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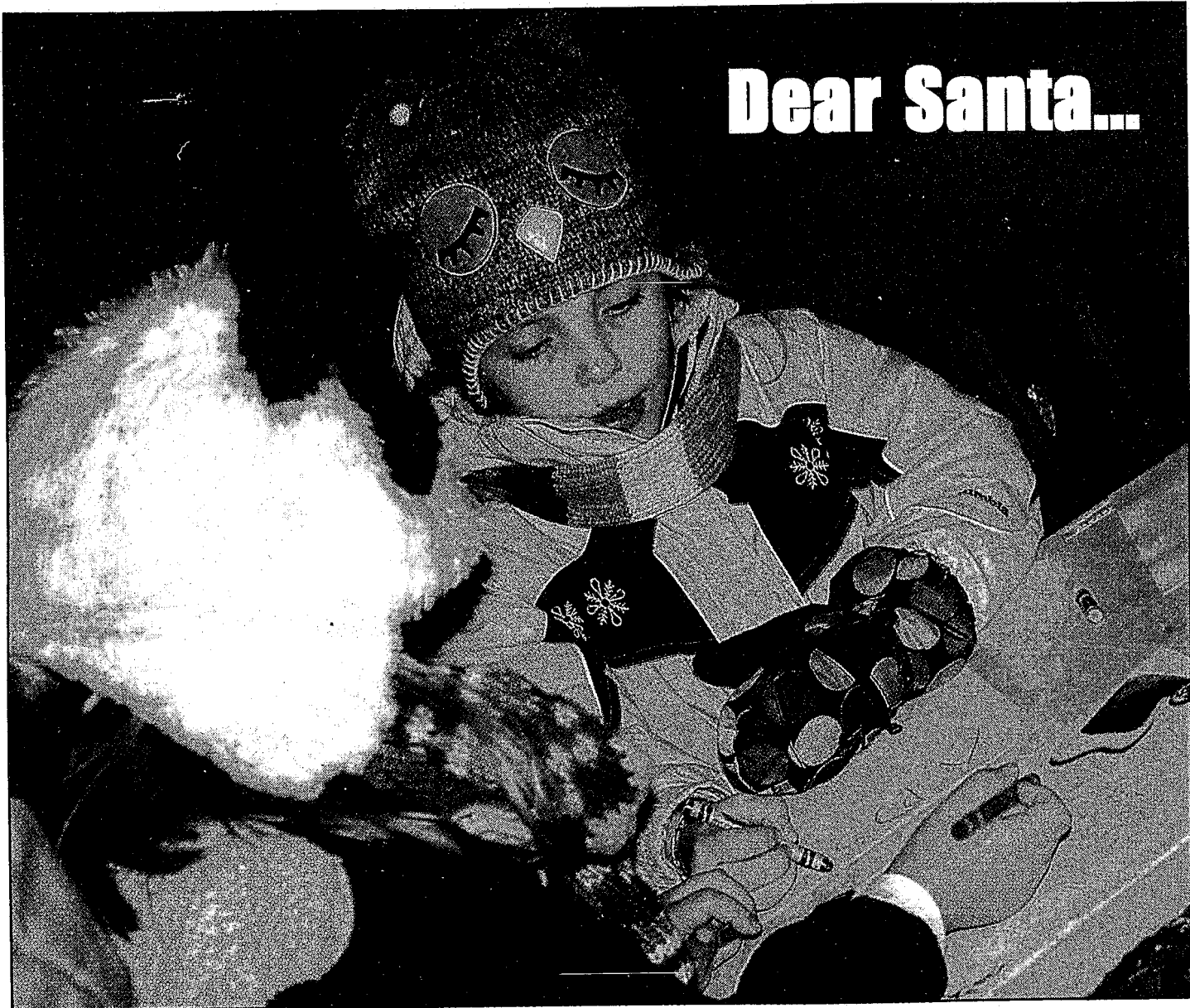
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Dear Santa...

Samantha Conlon, left, and Morgan Bodway write their letters to Santa in Depot Park as part of Independence Township Parks and Rec Holiday Lights Night, following the Clarkston Lighted Parade last Saturday. For more photos, please see 20. Photo by Wendi Reardon

\$135,000 to fill in for supervisor

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Is it too much to spend \$135,250 of taxpayers' money for three people to do Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner's job?

Independence Township Trustee David Lohmeier doesn't think so.

"It's not costing us that much more, now that he's disabled, to finish getting his job done than it was before when he was supposedly there," he said.

The township currently pays Human Resource Director Carol Gabris \$64,150 a year to handle HR duties. Budget Analyst Rick Yaeger is part-time at \$30 for 22.5 hours, or \$35,100 per year. Newly appointed Superintendent Bart Clark is part-time at 20 hours week for \$3,000 a month or \$36,000 a year.

The township is also still paying Wagner \$1,200 bi-weekly or \$31,200 a year, while currently on disability. When working full-time, Wagner's salary is around \$80,000.

Lohmeier sees it as only paying \$36,000 to replace Wagner for the rest of his services because the HR director and the budget analyst were already hired prior to Wagner going out on disability eight months ago.

"I'm responsible for making sure the
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Volunteers Susan Shutty, left, and Chris Furlo sort donations at Lighthouse North. Photo by Phil Custodio

Lighthouse gears up for holidays

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

Donations fill the shelves and hallways of Lighthouse North food pantry, but it won't last long.

"It will be distributed quickly - the food will be all gone by the end of February," said Connie Stapleton, manager at Lighthouse North, 6330 Sashabaw Road.

Donations include a busload of food and toys collected by Clarkston Community Schools bus drivers at their eighth annual Stuff-a-Bus, Dec. 10-11.

"It was a huge success," said Tammy Layton, organizer. "We received almost \$500 in money and gift card donations and a very full bus stuffed with food, toys and clothing."

"Stuff-a-Bus brought in so much," Stapleton said. "It's very helpful because it rounds out the needs the rest of the community has given to us as far as toys. Plus they collect a great amount of food and gift cards we can give out."

The number of people asking for food assistance has increased, she said.

"It's up 10-15 percent over last year. There are a lot more sad cases - abusive relationships, kids going hungry, people who have lost their homes."

Many people who lost their jobs find only minimum wage jobs available, she said.

"People take them, but they come up short," Stapleton said. "It's not enough to support a family."


Items in need for the new year include the basics: peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti noodles and sauce, tuna and hamburger helper, canned tuna, and other items useful for making meals.

Gift cards for grocery stores and gas stations are also needed.

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Springfield Plains Elementary fifth graders, with holiday care packages they collected and packed for troops overseas. Photo by Phil Custodio



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Kids send holiday cheer to the troops

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Students at Springfield Plains Elementary sent a little Christmas cheer to troops in Afghanistan.

"It's been a fantastic service learning experience," said fifth-grade teacher Amy Campbell, whose husband, Col. Sean Campbell, is stationed there. "Local businesses have stepped up, and families donated as much as they could for the troops - I feel very blessed."

All four fifth-grade classes at Springfield Plains took part, contacting businesses for sponsorships and collecting donations since October.

"They gave more than expected," said fifth-grader Beckett Cantwell.

"We filled up big boxes with donations from families and businesses - a lot of stuff," said classmate Kaitlyn Joyner.

The talked to Col. Campbell using Skype over the Internet, and he sent them a list of things they need to have a merrier Christmas.

Fifth-grader Ben Ehrenberger sent a letter to Bordine Nursery.

"My family is good friends with them, and I knew they would donate, so I thought it would be a good idea to write them a letter," he said.

He asked for prelit Christmas trees, and the plant nursery donated several.

"You can't celebrate Christmas without Christ-



John Okar, Home Depot store manager, with students Katelyn Rusnell and Beckett Cantwell. Photo provided

mas trees," he said.

Cantwell wrote to Home Depot.

"I knew they help with a lot of things," he said.

The business donated dozens of boxes of Christmas lights.

"They brought a lot of lights," he said.

Joyner wrote to Cosco.

"They have all sorts of items, and I knew they were willing to donate," she said.

The store gave the students a gift card, which they used to buy several items for the care packages.

"It was very generous of them to donate," she said.

"Home Depot, Bordine, and Cosco, they went above and beyond," Campbell said.

They also collected \$500 in donations to help with postage.

The class Skyped Col. Campbell a couple times, learning about Afghanistan, his mission, and the people there.

"He talked about what he does in the Air Force and the base and the many types of people who are there," Joyner said.

"There are people from a lot of countries," Ehrenberger said. "They don't have a lot to choose from in food, just a couple of choices."

"He told us what it was like to live in a small place," Joyner said.

"His room was about half the size of a mattress," Ehrenberger said. "He showed us the moon, to show us it was nighttime."

"It was cool to see the time difference," Joyner said.

On Veterans Day, the pilot Skyped a school in Indiana, as well as with his children's classes in Clarkston.

"It's been an amazing journey," Amy Campbell said. "It's hard to have him away, but we've had wonderful support."

Now they're collecting school supplies for 3,500 Afghan students.

"That's the next mission," she said.

Briefly...

Holiday deadlines

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~ Dr. Timothy O'Neill

WHO SAYS MEN CAN'T MULTI-TASK?

I have years of memories of Dr. O'Neill as he was my only physician until I went away to college. My first appointment I don't remember but my mother tells me it was in summer of 1961. I believe the last time I saw him was also in the summer but most likely in 1981. I had come home from college to attend a Pine Knob concert with some friends on a Friday evening. The night before, I had lacerated my right finger when my hand went through a window. Being in college, once I got it to stop bleeding, I

wrapped it up and went out with friends for the evening. Well, once my mother saw it the next day, she would not let me use the car to go to the concert until I went to see Dr. O'Neill. (She even made me ride my bike!). He saw me right away even though they were very busy at the time and did not have a room available. I remember him reopening the wound aggressively (after he numbed it) with a little "scrub brush". I ended up with seven stitches on my pinkie and he told me I was lucky to have mom force me to come in as it would have healed badly without the sutures as it was a very deep cut. You can not even see the scar.

What amazed me was the great job he did in a short time while he took a phone call, signed some prescriptions and answered a few questions by a nurse or other employee!

I have many other memories of Dr. O'Neill during my childhood as both my mother and sister worked for him at times. I loved the "purple medicine". However, you can have the Atarax and Mylanta! That stuff was the worst.

Elaine Johnson Featherstone

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Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

'Married Christmas'

It's hard to believe only one week and four days until Christmas. I am super excited because this is my first Christmas as a married man.

As in "typical husband fashion" I still have not finished all my Christmas shopping for my wife. She keeps asking if I've done it and I smile and say "some."

While we've had our Christmas tree up before Thanksgiving, and had Christmas with Casey Kasem playing on the radio, it doesn't quite feel like Christmas.

