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## Sprucing up the spruce

Rachel Elsea reaches up to hang her ornament on Clarkston's Christmas tree. She was one of many children who brought their parents to the Friday evening event sponsored by the

Clarkston Village Business Association. They provided donuts and cider for the crowd. The Clarkston High School Madrigal Singers were there to lead the crowd in Christmas carols.

## Oakland Woods foster care ruling challenged

By Marilyn Trumper

Donald Schuster, attorney for Lake Oakland Woods subdivision, remains confident his "landmark" case outlawing a group home for six mentally retarded adults will continue to stand on its own despite moves to chip away at the circuit court victory.

In a motion for rehearing Dec. 8, Jon Garrett, the attorney representing the foster care home, pointed to a subdivision in Oakland County that had amended its deed restrictions to prohibit group homes. The appeals court found the amendment invalid.

Drawing on that case, Garrett sought a reversal from Oakland County Judge Hilda Gage who last September found the six-member Lake Oakland Woods group home in violation of the subdivision's single-family deed restrictions. The deed specifically restricts use of homes to those related by blood, marriage or legal adoption, Schuster said.

In the six-page opinion delivered last September, Judge Gage said the deed does not violate the United States Constitution as challenged by the defendants, Kay Jan Inc., operators of the home at 5127 Timber Ridge Trail. Her decision was made because the deed restrictions were so specific, Gage wrote.

Last week Gage denied the motion for rehearing, according to Schuster.

"The distinguishing feature (between the two cases) is that the amendment to the deed restriction was a blatant discrimination against the retarded. It was specifically excluding group homes," Schuster said. "Ours doesn't. Ours is a neutral deed restriction that says all non-family groups are out."

Garrett has yet to appeal Gage's September rul-

ing at the court of appeals level, but indicated at that time he would do so. He could not be reached for comment.

Schuster is not worried about the appeal.

"I'm secure and confident the court of appeals will uphold Judge Gage's decision," he said.

For over two years the subdivision's residents have sought to oust the home.

## Teachers expect contract soon

'... so we may end the year in a state of tranquility'

By Kathy Greenfield

A contract settlement between the Clarkston school district and the 290 teachers represented by the Clarkston Education Association (CEA) may be in sight.

The date of Jan. 7 has been set for presenting both sides of the issue before an advisory factfinder from the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

"We hope, because we are nearing the end of the process, we can follow that the factfinder is successful...so we may end the year in a state of tranquility," said CEA President Allen Bartlett at Monday night's school board meeting.

According to Superintendent Milford Mason, the CEA seeks a contract settlement of a 7.5 percent salary increase plus increments for those not at the top of the pay scale. The district's stance is that no raises at all should be granted, he said.

The factfinder is expected to file a report recom-

mending a settlement 30 to 40 days after hearing both sides of the argument. Both sides can decide to accept the recommendations, or negotiations can resume to try to reach an agreement.

After the meeting, Bartlett said it was possible the contract could be settled before the meeting with the factfinder, although such action was unlikely.

Mason agreed.

"If we were looking at factfinding on March 1, that would put it in a different light," he said, noting that with the holidays coming up meetings to discuss settlement would probably not be held.

The tranquility portion of Bartlett's comments could have referred to CEA expectations on the factfinder's decision, Mason said.

"They're confident their position will prevail," he says. "He's saying we hope you approve it and harmony will prevail."

The teachers have been working under an extension of the previous three-year contract since June.

## Schools gear for tax levy

The Clarkston board of education wants to be prepared when expected approval of a law allowing school districts to collect half of the taxes in the summer comes about.

At Monday night's school board meeting, Superintendent Milford Mason noted that the governor is expected to sign the bill next week.

The board unanimously approved publishing the necessary notice to conduct a public hearing on summer tax collection during its next meeting Monday, Jan. 10.

If the district collects taxes twice yearly rather than waiting for one lump from December tax payments, the projection for savings on interest paid for loans to meet expenses in the interim is \$266,000, Mason said after the meeting.

"That will not right the financial problems of the district in and of itself, but it's significant so we sincerely have to look at it," he said.

If approved, the procedure requires the public hearing for comments from community members, a resolution by the board to collect summer taxes and a bid for township or county cooperation in collecting the taxes for the district.

If the township and the county refused to take on summer tax collection duties, the district could decide to serve as its own tax collection agency.

