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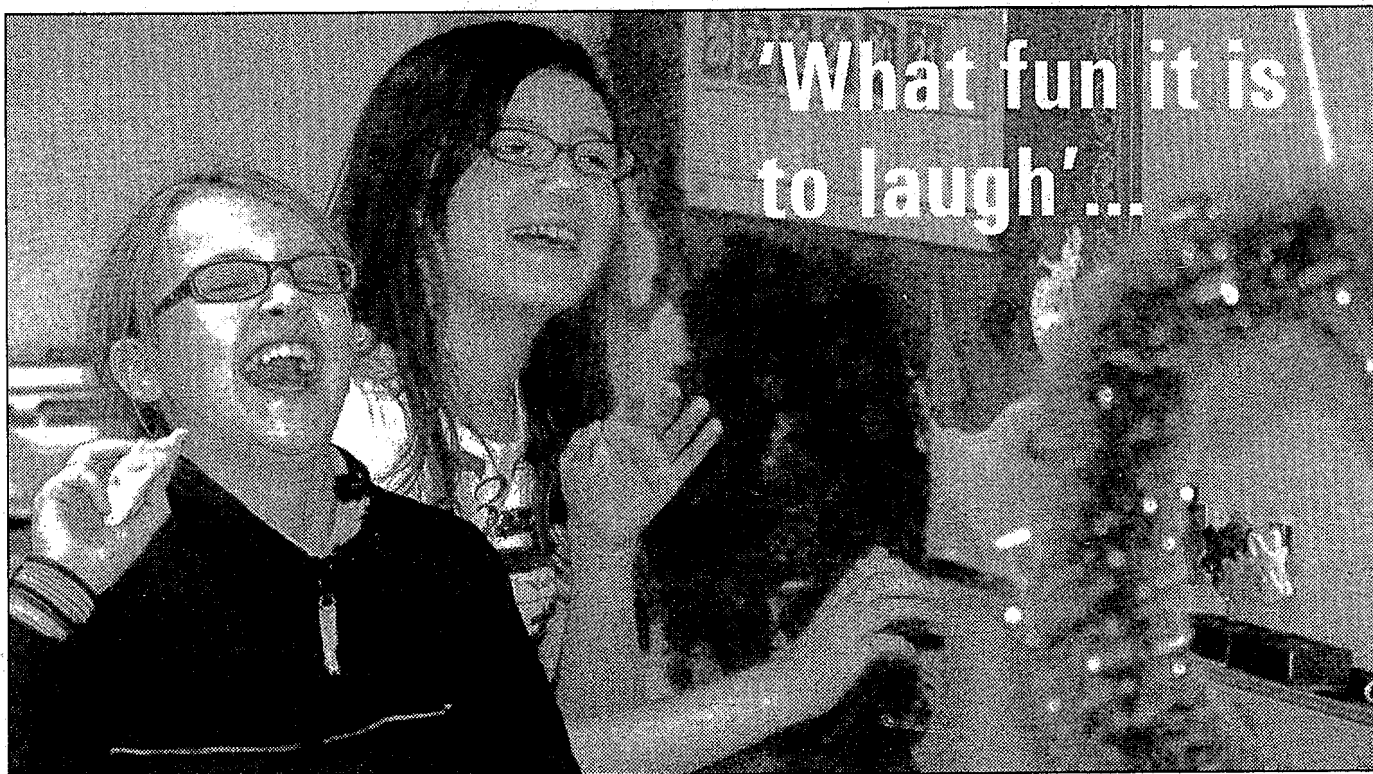
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Maddy Porter and Marissa Rodriguez share a laugh during the Wreath Bag Toss in Mrs. Wasik's fifth grade classroom during their holiday party at Andersonville Elementary on Dec. 16. For more photos, please see 4A. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Made it home for Christmas

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Jean Blazak of Independence Township got a Christmas wish, her son Nicholas Blazak, home on a 10-day leave.

"I haven't seen him in a year – it's nice to have him home for Christmas," Jean said.

"I'm going to try to smash everything into 10 days – see all my friends, sleep in my own bed, eat homecooked meals, eat at an American McDonalds," Nicholas said.

A sergeant in the U.S. Army, he is stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany with the Ninth Engineering Battalion, 172nd Infantry Brigade. The 2007 Clarkston High School graduate joined the army in April 2008, and worked as a cook at the Clarkston Union for three years before that.

"I joined because I wanted to do something, make a name for myself," he said. "It's great for those who don't know what they want to do after high school, which happened to me. A lot of family members were in the service."

"My side of the family is all military," said Jean, who volunteers with Michigan Military

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Nicholas Blazak

Snow shovel help available for seniors

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

'Tis the season for snow shoveling.

According to City Manager Dennis Ritter, city residents have 24 hours after a storm to clear their sidewalks.

For senior citizens or those physically unable to snow shovel, their sidewalks, or driveways, Ritter said there is help available, though they don't get very many calls.

"When that occurs, we've got people we

call. They'll go over there and shovel the snow for them," he said. "More often than not, family comes over and does it."

Ritter said he will send a "friendly reminder" concerning the sidewalk snow removal policy at the beginning of the New Year.

Ritter noted there is a lot of neighbors helping neighbors.

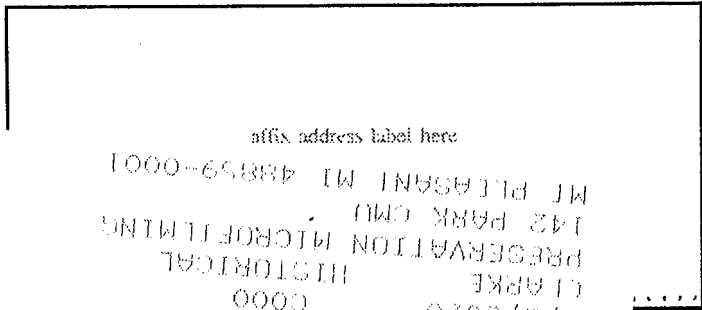
"We've seen that a lot because we keep an eye on a lot of these folks," he said. "We watch them and things like this, it's just a no-brainer

to (go over and help) shovel it."

Bridgewood Church, located at the corner of M-15 and Rattalee Lake Road, also reaches out to the community.

"We have had people from BWC volunteer to help some of our seniors and single mom's survive this heavy snow," said Sue Marquee, spiritual life pastor at Bridgewood. "We have also been doing something called 'Operation Blessing.'"

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Donors give gift of life

About 70 donors were expected to give the gift of life at the American Red Cross blood drive, Dec. 17, at Independence Township Fire Station number one.

"It's been nice and steady all day," said Ron Savage, Clarkston Area Lions Club volunteer. "We're a little bit ahead of goal at the moment."

About 35 donors gave blood by about 1:30 p.m., Savage said.

"This is something I've been doing since graduating high school (in 2006)," said donor Justin Clarke of Waterford. "I donate because I don't need it all, and to get the free cookies."

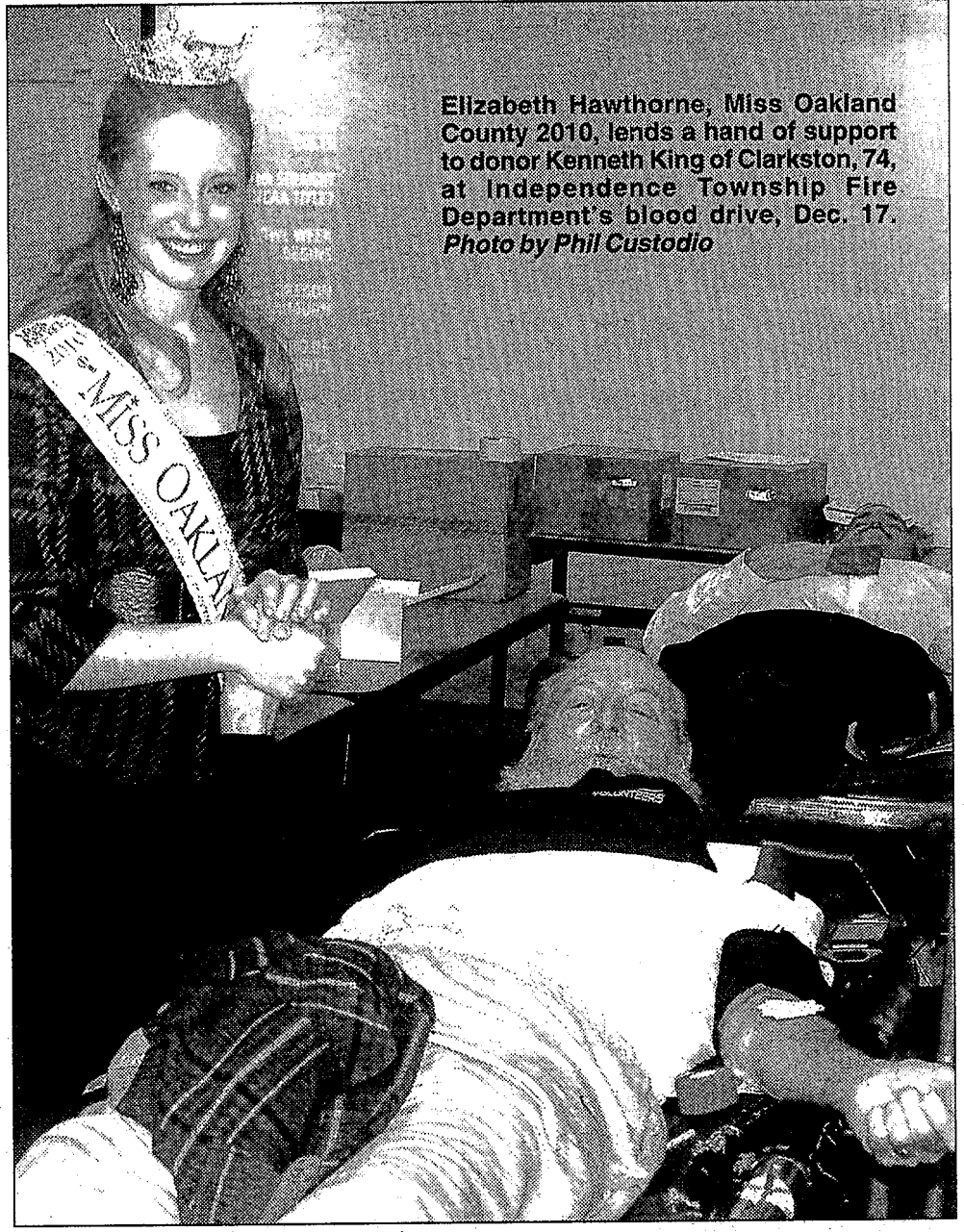
"Whenever it comes here, I give blood," said Kenneth King of Clarkston, 74, a donor for many years. "There's a great need for it in the community and in the world."

Volunteers, including Savage and Elizabeth Hawthorne, Miss Oakland County 2010, helped out all day.

"I can't donate - my iron is too low, so I volunteer," Hawthorne said. "It's going great. It's nice to help out."

"It looks like it's going very well - it always does," said Robert Cesario, Independence Township Fire Department. "There's never a lack of support from the community."

- Phil Custodio



Elizabeth Hawthorne, Miss Oakland County 2010, lends a hand of support to donor Kenneth King of Clarkston, 74, at Independence Township Fire Department's blood drive, Dec. 17. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Help's a call away

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Operation Blessing helps out single moms, widows, and families in crisis.

"Whether it's home or auto repair, an overdue bill, groceries, Christmas presents for a child, or a needed improvement. We want to be a blessing to our Bridgewood family," states the churches' website.

Theresa Gordon, head of Senior Services with Independence Township Senior Center, said senior citizens needing assistance with snow removal can call the center as well.

"I usually give them the phone numbers to contact the people and let them work it out what works best for them," Gordon said. "Pretty much with anything seniors will need I probably have some sort of resource I can refer them too."

Seniors needing snow removal assistance can call Senior Center at 248-625-8231. City residents can call city offices at 248-625-1559.

Briefly

Moratorium OK'd in Springfield

Springfield Township Board approved a 180-day medical marijuana moratorium, Dec. 1.

Approved in concept at the board's November meeting, township attorney Greg Need prepared a moratorium resolution. The resolution was approved unanimously.

During the moratorium, township planners will investigate how to regulate medical marijuana use and facilities.

In November 2008, voters approved the citizen-initiated law Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, passed by 63 percent of Michigan voters.

In Springfield Township, voters approved the law, with 4,839 voting yes, 62.41 percent, and 2,915 voting no, 37.59 percent.

Holiday hours

The Clarkston News will be closed at noon, Dec. 24 for Christmas, and noon, Dec. 31, for New Year's.

For more information, call 248-625-3370.

Winter workshop at Indian Springs

Indian Springs Metropark hosts Winter Survival Workshop, 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Environmental Discovery Center off White Lake Road.

Topics include how to make a fire, find water to build an emergency shelter to keep warm, and other survival techniques.

Fee is \$5 per person. Preregistration required.

For more information, call 248-625-6640.

Attention businesses

What are you doing to stimulate the local economy – *The Clarkston News* wants to know. Stop by at 5 S. Main Street, call 248-625-3370, or email Clarkstonnews@gmail.com.



Christina Calka, owner of the new Village Fashion Boutique, offers Brighton Collectables, Not Your Daughter's Jeans, Chalet, Geography Sweaters, Vovelo, Big Buddha, and other gift ideas. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Look local for last-minute gifts

Time's almost up for Christmas-gift procrastinators. Downtown Clarkston business can help, offering unique gift ideas and personal service.

The Union General, 50 S. Main Street, offers a box of festively packaged cupcakes for a charming holiday hostess gift, said Ann Stevenson, owner.

Flavors of the season include: chocolate with rum egg nog icing, gingerbread with cinnamon buttercream and red velvet with cream cheese icing.

"The Thymes legendary Frazier Fir candles, diffusers, soaps and lotions al-

ways add to the spirit of the season by appealing to our most indulgent sides," Stevenson said. "They're perfect and practical, yet pampering gifts."

Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, offers a basketful of Michigan to give as a gift.

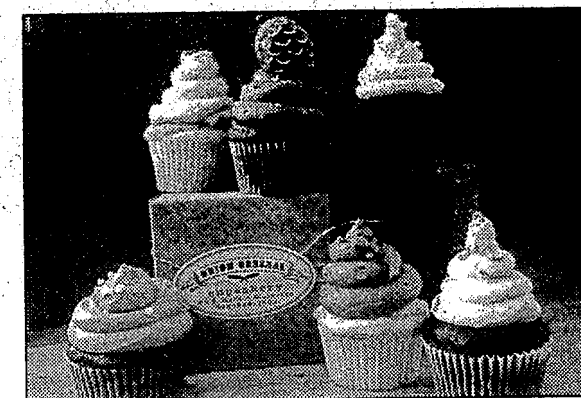
"We'll put together a gift basket for you filled with Michigan-made products," said Theodora Morgan, owner. "We have a wide variety of items available in the store including Clarkston's own Chocolate Moose, Great Lakes Coffee Roasters and Spirit cards by Marilyn.