Driving at night, Noell and I have noticed there isn't as many houses lit up with Christmas lights and nobody seems to be in the usual "excited Christmas mood."

In conversations I've heard some people are actually dreading Christmas and that is sad. Perhaps they've become too focused on the gift aspect and not enough on the meaning of Christmas or perhaps the politically correct statement "Happy Holidays" has spoiled the joy of being able to say "Merry Christmas" without offending someone else.

My wife having the name Noell and being a Dec. born baby loves Christmas time and is longing for snow to fall. Every morning she asks "Did it snow?" I answer with either "a little," or "no it didn't." Then a sad look comes over her face with a "ohhh....."

As I have stated in previous columns about my loath for snow and the cold weather, I am trying really hard to find the "romance" in it all. I probably wouldn't mind it nearly as much if there was no wind chill and if the snow never covered the roads. If there was a way to make it so it melted as it touched the pavement and only have it on the sides in the grass and trees, that would be awesome.

Many may be in a "Scrooge" like state this Christmas season, Noell and I plan on sharing Christmas joy and cheer with all we meet. Remembering Christmas is not about wrapping paper, toys and goodies.

It's a time to reflect on the amazing hope given to the world one night when a woman by the name of Mary gave birth in a barn to a little baby named Jesus Christ. That's a moment in time I believe changed the world forever. It's because of that birth, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Some ideas to resolve blight issues

Dear Editor,

It seems there are a lot of folks in our community that are frustrated with the manner in which our local leaders are proceeding and the lack of progress.

I'm wondering if we couldn't organize a community meeting where we can discuss ways to address the blighted building issue?

Most of us are hopefully working and have our own responsibilities, so working full time on these issues would be biting off more than we can chew. But collectively....

I know I have what I believe are some great ideas of what to bring into the old farmer jacks building that i've gotten positive feedback on. The least original would be a Papa Joes or a whole foods, but I'd also like to see either a community adult oriented "play-ground" activity center.

Fitness in a fun sort of way that includes

zip lines and climbing walls and those rope climbing structures, an indoor skate and bike park.

Or if that's too extreme, what about a "Doggerville", an indoor dog park activity center with a variety of dog oriented shops and services around the exterior.

The original aspect of the last two could bring commerce into the township. If not these, then something, anything, please.

There's also the old abandoned movie theater that would be a great coffeehouse-eat-in-theater that plays classics or indies.

The point is, what is being done to address these issues? We, the public, deserve to know, and if no specific direction is being taken, then perhaps the citizens together can get this ball rolling. Who's with me?

Tammie Heazlit
Independence Township

Letter to the editor

Seek public input this time on 3 E. Church

Dear Editor,

Re: "City's leaving 3 E. Church," Dec. 7 edition, it is great that the city is at least considering this since 3 E. Church was originally a temporary solution to overcrowding at the Village Hall.

However, they did all of this, including hiring an architect, way back in 2000 and after all the work was done, decided to do nothing.

In the last 11 years they went to a full time police force and had three police cars. Now there is no local police department and the saga of the police cars is a story of its own.

DPW now has more than 4000 square feet of space plus additional storage, and is the only department in the city besides the administration.

The administration, including the village meeting hall, has less than 1,200 square feet and does not have a fully handicap accessible toilet room.

Depot Park, where the Village Hall and DPW garage is located, has nothing but portable toilets at the park entrance and then only during the summer.

Since history seems to be repeating itself, it will be interesting to see how it ends this time and if the city bothers to solicit ideas and opinions from the taxpayers who have been paying the rent on 3 E. Church for the last 12 years, or if they will address public requirements instead of just those from the DPW.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

Reader responds to 'clean sweep' viewpoints

Dear Editor,

The recent guest viewpoint "Reader calls for clean slate on township board," Nov. 30, and letter to the editor ("Another call for clean township sweep," Dec. 7) attacked every single member of the current Independence Township Board. These comments were poorly directed.

Such broadsides ignore the hard work, responsiveness and integrity of several members of the Township Board.

These sort of superficial comments and calls to replace the entire board are simplistic and reckless.

This board has accomplished much over

the last several years in these very difficult economic times and proves that some of them are serving us very well.

Folks who pay attention and are truly interested in better representative local government can readily see which board members add value and who among them are in it primarily for their own self-interest.

Sadly, the nature of those prior comments shows they are authored by individuals setting up to run for office without having made any positive, significant contributions to our community.

Craig Bennett
Independence Township

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Bond question will be back; June vote likely" Citing strong urgency from the community to try again, Clarkston Board of Education decided to bring the recently failed bond proposal back to voters the following June. Voters had rejected the \$52.5 million bond proposal for new construction.

"Flu pounds Clarkston" An early flu epidemic swept the county, including Clarkston. Some local schools reported as high as three times normal student absenteeism. Teachers were also coming down sick, and substitutes were hard to come by.

"(Second) home for the holidays" For Independence Township firefighters, Christmas was another day of work. For 1996, firefighters were too busy to put up any decorations, but enjoyed cookies people would drop off.

25 years ago - 1986

"M-15 mall plans nixed second time" Variances to allow a shopping center off M-15 near I-75 were denied by the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals for the second time. Board members feared it would create traffic problems, and parking in a residential zone may have been illegal.

"Trimming the Clarkston tree" Jill Theyoung reached as high as she could to place a festive pinecone on the Christmas tree at Main and Washington streets. It was part of an annual Family Night tree-trimming and caroling get-together in the village.

"Sesqui-tribute" Springfield Township's Sesquicentennial Finale paid tribute to Helen Vergin, who coordinated the township's 150-year celebration. Supervisor Collin Walls presented her with a plaque and proclamation from the township board crediting her for her efforts.

50 years ago - 1961

"Who's going to pay?" Clarkston School Board and contractors disagreed about who should pay to repair a split in the roof of the new high school. The builder said they did their job as instructed and should not be held responsible.

"Girl Scouts hold camp reunion" A Camp Sherwood reunion for all 1961 Girl Scout campers was planned at Clarkston Junior High. They planned games, camp songs, and watching slides and films from camp.

"Clarkston locals" Ice cream and cake was enjoyed by Carol Humbert of Clarkston and 12 girl friends when she celebrated her 10th birthday.

Early mythical Santas were tall and thin

So, I'm thinking: What can I write for this Christmas season that I haven't covered before?

So, why is Santa fat?

Thin people can be jolly. If you were looking for Santa history you'd probably go on the internet. I went to my World Book Encyclopedia, circa 1960.

It starts, "Santa Claus is a mythical old man who brings gifts to children at Christmas. Today's Santa Claus developed from a real person, Saint Nicholas, who lived in the A.D. 300s."

From then to 1809, Santa was imagined to be tall and thin. Washington Irving changed that look in his Knickerbocker's History of New York. He made Santa look like an early Dutch settler, a jolly fellow wearing a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches and smoking a long pipe.

Since the whole idea is mythical, other writers added the white beard, shortened the pipe, made him round, put Santa in fur, from head to foot, and put him in a sleigh with eight reindeer.

Then in 1866, cartoonist Thomas Nast put Santa in a workshop with a pack of toys, stockings hung at a fireplace and a Christmas tree.

Scrooge isn't mentioned in this writing of Santa Claus, and, of course, he shouldn't be. And, I'm not looking up his origin.

I can imagine, however, that he would be thin, drawn face, threadbare clothes, hunched, heavy eyebrows, unkempt long hair and an odor. I continue to imagine it being difficult to draw an odor, even for a cartoonist.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

The one thing fat Santas have that thin ones don't is jiggle. And, I can't imagine a "Ho-Ho-Ho" without a jiggle.

Can't let a Jottings go by this time of year without a political comment. The last Republican president who was a lawyer was Gerald Ford, who left office 31 years ago. And, he was appointed, not elected.

I was having difficulty getting to sleep some months ago. A doctor prescribed Ambien. In one of my hospital over-nighters an aide gave me an Ambien. Last summer I read in *The Detroit News* of police finding Ambien in a couple crack house raids.

Being curious, I asked my prescribing doctor about this. He said heroin and other drugs sometimes hype users so much they can't get to sleep.

It isn't heroin that keeps me awake, it's my active imagination, like questioning Santa's size.

- I can't remember ever riding in a pickup truck.
- By mistake I hit a button on my car's dashboard. Soon my butt was getting hot. So, I turned ma'dog Shayna's seat heater on. Pretty soon she dropped her head a little, turned toward me with a twinkle in her eyes and coyly smiled.

- The major airlines are talking of down-sizing. At the same time, plane-minded people are predicting a huge increase in the number of flights in the not too distant future. These people should read each others news releases and settle on one.

- Human Resources people should consider one more thing when hiring spokespersons. They should not put overweight people on camera urging people to cutback on something.

Johnny Carson: Misery is . . . Going to a costume ball as a bubble dancer and finding out your date is going as a porcupine . . . Buying a sports car and discovering your bucket is bigger than the seat bucket . . . Learning the pitter patter of little feet around the house is because your wife is seeing a midget.

Would the Lone Ranger eat Silver?

Gee. Horse meat. Really?

So it was with great restraint that I listened to the news that Congress was getting ready to lift the ban on horse meat for human consumption. I used restrain from turning the news off as I didn't want to think about eating my friend, Flicka.

Before you all stomp me for being soft, let me charge forward.

First, I know other cultures around this spinning mass of rock and water eat horse meat. I also know a lot of cultures eat worms, insect larvae and dogs, too. And, though it's not publicized, I bet there are still small tribes in remote parts of the world that still eat people. In other words, across the globe, if it's alive it's considered a valid dinner option.

But, I live in America and the idea of eating horse steak just ooks me out. (As does the idea of munching on Fido, maggots and earthworms.)

Second, I understand the public outcry for Congress to act on this economy-stimulating act.

Oh, wait.

There is no outcry for Mr. Ed burgers. There just isn't. I reckon there are a limited number of ranchers out west who want to pad their

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

bank accounts, but there is not a demand for horse flesh at Bueches, Meijer, IGA, Kroger, Farmer Jack, or any other grocery in these parts.

Come on, this is America. We don't eat sheep (much) and we don't eat dog and we don't eat horse.

I cannot picture Emeril Lagasse, Bobby Flay, Julia Child, Gordon Ramsey, Wolfgang Puck or Chef Boyardee whipping up a horse roast and wild rice entrees to serve at a dinner party.

It doesn't make horse sense why Congress wants to open this can of worms.

Horses are a part of our history.

From early on we learned of Paul Revere's midnight ride (do they still teach that?) and of the Pony Express. Horses are an iconic American institution, right up there with the Bald Eagle. Both represent strength and freedom.