If all goes as planned, the district should be able to collect summer taxes in 1983, Mason said.

# Independence joins county solid waste plan

By Marilyn Trumper

Still unsure how it will handle garbage pickup in Independence Township, the board voted 5-1 to adopt the Oakland County's Solid Waste Plan at the Dec. 7 meeting.

Until a decision on pickup is made, the

**'It's an "I gotcha" all the way around'**

township's five independent garbage haulers remain in limbo not knowing if they'll keep their hold on the market or if the township will be bid in quadrants.

Angered that the county is "the only game in town," several board members said they'd approve

the plan because the township emerged relatively unscathed, and missed being targeted for a landfill, collection site or incinerator.

Key to the plan, however, is its review and update every five years which could easily change the township's status, said Edward Thomson, chairman of the township's Solid Waste Task Force, as he recommended adoption.

In the proposed plan, which must be adopted by 40 of the county's 61 municipalities, garbage collection is the township's responsibility, with local communities forced via contract to dump all refuse at the county's central incinerator site. The communities then pay for the privilege of dumping at the only available site.

In turn the county would burn the refuse creating steam and making electricity which would then be sold; hopefully recouping the cost of the system.

"It's an 'I gotcha' all the way around," said Supervisor James B. Smith.

"And that is why it grates on me," echoed Treasurer Frederick Ritter. "If the communities get their act together and deny the plan it will be a fact of life the county will have to deal with. Nothing here's been cast in concrete if there's enough objection."

"I think we should decide how we're going to implement (trash collection) here at the local level before agreeing to the plan."

If the county plan is denied, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will step in and implement its own solid waste plan, one in which it's feared the township will not escape as a targeted site for landfill, incinerator or collection site.

"It galls me that everytime I turn around the state or county is force-feeding us and we end up with a bad taste in our mouths. I'm going to vote 'yes' because it looks like we're going to end up with some kind of a program, whether it's the state's or county's," said Trustee Dale Stuart.

Ritter was the lone dissenter in the vote. Smith, Clerk Christopher Rose and trustees Stuart, Larence Kozma and Daniel Travis favored the plan. Trustee William Vandermark was absent.

According to Thomson, implementation of the county plan is still several years away, assuming enough municipalities in the county adopt the plan.

# Family makes bid for foster care home

The David Cox family of Wellesley Terrace in southern Independence Township wants to open their home two mentally retarded adults.

If the application for state licensing is approved, the home could open within six months, according to Laurel Berger, community liaison coordinator with the Macomb Oakland Regional Center, the proposed home's sponsoring agency.

"Normally there's little problem with homes like this and no objection from the neighbors, so we don't anticipate any public meeting," Berger said. "There will be no staff. They'll live in the home with the family like family members."

"Once the home is licensed for a maximum of two (retarded adults) we'll place one person in the home for a period of six months to a year and make sure it works well. Then we'll place the second person."

The Cox family could not be reached for comment.



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Actual choice to be made Jan. 18

# Preliminary nod goes to Multi-Cablevision

By Marilyn Trumper

After more than two hours of discussion, the Independence Township Board and Clarkston Village Council jointly selected Multi-Cablevision as the first choice to serve the township, and Omnicom, a divi-

sion of Capital Cities Communication, as the second. The selection is not binding and was used at the Dec. 7 meeting to prioritize the two bidding companies as last-minute franchise contracts are hammered out. Adoption is expected to take place at the

Jan. 18 township board meeting.

The vote, with just four dissents between both groups, follows two years of talk, a year of review by the cable TV Task Force and 60 days of head-to-head negotiations with the two companies.

"Both are very good," said Clerk Christopher Rose, in charge of township negotiations. "Both have very good proposals. No one stands head and shoulders above the other."

Dismissing pressure from school officials who want the broadcast studio located in the high school, the council and board shied from targeting a studio site, approving rate controls and addressing whether permits will be required to place cable boxes in homes.

"These issues should not be decided now," Rose said. "I think as far as tonight's discussion they should not be a major point. They are not part of the negotiations, and don't have to be taken care of now."

Resident Michael Clark asked the board to consider locating the studio in the "white elephant" Department of Public Works (DPW) building on Flemings Lake Road.

"There is concern that the schools will monopolize the studio if it's located in the schools, and the DPW building is more centrally located," he said.