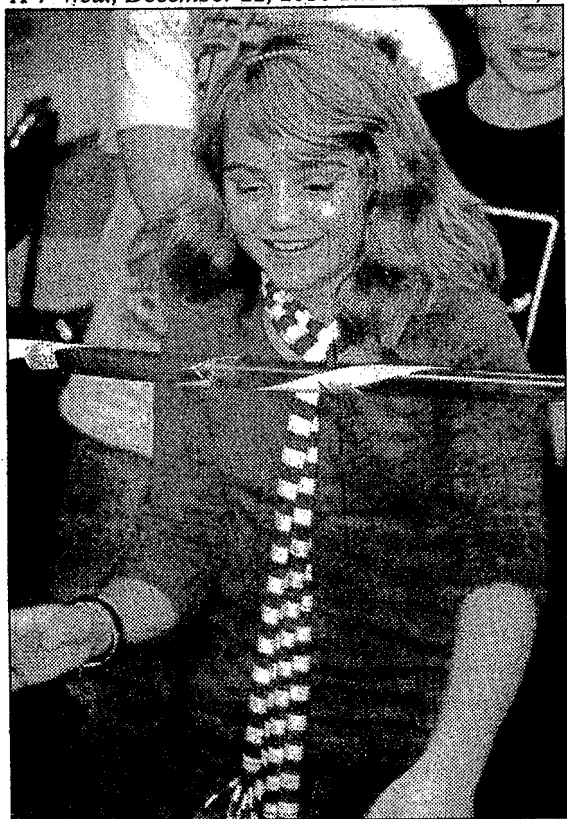
KH Home, 6 N. Main Street, offers stuffed animals, books, candles, fragrances, wine glasses, soaps, handbags, pottery, French perfumes, and other items for the home.



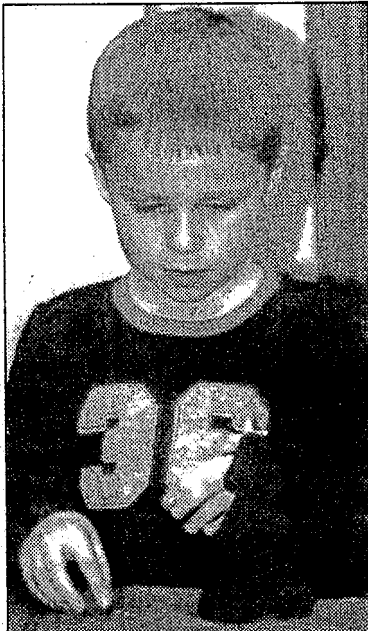
Gift baskets at Essence on Main are filled with Michigan-made products.



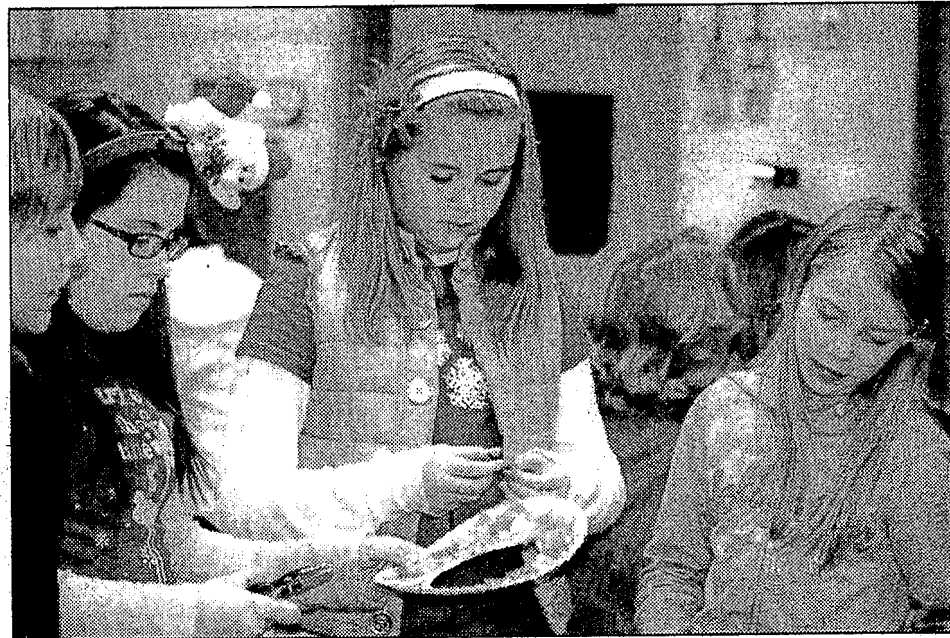
Union General's holiday cupcakes make a great last-minute gift.



Marie Zangara jokes with her classmates to bring the candy cane limbo bar higher.



Luke Ball puts one more gem on the tree.



Bailey Cavender, Melissa Comstock, Anna Walker and Maddy Upton-Lee create wreaths with paper plates and construction paper.

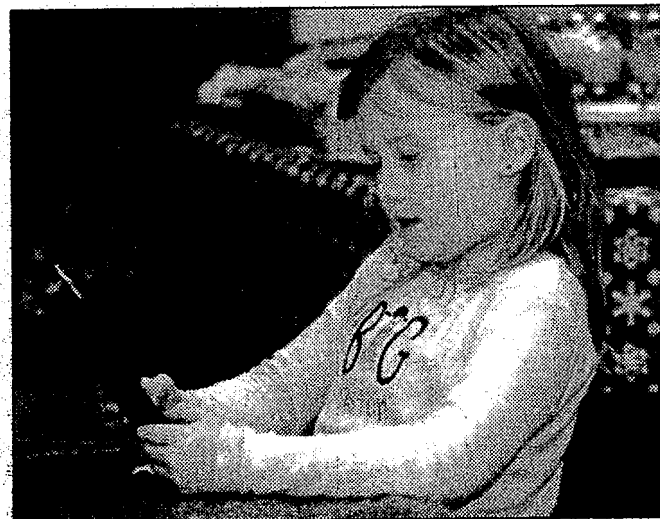
It's beginning to look like...

The hallways were dark as strings of Christmas lights hung on the ceiling guided the way for students, staff, and parents throughout Andersonville Elementary, Dec. 16. Each hallway led to a different classroom, each having fun with holiday games, treats and crafts.

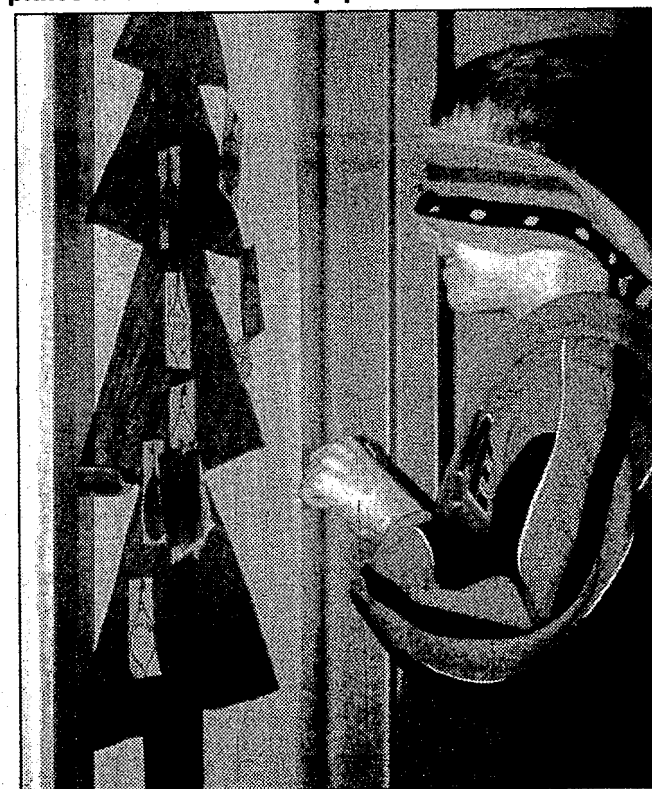
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Annika Mancini colors her ornament.



Madison Schoeneweg contemplates adding more.



Missing his sense of eyesight, Owen Herzenstiel finds a spot for his ornament.

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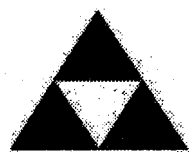
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Factors That May Cause Cancer

Researchers have identified a number of factors that may contribute to the development of oral cancer. The most common are the use of tobacco and alcohol. Others include poor oral hygiene, irritation caused by ill-fitting dentures and rough surfaces on teeth, poor nutrition, some chronic infections including human papilloma virus (HPV), and combinations of these factors.

Studies have also shown that the death rate from oral cancer is about four times higher for cigarette smokers than nonsmokers. It is also widely believed in the medical field that the heat generated by smoking pipes and cigars irritates the mouth and can lead to lip cancer.

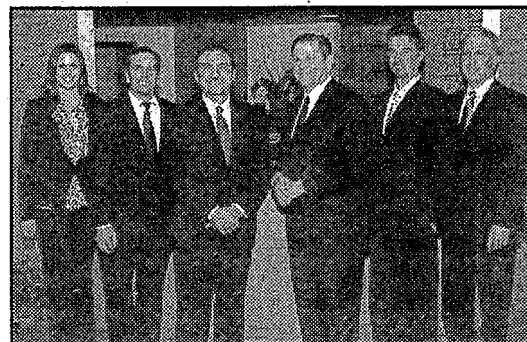
While those considered high risk for developing oral cancer are heavy drinkers and smokers, younger patients who use smokeless tobacco and snuff are also being diagnosed in significantly growing numbers. In addition, HPV infection has been noted in tongue cancers in young patients, some of whom are not smokers.

Early Detection and Treatment Provide a Better Chance for Cure

Summit Oral Surgery recommends that everyone perform an oral cancer self-exam each month. If you are at high risk for oral cancer — smoker, consumer of alcohol, user of smokeless tobacco, or snuff — you should see your general dentist or oral and maxillofacial surgeon for regular oral exams.

If the surgeon agrees that something looks suspicious, a biopsy may be recommended. During a biopsy, your oral surgeon will remove a piece of the suspicious tissue and send it to a

pathology laboratory for a microscopic examination that will accurately diagnose the problem. The biopsy report



not only helps establish a diagnosis; it also enables the doctor to develop a specific plan of treatment. In many cases, treatment is preceded by obtaining special

imaging studies such as a positron emission tomography / computed tomography (PET/CT) scan.

Perform a Self-Exam Monthly Using a bright light and a mirror:

- Remove any dentures
- Look and feel inside the lips and the front of gums
- Tilt head back to inspect and feel the roof of your mouth
- Pull the cheek out to see its inside surface as well as the back of gums
- Pull out your tongue and look at all of its surfaces
- Feel for lumps or enlarged lymph nodes (glands) in both sides of the neck including under the lower jaw

Look for:

- White patches, called leukoplakia
- Red patches (erythroplakia)
- Red and white patches (erythroleukoplakia)
- Sore(s) that fail to heal and bleed easily
- Abnormal lumps or thickening of the tissues
- Chronic sore throat or hoarseness
- Difficulty in chewing or swallowing
- A mass or lump in the neck

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

Scroogey thoughts

The other night I sat down with my family to watch Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" (we like the George C. Scott version).

As I sat there watching, it got me thinking, what it would be like if the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present, and Future paid me a visit? Would I like what was revealed of my life?

When I reflect upon my past I am filled with great memories, but there are definitely some things I wish I would have done differently. I wondered what the outcome would have been if I would have made a different choice in certain circumstances. Of course the lessons of the past can help me in my present and future.

I understand not everyone has had a "pleasant past," but I do not think one can move forward until they've come to terms with their past, both good or bad and living in "the good ole days" doesn't benefit your present or get you an further ahead.

Despite the present circumstances of a down economy, highest unemployment rate, crime increase, and everything else that seems terrible. I still believe there is joy to be found in every day. A simple gesture of kindness or "goodwill towards men" can go a long way.

Does that mean being cheerful is going to magically make the economy start up, or get you that job you've hoping for? Not necessarily, but domino affect of a good attitude is amazing.

As far as the future, well like the past I think it's not something to cling on to, but it is important to have a hope and a vision.

Do you think if you were able to see into the future you would like the person you became or do you need to change the course of your present to make way for a better and brighter future?

As you sit down to celebrate Christmas with your family take a few moments to evaluate your life may you "live in the spirit" of past, present and future and not shut out the lessons they teach, but like Scrooge "honor Christmas in your heart and try to keep it all year long."

Merry Christmas!



A call for more budget attention

Dear Editor,

When I read "Police fund draining Springfield savings," page 1A, Dec. 15, regarding Springfield Township's budgets, I couldn't quite believe it!

Didn't Springfield Township Parks and Recreation get a dedicated millage passed recently for continued funding separate from the township's general fund?

I voted "no" on the proposal because there were no assurances that parks and rec would live within their millage funding and not seek additional funds from the general fund.

Here it is only a few months later and, sure enough, \$85,000 has been allocated from the general fund to repave basketball and tennis courts. This is absurd! Surely, there are more important areas that need funding. I think basic services – police, fire, roads, etc. – should be secured first and any excess funds saved for the coming rainy day in 2012. I was glad to see at least Mike Trout voted no.

I also don't understand the following info in the article: "The millage is expected to bring in \$428,500 increasing revenues from

\$565,500 in 2010 to \$671,000 in 2011" (ed. note: \$565,000 was what was budgeted for 2010 – actual revenue was \$496,683).

With a 2000 Census population of 13,338 people, that implies parks and rec will get more than \$50 for each man, woman and child who live in Springfield Township. If parks and rec cannot live within their tax revenue then other options should be considered:

- Get new parks and rec management and staff that can live within revenues;
- Pay to play – increase fees for those who use the facilities; and
- Reduce services.

It was interesting that an adjacent article in the same paper detailed cuts in the Independence Township Parks and Rec budget and future program cuts.

I haven't paid much attention to Springfield Township's budgeting process nor attended monthly board meetings, but maybe I should since that is some of my money that is going to be laid down on the basketball and tennis courts and I don't play either. Surely this budget needs to be revisited.

*John Olsen
Springfield Township*

Thanks for marching band help

Dear Editor,

Clarkston High School Marching Band Directors, students and families wish to thank: The *Clarkston News*, John Bowman Chevrolet, Big Boy on Dixie Highway, Chocolate Moose, Waterford Elks Club, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, Kroger, Via Bologna, Leo's Coney Island, Qdobas, Culver's, Tropical Smoothie and members of the community for their support and contributions toward the upcoming trip to London, England.

