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Budget cuts park events

But they could return under new director

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's official. Independence Township Parks and Recreation's special events and Deer Lake Beach staffing and swim lessons are cut, unless a new Parks and Rec director can figure out a way to save them.

"It's going to be up to the director to prove to myself and Mr. (Rick) Yaeger (deputy supervisor) and then of course the board that he is able to perform at the level we expect him too," Supervisor Dave Wagner said. "The programs must be close to breakeven. We're not going to continue down the same path where we lose unbelievable sums of money just because."

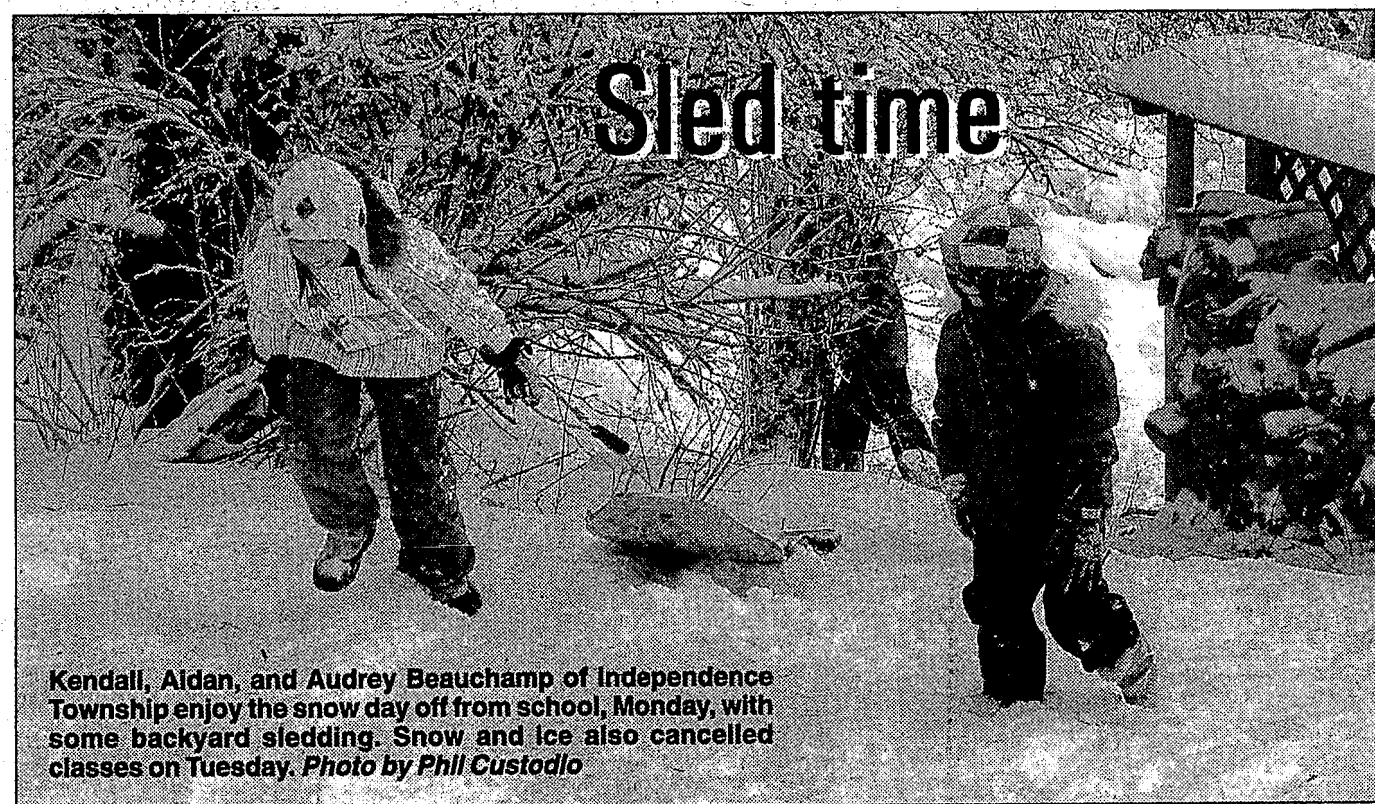
The board approved Wagner's budget 5-2, Dec. 7. Trustees Neil Wallace and David Lohmeier were the dissenting votes.

"I'm very pleased the budget was approved," Wagner said. "I wish the vote would have been unanimous but it was quite obvious it wasn't going to be."

He was pleased the board examined the budget thoroughly and did "an overall analysis of the situation and deep dive." However, Wallace argued it wasn't deep enough.

"These are community defining things and I believe a way can be found to systematically find out what is working and isn't working and cut in that respect," Wallace said. "I guess do a bit of surgery

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Sled time

Kendall, Aidan, and Audrey Beauchamp of Independence Township enjoy the snow day off from school, Monday, with some backyard sledding. Snow and ice also cancelled classes on Tuesday. Photo by Phil Custodio

Police fund draining Springfield savings

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The world probably won't end in 2012, but it may for Springfield Township's budget, at least its reserve funds.

"If property values continue to decline and services are maintained, next year we're going to be in serious trouble," said Treasurer Jamie Dubre.

"The budget is created based on property value at the time. If it falls, we have to adjust somewhere," said Trustee Dennis Vallad. "How do we distribute money in the pot? We have to establish priorities - 2011 is OK; 2012 starts to

get a little sticky."

The township board approved the 2011 proposed budget over a couple "no" votes by the Supervisor Mike Trout, voting against his own budget.

The votes, against the General Fund and Parks and Recreation Fund, were based on principle, Trout said.

"Our highest priority is public safety, police and fire," he said. "The main reason I'm concerned is the general fund budget."

Property tax revenue for the 2009 general fund, which pays for general government services, was \$682,876, falling to \$646,270 in 2010.

Revenue for 2011 is expected to be \$570,000, a 16.5 percent drop. The total general fund is \$1.8 million.

The township board's goal has been prudent reserves, enough for nine months of operations - about 75 percent of the total budget, Trout said.

"We've been pretty consistent, a general fund reserve of \$1.2 million-\$1.5 million," he said.

With declining property tax revenue and growing transfers to the police fund, the general fund balance is expected to shrink from

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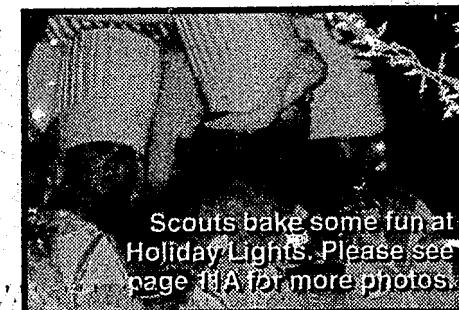
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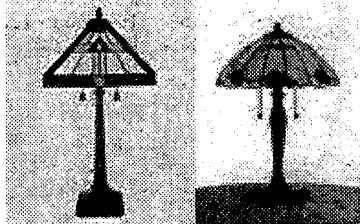


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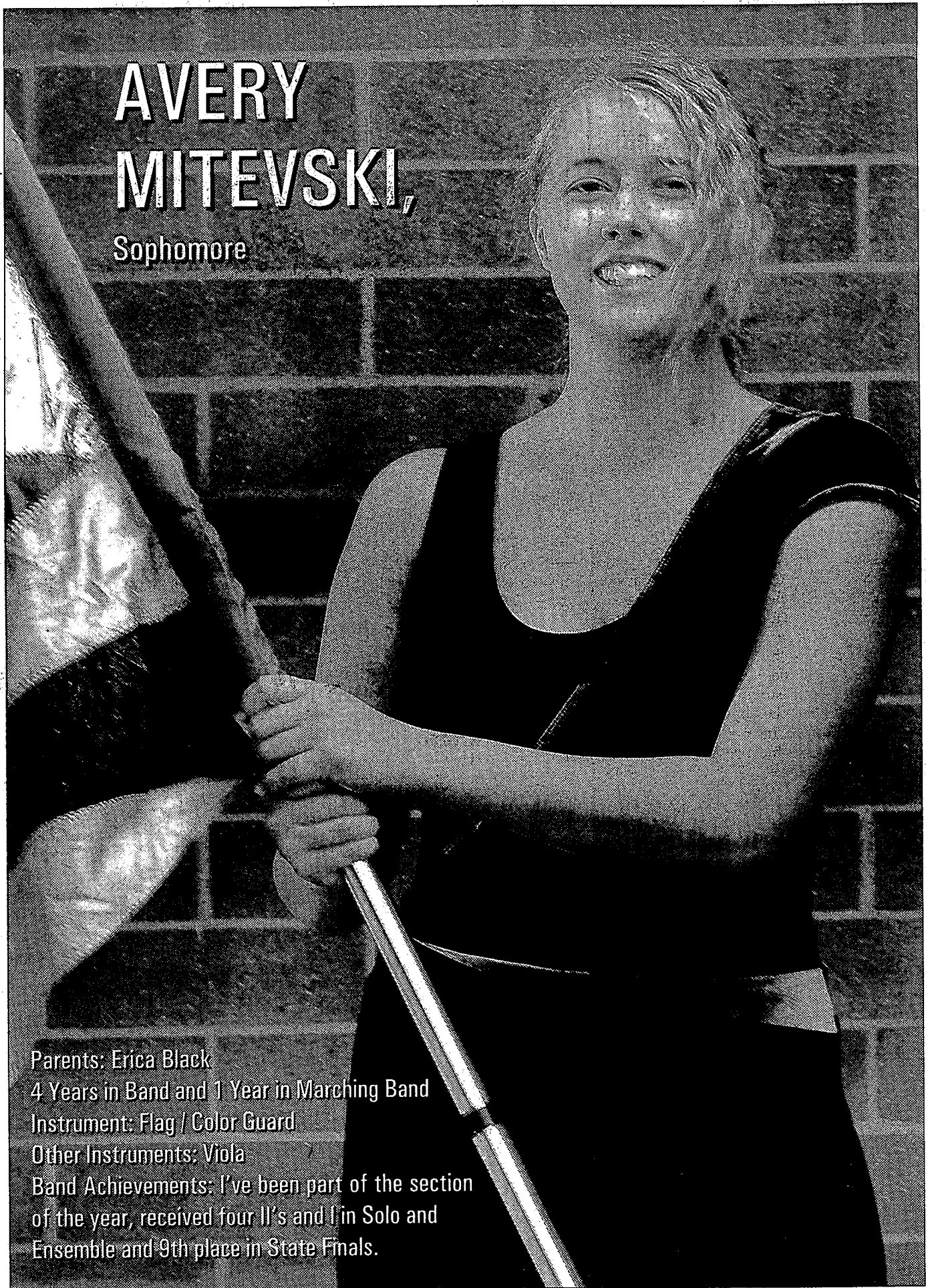
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A mix-up resulted in the wrong photo on Avery Mitevski's page in the "Across the Pond" special section, Dec. 8. We regret the error.

Briefly

Survey set about possible school bond

According to an email forwarded to *The Clarkston News*, the community may be asked to consider a new school bond or sinking fund millage.

Clarkston Community Schools officials are recruiting volunteers to help with a phone survey to gauge public opinion on a millage request "in the future."

The email was mentioned briefly at the school board's Michigan Association of School Board workshop, Dec. 13, but no action was taken.

The survey is set for Feb. 7-10. For more information or to participate, call Linda Jabaro, communications coordinator, at 248-623-5423.

Optimist essay contest

Clarkston Area Optimist Club sponsors an Essay Contest. Students can win awards and scholarships by writing an essay, topic "How My Education is the Key to a Successful Future."

Winners at the local level will receive awards, and the winning essay will advance to the district level, which awards a \$2,500 scholarship. District winners advance to the International level.

Applicants must be a Clarkston-area student in grades 9-12, and under age 19 as of Dec. 31, 2010. Deadline for submission of essays is 12 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011.

Applications are available in the Clarkston High School counseling office and Clarkston Junior High School office. For more information, call Essay Chairman Alan Partington at 248-620-0178.

Correction

In "Exception Closer for 90 N. Main," Dec. 8, Eric Haven should have been quoted as saying he was glad the Catallos bought the former United Methodist Church and "turned it into their personal family residence."

Also, the vote to release non-confidential documents was 5-1-1. Councilwoman Peggy Roth abstained from voting and discussion due to "conflict of interest."

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Vet helps buddies get some mail



First Sgt. Norm Van Sparrentak stops for lunch at the Olde Village Cafe before heading to a Desert Angel packing party. Photo by Phil Custodio

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Home after 42 months in Iraq, First Sgt. Norm Van Sparrentak still serves his buddies overseas.

He put on his dress blues to help out at the Desert Angel packing party, Dec. 9, at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, and was at the American Legion Post 63's packing party the week before.

"It's the least I can do," said the recently retired Military Police non-commissioned officer. "Louise (Downs, founder of Desert Angel) convinced me to show up today."

He knows how important care packages and letters from home are to troops serving overseas, bringing several letters and cards to the packing party.

"Any letter or card I received, I saved — I answered every one of them personally," said Van Sparrentak, of Sterling Heights. "When a large card would arrive with 30 kids names on them, I'd answer each and every one of them."

In care packages, he liked breakfast cereal bars, especially Special K Strawberry, he said.

"You could put them in your vest pockets and eat them anytime," he said.

Beverage powders packaged for individual servings were much tastier than plain water, he said.

"I liked the tea packets," he said. "Add raspberry tea to your water — it was awesome."

After 27 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, most recently with the 300th MP Command, the decorated veteran helped process 37,000 prisoners of war in the first Gulf War in 1991, and kept watch on several high-profile prisoners of the second Gulf War.

"My claim to fame is I sat with Saddam (Hussein, Iraqi dictator executed in 2006) every day for four months," he said. "We talked about everything (speaking through a translator). He didn't think Bush would come through. He loved blondes. Just chit chat."

He still has the letters he received from the United States during Desert Storm, he said.

"I have every single one of them," he said.

Limit exposure to stay free of flu

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When it comes to preventing flu this winter, listen to your mom, said Dr. Tim O'Neill, Clarkston Medical Group.

"Eat well, stay active and healthy, drink enough water, get enough rest — take care of yourself," O'Neill said. "Avoid sick people, seriously."

Spread by virus, regular hand washing and hand sanitizers also help, he said.

"They do work — they've been shown to reduce infection," he said.

He also recommends a flu shot. The 2010-2011 flu vaccine protects against three flu viruses: H3N2, influenza B, and H1N1 (swine flu).

"Even if it's not perfect, it will provide some protection," he said.

The practice administered 2,000 shots already, with more than 3,000 expected throughout the season.

Other tips:

"If you shovel snow, make sure you're in good shape and use good form," he said. "If you're not fit, have someone else do it."

Also, limit exposure to freezing temperatures, and dress properly. Even if stuck indoors, watch for overexertion.

"A grandmother tried to play Wii video games with the grandkids and threw her back

out," he said.

When indoors, don't crank up the heat.

"My father has a saying: turn the furnace down and humidity up," he said. "Keep up the humidity, use nasal sprays if it's dry. Otherwise, you can get clogged up and infection builds up."