When I think of horses, rightly or wrongly I think of the American Indian. I think of the Sioux, Cree, Apache and the finest light cavalry of the time, the Comanche warrior.

The American Spirit can be found in *Equus caballus*.

We even named one of our classic American muscle cars after the wild brand of horse, Mustang. (We'll leave the Ford Pinto out of this discussion).

Horses are a part of our romantic-past, too, made larger than life in dime-store novels of the American west from the 1800's to major motion pictures of the last century. The story the trials and tribulation of the horse, Black Beauty, is both a classic novel and movie.

Would Roy Rogers eat Trigger? No.

Would John Wayne's Rooster Cogburn eat his tall horse, Beau? No.

Would Birmingham, Michigan's Bruce Campbell (aka Brisco County, Jr.) eat his horse, Comet? No.

Would the Lone Ranger eat Silver? Would Tonto eat Scout? Hmm, well maybe if he had to survive -- but he'd feel bad about it later.

Horses, like our dogs are our friends.

We don't eat our friends in America.

And besides, I think it would be pretty tough and chewy. Blach!

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It must be a political pay back for past support. Why else would we consider opening up the butcher shop for horse meat? There cannot be that much constituent-want for this, and I bet just the opposite is true. I bet most folks would agree with me. It must be a conspiracy, yeah that's it. Now, I just got to find it or invent it.

Three bonds, one vote, \$20 million proposed by school administration

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools administration recommended the Board of Education approve a \$20 million bond for the May 2012 election at their Dec. 12 meeting.

The board will now review and finalize the bond list presented to them, which cut \$3 million from a list presented Nov. 30.

The list still focuses on building construction, bringing it down to \$3.4 million, from the original proposed \$6.3 million, and technology for \$10.4 million, up from the \$8.5 million proposed last month.

"It is good," said Steve Hyer, board treasurer. "We have looked at the list in a way to prioritize what the needs are."

The non-qualified bond would raise the current millage rate 1.15 mill, bringing it up to 8.15 mills. The district would receive the funds

over a course of six years, receiving \$10 million in 2012, \$5 million in 2015, and the remaining \$5 million in 2018.

"It would be three bonds with one vote," said Anita Banach, human resources executive director, explaining receiving the money at three different periods will allow the district to sustain projects and technology needs over a 11-year period.

"Five years from now, I know we are going to need technology upgrades," Hyer agreed. "It gives us time to plan, to know we have the funds available."

Banach added it would fulfill the items on the capital needs list with the bond, addressing student learning, global access for all students, technology infrastructure and address student and staff safety needs.

The administration asked for any questions or discussion the board

had that they could bring back to the next meeting to help the board decide.

Trustee Rosalie Lieblang requested looking at the fiscal year 2011 actual audit, compared to where they are right now for the 2012 fiscal year. She added the numbers showed a \$2 million increase in the back offices' accounts.

"Before we ask the public for more money, we need to make sure we are reducing as much as we can," she said.

Trustee Susan Boatman voiced the concern of what would happen if the district would be unable to make payments on the bond. With a qualified bond, they would be able to borrow from the state; with unqualified, they wouldn't.

Communication and transparency was key for board Vice President Elizabeth Egan. She requested the administration provide the com-

munity a better understanding with what the district has passed in the past.

"Maybe a recap of what we have done," she added. "Where was the money? Then, show them the capital needs list and what is new."

Trustee Joan Patterson wanted more communication as well as, in particular, more detail on items on the capital needs list.

"We went line by line," said board President Cheryl McGinnis, referring to a group made of board members, staff, community members and administration. "Most things didn't jump on the list. They are getting to their life expectancy and they are put on the capital needs list. Right now the list is what it is. When money is available, they fix it. We do not have the money to fix it every year. The list is a living document."

Wes Goodman, operations ex-

ecutive director, also pointed out items might be a top priority but if something else comes up and needs to be fixed right away, they have to spend the money from their budget on that, first.

The next step for the board is review and finalize the bond list. The administration will also bring back any additional information the board needs to make their decision.

"We can go to the community and ask if this is what they want," said Hyer. "A vote gives them a chance for everyone to give their voice. We can't take care of capital needs from general fund and keep class sizes the way they are. I want to move forward and do what is right for kids."

If passed, taxpayers would fully repay the 2018 bond in 2033.

The next board of education meeting is 7 p.m., Jan. 9, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Resident shows how Independence can save money

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As Independence Township looks to head into 2012, they look pretty healthy with a surplus of \$50,802 in the general fund and close to \$2.9 million in the fund balance.

However, resident Rick Gutowski thinks the fund balance could be reduced greatly.

"A general fund balance of 15 percent is efficient for an effective operating township," Gutowski told the board at the Dec. 6 budget hearing. "For Independence Township, a 15 percent balance would amount to \$750,000. A 20 percent balance is \$1 million."

Gutowski suggested the board take the budget down to a 20 percent balance, leaving it with \$1.9 million available for other uses.

If the township used \$1.3 million to pay the principle on the loan in the water and sewer funds to purchase township hall, Gutowski said it would reduce the payoff of the building from four years down to 3.7 years at the

current payment schedule.

The township could then use \$600,000 to fund a capital improvement plan at \$300,000 per year for 2012 and 2013. Then the general fund transfer to Parks and Rec. could be reduced by a total of \$300,000 over the next three years, which would bring the transfers from the general fund to Parks and Rec down to \$1.0 million by 2014, Gutowski said.

"Parks and Rec. can achieve the reductions by partnering, outsourcing and restructuring fees and charges," he said.

Lastly, Gutowski said that would leave \$300,000 savings to be used for capital improvement projects in 2014 and 2015.

"Reduce operating costs by \$600,000, half by paying off township hall mortgage and half by improving the process of delivering Parks and Rec. programs."

The township will approve the 2012 budget on Dec. 20. The meeting begins at 7:30 at Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

Springfield Township proposing \$5.9 million budget

Springfield Township is set to maintain police, fire, parks, and other services through 2012, but may need a police millage next year.

"We anticipate a decrease in taxable value based on historical trends – with current services, it won't last long," said township Supervisor Collin Walls. "We obviously have to do something."

The board will consider millage options in January.

The board approved a \$5.9 million budget, including \$2.06 million general fund and \$1.59 million police budget. The budget includes a transfer of about \$268,000 from fund balance reserves. If a millage is not approved, more than \$300,000 would have to be transferred to maintain services.

The budget also includes \$716,500 for the township fire department, \$578,176 for parks and recreation, \$269,100 Lake Improvement Fund, \$129,900 Cable TV Fund, \$371,000 Civic Center Debt Fund, and \$70,700 Building Department Fund.

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Public Safety

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

Theft from car

A debit card, sunglasses, change, and CDs were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in an open garage in the 6000 block of Clarkston Road, Nov. 30.

Christmas money gone

Several hundred dollars in Christmas-present money was reported taken from a van in the 6000 block of Almond Lane, Nov. 30. There were no signs of forced entry.

Worn out welcome

Two 19-year-old Orion Township residents overstayed their welcome while staying with a 17-year-old Independence Township girl whose father was out of town, Dec. 2. She told them to leave, then left the house to "avoid problems." When she got back, she found them gone, along with all the clothes in her closet.

Caught in crash

A 25-year-old Springfield Township man's car was rear-ended at Sashabaw and Oak Vista Avenue, 5:49 p.m., Dec. 2. His head hurt, so he was taken for St. Joe's for treatment. As his vehicle was inventoried prior to impound, deputies found prescription medicine, some of which he didn't have a prescription for. His license was suspended, and he had a felony warrant out of Centerline for larceny, and four misdemeanor warrants out of Centerline, Michigan State Police, and Waterford.

Domestic assault

A 49-year-old Pine Valley Court resident was arrested for home invasion and domestic assault, 2:58 a.m., Dec. 3. He got angry with his wife when she returned home from her job and wouldn't give him the car keys. She refused to give him the keys because he had been drinking, and went to a neighbor's house. He followed her, kicked in the neighbor's door and demanded the keys, and they locked themselves in a bathroom. The neighbor's friend confronted him and told him to leave, and called police when he kept coming back.

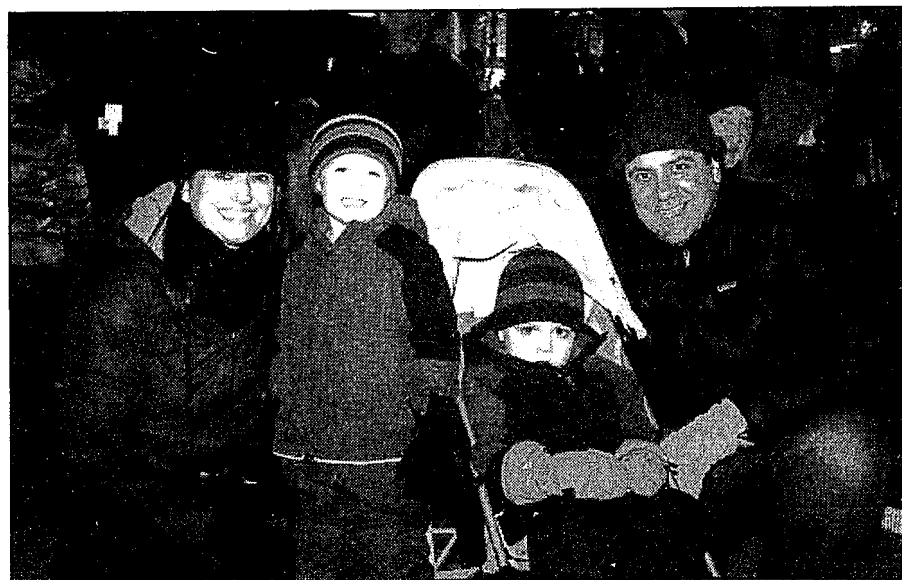
Plate taken

An Independence Township resident reported her license plate taken from her vehicle, Dec. 4, possibly when it was parked at the Park and Ride at M-15 and I-75. The plate number was cancelled by the Secretary of State.

Broken glass

A 24-year-old Walled Lake man was ticketed for spilling a load on the roadway when the large fish tank he had picked up slid out of the bed of his pick up and shattered, 7:44 p.m., Dec. 5, at Dixie and White Lake Road.

Call Crime Stoppers of Southeast Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.



Bundled up for holiday lights

The Duty family of Clarkston, from left, Kelly, Evan, Jameson, and Tom, await their first downtown holiday parade. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Why All the Household Dust?

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. By now we've all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Desperate Housewives, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper, I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and overtime it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Visit our website at www.americanpowervac.com for an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home.

Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your dry-wall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it,

take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning com-

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Wolves hustle for the win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Nick Owens gave his teammates a boost in the final quarter of the game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep scoring nine points on his 3-point shots.