The tireless efforts of these businesses

and individuals have helped reduce the cost of the trip for the students, ship instruments, provide public transportation cards and expenses related to the trip. It is wonderful to belong to a community that takes an interest in the students and helps support their efforts.

Please tune into live coverage of the parade on New Year's Day, 2011, and watch as the band represents their hometown!

*Julie Moore
Independence Township*

Reader spots British flag faux pas

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the Clarkston High School Matching Band on the invitation to participate in the Silver Anniversary Parade in London.

The *Clarkston News* supplement we received in the mail box today is nicely done. HOWEVER, us Brits would appreciate it if the Union Jack in the photo on page 2A was the right way up! The flag is upside down, which is a sign of distress!

At the flag pole end, the one with the eyelets, the broad white diagonal band – the white cross of Saint Andrew of Scotland or the background of the flag of Saint Patrick of Ireland – should be at the top, above the red

diagonal, not below the red diagonal.

Keep up the good work. We know how hard the students in the marching band work as our oldest grand daughter plays tenor sax in the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, so congratulations to them all, and we know they will have an enjoyable trip. London is a great city.

*Michael & Suzanne Royce,
Independence Township*

Ed note: Not a difficult mistake to make. A quick Google search turned up a Feb. 3, 2009, BBC story of the British government displaying a its own flag upside down during a ceremony involving their prime minister and the Chinese premier.

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1995

"Health, not just for the big kids anymore" Pine Knob Elementary health teacher Al Craven put on a fake mustache and glasses and did his best Alex Trebek for his students. Eric Moss, Justin Anderson, and classmates tested their health knowledge in the quiz-show activity.

"Modernize Christmas? No way!"

Angie Regiani played a TV reporter interviewing Brandon Hampton's Santa Claus in Clarkston Elementary's Christmas play.

"A fun spin on physics" Chuck Keegan, Clarkston Middle School science teacher, invited Dr. Zeemo, Paul Kyprie, to demonstrate scientific principles using yo-yos, tops, boomerangs, hula-hoops, and other spinning toys.

25 years ago - 1985

"Jolly good!" Matt Gruber, Angela Bradley, Jared Landry and fellow second graders at Andersonville Elementary decorated their classroom in old English style, based on "A Christmas Carol" and "12 Days of Christmas." The celebrated with British snacks and games.

"Rotary, Edison argue over street decorations" Detroit Edison officials objected to being characterized as "Scrooge" in its dispute with Clarkston Rotary over power outlets on lightpoles. The club needed them to decorate the poles with Christmas lights, while the utility didn't want to overburden the streetlight system.

"Holiday play" John Chalawich played Santa at Pine Knob Elementary's "Wake Up, Santa Claus" show, with the help of Jami Makuch, Sheila Spencer, Michael Schorsch, Kelly Peters, Rusty Pawley, and classmates.

"1986 budget passed by Independence Township" The township approved its \$5 million budget.

50 years ago - 1960

"Seymour Lake news" Mrs. Lottie King enjoyed a rabbit dinner at the home of her nephew, Mead Myers.

"Party sets Christmas mood" Little Marcia Johnson, aged 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson, entertained a few of her friends at a Holiday Party, with fancy little cupcakes, hot cocoa, and Christmas Carols.

"Clarkston local" Mr. and Mrs. George Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Duncan drove to Mt. Clemens for a get-together with former school friends.

Christmas home at risk, reader says

Dear Editor,

As you sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" this Christmas, pray for the followers of Jesus who live there.

According to IfAmericansKnew.org, they are surrounded by a 25-foot wall and militarized fences, making modern Bethlehem a virtual prison. The modern state of Israel confiscated almost all agricultural land in the area for

settlements, illegal under international law, making it impossible for many Palestinian farmers to tend their own land.

I saw this again this past Easter, my seventh time in the Holy Land since 1979. Pray with me for Christians in Bethlehem this Christmas.

Pastor Bob Walters
Clarkston

Some wanted bbguns; camera for me

Cameras have always fascinated me. I have cameras all over the house. Some work, some don't and they come in all shapes and sizes. Some have polished wood and brass mechanisms. Some fold up into a big leather box, others have metal casings or plastic parts. But, they are all fascinating. (Well, I used to have all sorts, now I have less, since being broken into last fall, but that is another column.)

I like the way cameras look, I like the way they sound -- well, the way they used to sound before everything went electronic. On the old cameras the sound of the shutter shutting, internal mirrors flapping, springs and gears doing their thing came together with a single harmonious "click." And, depending on the sound of that click, you could tell if your old mechanical camera was set correctly. If it sounded right, chances were the picture would turn out okay.

The newfangled computer gizmos all take good pictures. They're handy, can fit in your pocket and they look nifty (when's the last time you read that word?), but I still like the heaviness of an old 35 mm resting in my left palm. I love putting the camera to my left eye, seeing the frame filled with the moment I'm trying to capture, focusing and taking the shot.

When this love affair with the camera began, I cannot recall, but I do remember writing Santa the winter of 1968, asking for one. I remember Santa coming through in the clutch with a shiny new plastic Mickey Mouse Head Camera.

Man, that was a magical Christmas!

That was the year I actually saw Santa's sleigh being pulled by Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. It was Christmas Eve. Sometime around midnight the Rush Clan's 1965 tan Buick Skylark pulled up in front of the red-brick and white sided home on the corner of Berwyn and Orangelawn. Myself and sister Barb were asleep in the back seat. Baby Patricia was just as asleep in Mom's arms. (Yes kids, as strange as it may seem there was a time when the roads were so safe, that nobody used seatbelts, car seats or any other device to prevent injury.)

When Dad picked me up to take me inside I can remember opening my eyes. It was cold and crisp. There was snow on the ground but it was a clear, clear night. I looked up at the stars in the darkness, and right there, way above our Redford Township home, I saw a tiny red light flying. Rudolph. It had to be. Airplane, no it

couldn't be. I was five, so Santa it was.

I told Dad I saw Santa (which was a good thing, because earlier in the night Grandpa McDonald said if Rudolph landed on his roof he'd shoot him for Christmas dinner). Dad said we had to hurry up and get inside and to sleep so St. Nick wouldn't pass us by. I don't know if I stayed awake a moment longer. I do remember getting up before the sun, rousing Barb out of the bed below mine and running to the front room to see if indeed Santa had passed us by.

Up to the Christmas tree we ran, and there in the early morning darkness we stood in amazement. Presents! Beautiful presents, all packaged in red and green paper. Maybe we were giggling too loud, or excitedly singing praises to the big guy in red. Whatever the case of our merriment, Dad staggered out of his and Mom's bedroom and out into the hallway.

"Go back to bed, it's too early to open presents," he mumbled and staggered back into his cave.

Whether Barb, 4 and I heeded our father's words, I can't say. I do know, when it was finally time to open presents we went at it with gusto.

Fervent believers in the power of Santa (Christmas ... Christ the son of God ... Jesus who?) ripping through colored paper and cellophane tape for the promised treasures within...

I can honestly say, I do not remember any other present Santa left for me that year, save for the plastic Mickey Mouse Head camera. I still have the camera (it survived the home invasion, 2nd degree). And, some of the pictures I took that Christmas. I remember Dad stopping the Buick at a store to get flash cubes and 120 film for my camera, before making our way down to Grandma Rush's Detroit home.

Like I said, I still have some of the pictures. There's the one of Uncle Gene drinking a beer by the fireplace. There's the one of Aunt Pat drinking a beer in the dining room. There's the one of Grandma sitting daintily, a cold yellow brew in a clear glass tilted to her lips.

I also remember being lectured by Dad for the over-enthusiastic use of my new camera.

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush



Merry Christmas From the grandkids

When we first started this Jim's Jottings holiday tradition, the two grandchildren pictured on the wall (Dan and Karen Offer) were small enough to fit on my knees. It was 1988. Dan was 3-years-old and Karen was four-months-old. In that first picture, Karen had no hair, I had more and I still wore a suit and tie to work every day. Now they are grown and living out west and I only wear a tie if the occasion arises. They are the children of our daughter Luan and her husband, Bob Offer. Karen's a ski instructor in Vail, CO; Dan's in accounting in Cheyenne, WY.

Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming

fine young people. The Speed siblings holiday tradition, the two grandchildren standing behind me is Savannah, 15 with her beagle, Brodie. Next to me are the twins, Haley and Trevor, 11. Their proud parents are our daughter Susan and her husband, Tim Speed.

In 1988, I wrote, "From time to time their names appear in Jottings and I thought you might like to see who we're writing about." These days, I sometimes mention m'dog Shayna. That's her between Trev and me..

While situations, and stations have changed in the 22 years since 1988, some things do not change. We still find more joy in giving than in receiving and me and the grandkids still wish you a Merry Christmas!

-- Jim Sherman, Sr.

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Ex-employees challenge City DPW director

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

According to ex-employees, officials should keep a closer eye on the City of the Village of Clarkston's Department of Public Works Director Bob Pursley.

Callers and letter writers to *The Clarkston News* made claims that have had the local rumor mills turning for months. With that in mind, we took them to City Manager Dennis Ritter to set the record straight.

According to one source, seven years ago Pursley had a city owned welder, roughly valued at \$2,500 to \$3,000, delivered to his house in Richfield by city employees with the city vehicle.

"From my understanding he was called out on having the welder which also from my understanding just showed back up in the city after seven years with no recourse," said the ex-employee. "If I would have taken that welder for seven years I would have been fired for theft and probably charged with a felony."

Ritter said he "couldn't speak to the past ... all I know is the welder is over there," indicating the DPW garage.

Another source claims the DPW director makes a salary around \$25,000-\$30,000 a year

City will record meetings

Third time's a charm for Charles Inabnit.

At its Dec. 13 meeting, City of the Village of Clarkston Council voted to recording meetings. The Jan. 10, 2011 meeting will be the first recorded.

Councilman Inabnit pushed for recording city meetings, and placed the issue on two previous agendas -- each time discussions went nowhere.

Council voted 6-1 to approve Inabnit's motion, at a cost not to exceed \$300. The \$300 will cover the cost to purchase a microphone and computer software to be installed on the city clerk/treasurer's computer. Councilman Richard Bisio voted "no," stating he did not believe

money was properly allocated.

"Unless there is something that's actually in the budget today from which the \$300 can come, I don't think it's proper for the city to be spending the money," he said.

The recordings will be placed on the city's website for 90 days. After 90 days they will be stored permanently on a thumb drive. Recordings are for educational purposes only and not official meeting minutes.

"My whole intent for recording was to bring more people into the meetings who can't always be here (and) let them know what's going on," Inabnit said.

-- By Trevor Keiser

but only works an average of 10 days a month.

For the record, Pursley's contract with the city says he is part-time and paid bi-weekly, a salary of \$21,222 a year.

"The employee's part-time work hours will

be established bi-weekly by the city manager in conjunction with the employee's availability," Ritter said. "He coordinates the entire DPW operation with the other two part-time employees. When he is on duty at the (Independence Township) fire station,

he leaves tasks and jobs for the two part-timers to do."

Pursley doesn't receive any fringe benefits such as overtime, dental, or medical, but he does receive mileage for the use of his personal vehicle.

Ritter said Pursley used to receive \$300 a month for fuel, oil and wear and tear on his car, but two years ago the council took away the \$300 and starting reimbursing him 55 cents a mile for city business.

Sources say Pursley collects for 17-25 miles on his vehicle, which they consider high mileage for trips around a city which is only a half square mile.

"He doesn't get paid for driving here or leaving here to come and go from home," Ritter said. "It's not unusual for him to go pick up parts, go to Ace (Hardware), and go to Costco."

Ritter called the information "old news," but the ex-city employees beg to differ.

"It's time the council starts questioning these things or maybe even the city manager - it's time for change. The city needs to get rid of the director of the DPW and his over pay of salary and mileage reimbursement and lack of work ethic," said a letter written to the *Clarkston News*.

Hometown vet faces re-enlistment choice

Continued from page 1A

tary Moms, sending care packages, sewing quilts, and hosting events. "He was always into army stuff. It didn't surprise me when he enlisted."

Nicholas, 22, completed basic and advanced training as a combat engineer in August 2008, and deployed to Iraq that December.

Stationed at Forward Operating Base Kalsu, about an hour south of Baghdad, duties included truck convoys and route clearance.

"It was pretty easy -- we found one or two improvised explosive devices, not a lot," he said. "We called EOD to deal with it."

For construction missions, he drove an M9 Armored Combat Earthmover, a type of bulldozer.

His Iraqi tour of duty ended on Nov. 15, 2009. Now stationed

in Germany, his unit is training for deployment to Afghanistan in 2011.

Promoted to sergeant, E-5, after two-and-a-half years of service, he works as company training NCO. Soon he will have to decide whether to re-enlist.

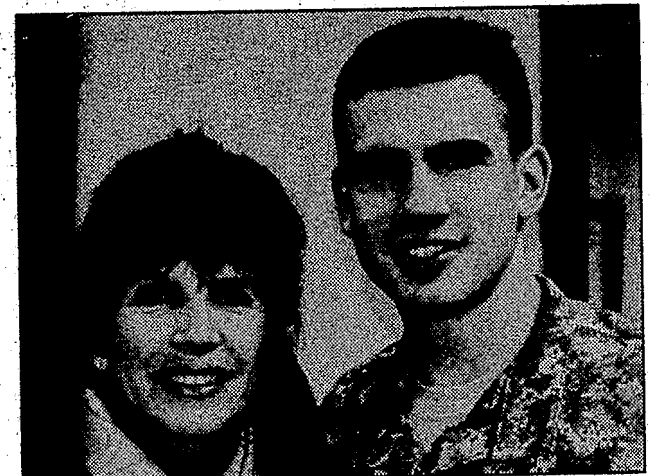
"My choice is to stay here or deploy," he said.

Jean will be proud of him either way.

"I'll support whatever his choice will be -- he's served his country," she said. "He's a grown man, a soldier now. He can make his own decision."

After his service, his plans include college and a career with computer programming, graphic design, or with Homeland Security.

Nicholas moved to Independence Township with his parents, Jean and the late Thomas Blazak, about 16 years ago.