Health tips

- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

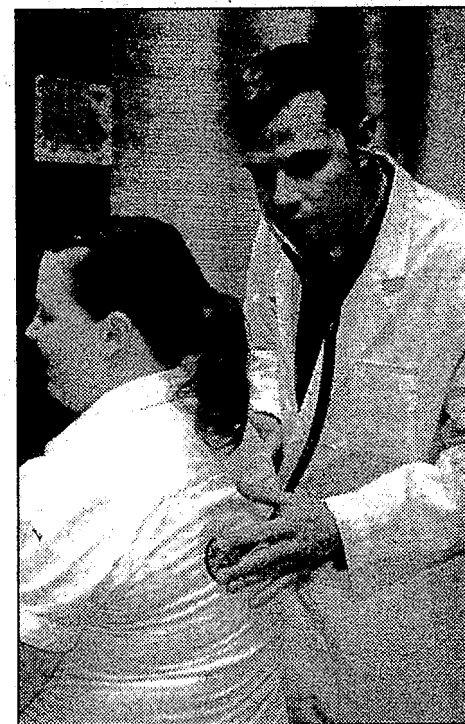
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- If sick with flu symptoms, stay home at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. Fever should be gone without use of fever-reducing medicine.

- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

- Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine as soon as vaccine is available this fall. While flu is unpredictable, it's likely that 2009 H1N1 viruses and regular seasonal viruses will cause illness in the U.S. this flu season.

— Centers for Disease Control



Dr. Tim O'Neill checks Jaimee Olsen, administrative assistant, for wheezing, fluid, and other noises in her lungs, which would indicate upper-airway illness. Photo by Phil Custodio

Rights 'trampled all over'

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Resident Rick Gutowski felt it was "totally uncalled for" when denied the chance to show his PowerPoint presentation during the Dec. 7 Independence Township budget public hearing.

"It's not like we had 20 people lined up to make public comment and there is no right for the township to censor that," Gutowski said. "I actually feel my right to make a public comment was trampled all over."

Gutowski made a PowerPoint presentation at the first budget public hearing two weeks before, but Supervisor Wagner said "it wasn't appropriate for him to do so" this time.

"PowerPoint, per the word 'power,' has a lot of power. When people see a professional presentation, they believe it's fact," Wagner said. "It's like the newspaper. When something is put in the newspaper, it's the gospel. That's how people believe it, even if it's completely wrong."

He allowed Gutowski to read what was on his PowerPoint, so he didn't see the problem.

Gutowski disagreed. "Hand gestures and 'I can see this graph, but you can't' is not an effective way to communicate," he said. "The fact the township doesn't use visual aides to communicate to taxpayers is not an excuse to say that's the correct way of doing things."

Wagner also said PowerPoint presentations have to be sent in and reviewed by clerk's office. The "Board Meeting Rules of Procedure Policy" states "an item for placement on the agenda must

be received by the clerk no later than 4 p.m., 12 days prior to the meeting for which it is to be scheduled."

"Anything on the agenda has to be submitted in this time," Wagner said. "Even someone from the outside, they have to submit it to the clerk and the clerk has to accept it."

Treasurer Curt Carson agreed.

"If I was going to come and make a presentation to the board I sure as heck would come in and see if I could do it," he said. "The problem you have when somebody does that (without it being reviewed first) is you don't know what you're getting."



Gutowski

Wagner said Gutowski wasn't informed until minutes prior to the meeting because a decision hadn't been made about it until that day. He said the matter was also discussed with Carson and Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen.

Carson did not recall the conversation, but said "that doesn't mean it didn't happen." VanderVeen didn't return call seeking comment.

Trustee Mark Petterson said he always fights for the public's right to speak.

"If they want to go up there and give a PowerPoint that's fine, just as long as their information is factual," Petterson said.

Trustee Larry Rosso didn't recall a rule regulating the public in any way during a public hearing.

"If there is no rule to that effect at a

hearing then I think he should have been able to speak," he said. "However, the supervisor can do what he wants as the presiding officer of the meeting, but he could be challenged by the board to reverse that."

Rosso called it a "technical thing."

"In the true sense of the word, 'public hearing' is usually verbalized (and) he was heard. We're talking about technology now," Rosso said. "Now if he was ruled out of order not to speak at all that would be really a violation, but he did speak."

Trustee David Lohmeier was disappointed the board didn't challenge Wagner's ruling on the matter.

"I think he (Wagner) owes Rick an apology and he owes it publicly. He should have let him show his presentation, and then to let everybody behind him that didn't send stuff in advance show things is completely unfair," Lohmeier said. "I think Mr. Gutowski has every right to be upset."

Wagner believes Gutowski's speech was political.

"It's a personal attack on the supervisor's office," he said. "It has nothing to do with anything else."

Gutowski admits had the board seen his presentation, the conclusions "did not reflect well on the supervisor's office"

"If he thinks the data tells something different he should be selling that, but he refused to do that," he said "(Instead) they go with smoke and mirrors."

Gutowski said if anyone was interested in seeing his presentation they could call him.

"I'm in the phone book," he said.

Trustee Lohmeier calls for one more look at budget

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instead of taking a meat axe to it."

Lohmeier said he will support the majority of the board, because he knows it's "a team sport," but he definitely believes it could have been better.

"Because the financial circumstances weren't as dire this year as they were last year, people were willing to approve a budget before it was as good as it could be," he said. "They called it done much too early and the cuts are irreversible."

As an unmanned beach with no lifeguards and no swim lessons, Lohmeier said for most people Deer Lake is "effectively closed" and he's urging residents to call the supervisor's office to let him know how they feel and ask the budget be revisited.

Wagner pointed out both Clarkston Schools and Deer Lake Racquet Club offer swim lessons.

Trustee Larry Rosso said the board was "spinning their wheels" trying to pick apart

the budget.

"We've regurgitated this over and over with an extra meeting per month, which I'm not sure has been anymore effective than when we had two meetings a month to come to the same conclusion in December to pass a budget," he said. "I'm not rushing this budget, but I don't know what else can be added or subtracted that would generate all the programs, all the activities, all the personnel and still function within the revenue we have been dealt with."

Carson also agreed.

"We've been working on this budget well over 11 months, this budget has been vetted more than any other budget in township history," he said. "This budget is structurally sound."

Lohmeier believed lifeguards could have been saved had Wagner been willing to give up an estimated \$80,000 for a "personal secretary," who has not been hired yet.

"He needs to sacrifice that unnecessary position to keep the benefits to the township

they value," Lohmeier said.

Carson pointed out Parks and Rec. was getting an extra \$9,000 from the general fund than they were given last year. So, he wasn't dismissing any events.

"They're (parks and rec) going to be receiving in 2011 those same dollars they made all these programs work this year with those dollars," he said.

"I'm not counting anything out of the parks and rec services at this point. If for some reason they come up with issues then there are going to be areas they're going to have to decide to cut to stay within their budget."

Wagner said next year the township is going back to two meetings a month, instead of three, and department directors will submit written reports on increases or decreases in their departments.

"Rick (Yeager) is going to be working on that. He's going to be the point man," Wagner said. "We played a game for two years and I'm fed up"



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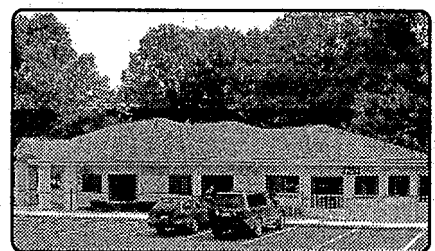
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"We very much appreciate the welcome we have received from the community as a whole," said Dr. Hackenberger. "We look forward to serving the Clarkston community for many years to come."

Oral surgery procedures at Summit include dental implants, wisdom teeth, bone grafting, sleep apnea, orthognathic surgery, distraction osteogenesis, platelet rich plasma, oral pathology, facial trauma, TMJ disorders, and cleft lip and palate.

"Removal of wisdom teeth is our most common procedure, although we also replace many missing and non-restorable teeth with dental implants," he said.

When it comes to detecting cancers of the mouth, dental care providers are on the front lines.

"We work with your dentist to find and treat oral cancers," he said.

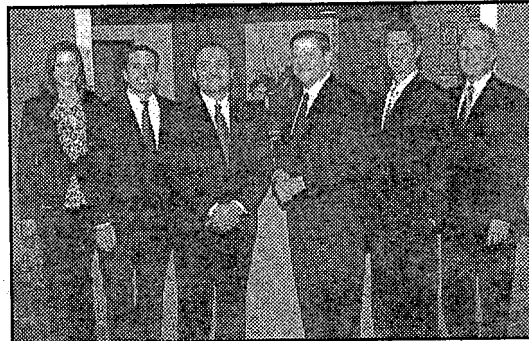
Drs. Thomas, Hackenberger, Alamat, and Kraemer are board certified, and Drs. Orzech and Osguthorpe are board eligible. The practice, which trains resident doctors from St. John Health System is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. this demonstrates their commitment to providing the highest levels of quality care to their patients. Accreditation by the AAAHC signifies that they have met the rigorous standards of a nationally recognized assessment. Their office is one of only a handful of oral surgery practices in the state to be AAAHC accredited.

"We live to a higher standard – equivalent to a hospital," Dr. Hackenberger

said. "We're very proud of that."

The office is equipped with the latest in diagnostic, surgical and adjunctive treatment technology, with comfortable, individual recovery areas.

"We have digital radiography, with less radiation, and electronic charts I can pull up on my home computer," he said.



The practice started in 1988 in Warren, and expanded to Grosse Pointe, Rochester Hills,

Clinton Township, and Clarkston this past June.

"Clarkston is a nice community," said Dr. Hackenberger. "We hope to contribute to the overall health of the area."

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Winter hits

As I counted down the exits on Sunday night I found myself thinking "why am I out here?"

My answer came in two parts - I am out on the road because of necessity and I have driven in worse. Hasn't every Michigander driven in worse?

I know I have during a blizzard in Winter 2000/2001 where I trekked all the way to Saginaw Valley State University and not only slid my Dodge Neon into a ditch but lost a shoe during my walk to the campus. Ah, crazy things you do as a college student.

Or how many times did I drive on the interstate because University of Michigan - Flint didn't cancel classes or had to go to my internship an hour away. I did it out of necessity.

But along the drive Sunday night it made me joyful to be on the road with few cars. The drivers being appreciative of my slow and careful driving. As opposed to those I had seen earlier in the day - on my tail, snow covered and sliding all over the place. Either they learned their lesson quickly, got off of the roads or remembered how to drive in winter.

My cousin in California and friend in Georgia say when it rains people in their state forget themselves at the wheel. I believe we do, too. We find ourselves quickly after the first "big" snow and ice.

So what did we learn from the last few days - only go out if needed; wipe all the snow off your vehicle; slow and steady leads you home and not into a ditch; do not slam on the brakes and be mindful of other drivers.

I leave the most important one, I hope you all know it, do not, not, not, drive distracted. It's not just texting, which is illegal, it's everything else that keeps the focus away from the road for only a few seconds.

I know it's hard but too many accidents occur when distracted. We really don't want report about accidents because our Clarkstonites were distracted. We like you.

An update about National Novel Writing Month. I made it - wrote 50,085 words in 30 days. Thus a winner. Or a complete dork for spending the holiday weekend writing 20,000 words. But I did it. Whew! Time to edit and revise.

Merry Holidays!



Taxpayer wants better gov't

Dear Editor,

I encourage all Independence Township residents to watch the Dec. 7 Independence Township Board meeting on ClarkstonTV.com or cable local access to view NON-transparent government at its finest.

No introductory remarks are made to briefly explain an agenda item in order to bring the audience up to speed on an issue and hand-out materials submitted only to the board are not read aloud.

Discussion of the supervisor's budget was very bizarre. A concerned citizen was not allowed to fully present his findings during the public hearing; one trustee was not allowed to ask questions about various parts of the budget; the supervisor blew-off requests to discuss outstanding 2009 budget audit issues; and presentation of the 2011 budget by the finance director was incomplete.

The proposed budget does not meet requirements of Section 42.25 of The Charter Township Act which defines minimum content of a budget. The quick late-night approval seemed pre-arranged among several board members. I see only two reasons for the supervisor's odd defensive behavior about the budget process: 1) he is uncom-

fortable being challenged because he has no in-depth knowledge about the data or the budget creation process or 2) there are two sets of books.

Regarding the board, the few questions raised about various agenda items show a lack of intellectual curiosity by Trustee Larry Rosso, Trustee Mark Petterson, Treasurer Curt Carson, and Supervisor Dave Wagner.

What more can be said about Supervisor Wagner that hasn't already been said during the recent recall campaign! I can only point out the added cost he has brought to the Office of the Supervisor by hiring two additional heads - one to handle human resources and the other a part-time deputy supervisor with unknown responsibility.

Three people handle tasks previously handled by the supervisor alone. Way to go Supervisor Wagner - increase the size of local government in these depressed economic times while popular township special events are cut from the 2011 budget!

Independence Township taxpayers deserve better. We are scraping the bottom of the barrel with these four clowns. They do NOT deserve to be re-elected!

Sharon Dudzinski
Independence Township

Letters to the editor

Local pols work hard, says former clerk

Dear Editor,

I feel I must answer the column, "Civic duty," Nov. 10 edition of *The Clarkston News*. Yes, time in office for an elected official is "public service."

It is public service with long hours and evening meetings; public expectation to attend all events to which you are invited whether during the day or evening; constant public approachability with opinions, complaints, and sometimes compliments; daily watchfulness of the press; attending classes away from home a week at a time; and all without a bonus or promotion no matter how well the job is done.

I happen to believe it is an honorable profession. The article compared it to military service and sacrifice. The military offers many career opportunities and includes so called "perks." It offers higher educational benefits after serving. If you have a higher education, military is a well-paying career with long-term benefits.

Full-time "politicians" need to have an education and life experience to handle the daily obligations of the position.

Why wouldn't this be a career? What other career requires a \$5,000-\$7,000 expense every four years to keep the job?

Local public officials must spend this and know that someone or a group is out there

trying to take the job from them.

The cost is greater the higher level of government office sought. This is a sacrifice that must be given.

It is interesting to note that at the meeting on which you based your article, two of the three Independence Township Board members discussing this matter have government benefits and the other receives corporate benefits.

This letter is not to defend benefits for public officials. It is to remind that we want quality leaders of our township. These officials control a great part of our daily lives. Government is a business and needs to be conducted as one. As Tip O'Neill once said "all politics are local."

Do we want a swinging door of inexperienced persons seeking glory by sacrificing a few months out of their lives with little pay and benefits as a "peace corp" type of official?

Becoming an elected public official is becoming an honorable public servant with many responsibilities, joys and sacrifices. I really loved being one! If I had regret, it would be that I did not begin this career as a younger person.

Best personal regards,

Joan McCrary
Independence Township

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1995

"The gift of hearing" The Dabrowski family of Clarkston hosted an 8-year-old Mexican boy who was brought to the area by Healing the Children for a medical procedure. The operation was to repair his hearing, which was damaged since birth.

