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Kirk Gibson and his mother, Barb Gibson, greet Mike Lewis, Clarkston music director. Photo by Phil Custodio

2011 ideas for reform

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

In 2011, budget remains a top priority for local government leaders, but reform is also up there.

Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner hopes for a better year than last year, which he called "nothing but turmoil and confusion."

"It just seems everything we do is just an argument on every single issue," Wagner said. "I hope the board can look at our differences and use them more effectively and constructively."

Clarkston City Council member Peg Roth hopes city committees, boards and commissions are more accountable to each other and the city, and more fair and respectful to residents.

"There have been issues with meetings not being posted properly or cancelled without notice to the parties involved," Roth said. "This needs to be corrected."

Disputes such as with owners of 164 N. Main need to be avoided this year, she said.

"I think we want to encourage not discourage people to want to move to our city, know they are being treated fairly, do improvements to their homes and use the wonderful services we have available," she said.

City government can do many things better, said Council member Richard Bisio.

"I hope to work with the other council members to improve our operations and provide a responsible and responsive government to our residents and businesses," he said. "We must look at all of the city's expenditures and ask if they are necessary and, if so, whether we are doing things as efficiently as possible."

City budget should be more closely monitored, Bisio said.

"More attention given to the need to authorize expenditures before the fact rather than spending first and then modi

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Gibson back in town helping kids

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
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Managing the Arizona Diamondbacks 2,000 miles away, Tigers legend Kirk Gibson never forgot his Clarkston roots.

"I grew up in the area, mom taught here - I love this area," said Gibson, back in town, Jan. 14. "I used to come up here and practice with Dan Fife - one of my heroes growing up."

Gibson visited Clarkston State Bank on Main Street downtown to meet with school and bank officials, setting up a scholarship program for Clarkston and Waterford stu-

dents.

"It's so wonderful to give back to his roots," said Dawn Horner, president of Clarkston State Bank. "He's never forgotten the people who helped him get where he is today."

Gibson auctioned off some of his LA Dodgers memorabilia from the 1988 World Series, including the bat he used to drive in a walk-off homerun in Game 1, batting helmet, World Series trophy, Most Valuable Player award, and Dodgers uniforms, including the jersey he wore in the key first game.

"The shirt was never washed," said Barb

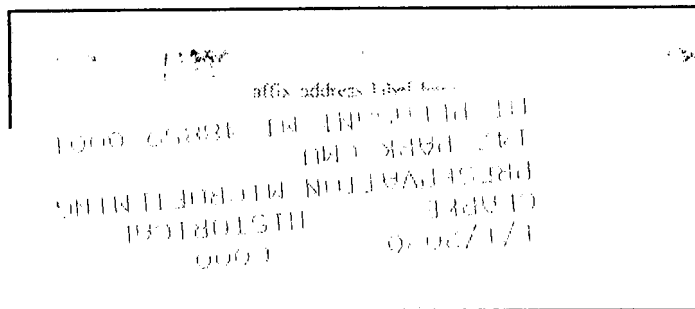
Gibson, Kirk's mother, at the Clarkston scholarship presentation.

The bat sold for \$575,912, with \$303,277 for the home jersey in the Internet auction last October-November. His helmet went for \$153,388; MVP Award, \$110,293; trophy, \$45,578; and road uniform, \$9,664, according to SCP Auctions.

"I have a lot more left," Kirk said.

"It is awful nice of him," said Fife, Clarkston High School athletic director. "Most importantly it is awful nice for him to give it in his mom's honor for what she stood

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Clarkston grad pays off a 23-year-old debt

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

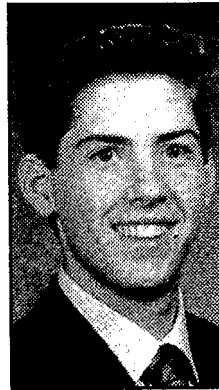
In 1988, Clarkston High School graduating senior Scott Poche was accused of drawing in a textbook, and told to pay for it. He denied it, and the matter was dropped due to lack of evidence.

But he did draw in the textbook, something he never let himself forget.

Now 40 years old, he sent a letter and check for \$100 to Clarkston High School

"I denied that I had drawn the picture and due to there being no way to prove that I had done so, I did not end up having to pay for it," Poche wrote in the letter, dated Dec. 23, 2010. "Since graduating, I fortunately have matured and have strengthened my sense of integrity and want to donate this money to provide restitution for the textbook."

Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul appreciates the effort, and tracked Poche



Poche

down through his sister, Becka, who still lives in the area. Kaul gave him a call.

"I said the money's not important," Kaul said. "What's important is the lesson shared with people on being a good person and doing what's right."

He placed the \$100 put into the high school's book fund.

"It's a neat thing to do, a valuable life lesson. I thank him for doing it," Kaul said.

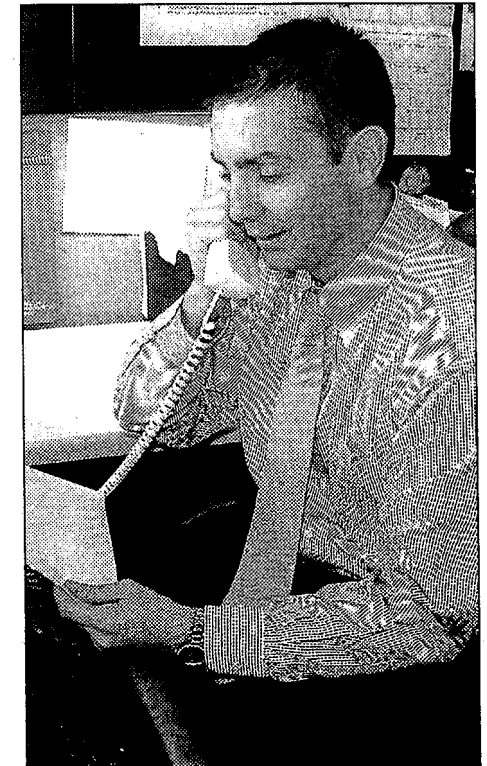
Recently converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, it was an important thing for him to do spiritually, Poche said.

"I came to the conclusion in my life that if I profess it, I should live it," he said. "Looking back on it, it wasn't that I wasn't taught better or didn't know better, it was more to avoid embarrassment. But I knew this happened in my past, and I wanted to take care of it. I have the means, so I decided to do it."

He lived in Clarkston for a short time, with his parents Rodney and Betty, and sister, attending Clarkston High School for about two semesters. They moved because of his dad's job transfer with General Motors.

Scott Poche lives in Springerville, Arizona, with his wife, Mysha, and their five children.

"We have two kids in high school - hopefully they're not drawing in textbooks," he said.



Gary Kaul, Clarkston High School principal, thanks Scott Poche for his letter. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Briefly

90 N. Main meeting

Clarkston City Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m., Jan. 20, at Village Hall, 375 Depot Street, to discuss preliminary plans for 90 N. Main Street. For more information, call 248-625-1559.

Tickets for vet doc

Pete's Coney Island, 6160 Dixie Highway in Independence Township, offers Our Vietnam Generation T-shirts in support and tickets for the documentary "Our Vietnam Generation," Jan 22-23.

The documentary, which focuses on struggles experienced by Michigan Vietnam veterans, premieres Jan. 28 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. For more information check www.ourvietnamgeneration.com

Bowl for lacrosse

Clarkston High School Boys Lacrosse team's Third Annual Bowling Fundraiser is Jan. 30, 1:30-4 p.m., Cherry Hill Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway.

Fee is \$25 per bowler, includes two hours of bowling, pizza and pop. Raffle prizes, \$10 ticket, includes 50-inch plasma TV, I-Pad, Blu-Ray DVD Player, and I-Pod Nano. For more information, call Dawn Burnett at 248-396-5127.

Winter dance

Clarkston High School Student Council hosts Winter Wonderland Masquerade Dance from 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5. Doors close at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, sold before and after school and at all lunches, Jan. 24-Feb. 2. Students with questions can see Mrs. Quayle in room A235.

Tea Party meets

Independence Tea Party Patriots hosts guest speaker David Littman, Jan. 25, Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road.

Littman's presentation "Pulling Michigan out of its Economic Drive" addresses private sector job growth, fiscal responsibility, and other issues. Networking is 5:15 p.m., general membership meeting at 6 p.m., presentation at about 6:30 p.m. Check www.itpp.us.

Correction

In "State steps in on hall plan," Jan. 12, the payment to township auditors Plant & Moran should have been listed as \$6,500.



First baby

Bryan Cook and Melissa Wilder welcome Clarkston's first baby of the new year, Corbin Bryan Cook, born Jan. 1, 2011, at 1:59 a.m. at Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc. Weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 21 inches long, Corbin joins big sisters Mikayla, 12, Audrey, 8, (not pictured), and Summer, 2. As 2011's first new Clarkstonite, she gets dinner at Mesquite Creek, Fish Fry dinner at Oakland County Sportsmens Club, Pampering for Mom and a gift basket for baby from Onyx Salon and Spa, Gift Certificate for car washes at Clarkston Auto Wash, and free garbage pick up from Smith's Disposal.

Check out Clarkston venues on Party Bus

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Local bar owners don't want patrons to drive to their establishments – they want them to take the bus.

"Come to our place, have a good time – we'll be accountable," said Keith Patten, owner of 24-7 Limousine and partner of Fountains Golf and Banquet Center. "If you're drinking, we don't want you in a car. We want you on the bus."

Fountains, Hamlin Pub, Mr. B's, Buck Shots and Mesquite Creek are teaming up to offer the Clarkston Party Bus Pub Crawl, about 7:30 p.m.-2:15 a.m., Fridays starting Feb. 4.

"This will help bolster business and take care of people, so they can go out and have a good time at all these places," said Jim Mellema, owner of Buck Shots Bar and Grill.

Patten found many clients hired his limo service to go bar hopping out of town to Birmingham, Detroit, and other communities.

"How many leave the area to go someplace else? Five hundred? A thousand? I thought, come to Clarkston and we'll take care of the transportation," he said.

Plans call for free rides along the circuit, as well as transportation home for \$10, within 10 miles. The group hopes to partner with another transportation company for patrons who live farther away.

"It's a great idea – where else can you go and get something for free? No where," Mellema said. "Most people going out worry about how to get home. This is a no brainer."



From left, Keith Patten and Tammy Bishop of Fountains and Jim Mellema of Buck Shots, along with three other Clarkston venues, are working together to offer free Party Bus service. Photo by Phil Custodio

The bus, holding about 25-30 people, will be furnished like a limousine inside, with music, drinks, and entertainment.

"It's be really cool – my worry is people won't want to get off," Patten said. "The object is to keep the Clarkston people in town, while keeping them safe."

The business owners want customers to visit each other's venues.

"Our biggest competition isn't each other, it's Novi, Birmingham, Detroit," said Tony Vitale, owner of Mesquite Creek. "We share a lot of the same guests. There are so many

unique venues in Clarkston, all offering something different. This is a great opportunity to spend the entire evening in Clarkston."

They hope to expand the service to more venues, including concerts at DTE Music Auditorium, Saturday night, as well as weddings and parties.

"The possibilities are endless," Mellema said.

The party bus route starts at Fountains, 6060 Maybee Road in Independence Township.

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Retro rock at Main Street party

From left, Clarkston business owners Ann Stevenson, Christina Calka, Peg Roth, Dawn Jacobs, Joan Donnay, and Theo Morgan, in their 1960s best, are ready for Saturday's Retro Cocktail Party in downtown Clarkston. Clarkston Retailers Group hosts the party, 6-9 p.m., Jan. 22, offering free cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment, with free rides home offered by 24/7 Limousine service. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

More partnerships on tap for 2011

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fying the budget to catch up to what was previously done," he said.

Clarkston Community School officials will continue improving transparency between district and public, and hope for state-funding reforms by the new governor and legislators.

"I would love to see Gov. Rick Snyder put a two-year budget process in place," said Susan Boatman, board vice-president. "This would allow our townships and school district to make funding decisions based on knowing projected revenues."

Trustee Rosalie Lieblang also looks forward to understanding Snyder's thoughts and priorities for education, while pressing legislature to fund education.

"As a community, we have to continue to let all of our state and federal representatives know funding for education has to be a top priority," Lieblang said.

"We need to see continued reforms at the state level that will save us dollars locally on retirement and healthcare," said board President Steve Hyer.

Springfield Township needs creative ways to help and attract businesses by addressing burdensome regulations, said Supervisor Mike Trout.

"We need to work closely with our new state government leaders to protect our state shared revenue in particular," Trout said. "I remain very optimistic about our future, and it will be important for our board to continue to stay focused on those we serve."

Other officials are also optimistic about 2011.

"Clarkston has been a vital and stable city

throughout its long and historic past and I am confident that we will enhance that history and continue the tradition of being a great community," said Mayor Joe Luginski. "I encourage our residents to volunteer for our city's activities and to come to the council meetings. We are always looking for new ideas to enhance our city."

Springfield Township will provide the best services available despite declining revenues, said Trustee Judy Hensler.

"The board worked hard on a budget that decreased costs while maintaining our current standards," Hensler said.

"Planning for the township during difficult economic times will help encourage growth and make Springfield Township a more desirable place to live," said Trustee Roger Lamont. "The outlook for Springfield Township remains positive."

Independence Township bright spots include new parks and recreation director and deputy supervisor, said Treasurer Curt Carson.