Sgt. Nicholas Blazak, with his mother Jean Blazak, is home on leave. Photo by Phil Custodio

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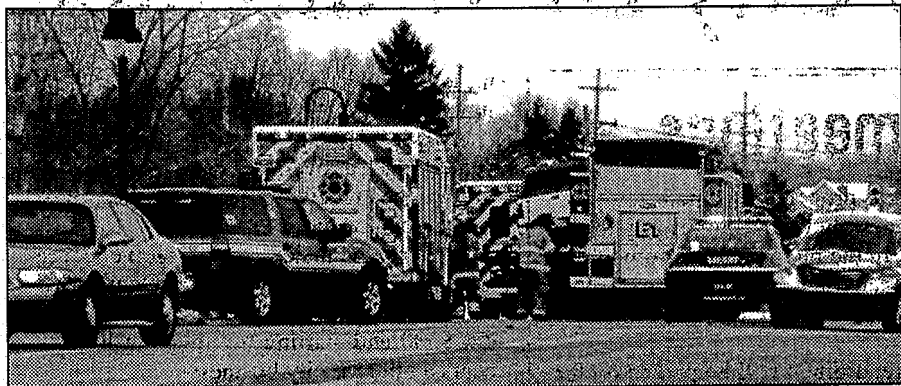
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Clearing the damage

Independence Township firefighters and Oakland County sheriff's deputies clear a car crash on M-15 at I-75, which snarled rush-hour traffic, Monday morning. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

Public Safety

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

Illegal shortcut

A deputy waiting to turn onto southbound Sashabaw Road from Clarkston Road watched a car pull into a convenience store parking lot from Clarkston Road, speed through without stopping, and pull onto Sashabaw, 8:40 a.m., Dec. 1. He stopped the 32-year-old Independence Township man, whose vehicle had no license plate, only an expired paper one. The driver explained he was on probation, and was late to his first visit with his circuit court probation officer. He was cited for cutting through the parking lot and no proof of insurance, with warrant sought for repeat driving with a suspended license.

Identity theft

A Dixie Highway resident found someone used his debit card to purchase about \$70 in advertising in Australia, Dec. 9. He canceled the card.

Move that trailer

Deputies cited a 28-year-old Pontiac man with littering when he failed to remove a trailer loaded with junk, parked in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, Dec. 9. After 48 hours, the trailer was towed away.

Lights out

A 17-year-old Waterford Township girl drove by a deputy with her headlights off, 11:08 p.m., Dec. 9, at Dixie and Waterford Road. She was cited for not having a driver's license, and given a warning for the headlights.

Home invasion

Someone entered a home in the 5000 block of Parkwood Boulevard, Dec. 10, went through a dresser and closet, and took jewelry. There were no signs of forced entry.

Tased a second time

A 31-year-old Clarkston man was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after a fight in a Sashabaw Road restaurant, 11:49 p.m., Dec. 11. Kicked out by bouncers for refusing to pay his tab, breaking a glass, and other unruly behavior, he started pushing patrons standing outside to smoke. A responding deputy told him to stop, pulling his Taser and grabbing the back of his shirt. The suspect took off running, and the deputy tased him, hitting him in his lower back. He tried to get up, and the deputy tased him again. Checked out by Independence Township firefighters, he was cited and jailed.

Too many drinks

A deputy noticed a car parked with lights on and engine running in the 7000 block of Ortonville Road, 3:09 a.m., Dec. 11. The driver looked unconscious. The Flint man, on his way home after drinking vodka and beer at a reunion in Detroit, said he was tired and pulled over to sleep. He had a .11 blood alcohol level, and was arrested for drunk driving.

Stolen credit

Someone used an Independence Township resident's credit card to buy airline tickets, Dec. 12. The resident canceled the card.

- Phil Custodio

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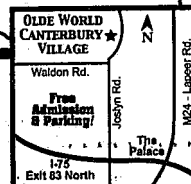
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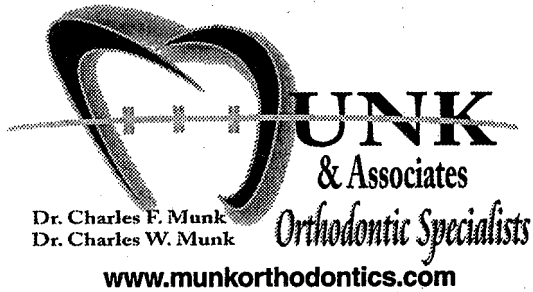
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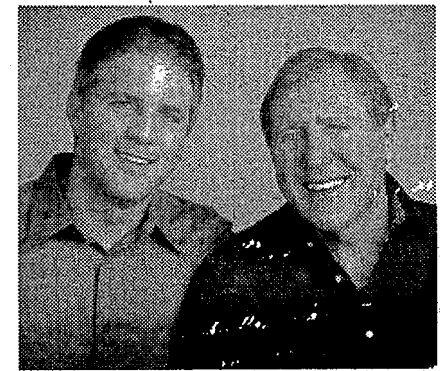
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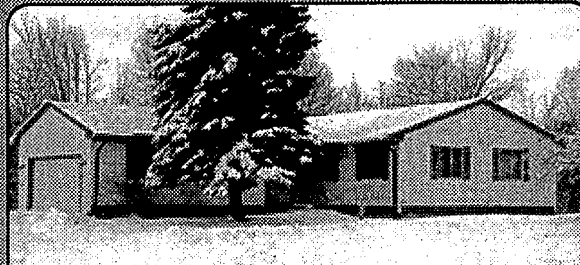
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Allison Phillips cleans her craft area before she moves on to the next fun activity.

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In each classroom, they were eating, creating and making a rhyme.

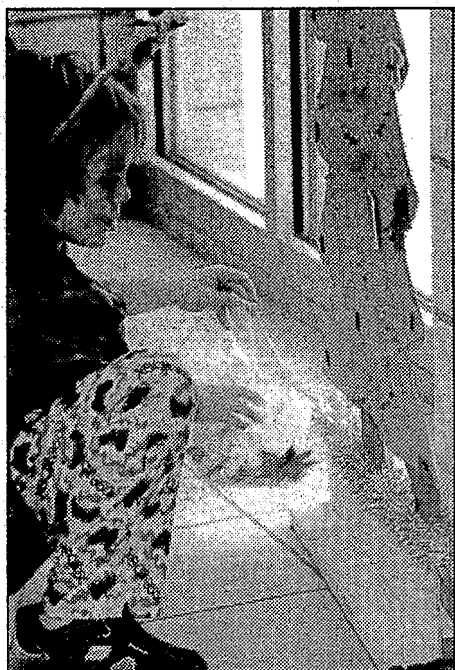
The fourth and fifth graders were busy down their halls - racing, giggling and hav-

ing a ball.

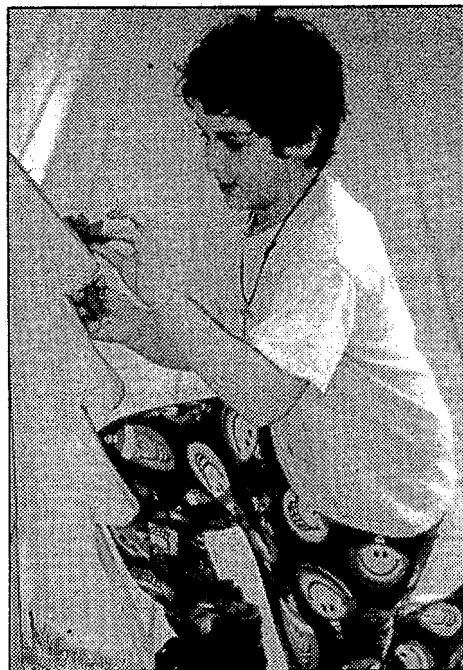
But soon it was time to leave, filled with food and merriment in all.

The students exclaimed as they went out of sight, Happy Holidays to all and jokingly added because they are so bright, see you next year.

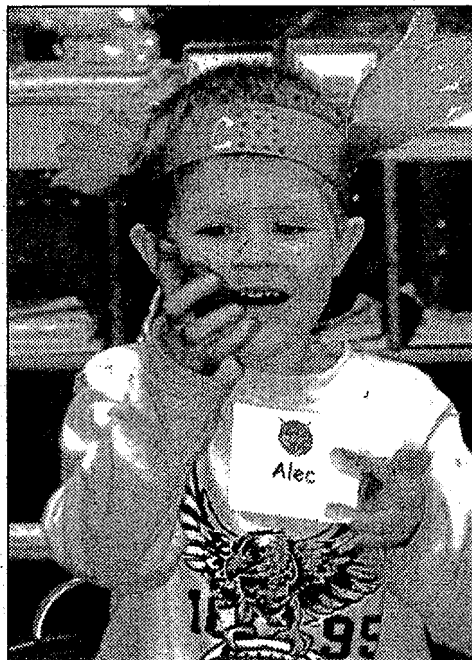
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Donny Jasurda and Roman Carnell race in the fourth grade relay.



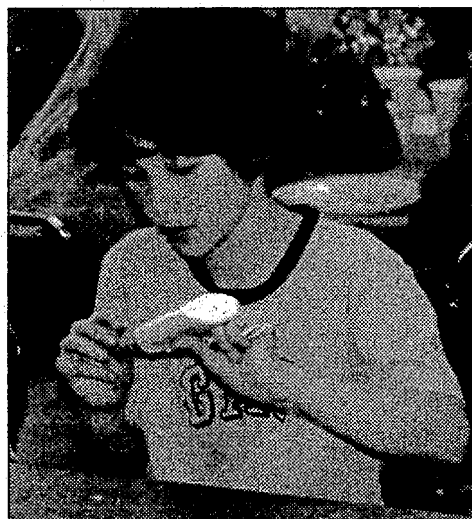
Luke Baylis scoops special marshmallows for his snowman soup recipe in Mr. Lamb's third-grade class.



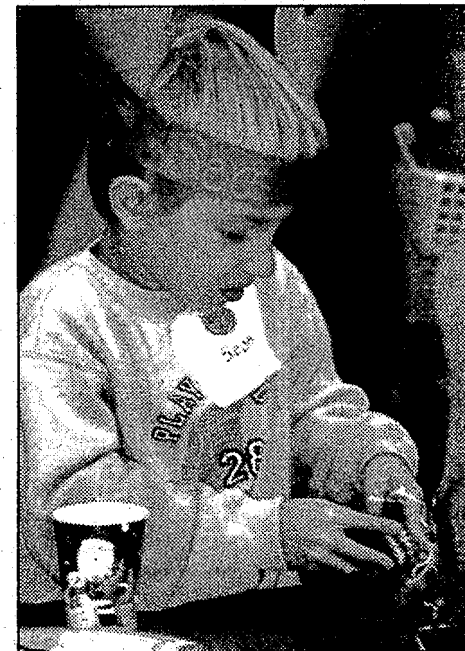
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Sean Trador takes his new yo-yo out of the package.

Growing pains in first loss

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers grouped at the set of baskets on the northend of the Clarkston High School gym on Monday morning.

As practice wound down the boys took shots at the rim focusing on putting their first loss behind them.

The weather had pushed back their originally scheduled game against Carman-Ainsworth to last Wednesday, where the boys lost 44-38.

"Maybe we were a little full of ourselves after the St. Mary's win (on Dec. 10)," said Dan Fife, long-time Wolves Boys Varsity Head Coach. "Carman switched their defenses a lot and a lot was thrown at us. We didn't adjust well."

With a few days to reflect Fife admitted it was good for the team and the loss was now out of the way.

"It exposed us," he added. "It exposed what we need to work on and how to go about our business. I hate being exposed, I hate losing but hopefully it helped us."

Fife added it helped with focusing on preparation and understanding.

"A lot of it is varsity game experience," he continued, pointing out they put a lot of emphasis on Mitch Baenziger. "We are asking him to do a lot coming off a injury and he is our point

guard. We have other kids getting ready to play that haven't really played varsity last year."

Marcus Hardy led the boys, posting 12 points on the board against Carman's offense and Nick Tatu added ten, including sinking two 3-pointers. Matt Dellinger and Max Collins added six points each.

The Wolves were outscored their hosts in the second quarter by two points but remained behind for the same amount.

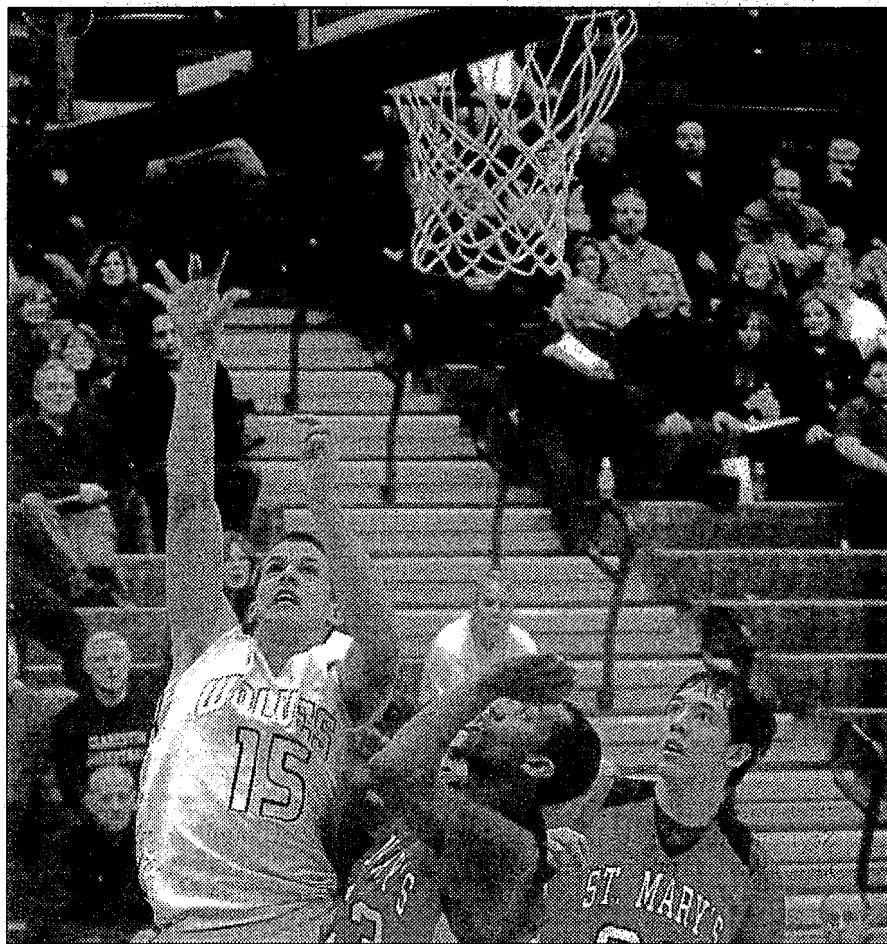
As the game continued in the last half, Carman-Ainsworth scored 24 points and kept Clarkston to 20.

"The kids were out of rhythm," said Fife. "I don't think I coached very well that game - I let them stay out of rhythm. Also, our mental thoughts during the game is really what won Carman the game. We were out of it mentally."

Besides getting past defense - the Wolves had to hold back Carman Ainsworth's leading player, sophomore Denzel Watts, to 24 points.

