can-Society. Online guest book www.wintfunerallhome.com.

# Obituaries posted at Clarkstonnews.com

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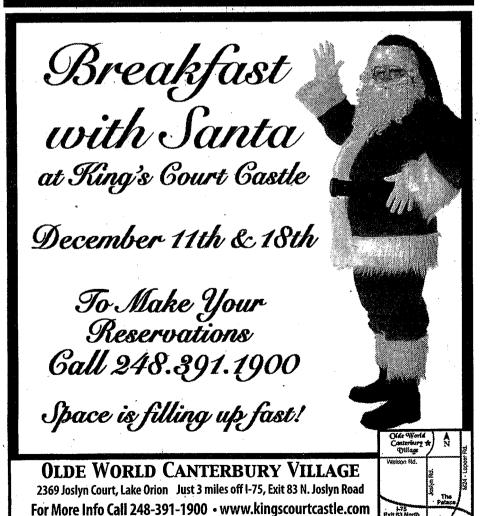
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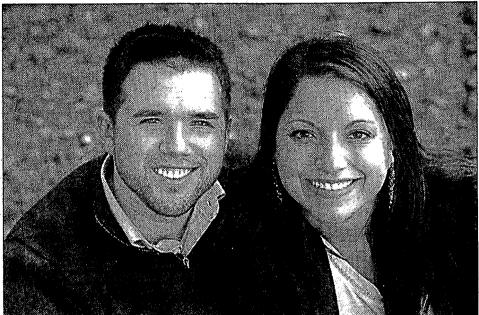
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# Milestones



**Matthew and Andrea** 

# Galaviz-DeMonbrun

Mr. and Mrs. David Galaviz are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Kristine to Matthew DeMonbrun. Matthew is the son of Mark and Susan DeMonbrun and Tracey and Darrell Hitson all of Knoxville. Tenn.

Andrea is a graduate of Clarkston High School, University of Michigan - School of Nursing and University of Alabama - BirmingShe is employed by Children's Hospital of Alabama in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Matt is a graduate of Farragaut High School and Middle Tennessee State University.

He received his graduate degree from the University of Alabama. He is employed by the University of Alabama.

A December 2010 wedding is planned in Birmingham, Ala.

# Business achievements

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland (SJMO) was named one of the nation's 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals by Thomson Reuters.

"Receiving the prestigious designation as a Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital in the country is a testament to all of those involved with the cardiovascular program at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland's Heart Institute," said **Dr. Kirit Patel** of Clarkston, medical director and chair of SJMO Division of Cardiology.

This is the seventh time SJMO has been recognized by Thomson Reuters for cardio-

vascular care.

James B. Kruzan of Raymond James Financial Services was recently named a member of the 2011 Chairman's Council. Chairman's Council honors are presented to those financial advisors who have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to personal service and professional integrity.

Kruzan, who joined Raymond James in 1987, has more than 28 years of experience in the financial services industry.

# Got a Milestone to share?

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# Think of Jesus when giving thanks is hard

There's a paradox about being thankful. On the one hand we know we should be grateful, but on the other hand ingratitude seems to be where we so naturally find our-

The Bible expresses this paradox throughout its pages.

Spiritual

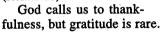
**Matters** 

Pastor David

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"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" the Bible tells us (Ps. 107:1). "In everything give thanks," it says (1 Thess.5:18).

Yet, despite these exhortations we find plenty of grumbling (Ex.16:7), forgetfulness of God's mercy (Dt.8:12), and refusals to honor Him or give thanks (Rom.1:21).



This is something we can identify with all too well when our own busyness, selfsufficiency, and preoccupation with our own plans keeps us from giving thanks when it's due.

So, how does one get and keep a grateful heart? The answer is to look beyond ourselves and our circumstances to the supremacy of Jesus Christ.

If our state of gratitude is only linked to our immediate circumstances, we'll constantly be vulnerable to ingratitude because we'll always be tempted to focus on what's wrong with our present situation. This is true whether you find yourself in good times or bad.