"I think the new deputy supervisor is going to be able to help the supervisor out greatly as far as the whole budget process," Carson said.

Financially, the township is in good shape - he will know more when he gets the 2011 assessing figures, he said.

"We should have a pretty good handle on that in March," he said. "Hopefully we're going to have a great year."

In Clarkston, new businesses have opened, and retailers had a good holiday season, Roth said.

"Let's hope our retailers continue to flourish thereby attracting more residents and

more retailers to our city," she said.

Budget solutions for Springfield Township include grants and partnerships with surrounding communities and Oakland County, while controlling personnel costs, said Clerk Laura Moreau.

"My personal solution to the challenges faced by our community is to continue to support local service groups such as Neighbor For Neighbor, Friends of the Library, Friends of the Parks and my church community," Moreau said.

Springfield Township Trustee Dave Hopper finds the future depressing.

"In 2012, we will deplete the majority of the fund balance and have to make a significant contribution from the General Fund to maintain the same service level," Hopper said. "The police fund will have to appropriate \$180,000 from the prior year fund balance to maintain the same level of service that our residents are accustomed to receiving."

On the agenda for 2011

Clarkston: Oakland County Main Street Program, address vacant homes in area, enforce ordinances, historic preservation; resolve 90 N. Main Street, former township hall

Independence Township:

Refinance Township Hall, avoid layoffs, appoint a new clerk

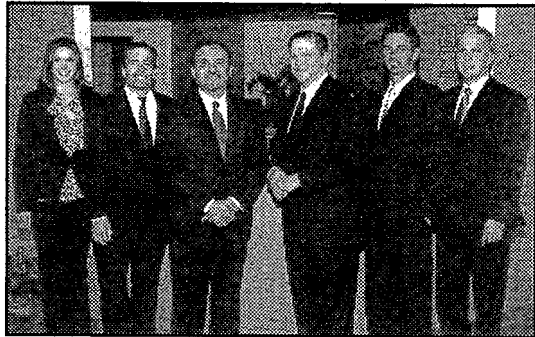
Springfield Township: Police and fire service funding; online code of ordinances, completed by fall; Dixie and Davisburg intersection improvements, Dixie Highway Corridor, pathways; enlarge Shultz Park parking lot, repairs to tennis and basketball courts; downtown beautification, in partnership with Oakland County; renovation of former lumberyard, Davisburg Cemetery; maintenance and preservation of roads, township property



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How Serious is an Impacted Wisdom Tooth?

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

Why have your Wisdom Teeth Removed?

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



Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Freedom targeted

It would be a shame if freedom becomes another casualty in Jared Loughner's massacre at Rep. Gabrielle Gifford's Congress on Your Corner event in Arizona.

Left-wingers want to tie right-wing politicians and talkers to the tragedy, blaming their programs and speeches for creating a climate of hate. If they get their way, no more war- or violence-based metaphors — because there are crazy people out there who take it literally.

Have they considered how limits they impose on opponents eventually apply to themselves as well? What goes around, comes around (is this a war metaphor? It might be some kind of boomerang thing).

Sports metaphors are OK so far. No word yet on sports metaphors based on war. Presumably, something like "the campaign plans to blitz the district" would need clarification, "blitz" as in football or World War II.

Would I be able to say it makes my blood boil to think we're one crazed killer away from losing basic human rights to free speech? (I'm using "boiling blood" as a figure of speech meaning angry. I would die long before my blood reached boiling temperature.)

How about saying Arizona Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, blaming right-wingers and his own state for provoking the attack, should be run out on a rail? (I don't really want him put on a rail and carried out of town, something that apparently happened in colonial times. It's another figure of speech.)

No more fighting city hall, holding the line, blasting one's opponent, sword of freedom, chinks in armor, shooting in the dark.

Certainly no more crosshair-filled maps, like that used by political campaigns in every election ever. Sarah Palin got in trouble with lefties for her target map this time, because it included Rep. Giffords.

They say she secretly wanted them shot. No way. Crosshairs were placed through the country's middle, on vulnerable districts, to show ones they thought they could win in November's election.

A real right-winger hit list would have crosshairs clustered on the east and west coasts. Just sayin' (an expression used to absolve one of any responsibility for what one just said, or wrote).



School violence concerns parent

Dear Editor,

Recent violent acts at Clarkston High School have me, as a parent of two students there, very concerned.

Within the past week we had a student arrested for making mass death threats over the Internet and another student hospitalized after being beaten on school property

(ed. note: not Clarkston Community Schools' property).

I suspect there are other incidents occurring that I am just not aware of. I have to wonder what the heck is going on inside the minds of our children, and equally important, what school administrators are doing to prevent such criminal outbursts.

The current economic situation no doubt creates stress for students just as it does their parents. Perhaps schools should alter their curriculum by adding mandatory classes for coping with stress and the anger potentially brought on by it.

Despite all the great things Clarkston schools have to offer, I fear some kids just don't realize how good they have it.

Might we have a situation where there

are simply too many students packed into too few schools resulting in many feeling "left out" or neglected?

Unfortunately, although I have many concerns and questions, answers elude me. I sure hope our school officials are treating these incidents with the seriousness they deserve and are implementing preventative measures to assure the safety of our children.

Letters to the editor

Name withheld at writer's request
Clarkston Community Schools officials respond:

"I'm exceedingly happy with the way our students, staff, parents, and administration handled the Facebook posting," said Dr. Rod Rock, superintendent. "The response is an indication of the caring community in which we live."

"Student safety is the absolute primary issue we consider as a board of education on anything that comes before us," said school board President Steve Hyer. "Operationally, our policies are put in place to allow our administrators to keep our schools a safe and secure place to learn."

Township needs generous lender

Dear Editor,

How can Independence Township get a loan on an upside down Township Hall ("State steps in on hall plan," page 1A, Jan. 12)?

Did it cost \$6,500 to have Plante Moran figure out that the way to eliminate the Water and Sewer deficit is to get a new loan from a different source? What budget did it come from?

Are there costs associated with the new loan, like loan fee origination points or mortgage insurance? Is the loan for 100 percent of the cost, or is there some level of equity required? Where will that equity come from?

Won't there be a real appraisal, not just an estimate of costs plus 35-37 percent price inflation tacked on, which will show that the

supervisor and clerk paid a non-market rate for the building? Since the township paid far more than market value for the building two years ago, and the market has not improved over the last two years, how is the township going to pay off Water and Sewer with the new loan proceeds? Has the township found a lender who will loan 200 percent or so of market value?

It seems to me that the Township Board is worried about not being involved with this issue because the township supervisor is inept in dealing with financial issues or their consequences, like buying the Township Hall in the first place.

Jeff Gibbs
Independence Township

Thanks for supporting blood drive

Dear Editor,

On Dec. 17, Independence Township Fire Department, in conjunction with the Clarkston Lions Club, hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross.

We were able to collect 53 pints from those who were able to donate that day. Thank you to all who were able to donate, and thank you to anyone who may have been turned away.

Your time and generosity is valuable to

us, and especially to those in need of blood.

The fire department has been hosting blood drives for at least 20 years for the Clarkston area, and the Lions have been involved in this effort with us since 2005, and since December of 2005, we have collected a total of 564 pints, translating to 1692 people who have benefited from your generosity of time and blood.

Bob Cesario, EMS Coordinator
Independence Township Fire Department

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

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"A young man for all seasons" Nick Upchurch of Clarkston was honored with three United States National Awards, for National English Merit, All-American Scholar, and National Leadership and Service. He played football, basketball, and baseball, earned a 3.9 GPA, and played also sax on the school band.

"Students plan their future environment" Cedar Crest Academy students Chris Cook, Amy Warbington, Nat Topping, Amber Sage, and Sara Stawarz planned a new city in the Future City Competition. They competed against 36 other schools in Detroit regionals.

"Soup's on!" The Clarkston News celebrated National Soup Month with recipes, facts, and tips about soup, shared by chefs at Clarkston Cafe and Clarkston Union. The trick to a good soup is the stock, said chef Bill Fortin.

25 years ago - 1986

"Winter remains" Holly and Joshua Holewinski's igloo in Independence Township survived a weekend thaw.

"Governor picks Kammer for DNR" Gov. James Blanchard appointed Kerry Kammer of Springfield Township to the Natural Resources Commission, overseeing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"Caverly continues caring crusade" Iva Sommers Caverly started a petition drive to complete a cloverleaf at I-75 and Sashabaw, and a full traffic signal at M-15 and Waldon Road. She wanted the projects because of increased traffic in the area.

"All for naught" Independence Township employee George Thompson prepared two rinks on Mill Pond, smoothing the ice with a snow shovel then spraying them with water from a fire hose.

50 years ago - 1961

"Mrs. Carolyn Schrock speaks to child study" The interior decorator spoke to Clarkston Child Study Club about practical ways in which boys and girls rooms can be furnished. The varying interests of children could be included in the decorating theme, as well as fabric and furniture preferences, she said.

"Martin Luther film to be shown Feb. 5" Clarkston High School hosted the film on the Reformation and the Reformer, sponsored by Calvary Lutheran Church.

"Clarkston local" Bobby Porritt and Richard Mansfield, both attending Albion College, were home for the weekend, returning to school that Sunday.

Sometimes stuff happens . . . for a reason

So, there I was driving to Oxford early Sunday afternoon. I figured I could get a few moments in at the office whilst no one else was about. I don't know about you, but I find working during work hours hard to do. I have actually posted on my office door a sign that reads, "Go Away," "Figure It Out Yourself," and "You Bother Me."

It hasn't worked. Everybody still walks in to "chat" even if I don't want them to. Come to think of it, I think they are actually walking in more. Remind me to take that sign down.

At any rate, it is easy to get things accomplished when nobody else is in the office, so I was headed to work but first needed to make a purchase at Meijer Thrifty Acres.

I made it the parking lot when I heard some scraping noises coming from the front passenger's side tire. Brake. Park. Shut off engine. Hmm . . . ice buildup between tire and wheel well? Flat tire?

Nope. I got out and walked around to that side of my 191,347-mile traveled, 1999 rattletrap commonly referred to as a GMC Sonoma. And, there before my eyes I did behold the source of that grindy,

scrapie sound. The tire/wheel was askew. The top pointed in, towards the engine. Now, I didn't have a protractor on me, but I'd say the angle of the dangle of that tire was off by about 30 degrees.

Bummer.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

And, as I don't have Buckhorn Towing's phone number burned onto the contours of my brain like I do the Oxford Police Department's, I called the Oxford Cop Shop and they patched me through to Buckhorn's. They in turn promptly towed it to the mechanic's shop.

If you want to know here's what needed fixing: Ball joints, bent backings, crunched wire and loose idler arms. \$1,114 later and by Monday afternoon, I should be up and on the road.

Woo-who!

Thing is, I am more times than not, amazed how blessed I am. Some of you Negative Nellies might bemoan the regrettable situation. It does suck to break down, but it were I Donnie Downer (I

would first change my name, because I hate being called "Donnie") I would just get myself worked up into a lather that would not change the fact that the truck was still busted.

It took about 2.3 nano seconds for my mind to starting thinking, "I could have been on the highway with my sons, traveling 70 miles per hour when the ball joints puked out." "I could have been on one of the area's back roads, miles from anywhere when things went awry." "I'm pretty lucky."

I am probably luckier than I deserve.

This situation, led to a conversation with a friend which led to this conclusion: When things are in the crapper for you, the best thing to do is get out and help somebody. Look for the less fortunate because there is no surer way to get out of yourself, than to find somebody who's got it worse.

I ain't saying I went out looking to be Johnny-on-the-spot Do-gooder. I didn't. But, if I would have, I would have felt even more betterer (kids, don't splice this kind of sentence together for your English teachers, they'll scalp you).

Okay. Enough of preaching from a-

high.

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Few things of note . . . this weekend downtown Clarkston retailers are putting together a "Retro Cocktail Party" and at the same time, Rudy's Market and Washington Management (behind *The Clarkston News* building) are having a wine-tasting party. These two events are going on at the same time on purpose.

Folks are gonna' dress up, there will be snacks and cocktails and games and live entertainment (think 1960s Ratpack, Vegas).

Everything is free, but donations will be accepted for Lighthouse North. The fun is from 6 to 9 p.m. and for those who think it prudent, a limo service (24/7 in Clarkston) will be on hand to chauffeur folks home.

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Last weekend the Oxford Chamber of Commerce went all out for their 1st Annual Gala Community Awards event. Think Oscars. Over 100 folks attended and I think this will be "the" event for years to come.

Attaboys to Holly Bills and whomever helped her make it happen.

Letting my mind wander a little longer

Wonder if any sports writer ever asks a referee or umpire who they favor? Sometimes it sure feels like favorites are getting calls.

Speaking of referees, the next time you see one giving the sign for loss of down, pay particular attention to the refs mouth. See if you detect a smile.

The signal is for loss of down. The ref puts both hands behind his head, mimicking a Vegas show girl. I'd smile.

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- Why hasn't President Obama ever gone to Israel? They are one of our stronger allies.
- Why doesn't someone comb Sally Fields' hair before she does her Boniva commercials?
- Because there is so much outside funding sources for political candidates, to whom do the winners owe their deepest allegiance and greatest obligation? To the folks back home who voted for them, or to the special interests and contributing groups from outside their districts who paid for and made possible the messages that persuaded the voters to decide the way they did? Who calls the signals?