"He is a good player," Fife said. "I think we let him be a little better than he is right now. He has got to be one of the top players in Flint. His scoring no question helped them."

The boys played Troy-Athens on Tuesday. "We will see," Fife said watching the team continuing to take their free throw shots. "When we lose it takes us awhile to get over it. I am excited to see us against Athens."



Matt Dellinger jumps past defenders in Wolves first game. Photo by Larry Wright



Athlete of the Week Gilman leads to victory

Trevor Gilman swung his hockey stick connecting it to the puck, scoring the first goal.

"He was very excited because his team has a habit of winning tournaments," said dad, Mark.

It was the lead the 2K Birmingham Rangers Squirt AA Hockey team needed in their game against the Plymouth Stingrays on Dec. 12.

Another goal from the Rangers early in overtime gave them the win in the Detroit Region Silver Sticks Championship in Saint Clair Shores, 2-1.

The Rangers also beat the Rochester Rattlers, the St. Clair Shores Saints and the Farmington Hills Fire to reach the finals

against the Stingrays. The Rangers remained undefeated in tournament play.

The win sealed the Rangers trip to Sarnia for International Silver Sticks Finals in Ontario, Jan. 21-23. His team will play some of the best teams from around North America at the tournament.

The ten-year-old Springfield Township resident is the only player from the Clarkston area on the team. Trevor is right wing for the Rangers and is in his fifth year in travel hockey.

Trevor is also a shortstop and catcher for the Oakland Diamondbacks 10U travel baseball team. He goes to Oakland Christian in Auburn Hills and his parents are Mark and Patti.

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Wolves take third in Christmas tournament

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Novi took the trophy for winning the annual Clarkston Christmas tournament on Saturday afternoon.

But it was the Wolves controlling the ice in the consolation round - scoring ten goals to Davison's two goals in the first period.

Junior Brad Pizzey led the team scoring a hat trick during the game. His first came 4:16 into the game with an assist from Dillon Drayer and Macario Torres.

Junior Jordan Henney added another before Davison could get on the board.

The game was tied up going into the second period and the Wolves changed the tone during a power play. Austin Morse scored with help from Adam Johns and Connor Hughes, breaking the tie.

Morse and Drayer added two more goal securing the cushion for Clarkston by the time the period

The boys continued to take aim finishing with 53 shots on goal and five more goals by the time the buzzer ended the game. Torres, Adam Seel and Adam Bruderick added their own goals to Pizzey's two in the last 17 minutes.

Alec Gildner made 15 saves during the game.

The boys lost to Hartland during the first round of their Christmas tournament on Friday night, 6-5.

"It was a disappointing loss," said Coach Bryan Krygier.

Hartland took control of the game in the first period - scoring four goals on their six



Adam Matynowski skates forward to take possession of the puck.

shots on the net.

Adam Matynowski put Clarkston on board after Hartland's first goal and Pizzey scored with six minutes remaining in the period to put Clarkston in the lead.

Hartland's Jordan Ruderbusch answered by tying the game, scoring his first goal 30 seconds later. Quick actions by Ruderbusch and Ryan Daavettila led to two more goals giving them the lead.

Larkin put one in the net before the period ended.

"We scored goals when we should have

scored goals," said Krygier. "We allowed them to get right back in the game and take it away from us."

Hartland continued their reign scoring two more times in the second period.

Torres struck with 34 seconds left and added Clarkston's fourth goal to the board.

The Wolves came out quick and struck their opponents net in the last period and keeping it in Hartland's zone.

Zach Gootee skated around the net and stopped the pass from Morse. He reacted fast and took his shot, hitting it to the top of the net behind the goalie.

"We did well," said Krygier, "but I told the guys at the beginning of the game this team scores goals in the first period and hangs on. It is exactly what they did. The guys didn't listen. We allowed them to have soft and easy goals. They didn't come and do the things we practiced and prepared for prior to the game. If teams don't do it, they lose. We lost."

He added the boys continue to practice all the right things but a few things are still missing from the game.

"You have to be prepared mentally for a game, you can't go out there and think you are going to win," Krygier said. "Heart and brains go a long way. If we have the heart, we are disciplined and we are smart - we should win a lot of games but tonight we weren't."

The Wolves made 55 shots on the net. Goalie Troy Fasseel made two saves in the first period. Jack Viazanko had 14 saves for the remaining two periods.

The split week puts the boys at 5-4-1 overall.

Hartland lost 7-3 in their game against Novi.

Clarkston returns after holiday break on Jan. 12, when they head to St. Clair Shores Arena to take on St. Clair High School.



Matt Harrington pushes forward on defense in the Wolves game against Hartland. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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Overtime win for cagers

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves dominated Stoney Creek's gym on Friday night adding their second win for the season.

Anna Manilla and Delaney Kenny led the team as the girls won in overtime, 47-45.

"Defense won for us," said Greg Warner, Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach. "It is really how we would like to win this year is with our defense."

Defense kept the Cougars' leading scorer to 22 points during the game.

"Manilla played really good defense and Christina Jokisch played really good defense in the middle," Warner added.

"We had a lot of help off the bench from Natalie Drumb, Tori Trimmer, Kaci Robinson and Erin Davenport. They played really big. We had a few girls have foul trouble and we needed them to come in. Our game plan is also to play as many girls as we can."

Another way the team wanted to win was by controlling each quarter - which they led the last three quarters.

Manilla and Kenny were the high scorers on the board, each contributing nine points. Megan Hastings added eight.



Delaney Kenny seeks an open player.

The win puts the girls at an 2-3 overall record.

"The big thing for us is getting a win under our belt against a good team," said Warner. "We needed a win. Several of our returners weren't happy with last year. We have have competed with the teams we lost to. This is a good team and we hung in there."

The girls played North Farmington on Tuesday and have no more scheduled games during their holiday break.

Wolves create waves in season opener

The Boys Swim team headed into holiday break on a positive note.

They opened their season against West Bloomfield on Dec. 9 with a 107-78 win.

They won ten of the 12 events during their victory.

"It's a good way to start the season," said Coach Kenwyn Chock. "We are in a strong division this year. This meet will help us keep our focus on the rest of the season."

Zach Rabideau and Ken Stelpflug won two events each to help set the pace against the Lakers.

Steven Nelson, Kyle Inch and Isaac Young also won events for the Wolves. All three relays were won by Clarkston.

Inch set his personal best times in the 200-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle and in the relays. His teammates Patrick Bemis and Landon Holloway also hit personal bests.

Freshman Joe Zendejas scored 175.85 points in his first diving competition.

The Wolves gave state contenders Birmingham Seaholm a run in their meet last Thursday. The boys placed first in five events. They lost, 124-61.

Stelpflug took first in 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle. Nelson won the 100-yard backstroke, Rabideau in 100-yard butterfly and Zendejas led in diving.

The Wolves head to Troy for their next meet on Jan. 6. They begin at 6:30 p.m.

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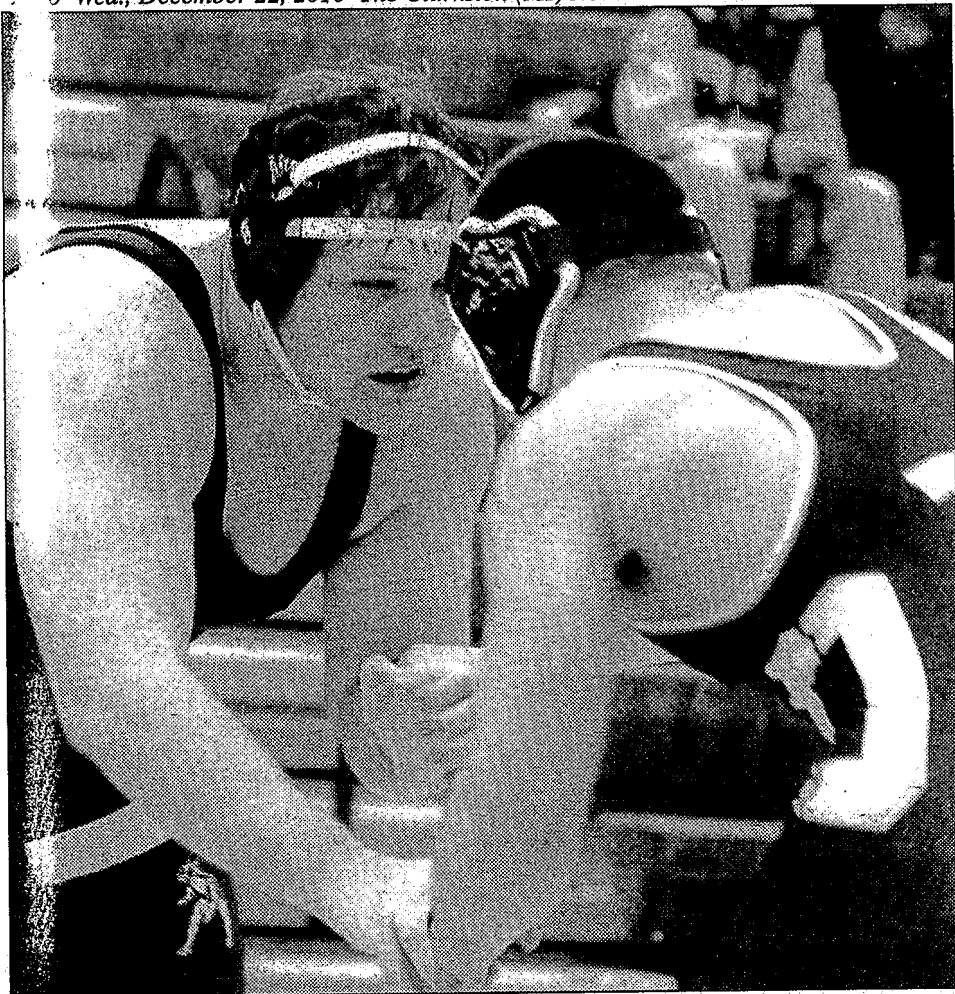
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Scott Devos practices for the county meet in the Wolves match against Oxford, Dec. 8.

Grapplers finish fourth

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Scott Devos had only six minutes left then the two days at the Oakland County Wrestling meet would be done.

But before he left the mat, he had something to do - beat Southfield's Darius Durrett on Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Minutes later he accomplished the goal becoming the 285-pound weight class champion after winning the match, 6-2.

The Wolves took fourth place as a team with 216 points. Novi Detroit Catholic Central took the top spot with 343.5 points. Oxford finished in second and Holly took third with 220 points.

"I was really hoping for third," Coach Andy Auten admitted.

"It is hard for us to compete with DCC and Oxford right now but we should have stayed ahead of Holly. We lost a senior to an injury that really hurt."

Clarkston had five other wrestlers place during the tournament.

Jeff Sloney (130) took second place after a loss to Andrew Napieraj from Birmingham Brother Rice, 4-3. Matt Vandermeer also took second against Holly's Shawn Scott, losing 10-5 in 171-pound weight class.

Mike Henige (160) defeated Nick Zackovich, 8-3, to take third place. Ethan Frick (189) took fifth place and Ty Foltz (145) finished in sixth.

The boys defeated Waterford Kettering during their Wednesday meet, 51-11.

"They wrestled well," said Auten. "But a few guys need to learn they can't go out there and just win without putting forth the effort."

Raymond Wilkie got the board going in the 112-pound weight class, defeating Brandon Conrad, 14-13. Cameron Wilkie (119) taking on Scott Stumbaugh and winning, 12-5.

Nick Vandermeer (140) won 4:50 into the match by a injury default.

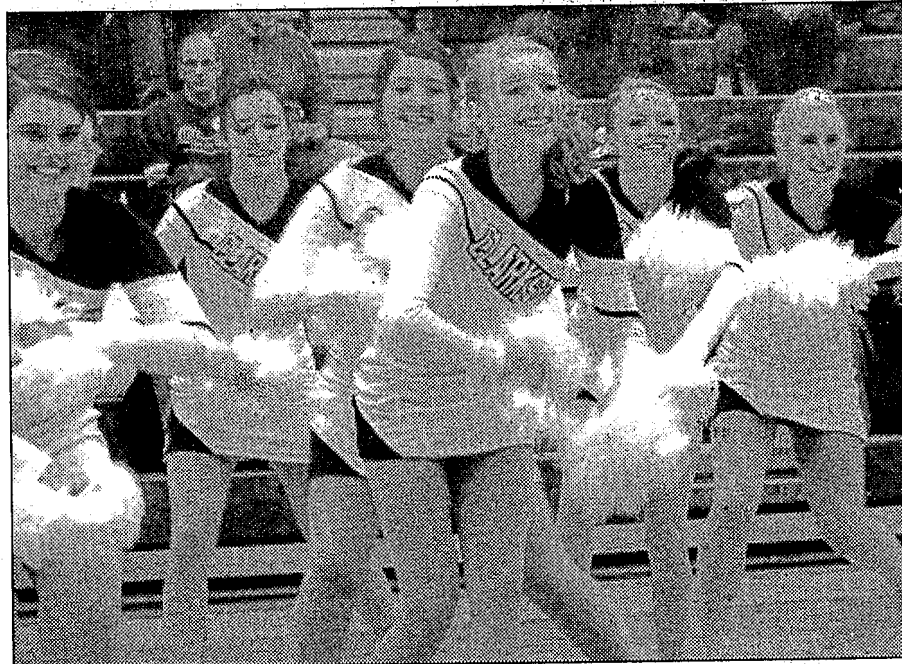
Scoring big with falls were Jeff Sloney (130), with seven seconds remaining in the first period. Marc Bosnack (135) took Joe Cowse down within 53 seconds. The momentum kept going as Ty Foltz (145), Mike Henige (160), Matt Vandermeer (171) and Scott Devos (285) also won with falls.

Mike Cardinale (125) won, 5-0 and Tristan Tozzi (152) won by void.

The boys host Lapeer East on Wednesday night.

"I think our team is starting to be more of a team and we should be fine," said Auten.

The match begins at 5:30 p.m.



Just dance

The Girls Varsity Pom Pon team perform some of the dance moves they have been working on. The performance was during the Boys Varsity Basketball home opener against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep on Dec. 10. The girls next performance is during halftime when the boys host Oak Park on Jan. 7. Come early and watch the JV team at 5:30 p.m. and the JV Pom Pon's performance. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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- Tim McLennan and his daughter Sydney



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By Phil Custodio

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Hometown rapper hopes to inspire

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Ryan Scott of Independence Township wants to make it as a rapper, but without the bling.

"An ultimate goal for me would be for my music to make into as many ears as possible," said Scott, 20. "I want people to listen to my tracks and be able to say that my music is different. The fame and riches of making it would be incredible, but honestly, just to be somebody, somewhere, is what keeps me going."

His budding musical career is a family affair, with support from his parents, Dan and Mary Scott, and sister, Brooklynn Scott, working as his manager.