Yet, when our focus is on Jesus as the supreme ruler over all, a thankful heart can be the norm for us as we recognize that what we might experience at any given time is all incidental to knowing and walking with

The Apostle Paul has more to say about being thankful than anyone in the Bible. This is remarkable because he spent so much of His life facing persecution and

So, how was it that thankfulness became such a big theme in his life and ministry? Because the supremacy of Christ was preeminent in his thinking.

Paul knew that Jesus is the head over all things, and that in Him all things hold together.

And he knew that He has transferred all

believers from the domain of darkness to Christ's everlasting kingdom. He knew further that in Him was forgiveness and an eternal inheritance (Col.1)

The response for Paul in light of such glorious truths was obvious. Not only did it mean we should walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit in every good

It meant that we are to be a people who joyously give thanks - because of Christ because in Him all the incidentals of life pale in significance.

For Paul, to live was Christ (Phil.1:21). Today, it should be for us as well. And when it is, thanksgiving comes naturally.

The hard circumstances that many face today should never be diminished. But no matter what those circumstances may be, there is reason to give thanks.

And it's because of Jesus.

Because through His death, burial, and resurrection, He is bringing about a new creation, in your life and in the whole world.

Feeling ungrateful? Turn to Jesus, and give thanks for the life that is in Him.

The Rev. David Bostrom is pastor of Seeds for the Harvest ministry.

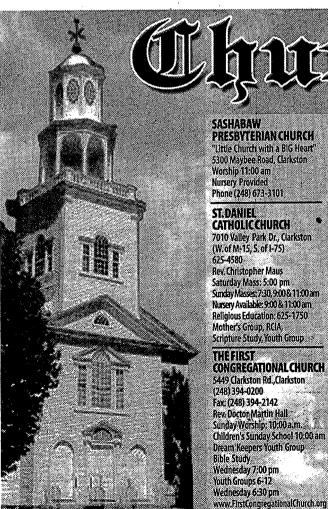
# In our churches...

Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-

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

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, safe, fun place where children ages 5-12 learn to understand their feelings, express emotions appropriately, feel better about themselves, and make friends with other kids who understand what it feels like when parents get divorced. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 10:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed:6:45 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Teen Meetings & Adult Bible Study Nursery available for all services.

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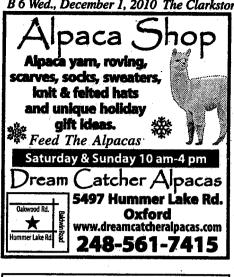
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### **CLARKSTON** COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastors: Greg Henneman, Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne. Dan Whiting, Geoff Black Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm **Sunday: Youth Ministries** 5:00-7:00 pm www.clarkston.community.com

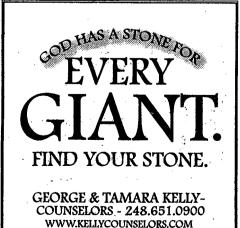






Mark Colley, left, and Brandon Cassidy rehearse a coaches meeting. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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# CVP production hits a home run

## BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Village Players' rendition of "Rounding Third" brings together two Little League coaches whose philosophies clash both in the game of baseball to how they raise their children and live their lives off the

For little league head coach, Don, played by Mark Colley, "winning is everything and losing stinks." Don's son is also the all-star pitcher and best player on the team.

"I like Don because I think I've known a few coaches from back in my day that were a little bit like he is," Colley said. "I think he is very passionate about coaching and very caring for the kids, but he doesn't show it where a lot of people would appreciate it a little bit more.'

Assistant coach Mike, played by Brandon Cassidy, believes "baseball should be fun" for both the coaches and the kids. Mike's kid has the least amount of athletic ability on the team.

"I like Michael," said Cassidy. "He is really concerned with making sure the children are nurtured and safe and have an environment that makes them be the best they can be."

Cassidy said the relationship between the two coaches is a "good example of raising children or just being a man."

"Whether you want to be more in tune with being sensitive and comfortable with your feminine side or are you just going to be macho and bravado all the time," he asked. "I think it plays a real interesting comparison with those two ideas."