"Home is where the heart is" Mel Vaara, Bill Potvin, Doug Doty, Jean Lang and other Clarkston educators remembered growing up in the Upper Peninsula. They came south for teaching jobs, many in the 1960s.

"Lighting up the night" It was cold and wet, but Lighthouse Clarkston was warm and friendly as supporters gathered to light the first annual Tree of Caring event, with carols and hot chocolate.

25 years ago - 1985

"Family unit to be defined by township board" Local communities including Independence Township struggled with the definition of "family," to be used when planning public services. The proposed definition included up to six individuals related or unrelated, acting as a family unit.

"New master plan approved by township" The new plan discouraged strip developments and encouraged offices. Planning consultant Richard Carlisle and township planner Neil Wallace said they saw the majority of new development potential to be near I-75 and Sashabaw, and north of M-15 on Dixie Highway.

"Springfield Township goes charter" The Township Board voted unanimously to switch from general to charter. Supervisor Collin Walls said changes included better protection from annexation, more authority for the supervisor, elected officials set own salaries, and no more annual meeting.

50 years ago - 1960

"Gertrude Atkins Circle at Blackett home" Mrs. Russell Blackett decorated her home to portray the true spirit of Christmas to entertain the fellowship club. They exchanged gifts and trays of cookies.

"Husbands get 'bid' to bridge club party" Husbands were "trump" and no "dummies" were invited to the Christmas party given by Mrs. Richard Christiansen when she entertained her bridge club.

"Little theater in Clarkston?" On the drawing board of the Village Friends of Art was an exciting idea for a Little Theater Group. They hoped to meet, share ideas, and lay the groundwork for a theater group.

Elected officials didn't make a good statement

Dear Editor,

I had the privilege of being invited to a retirement party for Mike Turk, who worked for Independence Township for 30 years, retiring as director of Parks and Recreation.

Not one of our current elected township officials took the time to come and wish Mike good luck in his new phase of life. To me, this does not make a very good statement to all our cur-

rent employees.

As a long-time resident and taxpayer of this township, my taxes help pay these people's salary.

I don't know if they are planning on running in future elections or not, but rest assured they will not get my vote!

Kay Jones
Independence Township

Let it snow, let it snow . . . somewhere else

This week's *Happy Thought*: Winter officially starts next week.

I make that my Happy Thought, so I can pretend this week didn't happen . . .

. . . Okay, that didn't work.

Rat-Smackin-Frackin-Blizin! It is gonna be a long winter. And, I know, I know, you happy-go-lucky, sunshine and flower folks, like former Clarkston music teacher Grayce Warren, want us normally cynical folk to believe in the "wonderment" of winter. Why, it was just this weekend that Grayce scolded me, via Facebook:

"It is December in Michigan, and so far in this area we only have enough snow to cover the mud and dead grass. Enjoy it as the trees are so pretty and it gives the Currier and Ives paintings new memories. Every four-to-five months people complain about the weather instead of enjoying it."

Grayce, while I love you . . . BAH HUMBBUG!

There is a reason the Michigan legislature abolished, banned this saying from our license plates after only two years (1965-1967): "Water-Winter Wonderland." And, that reason is simple . . . it was DEPRESSING!

Yes, the picture outside my window was pretty. But, it was only pretty whilst I was basking in the temperate climate of my 54-degree domicile. On the outside, it was a nightmarish hell of tundra. First the wet snow, then the 40-mile-an-hour gusting winds, then more snow, this time light and fluffy (read pretty), then power outages . . . and then there was the drive into work on Monday morning.

I am still trying to loosen up my fingers after that hour of white-knuckle ice-driving on Monday.

But, back to Sunday . . . when we knew the snow was coming and knew it would be "pretty" outside. I decided to shovel often and shovel early. I started my shovel-a-thon at about 8 a.m. On

and off until about 8 p.m., I kept it up. It is my battle plan in any snow storm to get at the driveway and sidewalk often -- the idea is it is easier to shovel an inch or two worth of snow, than a bunch. While I spend more time outside going over the same patch of cement, I save my back any undo pain. (And, since I live alone, if I had a heart attack and wound up in a snow drift, nobody would know until the spring.)

The first couple of trips outside were that wet, heavy snow. But, as I kept at it, it was easy pushing.

By evening time, while the snow was lighter, it was drifting and it was cold!

For fun, I wore my pedometer while I shoveled. By night's end I had shoveled the same patch of cement five times, and had shoveled over 2,500 steps. Assuming there are 2.7 feet per step, let's do some easy ciphering.

$2,500 \times 2.7\text{-feet} = 6,750$

A mile is 5,280 feet.

Now let's do some calculator math, 5,280 feet (one mile) divided into 6,750 = 1.278 miles.

I, your hero, Don Rush, shoveled nearly 1.3 miles of snow. And, I lived to tell about it (or if you're cynical like me, lived to shovel some more).

I am not always this hard on the aftermath of a Mother Nature/Old Man Winter hookup. Usually, I like the winter and the snow. And, before I checked the pedometer, I had actually planned on finishing up the driveway and then making a snow man or working on a snow fort for my sons Shamus and Sean.

Then I did the quick math in my head, came up with a mile of shoveling and all of a sudden my back started hurting, my nose started running and my fingers started to feel numb.

I put the well-used, blue plastic snow shovel up, walked inside, locked the doors, turned off all the lights and took a long, hot bath . . . followed quickly by hopping in bed and under the covers and falling fast asleep.

How did you fare with the first snow fall, let Don know, e-mail him at don@donrushmedon.com.

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Don Rush

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Jottings goes jot, jot jotting along

Seems like there's way too much of everything on the tube. Of course, my having a way too long viewing time has something to do with my thinking.

Take football ferinstance. There aren't enough number ones allowed to teams with so many ultra-ego players and so many coaches who promise number ones in recruiting.

I say, allow teams to have four number ones in recruiting instead of the current number one limit.

Give a one to the offense, one to the defense, one to the line and one to the backfield, except the quarterback. Their egos can't be built higher with a number, so leave them numberless. We all know who they are anyway.

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I've always thought cats lap liquids like dogs. Should have known better. Cats have to be different. Like, instead of coming when they are called, cats take a message and get back to you.

It took extensive research by a Massachusetts Institute of Technology engineer professor to tell us the cat-drinking method.

MIT high speed video shows cats' tongues extend downward in a J-shape while drinking. Only the tips touch the water.

Their tongues then move upwards at the blazing speed of more than 3 feet per second, generating a column of liquid. Cats quickly closed their mouths to drink a portion of the column, the study said.

You can check it out in the journal *Science*.

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I have a six-slot CD holder in my car. To make way for Christmas music I took out the polka, Sousa, Johnny Cash, Perry Como, old Vaudeville and pianist-singer Jerry Robinson.

But, I just had to hear a particular polka one more time. Trust me, it's much better with a pumping accordian in the background, but get a load to

these verses . . .

"I'm going to get a dummy model from the factory, and take it home with me.

"I'll dress it up in clothes like the ones you wear, I'll even get a wig that'll match your hair.

"I'm going to sprinkle it with perfume just the way your do, and put on lipstick, too.

"And, when I'm done, I'll bet you ten to one, she'll be a lot more fun than you."

Kinda brings a tear to you eye, don't it?

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Like the old grey mare, my Christmas tree ain't what it used to be. Hazel and I used to love going to tree farms and picking out our tree.

Then, with the kids gone, we went to artificial trees. Seven-footers. Trying to manage that caused me to switch to a four-footer this season.

It ain't the same. Now, instead of putting presents under the tree, we can put them on a table. Ah well, the spirit will return. I like this season too much to let a smaller tree spoil it.

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A six-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "She lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

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• I get the four basic food groups: Canned, frozen, fast and takeout.

• Cross a hunting dog with a telephone pole and you get a golden receiver.

• The average woman has 17 square feet of skin. It stretches to 18 1/2 during pregnancy.

• Mark Twain quote: "I did not attend his funeral, but I wrote a nice letter saying I approved of it."



Jim's
Jottings

a column by
Jim Sherman

Police millage request likely in next few years

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\$1.4 million in 2010, 64 percent of the budget, to \$1.3 million in 2011, 70 percent; \$1.0 million in 2012, 53 percent; and \$0.5 million in 2013, 24 percent.

"I have no comfort level with this path," Trout said. "I'm not certain the public will support a police millage. We can't make budgets based on maybes."

The budget includes several fund transfers to support the \$1.6 million Police Fund, including \$75,000 in state-share revenue originally intended for the general fund, and \$16,000 in cable franchise fees.

"Public safety is our most important priority," Trout said. "Revenue is declining - we supplement that with allocations from fund reserves."

By 2012, the township will have to ask for a police millage increase, use up its fund balances, and/or reduce services, he said.

"We have to do something about police," Vallad said. "Police is important - that's why we dedicated some reserves from the general fund. But it's not sustainable."

The police fund does not generate enough revenue to cover expenses, Dubre said.

"We need to take a hard look at police services," she said. "The police millage does not bring in enough revenue to cover the

contract (with Oakland County Sheriff's Office) - it's depleting the fund balance. We need a millage increase, cut from the contract, or cut from the general fund."

"The challenge for this year was reduced income while providing the same services to our residents," Hensler said. "Our police fund will not be able to sustain itself in 2012-2013 and that is an area of great concern."

After six special budget workshops, August-October, Vallad said he was surprised by Trout's votes.

"I thought we had come to a consensus," he said. "I'm disappointed with the votes. If he wanted to vote no, at least he could have explained it."

Clerk Laura Moreau agreed.

"I was certainly surprised - I didn't expect the supervisor to vote no," Moreau said.

Trustee Judy Hensler said she was disappointed the board could not present a united front.

"I thought we were all on the same page regarding parks and rec following the last budget meeting," Hensler said.

Dubre was not surprised with Trout's "no" votes.

"He didn't agree at all at the workshops," she said. "When we discussed allocation to parks and recreation, he was in the minority."

Parks and recreation requested \$130,000 from the general fund for resurfacing of parking lots, and basketball and tennis courts, playground equipment, and other park improvement projects.

"The board reduced that number to \$85,000 and I believed we were all in agreement," she said.

Voters said they support parks, so it's right for the township to take some reserves and put them into park-improvement projects, Vallad said.

"Some of these projects have been deferred over the years - they're well needed," he said. "We had a lot of discussion on how much to fund, and it was a decision of the board to reduce that to specific projects."

Trout said the \$85,000 transfer is still too much, especially with voters' approval of a .75 millage for parks and recreation.

"Parks are important - I voted for the park millage," Trout said. "But I'm concerned with the budget."

The millage is expected to bring in \$428,500, increasing revenues from \$565,000 in 2010 to \$671,000 in 2011.

"That should be sufficient to do what they want to do, but they have asked for additional funds - we agreed on \$85,000," Trout said. "Resurfacing tennis courts and basket-

ball courts at the Hart Community Center - it's important, but I'm not sure it's something we can afford to do. That's why I voted the way I did."

The parks and rec millage relieves pressure off the general fund, but Hensler said its support is still needed.

"The added funds the first year of the millage will allow parks to clean up some deferred maintenance," she said. "The township board voted to fund some capital projects which will directly benefit the residents."

They never intended to "abandon parks and recreation and cut off all funding," Moreau said.

"It's possible the board will not be able to contribute to parks and rec capital projects after 2011, but the board determined it was important to help fund projects that will directly benefit our residents during the first year of the millage," she said.

Dubre was frustrated with the budget workshops.

"Something new would always come up - it made it a lot harder to get to the final draft," she said. "Next time, I recommend laying out all the issues early on."

She, Trout, and Vallad also met as the Budget and Finance Committee.

"We've been talking about the budget since the beginning of the year," she said. "I think we did a good job - very conservative with revenue and cautious with expenditures. But the outlook is pretty bleak."

Hensler said the budget meetings were helpful and informative.

"It provided a great forum for everyone to express their thoughts and ideas," she said. "As the newest trustee, it allowed me to further understand the budget and the budget process."

Police fund estimates project a drop from \$1.5 million in 2010 to \$1.25 million in 2011, and \$1.14 million the next year.

As police millage revenue decreases, general fund contribution to the police fund is expected to grow from \$180,000 to \$385,000 by 2013.

"Fund balances are reduced as much as we can - by 2013, there's no more fund balance," Trout said.

"We're at the bare minimum," Dubre said. "We'll definitely have to do something. There will definitely be a shortfall."

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Public Safety

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

Boy hit during parade

A 10-year-old Clarkston boy was treated for head injuries after a car hit him, 6:53 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11.

According to police reports, a northbound car driven by a 43-year-old Clarkston resident hit the boy as he ran across Holcomb Road north of Garden Court, during the Holiday Lights Parade. The boy was part of a group of young children trying to cross Holcomb, police said. Most stopped before crossing, but the 10 year old did not. He ran from behind a southbound vehicle into the path of the car, and the driver couldn't stop in time, investigators said.

Alcohol was not a factor and no arrests were made. The victim was transported to Royal Oak Beaumont where he was in stable, good condition. The crash remains under investigation.

Thefts from unlocked vehicles

A wallet, MP3 player, and sunglasses were taken from a car parked in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road, Dec. 3. No sign of forced entry.

Someone took a GPS, calculator, and cordless power tools from an unlocked pickup, Dec. 3, in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway.

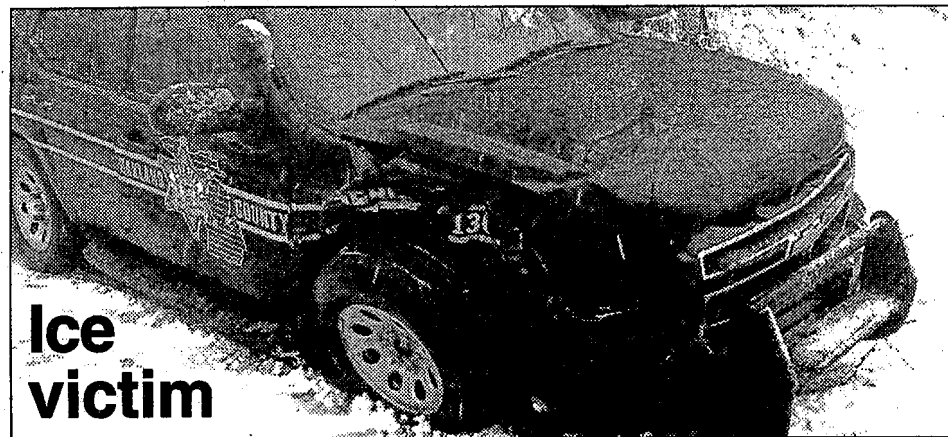
A radio was stolen from a car parked in the 5000 block of S. Marshband, Dec. 8. The owner said he locked the vehicle, but there was no sign of forced entry.

Tires taken

All four tires, and sound and navigation equipment were taken from an SUV, Dec. 3, in the 6000 block of Pine Valley Road. The vehicle's sunroof was shattered, and it was left jacked up on bricks.