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- Between the holidays, this was Sear's tv statement: "It's time to talk about toilet paper, quilted."

Really? Why is the December 25-January 1 time period so important for that talk?

• Some time in 1953 I bought a used 16-mm movie camera and projector. I took 10 rolls of movies, about 3,300 feet, then going to slides in 1970. Before this Christmas, I had them put on a disc. A single disc. 90 minutes. The movie taking really got going right after son Jim was born in 1954. I swear the first 20 minutes of movies are of him getting a bath. It went over big this recent Christmas day, especially with our twin grandkids looking intently for confirming the boyhood.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

• America has the watches. The Taliban has the time.

• I've never drawn unemployment compensation, so maybe I don't get it. But how can, as our president says, paying people not to work increase employment?

- "Seeking security will never give you the security you seek." - *Almanac*
- Suits are making a comeback in ladieswear. Plaid is in everything from casual campshirts to office-

ready suits; olive and army green, they go with everything from purple to mustard. Military looks; jackets and double-breasted coats with brass buttons. Also from *The Almanac*.

• How about some proverbs to dull your day? Fish, bite more before a storm. (something about a low pressure system.)

If there is thunder in winter, it will snow seven days later.

Silver maple leaves turn over before a storm. When dew is on the grass, rain will ne'er come to pass.

Wind in the east, good for neither man nor beast. Cream and milk, when they turn sour at night, often indicate that thunderstorms are about.

A year of snow, crops will grow
A ring around the moon means rain will come real soon.

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- Some quick Q's:
- If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
 - If you mixed vodka with orange juice and milk of magnesia, would you get a Phillips Screwdriver?
 - If Superman is so smart why does he wear underpants over his trousers?



The Bollman family made an entire family of snowpeople.



Luke and Jake Brandel's snowman seems fairly pleased to have been built during a recent snowfall. Photos provided

Let it snow, man

Clarkston residents know how to have fun in the snow, rolling up some snow balls and making them into snowmen, snow-women, and snow-children.

Just a couple months until the start of spring, set for Sunday, March 20, at 7:21 p.m. Until then, keep building!

No constable for Clarkston

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Following its Constable Committee recommendation, Clarkston will stick with the sheriff for police services.

"The committee considered a range of police service, from a certified, full-time police officer to a code enforcement, parking-ticket officer working part time," said Councilman Thomas Hunter.

"The council would be free to select any of those alternatives or select as you say no action at all, but that decision is up to the council," Hunter said.

The committee, also including Sharron Catalo, former mayor; Scott Meyland, past councilman and police liaison; former Councilman Mike Gawronsk; and Dennis Ritter, city manager, was put together last September. They had to give their findings prior to Dec. 31 2010.

The full-time police officer would have cost a total of \$56,593 and a part-time code enforcement officer would cost \$12-14 per hour.

"Essentially I read the conclusion as all the services we would look for are provided for today with the contract with the township for the Oakland County Sheriff," said Councilman James Brueck. "Unless there is some defined need that's not being addressed properly, good information but no action required, and I appreciate their time they put into it."

Hunter agreed.

"Since there has been no particular pressure by the public or complaints from the public that code enforcement services are not being pursued and as far as I know there haven't been any complaints about parking tickets not being written," he said. "It seems like at this point why should we take any action and cause the village to make an additional expenditure."

Councilman Stephen Hargis also concurred they didn't need to "pursue the matter further."

Councilman Richard Bisio asked City Manager Dennis Ritter if he thought there

was a problem with enforcing code ordinances, or if what was being done currently was sufficient.

"In reality we probably could get along the way we are," Ritter said. "As much as we'd like to have the help, that's to say that person could also walk around the city, walk into all the businesses and say 'hi' to everybody and just be sort of an ombudsmen. At any rate the long short of it is I think we could probably do without it."

Resident Michael Sabol suggested the council consider bringing the issue back at a later meeting, so other people who were interested in the constable discussion who weren't at the current meeting could voice their views.

"The only reason I suggest you do that is because I think what you'll end up getting unless you try and do that is you'll have people trickling in every meeting asking - 'what happened with the constable project,'" he said. "It's just something I think might be a good idea to try and get out there and let everybody know what's going on and bring people forward for the discussion."

Mayor Joe Luginski told Sabol they posted the agenda on the website Friday before the meeting and didn't know how long the council wanted to continue discussing the matter.

"If council wants to have it put on the agenda we can do it," he said. "I personally think it's time to move on."

Councilwoman Peggy Roth agreed.

"I think the bottom line was from Lt. (Dale) LaBair (Independence Township substation commander)," she said. "I think they've (OCSO) been very visible and I see them around town all the time."

The council voted unanimously to accept the report. Luginski said the report should be used, not just kept on a shelf.

"Let's just keep this in mind. We always have the option of going to this," he said. "There is nothing that says we can't go to this down the road, but I think for now that would be my opinion."

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Not mugged in London

An Independence Township couple returned from a visit up north, Dec. 30, to find several phone messages from friends checking up on them. They received emails that the couple was mugged in London and needed money sent by Western Union.

Inside job?

A car was stolen from a garage in the 5000 block of Waterford Road, Jan. 1. Belonging to a guest, the car's keys were left on a box next to the car inside the garage. Someone apparently got inside by using a dog door to reach up and unlock a side door. Investigation revealed a 14-year-old boy living in the house had two friends over the Tuesday before, to buy marijuana from them. After his friends left, the boy's father discovered his car keys, sunglasses, and thumb drive missing. One of the visitors, a 14-year-old Independence Township boy, admitted taking these items because he was owed money. He denied taking the car, though.

Attempted car theft

Someone smashed through a passenger window of a car parked in the 5000 block of S. Marshbank, Jan. 3, and ripped open the ignition lock assembly and steering column.

Drivers on drugs

A witness called police when he saw a 23-year-old Clarkston woman driving erratically on Clintonville Road, 4:30 p.m., Jan. 4. The woman ran several drivers off the road, and sideswiped another vehicle. The witness followed her until deputies arrived, pulled her over, and arrested her for driving in presence of drugs.

A deputy on patrol watched as a car sped out a Dixie Highway apartment complex, 3:03 a.m., Jan. 4, and pulled it over. The driver, a 27-year-old Fenton man who smelled strongly of marijuana, said he had a medical marijuana card and smoked two joints at a friend's place. He was arrested for driving with presence of drugs.

Drunk collider

A 24-year-old Waterford Township man was arrested for drunk driving, 6 a.m., Jan. 13, at Clarkston Road and Park Drive, after hitting a car driven by a 42-year-old Oxford Township man.

I-75 rollover

A minivan driver was seriously injured in a rollover crash on I-75 at Sashabaw, 1:32 p.m., Jan. 13. Michigan State Police closed I-75 for investigation until 4 p.m.

Earrings gone

A 31-year-old Independence Township woman reported a set of earrings taken from a box on her kitchen counter, Jan. 5. She said the only other person there at the time was a man she knew only by a street name, who was there from about 5-7 p.m. She didn't know where he lives, and assumed he was dropped off at the apartment by a friend of his.

Metal theft

A deputy on said an SUV parked in the 12000 block of Andersonville Road at an unoccupied, foreclosed house, 12:30 p.m., Jan. 5, and stopped it as it attempted to leave. Finding about 200 pounds of used copper tubing in the back, the driver, a 23-year-old Southfield woman, and three passengers, a 40-year-old Detroit woman, 29-year-old Clinton Township man, and 19-year-old Southfield man, were taken in for questioning.

Felony warrant

A 23-year-old Goodrich man wasn't seriously injured in a traffic crash, 3:35 p.m., Jan. 8, at Ortonville and Cranberry Lake roads. He had a felony warrant for his arrest out of Lake Orion on drug charges, through, so he was arrested and transferred to Lake Orion police.

Computer scammer

A 72-year-old Independence Township resident took a call from a man who said he worked for Windows XP, 4:35 p.m., Jan. 8. The caller said the resident's computer was under attack by a virus, and wanted her to turn on her computer and follow his instructions. Suspicious, the resident took down his name and number, then called Dell to check on them. Dell said they don't call to notify users about viruses, and she should call police. The caller said he was in London, but his phone number had a New Jersey area code.

Thefts without locks

A Swiss Army type knife and some change were taken from an unlocked pickup parked on Briarwood Court, Jan. 9.

Someone took a coat and purse from an unlocked vehicle, Jan. 9 in the 7000 block of Brookwood Drive.

Shattered window

A van's driver's side door window was shattered in the 7000 block of Chapelview Drive, Jan. 9.

- Reports compiled by Phil Custodio

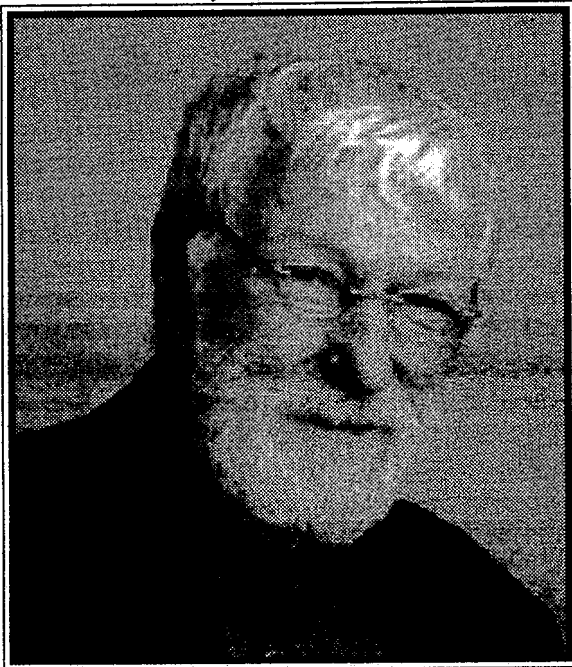
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Dr. James O'Neill, M.D.

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Dr. O'Neill literally attended a one-room schoolhouse near the badlands in Williston, North Dakota. When he was only 16 years old, he boarded a train for Minneapolis to begin college because "there was no more they could teach him" in that little schoolhouse. Once in Minneapolis, he attended St. Thomas College, and after just three years, he had met the requirements to be accepted to St. Louis University School of Medicine.

In 1958 at the age of 23, he graduated at the top of his class and became the youngest physician in The United States. He also met my mother, Mikel, and they started a family that would eventually grow to six of us children and 14 grandchildren.

After medical school, my parents moved to Detroit so that my father could train at Henry Ford Hospital and specialize in pediatrics. As his residency neared its end, he and my mother were recruited by many small communities, but in 1961, they decided on Clarkston after much urging from Drs. Bullard and Naz. They gave him a bench in a hallway, a broom closet for supplies, and one exam room. My parents settled into the old Ford farmhouse and the rest, as they say, is history.

To give you perspective on what has happened over the last half of a century, we've had ten presidents, the US population has nearly doubled, and we've rid our country of small pox and polio, the latter of which Dr. James O'Neill survived as a child.

We need your help!

Over the next year, we're going to celebrate our organization and its success as well as tell the story of our founder. Because our success has come from people like you trusting CMG for their healthcare needs, we're asking for your help to tell the story of Dr. James O'Neill. We know there are a lot of great "Dr. O'Neill stories" in the community, and we hope you will submit them so we can publish them in our quarterly newsletter, as well as in The Clarkston News. Whether they're touching or humorous, please take the time to submit your story and if it's chosen, we'll send you a gift card as a way of saying thanks. Please use the form below to submit your stories.

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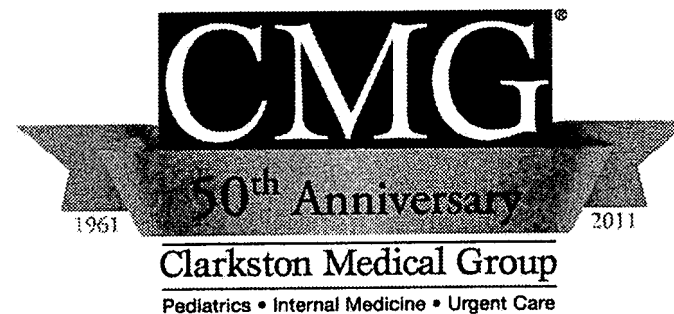
Growing up as the youngest son of Dr. O'Neill and then joining him in practice, I have quite a few stories of my own! One that always sticks with me occurred when I was only seven or eight years old. In those years, people came to our home at all hours of the day or night if they were sick or injured. That was just the way it was for our family. Oftentimes I would sneak downstairs into our back kitchen and watch him treat patients. Late one night, first one, then another bloodied teenager showed up at our back door to get their faces and knuckles sewn up. Turns out they'd gotten into a fight at Pine Knob with each other! My father very calmly got them to shake hands, made them some coffee, and sewed them up before lecturing them on staying out of trouble and not getting into fights.

We've come a long way since that little white table in our back kitchen, but the mission still remains the same; to take care of our community!

We hope you and your family will be healthy and happy in 2011!



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Kirk Gibson, in middle with his mother, Barb Gibson, along with, from left, Superintendent Rod Rock, Clarkston State Bank President Dawn Horner, and Athletic Director Dan Fife, and, from right, Principal Gary Kaul and Music Director Mike Lewis. Photo by Phil Custodio

Kirk's foundation funds scholarships

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for his mom. She was a great teacher for Clarkston schools for over 30 years. She is a great person, a great role model, taught with passion and always brought a smile and positive outlook everyday to school."