Key in discussion was Multi-Cablevision's promise to service 100 percent of the homes in the township over Omnicom's plan to reach 90 percent.

"I think it's rare when we have the opportunity to please all of the people at once, that's why I'm voting for Multi," said Treasurer Frederick Ritter, pointing also to Omnicom's control of WJR radio and a suburban daily newspaper.

"I'm not sure I want them in control of the local citizens' broadcast," Ritter finished.

Trustees William Vandermark and Daniel Travis supported Omnicom, stressing the company's larger financial base.

After discussion, Ritter, Rose, Supervisor James B. Smith and trustees Dale Stuart and Larence Kozma voted in favor of Multi-Cablevision. Vandermark and Travis dissented.

On the Clarkston Village Council, trustees Gary Symons, Ethel Sinclair and David Raup voted for Multi-Cablevision and trustees Ruth Basinger and Carol Eberhardt dissented.

If Multi-Cablevision is selected in the binding vote expected Jan. 18, it will be at least 12 months before completion of the \$2.5 million system, according to Gil Clark, representative for Multi-Cablevision, which is in partnership with the Tribune Co.



Photo by Kathy Greenfield

## She's a jolly Goodfellow

Julie Darling, the only woman fire fighter in Independence Township, also turned out to be the only female Goodfellow last week. Members of the all-male Rotary Club and the township fire department joined forces to raise money for local needy families and sold the papers throughout the township Friday and Saturday. The result was \$1,705 for the cause, \$285 more than last year. "It's kind of a sign of the times," said Fire Chief Frank Ronk. "If there are tough economic times for some, the others

are doing what they are able to do. The response this year to paper sales was encouraging. According to the Rotary Club, there are a lot of orders for shoes and we're right now getting calls for clothing and food." Coordination with local churches and the Salvation Army is underway to ensure that all needy families will receive something for Christmas, he said. The fire department also provides names for groups interested in helping an individual family.

## Pine Knob Road paving cost drops \$100,000

By Marilyn Trumper

Each time the county looks at paving Pine Knob Road from Bailey Lake School to Clarkston-Orion Road, the price is driven down.

### 'I don't think we'll ever get it done this cheaply again'

"If this keeps up, maybe we'll get it done for free," commented township Supervisor James B. Smith at the Dec. 7 meeting of the Independence Township Board.

According to Smith, county officials say paving of 1,600 feet can be done for approximately \$78,000, with \$25,000 coming from the Tri-Party Road Agreement, \$25,000 from township coffers, \$5,200 from the county and the remaining \$23,000 from either a residential special assessment or Clarkston Schools.

A year ago the county quoted a paving cost of \$178,000. Three weeks ago \$113,000 was the price and now officials say \$78,000.

The school board was expected to discuss financing its share of the project at the Dec. 13 meeting, Smith added, saying, "It may be the residents won't have to submit to a special assessment if the schools can come up with the money."

According to George White, assistant principal at Sashabaw Junior High School, the school board has never officially been approached on the issue.

Unable to muster funds to pay for the paving of the washboard riddled road, Lynn Mead and fellow Pine Knob Road residents have petitioned the local government for help, agreeing to submit to a special assessment to finance the project.

"When the oil prices go up and the government implements its 5-cent User Tax, the cost of paving is going to go up," Mead told the board. "We want to do this as cheaply as possible, and I don't think we'll

ever get it done as cheaply as this again."

Trustee Dale Stuart warned against the township paying more than 25 percent of the paving cost as agreed to in a similar project in a southern township subdivision.

"Even though the bigger burden here rides on less people, I think we have to tread carefully and not get ourselves into any unexplainable position," Stuart said.

For years residents along the busy dirt and gravel thoroughfare have struggled with potholes and dust, and with traffic to and from the school, soccer games and summer classes.

## Colombiere welcomes U of D

It's official.

Now locals can enjoy all the prestige of attending the University of Detroit without leaving the county as the Jesuits open their first extension campus outside Detroit at Colombiere Retreat and Conference Center in Springfield Township.

At a reception held last week, school officials announced the scheduled September 1983 opening of the new campus where students will be able to pursue liberal arts and business courses.

According to Dr. Robert P. O'Neil, campus

director, classes at Colombiere will be held four days a week, Monday through Thursday, and will be taught by U of D faculty, 90 percent of whom have PhDs. The faculty-student ratio is expected to be 1-16.