Club targeted for theft

Someone broke the lock to a shed and took \$1,000 worth in targets and supplies from a Waterford Road muzzleloader-shooting club, Dec. 4. Also, a movie projector was taken from a Waldon Road church, Dec. 7.



Ice victim

An Oakland County Sheriff's vehicle shares the fate of dozens of cars and trucks, damaged in accidents and run-offs during Monday's snow and ice. Deputies responded to more than 70 traffic crashes and 80 road run-offs during the storm, many on I-75 through the Clarkston area. Photo provided

Fraud attempt

An Independence Township resident placed an \$80 item on Craig's List and got an offer. The buyer from New York sent two \$500 money orders, emailed to say it was a mistake, and asked the seller to send the difference back by Western Union, Dec. 3. The seller checked and the orders were fraudulent.

School zone speeder

A 25-year-old Brandon Township man was stopped for driving 39 mph in a 25 mph school zone, 3:55 p.m., Dec. 8, at Maybee and Westview. The driver had two warrants out of Oakland County Friend of the Court, and a suspended and expired driver's license. He was arrested and jailed, and his car was impounded.

Good news, bad news

An employee found and turned in a purse left in a shopping cart by a 44-year-old Independence Township woman, 8:15 p.m., Dec. 8, at a Sashabaw Road store. Deputies took the purse and ran the owner through Law Enforcement Information Network. Finding she had a warrant out of Lapeer for failure to pay off a retail-fraud charge, she was arrested. She got her purse back, though.

- Phil Custodio

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Bright lights

People lined downtown Clarkston for the annual Holiday Light Parade, Dec. 11. After Santa Claus made his arrival everyone headed to Depot Park for the tree lighting, meeting reindeer, treat & more, coffee and hot cocoa. Kids of all ages wrote their wish lists, now on their way to the North Pole.

Photos by Wendy Beardon



Boydine Nursery offers a sampling of what they offer



Elizabeth and Braylon Jewell of Rochester Hills ring their bells in anticipation for Santa's arrival

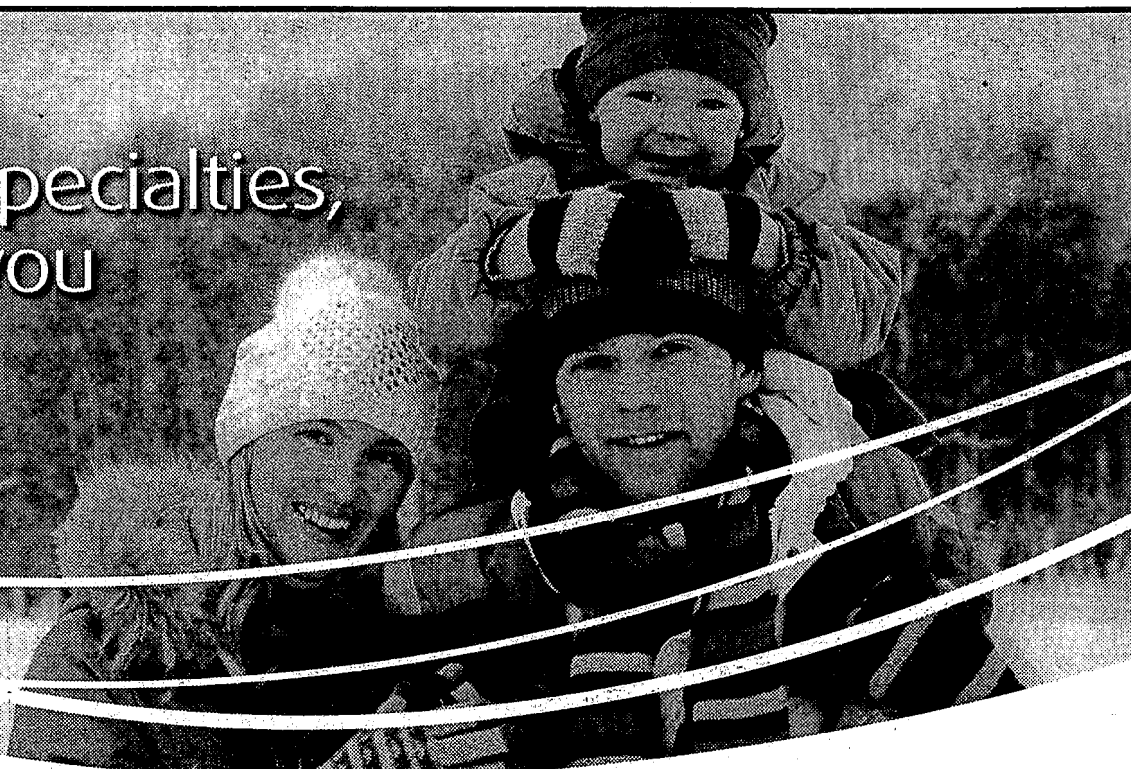


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Clarkston sinks first win in season opener

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Max Collins grabbed the basketball off Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep's rebound and headed down the court.

He positioned himself behind the 3-point line and threw the ball towards the rim, sinking it and bringing Clarkston into the lead in the second period.

The intensity heightened and the boys held onto the lead to win their season opener, 60-57.

"It's a good win for Clarkston," said Wolves Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "I am happy to get a win. It was a hard fought battle, too. It's a character game for both of us. St. Mary's is physical, tough and aggressive."

The boys went into the second half with a 33-29 lead and quickly fired up the board with baskets from Marcus Hardy and Max Collins.

Both were leaders on the board, Collins posting 19 points and Hardy with 14 and on the court going for rebounds and turning over the game.

Collins has waited for this moment to start for three years since he transferred to Clarkston from Waterford's Our Lady of Lakes when he was a sophomore.

Coming out with a good game to open his senior year was a part of his plan when he stepped onto the court.

"I just wanted to get in the game and show everyone I could do something," he said. "I was going into it just thinking what coach said - think defense and your offense game is going to come to you. I didn't think much

of the game. I just wanted to come in and play hard."

"He has finally gotten his moment," said Fife. "He had a good game. It was big. He made some big baskets and he was really a presence inside for us."

Hardy coming out with a good game in the season opener was another pleasant perk of the game.

"Marcus had a bad ankle all fall and has only been practicing two and a half weeks," Fife pointed out. "I thought we got a good production

out of him tonight - his size and his presence, taking strides, long rebounds. His length bothers people."

The boys played at Carmen Ainsworth on Tuesday and travel to Troy-Athens on Dec. 21.

"Carmen-Ainsworth is an athletic team and they play well," said Collins. "It is going to be a good match up."

He also added the win over St. Mary's will help the team as they continue to go forward in the season.

"It gives us a lot of confidence because St. Mary's is a good Catholic school," Collins added. "Catholic schools come in thinking they are the best. We played good and beat them."

The games also give the boys a chance to see where they are before they head into their first OAA league game, when they head to Southfield on Jan. 4.

"December is playing the game, making mistakes and reviewing the tape," said Fife. "I don't think we were very good offensively but we scored ugly. We have a lot to work on. There were a lot of teaching moments on that floor. It is what December is all about. Thank goodness because right now it would be tough to play in a league especially the type of league we play in."

Fife also knows by the time holiday break is over the team should be healthy and ready.

"Mitch (Baenziger) should be back to full strength," said Fife. "Southfield is a good opportunity for us to go down there and find out who we are."



Mitch Baenziger runs down the court.



Jordan Dasuqi jumps for his shot. Photos by Larry Wright



Athlete of the Week Morse, fit to be tied

Senior Austin Morse took a chance with two and a half minutes left in the game.

He hit the puck and it snuck behind Farmington's goalie and tied the score in the OAA league game on Thursday night, 3-3.

"He is playing well," said Clarkston Boys Ice Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier. "He has been pretty strong for us. He has had some pretty big goals."

Morse scored a hat trick against South Lyon on Nov. 26 in the boys 6-5 win in their first game of the Thanksgiving Tournament.

"He has been playing stronger and physical for us," said Krygier. "He has been putting numbers up on the scoreboard. That's his job to be physical and score some goals for us."

Morse has been on varsity for four years.

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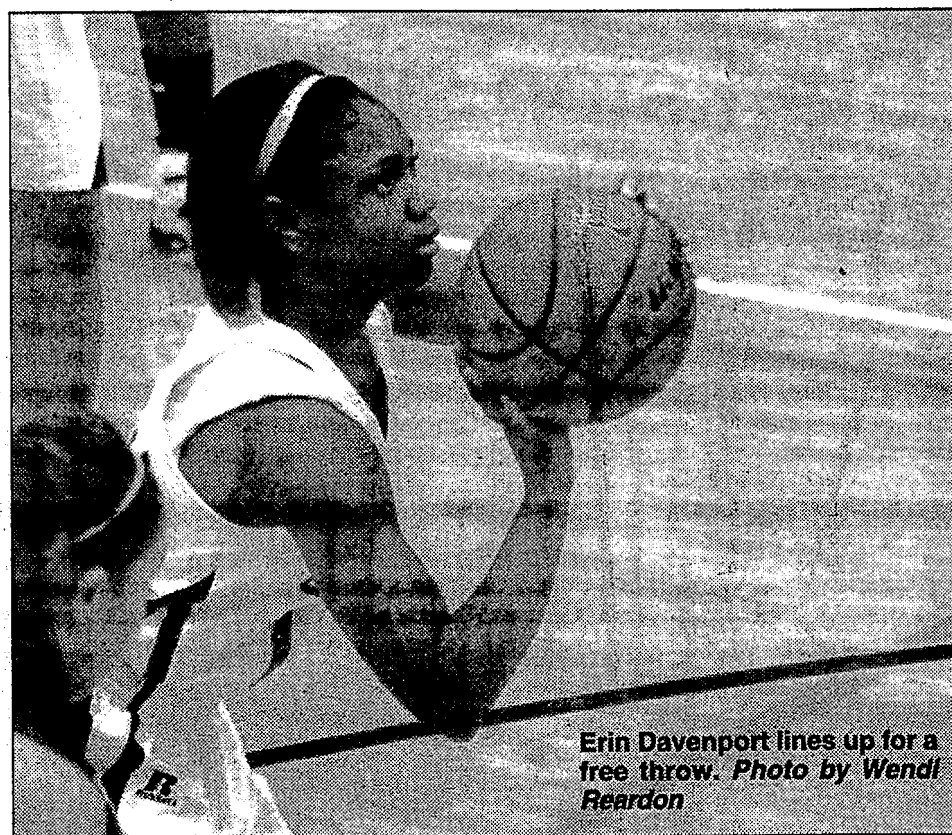
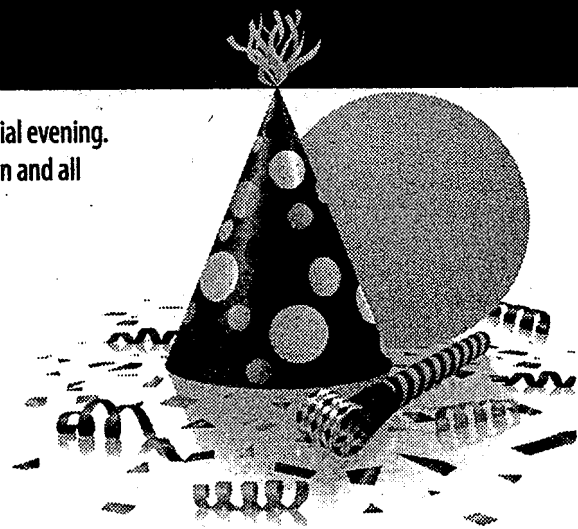
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Erin Davenport lines up for a free throw. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Defense keeps opponents at bay

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers outscored their hosts Troy-Athens in the last quarter in Friday's game by three points.

But the Lady Redhawks' lead in the first half worked to their benefit as they beat Clarkston, 45-42.

"Our depth wore into their lack of depth," said Lady Wolves Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk. "We just didn't make the plays along the stretch like we needed to. We had a chance. The girls played well and fought hard."

The girls went into the second half trailing 19-14.

"We struggled offensively in the first half," said Wasilk.

The girls stuck to their game plan going into the next half and put the pressure on Troy-Athens and outscored them 28-26.

Delaney Kenny led the team with 14 points. Erin Davenport scored seven and Anna Manilla six points. Megan Hastings shot two baskets from behind the 3-point line to add six. The girls finished five field goals during the game.

Wasilk also noted all 11 players were on the court and contributed during the close game.

"I was pleased with the players," he added. "I would love to continue to play those players from the bench as long as we continue to excel."

The girls lost to Southfield Lathrup on Dec. 7, 50-37.

Both teams stayed close on the scoreboard but going into the last quarter Southfield

Lathrup picked up momentum and secured their win.

"We did a great job defensively," said Wasilk. "Southfield Lathrup have two big post players inside. There are really strong. We did a nice job defending against them. We played well and I was happy with our efforts."

Lindsey Reppuhn posted eight points to the board. Manilla scored seven, Hastings had six and Kenny added five points and had eight rebounds.

The girls now have an overall record, 1-3. "We are a young team but at the same time we have experience," said Wasilk. "With youth and experience the girls will find a way to win. We are right there and knocking on the door."

The girls played North Farmington on Tuesday and prepared for their pressing and trapping style.

"If we handle their traps and their press it is going to give us an easy opportunity for baskets," said Wasilk.

Next on the Lady Wolves menu is Stoney Creek before the break for the holidays.

"They are a very offensive team," said Wasilk. "They can put up some points. We are going to have to make sure we do a very good job on the defensive side of the floor to limit their scoring opportunities."

"Both are very well-coached," added Wasilk. "The big focus for us this week is taking care of the basketball and putting ourselves in the position we can make baskets."

The girls play the Lady Cougars on Friday night following the JV game, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Icers find way past Farmington teams

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The puck rebounded and Brad Pizey skated taking a shot as he swept past the net and the goalie.

He stopped at the wall with his hands up in victory - he had just tied the score against Farmington on Dec. 9.

The boys kept the momentum finishing the OAA Red game with a 3-3 tie.

The game was sent into an overtime period and Farmington's Zach Massa scored with 1:45 to go in the extra period.

"We played well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier. "We played hard. We had a pretty good intensity. We got the puck to the net. We pressured their goalie and their defense."

The boys faced Farmington earlier in the season when they played them in the championship round of the Clarkston Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 27. They lost the game in a 3-0 shut out.

Capitalizing on turnovers, keeping within one goal on the board and playing at a high pace speed showed fans and Farmington the Wolves were a different team.

"The tie shows we made a noticeable improvement," said Krygier. "We are working hard. We are trying to be disciplined - we only had two penalties. It was a good



Brad Pizey leads the Wolfpack into Farmington territory. Photo by Wendi Reardon

fast-paced game."

Pizey scored the first goal for the night seven minutes into the game and received an assist from Adam Johns and Chad Wotton.

"We were around the net looking for those rebounds, tips and redirection," said Krygier. "We pressured them pretty good."

The second goal was made with 9:13 left in the second period. Wotton shot the puck from the blue line and Nate Lowell stood waiting in the crowd in front of Farmington's net. He finished Wotton's pass and put it in the net.

