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Changing the world...

Erica Cale keeps the faith with mission

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Erica Cale made about \$400 in 2007 in her first fund raiser for Helping Hearts Helping Hands.

This year's Pearl Ball dinner dance fund raiser, March 26, made about \$30,000.

"It's huge, it keeps growing and growing," said Cale, 18, who founded the non-profit group, whose motto is "Changing the world, one child, one family, one face, one place ... at a time," in 2007 at the age of 15.

Her parents Nancy and Jeff Cale of Clarkston, family, friends, and supporters from all over Michigan, as well as other states and Canada, attended the fund raiser. About 80 attended her first dinner-dance fund raiser in 2008, growing to 120 the next year.

"Last year we had about 270," Jeff said. "This year we have more than 300 - we're maxed out, a happy dilemma."

"It was an amazing response, not just from Clarkston people and businesses, but from other areas, too," said her mother, Nancy Cale. "It's so amazing - we're behind her all the way."

"She's an amazing young lady," said Chuck Fortinberry, Clarkston business owner who attended the event. "That a young person can have that kind of focus and bring this to fruition in such a short period of time - it's inspiring. If she can do it, I can do it."

Supporters enjoyed live and silent auction, dinner, and dessert. Music and dancing with DJ Ben Mackie started at about 10 p.m., a chance for Erica to have fun with her friends.



Erica Cale and her father, Jeff Cale, sing about making the world a better place, at Erica's Pearl Ball fund raiser for Helping Hearts Helping Hands. Photo by Phil Custodio

"This is phenomenal," said Preston Tocco, her friend of eight years. "It's true and honest, not a company you don't know where the proceeds will go."

The Rev. Richard Dake, Erica's pastor at Clarkston United Methodist Church,

helped out by emceeing a live auction. Her former principal at Independence Elementary, Chris Turner, helped out with the silent auction.

"She's an outstanding young lady," Turner
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Volunteers for services City considers plea for more community help

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After looking at Clarkston's budget "big picture," Councilman James Brueck and other finance committee members call for more volunteerism.

"What we really need to do is engage the community as to how we can best go about that," Brueck said. "I think it's beyond the finance committee, maybe beyond the council to really be able to solve that issue."

The city has about \$425,000 out of \$830,000 not tied up in police, fire, and library contracts with Independence Township. Of that, about \$125,000 is spent on services such as greens keeping and snow plowing, he said.

"It didn't pass the sniff test of approval," he said. "It seems like we're spending a lot of money to provide services."

Residents in the audience agreed. "Volunteerism is the answer," said Don Frayer. "When I was younger and healthier I talked to Art (Pappas, former city manager/clerk/treasurer). I said the community this size has got to use the volunteer side of the community. You can't just possibly fund everything you'd like to do."

He was told by city insurance wouldn't cover volunteers. Frayer asked if a "volunteer waiver" could be used.

Councilman Steve Hargis agreed they shouldn't let "insurance stand in the way."

"I know it's a fear most of us have and it's real, but somehow we have to get beyond this," Hargis said. "If that's the thing that keeps us from working together as a community than shame on us."

Resident Eric Haven said the city should publicize a list of things it needs done.

"It's the spirit of the people that make all the difference in a community. There is a paradigm shift in this country and I think that hard times are good in a way," Haven said "We've gotten too used to living on luxury and that's not real, and I think we need to rediscover what the spirit of America is all about."

Mayor Joe Luginski agreed it was a great idea, but doesn't feel comfortable until they have more answers concerning insurance liability.

"I don't want to put us in jeopardy," Luginski said.

City Manager Dennis Ritter will follow up with the insurance company concerning liability and "volunteer waiver" and report back to the council at the next meeting.

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Time for snowmen almost up

The Adams family earned third place in Independence Township Parks and Recreation's Snowman Building Challenge this year with this unhappy creation. Photo provided

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Landscape Tips from Tom Lowrie

Buy Bulk Mulch
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Knowing how much mulch to purchase for your beds or gardens is always a bit of a guess, but if you own a pickup truck or your project requires two or more yards of mulch, buy bulk. Bulk mulch is substantially more cost effective than bagged mulch. Bulk mulch, even including a delivery fee will almost always be less expensive.



one. Further, cheap bagged mulch can sometimes contain shredded construction debris or other waste with toxic chemicals.

Bulk mulches from reputable landscape companies are likely clean and safe. Mulch is useful for preventing soil erosion and holding moisture in the ground. It helps to inhibit weed growth and gives a garden a manicured appearance. Mulches vary in makeup, color, texture and appearance. Use the following examples to help guide your selection:

- To determine how much mulch you need, measure the square footage of your area and the desired depth, in inches, of mulch. If you want to compare pricing on bagged vs. bulk, know that bagged mulch is usually sold by either weight or cubic volume.
- There are 27 cubic feet in a cubic yard.
- The average 40 lb. bag of mulch is approximately equal to 1 cubic foot.

- For a soothing, natural look, use dark-colored mulch.
- For a brighter bed, use lighter mulch or consider light colored gravel.
- For a classic look, choose un-dyed dark brown.

The only compelling reason to buy bagged mulch is ease of transportation. Bagged mulch can be up to ten times more expensive than bulk mulch. It makes sense to pay a delivery fee and borrow a wheelbarrow if you don't have

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Briefly

Win for Blazer

Country singer Justine Blazer of Springfield Township brought home victory in the Ram Truck Battle of the Bands contest in Austin, Texas, March 20.



Blazer

"It was such an amazing weekend," Blazer said. "Thank you to all the fans who voted and to the judges. The Natalie Turgeon Band was awesome as well—it was a honor to share the stage with them."

Cable committee

Independence Township board voted unanimously, March 28, to establish a Citizen's TV Public Access Committee.

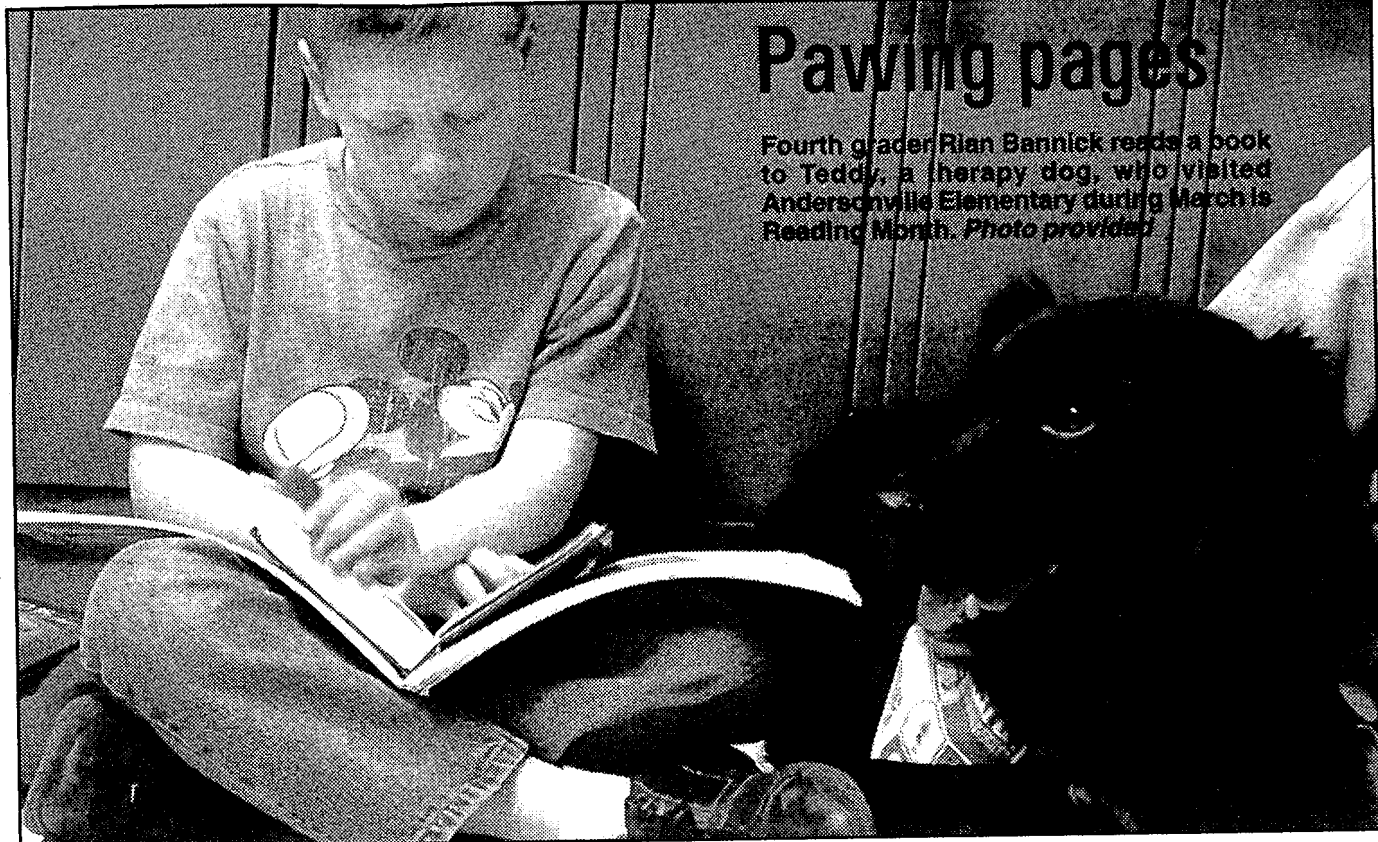
The committee will study local access channels and make determinations and recommendations to the board about equipment acquisitions, getting up on AT&T to broadcast, programming standards and review system, methods and means for promoting the cable access channel, and recruiting producers from within the community.

To fill out an application, go to www.twp.independence.mi.us or call 248-625-5111.

Butterfly program

Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter, hosts a free presentation, "Attract Butterflies To Your Garden," by Brenda Dziedzie, president of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association and an advanced master gardener.

The event is April 6, 7-9 p.m., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 valley Park Drive. Check www.for-wild.org/chapters/northoakland.



Pawing pages

Fourth grader Rian Bannick reads a book to Teddy, a therapy dog, who visited Andersonville Elementary during March is Reading Month. Photo provided.

Crusade continues for school information

After a year of citizen investigation and boxes of documents acquired under the Freedom of Information Act, Dawn Schaller of Independence Township still has questions.

Answers have been difficult to come by, Schaller said.

"The FOIA information is short quite a bit," she said. "I'll give them another opportunity to provide the documents before I go for other recourses."

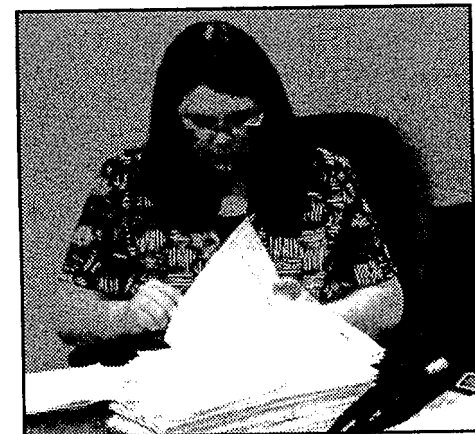
Many of the documents she seeks involve use of school district credit cards and fund account codes. Issues include payments divided up amongst different school accounts, two Broadway tickets purchased during a school field trip to New York City and charged to supplies/materials, and a teacher allowing others

to place orders using a district credit card.

Schaller also requested information on projects put up for bid and approved, then added onto with change orders without rebidding. One is from May 2006 for elementary school irrigation systems. With three bidders, the project was approved for \$66,691.54. Then a change-order was approved in June 2006 for \$55,743.15, to the original winning bidder. In June 2009, a lighting upgrade project was bid out and approved for \$142,515, then a change order was approved in August 2008, adding \$58,971.

Clarkston Board of Education members did not respond to a request for comment and/or interviews.