Colley said the goal of the relationship is to show how the both coaches change over

"It ends up softening Don a bit, toughening Mike up a bit or at least making him more in tune with baseball," he said. "I think they end up seeing how both sides of the coin can work together."

Director Verne Vackaro also likes the contrast between the two characters.

"I think both of them have a legitimate point of view and which makes for an interesting conflict," Vackaro said. "The fact that each of them changes somewhat and moves in the direction of the other throughout the play, I find interesting and satisfying."

Vackaro said he "fell in love with the play" when he saw it performed at the Winston

"I always thought it was a cute play with a lot of good laugh lines," he said.

He also liked it because it was only a two man cast something he said is not done often in community theaters due to trying to satisfy theater members with plays with a lot of characters.

"I think there are a lot of great, funny, good, and interesting shows out there that have small casts," Vackaro said.

As far as working with Colley and Cassidy, Vackaro said the two worked well together and had a great amount of respect for one another.

"We've laughed a lot during rehearsal it's a very friendly atmosphere," Vackaro said. "Both of them take it very seriously, both of them responded quite positively to any kind of direction I give them and yet they also offer their own ideas and I like that."

"Rounding Third" will run December 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11. at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road Shows start at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs, 8 pm on Fri and Sat, and 2 pm on Sun.

For tickets, call 248-573-4104 or more information. www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

# Family fights for son's survival

### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ryan Kennedy sat at the dining room table drawing and writing - behind the creative mind is a soul of a survivor.

The North Sashabaw Elementary thirdgrader had his fifth surgery to remove his fifth brain tumor this time from his brain stem on Nov. 20.

"Every time this happens he beats cancer," said mom, Kimberly. "He doesn't give up. He takes it in stride."

Ryan has Ependymomas, a rare brain cancer in 6-12 percent of children under the age of 18 with brain tumors.

He had two tumors removed from his brain stem, one from his lateral ventricle, one from his auditory canal and one from his brain stem since he was first diagnosed in March 2007.

"Ependymomas is like a weed," Kimberly explained. "When you pull it, it could grow somewhere else."

They don't know the next spot it will form or what causes it.

"Brain cancer is a cancer that has no cure," said Kimberly, trying to spread more awareness. "You are shooting in the dark of how you are going to treat it and resolve it."

Ryan was four-years-old when he began throwing up every morning at the same time, he would react to bright lights, was in extreme pain, had a headache and would walk into walls.

He was initially diagnosed with a double ear infection and was given antibiotics in 2007. Then, the next diagnosis was he had a viral infection.

"As a parent you don't know better," Kimberly said.

One day Ryan kept falling off his bike and Kimberly had tears rolling down her cheek.

"Something is not right with him," she said and called her primary care giver who scheduled a CAT scan on March 29, 2007.

Two hours after Ryan was scanned, Kimberly received a call to go home to pack a bag for her and Ryan and get to the hospital - he had a brain tumor.

While he was in the intensive care unit he continued to have more symptoms and squinted one eye to watch the television.

Within a three week span he had gone from the initial symptoms to his next one hydrocephalus causing swelling in the brain.

"He was angry laying there," Kimberly remembered. "He didn't know what was going on. He was hungry because he couldn't eat before the CAT scan. He had loss of appetite so when he did eat, he ate very little."

The next day the golf ball sized tumor was removed. Then, the healing began. Ryan began a six month chemotherapy in June 2007 and had six weeks of radiation following the chemo.



The Kennedy family, from left to right, Cookie, McKenzie, Nathan, Ryan and Kimberly. *Photo by Wendi Reardon* 

Ryan had a follow up at the end of November 2007 and another tumor was found in the same spot. Kimberly attempted a clinical trial in Chicago but after hearing it would be more radiation she opted out to prevent Ryan from any learning disabilities.

She scheduled a surgery and Ryan had the second tumor removed on January 16, 2008

Every three months Ryan had MRIs to see if any tumors had come back. By the end of April 2009 the third one was found.