The Wolves stayed close to the net during the final period taking

shots on the net when opportunities were presented.

Senior Adam Morse scored the final goal with 3:16 to spare in the period. He hit the puck and snuck it past the goalie. Johns and Adam Bruderick assisted on the goal.

"It still counts as a tie in the league. It doesn't count as a loss.

We each get a point," Krygier added.

Clarkston made 29 shots on the net and Goalie Alec Gildner had 31 saves.

The boys continued their momentum with a win over North Farmington/Harrison on Saturday, 4-2.

Pizey scored two goals in the third period to secure the win for the Wolves. His first he received an assist from Macario Torres and Dillon Drayer. His second was scored on an opportunity when the net was empty.

Morse put the boys on the board in the first period, assist from Connor Hughes and Bruderick.

Drayer scored the second goal to grab the lead before North Farmington tied the score. He was assisted by Torres and Adam Larkin.

"They are good team," said Krygier.

The boys put 28 shots on the net. Freshman Jack Viazanko had 26 saves for the night.

The Wolves host their annual Christmas tournament this Friday and Saturday.

They play Hartland at 5 p.m. on Friday for the first round. Davison and Novi play following the game.

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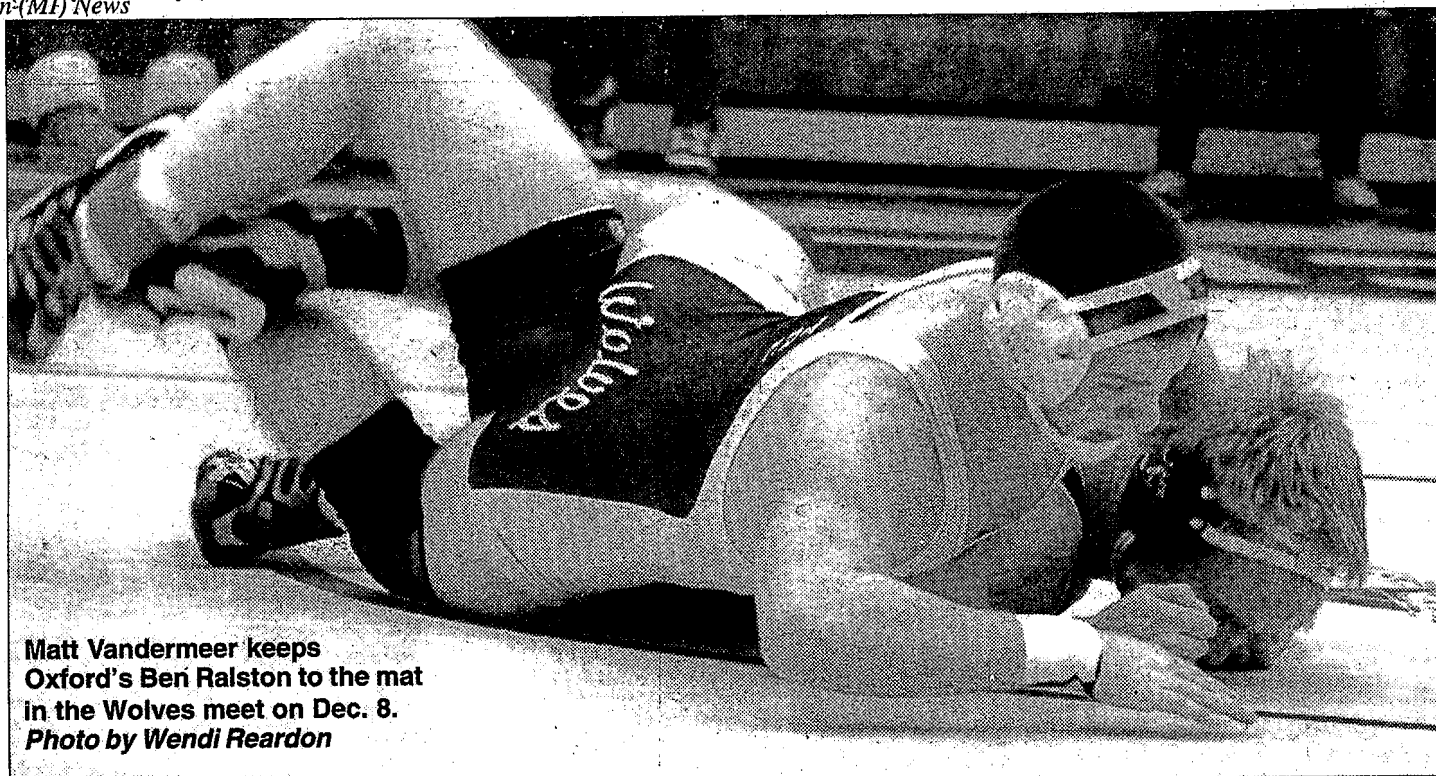
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Matt Vandermeer keeps Oxford's Ben Ralston to the mat in the Wolves meet on Dec. 8.
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Grapplers ready for Oakland County meet

BY WENDIREARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

Jeff Sloney had a gleam in his eye as he quickly moved forward towards Oxford's Noah Cantera.

Sloney added points to his score against his 130-pound opponent on Dec. 8, and attempted to take Cantera down.

After three sets Sloney settled for a major decision win, 12-4 and took Clarkston's previous zero on the scoreboard to four points.

The next score came from Matt Vandermeer who scored six points on Ben Ralston in the 171-pound weight class.

The boys finished to Oxford, 54-7.

"We got it handed to us good," said Clarkston Boys Wrestling Varsity Coach Andy Auten. "They have a great team and should challenge for a state championship. However, we went out there and laid down for them."

He added he was hopeful the loss taught

them they have to work harder. The two wins from his senior All-Staters wasn't a surprise.

"They did what they are supposed to do," said Auten.

The boys came back and beat Troy-Athens in their second meet, 72-6.

Scott Devos set the momentum when he took to the mat taking on Steve Toporowski in the 285-pound class.

Devos won with a fall 48 seconds into the first period. Brett Foltz (105) followed scoring on a fall, with his 33 seconds into the match against Nick Holter.

Grapplers also scoring six points from falls were Jake Dionne (119), Marc Bosnack (135), Chris Calvano (160), Matt Vandermeer (189) and AJ Schloff (215).

Nick Vandermeer (140) won with a technical fall, 21-6 score, against Mike Zacovich.

Jeff Sloney defeated Brian Turner in 130-pound weight class in a major decision, 12-2.

Raymond Wilkie kept Thomas Keyes at bay with a seven points in his 11-4 win in 112-pound class.

Wins by void were from Tristen Tozzi (145), Jamie Jameson (152), and Michael Henige (171).

The varsity team traveled to Howell for the Wilkinson Classic last Saturday and had six wrestlers place.

Matt Vandermeer took the championship in the 171-pound class.

Taking the runner up places for Clarkston were Sloney (130) and Devos (285).

Mike Henige (160) took third place while Michael Cardinale (125) and Nick Vandermeer (135) finished in sixth place.

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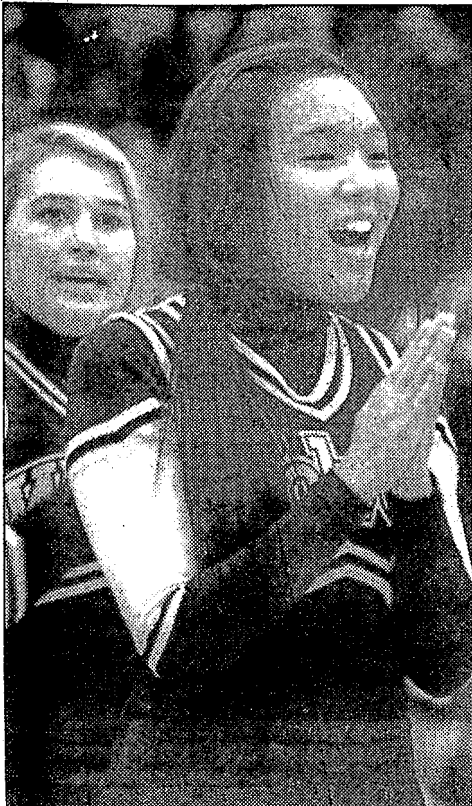
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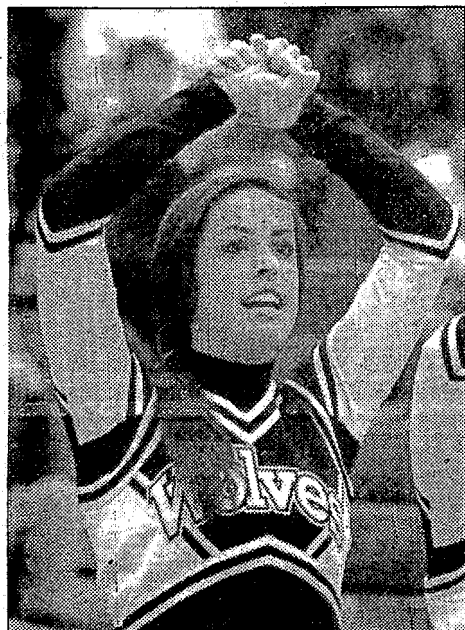
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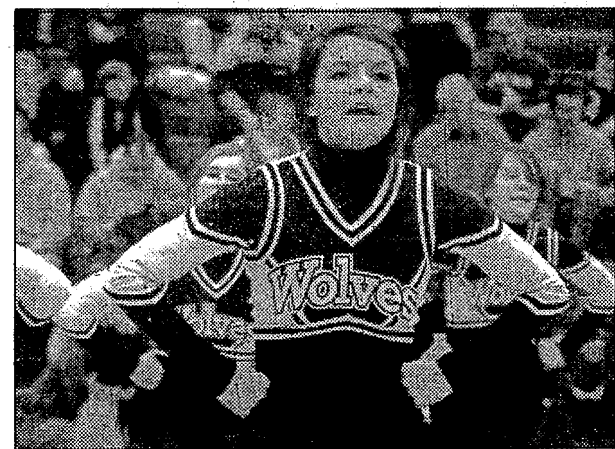
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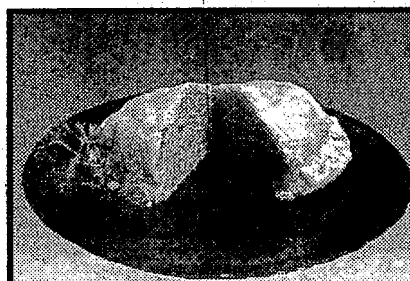
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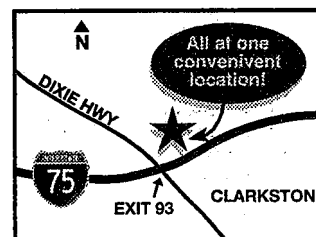
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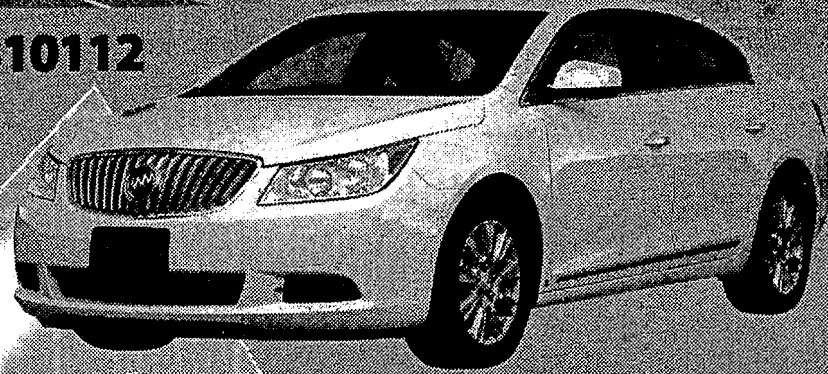
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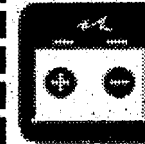
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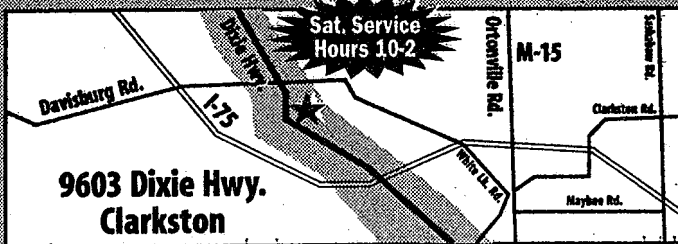
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"Running on the lake with my dog and husband."

- Barbara McClurn



"Sleigh rides."

- Rose Bathorn



"Snowboarding."

- Audrey Houck



"Sledding with the grandkids on the hill in our yard."

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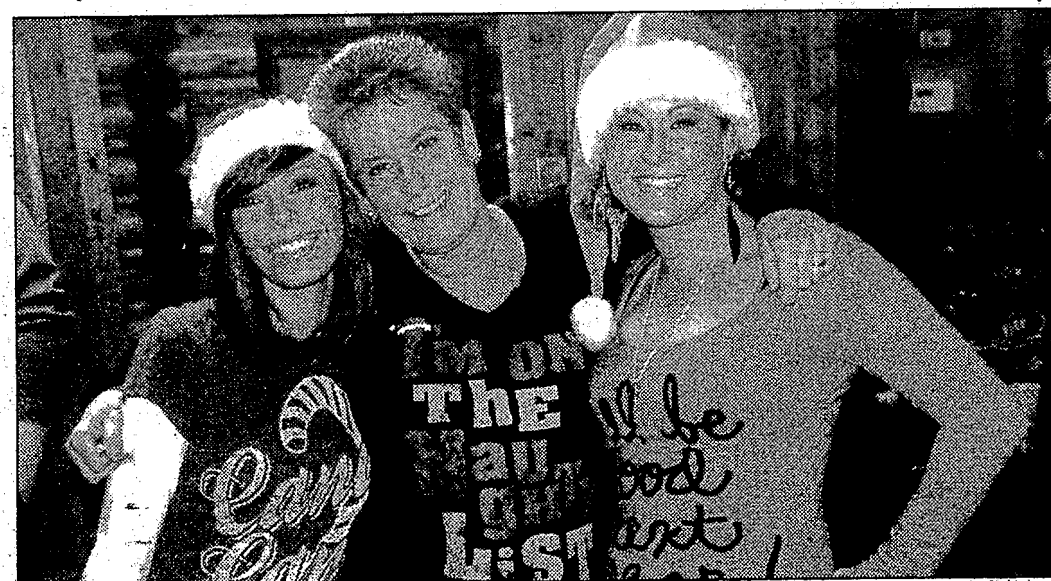
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Taddy Porter rocks the stage for the first time at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club



Bethany Heaton, Janet Hamblin, and Amber LeVessar show off their holiday fashion. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Rock for tots

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club was jam-packed, Dec. 5, as music fans brought toys and gift donations for the club's annual Toys for Tots Rock N' Roll Toy Drive.