— Phil Custodio



Parent activist Dawn Schaller reviews school documents. File photo

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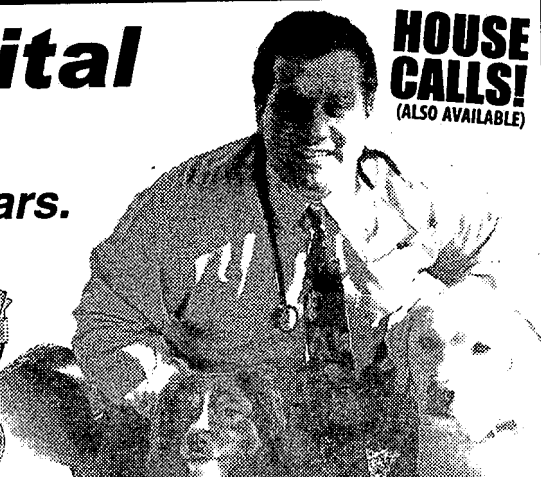
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Students spend day helping the community

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Fourth-graders sprawled out in Independence Elementary's library tying knots on colorful fleece blankets last Thursday.

As 11 o'clock approached, they tied more than 11,000 knots to over 40 blankets for Swan for Life Center in Clarkston during the school's eighth annual S.O.C.K.S day, Serving Our Community Kid Style.

The blankets will be handed out to pediatric oncology and oncology patients receiving treatment at Swan for Life Center.

"It will keep them warm during chemotherapy," said Leah McLean from Swan for Life, with a big smile, accepting the blankets.

Down the Kindergarten hallway, the students filled bags with toiletries for Grace Centers of Hope and decorated the bags.

"When moms and kids come in they have nothing but the clothes on their backs," explained Melissa Rodriguez from Grace Centers of Hope. "The bags are truly a blessing."

Turning the corner, first-graders were

busy making treats and toys to be donated to the Michigan Humane Society.

They also raised money through bottle returns and donated over \$380 to PAWS for a Cause.

Second-graders were writing letters filled with thanks and encouragement as the morning came to a close. They had already finished making 85 care packages for the United States Marines stationed overseas.

They filled it with tons of goodies like gum, candy, eye drops and water squirt guns.

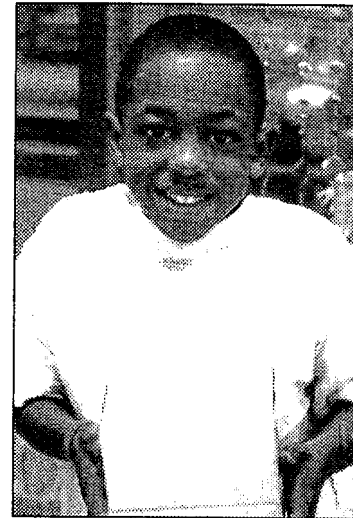
"Everything you send gives them a little piece of home," said

Corporal Lance Nehonsky.

Blake Bur in Dr. Gretka's third grade class finished tying the ribbon on a box of homemade muffins, explaining all of the fourth graders were putting the boxes together for Meals on Wheels.

Along with each box is a note and picture from the talented students.

On the other side of the school in the gymnasium, fifth graders were laughing and talking while playing board games and card games with senior citizens



Daniel Smith proudly displays his finished box for Meals on Wheels.

from throughout the community.

Ethel Freeze, grandma of fifth grader Garrett Hine enjoyed the students singing to them.

"It made me reflect on when I was a kid," she smiled, noting how she and Principal Chris Turner talked about gas prices, and she missed the 19 cents per gallon from when she was a kid.

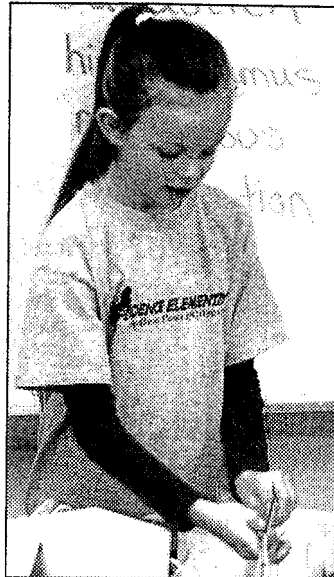
The students also interviewed

their guests and treated them to fruit, muffins, coffee and water.

"What a morning," said Turner. "What a experience, what a great job."

S.O.C.K.S. is a Kindergarten through fifth grade academic service learning project. The event, coordinated by first grade teacher Corena Bell, helps the students understand the impact they have on their community.

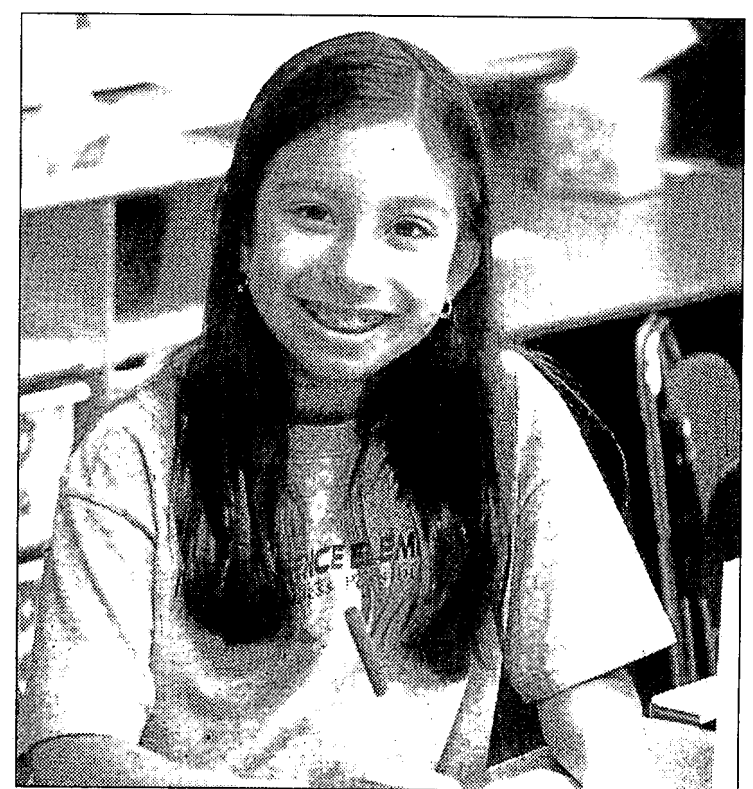
Each grade's project is tied directly to their curriculum. Before the event, the students spent the last few weeks learning and practicing the curriculum goals tied with their project.



Holly McArthur adds ribbon to the box.



Ally Gonzales curls the ribbon.



Riley Patterson excitedly begins her letter. Photos by WR

Children learn and play in TLE's fun atmosphere

Music, science, fitness, math, reading, technology, art appreciation – sounds like a pretty busy day for an elementary school student.

However, this is the schedule of a preschooler at The Learning Experience, a child day care center that prides itself on its award winning, cutting edge curriculum and professional, certified staff members.

Children at The Learning Experience in Clarkston are exposed to a solid core curriculum. The day is structured to include many educational components as well as free time and fun activities. Older children have a curriculum workbook that they use everyday and keep a journal.

"Most 4-year-olds at the center are reading," said owner Pam Rush.

"This is considered a learning center. We have a very strong preschool," she said.

However, playing is still a big part of the center, and each room is filled with toys.

Besides the two large outside playgrounds, The Learning Experience is unique with their own indoor micro-Disneyland called Make Believe Boulevard.

Children love to explore socio-dramatic play and the room is one of the favorites! They adore dressing up and playing in the mock house, store, diner and fire department.



The Learning Experience staff enjoy teaching and helping children develop emotionally, socially and cognitively.

The carpeted upper level allows for some free play and also has a slide that flows into a ball pit.

"At any given time, we'll see kings, queens and princesses playing," Ms. Pam said. "We have a lot of fun here!"

In addition, children participate in enrichment programs such as Fun with Phonics, dance, art, music, math and science. Spanish and sign language are also included.

A bonus that many parents appreciate is that there are no fees for enrichment programs as the tuition is all-inclusive.

The facilities at The Learning Experience are state-of-the-art. From the moment children and parents enter the building they are greeted by a warm and caring atmosphere that is clean and conducive to learning.

Ms. Pam loves working with children and their families and makes sure her staff does,

too. Staff members have to have more than a degree and spotless qualifications. They must genuinely enjoy being around children and interacting with them.

"We are here to love other people's children and keep them happy, safe and educated," she said.

A team of professionals work together to coordinate the day's activities for children. Everyone, from program and state certified lead teachers to the paraprofessionals and on-site cook, have one goal: to build a strong foundation so each child can develop emotionally, socially and cognitively at his or her own pace.

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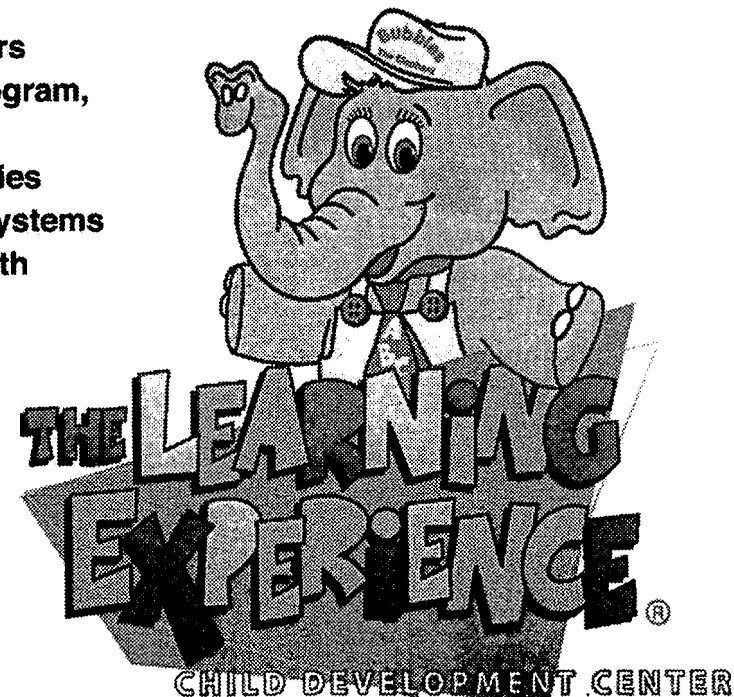
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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

No more snow

Mother Nature struck again.

Anyone remember the storm over a week ago bringing ice and snow? The last (crossing fingers) winter hurrah. I was ready for it to be over with.

Yes, living in Michigan for all my life, I know winter can hit anytime. Oh, Old Man Winter you are feisty and I held onto my tongue long enough. I held onto my opinion while clearing my Vue of three inches of wet snow. I held my opinion while driving in it.

But enough is enough. No more, the snow piles are almost gone. The spots of ice have almost melted away. No more.

Honestly, I was ready for spring sports to begin. The Clarkston High School Girls Soccer teams were on the schedule to open on March 23, the day after the storm.

Though I am sure our Lady Wolves would have been able to handle a little snow kicking – the game was cancelled.

The next hit came Monday. The first two events for the high school's boys baseball teams were delayed due to field conditions.

Dam you winter! Let it go! You had your reign. Instead the boys will host their home opener after spring break on April 12, right before they head to Oxford for their first Oakland Athletic Association game against our neighbors. I am sure the Wolves will give them a proper hello into the league.

With any luck, spring will pop through next week so everyone can have a enjoyable break being in the sunshine as opposed to a snow shower.

Students in Clarkston had a busy month – mostly in books. It was March is Reading Month.

I know I went the whole month without talking about reading. It's like my mom says around every holiday, especially Mother's Day and her birthday, "if you can't be nice to me every day of the year, don't do it for one day" (quick, go call or hug your parents).

Reading should be every day, even for 10 minutes. Grab a book, grab a magazine, grab the reading bug.

Or give a book to a child. It's guaranteed the child will put it back into your hand, flash those big eyes, and ask for you to read it. I forget about it everytime I get my niece a new book, especially after buying *Ratatouille*. Anyone know French pronunciations besides "bonjour"?



The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

A call for more school savings

Dear Editor,

While Superintendent Rod Rock is certainly eloquent about the impact of budget cuts on students in the Clarkston

schools ("Some

'cheese and whine' about school budget,"

March 16), his criticism

of the governor's proposed budget, like that of so many other critics, offers no constructive solution to the state's budget problems.