"I believe in him. His music inspires me," said Brooklynn, 22. "It's optimistic. It gives you hope, and it's something more people want to hear."

The family moved to Independence Township from Grand Rapids about six months ago.

"I'm so excited for him, so proud of him," Mary said. "He's very creative with a great mind and a gift for words. He puts his heart and experiences in his music."

"It's been an interesting journey so far," Dan said. "It's exciting to think where this might lead. You never know."

Ryan started writing poetry in grade school, and was always interested in hip-hop music.

"I would write poems and try



Ryan Scott performs a song. Photo by Phil Custodio

to figure out ways to mix them into a beat," he said. "When I first started out I could decently put something together, but it wasn't

until my senior year of high school when a close friend of mine noticed my talent and bought me recording equipment, that I

truly started to compose music." Growing up, his favorite rappers were Eminem and 50 Cent.

"With the new generation of music making its way into the front, I've become a listener of new artists such as J Cole and Kid Cudi," he said.

He writes about relationships, hard times, families, and other experiences from his life.

"I love to rap about things that I have a deep passion for - to be able to take a story from your life and put it into music is one of my favorite things to do as a musician," he said.

"I use many styles of rapping in my music, but I would have to say I tend to stick with a more easy flow, less words but more meaning."

He wrote the song "Heaven" about a family friend who passed away, and "Changing," about a trying time for him and his family. A junior at Western Michigan University, inspiration also comes from the college atmosphere.

"Mainly, my favorite subject to rap about is something that can inspire someone else, something that can take them from a hopeless feeling and bring them to life, something that can change a day around from one listen," he said.

His songs have been featured on the radio.

"I contacted DJ Jay-D (104.5 WSNX in Grand Rapids) about a year ago and sent him my stuff,"

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Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

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.

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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.

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H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Care-givers, family, and friends are welcome to attend with the cancer patient. Walk-ins welcome. 877-627-6248.

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.

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skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Navarre completed Technical School at Sheppard AFB, graduating in the Air Crew Flight Equipment career field. He is currently stationed at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Wash., continuing his education while working as an apprentice on the flight line.

He is the son of Michael and Vicki Navarre of Independence Township.

Students achieve success

Rich Hansen Jr. graduated from Central Michigan University December 11, 2010 with his masters degree in Finance.

Hansen is the son of Richard Sr. and Emily Hansen of Athens and future son-in-law of Peg and Bob Roth of Clarkston. He will continue to be employed as a Senior Financial Analyst at Wolverine Bank in Midland where he will reside with fiancée, Tara Roth.

The following Sashabaw Middle School seventh-grade musicians recently took part in District 4 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Students who earned First Division, "Superior" ratings:

Megan Girschner/Emily Frasa-woodwind duet, Crystal Slayton/Madison Balkany-woodwind duet, Airianna Butler/Heather Davis/Mercedes Novotny-woodwind trio, Matthew Culver/David Nelson-saxophone duet, Diana Bullen-horn solo, Zach Flewelling/Bryson Bosley/Jared Harper-saxophone trio, Erin McNeil/Natalia Gergle-flute duet, Allison Lindquist/Jessica Rothwell-flute duet, Maddie Davis/Jacob Kersten-woodwind duet, Kyle Dunlap/Dawson Holloway/Keith Aucherlone/Trevor Chamberlain-brass quartet, Jon Giolitti/Mark Stout-Brass duet, Costadino Daros/Josh Grindling/Hannah Agnew-percussion trio, Allison Sikowski/Alina Perez-woodwind duet, David Nelson-saxophone solo, Emily Trombley/Megan Hoffner-low brass duet, Cameron Pawlik/Nathan Hyde/Michael Baker-wind trio, Claire Pawlowski/Lyric Kusky/Kaitlyn Cavallo/Kiera Quigley-woodwind quartet, Keith Aucherlone-trombone solo, Simeon Britting/Steven Bertolini/Jimmy Haven-brass trio, Maddie Peterson-clarinet solo, Allison Sikowski-bass clarinet solo, Jon Giolitti/Matthew Covert-euphonium duet, Nate Gipe-trumpet solo, Carl Klein-percussion solo, Steven Bertolini-trumpet solo, Mark Stout/

Benjamin Erhard/Matthew Netherland-brass trio, Austin Villeneuve-trumpet solo, Kristen Abraham-flute solo, Matthew Covert-euphonium solo, Matthew Netherland-trumpet solo, Dylan Gray-percussion solo, Kiera Quigley-oboe solo, Kaitlyn Cavallo/Haile Clifton/Rebecca Stiles-clarinet trio, Sadie Knill/Olivia Baylis-wind duet, Tori Asmus/Sarabeth Brown(CJHS)-clarinet duet, Kevin McCarty/Maddie Davis-clarinet duet, Elizabeth Hampton-piano solo, Brenden Zabel-violin solo, Victoria Wolfgang/Michelle Bacher-cello/bass duet, Michael McCarty-violin solo, Matthew Hart/Hannah Grindling, cello/bass duet.

Second Division ratings:

Kate Thomas-clarinet solo, Nicole Hurst/Alyssa Bey-woodwind duet, Kirkland Maguire/Elena Jasurda-woodwind duet, Lauren Tait/Emily Grush-flute duet, Trevor Chamberlain/Nate Gipe-trumpet solo, Benjamin Erhard/Evan Scott-brass duet, Andrew Lemieux-piano solo, Connor Kornas/Michael Baker-woodwind duet, Hanson Russell/Nathan Hyde-brass duet, Zachary Evans-horn solo, Aiden Keith/Zachary Keith-wind duet, Jared Harper-baritone saxophone solo, Codi Anderson/Alexa Whall-trumpet duet, Abbey Kuhn/Berkley Bretschneider-woodwind duet, Emma Bechtell/Riley Michaels/Ashley Yamanoha-string trio, Michael McCarty/Elizabeth Hampton/John Raymo/Sam Mead-string quartet, Avery Lowe/Danielle Keusch-violin duet, Paige Fulcher/Caitlyn Calhoun-violin duet, Kelsey Catania/Deanna Cumming-violin/bass duet, Dustin Mattise-cello solo, Danielle Keusch/Audrey Huhtasaari-violin/viola duet.

Also participating were: Connor McLaughlin/Liam Fries-woodwind duet, Danielle Sien/Madison Crawford-woodwind duet, Jeremy Piper/Caleb Kelly/Ryan Haven-brass trio, and Samantha Starr/Tasha Denison/Isabelle Merlo-wind trio, Megan Nicholson/Abigail Nofar-violin/viola duet.

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Religion

Look for Christmas' ultimate gift in manger

I will never forget how our oldest son experienced his first Christmas.

We were living near Honolulu then and we took our almost one year old downtown to see the Christmas lights which we thought were quite spectacular.

They even had palm trees decorated in fun ways, something we had not seen before.

But what amazed us was that we took our son to see the bright lights and decorations, and much to our surprise he was much more interested in the other people around than in the lights. We took him to see the lights but he saw the people instead.

That same Christmas as our son opened his presents he would invariably tear at the wrapping paper for a few moments, but not really with the purpose of opening the gifts. Instead when he had a piece of brightly colored paper torn off he was satisfied and would drop the rest of the package, which we thought was the real present. He liked empty boxes a lot that Christmas too.

Reflecting on those experiences about 20 years ago I wrote: "I wonder when he

will learn, like most of us have, to care more about the bright lights instead of the people right in front of us? I wonder when he will learn to care more about what's inside a present than experiencing the sheer joy of something new given to him - no matter what it is... When is it that we lose our innocence and wonder about such things?"

Well, as you probably already know, it begins to happen for most of us sometime between the ages of one and four, and then we spend the rest of our lives trying to get that wonder back and trying to keep things in proper perspective.

Now each Christmas I hope to experience again the childlike wonder I used to have and to be reminded of what really matters:

Christmas is a time when even adults can experience the wonder of miracles and angels and an amazing story of how God

came to earth as a baby born in a barn to love us and save us.

Christmas is a time we can experience again the wonder of such things, but it probably won't happen unless we take some time and make some space in our busy lives for it to happen.

There is so much to do getting ready for our Christmas celebrations that we sometimes forget to do what Mary did that first Christmas when she "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

So how do we know when we are really ready for Christmas? I don't mean that we have all the presents wrapped or cards sent or food prepared. I mean when are we really ready for Jesus' birthday?

A few years ago another pastor wrote about his young son coming into the bedroom at 4:30 a.m. on Christmas morning, saying, "Daddy, mommy, come quick! I saw it!"

As the parents wiped the sleep from their eyes they knew what had happened. Their son had broken the family rule and had already gone downstairs.

So the surprise of a new bike he had wanted for 2 years was missed by them. Disappointed they got the rest of the family up and made their way through the dark house. Surprisingly their young son led them downstairs past the Christmas tree, totally oblivious of the bicycle, to the window.

There he pointed his little finger to the eastern sky and said, "Look! The Star of Bethlehem! I've seen the star!" And that family was again filled with the wonder of Christmas.

I know that I am really ready for Christmas when I take enough time to ponder the Christmas story so that it comes alive again. I know I am really ready for Christmas when my favorite gift is the one that comes wrapped in swaddling clothes and is laid in a manger - for me.

I hope you will take time to receive this ultimate gift of love from God into your lives with childlike wonder and excitement this year. For me it puts everything else into perspective.

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Rotary helps 510 kids with community's help

Clarkston Rotary Club provided new shoes, boots, hats, and gloves to 510 Clarkston schools students, with the help of the community.

Rotary's *Goodfellow* newspaper sale collected over \$15,500 for Shoes for Kids, Dec. 11, at the Oakland Woods Baptist Church. About 350-400 volunteers helped at the three-day project.

"Thank you - your donations have made an immediate difference in a child's life," said Joel DeLong, program chair.

All donations were used to purchase new shoes and boots, hats, mittens and gloves for community children. Total cost was almost \$20,000.

"The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to sincerely thank all of those who so generously donated during the club's 60th annual *Goodfellow* newspaper sales held the first weekend in December," DeLong said. "The success of this program can only be measured by the support it receives from the Clarkston community."

Clarkston Rotary thanks the following for the success of this year's program:

• A special thank you to *The Clarkston News*, Jim Sherman, Don Rush, and their staff for preparation and publication of Clarkston Rotary's *Goodfellow* edition. *The Clarkston*



Clarkston Rotarian Mary Sloan sells a 2010 *Goodfellow* newspaper, collecting a donation for Shoes for Kids. Photo by Phil Custodio

News has donated the special newspaper for more than 20 years;

• Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Pastor Bob Galey and its members for hosting the annual Shoes for Kids distribution, and extra volunteers needed for the projects;

• Mr. Alan's Shoes of Redford, Jason Riegle, Operations Manager, and its store volunteers for bringing many shoes and boots to Clarkston for distribution;

• Clarkston Area Lions Club and the Clarkston Community Women's Club for rais-

ing additional funds, and providing a free KidSight Vision screening to 88 pre-school children;

• Clarkston Optimists and their Clarkston school clubs for their Opti-Socks endeavor;

• Local elementary schools and area churches that hosted hat, mittens and gloves collection Christmas trees;

• Groups creating and donating the many hats and scarves;

• Clarkston DPW for providing a warm space for the Goodfellows headquarters;

• Boy Scout Troop No. 199 and their leaders for their continued support and efforts in collecting donations;

• Rudy's Quality Market and the Hamlin Pub for providing soup and chili to warm Goodfellow volunteers returning from the streets;

• Hungry Howie's on Sashabaw Road for baking so many great pizzas for Shoes for Kids volunteers;

• Tim Horton's on Maybee Road for the fresh, hot coffee and delicious pastries;

• Friends and family members of the Clarkston Rotary Club who so generously gave of their time and energy in selling newspapers; and

• Volunteers who made this year's projects possible.

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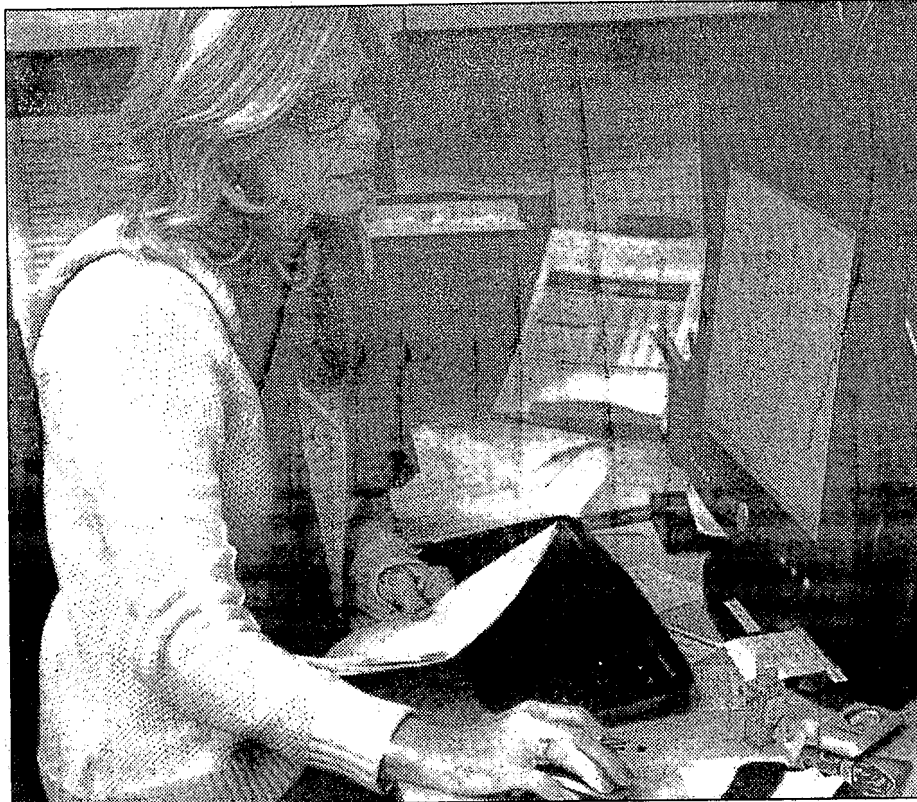
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New city clerk to take over as Gillespie retires



New City Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Howe, puts together the agenda packet.
Photo by Trevor Keiser

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When City Clerk/Treasurer Jan Gillespie retired last week after two-and-a-half years, she was glad to pass her duties to newly hired Kimberly Howe.

"Kimberly will be a great contribution to the City of Clarkston. She's got great expertise in all the accounting and Word Perfect applications that will be used with her job," Gillespie said. "I'm very excited to leave my position as Clerk/Treasurer in her capable hands."

Howe, a Springfield Township resident said she is looking forward to the financial part as treasurer.