The crowd enjoyed tasty burgers, Coney dogs, and drinks as they listened to the sounds of Phil Treas Group, Targus, Skee Brothers, Charlie Allen Martin with 2XL, Urban Nomads Mule Drive, Donde, Detroit Groove Kings, and Taddy Porter. John O'Leary of WCSX 94.7 was MC.

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Winter Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Dec. 16, featuring SMS 6th/7th Grade Choir, CJHS Mixed Choir, CJHS Treble Choir, CHS Chorales, CHS Madrigals, Clarkston Chorale. Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" with the CHS Orchestra, audience invited to help sing on stage. \$5. 248-623-3519.

Children's Christmas program, 7 p.m., Dec. 17, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. About 175 children, students at The Learning Experience, will perform. 248-625-5285.

Blood drive, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Dec. 17, Independence Township Fire Department, 6500 Citation. Sponsors, fire department and Clarkston Area Lions. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to register, code: ifdlions.

Benefit dinner for John Jasso of Independence Township, 1-5 p.m., Dec. 19, Edna Burton Senior Center, 345 Ball Street, Ortonville. Spaghetti dinner, \$5/adults, \$3/children 5-12, free/children under 5. Silent auction and bake sale. Call Donna, 248-627-6235; Wendy, 248-935-7328; or Samantha, 989-820-9299.

Weekly meetings

Monday

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722

Around Town

A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

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.

Tuesday

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.

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

Pickleball for Adults 50+, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., two hours, \$3; Fridays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., three hours, \$4. First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. All skill levels welcome. 248-625-8231.

Evening Country Line Dancing 50+, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., Community Room, Clarkston

Specialty Healthcare, 4800 Clintonville Road. \$40 per person for eight weeks. 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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

Wednesday

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. No class, Dec. 22, 29. Starting Jan. 3, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m.

Thursday

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

Local Business Network, Ortonville/Clarkston Chapter, first and third Thursdays meets, 7:45-8:45 a.m., Harvestland Ministries, 5848 Clintonville Road. 248-505-5091.

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, second Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Dec. 9, Bariloche and Bolson, Argentina, if time, Scotland, Ireland. 248-625-2212.

Travel program, second Thursday, 6-7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., Please see Around Town on page 3B

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made-from-scratch. \$5 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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. 877-627-6248.

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

Clarkston Community Womens Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Guests always welcome. 248-620-3255.

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

Friday

Coffee House, third Friday, 7 p.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Featured musicians, poets, dancers, other performers, open mic. Free. 248-625-5192.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, schools. 248-559-1147 ext. 3427.

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- 1 Family get-togethers may be extremely difficult. Be honest with each other about your feelings. Sit down with your family and decide what you want to do for the holiday season.
- 2 Don't set expectations too high for yourself or for the day. Realize that the season isn't going to be easy.
- 3 There is no right or wrong way to handle the day. Some may wish to follow family traditions, while others may choose to change.
- 4 Keep in mind the feelings of your children or family members. Try to make the holiday season as joyous as possible for them.
- 5 Be careful of "shoulds" - it is better to do what is helpful for you and your family. If a situation looks especially difficult during the holidays, don't get involved if possible.
- 6 Do the things that are very special and/or important to you. Do the best that you can.
- 7 Once you have made the decision on the role you and your family will play during the holidays, let relatives and friends know.

We are thinking of and praying for all our families this holiday season. Feel free to stop by or call any of our locations for additional resources or to arrange an appointment with our grief counselor.

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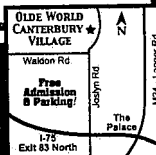


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Milestones

Business achievements

Clarkston State Bank (CSB) employees **Angela Logan**, assistant vice president/branch officer, and **Nichole Smith**, assistant vice president/commercial lender, have been promoted to vice president for the financial institution.

Employed by CSB since 1999, Logan will continue as branch manager of the bank's M-15 branch near Dixie Highway, in addition to her new title as vice president. She is a graduate of Central Michigan University's Perry School of Banking and has attended Baker College.

Smith has been employed by CSB since 2008 in the commercial lending area responsible for the Waterford market. She received her bachelor degree in business administration from Baker College and has taken several additional courses through Central Michigan University's Perry School of Lending in Mt. Pleasant. Smith has more than 20 years of banking experience.



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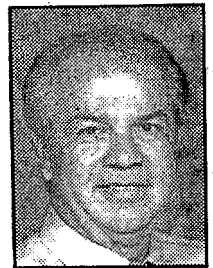
Dr. Aenlle received his medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in East Lansing and completed his residency at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He offers annual exams, weight loss and nutrition counseling, immunizations, medications, physicals, and treatment of illnesses and minor injuries.

The practice, located at 6815 Dixie Highway, Suite 1, Clarkston, accepts new patients and takes same-day appointments. Call 248-625-1011 for an appointment.

Oakland County Sheriff **Michael J. Bouchard** was recently recognized by the American Police Hall of Fame as an Honor Award Recipient for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service.

"I am truly humble by this award and the mere thought of the nomination," Bouchard said. "I have loved my 24 years in law enforcement and could not be more proud

to serve today among the ranks of Oakland County's men and women in uniform. It is a true honor to receive this award."



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Students achieve success

Clarkston students **Chelsea Bierschbach**, **Kathryn Emerick**, **Anne Maxwell**, and **Brittney Volin**, all seniors, were named to the Central Michigan University summers honors list.

Graduating this year are Clarkston students **Marina Dabrowski**, Bachelor of Science; and **Jessica Osmak**, Bachelor of Science.

Paul Vanaman and **Daniel Vanaman** of Clarkston were members of the 2010 NCCAA National Championship winning Clearwater Christian College men's soccer team.

Paul was also named Second Team All-Region. He is a 2006 graduate from Faith Baptist School in Davison. Daniel is a 2007 graduate from Faith Baptist School.

They are sons of Paul and Susan Vanaman of Clarkston.

Got a Milestone to share?

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Religion

Living the Christ message

Christmas has a special meaning unique to each one of us. For some it is a focus on family: finding the right present, planning the perfect meal, traveling great distances to be with those we love.

For others it's a time of extra work, cleaning, decorating, gifts to buy and wrap, food to prepare, being forced to spend time with people we try to avoid the rest of the year.

For some, Christmas is all about the birth of a special child a little over 2,000 years ago. It can be about living the Christ message of awakening, practicing love and forgiveness by giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, our treasury to share with those who are less fortunate.

I love the Christmas holiday season. Once I can recover my serenity and get past the blast of commercialism, I revel in the experience. The lights, the Christmas cards, the carols, our advent celebration, snow: these all help to bring a sense of awe and wonder and mystery to the season.

This can be a time of awakening to the Christ Spirit within, returning to the light of spiritual awareness that Jesus spoke about,

"You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), "God is Spirit" (John 4:24) and we are made in the image and after the likeness of God (Genesis 1:26). We are inherently spiritual.

The Christmas story is our story. Joseph and Mary are our thoughts and feelings who have had a spiritual awakening, visited by angels. They are bringing forth a new level of awareness within us, the Christ child. But there was no room for them at the inn, our intellect which is full of preconceived ideas and beliefs of what is real.

So the birth, the coming forth in consciousness, happens in a manger: our heart center which is open to give and receive.

We are the spirit that God has given us. Spiritual awareness is awakening to the kingdom of God, or the kingdom of Heaven that Jesus clearly located as "within," "in our

midst" and "at hand."

His parables describe Heaven as a here and now experience that we can choose to participate in. The pearl of great price, the treasure buried in the field, the good seed, etc., are stories that describe activities that assist us in awakening to the Christ Spirit within.

A story is told of a man who dreamed he had died and, standing before his creator, was given a choice between heaven or hell. First he was shown a room labeled Hell, where miserable people sat around a bountiful banquet table with all the delicacies a person could desire.

Tied to their hands were spoons and forks that were three feet long, so despite the abundance they could not feed themselves.

Next he was shown a room labeled Heaven. Here was the same scene, same bountiful table, same three foot long spoons and forks. The only difference was that the people were joyously feeding each other. It's our choice.

Blessings of peace, joy & love,

Matthew E. Long is senior minister at Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor
Matthew Long

In our churches...

Christmas Concert to benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County, 7 p.m., Dec. 17, Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. Blues, rock, country, Christmas carols. 248-625-5192.

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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.

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7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston
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675-4580
Rev. Christopher Maus
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Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am
Nursery Available: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Religious Education: 625-1750
Mother's Group, RCIA,
Scripture Study, Youth Group

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
(248) 394-0200
Fax: (248) 394-2142
Rev. Doctor Martin Hall
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 10:00 am
Dream Keepers Youth Group
Bible Study
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Youth Groups 6-12
Wednesday 6:30 pm
www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
Sunday 8 am & 10 am
Holy Eucharist
Sunday School 9:55 am
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www.clarkstonepiscopal.org
248-625-2225

ST. TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod"
Pastor: Rev. Kendall Schaeffer
7925 Sashabaw Road
(1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater)
Clarkston, MI 48348
(248) 625-4644
www.sainttrinitylutheran.com
e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net
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CTV-10/20Sun: 2:00 pm, Thurs: 9:00 pm
Broadcast Worship - Waterford
CATV-10 Tues: 2:30 pm
Worship:
Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sat: 6:00 pm
Sunday School 9:45 am
Preschool: 3-4 years old
Preschool: 620-6154

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
248-625-1611
Website: clarkstonumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:15 am
& 6:11 pm
Nursery available for all services

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH
8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-2311
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
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CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH
5482 Winell-Clarkston
(corner of Maybee & Winell)
248-623-1224
Service 9:00 - 10:30
www.ClarkstonFMC.org
Wednesday 7 pm
Youth & Adult Ministry

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON
5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI
(248) 625-3380
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy.
(E. of M-15)
Pastor: Russell Reemtsma
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Service
Wed: 6:15 pm Awana Club
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4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI
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Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am
Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm
at Church Offices - Yellow House
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI
Phone (248) 858-2577
Fax (248) 858-7706

BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH
6765 Battalee Lake Road
Clarkston, 48348
(248) 625-1344
Services:
Sunday: 9:00 am & 10:45 am
Morning Worship Service
Exploration Station - Children's Ministry
Wed. 6:45 pm Fit For Life - Adult Life Ministry
c.r.a.v.e. - Student Life Ministry
Ozone - Children's Life Ministry
Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services
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www.bridgewoodchurch.com

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
6905 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
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248-625-3288
Pastor Jonathan Heleman
Sunday Worship:
8:15 am (traditional), 9:30 & 11:00 am
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Wednesday Evenings:
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www.calvaryinfo.org

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6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston
(248) 625-1323
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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.clarkstoncommunity.com



Lauren Chojnacki rechecks her shopping list with her mom, Kathleen.



Elliot Wcisel glances at the table for the perfect present. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Santa's secret

Hidden deep within the halls of Bailey Lake Elementary, students were placing gifts into colorful bags.

They had found Santa's Secret Shop and tons of gifts for their friends, parents, siblings and grandparents.

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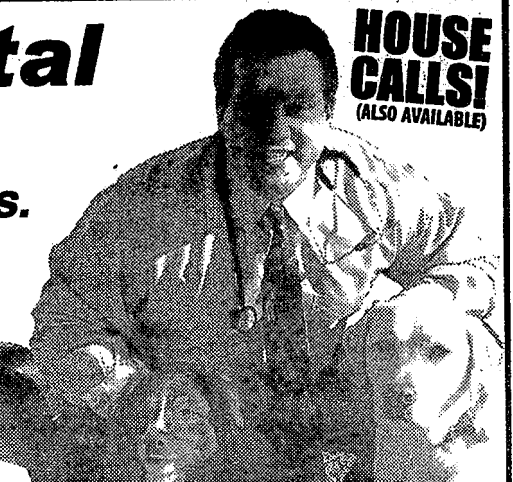
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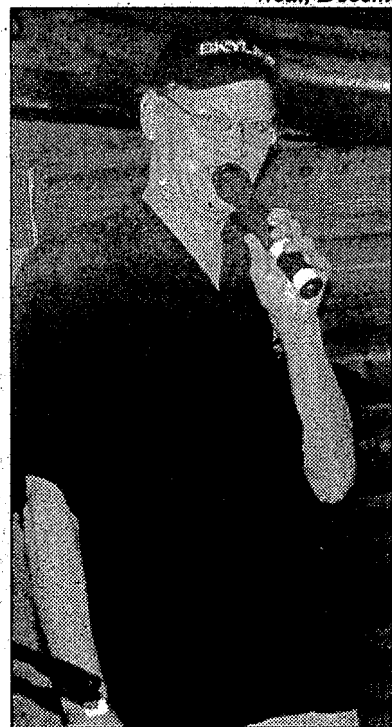
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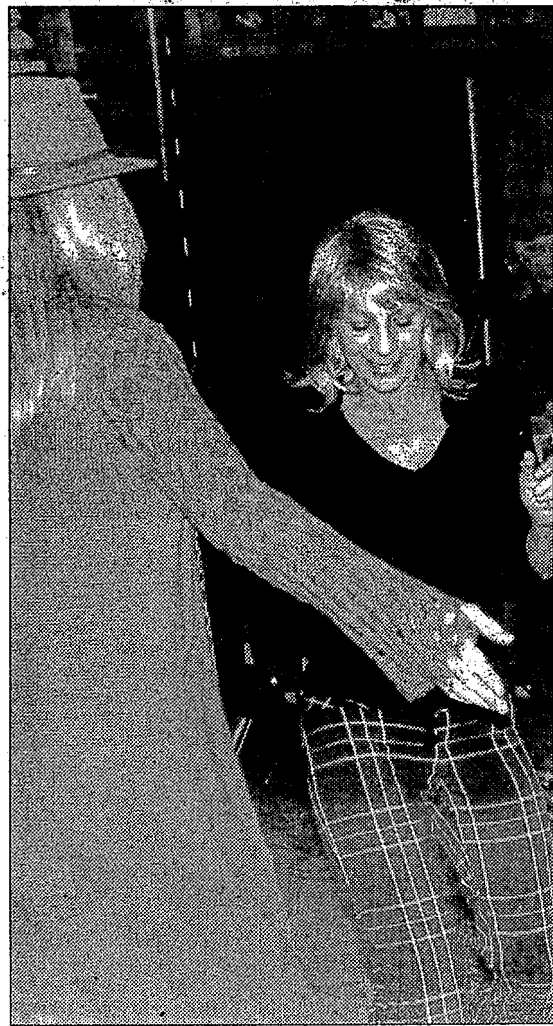
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Marine corporals Jeff Nichol and Anthony Gentry, with Salli Petherbridge.



MC John O'Leary of 94.7 WCSX radio announces the next band.



Patty Miller and Virginia Lane have fun out on the dance floor.