And it predicts the layoff of 155 teachers as the result of further state school aid reductions, assuming this is the only way to reduce expenditures.

Conspicuously missing is another alternative, suggested by the governor's proposals: bringing employee benefits into line with the nonpublic sector by requiring employees to pay 20 percent of their health insurance premiums and sharing the cost of other benefits.

Students different now, reader says

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to "Big classes way back when," Bob Klemmer's letter to the editor in the March 16 edition of the Clarkston News.

Mr. Klemmer, how dare you try to compare education in 1951 to the process of today.

I am appalled to think that classrooms of that era can be compared to today for many reasons.

First I look at the content being taught in the two time periods as being very different.

Secondly, in your picture, where are the autistic students, students with learning disabilities, students with English as a Second Language, and those with ADHD.

In 1951, these students were not in the "regular" classroom.

Lastly, you also mention that Mrs. Jacques did not have any trouble dealing with students. That is because students at that time behaved properly and showed respect to the teacher, or they may have been spanked by the teacher or issued some other punishment.

When the child went home and told his parents – that's plural because we did not

From my quick review of information available on the district's web site, it appears that school employees have no payroll deductions for their health insurance and receive plans with minimal co-pays and deductibles.

Other benefits, such as dental and vision insurance, are equally generous. Not to mention the defined benefit retirement plan, something that has long ago disappeared from the private sector.

The state has a budget crisis. The governor's proposals spread the cost of dealing with it over many groups.

The schools should not be exempted. I urge Superintendent Rock and the school board to look closely at realistic savings in employee benefits and other areas that won't require teacher layoffs.

Richard Bisio
Clarkston

have as many single parent homes like we have today – the parent would also punish the child for being disrespectful.

Today, with a class of 30, students do not show fear of punishment for not doing what a teacher says unless strictly and properly raised by their parent(s) of today.

Students talk back, speak out when the teacher is talking, and is even given their side of the story as to what happens in a given situation.

In my day and yours Mr. Klemmer, what the teacher said was the only side of the story.

Despite what some parents today think, teachers are out to educate, not out to "get" their child.

A higher percentage of today's students do not show the proper respect to adults, or to their classmates, as in years past. This hurts the educational process.

I understand that this is not all students, the majority are awesome children who thrive on education. It is those that do not show respect that are hurting today's classrooms.

Parents need to teach their children respect for others as well as themselves.

Linda Grogan
Independence Township

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"CHS student files for school board seat" High school senior Peter Bertling filed to run for Clarkston School Board. He wanted to bring a student's perspective to school district oversight.

"Boomers struggle to keep idealism" Turning 50, local baby boomers Jim Evans, Jay Taber, and Kenneth York discussed midlife crises amongst many changes to business and culture.

"Kids explore wonders of science at Clarkston EI" Amanda Hassett, Mike Ruggirello, Michael Zack, and classmates at Clarkston Elementary School learned about volcanoes, chemistry, exotic animals and other topics at the Festival of Science.

25 years ago - 1986

"Plans underway for wider I-75" Michigan Department of Transportation proposed expanding I-75 to six lanes from M-15 to Bloomfield Township. Funding was expected from federal and state governments.

"Independence moves toward park purchase" The township planned to buy Bay Court Park, a former Boy Scout camp. Supervisor Frank Ronk hoped it would remain a camp, with cabins and a waterfront area.

"Developmental kindergarten, a new approach" About a quarter of Clarkston kindergartners were enrolled in the program, designed for children who needed more time to be ready for sit-down learning.

50 years ago - 1961

"Township vote will decide library future" With support declining from Clarkston Community Women's Club and Independence Township, the library asked for a half mill from voters.

"Township voting ratio way down" Less than half of Independence Township's voters cast ballots in off-year elections, despite a weight of importance to local residents comparable to that of our national officials.

"Soprano soloist makes debut" Local singer Marilyn Henry, mezzo soprano soloist, was to make her debut in Holly, hosted by the Village Friends of Art. She sang German, French, and Italian selections, as well as contemporary and folk music.

Faded Ink

Why are the 'civi' words important?

Last week I spouted off: **Let's Get Rid Of All Newspapers**, my headline screamed.

It is an interesting world we live in, and sometimes this small-town (some would say small-minded) newspaperman has to step back and take a breath from all the running I need to do just keep from eating dust.

"Eating dust," you question?

Yep, eating the dust left in the wake of supersonic technology changes and the subsequent changing of the public's appetite for nanosecond fast news information.

Folks these days want their "news" fast and on-line so they can go and gossip about it as fast as they can on their social networking webpages -- in effect, reporting themselves, what they have read somewhere else.

Whether or not said information is accurate or hearsay or out and out lies, is well, up for anyone to debate.

When we report inaccurate information we gotta' put a correction, in print for all the world to read (and for some to gloat over).

As one who is trained to observe,

digest and report, it has also been interesting to watch what folks want in their news and then what they do with it.

Most disturbing is this: Readers want their news to match their own (many times preconceived) notions.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

We must report on how they saw something, versus, what we observed. If we don't there is hell to pay.

I know when we do it "right" because we get whacked from both sides of the political spectrum.

We live in polarized times. You don't just live in a "red" or "blue" state, you live in red, blue (or pick your flavor) community, street or home. Even locally you are either with a certain group, organization or you are against it.

People are either in all the way, or they are all wet -- agree with me (whomever "me" is) or be publicly and vocally castrated.

"Oh Small-minded one," again you

ask, "How can you spew such vile opinion? We of this goodly town are of His loins; His blood flows through our veins and is pumped by our pure-as-the-driven-snow hearts?"

Again, ever the observer, I have watched and silently, in the shadows, waited. I have also read the letters to our newspapers when we write, oh say on school financing.

Letters come in packed with venom from all sides of a single issue . . . the patriots who want to guillotine the budget because it is bloated with fat; the bureaucrats who want to grow their way out of problems; and the folks in the middle who can only gravitate to one side or the other because they have been trained not to think for themselves or to believe that, with new information available, it is "ok" to change your mind.

Again, if we don't write the story lock-step in order, folks let us know, usually indignantly and not very politely, either (another by-product of technology run amok is the concept of manners, it is easy to be asinine when you can anonymously hide behind a computer keyboard.)

What I don't see is someone standing up and saying, "You know, Patriots, you are correct here, here and here. Bureaucrats, you are right here, here and here." Or, "You both are wrong, let us do this."

What is the word I am looking for? Ah, there it is -- *civility*. It has been lost, much to my chagrin. Lost too is the understanding of civics.

I knew the words were related, but not why. So, I went on-line (a good technology by-product) and typed in "Civility root word." Here is what I found:

"The root-words are civ and civil which come from the Latin civis (citizen)."

Why is that, civics, important?

There is a quote on www.thedreyfussinitiative.org, actor Richard Dreyfuss' website, that says, "It is the knowledge of and effective use of, the tools of political power; of how to maintain and comprehend this democracy."

Dear Reader, what are your civic duties and why do I bring it up?

I invite you to respond. Drop me a line, Don@ShermanPublications.org

My last war story, and that's a promise

When I remind you that I had exactly 14 days of U.S. vs. Japan wartime experience you know my stories are few.

However, with so much tsunami-Japan-Pacific exposure I'm prompted to print something.

Our first assignment on March 23, 1945 was to deliver a shipload of Griesedieck beer through the Panama Canal to Pearl Harbor.

Now, that's a priority mission. The ship's holds were welded shut to keep the officers from drinking all the beer

With the beer gone, we went on to Pearl Harbor to load up with 5-inch shells. That's 5-inch diameter.

We zigzagged (avoiding Japanese submarines) across the Pacific, past Eniwetok and Ulithi Islands and north to Kerama Retto, which is about 10 miles from Okinawa. Okinawa was being bombed around the clock by the Japanese.

I learned after the war my oldest brother was on a supply ship in an Okinawa harbor during days of bombardment.

On August 1 the word was spreading that Japan was about to surrender. Our ship was ordered out to Saipan

to stand by.

Then came the announced surrender.

All hands went up on deck. We kept our eyes on the big ships. Soon their turrets were turning toward the open sea, ready to celebrate.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Of course, the officers put a stop to that. "Return all weapons to rest position" was the call. Kill joys!

So from then to November 24 we lifted troops.

We took the Americal Division to Tokyo, the 32nd CB troops to Taku-Tientsen, China, the 77th Division to Taru on Japan's northern most island, Hokkaido, and back to Nagassaki where we began lifting the 5th Marine division to San Diego.

Our generous Captain Winston Folk provided us with two Thanksgiving dinners on that return trip, because, he said, that's when we crossed the international date line.

Whatever. It was ok with us.

Sidenotes:

- Some of our crew went ashore in Nagasaki. Some came back with chunks of molten sand, a result of the atom bomb we dropped.

- My only visit to Japanese soil came in the north island of Hokkaido. I remember people scurrying across roads and along sidewalks, occasionally hiding in doorways. They appeared more scared than curious.

- Japanese police directed civilian and vehicle traffic, using quick military-like arm movements.

- Some of us decided we deserved a souvenir or two. The schools weren't occupied so we brought home some pieces of chalk.

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Remembering some of the words to the U. S. Marines fight song: "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli?" With all the activity in north Africa these days we surely know where Tripoli is now, if we didn't before.

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Referring back to my column headline this week, among my other unkept promises was to never exceed the speed limit while driving, come to a complete stop at all stop signs and never lie again.

Marketti Academy continues to grow during recession

Recession? Not at Marketti Academy of Cosmetology, now in its fourth year of business, which has continued to grow and expand since opening its doors in March of 2007.

Marketti Academy is currently expanding its senior clinic floor, adding room for 15 more stylist stations, to keep up with its thriving admission rate. Co-Owner Allison Murphy explained that each senior student has their own station on the clinic floor much like a stylist would have in a salon.

"We want the transition from school to salon to be seamless for our students and that means providing them the right learning environment," Murphy said.

The clinic floor, which is open to the public, offers a full salon service menu at discounted prices. New services continue to be added to the Marketti Academy service menu including the recently released Shellac™ Manicure.

The Manicure lasts for up to 14 days with no chipping, no peeling, and no smudges.

Tawny Marketti-Pearson said, "Educating our students on the newest techniques is important, but giving them the opportunity to perform those services as well is critical to their future success in the salon industry."

To recognize and thank clients for

returning to Marketti Academy for salon services, Murphy and Marketti-Pearson created a frequent client punch card. Any purchase of at least \$5 gets the client a punch. After 10 punches the client is eligible for \$10 off of any service valued at \$10 or greater.

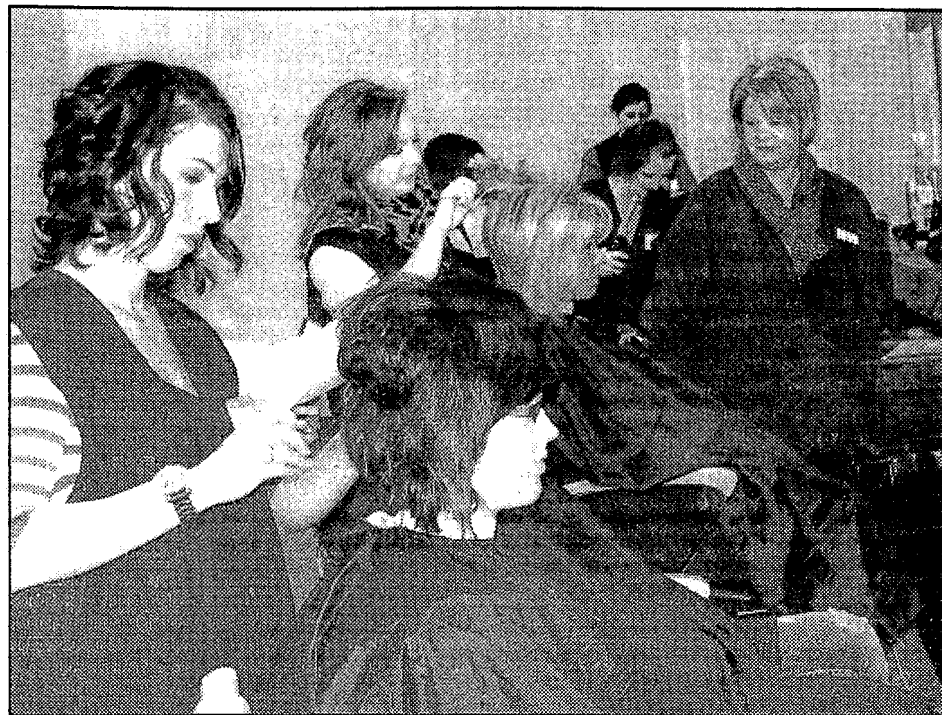
"Our clients have been so supportive of our students, we wanted to do something to say 'thanks,'" Marketti-Pearson said.