The first class and subsequent freshman classes will be limited to 150 students with total undergrad enrollment targeted at reaching 600.

Students can pursue one of two bachelor's degrees: liberal arts with a business certificate or business administration with liberal arts emphasis.

### Station 2 slated for January opening

# Independence hires three new fire fighters

By Marilyn Trumper

Dismissing Fire Chief Frank Ronk's last-minute bid to add five fire fighters to the force, the Independence Township Board approved three new

## -Fire call-

Friday, Dec. 3

12:35pm—Fire fighters washed down a fuel spill at 5785 M-15 caused by a broken fuel pump.

1:45pm—A fire fighter assisted a citizen with his keys locked in his vehicle parked in the alley between Rudy's and Pontiac State Bank in the Village of Clarkston.

9:41pm—Fire fighters extinguished a suspicious house fire on Stowe Trail. Damage was approximately \$70,000 to the home and contents.

Saturday, Dec. 4

1:00pm—Emergency Medical Services (EMS) investigated a report of a man down in the parking area of Main and Washington streets. He was sleeping in his vehicle.

Sunday, Dec. 5

10:29pm—EMS responded to a residence on West Harvard Road. Riverside Ambulance transported a 65-year-old man to Pontiac General Hospital (PGH).

Monday, Dec. 6

2:20am—EMS responded to a residence on West Harvard Road. Riverside transported a 71-year-old man to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (PGH).

2:40pm—Fire fighters extinguished a chimney fire at a residence on Snowapple Drive.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

10:56am—EMS responded to a residence on Overlook Drive. Riverside transported a patient to PGH.

3:43pm—Fire fighter investigated an audible alarm at a residence on Pine Knob Lane.

4:01pm—Fire fighters extinguished a chimney fire at a residence on Mann Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

4:49pm—EMS responded to a residence on Timber Ridge Trail. Riverside transported a man to SJMH.

Thursday, Dec. 9

7:50am—Fire fighter made a report of a vehicle fire that occurred earlier in the day but was unreported. The Oakland County Arson Division is investigating. The fire was on Pine Knob Road, north of Stickney. Damages were about \$5,400.

3:22pm—Fire fighters washed down a fuel spill at a residence on Marconi Street.

8:51pm—EMS responded to 7777 Pine Knob. Patient refused treatment.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 821 calls to date.

hires, and agreed to look at a fourth addition during the upcoming 1983-84 budget review.

The department's new employees begin work Dec. 27 at an annual salary of \$16,600, 80 percent of base pay.

By Jan. 18 Ronk predicts the opening of Fire Station 2 at Sashabaw and Clarkston-Orion roads, closed since the summer of 1980 following a strict belt-tightening of the ailing fire fund. Two men who left the department were not replaced which forced the closing.

Voters approved an additional 1 mill for the fire fund in the August 1980 primary election, but government officials opted to bail out the department and use the first year's tax collection to repay money borrowed from the sewer fund.

"I'm excited," Ronk said following the Dec. 7 meeting. "We can supply the people with much better service now. If we can get the two more people we need, we'll move into the more civic programs like (teaching cardiopulmonary resuscitation)."

Although the chief recommended hiring the top five scorers from the field of 35 who tested for the jobs, the board turned him down.

"I thought we agreed three was what we could af-

ford, and I'm surprised to have your request here for five," said Supervisor James B. Smith. "I have not received projections for the 1984 budget or cash flow, and frankly I'm at a loss without those figures. I will consider three, but not five."

Ronk pointed out the board had budgeted to hire three fire fighters for the full year in 1982-83, salaries that had not been paid, and that hiring five men in-

## ... three but not five

stead of three would virtually eliminate all overtime pay.

The board remained steadfast and after discussion agreed to look at hiring additional employees during the upcoming budget review for the new year.

The new fire fighters are Jack Bailey, 20, of Pine Knob Road; Robert Cesario, 21, of Brandon Township; and Greg Olrich, 24, of Groveland.

Bailey, out of work for the past year and one-half, said he was especially pleased to be hired and ready to start work.

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# Editorial

## Board should obey law

### Open Meetings Act exists with purpose

The Independence Township Board continues to test the legal fiber of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Over strong opposition from this newspaper, the board on Dec. 7 again secluded itself in private chambers to discuss unnamed "pending litigation."