"I have a BBA in Accounting," she said. "Unfortunately not as much experience in the clerk part of it. Hopefully, I'm a quick study."

Howe graduated and got her degree from Eastern Michigan University and says she's old enough to be a "Huron" instead of an "Eagle."

She also works as an accountant at Eton Academy in Birmingham and does bookkeeping for a landscaper.

Outside of work she keeps very active with her husband Chris Howe and children Roman, 14, and Anthony, 12, Reiner, and Emily Howe, 4.

"I am kept very busy in my non-work life as a hockey mom, football mom, baseball mom, a basketball mom and a dance mom," she said. "You can tell the one who does dance."

She wanted Emily to be a hockey player because her last name is "Howe," but she said she is too much of a "girly girl."

"I played hockey until I was 43-years-old, I was not very good, nothing compared to my sons, but I did play," she said. "I am probably one of the few moms in town who actually has a wrist shot."

Howe loves the Detroit Red Wings and her current favorite player is Pavel Datsyuk who she described as a "very good sportsman on and off the ice, and a wonderful role model."

As far as learning the ropes of her new job, Kimberly described Gillespie as an "incredible asset to the city."

"Everything she's done as a clerk and treasurer has been wonderful (and) some of the things she's put in place as the treasurer are just unbelievable," Howe said. "I don't think anyone would understand it until they've delved into it like I have and seen how much she's really done. She will really be missed but I have her cell phone number and she's promised to come back and help with the next election."

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 42**
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR
THE USE OF PARK & RECREATION LANDS WITH
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on December 9, 2010 the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 42, which is set forth herein and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of the Notice of Adoption:

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 42**

Ordinance No. 42, Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the Use of Park and Recreation Lands With Springfield Township, is amended as follows:

ARTICLE I - AMENDMENTS

- The following definition is added as a new Section 2.10
"Shiawassee Basin Preserve" shall mean that property more particularly described as tax identification numbers 07-07-400-005, 07-08-351-004, and 07-18-251-009.
- Section 2.10 is hereby renumbered as Section 2.11
- Section 7.1 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:
Carry or have in his or her possession a firearm, unless that individual possesses a valid license or is not required to possess a license under State law.
- Section 7.2 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:
Discharge of a firearm, air gun, gas gun, spring-loaded gun, slingshot, or another weapon that propels projectiles.
- A new section 8.7 is added to read as follows:
Bring, maintain, ride or have in his or her possession any pack or saddle animals within the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, including, without limitation, horses, ponies and similar animals.

ARTICLE II - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III - REPEALER

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

ARTICLE IV - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective seven (7) days after publication. This Ordinance Amendment shall be published in the manner provided by law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of amendments to Springfield Township Ordinance No. 42, Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the Use of Park and Recreation Lands With Springfield Township, adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 9th day of December, 2010. A true copy of the entire Ordinance No. 42 may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 12000 Davidsburg Rd., Davidsburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Anyone needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance.

Published: Dec. 22, 2010 TB Laura Moreau, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2010-333, 354-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of MANIE I. PIERCE a/k/a/ MAMIE INEZ PIERCE, DECEASED.

Date of birth: 03/05/1917

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MANIE I. PIERCE a/k/a/ MAMIE INEZ PIERCE, who lived at 36 SANDERSON, PONTIAC, Michigan died 07/05/2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DENICE E. LUSTIG, 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.

PAULA BAILEY P27176 DENICE E. LUSTIG
236 S. BROADWAY 8101 SHERATON PARK
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2010
SYNOPSIS**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Trout

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA ADDITIONS & CHANGES: Add New Business

#15 New Liquor Control Law

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approved Minutes: November 8, 2010 Special Workshop Meeting and November 11, 2010 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$55,497.00
- Accepted November Treasurer's Report
- Received November 2010 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Ordinance, Fire and IT
- Authorized payment of bills as presented, totaling \$138,088.14
- Authorized participation in Rotary Club Flag program for Civic Center and Davidsburg Cemetery
- Established 2011 Township Board Meeting Dates - Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center
- Designated 2011 Legal Publication to the Clarkston News
- Authorized contribution to Andersonville Cemetery for 2010 in the amount of \$3,000

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 2011 Budget: Received public comments on proposed budgets

OLD BUSINESS:

- Second Reading: Amendments to Ordinance No. 42 - Adopted Amendments
- Medical Marijuana - Adopted Resolution establishing moratorium

NEW BUSINESS:

- Adopted 2011 Budget as follows: General Fund: Revenues \$1,781,300, Expenses \$1,777,050; Fire Fund: Revenues \$765,165, Expenses \$730,565; Police Fund: Revenues \$1,559,500, Expenses \$1,559,200; Cemetery Fund: Revenues \$700, Expenses \$0; Parks & Recreation Fund: Revenues \$670,656, Expenses \$670,656; Lake Improvement Fund: Revenues \$299,000, Expenses \$299,000; Softwater Lake Improvement Fund: Revenues \$15,000, Expenses \$15,000; Cable Fund: Revenues \$125,000, Expenses \$122,450; Building Department Fund: Revenues \$65,350, Expenses \$64,950; Civic Center Debt Fund: Revenues \$376,000, Expenses \$374,000; Softwater Sewer (SAD) Fund: Revenues \$130,000, Expenses \$130,000

- Farmers Market Discussion - Concurred with committee recommendation that Parks & Recreation will establish Farmers Market at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve

- Bids for Annual Financial and Compliance Audit - Accepted proposal from Pfeffer, Hanniford, Palka for Fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012

- Bids for Professional Services - Authorized Supervisor to continue professional service agreements with Carlisle/Wortman Associates for Planning, Adkison, Need & Allen for Legal and Hubble Roth & Clarke for Engineering

- Sheriff's Department Contract - Authorized Supervisor to execute agreement upon concurrence of Township Attorney

- EECBG Bids - Authorized the Supervisor to complete energy efficiency projects based on grant funding available of \$54,540 and authorized Supervisor to waive permit fees required to complete the projects

- Liquor License Transfer Request - Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority - Adopted Resolution to transfer classification of on premises license from Tavern to Class C

- Healthcare Coverage Options - Authorized Supervisor to execute documents to change Township healthcare plan to BCN10 Plan

- 2011 Salaries - Changed status of Supervisor's Administrative Assistant from part time to full time beginning January 1, 2011 at a salary of \$30,300; Established that all 2011 salaries for positions under jurisdiction of the Township Board with the exception of the Supervisor's Administrative Assistant will remain the same as 2010; Established that elected officials salaries would remain unchanged from 2010- Supervisor \$63,800, Clerk \$54,700, Treasurer \$54,700 and Trustees \$1,200 per year plus \$100 per meeting

- 2010 Budget amendments: General Fund: Revenues increase \$30,350 to \$2,242,250, Expenses increase \$29,250 to \$2,289,950; Fire Fund: Revenues decrease \$36,600 to \$999,250, Expenses decrease

\$35,150 to \$997,500; Police Fund: Revenues increase \$15,600 to \$1,544,800, Expenses increase \$3,600 to \$1,532,800; Cable Fund: Revenues increase \$3,000 to \$66,000, Expenses increase \$3,500 to \$44,500; Building Fund: Revenues increase \$12,000 to \$84,850, Expenses no change at \$64,350; Parks and Recreation: Revenues no change, Expenses increase Commission Personnel \$1,000, Increase Programs/Events Instructors \$4,000, decrease Administration Personnel \$5,000 Total expenses remain \$564,873

- 9489 Cherrywood - Discussion - Directed Township Attorney to record restriction on property based on ZBA action in August 1994

- Contingency Snow Removal Agreement - Authorized Supervisor to execute contingency contract with North Oakland Landscaping

- Lumberyard Property Survey - Authorized Supervisor to enter into agreement with Kleft Engineering to complete survey, cost not to exceed \$3,000

- AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension - Approved permit extension

- New Liquor Control Laws - Declined to take action that would restrict issuance of early morning Sunday Sales permits

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Trout reminded Board members of the "early bird" registration deadline for the Michigan Township Association conference, Dec 15, 2010

ADJOURNMENT: 9:29 p.m.

Published: Dec. 22, 2010 TB Laura Moreau, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
CLARKSTON

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346
SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present - Bisio, Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, Roth

Absent -
Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to "Approve the Agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter to "Accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the first name correction for Ms. Koch on the November 8 minutes." Motion carried.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Inabnit, "To put back on the table the "Public Comments at the City Council Meetings for the City of the Village of Clarkston".

Moved by Brueck, supported by Hargis to "Adopt the Public Comments Policy as outlined on the attached document titled "Public Comments as City Council Meetings for the City of the Village of Clarkston" after making a change under Written Comments - to read - "If you would prefer to make written comments on any agenda item, you may do so. Please furnish to the Clerk/Treasurer at least one copy of your written documentation to be included in the City's Official records Council Packet."

Motion carried.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit to "Direct the City Manager to post the following items on the City Website."

The correspondence and emails exchanged between city personnel (including, but not limited to, the city manager and the city attorney) and the owners of 90 N. Main Street and their attorney regarding discussions about the status and future use of that property. The items to be posted include, but are not limited to the following:

- 8/31/09 letter from Thomas Ryan to Robert Roth and Ed Adler.
- 9/16/09 letter from Jeffrey Leib to Thomas Ryan
- 11/11/09 letter from Jeffrey Leib to Thomas Ryan
- 12/14/09 letter from Jeffrey Leib to Thomas Ryan
- 3/29/10 email from Thomas Ryan to Jeffrey Leib
- 4/26/10 letter from Jeffrey Leib to Thomas Ryan
- 5/17/10 letter from Thomas Ryan to Jeffrey Leib
- 11/19/10 letter from Jeffrey Leib to Dennis Ritter

- All other non-privileged city records now existing or created or received in the future that are relevant to the future use of the property at 90 N

Main Street and are reasonably necessary for the public to be fully informed of the city's dealings with respect to this property."

Motion carried.
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Bisio to "Extend meeting past 9 p.m." Motion carried.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Roth "That the EECBG bid recommendations by Energychek, as long as approved by the City Manager, Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer to sign all contracts on behalf of the City Council."

Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet C. Gillespie
Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.

**SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

- The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:35 p.m., at the Independence Township Hall.
- Roll Call: Present: VanderVeen, Lohmeier, Wallace
Absent: Rosso, Petterson, Wagner, Carson
- There not being a quorum present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Shelagh VanderVeen
Township Clerk

Published: 12/22/2010

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2010-333, 618-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of EILEEN M. NELLES, DECEASED; Date of birth: 8/31/1928
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, EILEEN M. NELLES, DECEASED, who lived at 3544 Baybrook, Waterford, Michigan died October 7, 2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lori Nelles, 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.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 LORI NELLES
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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2010-331, 623-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION NOTICE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

In the matter of LEONARD WAYNE WESSELS, DECEASED a/k/a/ Leonard W. Wessels.

TO ALL CREDITORS AND/OR INTERESTED PERSONS including:

whose address(es) are unknown and whose interested in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
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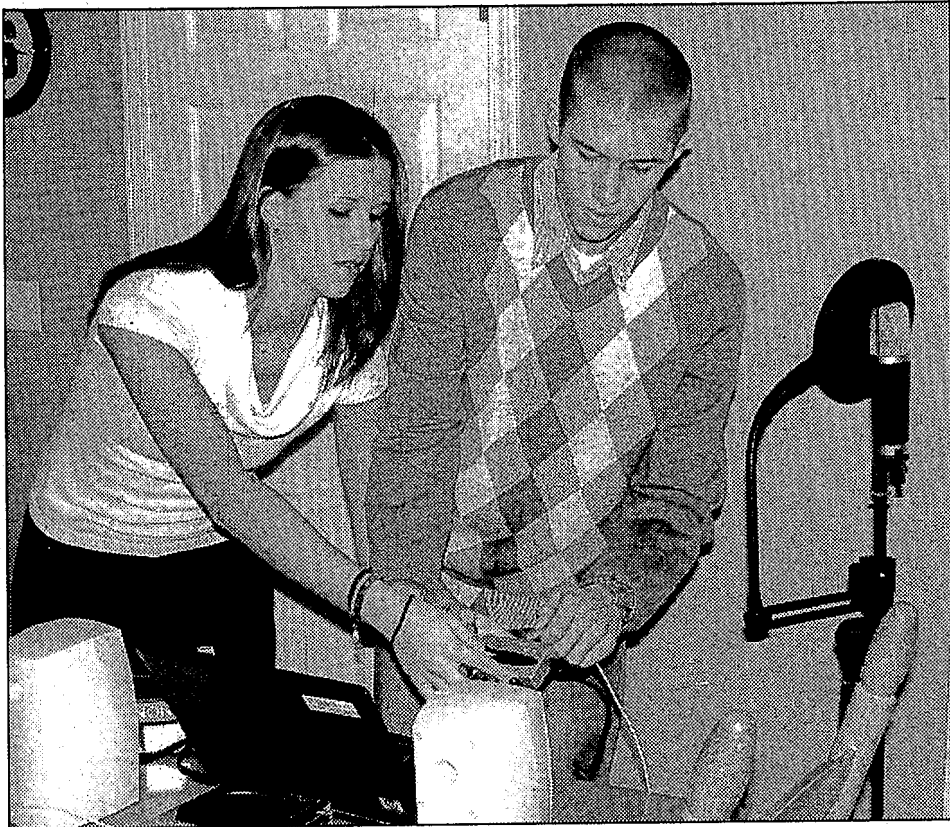
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LEONARD WAYNE WESSELS, DECEASED, who lived at 131 Cambridge Blvd, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan died 8/22/2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marquita K. Janson, 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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Ryan Scott and his sister Brooklynn Scott set up equipment at the family's home studio. Photo by Phil Custodio

Scott finds inspiration in fans

Continued from page 1A

Ryan said. "He told me what I could improve on, and played it on his morning show."

He landed his first live performance, opening for CDVR, Dec. 19, at the Pike Room inside the Crofoot Ballroom in Pontiac.

He writes and composes his own music. "My inspiration comes from my fans," he said. "To know your music can serve as an inspiration to someone else is what keeps me going."

The key now is to be persistent, write new music, and marketing, he said.

"My sister does a good job getting the word out," he said.

"He's a very passionate and driven person whose music provides inspiration to others," Brooklynn said. "With the way our

world is now days, this is something worth promoting."

He also enjoys sports, especially basketball. At Western Michigan, he's majoring in sociology, with a minor in business.

For more information, check www.ryanscottmusic.com. To see Ryan perform his song, "Postcard," go to ClarkstonTV.com.

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Village Fashion Boutique owner Christina Calka with customer Pam Ford Morgan. Photos by Trevor Keiser



Downtown boutique open for biz

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Nearly 70 people walked through the door last Thursday night at Christina Calka's grand opening for her new store, "Village Fashion Boutique," in downtown Clarkston at 6 S. Main Street.