Admissions also continue to increase due in part to the National Accreditation Marketti Academy received last year. With National Accreditation the Academy offers financial aid, like the Federal Pell Grant, to students who qualify. Interested students can apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and enter the Marketti Academy school code (041593).

Marketti Academy offers classes in cosmetology, manicuring, esthetics, and instructor training. The Academy's State Board passing rates for each program is very high in both theory and practical applications.

"We set high standards for our students because we know they can reach them," Murphy said.

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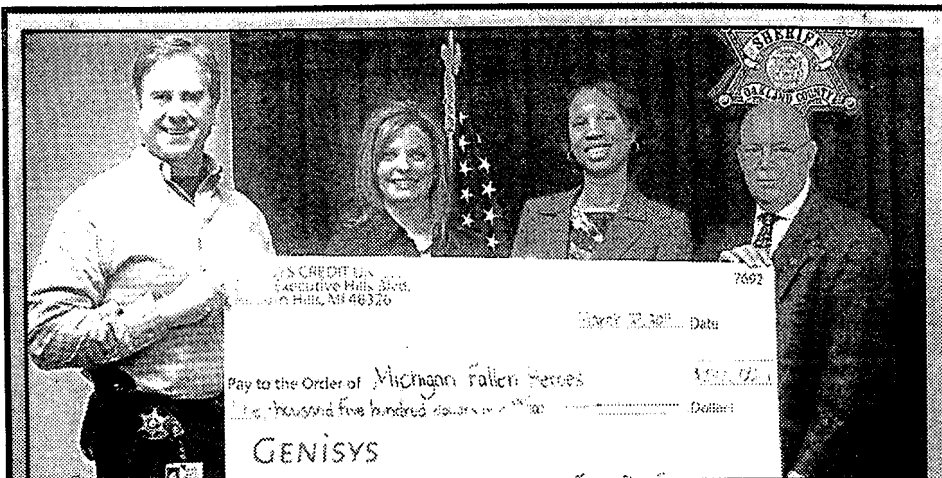
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From left, Sheriff Michael Bouchard accepts a donation to Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial from Genisys Credit Union representative Kristin Frenak, Staci Williams, and Lon Bone, March 23. Photo provided

Genisys donates \$1,500 to memorial

Genisys Credit Union employees donated \$1,500 in their Casual Fund to Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial, March 23.

"This was a natural fit for us to help support such a wonderful organization and remember those who have given so much to us as a community," said Kristin Frenak, Call Center representative.

The memorial honors law enforcement officers and firefighters who make the ultimate sacrifice.

"Our thanks go out to the Genisys Credit Union team and to all of the donors who have supported this cause," said Sheriff Michael Bouchard, president of the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial.

The Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial annual ceremony this Sept. 11 will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks, as well as honor Michigan police and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Public Safety

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

Peter Pipers

A deputy stopped a vehicle for broken taillight at Sashabaw and Oak Vista, 4:10 p.m., March 14. The driver, an 18-year-old Independence Township man, was found with a marijuana pipe. Two passengers had three pipes each. The driver was cited with drug possession, no license, and equipment violation for the tail light. The passengers were cited with drug possession.

Not your car

A Springfield Township resident found two men in her vehicle, 12:50 p.m., March 17. The men fled on foot south to a neighboring subdivision, near Blue Water and Dixie Highway. A K-9 unit tracked the suspects, but the trail ended in a nearby apartment complex.

A few lug nuts short

A Dixie Highway resident left his pickup at the top of his driveway so it wouldn't get stuck over the winter. When he went to move it, March 16, both tires fell off. He found 31 tire lugs had been taken.

Drug run

Independence Township deputies were dispatched to a motion alarm at a pharmacy in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 9:21 p.m., March 20. They found the front glass door broken. A Brandon Township K-9 unit responded and attempted a track, which was unsuccessful. The store pharmacist said several bulk pill bottles were missing.

Arm cut by saw

A 16-year-old Independence Township girl who used a power saw to cut her arm is undergoing intensive physical and psychological treatment, according to police. The girl's grandmother called 911, 1:20 p.m., March 23, after the girl walked out to a garage and used the saw in a suicide attempt. Independence Township firefighters and deputies responded, taking the girl to a local hospital.

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From left, Renee and Tony Banner, Jim and Corene Sebring, and Joe and Sherry Bonadies help make the Helping Hearts Helping Hands fund raiser a success.

Cale's mission moves forward

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said. "Erica went to Independence — I've known her for years. She's always been a generous person, helping others, an inspirational lady."

Erica returned to her hometown of Clarkston early this month to plan and organize the fund raiser, her first visit to the United States in months.

"It's very eye opening, so different," Erica said. "I definitely appreciate Clarkston more. It makes me want to get out there and help out more."

Erica spends nine months of the year in Honduras, distributing food, water, clothing, and other items to villages, and setting up an orphanage. She received into her care two girls, sisters Clara, 13, and Carolina, 7, last February.

"I love it — it's my dream come true," Erica said. "This is God's plan for me, for the rest of my life."

The next step is to receive babies and infants for adoption in the United States.

"Our long-term goal is 12-15 babies and infants," she said.

Erica, who has two brothers, Trevor and Sean, and sister, Savannah, got the idea for the mission in 2007 at the age of 15, while visiting a friend in Honduras with Nancy.

"I thought maybe it was a fad, something age related," Jeff said. "But then we went there, scouted property, organized fund raisers, set up a 501c3 and a board of directors, set up the website — she dotted the 'i's' and crossed the 't's.'"

Erica, who is bilingual, finished her high school studies online in 2008, and

is a college student, studying computer design and graphics online.

"When she was growing up, I anticipated she would go to college, maybe out of state," Jeff said. "This is a challenge. I never dreamed I'd be visiting her 3,000 miles away. That's the toughest part. But she's one committed girl."

"It's kind of a scary situation, an 18-year-old woman in a third world country," said Nancy, who's traveled to Honduras 14 times to help her daughter. "It can be very dangerous, but she's meant to be there. We've made a lot of friends and contacts there."

For more information, check www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org or call 248-660-4507.



Erica Cale chats with Stacy Nelson.



From left, Alyssa Sebring, Lucas White, Preston Tocco, Evan Kneisel, and Andrea Banner

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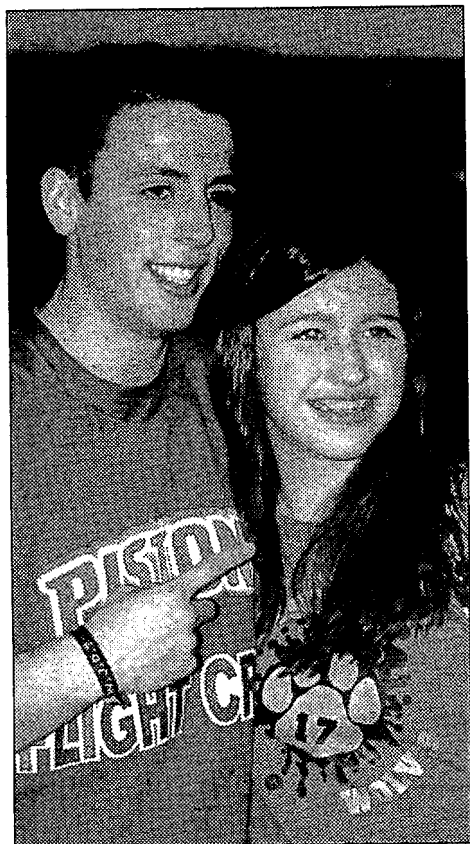
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Pistons pass life lessons to Sashabaw kids



TJ, from Detroit Pistons' Flight Crew, and Sarah Rooks. Photos by Wendi Reardon

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sashabaw Middle School students' eyes widened as they glimpsed at Coach Aaron Smith's championship ring on Friday afternoon.

It was during the Homework Before Hoops assembly they learned how important it is to be a good person and put homework first.

Coach Aaron Smith, director of Year Round Hoops for the Detroit Pistons, shared his story beginning when he was a kid and continuing to get better at basketball.

"I would take my Piston's basketball and go outside," he said. "I would always be caught by my mom while trying to sneak out."

She would look at him and say, school comes first, sending him to his schoolbooks. One day she asked Smith, his brother and his friend what they wanted to be when they grew up.

While the other two announced jobs as a teacher and firefighter, Smith gave a Piston's pose and said he was going to be a member of the Detroit Pistons.

He was laughed at but his dream wasn't diminished as continued aiming for his goal and continuing his studies.

Smith became closer to his dream playing basketball at the University of Michigan. After

graduating he waited for the Pistons to call him.

He looked around at the students, "but after a week and a half still no phone call. If you have a dream, don't let it stop you."

The next step he took was to write a letter to the Detroit Pistons.

His teachers told the Pistons he always said "please" and "thank you" and his mom said he was studious. Then, they offered him a position to work for the Detroit Pistons.

Smith showed one of his three championship rings, showing what his dream, being a good person and being a good student had led to.

"The ring represents me," he said. "Since I was a kid I wanted to be a member of the Detroit Pistons. Now I have three championship rings. Don't let anyone laugh at your dreams."

The students then were treated to a dance competition with Hooper, the Detroit

Piston's mascot, and the Flight Crew showed off their trampoline dunk tricks.

"We try to use basketball as a tool to get the kids engaged and throw in a message here and there," said Smith. "The main message being a lot of people want to play in the NBA but realistically not a lot of people can. There are other ways of being part of the team just by getting your homework done."

Homework Before Hoops visits over 80 schools per year from the elementary level up to the high school level and is in its fourth year and also holds school fundraisers.



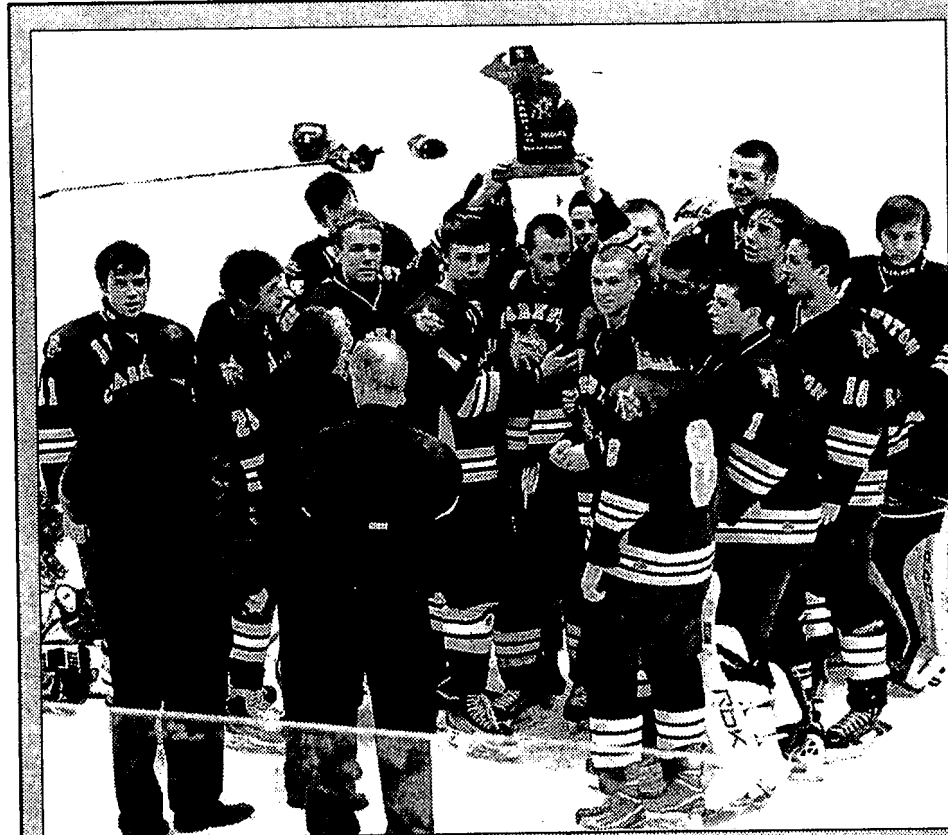
"The phone still didn't ring," he told the engaged students.