Three more points from the Wolves during the quarter concluded the season opener with a win for Clarkston, 60-49.

"We had great hustle," said Owens. "Everyone was doing their job on offense and defense. Defense pretty much won us the game and we made our shots."

It was the first step for Clarkston Boys Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife's goal for December - to win games before they head into winter break after next week.

"Always let your team find out who they are and what they need to do and be successful with what they need to do to win," he added. "Get them mental as well as physical shape."

Both teams battled back and forth to grab the lead in the first quarter. With one minute left to go, Tatu sank a 3-point shot to pull the Wolves into the lead.

The Eaglets responded with a field goal shot of their own from senior Justin Barrow to take the lead by one point.

Senior Mitch Baenziger passed the ball to

Tatu with 30 seconds left for another opportunity to score but the 3-point attempt did not make it through the net's rim for the points.

The boys came back and a basket from junior Jordan Dasuqi put the Wolves back into the lead.

They scored again when Tatu was sent to the line for two free throws with 4:45 left in the half, scoring both and another one just over a minute later.

They continued to distance themselves and one last 3-point throw from Baenziger put the boys 29-21 before the buzzer.

The Eaglets opened the second half with a three point throw. During their next possession, Clarkston defense forced them to make quick passes as they pressured them further into mid-court.

Clarkston gained possession and Dasuqi scored again to put the Wolves, 33-24.

Baenziger and Tatu led in the remaining five minutes of the third quarter, Tatu putting three points on the board and Baenziger with 12, scoring two 3-pointers in a roll.

"You are only as good as your guards," said Fife. "If your guards are good, you have a chance to be competitive. If they are bad, you are in trouble. Tatu and Baenziger played how they are supposed to play. They have been through it all."

The Eaglets outscored the Wolves 13-12 in the final quarter but it was too little, too late to turn the game around.

"They are a really competitive team," Fife said, adding St. Mary's had only practiced for a few weeks because most of the players just finished their football season as state champions.

"It's always good to play someone competitive like that, who is going to make you play hard and smart; make you think," he said. "I am looking to get our kids to play and in that kind of shape. We haven't beat them a lot so it was a good game for the kids. Whenever you go to an away game and win, it is good."

Baenziger led the game scoring 23 points and scored three field goals. Tatu scored 15 points and was 10-for-14 at the free throw line. Owens added 12 points from his four 3-pointers.

"Owens is a good shooter," Fife added. "It isn't something we haven't seen before. We know he is a good shooter. We are teaching him both ends. We are teaching him good shots and bad shots. He is a confident shooter. We had his older brother, Dan, and he was a good shooter."

He added the team has a lot of outside shooters this year and it showed during the season opener.

"We have a lot of good shooters," Fife said. "For the last couple of years we have been an inside team. We are not really tall to get inside shots. We have to keep trying to

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Zach Collins holds onto possession of the ball. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



From left, Tanner Schulte, Connor Giroux, Back: Coach Steve Wilson, Nick Tatu. Alan Kamieniecki, Zach Littleson, Mike Risi and Taylor Perry. Photo submitted

Cager Champions

The PlayAllBasketball.Net Pride team recently finished their fall season winning the season and the playoff championship.

The team, made of high school boys basketball players, defeated a strong Troy Athens squad 75-56 to win the championship - their third championship season in a row for the club.

They competed in the high school boys elite upper division and it made out of Clarkston area players. The roster is Nick Tatu, Alan Kamieniecki, Connor Giroux, Tanner Schulte, Mike Risi as well as Taylor Perry, Zach Littleson and Joe Turnbull.

Tatu and Kamieniecki opened their winter season for the Clarkston Wolves Boys Varsity Basketball team with a 60-49 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's last Friday.

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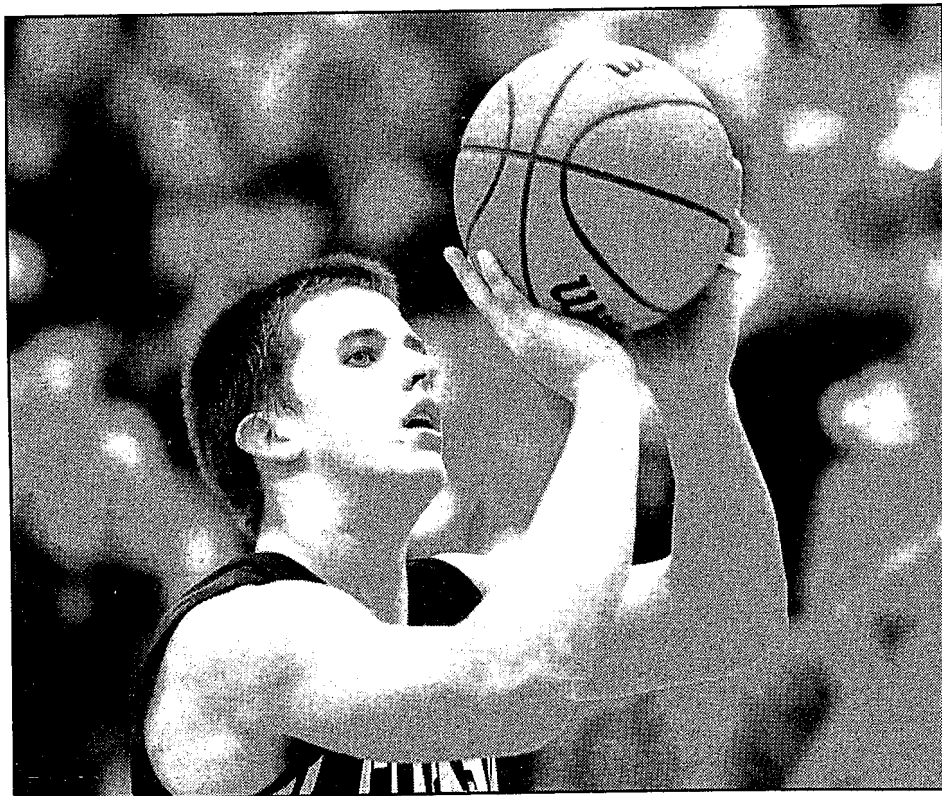
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Nick Tatu reaches past Eaglets to make a shot.



Mitch Baenziger jumps to score. Photos by Larry Wright



Matt Dellinger lines up for a free throw shot.

Team's set for division games

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take advantage of what we do well."

The boys play their first OAA Red game on Thursday at Farmington Hills Harrison.

"We have to get them ready for division games," said Fife. "First game is Thursday so not much time. You have to start ready to play. The problem was last year we won our first game against St. Mary's and didn't play well for a month and a half. We do not want to overlook anyone."

Then, the Wolves head to Flint Northern on Tuesday before coming home Dec. 22 for their game against Troy Athens.

"It's just another day," Owens said preparing for the next opponent. "It's not about today. It's about tomorrow and knocking down more shots."

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

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Add two wins to girls' undefeated record on the court



Megan Hastings looks for an opening. Photo by Larry Wright

Two pack of Wolves added more to their win columns last week.

The Lady Cagers remained undefeated after their battles against Chippewa Valley and Rochester Adams.

They opened the week against Chippewa Valley with a 54-35 win.

They opened the game scoring 15 points in the first quarter and kept the momentum going throughout the game. Defense kept Chippewa Valley to ten points in the second half and only allowed three points in the final quarter.

"We played very well defensively," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk.

Delaney Kenny and Erin Davenport led the team scoring 15 points each. Davenport had six steals and four rebounds. Kenny had seven rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Megan Hastings added nine to the board, scoring two 3-point shots. Christina Jokisch scored eight points during the game.

The girls followed it with a win over Rochester Adams last Thursday, 41-27. Hastings was the leading scorer with 13 points, scoring one 3-pointer. She had six steals, five rebounds and three assists.

Kenny had seven points, five rebounds.

Davenport had seven rebounds and Erika Davenport had five points and nine rebounds. Anna Manilla posted six points and had six rebounds.

"We played really good defensively against Roch-

ester Adams," said Wasilk. "We created a lot of steals and deflections. We slowed them down defensively in the second half and made a lot of good decisions with the basketball offensively in the second half."

They played their first OAA Red league game on Tuesday against Pontiac, going in with a 4-0 record.

The Lady Wolves host Southfield-Lathrup on Friday night, their last game before going on winter break.

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

Icers were the other Wolfpack to take down two opponents, beginning with Salem on Dec. 7 with a 4-3 win.

Jacob LaPorte selled the win scoring with 15.7 left in the game off teammate Eric Matynowski's pass.

Clarkston got on the board in the second period with goals from Matynowski and Zach Gootee. Garrett Polish scored the first goal in the final period to tie the score.

The boys added another win going against Farmington Hills Unified on Saturday night, 3-1, putting their record 3-4-1.

The Wolves host their Christmas Tournament this weekend. They open against Hartland on Friday at 5 p.m.

The consolation game is 12 p.m. on Saturday and the championship round is at 2 p.m. All games are at Detroit Skate Club, 888 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills.

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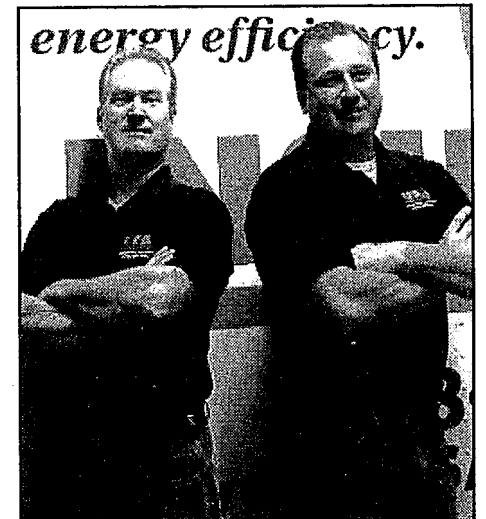
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Nick Toth and Brian Roy, Eagle Scouts from Troop 199, sell Goodfellow newspapers at the Independence Township Library, Dec. 3.

Volunteering scouts

Saturday, Dec. 3, was a particularly busy day for Clarkston scouts, as they helped out with Clarkston Rotary's Goodfellow newspaper fund raiser and Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's Greens Market.



William York, a Webelos II scout from Pack 163, helps a Clarkston Farm and Garden Club Greens Market customer on Dec. 3.