Proceeds go to the Kirk Gibson Foundation, which he founded 15 years ago.

"He's given a tremendous amount of money in honor of his mom (who taught speech and drama in Clarkston) and in memory of his dad (the late Bob Gibson, teacher and coach at Waterford schools)," said S. Gary Spicer, Sr., attorney representing Kirk Gibson.

"Kirk has as much potential in philanthropy as he did in baseball," Spicer said. "He has a wonderful future as manager, and expanding the scope of his philanthropy — he's an example of a professional athlete giving back enormously to students."

Barb Gibson was a teacher when Fife was in school, and also when he first started coaching, Fife said.

"She really enjoyed what she was doing, especially for a teacher to teach that long and have the passion," he said. "Even our meeting on Friday, her smile lit up the world. I don't know anyone knowing Mrs. Gibson say anything bad about her and Kirk knows what a good mother she is. It is good he can give those kind of things in her honor."

The foundation provides \$1,250 scholarships to Clarkston, Waterford, and MSU students.

"I'm very excited about the possibilities for our students through Kirk Gibson's generosity," said Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston superintendent. "We are exceedingly grateful to Kirk and his mother for continuing to think of the students of Clarkston."

The selected students will have Kirk Gibson in their corner throughout their academic careers, as long as they do their part, he said.

"It's good to be able to do this — I'm committed to it," Kirk said. "My goal is to give as much as I can. I got scholarships. Should the goal of any student athlete be to go professional? No. It should be to go to college, have time to mature and get an education."

Clarkston scholarships will go to drama students, in honor of his mother. In Waterford, they'll go to student athletes, in honor of his dad.

"What a great opportunity for the kids in both Clarkston and Waterford," said Mike Lewis, Clarkston High School music director. "It is wonderful that an individual that has had the success that he has is giving back to the community in which he grew up."

Students will be selected for scholarships in April or May, Rock said.

"This is a testament to Kirk's determination, overcoming all obstacles to become a dominant college and professional athlete," Rock said. "Further, it speaks to his desire to give back and to teach others to do the same. Finally, he is modeling his love and admiration for his parents, who played such important roles in the Clarkston and Waterford communities, and made a huge impact on Kirk."

As the foundation grows, Kirk plans to provide more scholarships and perhaps help out with pay-to-participate fees.

"I'm just excited — he's really a very positive person with a positive attitude," Barb said. "He really is a giving person. I'm very proud."

Kirk stayed busy during his trip to Clarkston, visiting with family and friends, and a speaking engagement at Central Michigan University. He returned to his manager job, Jan. 17.

"He has a packed schedule — I was lucky I got him just to say hi," Barb said. "I'm really proud of him. He's very dedicated. I'm glad Waterford and Clarkston will benefit."

Kirk, Barb Gibson in the News

Kirk Gibson and his mother Barb Gibson, a teacher in Clarkston, were featured several times in the pages of the *Clarkston News*, especially in 1984, when Kirk and the rest of the Bless You Boys won the World Series for the Detroit Tigers:

"Tiger bandwagon gains speed" Sept. 1984, Barb Gibson, Clarkston's expert on the Detroit Tigers and mother of Tiger Kirk Gibson, was enjoying the team's success. Barb, a speech teacher at Clarkston High School, was with the team when it clinched the division title.

"Foul ball connects with Tiger fan" Sept. 1984, A foul ball slugged by Kirk Gibson hit 7-year-old Jason Ward of Independence Township. Barb Gibson, also of Independence Township, had the ball autographed by her son and given to the boy, who wasn't seriously injured.

"Tiger victory hits home!" Oct. 1984, Clarkston teacher Barb Gibson was proud of her son, Kirk Gibson, for his two homeruns, five RBIs and base running in the Detroit Tigers' World Series victory against the San Diego Padres. The following Monday at school, she wore her favorite shirt with number 23 in the middle of the back and the words "Kirk's Mom" across the shoulders.

"Birtsas comes home" June 1985, After growing up in Clarkston and following the Detroit Tigers, Tim Birtsas returned to Tiger Stadium to pitch against the defending world champions. Pitching for the Oakland A's, he struck out six with his fastball, but accidentally hit batter Kirk Gibson in the mouth, giving the Tigers an RBI and the win.

— Clarkston News archives

Kirk hopes to return to Michigan someday, perhaps to work for the Tigers again. If he does, he plans to settle in Clarkston.

"Get a house on a lake, spend time with the grandkids," he said.



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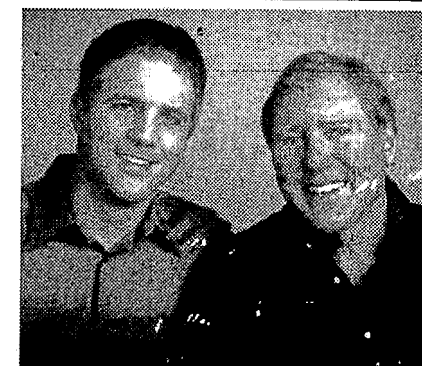
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Hardy, Tatu top scorers throughout three games

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was back to work on Monday morning as Cagers prepared for two upcoming OAA games.

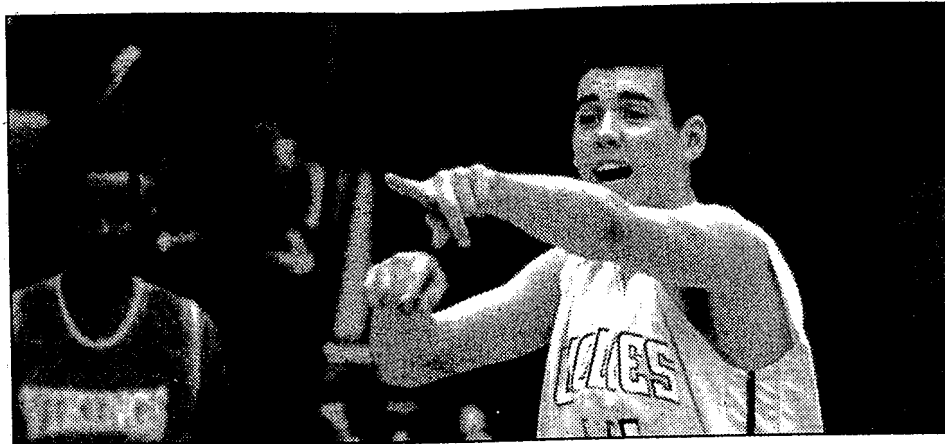
After two wins and one loss from the previous week they still had plays to tweak and fundamentals to perfect.

"We are no where near we need to be," said long-time Wolves Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "We are making progress. It is taking awhile for these guys to find themselves as a team, what their strengths are and what they need to do."

The boys began their week hosting Flint Northern on Jan. 11. The first quarter proved to be slow moving for the boys, moving at the same speed into the next quarter. The boys went into half-time two points behind, 22-20.

"The first half just killed us and how we took the ball," said Fife. "We came out so flat and they took the ball so easily without much effort. It didn't look like our focus was there."

The second half was intense and the Wolves looked like they were back in form, posting 17 points in the eight minutes back on the court after Flint Northern continued to steadily climb on the scoreboard.



After a six-point run, Nick Tatu closed the gap scoring off his own rebound and scored again. A basket from Jordan Dasuqi and two from Marcus Hardy kept Flint Northern on their heels facing a one point difference.

Two free throw shots from Dasuqi with 15 seconds left in the third quarter put Clarkston in the lead 37-36.

The battle ensued for control and with 1:19 left in the game Hardy scored one point off a free throw shot, tying the game.

Flint Northern called a time out. When they came back they kept possession of the

ball.

With 20 seconds left Matt Rodgers stole the ball and headed to the other side of the court. The referee blew the whistle - on the way he stepped out of bounds and Flint Northern regained control.

A basket in the last second off a rebound gave Clarkston a 53-51 loss.

Hardy led the boys with 15 points and Tatu aided with 13, scoring three 3-pointers.

The Wolves followed it with a win at Farmington Hills Harrison last Thursday, leading the scoreboard for the first three quar-

ters.

They won the OAA league game, 55-30. Tatu led with 14 points, scoring another set of three field goals in the game. Rodgers scored one 3-pointer, finishing the game with 11 points. Hardy had eight.

They continued with a 62-61 win over Renaissance High School on Saturday night. Tatu led with 26 points.

"It went pretty well," said Fife. "Offensively we played pretty well. We didn't play that well defensively. We have lost a lot of tough ball games and we have won a few tough ones. Even with this win and the win at Harrison, we still have work to do."

The boys play two OAA foes this week - heading to Pontiac on Tuesday and North Farmington on Friday.

"This week is a tough week," said Fife. "I know it is Clarkston and Pontiac and it will be a great game. It always is. Both teams play hard and play tough. It is a great atmosphere."

North Farmington has only lost one game so far in the season and Clarkston at a 4-4 record on Monday.

"Our goal is always to win the league title," said Fife. "We have lost one already - we can't lose anymore."

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

Athlete of the Week Reppuhn scores to win

Clarkston High School Senior Lindsey Reppuhn stands 5'5" with a strong presence on the basketball court.

Coming back from break she led the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball against Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley and Pontiac in their first games in the new year and the two wins.

Against Chippewa Valley, Reppuhn posted 14 points, scoring one 3-pointer and 8-of-11 free throws in the 51-41 win.

"She had some big free throw along the stretch," said Tim Wasilk, head coach.

During the game at Pontiac on Jan. 6, she scored the last ten points in the game, including a field goal in the last minute as well as 4-of-4 free throws in the 48-46 win. Reppuhn finished with 15 points.

"She is playing with a lot of confidence

and playing like a senior should," said Wasilk. "She is giving us leadership. Lindsey comes to practice every day focused, ready to play and ready to work. She is definitely a good influence on the newcomers on the team."

During the next two games she scored three points each against Troy and Lake Orion.

"When she plays with confidence she shoots the ball well and definitely makes us better," said Wasilk. "She worked pretty hard during holiday break. Once she started hitting a few shots and started having a good game it snowballed for her. She has had a good streak of four games and I hope it continues for her."

She plans to continue playing basketball at Kalamazoo College. -WAR

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Viazanko defends in 5-0 victory

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers skated into the new year with two wins.

"Things are starting to come together," said Clarkston Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier. "We are playing well. I don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves but we are definitely doing things better. We are getting good results from it."

The boys played St. Clair Shores last Wednesday and beat them, 5-0. Connor Hughes put the boys on the scoreboard 7:50 into the first period.

The momentum continued to grow as Zach Gootee and Adam Bruderick scored two more in the next period.

But the time Brad Pizzey scored the fourth goal, 2:41 into the third period, it was all over with for St. Clair Shores.

Austin Morse sealed their opponents' fate adding the last goal for the night.

Freshman goalie Jack Viazanko saved 14 shots and had a shutout.

"It was a good game," said Krygier. "Viazanko played well."

The Wolves made 28 shots on the net. Adam Larkin, Matt Harrington, Jordan Henney, Chad Wotton, Dillon Drayer and Morse each added one assist for the night.

The boys headed to Stoney Creek on Saturday for their second win, 4-1. Macario Torres opened the game with the first goal three minutes into the first period.

Stoney Creek's Brian Gill tied the score at the beginning of the next period. A power play goal from Drayer put the boys back into the lead 7:21 in the period.

Four minutes later Adam Larkin scored Clarkston's third goal. Drayer added on more unassisted with 44 seconds left in the game. Drayer had two assists during the game.

Adam Johns, Wotton and Pizzey also added one assist each. Alec Gildner had 17 saves in the net and Clarkston made 33 shots.

"We are tied for first in the OAA right now with two games left in the league," said Krygier.

The boys host Rochester United on Saturday night.

"It looks good. We have to win one of our next two games to finish in second place," said Krygier. "I would definitely like to beat Rochester so whatever happens against Lake Orion we still have second place clinched."

The game begins at 8 p.m. at Detroit Skate Club.

3-year drought against Dragons broken

BY NICK LOOMIS
Special to The Clarkston News

In every basketball rivalry fans can almost always guarantee trash talking, hard fouling, and nail biting endings.

Friday night the Clarkston Wolves varsity girl's basketball team beat rival Lake Orion 39-38 after a back and forth battle throughout the entire game.

"Even though Lake Orion are our rivals, we didn't change our gameplan at all. Before the game I told the girls one thing. We have to beat them," said head coach Tim Wasilk.

Lake Orion had beaten Clarkston three years in a row prior to Friday night, so they thought it was about time to turn things around.

Clarkston started off playing great team defense causing Lake Orion to make turnovers everywhere on the court. The Dragons were even struggling to get an open shot off.

On the offensive end, Clarkston was looking to go down low to junior forward Christina Jokisch, who ended the game with eight points.

There were a lot of blown lay-ups at certain points throughout the entire game that could have helped the Lady Wolves gain a comfortable lead.

As time expired in the first quarter, junior guard Megan Hastings hit a three pointer after good ball movement by the entire team to send Clarkston into the second leading 11-7.

The second quarter was one that Clarkston didn't have a problem forgetting. With many silly mistakes taking place, Lake Orion dominated after taking the lead with 2:10 left to go in the half.

The Lady Wolves looked lost, sharpshooter senior Lindsey Reppuhn missed three early 3-pointers and turnovers seemed to plague the offense all quarter. The girls ended the half down 19-12.