Trustee William Vandermark was absent and not a part of the unanimous vote to close.

Although the board made its decision upon the attorney's recommendation, it continues to be the steadfast position of this newspaper that the board's refusal to name specific cases is in violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

We have appealed to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office to enforce the law, and requested the Office of the Attorney General deliver an opinion regarding the Independence Township Board's interpretation of the law.

The law regulating open meetings allows closure to discuss pending litigation only "...for the board to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only when an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body."

*As the public watchdog we continue to ask: How can it be determined if the meeting is legal when it's not known what is being discussed? How can we ensure there is a detrimental financial to the township if we don't know a financial stake exists?*

The board goes behind closed doors with nothing on the public record that discloses what is being talked about. A separate set of minutes from closed meetings are recorded, kept from the public and destroyed a year later. Only a court order can release those minutes for public scrutiny.

Independence Township residents are expected to swallow the actions of the board and not grimace at the bitter pill. We are expected to trust the board, give them free rein and a blank check on decision-making.

There is no assurance the board is using the Michigan Open Meetings Act the way we believe it's designed and not taking advantage of closed-door talks to map strategy for a suit that might be

filed, rather than meeting with its attorney behind closed doors only to discuss cases that have been filed.

This newspaper will continue to fight for that which the law mandates: that the board name the specific pending litigation.

—MST

## Bouquets

### Recovery boosters



I wish to thank the many people who remembered me during my illness.

Thank you for the many cards and notes, and plants and flowers I received.

Ellen Miller

Thank you for all the flowers, cards, phone calls and many visits while I was in the hospital.

They made me feel better and helped speed my recovery.

Audrey Friday

## We need a workable historic law



by Kathy Greenfield

I look at the demise of Clarkston's Historic District ordinance as a darned shame.

But, linked with the same thought, is the knowledge that something had to be done.

The five-member commission appointed to oversee construction in the 175-building district was doing its best to enforce the law. The decisions, however, were causing more of an uproar than anything I've seen for years.

Rumors were flying about rejections of homeowners' plans to improve their property that never really happened. When we checked into one story that was making the rounds, it was found to have no basis in fact.

"I heard it from (a person) who heard it from (another person). I'm not sure who's house it is, but if you check with (Jane Doe), she knows."

It was that kind of merry chase.

It seems to me there were several problems at work including a basic agreement with the plan to have an ordinance (almost no one showed up at public hearings where the law was discussed before it was enacted by the village council). When the reality hit and people were informed they'd have to have historic commission approval to build porches, add bay windows or redo siding, it was a shock.

I was told that making amendments to the ordinance required an almost identical procedure to starting over from scratch.

I was told people were unwilling to go before the commission because they feared plans that suited

their tastes and needs would be rejected publicly.

The need to do something about the ordinance, to make it more specific in areas like aluminum siding, was clear. Pressure was on the council members to do something about the commission and the way it handled its power.

The solution was to do away with it all while the ordinance was rewritten.

I find myself almost wishing someone would do something outlandish with a historical structure during the time period when there is no law to drive home the need to protect what is here.

There are buildings in Clarkston with their historic value virtually destroyed because of remodeling. The changes have been gradual. Whole blocks have not been destroyed.

We don't have to look too far to find other communities nearby that have gone through changes over the past 20 years or so that have affected their historic character.

Rochester, Mich., lost buildings to parking lots and homes to mini-mall structures. It's still historic, but no longer as good as it was.

Oxford's Main Street is a four-lane drive-through affair dotted with empty buildings.

I believe Clarkston needs to protect what it has. It is a sort of living museum, reflecting yesterday in a way that needs to be preserved.

Its residents need to realize they have something important to protect—a bit of history to take care of.

I'm told the historic district ordinance will be again. I sincerely hope it reappears on the books soon.

## Jim's jottings

### Flat news



By Jim Sherman

Okay! Who left the truck tire in the middle of I-75 Friday night 29 miles north of the Ohio line?

Don't deny any knowledge fess up.

I may give up popcorn, and 50th birthday celebrations.

What connection has that got to do with a dormant truck tire, you probably won't ask. I'll tell you.

Friend Marsha Olrich had one of the inevitable-if-you-live days last week. Her husband had to devise a way to get her out of town so a couple daughters could prepare a feast and a party.