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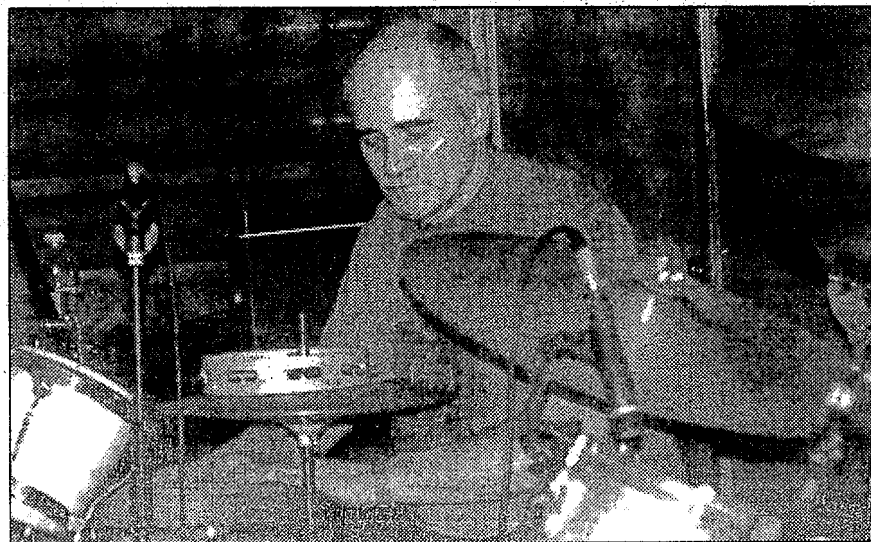
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said they raised \$1,290 in cash donations and lots of toys as well.

"We had more toys than we had last year and higher quality toys than ever before. There were really a lot of toys," she said. "They brought a big Hertz rental truck here and completely filled the back part of it. It was a really successful event and everybody seemed like they had a really good time."



Charlie Allen Martin with 2XL sings "Behind Blue Eyes."



Jim Hamblin of Urban Nomads on percussion.



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Clarkston Mom Squad Shelley Schafer, Danette Meny, Melanie Traver, and not pictured, Alysia Medema, at last year's Living Water trip to Nicaragua. Photo provided

Special gifts at Charity Craft Night

Still searching for the perfect present this holiday or doing last minute shopping? Check out Charity Craft Night.

The event is Friday, besides finding presents for family and friends from different vendors, it is also a fundraiser for a mission trip.

For local moms, Shelley Schafer, Danette Meny, Alysia Medema and Melanie Traver are traveling to El Salvador in May 2011 to drill a well for a village, currently without access to clean water.

The event will help them meet their goal.

Admission is free. Snacks, drinks and wrapping stations are available throughout the night.

Vendors also include London Bridges, offering handcrafted jewelry, and Great Turtle Toys of Independence Township. They will have game stations set up for families to enjoy time together.

"This can be a stressful time of year and we are hoping that by providing a place for families to come and spend some stress-free time together they can enjoy each others company," said Traver.

"It is perfect for husbands to stop by and get something special for their wife or daughter," Traver hinted.

Amelia's Attic Crafts has hairbows, barrettes, and more. Christmas centerpieces are available and handmade from local greens.

"We are partnering with Living Water International again," said Traver, explaining three of them went to Nicaragua last year as the hygiene team on one of the drilling missions.

On this venture the moms are drilling and Traver and Meny went to Houston in October for their drill training. They also learned how to assemble and operate the LS-100 drill.

"We are really excited to be doing the drill-

ing this time around," Traver added.

The four chose to help globally because of their love for children.

"It is inexcusable a child dies every 15 seconds in the world due to a lack of clean, safe drinking water and sanitation," said Traver. "In our community we take for granted the fact we can walk over to our faucets and get life-saving nourishment at the flick of a handle. Our kids can at anytime, anywhere, walk up to a drinking fountain and get a drink of water."

In other parts of the world it is much different.

The school in Nicaragua they drilled for last year had 800 students, two portable out-houses with no toilet paper or wash basins and a contaminated hand-dug well.

"It was heartbreaking to see the children using the well, but they had no other option," said Traver. "Once the well was completed on their site, they finally had a place to get clean water."

The four will be in El Salvador for an entire week and Traver said it is hard for them to leave their children but they need to continue doing what they can.

"Our hope is as our children grow up, they will have compassion for others and that compassion will take them to wherever hurt and needing people are," added Traver. "Whether it is in their backyard or on the other side of the world."

For more information, visit www.clarkstonmomsquad.com or send them an email at clarkstonmomsquad@gmail.com.

For more information on the water crisis or about LWI, visit www.water.cc

The event is Friday, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell St.

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Christmas Concert for Lighthouse

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Present - Luginski, Brueck, Bisio, Inabnit, Roth, Hunter, Hargis

Absent- Others Present - City Manager Ritter
Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to "Approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit to "Accept the Treasurer's reports as of 10/31/2010 as an informational report". Motion carried.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit. "That the Clerk be directed to correct the minutes of the 10/25/2010 to show both the original version and the corrections. And that all future corrections to minutes be in the same format." Motion carried.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Hunter to "Change November 8 draft minutes as discussed." Motion carried.

Moved by Luginski, supported by Bisio to "Adopt the Public Comments Policy as outlined on the attached document titled "Public Comments at City Council Meetings for the City of the Village of Clarkston".

Moved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit to, "Table this Public Comments Policy until the next Council meeting on December 13." Motion carried.

Resolved by Roth, with support by Hunter, "That on November 22, 2010, the Council resolved to designate Richard Pursley, DPW Manager, as the Single Street Administrator of the City of the Village of Clarkston in transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 (9) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951."

ROLL CALL: Yeas - Brueck, Hargis, Luginski, Inabnit, Hunter, Roth, Bisio
Nays - None

RESOLUTION RESOLVED
Resolved by Brueck, supported by Hunter, "That these financial institutions can be used as depositories for City funds: Chase Bank, Clarkston State Bank, Oxford Bank, Comerica and Bank of America, Oakland County Treasurers Investment Fund according to the Investment Policy and to comply with ACT 20 PA 1943."

ROLL CALL: Yeas - Luginski, Brueck, Bisio, Inabnit, Hargis, Hunter, Roth
Nays - None

RESOLUTION RESOLVED
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m." Motion carried.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Change the December 27, 2010 City Council meeting to Monday, December 6, 2010 at 7 p.m." Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk/Treasurer

8080A Ortonville Road.

Proceeds will be donated to Lighthouse of Oakland County's Heat and Light fund, which provides financial help with utility service shut-offs for low-income Oakland County residents.

Admission is free, donations accepted.

For more information, call Peace Unity at 248-625-5192.

For more information about Lighthouse, call 248-620-6116 or visit www.lighthouseoakland.org.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2010-333, 371-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of JOAN M. WHITEMAN, DECEASED. Date of birth: 12/3/1933

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOAN M. WHITEMAN, DECEASED, who lived at 4929 Irwindale, Waterford, Michigan died October 30, 2010.

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

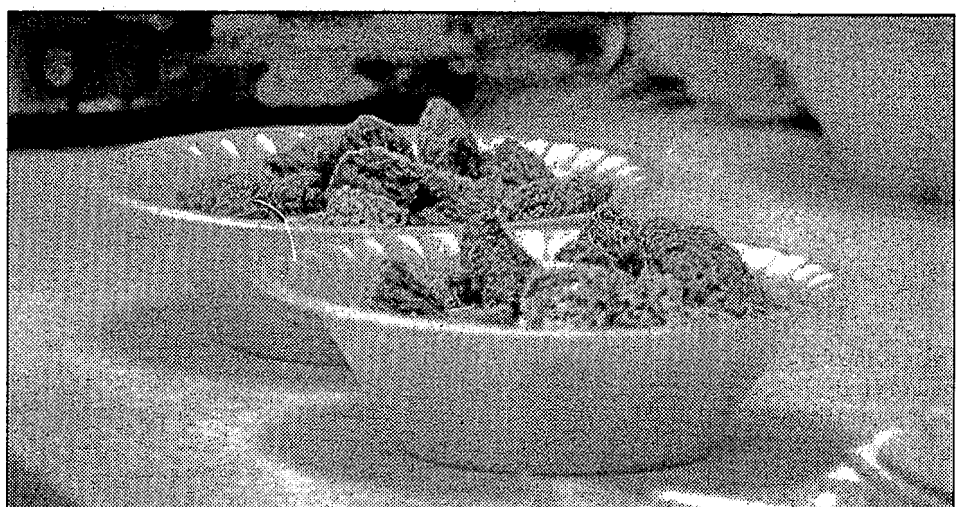
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SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
DECEMBER 7, 2010

1. The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Wallace, Rosso, Lohmeyer, Petterson, Carson, Wagner
Absent: None
4. The Agenda was approved as submitted.
5. The Public Forum opened at 7:31 p.m. and closed at 7:34 p.m.
6. Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget opened at 7:35 p.m. and closed at 7:50 p.m.
7. Approved motion to apply for grant for Sashabaw Road Improvement at a cost of \$250.00.
8. Township Attorney presented an update of Avington Park Road Project.
9. Approved First Amendment to Sewer Maintenance Agreement with the City of Village of Clarkston subject to agreement with the Village
10. Presentation by Dick Carlisle of Plan for Sashabaw Road Safety Path/Upper Bushman Property
11. Approved transfer of funds for purchase of Rec Pro Membership Module for Seniors
12. Approved Green Triangle Bid Awards to Baromatic and Systematic
13. Adopted the Job Description of Deputy Supervisor
14. Approved Non-Union Employee Policy Committee members
15. Approved motion to extend meeting past 10:00 p.m.
16. Approved 2011 Budget as presented with General Appropriations as submitted by Supervisor
17. Approved minutes of October 12, October 19, and November 3, 2010
18. Approved Accounts Payable Check Run.
19. Approved motion to go into Closed Session at 11:30 p.m.
20. Came into Open Session at 11:33 p.m.
21. Approved motion to AFSCME Grievance Settlement.
22. Approved motion to Dismissal of Teamster's ULP.
23. Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk
Published: 12/15/2010



Learning to serve others

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students entered Clarkston Junior High School and headed towards the cafeteria for breakfast.

The Junior Optimists, working with leadership students and teachers, offered cereal, muffins and bagels for the low price of \$1 each from Dec. 7-9.

"We are raising money for the poor families in our school," said Junior Optimist President Jenny Lussenhop, taking a break from pouring cereal into bowls. "It's a fun way to raise money. Everyone likes cereal."

She added response was great from students, even those just going to the cafeteria to chat with friends or add last minute details to homework before classes began.

"They realize there is food here and they buy it," she said.

Michelle Carlson, Junior Optimists advisor, said the money raise will buy gift cards for students' families in need

Kelly Kanigowski, the school's counselor and social worker, reported they raised \$500.

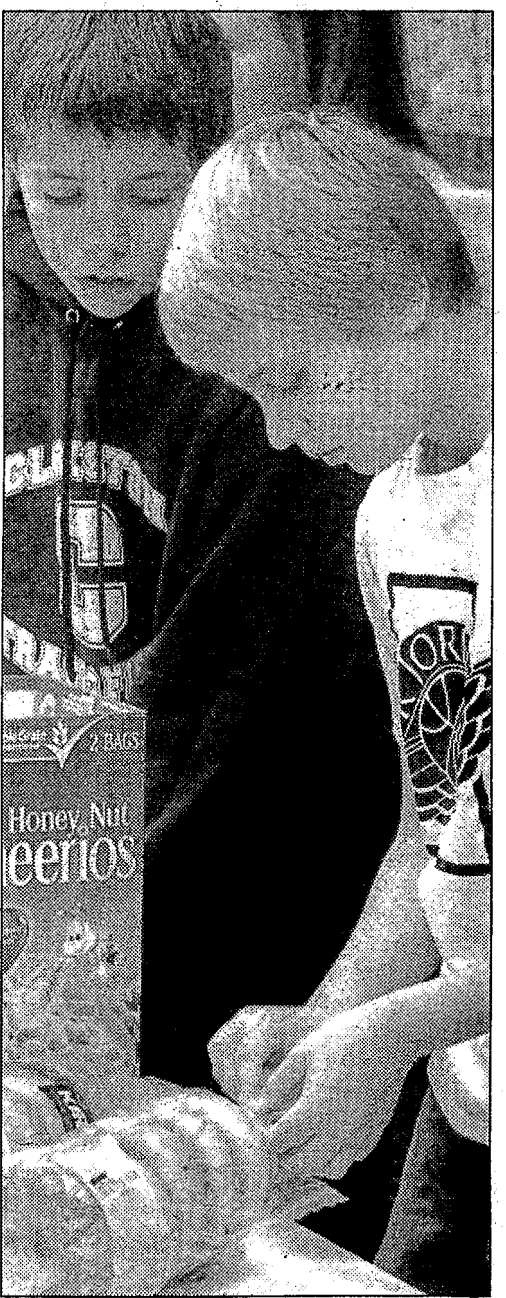
"It is quit a bit less than last year," she said. "It is a difficult year for everyone. People are just not able to donate like years past. Last year we were able to give a substantial gift card basket to five different families. We may not be able to cover the same amount but the families we can help will be pleased."

It was a quick fundraiser, from 6:45-7:15 each day, and the popular choice for breakfast was cereal.

"The sugar cereals were a big seller for us," said Carlson.

"It's great to help," said Lussenhop. "It's fun, too. It's cool to get the school together."

During the holiday season, Junior Optimists also head to Independence Elementary to play games with the Alpha Club for their holiday celebration.



Josh Frankovich and Rob Dalka hand out cereal and bagels to their peers. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Obituaries

John L. Jasso, 35

John L. Jasso of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly, Dec. 6, 2010, at age 35.

He was the high school sweetheart and husband of Sian; father of Johnny, Jacob, and Joshua; son of John and Brenda of Clarkston; son-in-law of Baron (Wendy) McBride of West Branch and Toni (the late Ral) Pelham of Clarkston; brother of Heidi Jasso and Wendy (Michael) Bell; uncle of Amber Bell; grandson of Willie York.

Mr. Jasso was a mechanic for Warner Brothers Services, Waterford. He enjoyed fishing and snow plowing with his kids.

Visitation was Dec. 9-10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was Dec. 11 at Bridgewood Church, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Any donations to the family will be used for his sons' future education. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Gerald Hagemeister, 70

Gerald L. Hagemeister of White Lake passed away suddenly, Dec. 10, 2010, at age 70.

He was the father of Gerald of Holly, Renee (Guy) McCallum of Florida, Holly (Roger) Ray of Holly and Dawn (Lance) Courter of White Lake; grandpa/papa of Chandra, Robert, Danielle, Kendra, Misty and Amber; great grandpa/Papa J.J.



of Brendan and Alex; preceded in death by his parents: Howard Hagemeister and Margie and James Clark; brother of Sue Putman, Jeanne Smith, Janice Carter, Howard (Nancy), Cynthia (Mike) Hutchins, Lynn (Chris), Brenda (Stuart) Leser.

Funeral service was Dec. 14 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

James Philip Hall, 41

James Philip Hall of Clarkston died Nov. 20, 2010, at age 41.

He was the beloved husband of Eve Petrides Hall; loving father of David James Hall of Fenton; dear son of Tom W. Hall II and Loraine C. Hall of Clarkston; cherished brother of Thomas J. Hall of Highland. Mr. Hall was the son in law of George and the late Frankie Petrides and brother in law of Christopher (Nancy) Petrides. He is also survived by his first wife, Jenny Eschleman Gibbs of Fenton and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. David Eschleman of Ill.