Coming out of halftime, Clarkston looked revamped and had a new mindset.

"Coach told us to stop playing like we were scared. He wanted us to get in their face and strongly emphasized defense," said Hastings.

That was exactly what they did. The second half was much more fast paced, higher scoring, and scrappier on the defensive end for the Wolves.

Lake Orion though, did have the advantage on the offensive glass for what seemed like the entire game.

Sophomore guard Delaney Kenny scored seven of her 10 points in the third quarter

and took over the position as offensive leader for the time being.

Lake Orion took a much needed timeout with 1:49 left in the third to slow down the ensuing Lady Wolves.

It didn't seem to be much of a speed bump for the girls as they ended the quarter trailing 25-28.

In the fourth, Clarkston didn't waste any time tying the game back up with 4:42 left to play.

Lake Orion seemed to fall apart at the end giving up two field goals late and an offensive foul all credited to Hastings.

To seal the victory, Reppuhn was fouled with 24.6 seconds left and sunk the first of two free throw shots.

The final score of the game was 39-38 giving Clarkston its first win over the dragons in four years.

This win over the Dragons brings the Lady wolves record to a solid 6-4 on the season

"Overall, we struggled shooting the ball, but we played well on the defensive end of the court. The experience definitely showed at the end of the game resulting in a win for us," said coach Wasilk.

The Lady Wolves hosted Rochester Adams on Tuesday and head to Rochester on Thursday night.



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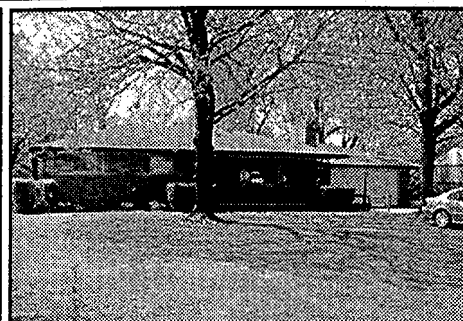
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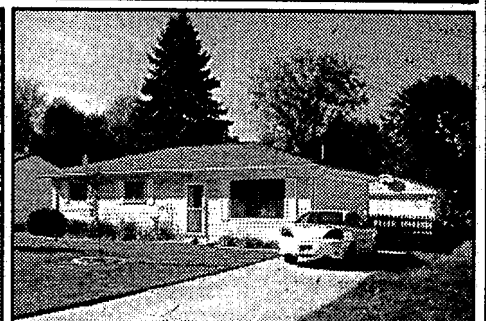
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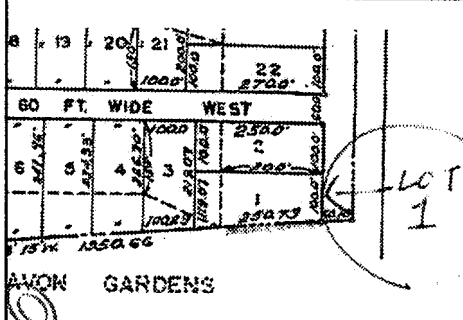
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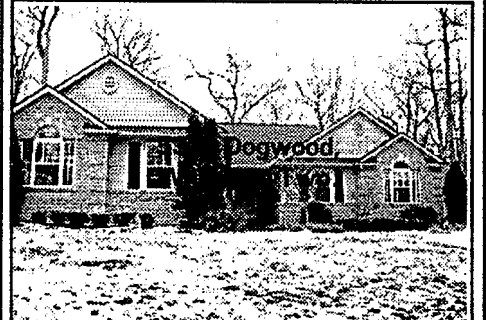
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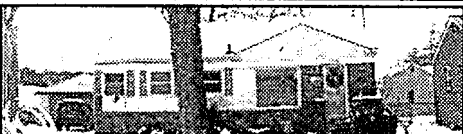
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15 resumes so far for replacement township clerk

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Concerned about candidates seeking an easy paycheck and benefits, Trustee Neil Wallace suggested reducing pay for the new, replacement township clerk.

His suggestion: a dollar a year. Former Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen's salary was \$69,875.

"We can at this juncture uniquely alter the compensation of the new clerk," Wallace said.

Once the Independence Township Board picks its candidate to appoint, it can readjust pay based on that person's skill set, he said.

The idea was defeated, 5-2, at a Jan. 11 special meeting. Wallace and Trustee David Lohmeier voted yes.

"It's a radical approach, but it's also not something that's as ludicrous as it sounds," Lohmeier said. "It would allow us to market price the position."

Treasurer Curt Carson disagreed.

"They should know what it is they're pursuing, especially if they're looking at giving up something else," Carson said. "I just don't think we should play around with it. I think we should be clear, make it simple and let's get some good candidates in there."

Trustee Larry Rosso also felt it would "undermine the process."

"It sends the wrong message," Rosso said.

"It's going to shrink the pool because they're going to misinterpret it."

Wallace also proposed appointing a three-person selection committee. All three would be residents and registered voters of the township, and one of the three would be a municipal attorney.

Resident Jim Reed said he recognized "how critical it is to have a great selection of clerks," but also wondered why the board limited the selection committee to three people.

"I think if there were five people there would be more different input and viewpoints looking at the candidates, which might actually reinforce the process," Reed said. "Take a hard look whether you really want three or not."

Trustee Mark Petterson was not particularly in favor of a committee.

"I don't want to leave it up to a committee or anybody to make selections for me and then bring them to me, I don't want anybody excluded from this," Petterson said. "I think

that every candidate needs to be looked at by every member of this board."

Trustee Dave Lohmeier liked the idea of public involvement.

"It's our responsibility to replace the clerk in the fashion the statute dictates," Lohmeier said. "It's not an election, so I kind of like the idea of getting the public in this, so a committee of three makes me feel like we got some involvement."

Treasurer Curt

Carson agreed.

"I don't think if we were to get an overwhelming number of applicants that we could clearly in the time necessary go ahead and interview all those people," he said. "Having a separate committee is probably a good idea."

Supervisor Dave Wagner said all board members will see the resumes no matter what.

"That's not even a question," Wagner said. "If a individual board members choose to call them and talk to them and get input

from them I don't see anything stopping them."

Discussion on the selection committee was set for Jan. 18. Fifteen candidates applied so far. Deadline for submitting resumes was today, Jan. 19. The Township Board voted 5-1 to set up the "Clerk Replacement Selection Process." Trustee Mark Petterson voted "no."

"The clerk's job is singularly the toughest job by design in township government," Wallace said. "We have a significant task and responsibility in front of us, particularly because we're taking the place of the voters."

According to the process, selection committee would provide three recommendations to the board by Feb. 1. Each township board member will also pick one candidate each from the resume pool. Interviews by the board will be Feb. 8 and 15.

"I think this is the most efficient way to go about it and allows everyone to be reviewed by the board if they didn't make the committee selection," Rosso said. "I really think this is an excellent process and really appreciate being included in the process as well."

The board accepted VanderVeen's resignation, effective Jan. 18. According to state law, the board has 45 days to appoint a new clerk before going to the county for a special election. March 4 would be the last day for the board to select a clerk.



Wallace

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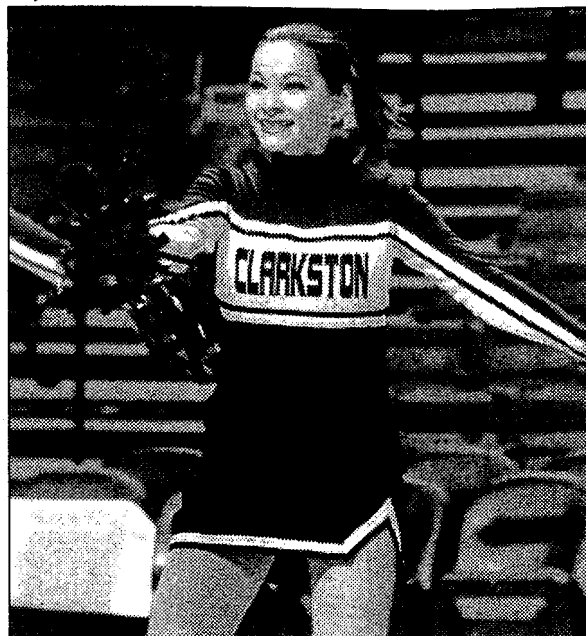


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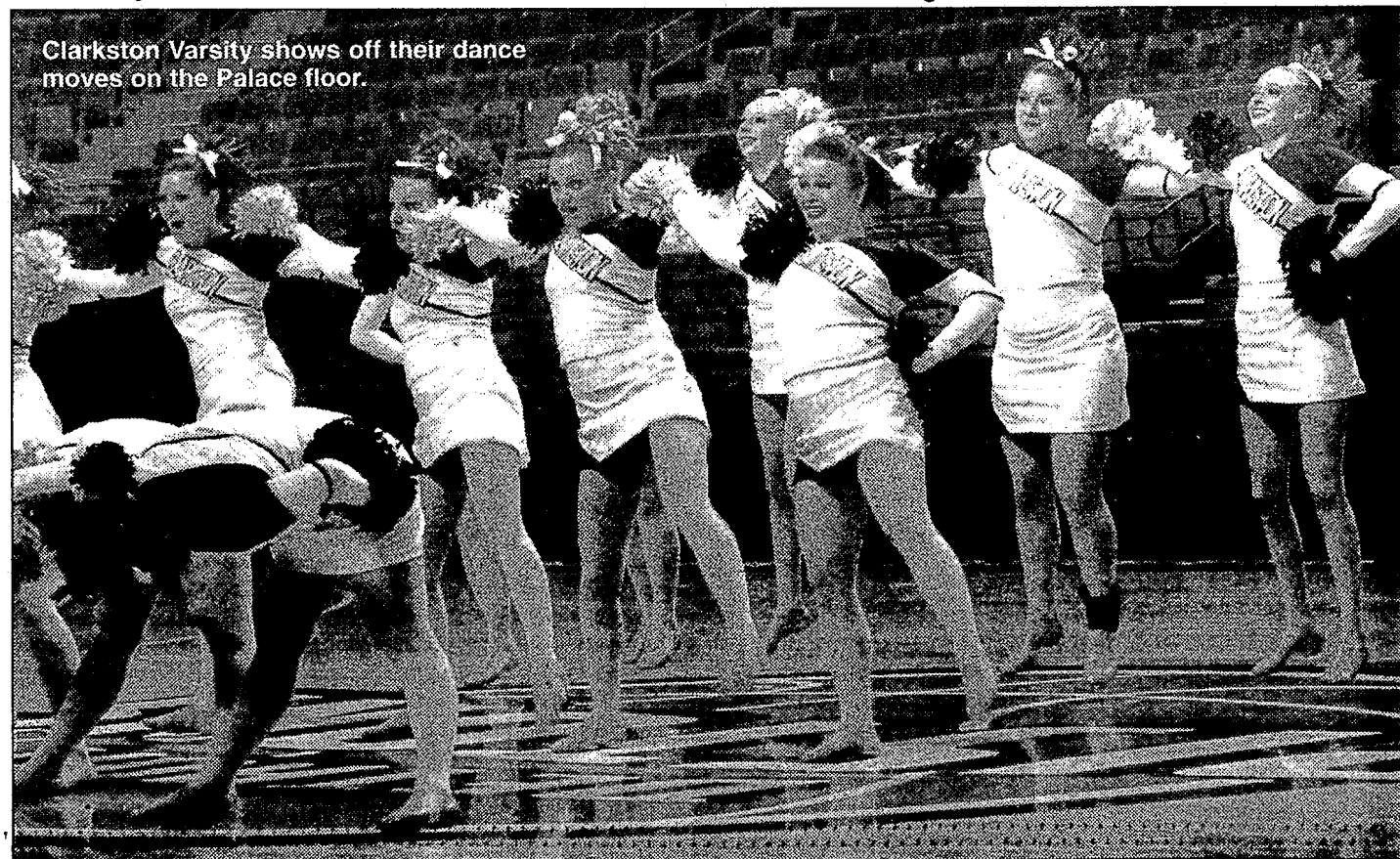
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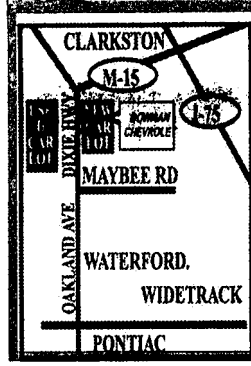
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- Amanda VanKlaveren

"I might be. Since I was a kid my dad and me have gone every year."



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"Probably not, too busy with work."



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By Wendi Reardon

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Kids reach out to help youngest patients

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

First-graders at Independence Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary are reaching out to other children.

For their Academic Service Learning project they are raising money for Ty'd with Love, created by Anne Duffy, a Independence Elementary first-grade teacher.

"We are raising money for kids getting treatment in the hospital," explained Colin Farmiloe, in Duffy's class.