The Olriches have always been very big popcorn eaters. For many years they have gone to Napoleon, Ohio and bought tons of popcorn from Sigg. He's an old friend of Orville Redenbacher's, of tv fame. That's right, tons

This trip Marsha bought 600 pounds. That, plus the 200 we bought, may have saved numerous bruises a few hours later.

Having delayed and dilly dallied long enough, we headed out of Toledo with just enough time to arrive at the surprise party a little after 7 p.m.

Jerry Olrich was taught a few years ago to not break the speed laws by much, so he was driving his van less than 60 this dark and rainy night, when suddenly a truck tire appeared immediately in front of his front wheel.

Up we went, bumping a couple times, and down we came, hard on the left front corner. The van was silent inside and swerving outside as Jerry controlled it to the side of the road.

At first only the front tire was flattened. But after maneuvering the van to the other side of the

road for better access, the rear tire was flat, too.

Ah, thank goodness the van has a phone. First the state police, then a wrecker, then the Brownstone township police, the latter two dispatched by the state police.

However, when the state police in Flatrock were contacted later, they denied making any calls or knowing anything about our troubles. Yet we talked to the trooper, wrecker driver, and Brownstone policeman who all said they were dispatched from Jerry's original call.

Seems a feud is going on for 'control' in the area north of Monroe, and cooperation is difficult to come by. As the wrecker driver said, "Too bad, I'd like to have them both working for me."

Feud aside, we thank all three who helped us get to the party just an hour or so late.

## Letters to editor

# Thief snatched more than tree

I hope the person who cut down the tree in front of our house has a rotten Christmas.

We moved into our house on Woodglen Drive three years ago and bought the tree for our first Christmas in our new home. We decorated it, carried it outside three days later because it could only be indoors that amount of time, and planted it.

We watered it, fertilized it and watched it grow. The tree thrived. It remained a symbol of our very enjoyable first Christmas and all the Christmases thereafter.

We noticed the tree was gone Friday night, Dec. 10. There's just a stump left.

Our daughters were very sad; my husband swore and I almost cried. You work so hard to achieve something and some jerk takes it away.

If the person needed money for a tree that badly, I would have given it to him or her. But I doubt if that was the case.

Maryagnes Van Klaveren

# Township clerk denies quote

I wish to bring to your attention an error that appeared in the Dec. 1, 1982 edition of your paper.

In the article on the proposed location of the cable television studio, I was quoted as listing a number of concerns about placing this facility at the high school.

While the article was correct in providing the listing, it was *not* correct when it said they were my concerns.

I was asked to give reasons why some people might object to having the studio at the school. I merely provided the listing. I did not give my position on the question.

I also object to having to write this letter rather than having a correction printed in the paper, but since no correction is forthcoming, I felt this was necessary to clear the air.

Christopher Rose

Independence Township Clerk

Editor's Note: While the story did not say

specifically that Mr. Rose's concerns were merely a listing of thoughts expressed to him, Rose is quoted in the story as saying he does not know if the concerns are enough to warrant putting the studio in a location other than Clarkston High School. We stand by our story and by our decision not to run a formal correction.

# Thanks, but . . .

Thank you for your article about our mother-tot language enrichment program ("Mothers and Tots Exercising: the latest in fitness," The Clarkston News, Dec. 8, 1982).

As our name implies, we are more than an exercise program. In fact, exercise involves only 10 percent of the time the children spend with us.

The primary purpose of our program is to introduce tiny tots (ages 18 months to 3 years) to basic language concepts and beginning socialization with their peers. We also provide a social atmosphere for the mothers.

We accomplish these objectives through play activities that also help develop listening skills, creativity through art, and gross motor (movement) skills.

Our program provides an exciting opportunity for mothers (or fathers) to spend time with their tiny tots in a learning environment and to share their experiences with other parents.

Kathryn Harlton

Speech and Language Pathologist

## THE CLARKSTON NEWS LETTER POLICY

We welcome our readers' opinions. Letters to the Editor must be at The Clarkston News office by noon Friday to be considered for the following week's paper. We reserve the right to edit all letters for the sake of brevity and clarity and to limit the number of letters from any one individual on any one issue. We don't publish open letters or copies of letters sent elsewhere. Letters must be signed and a phone number and address included. Names will be withheld on request.