But a few weeks later, it did. It was the Detroit Pistons calling for him.

"It changed my life," he said, adding they thanked him for the letter before saying he was not good enough. "I was crushed."

But the Detroit Pistons did make phone calls to his mom, teachers and coaches to ask what kind of student he was in school.

"If your dream job called your teachers and your mom, what would they say," Smith asked the crowd.



The Boys Varsity Hockey team celebrate their MHSAA Regional Championship win over Bay City. Photo provided

Athletes of the Week

We are the champions!

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Hockey team ended their season as champions, claiming their fifth regional title.

They took down three teams to get to the trophy, beginning with Grand Blanc in a 5-3 win.

They followed it with a shut-out against Flint-Kearsley Holly, 8-0 in the next round. Then sealed their fate against Bay City in the final round, 5-4.

The boys finished the season on March 9 after losing in the Division 1 State Quarterfinal to Novi, 9-1.

The Regional Champs for the 2010-2011 season are: freshman, Jack Viazanko; sophomores Zach Gootee, Adam Johns, Adam Larkin, Nate Lowell; juniors, Adam Bruderick, Ian Clark, Chad Frost, Matt Harrington, Jordan Henney, Brad Pizzey, Adam Seel, Joshua Sowers; seniors, Dillon Drayer, Troy Fasseel, Alec Gildner, Connor Hughes, Adam Matynowski, Austin Morse, Macario Torres and Chad Wotton.

The boys ended with a 16-10-1 record. Read about their season on www.ClarkstonNews.com.

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BY NICK LOOMIS

Special to The Clarkston News

Clarkston's varsity baseball team has one thing in mind going into this season - a state championship.

"We're going all the way to states and we're going to take the trophy home," said senior Jake Sims.

After a promising season last year which resulted in a loss to Adams at regionals, the Wolves have their entire pitching rotation returning, including senior Andrew Fairse who was sidelined last year with a torn ACL.

He worked extremely hard during his eight month recovery period to bring himself back to full strength for this season.

"There is no reason we can't win states this year, we have a great lineup and pitching staff that should be able to carry us all the way," said Fairse.

Senior Jassiel Gonzalez, who is one of the key returning players, thinks the only thing that can stop this team from winning it all is their own egos.

"We just can't get too cocky or too far ahead of ourselves," said Gonzalez.

This year's team is expecting to rely heavily on pitching when their bats don't pull through. Along with Fairse, senior

pitchers Matt Rodgers and Vince Siwicki plan on keeping their composure when playing teams like Rochester Adams and Lake Orion.

"Baseball is kind of a funny sport because very good teams could have good days and bad days, you can never tell what's going to happen," said senior Brian Burger.

However, the Wolves will do all they can to prevent having the bad days. The seniors on the team should provide experience and leadership in late-game situations.

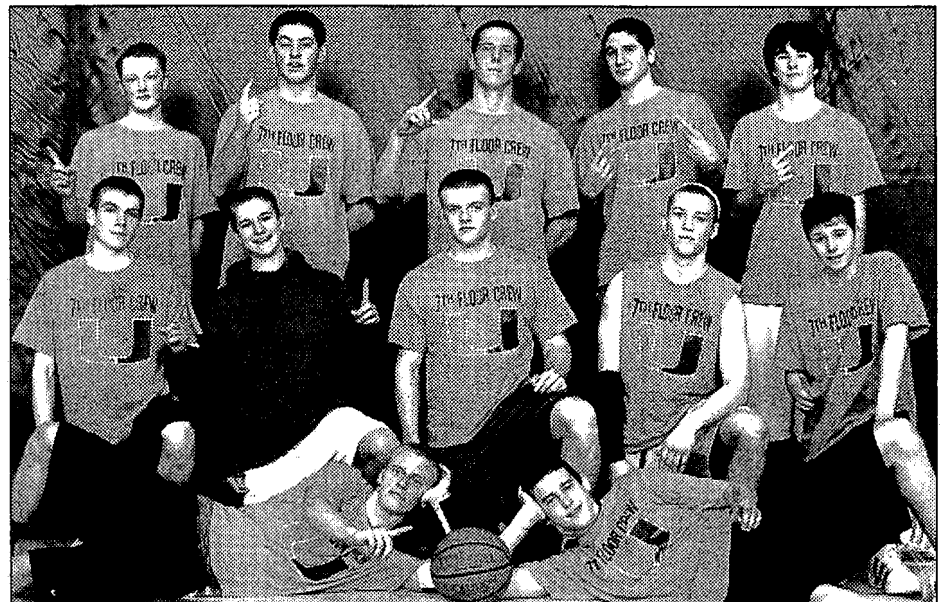
"If we do end up having one of those bad days we can't let it effect us too much, we have to be able to pick ourselves back up for the next game," said Sims.

This year's team seems exceedingly confident that they will be able to win a state championship and if everything goes according to plan, it will be the first one brought back to Clarkston since 1976.

"If we play smart and don't stoop down to a lesser team's level, there's no reason we can't win it all," said Burger.

The Wolves home opener, originally scheduled for Wednesday against Lake Orion, is postponed due to field conditions.

They will begin the season on April 12 in a double header against Royal Oak, 4:30 p.m. at home.



The 7th Floor Crew; front row, Mike Schwartz, Connor Giroux; middle row, Spenser Pawlik, Jimmy Delnick, Evan Montgomery, Joe Genoa, Pat Golich; back row, Kyle Mann, Alex Barta, Matt Wright, Mac Pearce and Tanner Schulte. Photo submitted

7th Floor Crew cleans up in league

The 7th Floor Crew used their basketball skills to win the Independence Township Pony League. They won the championship game on March 7.

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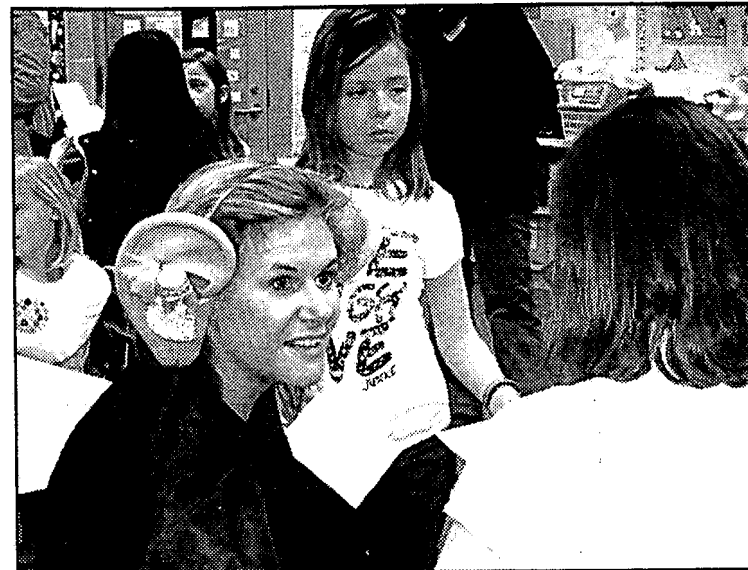
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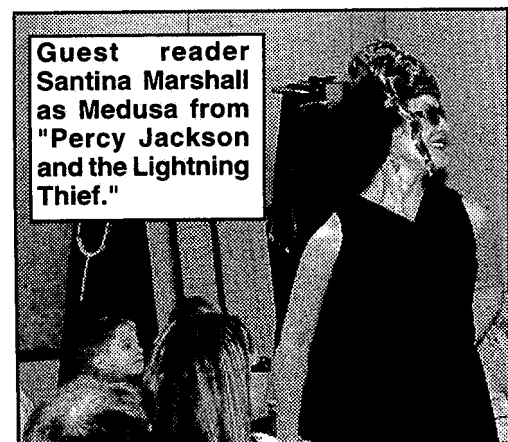
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Pine Knob Elementary kindergarten teacher Cindy Creech reads a tale from "The Magic Tree House."



Pine Knob Principal Jodi Yeloushan, as the big eared "BFG," Big Friendly Giant, talks to Claire Brown and other students.

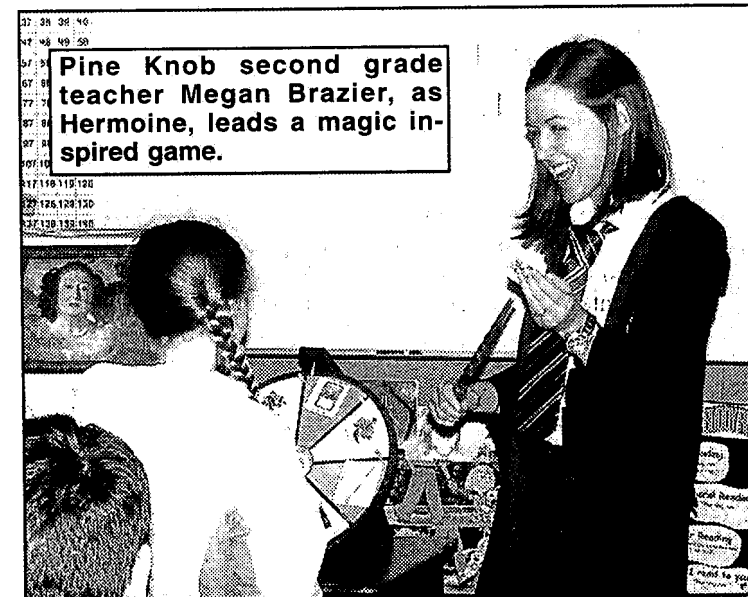


Guest reader Santina Marshall as Medusa from "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief."


Books alive

Story book characters came to life at Pine Knob Elementary reading Night, March 21. Parents and teachers dressed as characters from "The Cat in the Hat," "The Magic Tree House," "The BFG," "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Harry Potter," and "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief," and read to students.

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Pine Knob second grade teacher Megan Brazier, as Hermoine, leads a magic inspired game.



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Established in 2008 and open in its current location since November, Mimi's Metals buys, sells and trades all precious metals, including gold, silver, platinum, and palladium.

For Smith, what started as a hobby soon became a passion. The draw, he explained, was both the artistic value of the different designs, as well as the historical aspect - knowing the pieces were once traded as actual currency.

As he read any information he could find on the topic, Smith began buying precious metals as a mechanism for saving - and recommending others do the same.

"It can be difficult for a lot of people to save money," he said. "By investing in precious metals, you're saving, as well as preserving your wealth against inflation."