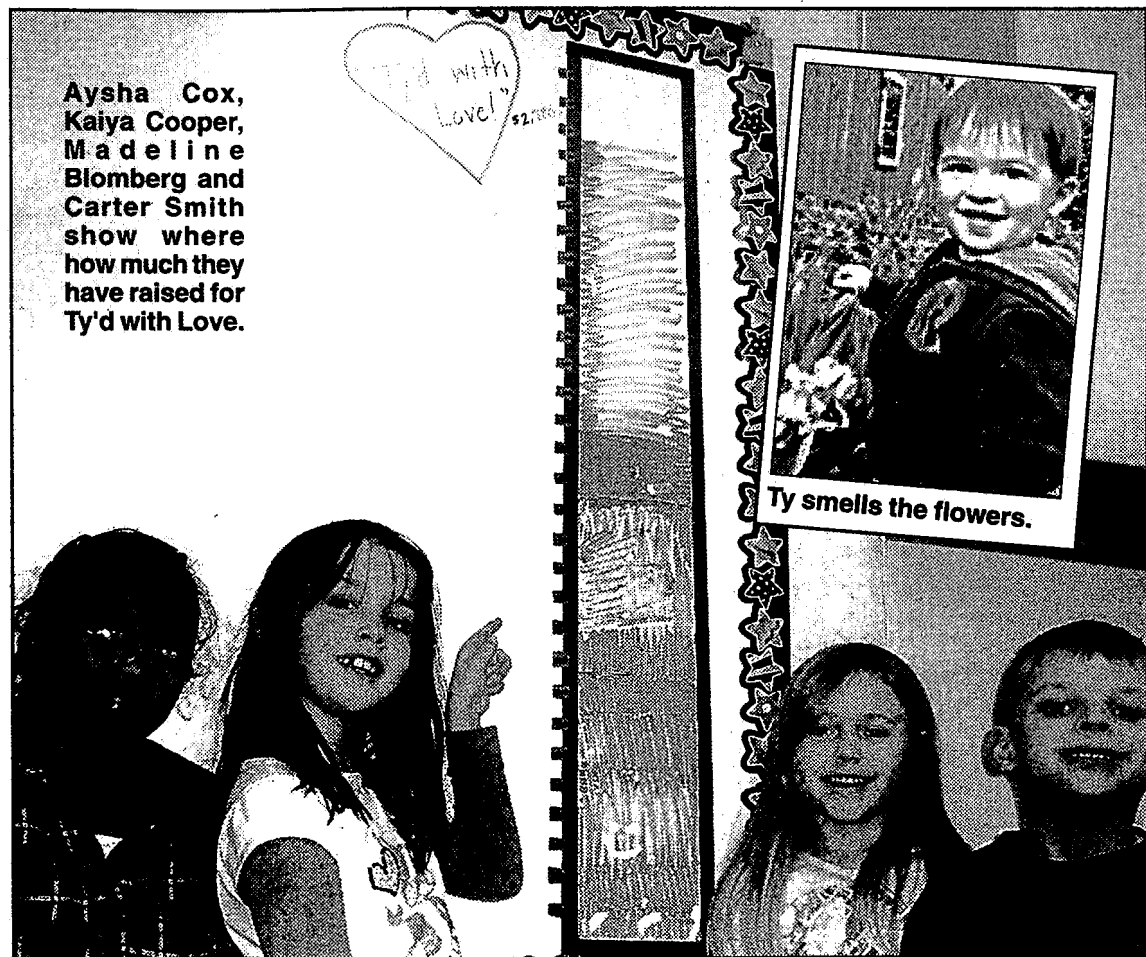
The goal is to raise money to buy items for the oncology/hematology clinic at Children's Hospital of Michigan and Great Lakes Cancer Institute. The students sent hand-written letters to local businesses asking for help. Their written words worked - as of Monday, they raised \$3,080.

The project is in honor of Ty, Duffy's 2-year-old son, a patient at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

In May 2010, doctors discovered a tumor in Ty's eye. He has received chemotherapy at Children's Hospital for the past several months, for 5-6 hours at a time.

Ty would sit and watch movies on his DVD player. One day, Anne watched a little boy with absolutely nothing to do but sit during his treatment, looking bored.

"My heart would break," she confessed. "When we came home we were praying for more kids than our own."



Aysha Cox, Kaiya Cooper, Madeline Blomberg and Carter Smith show where how much they have raised for Ty'd with Love.

While there is a television in the room, not everyone can see it while receiving treatment and they only have 10 DVDs for children ages 3-4.

Anne explained many didn't have anything to do because families don't have means for more. She also explained to her class other

children don't have mp3 players, Nintendo DSs, iPad touches or portable DVD players.

The ideas began to spark to purchase items patients could use - portable DVD players, DVD's, activity books, coloring books, hand-held games, hand-made blankets and more.

"We are trying to get things to donate to the hospital so when kids are sitting in those chairs having to get the medicine and they are feeling so yucky, they might be able to do something," said Anne.

The goal is to purchase 10
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Mind & Body: Secrets for Smart Shopping, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 19; Swan For Life Cancer Foundation, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 26, learn about food choices to prevent cancer and help with cancer survival. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Healing Through Art, 3-4 p.m., eight weeks, starts Jan. 20. Free drawing class for those touched by cancer. Drawing I series with Pamela Palmer of Artist's Apprentice. No experience needed. Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe. RSVP by Jan. 17. 248-922-6606.

Birthday celebration, with Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Jan. 20, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Celebrate everyone's birthday with a cake decorating demonstration, white elephant gift exchange. 248-620-3255.

Tracy Kash Thomas, jazz vocalist, 7 p.m., Jan. 21, Peace Unity Church's Coffee House, 8080A Ortonville Road. Free. Donations accepted. 248-625-5192.

Square Dance, 7 p.m., Jan. 22. **Super Bowl XLV Party**, 5:30 p.m., Feb. 6. St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road.

Free Concert, Gratitude Steel Band, 1:30 p.m., Jan. 23, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Enjoy the tropical sounds and audience participation - a fun event for all ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. 248-625-2212.

Spaghetti Dinner, Young at Heart fund raiser, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 24, Hart Community Center,

Around Town

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

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Davisburg. \$6/ages 9 and up, \$3/ages 5-8. All you can eat. 248-846-6558.

Blood drive, 2-7:30 p.m., Jan. 25, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-2093.

Annual Meeting, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 29, Look-out Lodge, Waterford Oaks. Free. Guest, Sen. Mike Kowall; speaker, Julie Stoneman, Heart of the Lakes.

Becoming Indigenous: From Preservation to Regeneration, 7-9 p.m., Feb. 2, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. Email mdrueck@gmail.com.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Feb. 8. Topic: "Valentine's Day," led by a Bereavement Counselor from Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Weekly meetings

Monday

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.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

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

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1:30-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, Spanish salsa, rock and roll, cha cha, with Rosemary Hall. \$3 drop in.

Tuesday

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

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

Community Singles, third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 4301 Monroe St., off Sashabaw, Waterford. All ages, men and women. 248-394-0412.

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

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.

Pickleball, all levels welcome, equipment provided, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Sponsored by Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center. 248-625-8231.

Wednesday

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Welcome to the News Joey Goss

New sports stringer reporter Joey Goss is a junior at Clarkston High School, writing for the high school newspaper, *Paw Prints*.

He was born March 9, 1994, to Jill and Scott Goss. He has one sister, Molly Goss, who is a junior at Grand Valley State University.

His interests involve playing football and running track for the high school along with hanging out with friends.



Nick Loomis

Nick Loomis, son of Sandy and Jeff Houle is a 17-year-old, pursuing a career as a sports journalist.

After graduating this June, he plans on attending Central Michigan University where he hopes to get a degree in journalism.

He has lived in Clarkston for 12 years after moving from Rochester Hills when his mother Sandy got remarried.

He has two older sisters, one who attends Michigan State, another who lives in Chicago and one older brother who recently graduated from Western Michigan and is now living in Chicago.

Nick works at the Kroger in Orion Township 3-4 days a week and likes to play basketball on his spare time.



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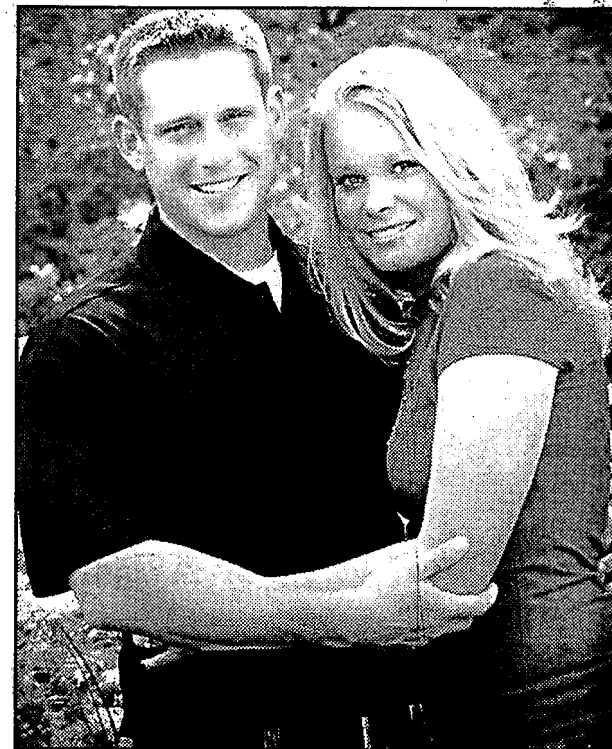
Together with their families, Becky Knott and Seth Porter are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Becky is the daughter of Greg and Linda Knott of Clarkston, Michigan. Seth is the son of Chris and Rhonda Porter of Eldridge, Iowa, and Kathy and Chuck Pape of Delafield, Wisconsin.

Becky graduated from Clarkston High School in 2000 and Luther College in 2004. She currently works as a pharmaceutical representative with Forest Laboratories.

Seth graduated from North Scott High School in 2000 and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 2004. He works for Porter Insurance in Eldridge, Iowa.

The couple will be married in May at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, Iowa.



Seth and Becky

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Religion

Mary's prayer offers insights for life

There is perhaps no better way to begin the new year than to listen to the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We can listen to her words in the prayer called the "Magnificat."

In this prayer we get a glimpse into the heart and mind of Mary as she prepared for the birth of her son Jesus. Let's take a look at some of the phrases of Mary's prayer so that we might gain some spiritual insights.

Mary's prayer begins: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

At Christmas we celebrate a God who is so great that he didn't flaunt his greatness. Often in life we think that our personal greatness lies in putting ourselves and our own achievements at the forefront.

We might be tempted to believe that others will admire us, respect us, and want to approach us if we show them how great we are.

In highlighting our greatness, however, we can actually distance ourselves from others. The higher we put ourselves on a throne, the farther away from other people we become.

Christians believe that God came down from heaven, not on an inaccessible throne, but in the silence and simplicity of a manger so that we could come close to him without fear.

He allows us to approach him through the greatness of

his humility.

Mary must have sensed this wonderful paradox because she also says: "He has looked upon his lowly servant."

She understood that God comes close to the humble of heart. Mary did not deem herself worthy of becoming the mother of the Savior.

She calls herself a "lowly servant" and recognizes that, because of her humility, "all generations will call me blessed."

Her prayer continues: "The Almighty has done great things for me."

Mary recognized God as the source of all the good things in her life.

What were these good things? Remember that Mary and Joseph were poor as far as earthly possessions go.

For all those who are poor, Mary is a consolation. She shows us that the true spirit of Christmas can be experienced in the absence of material things.

So, despite the many hardships that people face, there truly is a message of hope every Christmas.

Mary grasped that these good things were spiritual "things": love, friendships, happiness.

She teaches us that among all the beautifully wrapped boxes we find under our Christmas trees, the most precious present is the presence of the Christ child who brings us peace and joy.

Fr. Daniel Pajerski, LC, is Formation Director for Everest Academy.

Spiritual Matters



Father Daniel Pajerski

In our churches...

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New year brings new school opportunities

Happy New Year!

School Board Recognition

January is School Board Recognition month. I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the seven members of the Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education. Elizabeth Egan, Cheryl McGinnis, Barry Bomier, Joan Patterson, Rosalie Lieblang, Sue Boatman, and Steve Hyer serve our community and district as elected officials. They represent more than 8,000 students and 1,000 staff members; oversee an \$80,000,000 budget; make decisions regarding educational programming, policy, and contracts; and attend countless meetings. In difficult times, they make tough decisions regarding budget reductions. At all times, they make decisions regarding the livelihood of employees and the educational experiences of children.

Thank you school board members, for all that you do, give, and share.

Staff Appreciation

The Clarkston Community Schools wishes to recognize the following staff members who were recognized by their peers for outstanding service to our boys and girls:

Tim Berquist, Andersonville; Amy Morris and April Killewald, Bailey Lake; Kim Chadwell, Clarkston/Springfield Plains; Melissa Skvarce, Clarkston Elementary; Jody Sebring, Pine Knob; Michelle Laing, Springfield Plains; Kaki Gove, Pat Kent, and Jeanne Webster, Sashabaw Middle; Thomas Evans, Clarkston Junior High; and Jeanie Lamreaux, Clarkton High School.

We are exceedingly grateful to these people, and countless others, who go above and beyond to meet the needs of our students, staff, parents, and community. You do amazing work!

Ph.D. Completion

As an educational institution, we value hard work, determination, perseverance, expertise, collaboration, and excellence. In December, one of our teachers, Matt Ittig, completed his Doctor of Philosophy Degree through Wayne State University. This required great sacrifice, commitment, concentration, time, and study.

We wish to congratulate Dr. Ittig for this amazing accomplishment and to thank him for working constantly to become a better teacher.

You bring great pride to the Clarkston Community Schools!