"We decided to try something," said Kimberly. "We switched hospitals. Then, we tried a five drug protocol from October 2009 to April 2010. We stopped when he kept having bad headaches."

He went through another set of scans in August and Kimberly wasn't settled on the clean results.

"They scheduled the 'peace of mind' scans for me," she said. "From that we found out there was another tumor."

While Ryan has undergone tests and surgeries he has found support from his older siblings, sister, McKenzie and, brother, Nathan, as well as his teachers and classmates at North Sashabaw Elementary.

He has also found more supporters RyanKennedy052402.

through the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation - the Oakland University Baseball team visits and plays ball with Ryan.

As Ryan heals from his most recent surgery, the plans for the future remain the same to continue the scans and work with his oncologist to find a trial they can use.

"What do we have to lose," Kimberly questioned. "We don't have anything to lose but wé do have everything to gain by saying 'let's try this and this.' If it does work, then we continue doing it because what it gives us is time. The more time we have, the closer we come to them finding a cure. That's how we have to approach it."

As several foundations, including Pediatric Brain Cancer Foundation, look for a cure, Kimberly spreads the word and supports them in their endeavors to help Ryan and all the other children living with brain cancer.

"It's not as uncommon as you think," she said. "It is a cancer that needs a cure."

Kimberly has created a link on Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's website for donations in Ryan's name, www.firstgiving.com/kimberlykennedy2.

For more information on Ryan and how he is doing, check www.carepages.com/RyanKennedy052402.





# Driving schools combine

All About Driving and Excel Driving school host an open house, 6-9 p.m., Dec. 3; and 12-4 p.m., Dec. 4, announcing the combining of the two driving schools.

All About Driving and Excel Driving School, both of Waterford, will soon be housed under the same roof. Starting in January, both companies will operate at the current location of Excel Driving School, 4620 Dixie Highway.

The idea came about when Rachel Duncan, owner of Excel, and Michele Montagano, owner of All About Driving, realized that combining their two companies under one roof would help them provide more services to students in the Waterford and Clarkston area.

All About Driving will provide instruction to teens at Clarkston Schools, Waterford Schools and the office on Dixie Highway. "Mr. M," owner of All About Driving, will also offer road testing. Excel Driving School will work with adults and persons with disabilities providing evaluations and training.

Excel Driving School has been located in the Waterford area for the last 10 years.

"During that time we have been a full service driving school providing teen and adult training," Duncan said. "We have always spe-

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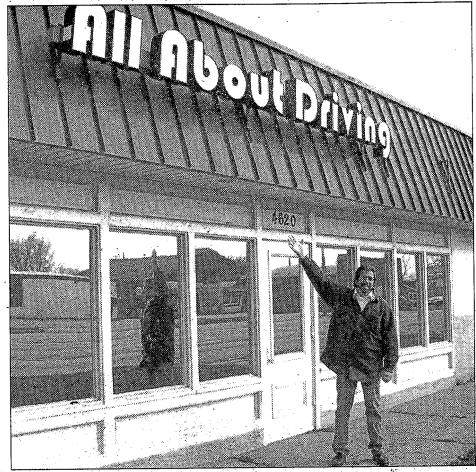
Going into the future, the school will focus solely on training adults and persons with disabilities.

"We have Certified Driving Instructors, Driving Rehabilitation Specialists and an Occupational Therapist that will work with adults and teens that need an intensive and individualized program," she said. "We offer driver evaluations, on-line courses, simulation training and private driving lessons."

All About Driving opened in the Clarkston area in 2004, providing teen and adult programs in the Waterford and Clarkston areas. When they move, they will take over the current teen business provided by Excel.

"Mr. M is known for his excellent teaching skills and attention to details," Duncan said. "The families in this area have supported him and his school by returning again and again. The students leaving his classes are safe and educated drivers. We are excited about this new venture so we can continue to provide great training for our future drivers."

Classes can be scheduled at Excel Driving School, 248-673-6799, or All About Driving, 248-623-0799.