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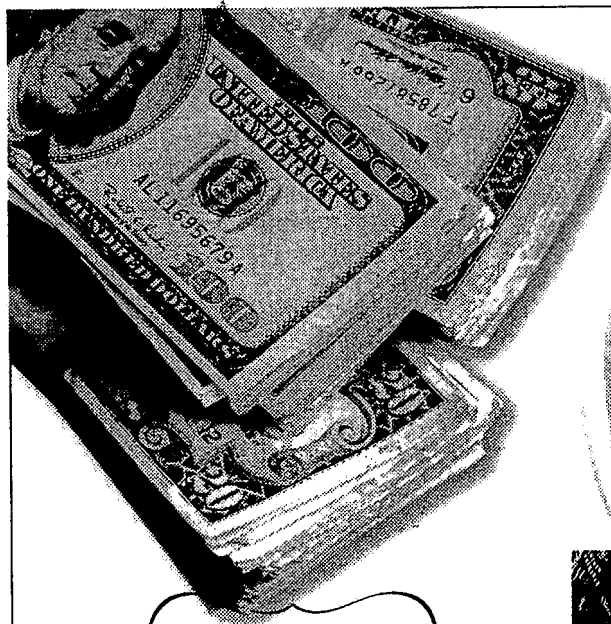
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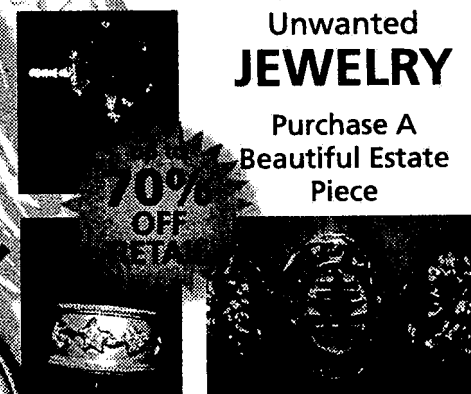
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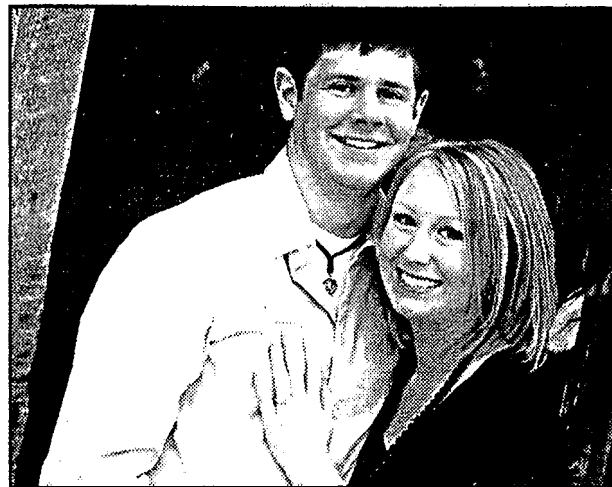
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Bill and Sandy Morris of Davisburg are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Chase Morris to Laura Johnson.

Parents of the bride are Kurt and DeJay Johnson of Grand Rapids.

Chase, a 2003 graduate of Clarkston High School, is the catering supervisor for Glass House Cafe in Ann Arbor. He

currently resides in Ypsilanti.

Laura is a 2003 graduate of Grandville High School. She earned her M.A. at University of Michigan and is the Hall Director for UM's North Quad.

Chase and Laura met at Hope College where both earned bachelor's degrees.

The couple is planning a July wedding in Ann Arbor.

Quick honored

Doug Quick was given the umpire award, March 13 at the Umpire Awards Breakfast in Plymouth Canton.



"Doug is a great asset to our adult softball program," said

Lisa J. McCoy, recreation specialist, Independence Township Parks and Recreation. "He cares about Clintonwood Park, our staff and our teams involved. He's very knowledgeable and very professional. He is a great role model for our community."

Quick started as an umpire for the township adult softball leagues in summer 2010.

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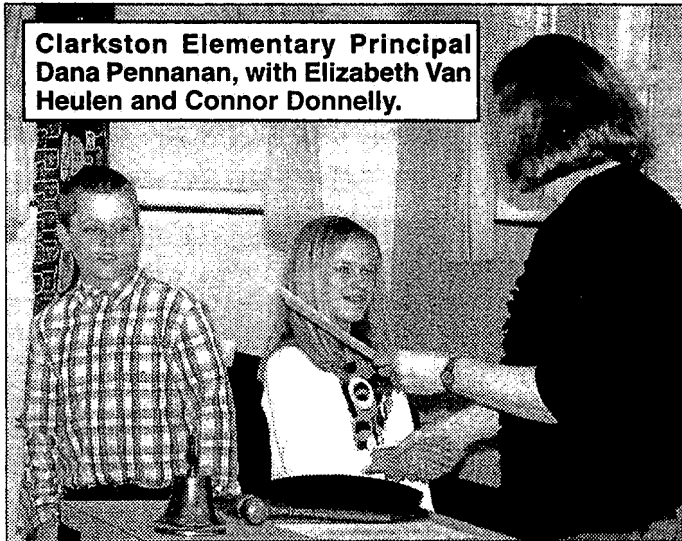
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Clarkston Elementary Principal Dana Pennanan, with Elizabeth Van Heulen and Connor Donnelly.

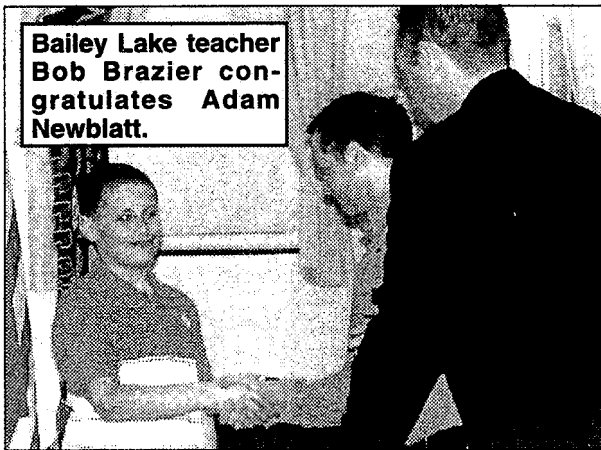


North Sashabaw Elementary Principal Debra Latozas, presents Tori Navarre and Gabe Weir with certificates.



Bailey Lake Elementary teacher Heidi Brown gives Megan Hibbard a hug.

Bailey Lake teacher Bob Brazier congratulates Adam Newblatt.



Students honored

Clarkston Area Optimists Club honored elementary students at its Youth Recognition breakfast, March 17.

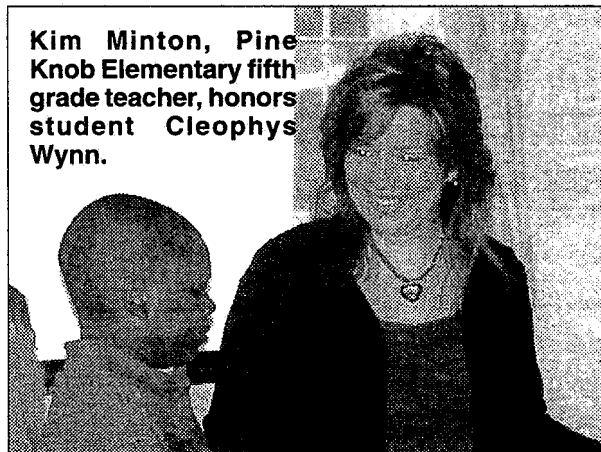
"A big thank you to everybody here," said Springfield Plains Elementary Principal K.C. Leh. "Nothing is better than working with great kids and great parents. That's what this district is all about."

The Optimists honored Andersonville Elementary students Casey Quigley and Chad Dolan; Megan Hibbard and Adam Newblatt of Bailey Lake Elementary; Elizabeth Van Heulen and Connor Donnelly, Clarkston Elementary; Alison Buscher and Tony Malinowski, Independence Elementary; Tori Navarre and Gabe Weir, North Sashabaw Elementary; Carissa Ludwig and Cleophys Wynn; Pine Knob Elementary; and Rebecca Bullard and Brady Dickens, Springfield Plains Elementary.

"You are our leaders in Clarkston," said North Sashabaw Elementary Principal Debbie Latozas. "We're counting on you to be leaders at the middle school and junior high."

Photos by Phil Custodio

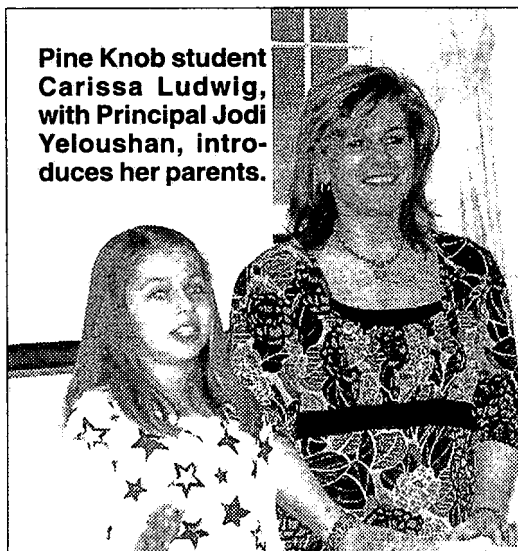
Kim Minton, Pine Knob Elementary fifth grade teacher, honors student Cleophys Wynn.



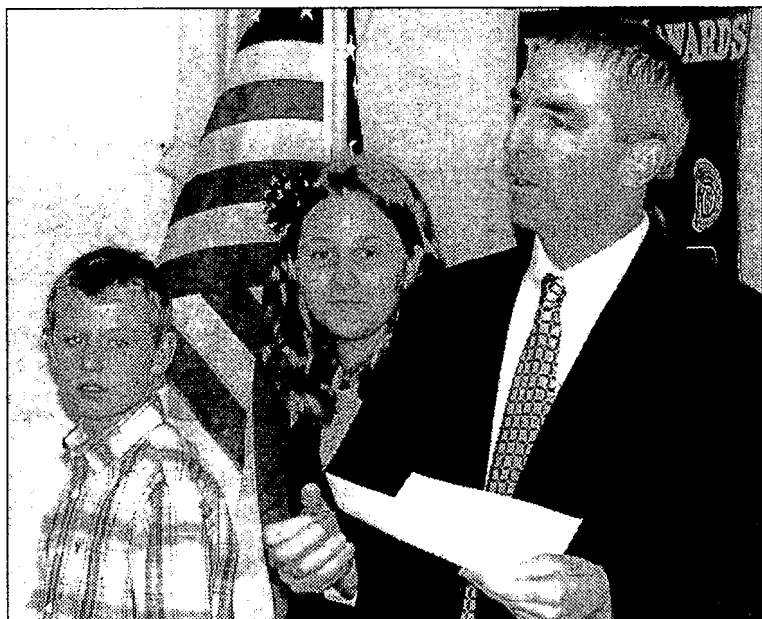
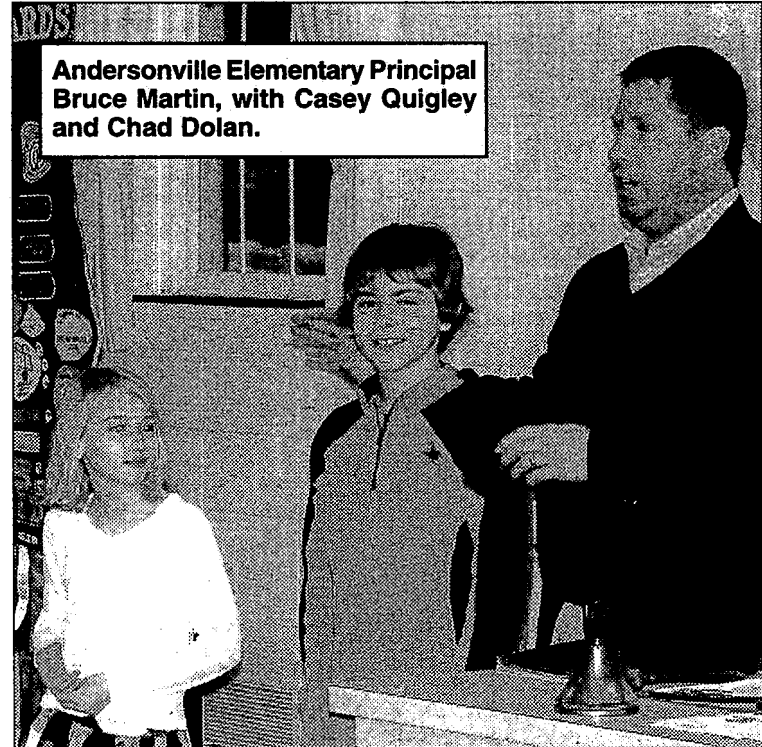
Springfield Plains Elementary Principal Katherine Leh, with Rebecca Bullard and Brady Dickens.