Budget Projections

Every community member knows the difficult economic times facing education, and every other sector. As astute and involved citizens, you're also aware that the Clarkston Community Schools reduced its budget this academic year (2010-2011) by approximately \$8,000,000, affecting every aspect of our organization.

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

Unfortunately, the economic climate in Michigan will require our district, over the next two school years combined (2011-2012 through 2012-2013), to reduce or restructure our budget by an additional \$6,300,000. We've arrived at this amount as follows:

Decline in Revenue from the State of Michigan, \$2,000,000; Increased Costs, \$2,200,000; Loss of ARRA and PA 18 Funding, \$2,100,000; for a total of \$6.3 million.

As we consider these economic difficulties, I, as the instructional leader of the Clarkston Community Schools, believe that the heart of our organization is the classroom. Research clearly shows that the teacher makes all of the difference in students' learning. Therefore, I will do everything I can to protect the student-teacher relationship and to enhance learning for every child in our care. This is my primary responsibility.

Concomitantly, I believe strongly that, in order to move education forward, provide excellence for all students, grow, and shape the future of living and learning in Clarkston, we must work diligently across sectors (e.g., public, private, governmental, not-for-profit, health care, higher education) to shape a strategic direction that will increase revenue, improve sharing, enhance the learning experience, reduce redundancy, and attract businesses and families to Clarkston. Therefore, the Clarkston Community Schools will embark on an aggressive strategic thinking process, with community

partners, addressing these questions:

- What is the future of living and learning in our world?
- How will we, the citizens of Clarkston, in our community, schools, government agencies, not-for-profits, health care agencies, and businesses, partner to meet the living and learning needs of the future?
- How can we grow together?

I've already met with several people to begin these discussions. In the coming weeks, I will reach out to additional partners. Following this, the school district will convene a meeting of partners and begin the strategic thinking process. Please let me know of your interest in partnering. Working together, we will build upon our existing excellence, collectively creating an amazing future of living and learning in Clarkston.

Code of Leadership

I've recently completed my fourth month as the superintendent of the Clarkston Community Schools. During this time, I've sought to develop relationships, communicate transparently, establish and build upon partnerships, understand the fiscal state of the district, comprehend the district's existing culture of thinking and learning, and identify emerging needs. Through the process, I've developed a Code of Leadership, which you can find at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us. I expect this Code to guide my thinking, learning, and leading through the next several months and years. I also expect that the ideas listed therein, along with existing documents, will guide our strategic thinking process.

I invite you to read the Code and to offer feedback to me. Although I've taken great care, deliberation, and consideration in developing this Code, I did so realizing that it is a living document that will evolve with my learning and leading in Clarkston. Please help me lead and learn by offering constructive feedback according to your unique perspective. As always, you can submit this feedback to me at rdrock@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

I look forward to seeing you soon,
Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.

Optimists host Eton program

Clarkston Area Optimist Club hosts a presentation by Pete Pullen, Eton Academy's head of school, 7:30 a.m., Jan. 26. Pullen will present "Five Ways to Help Your Child Overcome ADHD and Dyslexia."

"I strongly believe in community outreach," says Pullen. "We are a resource for parents, teachers and interested community members who may benefit from better understanding how to identify and support a different learner.



Pullen

Regardless of which school is the best fit for the child and their family, we have access to research and educational tools that we are happy to share."

Clarkston residents James and Doris Ward have a sixth-grade son at Eton.

"Alex has had learning challenges his entire life, so I am always researching options and keeping my ears open for anything that may help him," says Doris. "Since starting at Eton, he has advanced over a grade and a half in his reading level just since September."

"There are friends all around you here," adds Alex. "There are only seven kids in my class. It's quiet. I get help in my work and have reminders to make good choices. In sports, everyone gets to play."

Alex's teacher Lauren Trueman uses many visual cues and reminders with her students.

"We have a lot of multi-sensory tools that we use to help keep our students engaged in learning," Trueman said.

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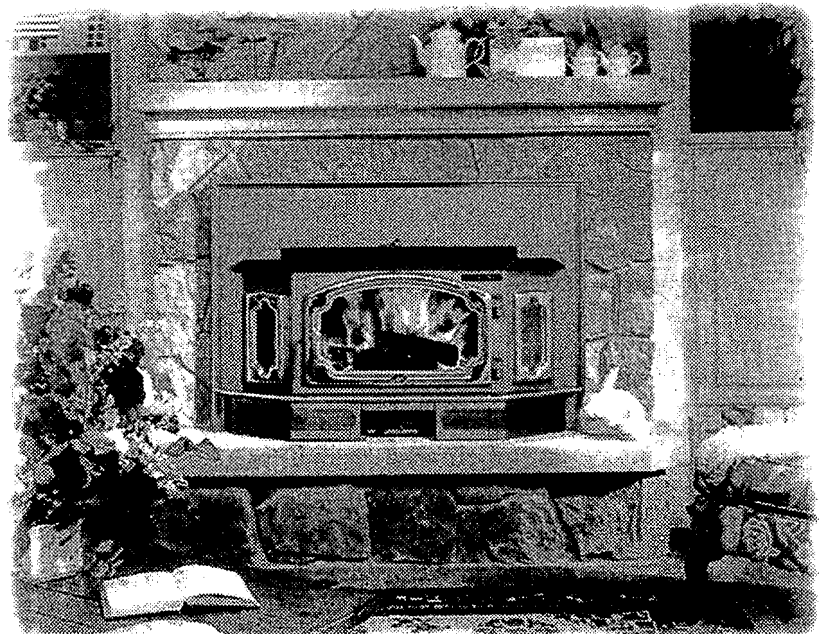
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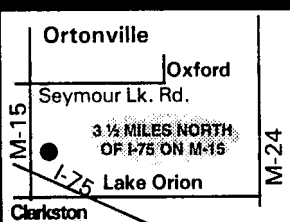
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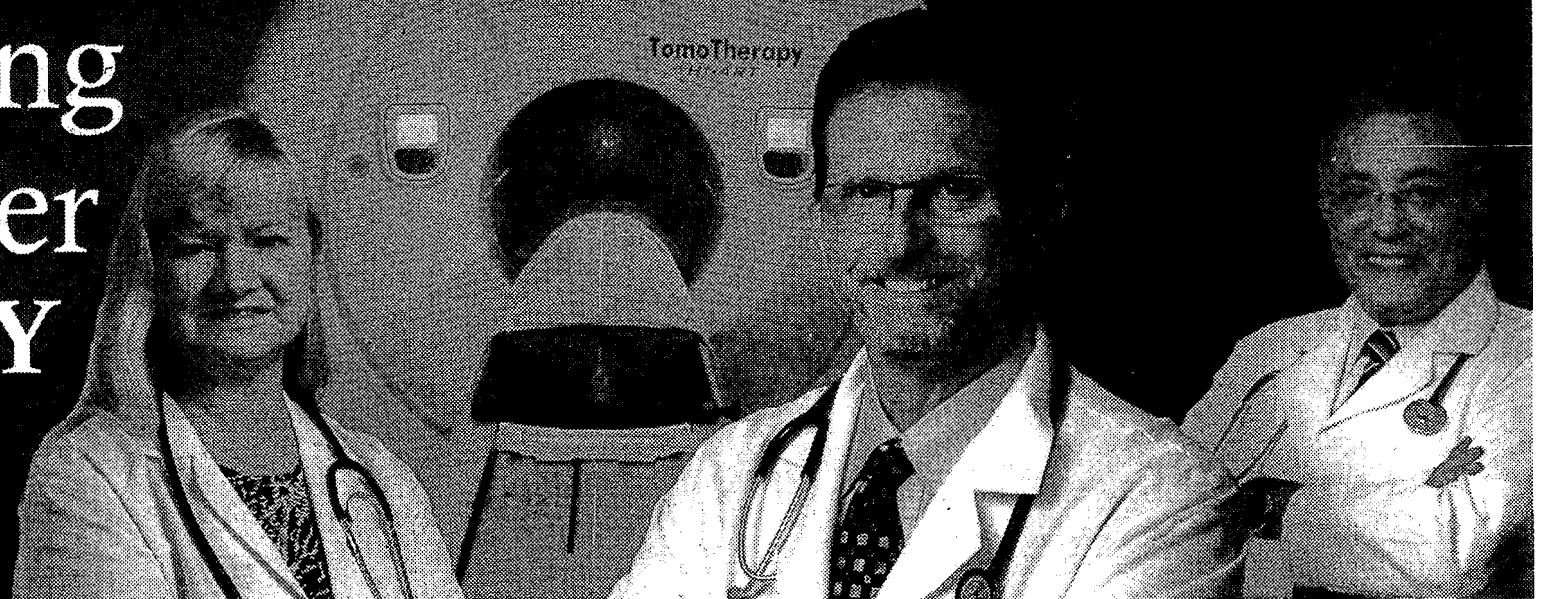
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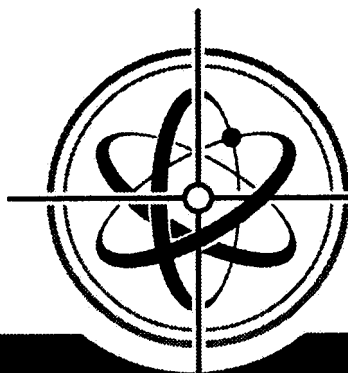


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Youngster inspires peers to community outreach

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DVD players with a collection of DVDs to go with them. They also want to make literacy bags filled with books, coloring books and stickers.

"It will help save lives," said Cole Campbell, from Mrs. Bell's first grade class at Independence Elementary. "It helps keep them from moving too much during treatment."

He added when the patients move, they have to start treatment over again from the beginning.

The first-graders began their ASL project in Fall 2010. In November, the students reflected on what they were thankful for including being healthy.

They discussed how health was a gift and shared stories about friends and family members in the hospital.

The reflection made the students decide they wanted to help others in need.

They also made special Thanksgiving note cards for Great Lakes Cancer Institute. Anyone who went in for a treatment received a stack of cards to send to friends and family.

The stack also included a picture of Ty, explaining what the students are doing.

In December, they worked on writing letters to Clarkston businesses explaining Ty'd for Love and asking for donations. They sent thank you letters to friends and businesses.

The students created a graph marking their collective progress. Anne admitted they received more than expected.

During January, they're writing pen pal letters to friends

at Independence Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary and making more cards for GLCI.

"We are making cards for people not feeling good in the hospital," said Emma Spitzer, from Mrs. Bell's class at Independence Elementary.

Every day when Anne receives mail, the class opens it together and reads it.

"It makes me feel good," said Farmiloe.

"My mom is helping us," said Zoe Forbes, from Mrs. Bell's class. "My dad will soon be sending money to our school. It is important because we are giving and being nice."

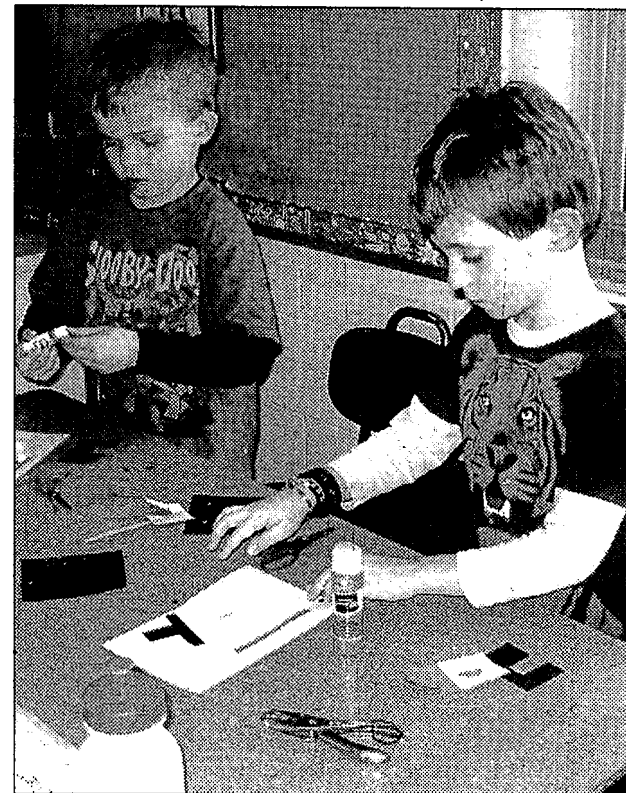
They are also planning a benefit concert, currently working out the details.

"We have been talking about being respectful and having respectful behavior and listening manners, whether Mrs. Duffy is here or not," said Anne. "They are helping me and to get the kids better."

To help the first graders, checks can be mailed to: Independence Elementary, c/o "Ty'd with Love!," 6850 Hubbard Road, Clarkston, MI 48348 or Springfield Plains Elementary, c/o "Ty'd with Love!," 8650 Holcomb Road, Clarkston, MI 48348. Please make checks payable to the elementary.

Academic Service Learning is a way to connect meaningful service learning to the community with classroom instruction that enriches learning, teaches civic responsibility, and fosters personal growth.

By participating in this project, first graders will meet curricular goals and objectives while at the same time begin to understand how they too can help someone in need.



Jason Schroeder and John Mueller make cards for pen pals. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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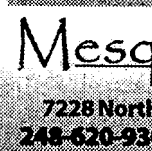
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Village players offer British humor in 'The Decorator'

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you appreciate a good British farce, then don't miss Clarkston Village Players version of "The Decorator."