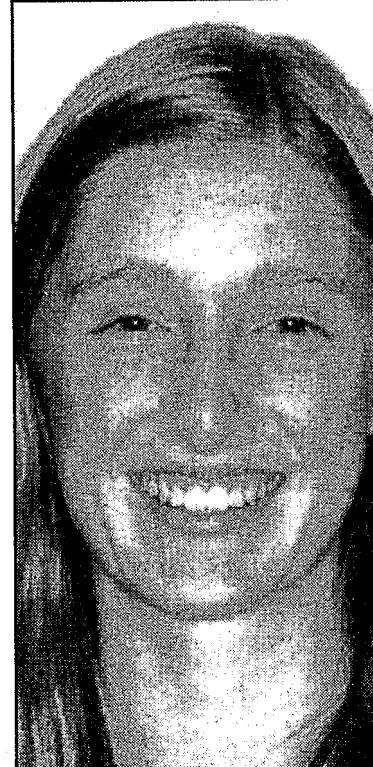


Ryan Snyder, Devlynn Portscheller and Nathan Wilson, scouts from Troop 199, sell Clarkston Rotary holiday newspapers at the Church of the Resurrection, Dec. 3. Photos provided



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Smile of the Month

Alex Lies

Alex is in 9th grade at Clarkston Junior High. She is in band and likes dance. She loves to ride her bike and ski.

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DPW plowing costs too much

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

To reduce costs, Independence Township will outsource snow plowing in parking lots for the Fire Department, library and township hall instead of using Department of Public Works (DPW) employees.

After spending \$6,903 for plowing and salt for all three fire stations between December and January last year, Fire Chief Steve Ronk said it was "getting hard to swallow."

"With all the cost cutting going on in other departments, we got to look at doing something more efficiently than this," he said. "They (DPW) can't really compete with the private contractors because their cost is so high for the drivers or the operators."

DPW employees get a higher wage because their work is more technical, he said.

Also, they're union employees so they get doubletime pay on holidays and time-and-half after hours - before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m. or on weekends.

"When the snow hits during hours, after hours doesn't make any difference with a contractor," Ronk said. "His job is to clear our lot. With the DPW, it triggers different pay rates."

Library Director Julie Meredith agreed.

"We need someone who can plow at a standard rate no matter what time of day," she said.

The library paid \$4,915 for salt and plowing for the 2010-2011 season. According to Township Clerk Barb Pallotta, the township paid \$2,906 last year to have township hall plowed and salted.

DPW Director Linda Richardson said she doesn't have an issue with the other departments outsourcing the snow plowing. Employee cost for snow plowing is \$21 per hour, and they purchased salt from the county last year at \$67 per ton.

"Whatever our costs were, we would charge them," she said.

She also noted there is debate whether to plow on a holiday if there was a snow storm.

"The guys usually felt it was easier to come in just after the snow fell instead of



Snow plowing being outsourced by Independence Township. File photo

letting cars pack it down and it icing up because it takes longer to plow," she said. "It's just a matter of opinion."

They charge the other departments for snow plowing because the DPW doesn't have a budget for it, Richardson said.

"It's a water and sewer budget. Our guys work under the water and sewer," she said. "We can't charge the (water and sewer) rate payers for snowplowing."

Out of the combined \$7,061,734 water and sewer budget in 2010, the DPW had \$1,429,633 in labor costs.

Ronk said it's unfair to compare year to year because they really are not "apples to apples" in terms of weather conditions, but he can look at the final dollar amount and "draw a conclusion."

"I know we're paying less per operator then if we have the DPW do it," he said.

On a unanimous vote at the Dec. 6 meeting, the Township Board awarded D & W Services, LLC out of Lake Orion a year contract for snowplowing.

DPW did not submit a bid.

"We just wanted to give it a year of somebody else coming in and doing it," Richardson said.



Clarkston Masons name 2012 officers

The Clarkston Masons hosted its 158th installation of officers, Dec. 3, Worshipful Master Tom Anderson, Senior Warden Coy Hall, Junior Warden Paul Plunkett, Treasurer Ken Stone, P.M., Secretary Tom A. Braun, P.M., Chaplain Bill McCain Sr., P.M., Senior Deacon Doug Cundiff, Junior Deacon Sean Miller, Senior Steward Patrick Barry, Junior Steward Erik Wheatley, Steward James Sommers, Steward Eric Warren, Marshall Eric Kimminau, P.M., and Tyler Ken Klimek. Photo submitted



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5. The parents must be residents of Clarkston, Independence or Springfield Townships.
6. Deadline for entry submission is 5 p.m. Friday, January 18, 2012
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Local shops to collect Toys for Tots with Santa

Santa and two of his reindeer return to The Birdfeeder and Clarkston Flower Shoppe to collect toys, 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18.

"We were overcome with emotion by the success of last year's event," said Steven Stroud, owner of The Birdfeeder. "The amount of toys we were able to collect last year blew us all away, and we are so excited to be able to give back again this Christmas."

Last year, the community filled an entire sleigh with donations for Toys for Tots of Oakland County.

The sleigh is back in place and they are accepting donations through Dec. 18 at the shops, 7150 Main Street.

"We have big expectations due to the success of last year, but know the compassionate families in the area will make it possible for us to fill this sleigh again," said Shari Schulz, Stroud's sister.

The Dec. 18 event is free. Attendees who bring a new unwrapped toy for donation receive a free photo with Santa and the live reindeer. The classic Christmas story "Twas 't the Night before Christmas" signed by Santa will also be available for purchase. Call 248-625-9711 for more details.



Quinn and Ashleigh Addis pose with a reindeer at last year's toy drive. Photo provided by Kelly Rama, Makpics.com

Hey, what's going on this holiday season in Clarkston?



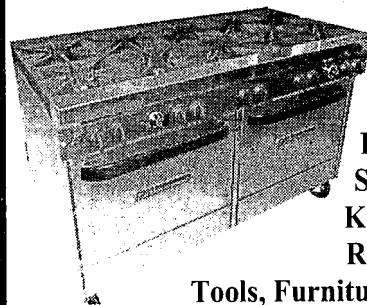
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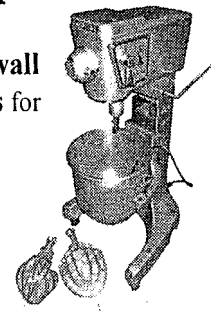
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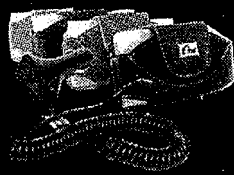
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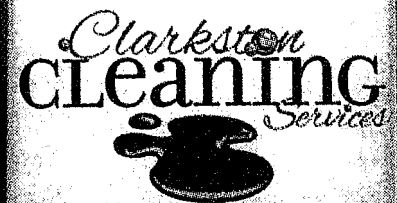
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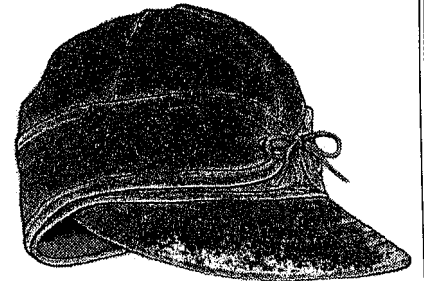


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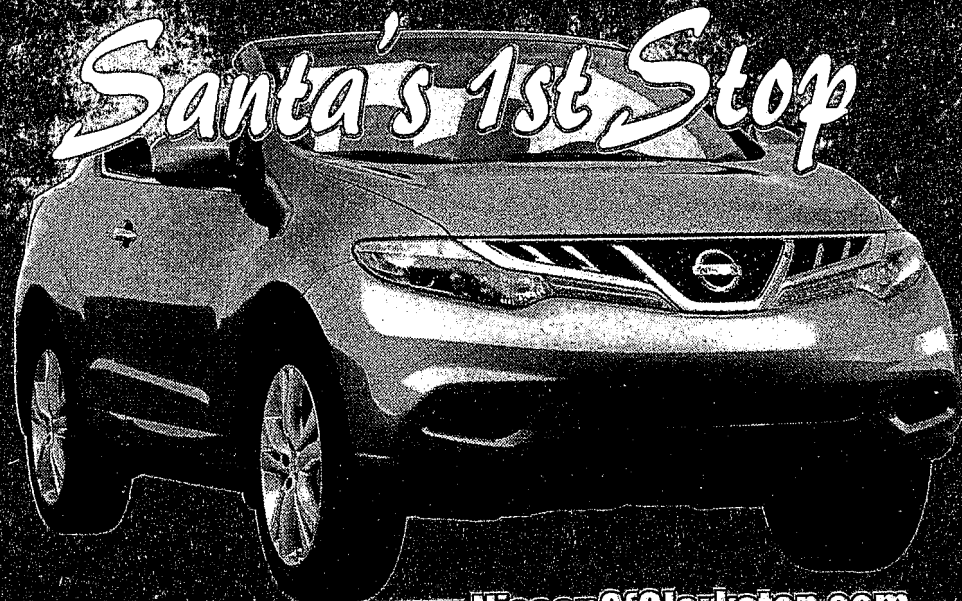
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Rachael Ruelle and Ashley Rodriguez pose in front of the giant Christmas tree in Depot Park. Photos by Wendi Reardon

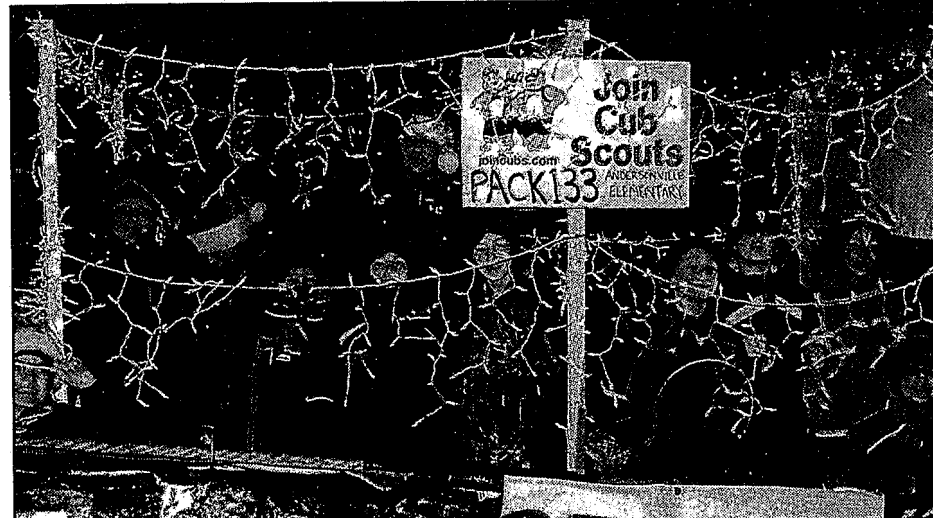
Lights parade

Families bundled in their warmest attire and headed to downtown Clarkston for the annual Lighted Parade led by Clarkston High School's Team RUSH, Dec 10.