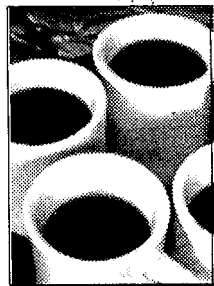
Pine Knob student Carissa Ludwig, with Principal Jodi Yeloushan, introduces her parents.



Andersonville Elementary Principal Bruce Martin, with Casey Quigley and Chad Dolan.



Independence Elementary Principal Chris Turner recognizes Alison Buscher and Tony Malinowski.



Clarkston Coffee Club

News about and for local business folk

Networking meetings Thursdays 7:30 to 9 a.m.
at Clarkston United Methodist Church



10 years for Clarkston Pharmacy

As a small-town business, Clarkston Pharmacy offers personal service larger chains can't, said Kathy Hannah, who owns the business with Debra Pullen.

"We've been fortunate to maintain staff who address customers by name. That's important to us," said Hannah, who lives in Davisburg. "We're still a small town business - customers like that."

This month, they're celebrating their 10th year on Main Street. They worked together 25 years ago at Perry Drugs, Hannah as pharmacist and Pullen as manager.

In 1999, Hannah was hired on with Clarkston Pharmacy part time after working with the St. John health system.

"I was tired of the drive to Detroit," she said. "I thought perhaps there was a potential to become owner, maybe in 2-3 years."

But within six months, the owners approached her to talk to her about signing over the business.

"She got a hold of me and asked if I'd like

to be a partner," said Pullen, Clarkston resident. "It's worked well - Kathy is an excellent pharmacist."

"I knew Deb has strong roots in management," Hannah said. "The pharmacy side was OK, but I needed strength in management as well. We have a great work ethic, both of us."

With Baby Boomers getting older, needing assisted living and other long-term care services, the business looked good, Pullen said.

"The first four years were a lot of hard work and long days," she said.

"It was hard work, but it was rewarding," Hannah said.

They renovated and expanded the business four years ago.

"We're holding our own, and keeping up the pressure to expand our base," Hannah said.

For more information, call Clarkston Pharmacy, 5852 South Main Street, at 248-625-8030.

- Phil Custodio

Business achievements

Scott Hazelton, financial advisor for Edward Jones in Clarkston, was recently invited to Edward Jones' annual Managing Partner's Conference in April at the firm's regional campus in Phoenix.

He is one of 350 financial advisors out of more than 12,000 to receive the honor, Hazelton

said the conference is also a chance to freshen ideas for enhancing customer service.

"It's rewarding to be offered the opportunity to spend time with accomplished colleagues and Edward Jones' visionaries -- you leave with new ideas and higher expectations for yourself," said Hazelton.

Don't let your 401(k) slip away

Today's job market is more transitory than ever. And, as more and more individuals switch jobs, they begin to wonder what they should do with the money they've accumulated in their employer-sponsored retirement plans.

The good news for 401(k) plan participants is that your retirement plan assets are very portable so you may be able to keep your existing 401(k) plan assets in a tax-deferred environment.

The trick is to resist the urge to use the monies. A hasty withdrawal decision by someone under age 55 could easily wipe out a third of your 401(k) assets. If you decide you want a lump-sum withdrawal paid directly to you, the 401(k) plan trustee must withhold 20% for federal income tax and, if you do not attain age 55 prior to the end of the year in which you separate from service, the trustee must also withhold an additional 10% premature distribution penalty.

After age 55, however, the premature distribution penalty is no longer imposed if your withdrawal is prompted by your separation from service with the employer sponsoring the plan.

Of course, if you choose to take a withdrawal, you may, within 60 days of the distribution, subsequently decide to deposit it into an IRA as a qualified rollover. However, for the withdrawal and re-contribution to be a

tax neutral event, you would need to deposit the gross distribution amount into the IRA, which means you need to replace the withheld monies with funds from another resource such as your personal savings.

To be in the best position to make an informed decision, you should consider other options available for your existing 401(k) assets, such as:

- Leave your assets in the 401(k) plan if possible
- Transfer your assets to a new employer's 401(k) or retirement plan
- Roll your assets into an IRA

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A column by
James Kruzan

Your 401(k) plan account balance represents your savings; therefore, it is important to make informed distribution decisions that will preserve your hard-earned money. To learn more about the portability of your 401(k) assets, or for more information on preserving your 401(k) assets and 401(k) retirement planning strategies based on your particular situation, contact your Financial Advisor.

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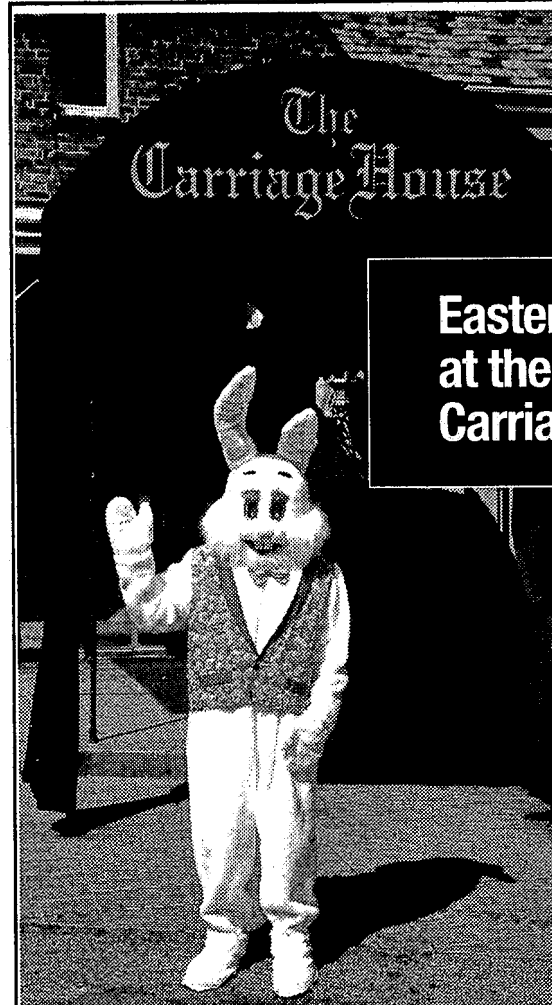
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Clarkston Cleaning celebrates decade

Clarkston Cleaning Services owner Dawn Raffler celebrates the business' 10th Anniversary with an Open House and Ribbon Cutting with Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members, friends, and family, March 24. Photo provided



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Thoughts on America's involvement with Libya?

"I like the fact Obama didn't rush in right away and NATO is involved now - it's terrible what Gadhafi is doing. If civilized countries don't get involved, he'll continue to wreak havoc on his own people."



- Cindy Engel

"I hope this is as involved as we're going to get and let the rest of the nations figure it out from here."



- Jeff Hess

"I have mixed feelings. There are strong reasons for being in it, but it's difficult to commit our resources to yet another military action."



- Patience Bear

"I don't like it. Our government is spending too much money on other countries and they should be spending money on our country to get the economy up."



- Carol Carpentier

By Trevor Kelser

The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

Girl Scout troop goes the distance

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

As the world prepared for the end of the millennium, Clarkston Girl Scouts Troop 10844 took to the field.

Now Senior Girl Scouts set to graduate from high school, the troop is preparing to disband.

"It's so sad," said scout Louise Haven, Clarkston High School senior.

"I'd love a reunion, I'd love that so much," said CHS senior Maggie Schroeder.

"We all grew up together," agreed Holly Drankhan, Clarkston High. "We have to stay in touch."

Girl Scouting, especially as senior scouts, offered unique experiences, said Clarkston high schooler Ali Kitchen.

"It was something special," Kitchen said.

"It's cool to say we've done something that long," Drankhan said.

The 13 scouts in the troop also includes Clarkston high schoolers Katerina Gawronski, Rachel Glomski, Caitlin Harvey, Erin Mueller, Katie Penvoie, Katelyn Pesola, Taylor Tomei, Robin Weaver, and Megan Wright, and Notre Dame Prep senior Robin Weaver.

"That's the largest group of senior scouts in the 13 years I've been around," said troop leader Pat Mueller. "Many of the girls have been in the troop since they were 5 years old."

The scouts said they stuck with it for the memorable activities and the fun.

"It's where everyone knew each other - it was fun coming over, and the food was good," said Glomski, who earned her Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest award, with a renovation project for Clarkston Village Players.

"I remember our Bridging Ceremony from Daisy to Brownie," said Erin. "As Brownies, I remember helping the Humane Society - we wore animal ears, and dressed up as cats and dogs at Bailey Lake Elementary."

Sleepovers were fun - a memorable one was



After 13 years of supporting the Girl Scouts of Troop 10844, troop leader Pat Mueller gets a lift from scouts, standing from left, Rachel Glomski, Katerina Gawronski, Caitlin Harvey, Erin Mueller, Robin Weaver, Holly Drankhan, and Maggie Schroeder, and, kneeling from left, Ali Kitchen, Louise Haven, and Taylor Tomei. Photo by Phil Custodio

when the troop spent the night at Sea World in Ohio, Harvey said.

"We slept in same room as a big shark tank," she said.

Summer meant camping, at day camp at Independence Oaks County Park as well as overnight at Camp O'Fair Winds in Lapeer.

"I remember Camp O'Fair Winds, the cabins, eating mac and cheese, dancing to Aaron Carter," Kitchen said. "It was such a bonding experience."

"It was so much fun as a day camper - playing games, walking to the beach, learning Girl Scout songs," Harvey said.

As they got older, they took on responsibilities at day camp to help with and lead activities as program assistants and junior leaders.

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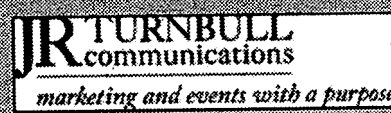
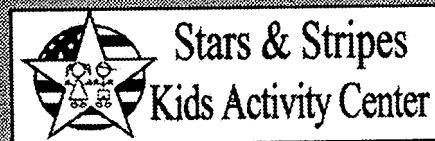
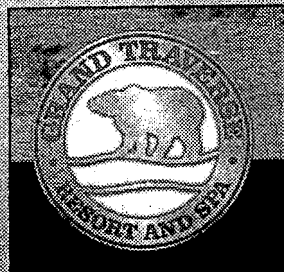
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Religion

God gives lots of reasons to be grateful

The Lord has convicted me of something lately. I mutter a lot. You say, "What? Not you, Greg! You're a pastor! And you seem so upbeat and positive!"

Sure I can be upbeat when I'm up front and in public view. But I have to admit that in my own thoughts, I can be quite the mutterer! I can whine and gripe and whisper under my breath with the best of them.

A few Sundays ago I gave a talk from Luke 20, where Jesus warns us not to be grumblers or mutterers.

I admitted to my congregation that the message was for me as well as for them. Do you mutter? On a typical day, what kind of self-talk is going on in your head?

Someone pulls out in front of you. Someone makes some kind of remark at work. You get that phone call. A hundred things can happen that just throw us off balance for that day. We spend the day muttering.

A few weeks ago I was getting gas in my van at a local gas station. I paid inside and walked out.

A man asked me, "Is that your van?" I said, "Yes." He said, "I'm sorry but I pulled too close and knocked your mirror off." My nice van! How dare he! We exchanged information and I drove away - muttering.

Then I realized, "Greg, you have so much to be thankful for. Your family is healthy. You've got lots of great friends and a

great church. Don't let a stupid mirror ruin your day."

And I didn't. God gave me the grace to be grateful that day. Gratitude or muttering. It's a choice. It's a perspective.

And for those of us who claim faith in Jesus, we have even more reason to be grateful. Philippians 2:14 says, "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life."

How much complaining goes on in your family? In your relationships? In your own heart and mind?

1 Peter 4:8 says, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (1 Peter 4:8-9)

Do you love people from the heart, deeply? Or do you view most people as problems and you'd just as soon keep your distance? Are you a hospitable person who looks to help people, or do you grumble when some need presents itself and you think, "Well, I guess I have to do something?"

One of my favorite verses is Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

Joy! Gentleness! That's God's will for our lives! Not grumpiness! Not gruffness! Not muttering! Try it this week. See how it changes your life.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

Graduation ends an era

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said Haven, who had two camp names, "Lady Bug" and "Skittles."