# 'If it Fitz. . .'

# What bread box?

by Jim Fitzgerald



What is smaller than a bread box? No bread box at all; that's what.

You don't understand what I mean by that? I know how you feel. I often don't understand what something means. But it's interesting to guess.

For instance, I recently read about a woman described succinctly as a "free-lance librarian," with no details offered. I understand what a free-lance writer does, but what does a free-lance librarian do?

**BUT** A free-lance librarian? Does she (or he) offer an independent shushing service? For a fee, will she come into any noisy environment for a contracted period with a finger pressed to her lips and tell people to ssshhh? In return for a free hand in my popcorn box, will she sit beside me in a theater and demand quiet from all those assembled there?

I realize, of course, that librarians have more important duties than shushing. It is possible that a free-lance librarian might be hired temporarily by a business that needs books cataloged, cards stamped or tardiness punished. But, until otherwise informed, I prefer to believe that somewhere there is a free-lance librarian with a silencer-equipped gun who, for a reasonable fee, will travel anywhere anytime to shoot any person heard cracking gum.

**ANOTHER THING** I don't understand is what the Taster's Choice coffee people are saying in their TV commercial that begins with a man and a woman looking anguished on the beach. From their pained expressions, it is apparent they've been having an exceedingly traumatic argument, perhaps over an infidelity or a clothing bill or the proposed nuclear freeze.

"I didn't mean it," he says.

"I know, I know," she says.

"I'll make some coffee," he says.

And suddenly the scene changes and they are drinking Taster's Choice in a kitchen, the mysterious argument is resolved and bliss runs rampant on a field of smooch.

**DOES THAT** mean Taster's Choice is an instant aphrodisiac, a bargain at any price? Or does it simply mean the couple was quarreling over who would make the coffee and she won?

Who knows? That commercial is easy to misunderstand. But, until otherwise informed, I prefer to believe that couple suddenly quit arguing on the beach because a free-lance librarian came in with the tide and told them to shush.

But enough off what I don't understand. You

want to understand what I meant when I wrote that there is nothing smaller than no bread box at all. That was my clever way of saying there is no bread box in our home, my wife keeps the bread in the refrigerator and I hate cold bread.

**WHATEVER** happened to the old-fashioned bread box?

"Our family is too small for a bread box," my wife explained.

Honest, that's what she said.

Under further questioning, she elaborated. She said the cold bread is my fault because I don't eat it fast enough even though she bakes it herself and it is a lot better than any bread sold in supermarkets.

She said she didn't put any lousy preservatives in her bread, so she has to keep it in the refrigerator, otherwise it would turn moldy in a bread box because we no longer have three children at home and she can't eat bread because of her diet and I only eat two slices a day and it certainly isn't her fault if I don't appreciate homemade bread baked just for me so what's the sense in owning a bread box?

I said I'd make some coffee. Understand?

# Around Town



Local events open to the public are printed in Around Town as a community service. Call 625-3370 or write to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston 48016 two weeks in advance.

**Friday, Dec. 17**—Teen dance at St. Daniel's Catholic Church, Holcomb at Miller roads, Independence Township; 7 to 11 p.m.; grades 9 through 12; casual dress; concession stand; \$1.50 stag, \$2.50 couples; deejay. (625-2734)

**Saturday, Dec. 18**—Make bayberry candles the way the pioneers did at Independence Oaks County Park; 1-2:30 p.m.; cost is \$1 per person plus the \$2.50-per-vehicle fee to enter the park for county residents and \$4 for non-county residents; children under 5 are free; pre-registration is required—call 858-0903; Independence Oaks is located on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

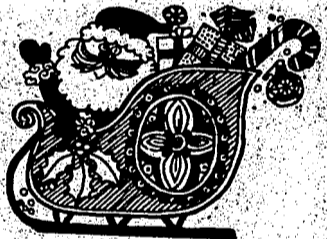
**Sunday, Dec. 19**—Clarkston Junior High School Christmas Concert by the vocal music students; 4 p.m.; donations accepted; Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon, Independence Township.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**—"Night Before Christmas" Party at the Springfield Township Library; 7 to 8 p.m.; free for all ages; movies, refreshments and a visit from Santa; 10900 Andersonville, Springfield Township. (625-0595)

# Hotline to Santa

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### Over supervisor's objections