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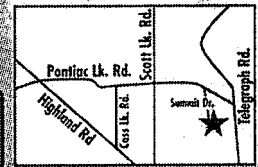
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SANTA VISIT: Jenson and Marissa Walker meet Santa Claus after the Dec. 10 lights parade. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Katie Hokanson and Shannon O'Malley sing "Last Christmas" before the tree lighting in Depot Park, Dec. 10. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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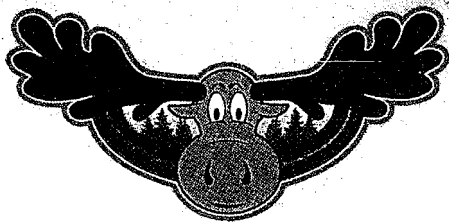
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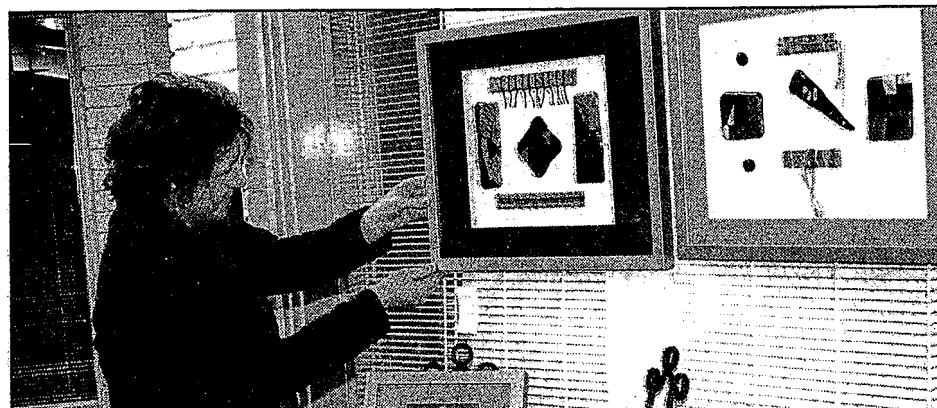
Art walk

Peg Roth held the Second Annual Art Walk in Clarkston Mills Mall Prior to the Holiday Lights Parade on Dec. 10.

The walk included artists of all types such as clothing, home made picture frames, jewelry, and paintings. Holiday sugar cookies were also offered.

"It was fun," Roth said. "It's always nice to meet new people and get to know them."

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Karey Bassett talks about her artwork.

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Trustees want Wagner's answer

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work gets done and I think we're probably doing it for as cheaply as we possibly can," Lohmeier said. "It's the voters' job to see if they got their money's worth in who they elected."

The township also pays Finance Director Susan Hendricks \$73,860 a year. Prior to hiring Yaeger, Hendricks did the budget with the supervisor. However, Clerk Barb Pallotta said Hendricks is doing the same thing she did for Wagner, which is providing the information, but "Wagner never did what Rick did."

"Susan spends the whole year managing our adopted budget," she said. "If there are any red flags she is responsible for bringing it to the supervisor's attention or she brings it to the attention of a department head or the board."

The deadline for superintendent resumes is Dec. 15 and Pallotta said if she sees where positions could be "condensed" by various people or roles, she wouldn't be opposed to it.

"Of course I would take a look at it," she said. "I'm not about to have two people doing the same job."

At the same time, she feels it's hard to make too many decisions without having an affirmative answer from the supervisor as to if he is coming back or not from disability.

"Dave Wagner needs to make a decision, we're his colleagues," Pallotta said. "He owes it to the board to let us know what's going on."

As far as the money that is currently being spent, she doesn't believe they have a choice.

"We need someone to do all the work, it's not going to get any easier," she said. "I'm going into election mode starting right now and I can't keep handling the personnel issues."

Treasurer Curt Carson sees reason and need for HR and the budget analyst and the superintendent in the supervisor's office as well.

"With several unions and issues we have need to have an HR person," Carson said. "Not that we necessarily need to pay a full-time, but you need someone with that kind of expertise."

He noted that Yaeger and Clark were doing a great job.

"Are we spending money," Carson asked. "Yes, and we might be spending a little more than we should be because the supervisor is disabled, but things have to be done."

The lone wolf, Trustee Mark Petterson, feels if the board is going to spend that much for three people to do Wagner's job, than both the clerk and treasurer should go to part-time as was proposed by the slate in the 2008 election.

"I'm flabbergasted in how they thought we could afford this. It's do as I say, not as I do," he said. "We tell everybody and all the departments to cut back and here we go, business as usual spending."

Petterson said the situation makes him proud of all the supervisors prior to Wagner.

"If it takes this many people to do his (Wagner's) job than all the supervisor's prior must have been absolute geniuses. I just don't agree with spending that kind of money."

Wagner did not return phone call seeking comment.

Sign up for Buddy Basketball

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is signing up players and buddies for Buddy Basketball, a non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls with special needs.

Each player will be paired with a "buddy" to assist as needed. Sessions are on Monday evenings for one hour and will

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The league runs for six weeks from Feb. 6-March 19. Deadline to register is Jan. 6.

Sign up to be a player, ages 7-13, or a buddy, ages 7-17. Download registration and medical forms at www.itpr.org by clicking on Forms and Flyers or call 248-625-8223 for more information.

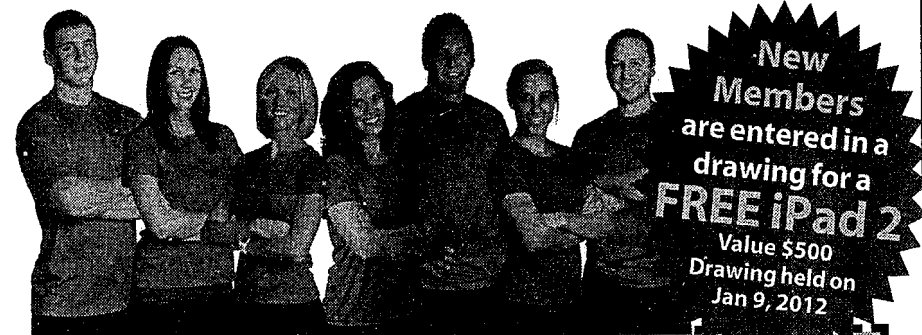
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People Poll

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Favorite part of the holidays?

"Being home with family and friends and enjoying time off."



— Dr. Nicholas Zorka



"Christmas music and watching my children's faces light up with enthusiasm when looking at Christmas decorations."

— Katie Ruffner, with Jackson



"Presents and Santa Clause visits."

— Laura D'Hondt, with Lucia and Chiara Vanoplinus



"Seeing friends and family."

— Roxanne Collins

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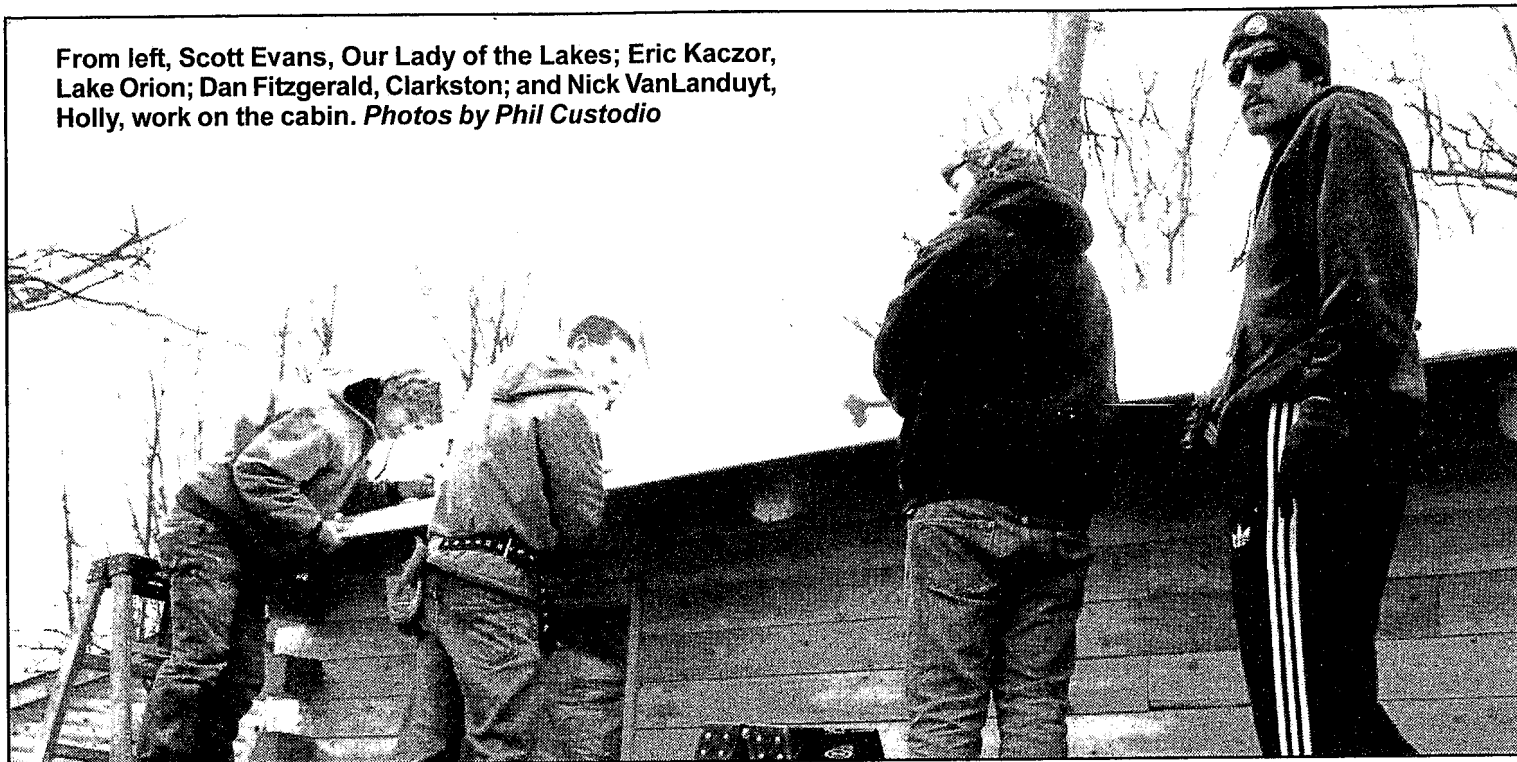
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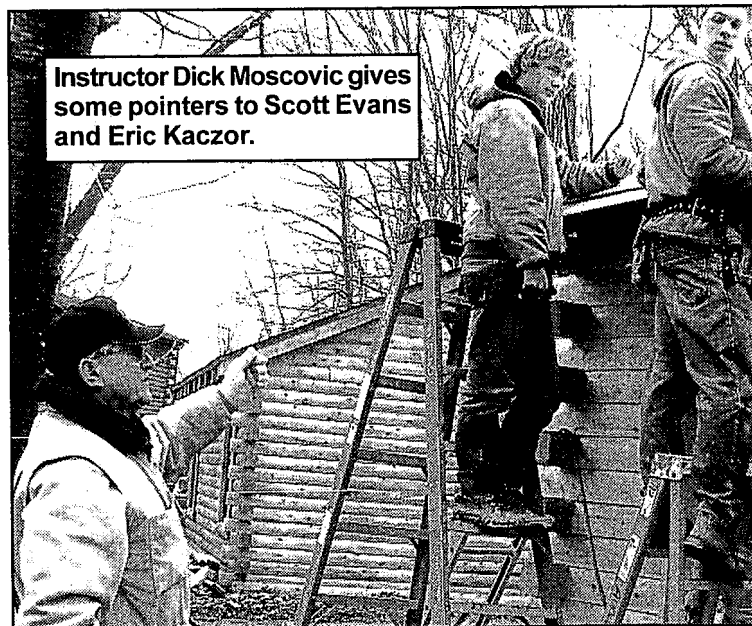
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From left, Scott Evans, Our Lady of the Lakes; Eric Kaczor, Lake Orion; Dan Fitzgerald, Clarkston; and Nick VanLanduyt, Holly, work on the cabin. Photos by Phil Custodio



Instructor Dick Moscovic gives some pointers to Scott Evans and Eric Kaczor.