Michele Montagano, "Mr. M," in front of All About Driving's new home, with Excel Driving School. *Photo provided* 

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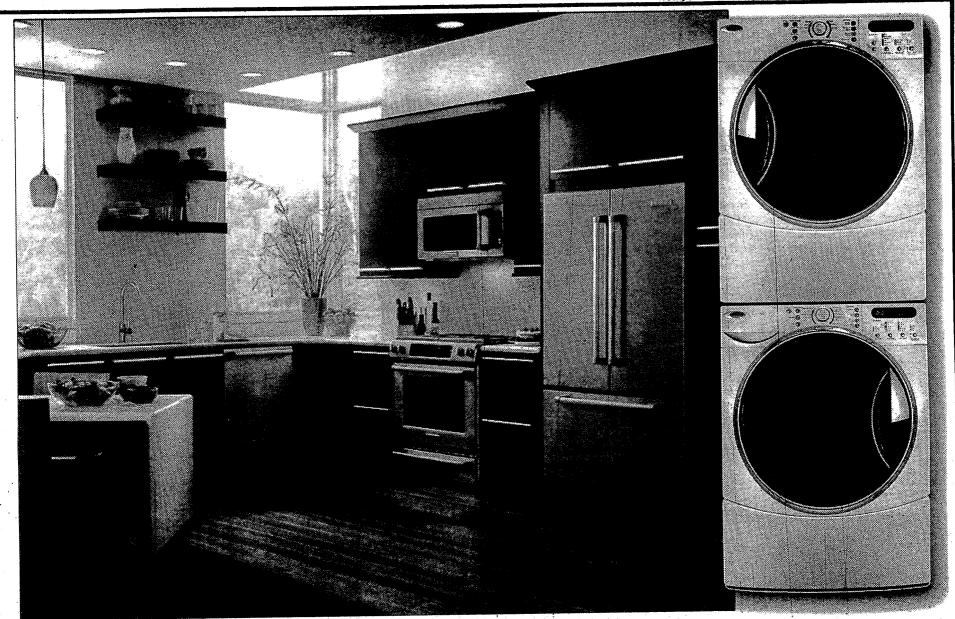
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If you want to attract more birds and butterflies to your garden, consider planting any of these three native trees species: Oak, Willow, and Cherry. These native trees host over 1400 species of insect herbivores. In other words, these native trees support caterpillars and other insects that attract insect-eating birds.

What do butterflies need to survive and thrive in your garden? They need plants that provide nectar for adults and host plants that provide food for butterfly larvae. Most of us only think about the plants that provide nectar. Adult butterflies lay eggs on plants on which their larvae will feed. The caterpillar (or larva) feeds on the leaves of the host plant. Eventually, the caterpillar, if a bird hasn't eaten it, spins a cocoon. Many butterfly species over winter in this stage. When the time comes, the adult butterfly breaks out of the cocoon and starts the circle of life again.

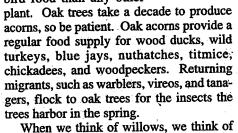
What do birds look for in a tree? The structure of trees provides multiple opportunities for refuge and nesting. Birds such as orioles and rose-breasted grosbeaks like to nest in the uppermost parts of tall trees, while cavity nesters, such as chickadees, wrens, woodpeckers, owls, and bluebirds, use the lower levels. Most important though is you

want to have a variety of insects available for birds to eat. This summer I watched as a mother house sparrow continuously fed her young with insects gathered in our yard and surrounding wetland.

When planting a species of oak, willow, or cherry, you will need to pay attention to

its Latin name to ensure it is native and not an import. Michigan native oaks include white oak (Quercus alba), bur oak (Quercus macrocarpa), red oak (Quercus rubra), and black oak (Quercus velutina).

Oaks support more species of moths and butterflies then any other plant, thus oaks provide more types of bird food than any other



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weeping willows, which are non-natives trees. Native willows include the black willow (Salix nigra) and the sandbard willow (Salix interior). You can attract commas, viceroys, red-spotted purples, and mourning cloak butterflies with willows. Black willows are also excellent hosts for several wood-boring beetles that attract woodpeckers that eat the larvae of these beetles all winter long.