"It got more embarrassing to say, 'no, I can't go to the party. I have to go to Girl Scouts,'" said Schroeder, "Schatzi." "But Girl Scouting came first."

Troop meetings were a chance to get together, Erin said. "We're best friends, but we never had any classes together," she said.

"We'd never see each other except here," Schroeder said.

"It was a great way to stay in touch with friends in Clarkston," said Weaver, "Gambit."

They took self defense classes, pulled a plane as a fund raiser in ninth grade - "that was intense," Haven said - and earned Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards with projects around the community.

Pat has mixed emotions about seeing the troop disband.

"It's a relief - no more paperwork, but it's sad to see them go away to college," she said. "We started when the girls were in kindergarten - it was like having a bunch of adopted girls. It's been fun."

"She was like a second mother," Haven agreed.

Troop membership changed over the years, from as few as eight scouts up to 13. She knew the girls were more likely to stay with it if she stayed as leader.

"I was in Girl Scouting for two years - the leader left and we disbanded," she said. "As long as I wanted it to stay active, I kept going. I didn't want to disappoint the girls."

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Obituaries

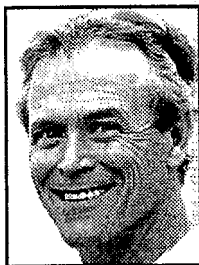
Powell was key to township development

William Furguson, 57

William E. Furguson, "Will," of Davisburg, formerly of Pontiac, passed away March 19, 2011, at age 57.

He was the father of Katie; brother of Donna (Ray) Polasek, and Margaret Sandow; preceded in death by his son Lee, brothers Michael and Richard, parents Gertrude and Leamon.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home-Cremation Services**, Clarkston, on Saturday, April 2, from 3-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



Wayne E. Peck, 75

Wayne E. Peck of Clarkston passed away March 26 at age 75.

He was the husband of Carol for 53 years; father of Donald (Beth) Peck of Pontiac, Sherryl (Duane) Williams of Gwinn; grandpa of Robert, Deborah and Melody, preceded in death by his granddaughter Jessica; brother of Janice (L.J.) Fuller, Jack (Mary) Peck and David (Kim) Peck.

Mr. Peck was an Army veteran and a wood worker. He retired from AT&T and later worked for Lawyers Title and Kent Moore and he was a charter member of Community Bible Church.

Visitation was March 29 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When people remember longtime Independence Township resident Jerry Powell, they describe him as "a good guy," "great athlete," and "fun loving."

"A good time" was Jerry's middle name," said longtime friend Janet Glennie who met Jerry in the sixth grade. "He'll be missed by many, many people."

Powell passed away at age 66, on Feb. 4. He was an active member of the community for many years, including the Jaycees, Bottles for Buildings, March of Dimes as business chairman, American Legion, Junior Baseball Program, and Rotary Club. Powell also served as an Independence Township trustee from 1972-1980.

When it came to politics, he believed "people should retire out of not into politics."

"Elected officials should be representatives of people not watch dogs," he would say. "The village (prior to city-hood) is as important to the township as any other section."

Janet's husband Ed Glennie, former township supervisor, said Powell was "was always outspoken and always honest and forward" with issues that came before the board.

"He was probably one of the most fair and fun loving people I ever associate with," Ed said. "He was extraordinarily fair."

Former township Treasurer Fred Ritter, who also served on the township board with Powell, said he was a "valuable member to the board" because he brought a business perspective to the board.

"It was a good board when Jerry was on it, barely any conflict," he said. "Everybody had a central goal, which was to advance the community."

Jerry was the manager/co-owner of Ben

Powell Disposal from 1962 until he sold the company to Leonard Smith in 1981 and it became Smith's Disposal.

"Jerry was a really good guy," said Carol (Smith) Evans, current owner. "If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be where I am at right now."

Another long-time friend Charlie Robinson, who also worked for Jerry at Powell Disposal said "Jerry worked hard, but played harder."

Robinson said he recalled the days of umpiring softball together as well as officiating girls' and boys' basketball. Jerry was also Robinson's best man in his wedding.

"I remember during his best man speech he said 'may the best days of your past be the worst days of your future,' and that has always stuck with me," Robinson said.

Former Clarkston High School Principal and teacher Mel Vaara met Jerry in 1955, when Jerry was in the sixth grade.

"I was the first male elementary teacher and Mrs. Powell would have liked me to have been his teacher, but it didn't work out that way," he said. "He was one of my students in math in Junior High and I coached him in High School JV Basketball."

Vaara said Jerry was funny and "was always had a lot of kids surrounding him because he was a fun kid to be with."

Vaara also served on the board of appeals with Jerry and called him "a good politician."

We were friends for a long time," Vaara said. "It's sad to see him pass at such a young age."

Former wife Adele Powell said, sports and politics were his passion and he just enjoyed being and working with people.

"He just had a good personality," she said. "People just liked him because he was an easy

person to get along with."

Jerry's daughter Kyle Bokor, recalls her earliest memories hanging out at Clintonwood Park playing.

"We played softball out there for a number of years," Bokor said. "Then I got to be the score keeper because I knew how to do it by the time I was an adolescent."

Having a father so involved in the community, she said influenced her involvement in school, and her love for athletics. She said he even influenced her choice of college.

"Having gone to Michigan State University for a couple years, he was quite the Sparty fan and that permeated our household through the years," she said. "I didn't even consider applying at other colleges."

One of her favorite memories was their Christmas Eve tradition.

"My mom had a job where she had to work Christmas eve, so instead of doing something fancy him and I would go to Big Boy and have Big Boy combinations every Christmas Eve," she said. "That's what we did and we were both perfectly happy about it."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of John S. Erzozoznik. Date of birth: April 30, 1952
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PUBLIC NOTICE Missing Person

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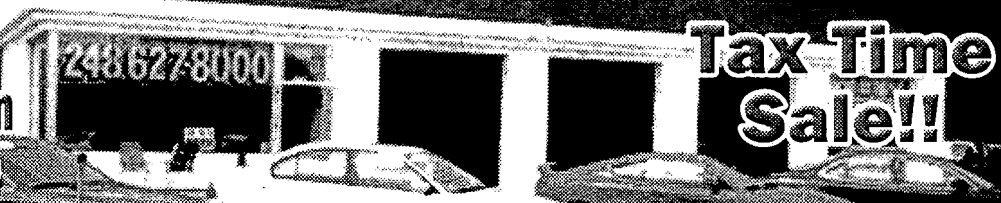
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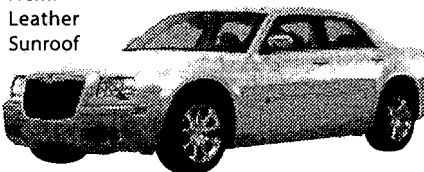
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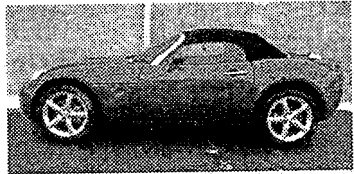
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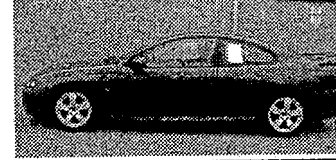
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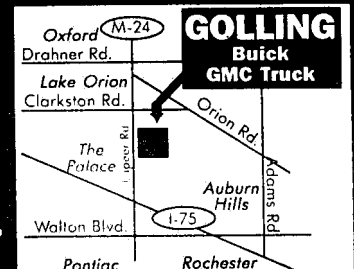
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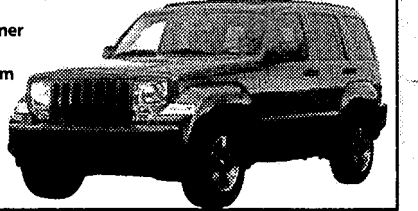
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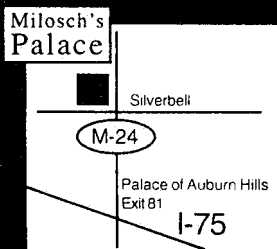


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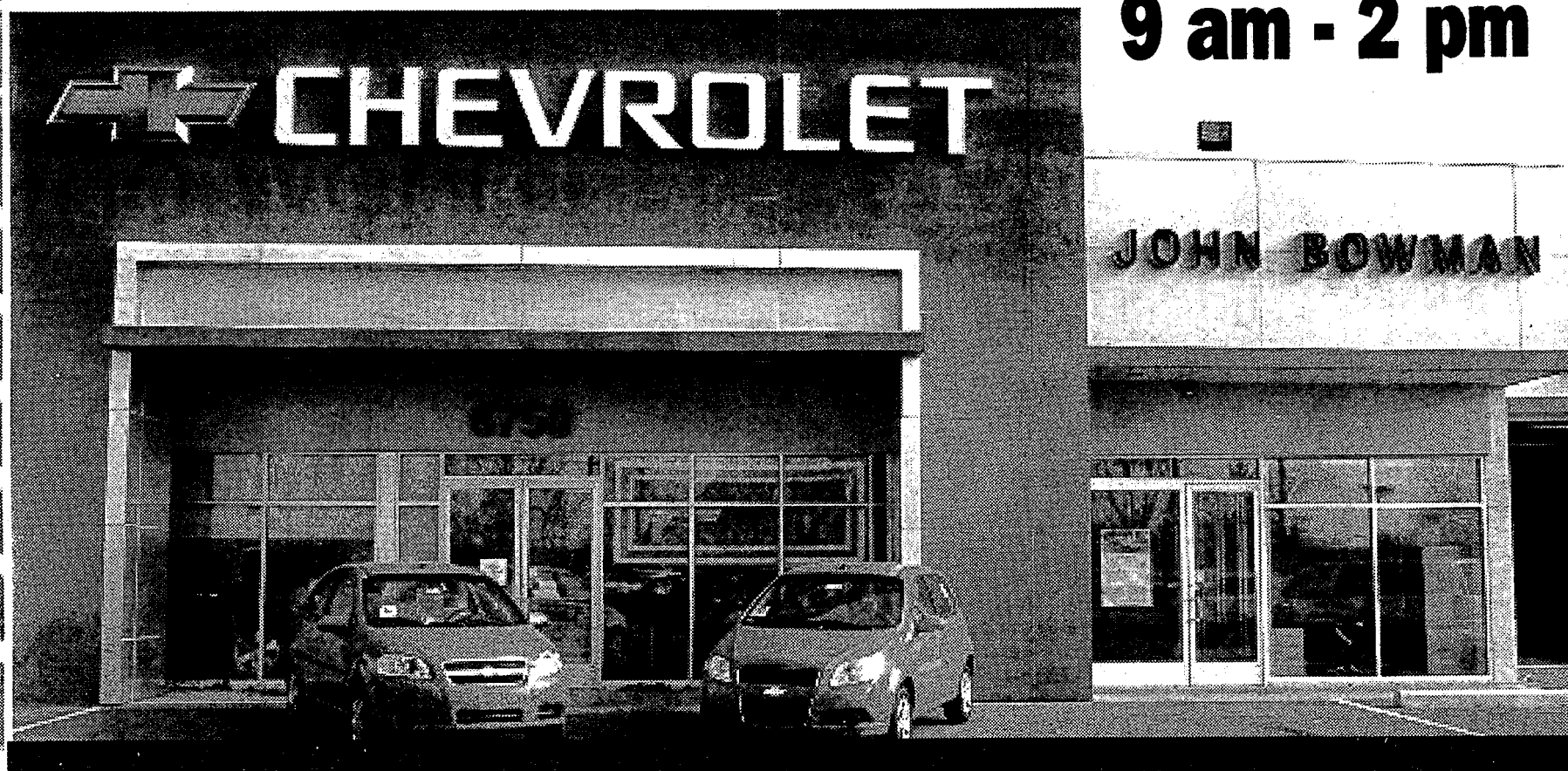
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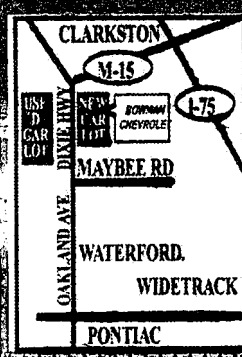
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