James will be missed by his many friends, especially George Petrides, Bob Haran, Todd Doyon and Matt Beamer. He will be fondly remembered by his classmates and teammates from Brown and Clarkston High.

He was a successful financial manager of his own business, an honors graduate of Brown University and Clarkston H.S. He was an exceptional three sport athlete at both schools. James was also an Eagle Scout and a lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac.

Memorial Services was Nov. 30 at the Huron Street Chapel of the **Huntoon Funeral Home**, Pontiac, with Rev. Roy Langwig officiating. Interment will be in the Hall family plot at Lakeview Cemetery in Skaneateles, NY.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy of Clarkston.

Robert F. Waid, 85

Robert F. Waid of Clarkston, age 85, went to be with his Lord on Dec. 8, 2010. Bob was born May 2, 1925 in Dayton, Ohio, the son of the late Frank and Wilda Waid.

Bob leaves his wife of 60 years, Violet Waid; sons, Robert (Gwen) Kessler, Danny (Tonya) Waid, Cal Waid, and Nels Waid; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and his brother, John Waid.

Bob was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Clarkston. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for many years as a builder in Clarkston and the surrounding areas.

Funeral service was Dec. 14 at First Baptist Church of Clarkston. Visitation was Dec. 13 at **Coats Funeral Home**, Waterford. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Clarkston.

To send Private condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.



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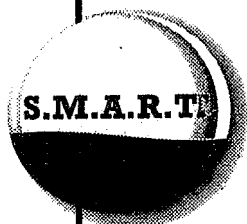
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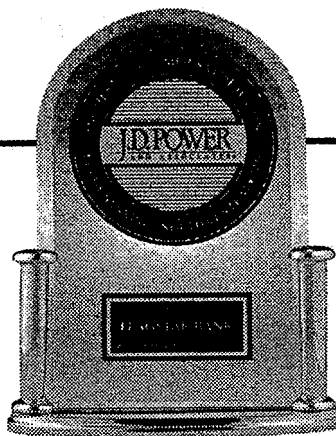


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Memories of the smalltown theater

I always loved going to the movies.

It was definitely the highlight of our weekends and summers growing up. I remember the first movie I ever saw that scared me so much I squeezed my boyfriend's hand so hard he nearly cried. I remember that first kiss in the darkness of the theater during that last scene of "Love Story."

Hometown stories



Heidi McElfish

Just the feeling of going into a small town theater brings back the wonderful smell of just popped, 'buttery popcorn' and then the sound of the old super 8 projector running efficiently above, makes all the melancholy feelings come back. Yes, and then sometimes the film would split and the whole auditorium of people would gasp. You always felt close to the screen - very personal, not like the mega blockbuster theaters that we have today.

If you felt lonely or depressed you could go on a Saturday afternoon and actually turn into Sandra Dee of "Grease." You were Her. Or you could picture yourself in the arms of Robert Redford that afternoon and all your troubles and cares would be gone.

In the summers, there was something even better to look forward to: Drive-in theaters. That was the coolest place to be. Everyone got to see you with all your friends...and if your were asked to go with the most popular kids around, then you felt like your were super cool. It really saddens me to see all the old small town theaters shut down and locked up looking so sad, falling apart at the seams, just from neglect. The building all boarded up, wasting away, crab grass growing in the cracks of cement and only the mice getting in.

I can see that old theater coming alive again. All the townspeople coming together and donating time to bring it back in shape. Fixing the wiring, painting the walls and cleaning up the interior. I see husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends coming together on a Saturday night and watching those old movie classics, forgetting the Mega Malls and the IMAX theaters and the digital sound. Let's go back in time, sit back and relax and throw all our cares away and remember, "It's a Wonderful Life."

P.S. Several small towns throughout the Midwest are pitching in and donating time and money to bring the theater back to the people. They also use the theater for meeting places or assemblies. Wouldn't that be great Clarkston?

Heidi McElfish is a freelance writer living in Clarkston. She majored in Creative writing and English Literature. Her motto is "Write from the Heart." Contact Heidi at heidi.lane@yahoo.com.

New store, more employees for Clarkston Cleaning

When Dawn Raffler opened Clarkston Cleaning Services in 2001, the business included her and her family, and advertising was a classified ad in *The Clarkston News*.

Now she has a 2,100-square-foot store front at 5880 Dixie Highway, 15 employees, and more than 160 clients throughout Clarkston, Waterford, and Davisburg.

"We've grown 35 percent over last year, thanks to the community," Raffler said. "People are working harder and they want a clean house."

Clarkston Cleaning, which earned Approved Verified Home Cleaner and Association of Residential Cleaning Services International's Residential Cleaning Seal of Excellence, moved from a home office to an 800-square-foot location on M-15 in 2007. They moved to Dixie Highway this past October.

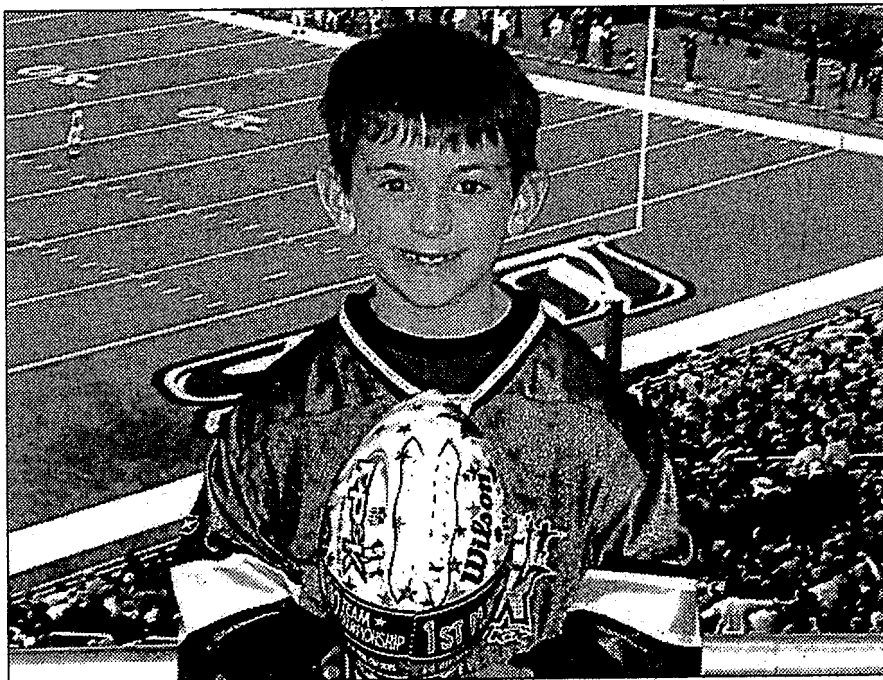
"Now we have room for training and meetings," she said. "Before, we would have it offsite or everyone would sit on the floor."

Working in three-person teams, team leader, junior team leader, and cleaning specialist, they meet every morning to go over new procedures and share ideas.

For the holiday season, they offer gift certificates and packages including house cleaning services and chocolate from Chocolate Moose.

For more information, call 248-620-9410 or check www.clarkstoncleaning.com.

- Phil Custodio



Congratulations State Champ!

Second-grader Tyler Gallagher won the NFL's Pass, Punt & Kick State Championship on Dec. 5.

The Independence Elementary student competed in the 6-7 year-old competition. For more information on Gallagher,

please see "Athlete of the Week: Ready for the Championship" from *The Clarkston News*' November 24 edition.

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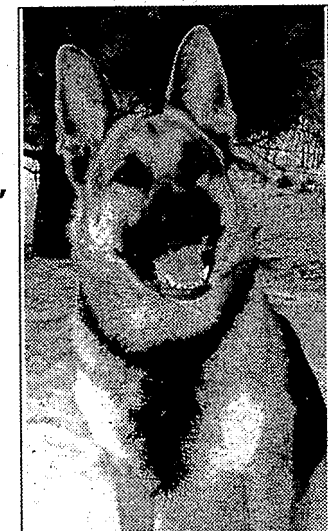
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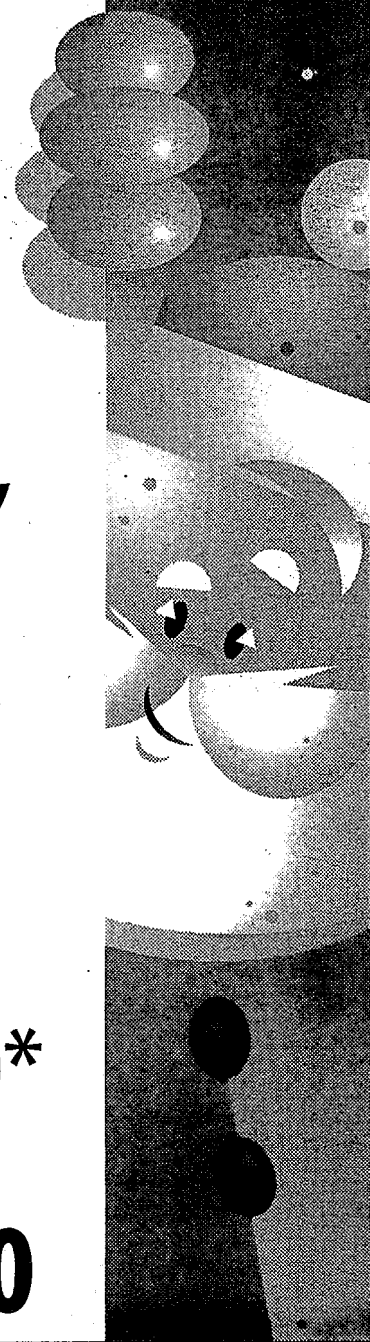
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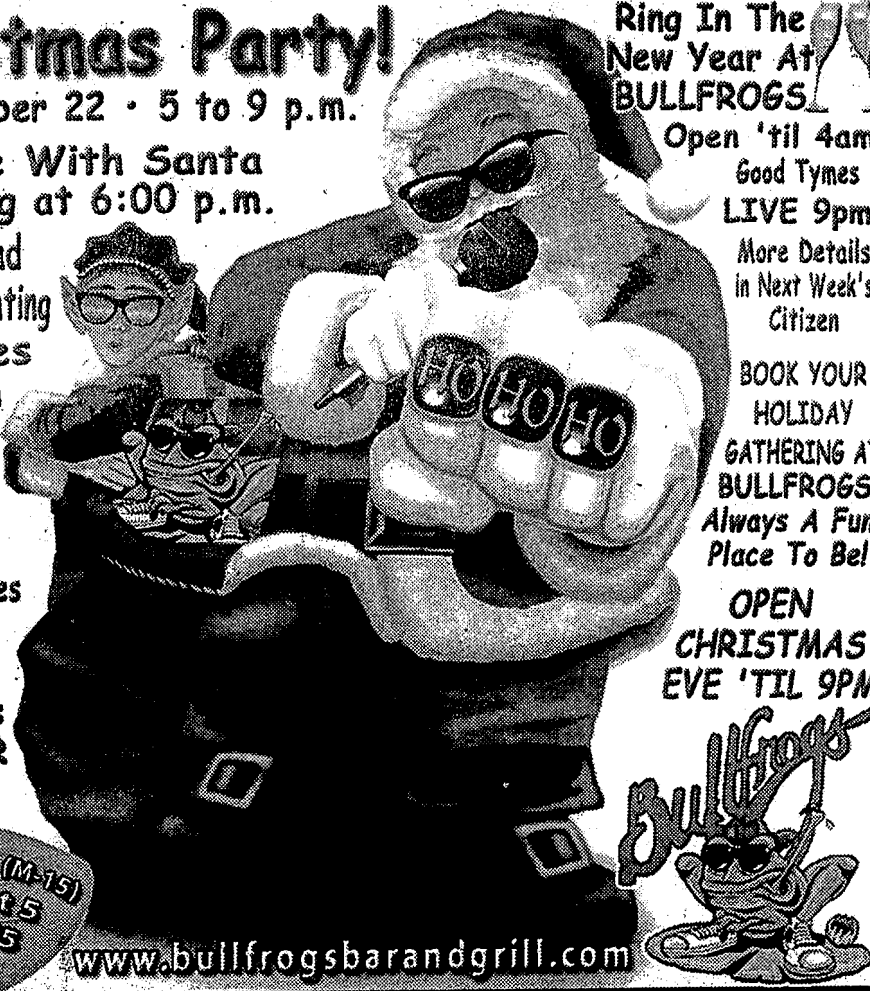
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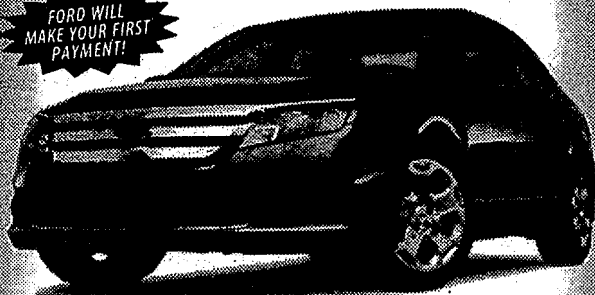
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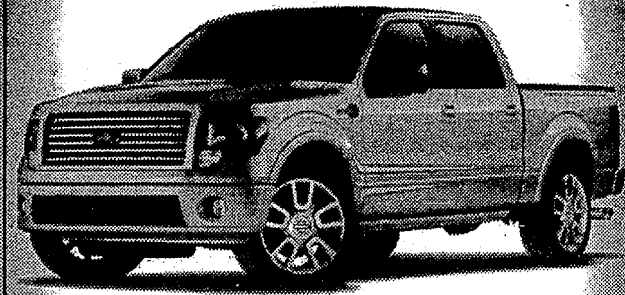
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F10494	2010 ESCAPE XLT 4WD	\$29,709	\$24,993
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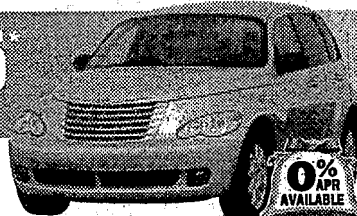
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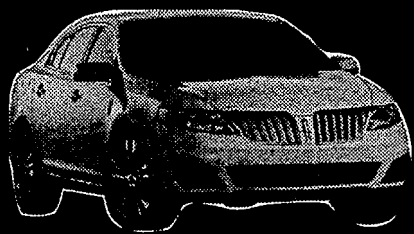
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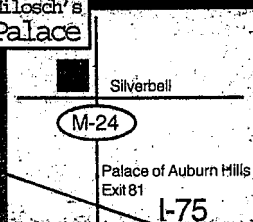
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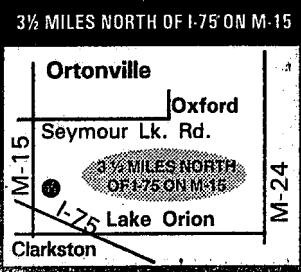
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