Native wild cherries include black cherry (Prunus serotina), chokecherry (Prunus virginiana), and pin cherry (Prunus pensylvanica). The caterpillars of the swallowtail and the red-spotted purple butterfly feed on cherry tree leaves. Cherry trees also provide fruits for birds, like grouse, pheasant, evening and rose-breasted grosbeaks, bluebirds, robins, and thrushes for weeks in late summer.

As gardeners, we want to design our landscape to attract insects. Once we start to understand and see for ourselves the workings of the food chain in our own gardens, planting for a continuous bug buffet is the most natural way to garden. Without insects, there is no food chain, without the food chain, there is no life. So think about planting an oak, willow, or cherry tree and see the

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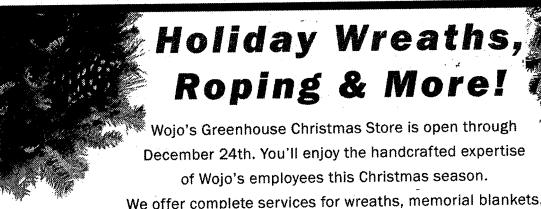
Native plants have evolved and adapted to local conditions over thousands of years. They are vigorous and hardy, so they can survive winter cold and summer heat. Once established, they require no irrigation or fertilization. They are resistant to most pests and diseases. Thus, native plants suit today's interest in "low-maintenance" gardening and landscaping. The root systems of native plants are often long and go deep into the soil, helps rainfall percolate into the soil, reducing erosion and runoff thus improving water quality. Simply stated, native plants work with, rather than against, nature.

Native plants help preserve local pollinators, insects, birds, and animals, and other wildlife that have co-evolved with plants of local ecosystems and depend upon them for food and shelter.

For more information about native plants, visit the Wild Ones website at

http://www.for-wild.org/.

Mary Pellerito is a garden writer living in Brandon Township, Michigan. She is a Master Gardener and a member of Wild Ones. You can contact Mary at mary.pellerito@gmail.com



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# Artist wishes mural teaches lasting lesson of tolerance

I worked three years on a mural on 5 S. Main Street that was covered with white paint. Since being publically admonished and humiliated, I feel ashamed.

Not that the painting is gone, the building owner lost money, or was embarrassed by it, or anyone thinks I'm unorganized, unmotivated, untalented, unskilled, or incapable as business person.

Only that I may have doubted myself, that I led any of you to believe the picture I painted depended on your approval, and I set an example for kids in this community that what is most important in matters of interpretation is the appearance of majority opinion. It is not.

Your white wall and united village opinion as a whole combined aren't worth more in matters of interpretation than mine, or anyone's authority of their own works. It's our first inalienable right. You've been misguided by our city that majority rules in matters of self expression. It does not. A mockery has been made out of village governing by confusing its function with that of an evangelizing commercial corporation, and you've proved nothing by tearing up my work, other than as a village you cannot be satisfied because your qualifiers are insubstantial and based on snobbery.

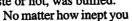
Here's how I see it: It doesn't make you a

snob, it makes you a bully. You threw a punch that knocked me down. Called me names and tore up my work. But, you only got one of us. There are more.

For those who have asked the rhetorical question: "Is there bullying going on in your child's world?" Do you think there's a chance there's not an affirmative answer? Whenever there's a voice that doesn't

want to conform, there's a bully to police it. Viewpoint

The time to be concerned is when the policing results in the person being bullied being corrected. In this case, anyone supporting my efforts, whether the picture I painted was their personal taste or not, was bullied.



may think anyone is, as an artist, "wall painter," or the whatever way they choose to express themselves, your singular village reprisal violates one of our highest virtues, freedom of expression, a virtue many have given their lives for. Which artist will serve you correctly now and what will qualify them?

Michelle Tynan

Among others, there are young impressionable minds in our audience. Some of them have been bullied too. Cast out, or

they just don't want to fit in.

Some WANT to be different. They want to stand out. They want to be heard, and like everybody, they want to be loved and accepted, and some could use an outlet for their visions.