Building a future

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Dick Moscovic, building trades instructor at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest, you can't learn construction without getting in the mud.

"There's no experience like going on site," said Moscovic, leading a log cabin building project at Hawk Woods Nature Center in Auburn Hills.

"They learn things here you can't in the classroom. On site experience is a needed primer for kids going into the industry. If you're going to do construction

in Michigan, you'd better be able to deal with the elements."

"They're doing a great job," said Dan Brisson, manager of facilities and roads for the City of Auburn Hills. "It's pretty cool, they get to say they built a cedar log cabin. It's been fun, a learning experience for everybody."

This is the school's second cabin at the park — they built their first in 2009. They plan two more over the next couple years.

The cabin is part of Hawkwoods' campground facility, available for rent, May-October,

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Weekly meetings

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

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

Monday

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$3. Drop In.

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.

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. 248-880-0027.

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

Around Town



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



Puppet show this weekend

Clarkston Village Players present "A Christmas Caper" puppet play, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Nancy Penvose and Once Upon A Puppet perform the show, featuring Jingles the elf and his friend Squeak the Christmas Mouse as they search for toys stolen by Burglar Bill. It features upbeat songs, laughs, and audience participation. Tickets are \$6. Photo provided

8223.

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays. Beginning, intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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.

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

Tuesday

Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 5449 Clarkston Road, \$3, drop in, all levels welcome; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, drop

in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Free-will offerings. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, 248-891-4365.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Got Beads, share love of beads and beading. second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Sat
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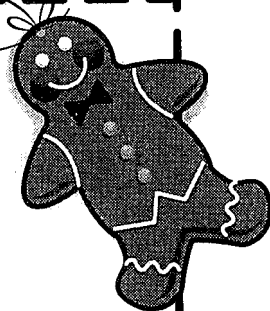
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Classroom to cabin work

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to Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, church organizations, family reunions, and other groups and individuals.

"It's like going up north without the ride up north," Brisson said.

The cabin is not a kit. The students build it from rough-hewn cedar logs following a blueprint.

"The only thing conventional are the windows, doors, and roof sheeting," Brisson said.

Students spend the first year of the program at the center, learning math, language arts, and basic tools used in construction. They go onsite for hands-on experience.

They started in late September and will finish in January.

"I learned how to build just about anything out of wood, and techniques for how to do things quick, easy, and right, like holding a circular saw at an angle instead of straight on, things like that," said Eric Kaczor, Lake Orion senior.

When Lake Orion senior Gerald Morden started the program, he was apprehensive about using the saws and other power tools.

"I'm used to them now," Morden said. "I can use a nail gun like it was nothing."

"We get a lot more hands on experi-



Gerald Morden, left, and Eric Kaczor cut a board to size.

ence," said Craig Powell, senior. "Some people can't learn just sitting at a desk. Here, I can learn what I need to know in my future career or just in my own house."

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Religion

Original Christmas was as complicated as real life

Some things should be clean. I think restaurants and hospitals should be clean. The tools used by my dentist should be clean.

There are lots of things that should be clean in this world. Employees should wash their hands before returning to work. I am less concerned about construction workers or bus drivers than I am about doctors, nurses, and anyone that would touch my food. Clean is good.

There are other things that I am not so sure that need to be clean. An office, for instance, should look used and lived in.

My office could have been cleaner, at least that is what the folks from A&E's "Hoarders" said when they stopped by to help me get organized.

Besides, is a cluttered desk is the sign of a cluttered mind? Or, is a clean desk a sign of a cluttered drawer? Oh well, there are things that should be clean and there are things that should be less clean and a lot more lived in.

For instance, let's look at the Christmas Story. Not the one with Ralphie and the Red Ryder carbine-action, 200-shot, range model air rifle with a compass in the stock and a thing that tells time.

I'm talking about the first and original Christmas Story where Jesus is born in a manger to Mary and Joseph.

Maybe modern movies make it a little more realistic and gritty. Most of the things I've seen, like paintings, show a very quiet Jesus and two tremendously serene parents who are bathed in light emanating from Jesus' crib. It's all too pretty and clean. I don't think it was that attractive or calm or clean.

Mary is a young girl, 13 maybe a little older, engaged to Joseph.

She is a virgin. The angel Gabriel visits her and tells her that she is highly favored. This makes her a little nervous.

Maybe she was thinking of Job (Job - long 'O'). He was a righteous man that God pointed out to Satan. This was not a great thing for Job. He lost his wealth, family, and health in that book.

Yes, he was made whole again with a new

family and everything, but it wasn't an easy road to travel.

Mary is favored by God and she gets to have a baby out of wedlock. This isn't going to be any easier for her, it appears. This news will disgrace her fiancé and her parents. As a bonus, Mary could have been stoned.

Can you imagine the scene of her telling her parents?

"Mom. Dad. I thought you should know that I'm pregnant." Mary's father starts looking for some kind of weapon and mutters, "I'll kill him!"

"Dad, it wasn't Joseph. I'm still a virgin," she says as she tries to calm her dad down. Her mother weeps softly. "This is God's baby. I promise."

I don't think her parents said, "Oh, as long as God is the father, we'll go get the nursery ready."

I think it was a really difficult time, but it was a time that God saw them through. Christmas is really more like that than what we celebrate today. Today it is happy songs and lights and presents and stuff, but it started out on a different note.

Maybe Christmas needs a little cluttering

up.

Someday Jesus will return and in that day Jesus will replace our weeping with joy, our death with life, our chaos with peace, our sorrow with gladness, and our hatred with love.

Until that time, we still have friends dying from cancer and other diseases, friends whose marriages will end, and we will continue to send our children and loved ones to war.

If I am going to have any chance of a Happy and Merry Christmas I need room for my doubts and sorrows.

I need a Holiday where I can pray for Jesus to come and come quickly. I need a Holiday where my faith will become sight and my hope a reality.

I need to celebrate His arrival, but more importantly I need to wait for his return. And for that to happen, I need a Christmas that is lot less clean and a lot more complicated and cluttered.

I need this so I can know that I am not alone in what I am going through. Maybe that's what we all need. What do you think?

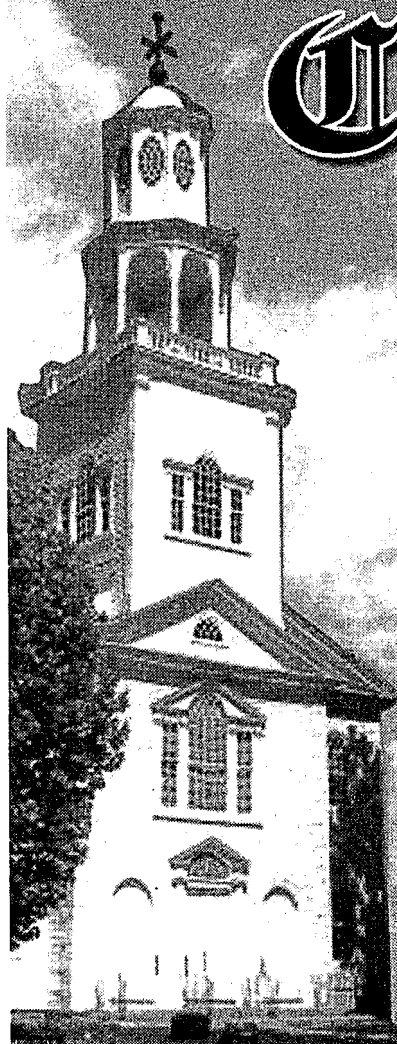
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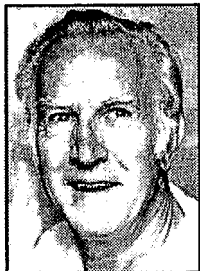
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Obituaries

Sidney Centilli Jr., 87

Sidney A. Centilli Jr. of Clarkston passed away Dec. 7, 2011, at 87 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Lois (Micek) for 61 years; father of Dr. Barbara (Earl "Skip") Laboissonniere, Kathleen (Doug) Cook, Kristine (James) Jacques, Diane Centilli and Sharon Centilli; also survived by 17 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; brother of Aileen Sweeten.



Mr. Centilli served in the U.S. Army and was a decorated World War II Veteran and received the Purple Heart. He retired from GM-Fisher Body as a Senior Manufacturing Engineer.

He was a Fourth Degree Knight at the Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII Council 5436 and member of American Legion Campbell-Richmond Post.

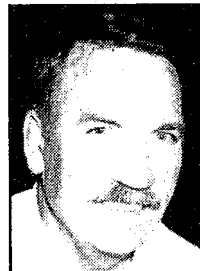
Prayer and Rosary Service was Dec. 9 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass Dec. 10 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal & Military Honors All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Society of St. Vincent de Paul or American Cancer Society.

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Charles Garrison, 76

Charles E. Garrison, "Bud," of Clarkston passed away Dec. 11, 2011, at age 76.

He was the husband of Judy; father of Jeff (Fiancé Carol Dunlap) Garrison and Mike (Maria Perr) Garrison; stepfather of Liz (Ed) Meyer, Wendy (Jim) Townson, and Mark (Jennifer) Stout; also survived by five grandchildren; brother of Eloise (Jack) Decker.



Mr. Garrison served as a U.S. Marine. He retired from Michigan State Police, Pontiac Post, as a Detective Sergeant and later as an investigator at Oakland County Medical Examiner's office. He was a member of the Elks and enjoyed golfing.