"I think it's a very funny play," said Director Verne Vackaro. "It reminds me of the old Carol Burnett shows where they have these exaggerated characters. I like that broad humor and farces."

"The Decorator" is tale about Marcia, played by Nancy Penvose, an upper class woman who gets caught in an affair with Jane's husband.

Penvose said she likes the way her character "flips."

"She goes from being very conservative to kind of wacky," she said. "That's fun to do."

When Jane, played by Wendy Hedstrom, confronts Marcia about the affair, Marcia's husband is not home yet from his business trip. Jane vows to return to Marcia's house until she is able to tell Marcia's husband of the affair.

"I like that she (my character) has such a big swing," Hedstrom said. "She actually has a good heart underneath it and really, really loves her husband, but will stop at nothing to get him back for his affair with Marcia."



From left, Nancy Penvose, Wendy Hedstrom, and Verne Vackaro rehearse a scene from "The Decorator." Photo by Trevor Keiser

Meanwhile Walter, the decorator, played by Vackero overhears the entire predicament, while painting Marcia's husband's study room. He offers Marcia a plan to get out of the situation by stumping Jane into thinking

some other man is Marcia's husband. When Marcia finds out Walter is a wannabe actor she hires him to play the part.

"I love the character," Vackaro said. "I think he's just a fascinating character who

loves himself and loves to act and he takes every opportunity he can to be an actor even though he's not a very good actor and that's always fun."

Vackaro said his cast was wonderful, especially since he wasn't originally supposed to play Walter.

"I am really sorry the original actor wasn't able to be here, but I have these two wonderful comedic actresses to work with. They have really helped me a tremendous amount, putting in a lot of extra rehearsals just to bring me up to speed," he said. "They both are so professional and talented I think they're the best."

Penvose said the play was "difficult and challenging, but fun."

"I am really enjoying working with my fellow actors that's been a treat," she said. "I just think Mr. Vackaro is brilliant."

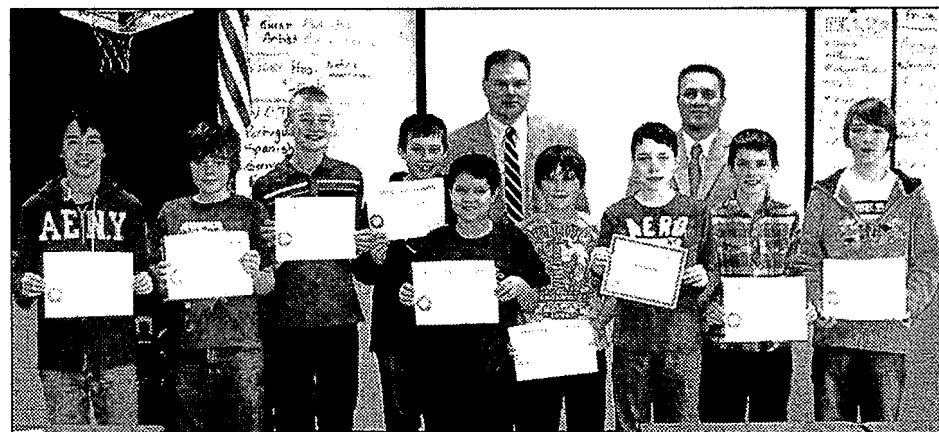
Hedstrom said she has a love for British humor.

"I love the Brits," Hedstrom said. "I'm British by heritage so it's actually fun to play a Brit and to work with Nancy and Verne of course has been great."

"The Decorator" runs January 20-23, 27-29 at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Shows start at 7:30 p.m., Thursday; 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday; and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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Aiden Keith, Will Mengyan, Nathan Gipe, David Carpenter, Seth Stump, Ryan Anderson, Steven Bertolini, Jack Sebring and Dylan Gray with Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Rod Rock and Sashabaw Middle School Principal Todd Bidlack.

Bertolini advances to state Geography Bee

Nine students made it to the final round of the 2011 National Geographic Bee School Competition at Sashabaw Middle School.

Only Steven Bertolini walked away as the winner after correctly answering two of the three questions in the championship round on Jan. 14.

Ryan Anderson was the runner-up after getting one answer wrong.

The questions for the championship round were: Africa's highest peak is a part of a national park in Tanzania; name the moun-

tain, (Kilimanjaro); Tet is an important holiday celebrating the new year in what country west of the Gulf of Tonkin, (Vietnam); Santa Ana is a major coffee-producing city that shares its name with a nearby volcanic peak in which Central American country, (El Salvador.)

Bertolini advances to the state competition and will take a written exam. Up to 100 of the top scorers in the state will compete in the Michigan Bee on April 1.

The national competition is May 24.

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Obituaries

Helen L. Halpin, 96

Helen L. Halpin (Huttula) of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston/Pontiac, passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord on Jan. 16, 2011, at the age of 96.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Floyd Halpin, second husband Charles Huttula, and grandsons Mike Halpin and Mike Campbell. She was the mother of Chuck (Mary) Halpin, Ken (Lois) Halpin and Rita (Rick) Feeley; step mother of Chuck (Suzie) Huttula, Gerry (Debbie) Huttula, and Jeanne Huttula; also survived by 14 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and nine great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Halpin was the second oldest of 14 children and leaves behind three sisters and two brothers. Helen retired from the jewelry department at Jacobsons in 1980. She was a member of St. Perpetuas Catholic Church and St. Michael's Alter Society. She served as Past Madam President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2887 and one of the first presidents of the Pontiac Boy's Club. She enjoyed bingo and square dancing.

Scripture service was Jan. 18 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church, 10 a.m. until time of mass. Rite of Committal Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lourdes Nursing Home. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Dennis G. Maxon, 25

Dennis Gordon Maxon, "Denny," of Davisburg and Ortonville passed away unexpectedly, Jan. 11, 2011, at age 25.

He was the beloved son of Gordy Maxon and Terri Jennings; brother of Tara (Duane) Jensen, Paul Maxon, Andriana, and Briana Crane; grandson of Donna and Harlin Jennings; uncle of Eric, James, and Julie; special cousin to Harlin, Dee Dee, and Taylor.

Funeral Services were Jan. 14 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston Thursday 3-9pm. Interment Commerce Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grace Centers of Hope. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Bette D. Gilford, 84 Eva Joseph, 58

Bette D. Gilford of Bradenton Beach, Fla., formerly of Waterford, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Jan. 9, 2011, at age 84.

She was the cherished mother of Mark (Lisa) of Bradenton Beach, Matthew (Debbie) of Ortonville and Daniel (Linda) of Davisburg; special grandmother of Aaron, Ryan, Jonathan, Daniel, Grant, Alex and four great grandchildren; sister of Patricia (the late Carmin) Watson of Clarkston and the late Jean Frechette and William Albert; daughter of the late Christine and William Albert; dear friend and sister in law of the late Pat Anderson.

Ms. Gilford retired from GM and relocated to Anna Maria Island, Fla., where she enjoyed the beach and perfected her golf game. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Memorial visitation was Jan. 16 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch or MOTE Marine Laboratory.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Samuel P. Halsey, 93

Samuel Payson Halsey, "Pace," of Clarkston passed away, Jan. 10, 2011, at age 93.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie and siblings Ethel Pinero, Alice Miller and Donald Halsey. He was the father of James (Alice) Halsey of Pickford and Martha (Marc) Cooper of Clarkston; grandpa of Steven (Theresa)

Halsey, David (Jill) Halsey, Wendy Halsey, James Cooper, Elizabeth (Mark) Delcamp; also survived by 11 great grandchildren and a great great granddaughter; brother of Reta Dodd; dear friend of Darwin and Nancy Baldwin.

Mr. Halsey retired from Fisher Body. He was a farmer in Andersonville, known for his sweet corn and raising sheep. He was an active, dedicated member at Andersonville Community Church for over 70 years.

Visitation was Jan. 13 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Jan. 15 at Andersonville Community Church. Interment Andersonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Andersonville Community Church or Kaleidoscope Foundation. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Eva Joseph of Clarkston passed away suddenly, Jan. 11, 2011, at age 58.

A memorial service was Jan. 14 at Whipple Lake Group Home. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston.

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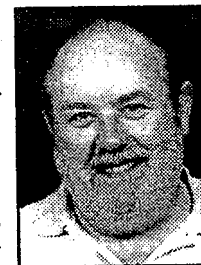
Lowell C. Wright

Lowell C. Wright of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly, Jan. 13, 2011, at age 62.

He was the loving husband of Thelma; beloved father of Cassandra (Mike) Hill, Lisa (Rick) Sandusky, and Michael Wright; proud grandpa of Alexa, Justin, Ethan, and Jeremy.

Mr. Wright proudly served in the U.S. Army. Lowell retired from Comerica Bank after 30 years of service.

Funeral Service was Jan. 16 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Auburn Hills American Legion. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



In our churches

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Around Town

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

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

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

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

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$5 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

H.O.P.E., Health Optimism Perseverance Education, cancer support group for people with any type of cancer, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute - Clarkston, Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Emotional support and education to help with adjustment and coping. Caregivers, 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 Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Guests always welcome. 248-620-3255.

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

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

Creative Writing Workshop, Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m., Jan. 21-Feb. 25. Explore ways to avoid writer's block through creative exercises. Open to everyone who loves to write. \$12 per person. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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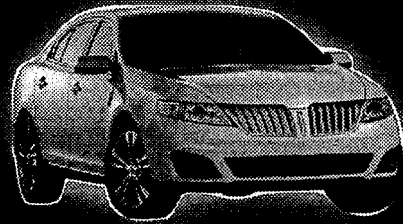
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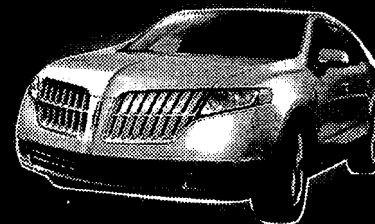
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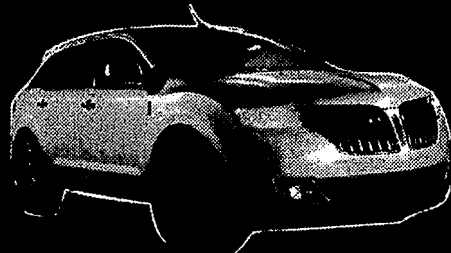
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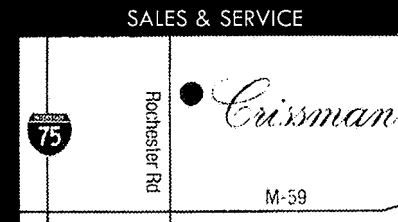


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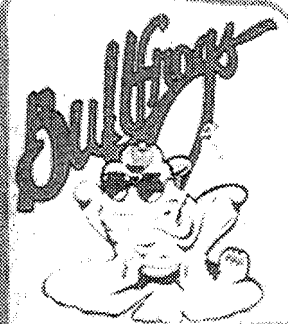


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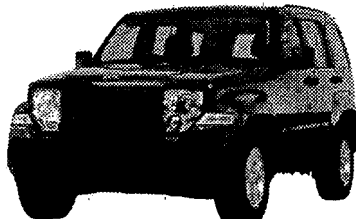
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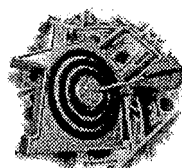
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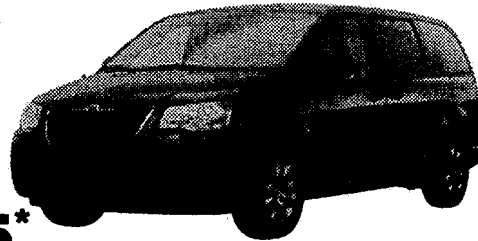
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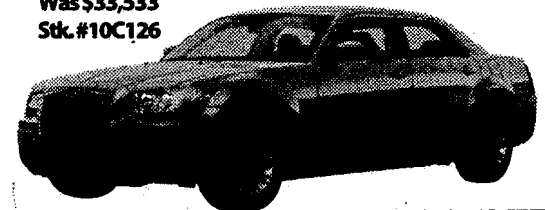
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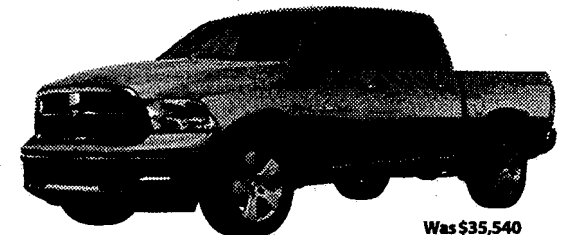


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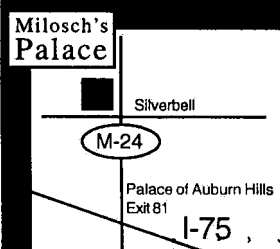
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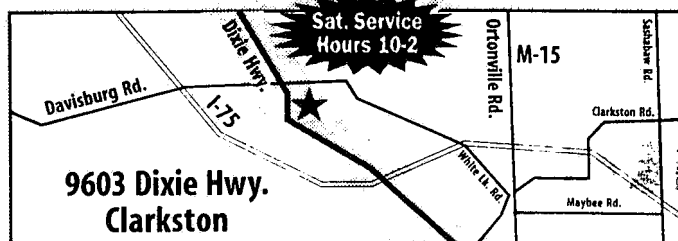
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