Many times these are the people who paint or want to paint, and sometimes these are reasons why they paint. Nobody wants to believe their child is waning or weak because they're noticeably "different". But, they're not weak because they're different, and if they're not supported they're weak because they're expected to be the same.

These are our artists, (painters, writers, poets, musicians), and they might not want to be our quarterbacks and cheerleaders, but they can give us as much and more.

You can't put them in a box and say these are your limits because Clarkston has (pretentious and infirm) standards that make us all proud. You can't call them names and not expect a fight, and you can't correct their ideas inside your terms when those terms are qualified by snobbery.

They need gigantic white walls to fill up with ideas and paint, they need to spend time on them, erase and edit their ideas, share them, get input and make them better according to their own standards, by constantly challenging themselves, and

accepting differences in opinions. They don't want to please you, they want to excite and inspire you. Some live here too, and they need support.

I called the painting "Sobad's Hope" after a story I wrote about a miracle. The building owner named it "An Obituary for Hope" after an announcement he wrote about an execution.

Under the white death there's a vestige, a nuisance of hope that 's urging blank walls in the village to resurrect its voice.

For those who campaigned "Mr. Sherman: Tear Down That Wall!!!" How 'bout an emphatic "No." Please give that wall a voice again.

By our artist's creating new work and relating to each other through the commonality of our differences through the expression of art we become more unified as a diverse community, not divided.

By engaging unique thoughts and ideas in a community, as opposed to marginalizing them, we grow as community, and by understanding there is not a better picture than the last one, or the next one, just a different one, we show kids that there is not one correct picture to represent us. It is NOT the picture that defines us, it is the VISION.

Michelle Tynan lives in Independence Township.



# Turtle Toys expands with new store

Great Turtle Toys recently opened a second location, 5530 Sashabaw Road

"We're really excited – it's a more convenient, accessible location for people," said owner Jamie Nye-Menyan. "We're right next to Dairy Dream – it's a good pairing."

The Sashabaw Road toy shop and its current location at 6160 Dixie Highway will both be open through the holiday season, then will consolidate at the new store.

"The new location is a lot bigger, about 50 percent bigger," she said. "We'll be able to hit more age ranges with all the extra space. It's an opportunity to bring in things we couldn't have before."

The larger showroom will allow for more kites, windwheels, outdoor decor, and children's book displays, as well as space for story time and puppet theater.

"It's a big benefit," she said. "There's lots of tables with toys set up on them where kids can come in and just play."

The store opened three weeks ago.

"It's been great," she said. "It beat the other store already, that's a good sign." For more information, call 248-623-3200.

- Phil Custodio



Jamie Nye-Menyan gets help from a reindeer during the holiday season at Great Turtle Toys' newest location. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 



# Local filmmakers ready to rock

Andrew Dubats of Independence Township poses with the band My Darkest Days during an interview for the online show, "My Show," Nov. 20, at Eagle Theater in Pontiac. Dubats, camera operator, and Greg Gogava take questions from fans and ask them to celebrities. "So far Greg and I have toured with Critical Bill, gone to Rock on the Range in Ohio to interview Piggy D from Rob Zombie, and David Brenner from Theory of a Dead Man, interviewed Saving Abel and Taddy Porter at Crofoot in Pontiac," Dubats said. "I independently filmed an interview with 50 cent in Grand Rapids for the publication Michigan Movie Magazine — I introduced myself to them on Facebook." Photo provided

# **Around Town**

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

Morning Line Dancing, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.

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

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H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute—Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the Cancer patient. Walk-ins, welcome, 877, 6271

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Estate of Robert L. Hoadley, Date of birth: 11/22/1943

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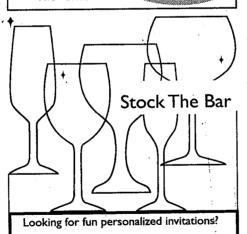
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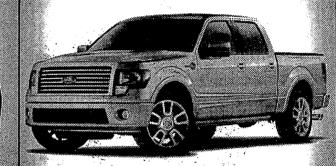
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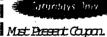
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