Funeral service, Thursday, 1 p.m., at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday noon until time of service. Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Seasons Hospice.

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Lloyd A. Lewis

Lloyd A. Lewis, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Nov. 23, 2011, in Naples, Fla., following a brief illness.

Mr. Lewis was born Dec. 14, 1940, in Dryden, Mich. He died peacefully holding the hand of his loving wife of 28 years, Diane. Lloyd is also survived by six children: Stu (Beth); Scott (Delaine), Lloyd, Alene, Annemarie (J.R.) and Christopher (Wendy). He leaves three brothers and two sisters: Roy (Mary), Jack (Irene), Bill, Joanne and Judy. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was affectionately known as "Grandpa" to the many children enrolled in his wife's home day-care business in Clarkston.

A longtime electrician, Lloyd retired from General Motors in Pontiac in 1999, after 37 years of service. He was a member of the United Auto Workers, the Fraternal Order of Eagles 3544 in Comins, Mich., and the Moose Lodge 287 in Gladwin, Mich. Lloyd served honorably in the United States Army, and was stationed in South Korea following the Korean Conflict.

The family will celebrate Lloyd's life at a memorial service in Bonita Springs, Fla., in January and at a gathering in the Clarkston area in the summer of 2012.

Those wishing to send an expression of sympathy may make a memorial contribution to the children's charity of their choice.

Cory R. Lovett, 21

Cory Robert Lovett of Clarkston passed away Dec. 7, 2011, from a car accident at age 21.

He was the son of Kelly Achten and Thomas Lovett; brother of Tricia Deaton, Bob Lovett and Kimberly Achten; grandson of Larry and Ruthmary Achten, Pam (the late Sherman) Lovett and the late Sandra and Dick Gosley; fiancé of Cierra Miller; also survived by several family members.



Mr. Lovett graduated from Lahser High School in 2009 and volunteered at Bowers Farm, Bloomfield.

Funeral Service was Dec. 12 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Inurnment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Benefit for Kids.

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Around Town

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urdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

Adult Acting Classes, Clarkston Village Players, for new and established actors. Those under 18 need parents' permission and approval of the facilitator. Section 2: Tuesdays, Jan 3-Feb 14, 6-9 p.m. Call Bob Gerics, 248-891-9279.

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of ERNEST E. SPURGEON, DECEASED. Date of birth: 1/9/1933

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ERNEST E. SPURGEON, DECEASED, who lived at 2735 Judah, Orion, Michigan died September 24, 2011.

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
DECEMBER 6, 2011

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:31 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Ken Elwert, Parks & Recreation Director; Julie Meredith, Library Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Steven Joppich, Secret Wardle

Approval to appoint Acting Chair

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of Agenda as amended.

E. CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations (Fire), as permitted by MCL 15.268(c)

The Regular Meeting recessed at 6:35 PM to enter into Closed Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:32 PM.

The meeting recessed at 7:35 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:39 PM.

Approval to remove Regular Business Item #10

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

G. PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. 2012 Budget: (Open/Close Public Hearing: 8:10 PM/8:16 PM)
Public Comment: Rick Gutowski; Carol Grubba
- 2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Ken Elwert, Parks & Recreation Director provided a brief overview (Open/Close Public Hearing: 8:32 PM/8:35 PM)
Public Comment: Rick Gutowski

H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- 1. Cemetery Report (Linda Richardson, DPW Director)
- 2. Superintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent)
- 3. Third Quarter Investment Report (Curt Carson, Treasurer)

I. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

J. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2011 as amended
- 2. Special Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2011
- 4. Acceptance of 2012 Depositories
- K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- 3. Approval of Payment for Clinton River Watershed Council Dues
- 5. Approval of Purchase Orders over \$5,000.00

L. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of 2012 Oakland County Patrol Service Agreement
- 2. Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Amendments for Code Provisions Relating to the Office of the Supervisor
- 3. Award Bid for Pump Station Improvement Project
- 4. Approval of Year-End Budget Adjustments for Parks and Recreation
- 6. Acceptance of Third Quarter Investment Report
- 7. Approval of Acceptance of Employment Agreement for Budget Analyst and Scheduling of a Special Meeting for the Review of 2011 Budget and Budget Analyst Responsibilities
- 8. Approval to Schedule a Special Meeting for the Purpose of Interviewing Cable Access Program Manager Candidates, and to Discuss and Take Action on the Citizens' Public TV Access Committee's Recommendations

The meeting recessed at 10:37 PM

The meeting reconvened at 10:40 PM

- 9. Award of Bid and Approval of Agreement for Snow Removal Services
- 4. Approval of Check Run in the Amount of: \$194,908.25

M. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members commented on various topics.

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS: None

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:47 PM

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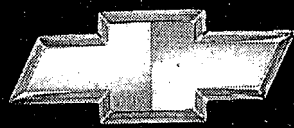
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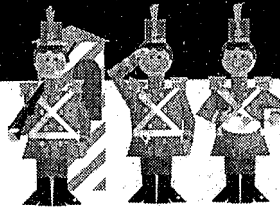
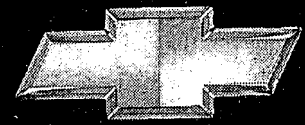
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Both Elyse and Brandon are 2003 graduates of Clarkston High School.

Elyse graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education English and Spanish from Oakland University in 2007 and is currently a Spanish teacher at Brandon High School in Ortonville.

Brandon graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Rocky Mountain College in Billings Montana in 2007. He is a merchandise analyst for Moosejaw Mountaineering at their headquarters in Madison Heights. He is also the assistant ski coach at Cranbrook Schools.

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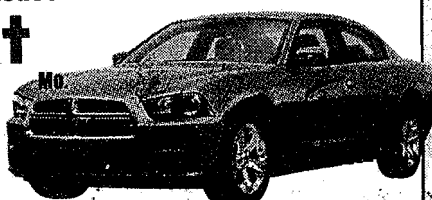
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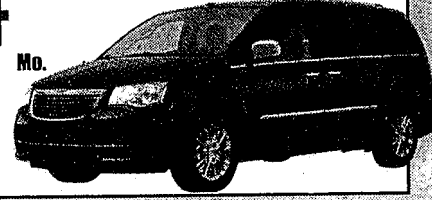
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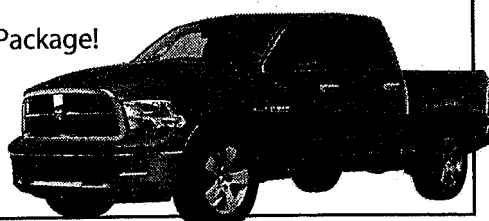
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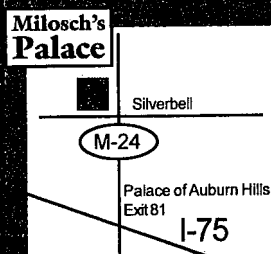
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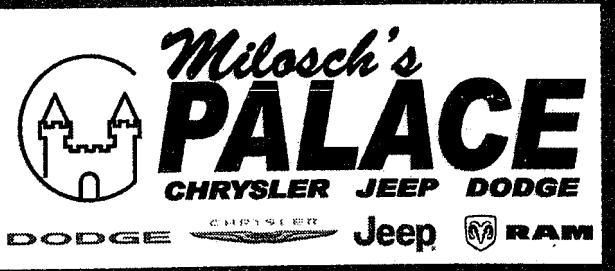


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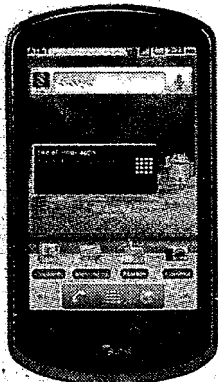
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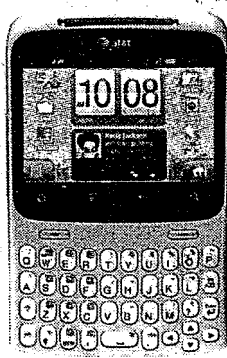


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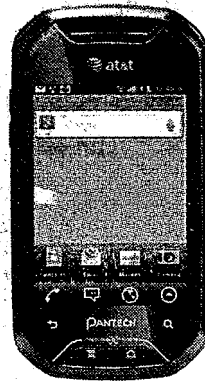


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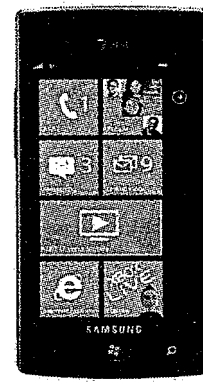


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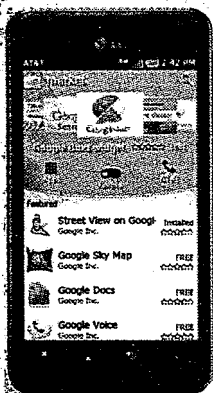
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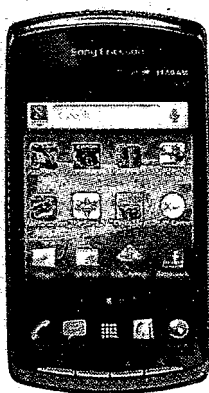


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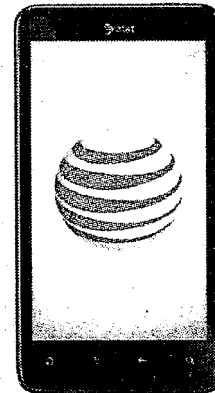


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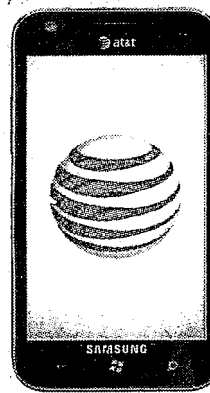


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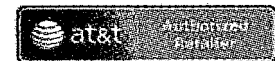
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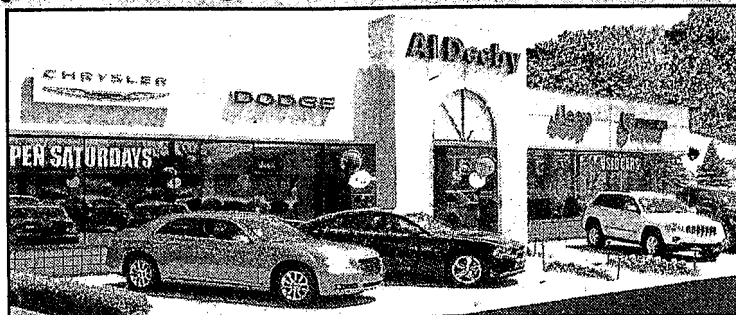


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