"It was fabulous," Calka said. "We had a lot of support from the people and other businesses in Clarkston, so it was nice. Everybody came out and supported me on my grand opening."

The event included an assortment of food and drinks.

"Who doesn't like to have a party," she said.

The boutique carries a variety of brands including Brighton Collectables, Not Your Daughter's Jeans, Chalet, Geography

Sweaters, Vovelo, and Big Buddha.

"It's very trendy, good gift ideas and affordable prices," said shopper Carolyn Vanderkieboom.

Calka has a very "sparkly theme" throughout the store. Her mother Anne said Christina "loved sparkles all growing up."

According to Anne, Christina even asked her kindergarten teacher to call her Sparkles.

"That was her name all through kindergarten," Anne said. "We all say that should have been the name of the boutique - 'Sparkles' because it fits her to a T."

As far as the grand opening, Christina said she was "very thankful" for all the people who showed both support and interest in her new store.

For more information call 248-241-6901.



Carolyn Vanderkieboom and Denise Seifferlein enjoy shopping at the grand opening.

Obituaries

Eileen M. Adams, 95

Eileen Marie Adams of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, passed away, Dec. 19, 2010, at age 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lester and son Russell. She was the mother of Carol (Fred) Gross of Clarkston and Wayne Adams of New Mexico; also survived by 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 15 great great grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Macular Degeneration Foundation, American Diabetes Association or Karmanos Cancer Institute. Online guest book, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Ina Irene Gaubis, 96

Ina Irene Gaubis of Clarkston passed away, Dec. 15, 2010, at age 96.

She was preceded in death by her husband Felix Edward and son Philip Alan Gaubis. She was the loving mother of Patricia Couture, Gail (Dennis) Powell and Carol (Kevin) Webber; proud grandmother of Bret and Rachel Powell and Kiel and Drew Webber.

Private family arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Deborah Eaglen, 60

Deborah Ann Eaglen, "Debbie," of Clarkston, passed away unexpectedly from cancer, Dec. 18, 2010, at age 60.

She was the loving wife of Clifford "Bud" for 23 years; devoted mother of Eric (Andrea) Cojocari of Brighton, Debbie (Larry) Trevarrow of Clarkston, Teresa (Eric) Mason of Ohio, Kerri Bellows of Orion, Kim (Matt) Epperly of Pontiac; dear nana of Dustin, Destiny, Sierra, Kaitlin, Tyler, Alyssa, and Brooke; great grandma of Dylan; cherished sister of Laurie (Don) Pocock of Plymouth and Mary Cairns of Florida; aunt of Brady, Christopher (Stephanie), and Sara Pocock.

Mrs. Eaglen was employed for over 20 years at Nylube Products as an accounts manager. She loved her two dogs and traveling.

Celebration of Life service is Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit 11:30 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Taking sides, taking a stand

During times of uncertainty, some folks appear to be certain of who stands for truth and who doesn't as it relates to politics. Opinions somehow seem to take on absolutes.

As I see it, our current political divide is much like a cancer. When one side of the body is afflicted with a disease, one must search for help to bring balance and health.

The answer lies within each of us to respect ourselves and respect others, through the discovery process of "individual evolution": I know not what I know; I merely think I know until I get to know you and then realize possibility lies in the questions, answers merely bring us to new

Guest viewpoint



Maria Rotondo-Mark

questions.

We all must evolve as responsible human beings with a left side, right side, front side, back side and let's not forget our shadow.

When considering political sides, we seem to only see one side; the correct side, the winning side, or whatever we are programmed to believe, via media, family loyalty and propaganda.

The truth lies in the fragments, as individuals we carry bits of truth; let's remember, before anger gets in the way of anyone else's truth.

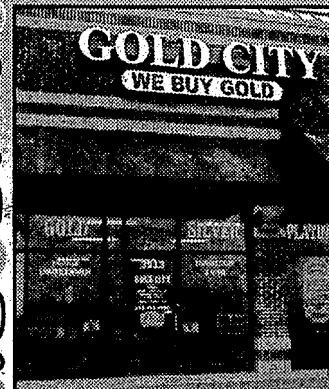
Possibly the Christmas Spirit will not be a temporary joyful experience; to live beyond its window in time, to infect the hearts of most toward harmony with self and others, for this season, to the many seasons to come

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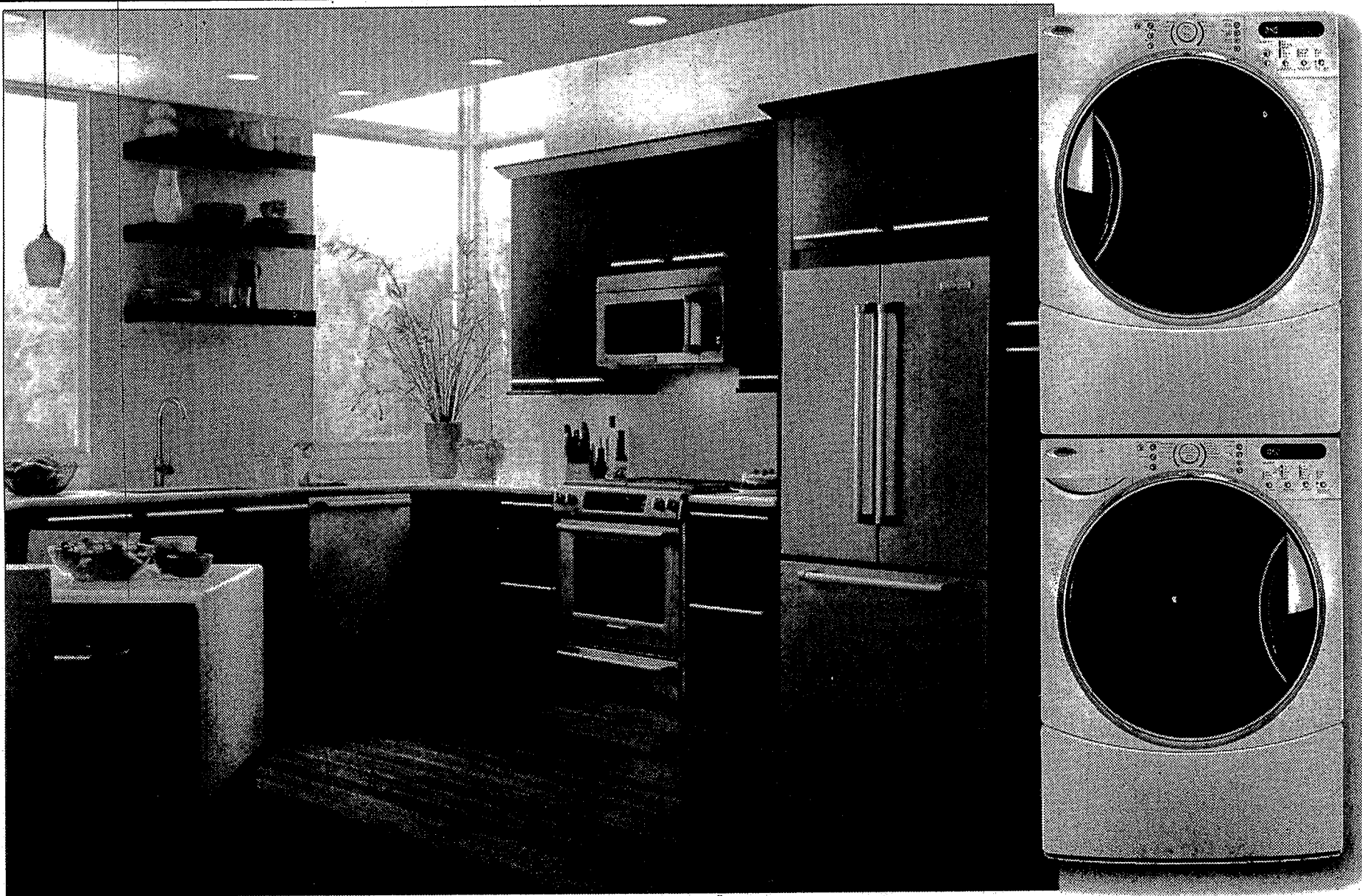
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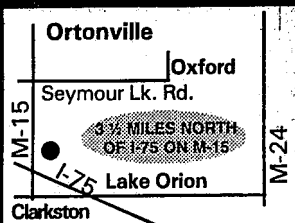
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Dogs Kaya and Josie, visiting with their owners Tom and Cheryl DeMeyere of Independence Township, check in on Santa, Jerry Darling of Clarkston, at New Leaf Flower Studio's grand opening. Photos by Phil Custodio



Jill Mathewson sets up her shop.

Santa helps launch store

New Leaf Flower Studio hosted its grand opening, Dec. 11, setting up shop in the former Heather Lake Market at 4746 Clarkston Road, at Eston Road.

Owner Jill Mathewson offers full floral services, and hosts 12-15 watercolor painters, wood finishers, metal work, glassmaker, acrylics, old-fashioned blacksmiths, and other local artists.

"I wanted to open a shop and support the community," she said. "I love the unusual and creative - I'm always looking for new ideas."

She moved to the area with her husband, longtime Clarkston resident Robert Mathewson, from Chicago.

"I'm really happy to be here," Jill said. "I've had nice support from neighbors and the community." Call 248-330-1975.

In our churches...

Metaphysical Bible Study, Sundays, 8:30 a.m., discover the inner, spiritual meaning behind the stories. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

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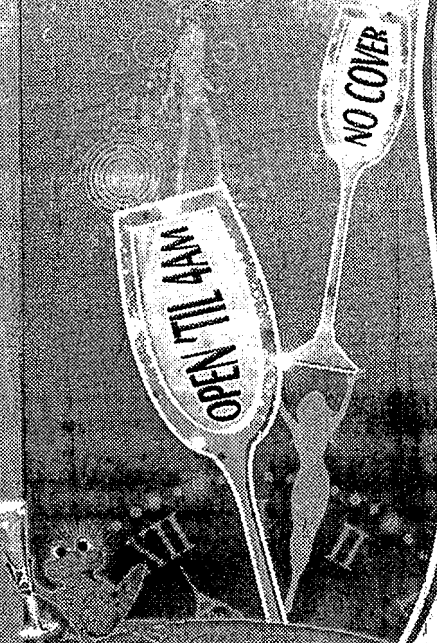
Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

Student Citizen of the Month honored

Andersonville Elementary School Principal Bruce Martin, left, and Clarkston Optimist Club President Jeff Reed present the Clarkston Optimist Student Citizen for the Month award for November 2010 to Andersonville second-grade student Brian Hickey. Photo provided



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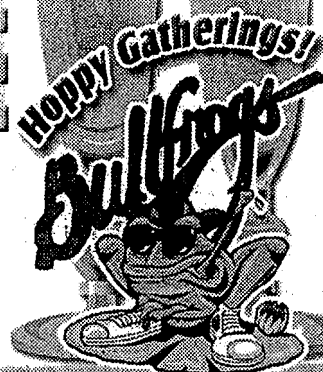
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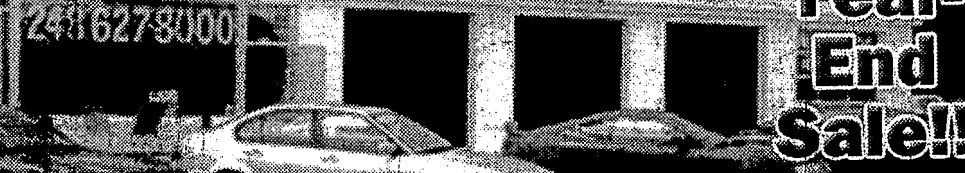
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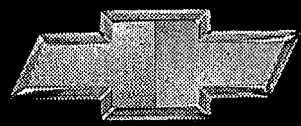
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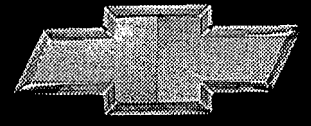
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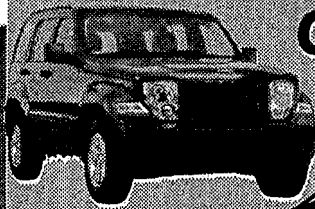
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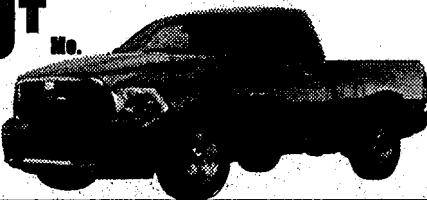


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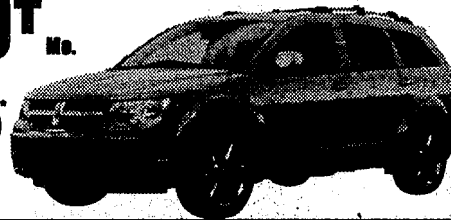
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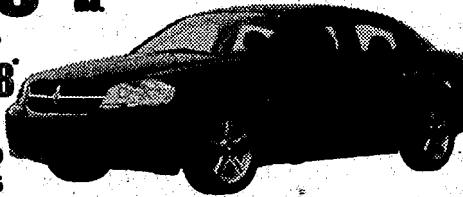


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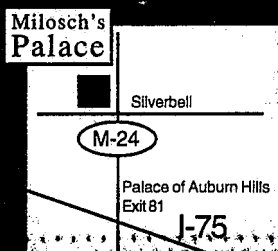
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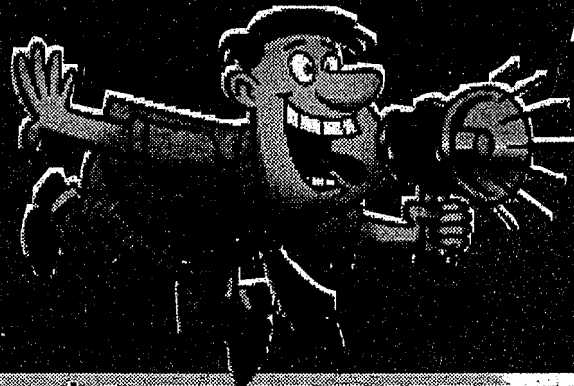
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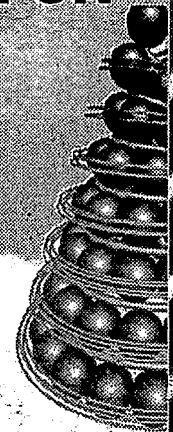
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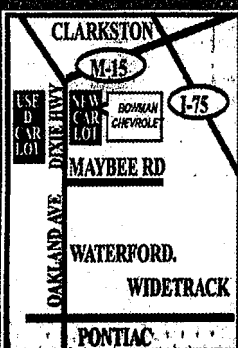
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