# Kozma takes over ZBA position; Stuart quits

By Marilyn Trumper  
Independence Township Board Trustee Dale Stuart resigned his post on the zoning board Dec. 7 and minutes later was replaced by Trustee Larence Kozma, against the supervisor's wishes. Supervisor James B. Smith called Stuart's sug-

gestion that he be replaced by Kozma "highly irregular" and was the lone dissenter in the 3-1 vote in which Kozma and Trustee Daniel Travis abstained. Trustee William Vandermark was absent. "I think it's unusual a recommendation be given with a resignation. I feel the board should allow time

for review. I think it would be a definite benefit to have someone with legal background on the board, and feel Larry is qualified," Smith said. "We have one attorney on the ZBA now and a number of them on the planning commission. I have not heard from some of the people (I have) under consideration.

"I have already considered naming Travis to the ZBA and Kozma to the planning commission," Smith finished.

Treasurer Frederick Ritter, Clerk Christopher Rose and Stuart voted yes on the appointment.

Strapped with time-consuming talks in the Waterford Hill Race Track noise and safety issue, Stuart, a member of the negotiating team, said he felt compelled to resign the ZBA post and thanked the township for the opportunity to serve.

Kozma, an attorney in the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, is to sit on the ZBA through 1985.

"I was never informed or consulted about the possibility of being appointed by (Mr. Smith) to the planning commission," Kozma said after the meeting. "It was news to me."

The board has yet to fill the planning commission vacancy left by Gordon Andringa, who resigned several weeks ago.

## New purchase for fire fighters

There will be two new equipment purchases for the Independence Township Fire Department: the first for fun, the second work-related.

At the Dec. 7 meeting, board members voted 5-1 to approve the purchase of an exercise machine at a cost of \$2,300. The equipment will be housed at Fire Station 2 where it's hoped fire fighters will compete for workout time, according to Capt. Dale Bailey.

Trustee Dale Stuart, the lone dissenter, explained his vote after the meeting.

"Because I don't see it as necessary equipment to the fire department. I'm not sure it's an investment

that we need. It's a luxury item," he said.

In a second vote, the board unanimously approved purchase of 20 air tanks at a cost of \$17,000, which includes a trade-in of 20 obsolete tanks outlawed by the federal government.

According to Fire Chief Frank Ronk, some of the department's self-contained breathing apparatus were 22 years old. The department received \$377 on each trade-in, more than was paid for the tanks in 1962, he said.

Funds for the purchase will come from the fire department's contingency fund.

## Woman resigns on-call fire job

Just three months after joining the Independence Township Fire Department's on-call/volunteer force, and blazing new trails as the second woman to do so, Beverly Shaver has resigned.

The 30-year-old Waldon Road resident left the force Dec. 8, according to Fire Chief Frank Ronk.

"She's very pleasant and would have been a real asset to this department," Ronk said just minutes after receiving the news. "She felt comfortable with the medical (emergency service) end of it, but not with the fire (fighting).

"I'm sorry to see her go," he said. Of the six on-call fire fighters hired in September, four remain with the department.

"One man from the northeast section of the township didn't even pull his gear after he passed," Ronk said.

Shaver could not be reached for comment.

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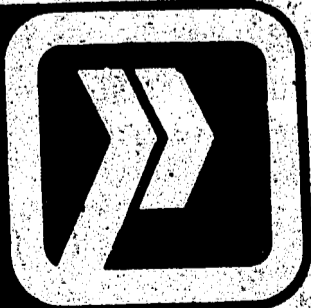
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# Historical society marks its 10th anniversary

By Kathy Greenfield

The Clarkston Community Historical Society's 10th anniversary will go down in history as a very tough year.

While the society had cause to celebrate a series of successes since it was established in 1972, the decision by the Clarkston Village Council to repeal the historic district ordinance was a blow to the organization's leaders.

For a time, plans to sponsor a series of workshops on historic home preservation hung in limbo, but now the society has decided to go ahead with the education process, a goal that goes back to its beginnings.

"The society does other things besides village work and it's not worth breaking your heart over," said Denise Symons, president.

"We've always had emphasis on education for children in local history and architecture, but now in our community there's also a need for getting adults to study restoration techniques for their homes."

Confusion over the role of the society is rampant. The historical society has been criticized for decisions of the presently defunct historic district commission, when the two are not the same.

Last week, someone called Symons and asked if the historical society would approve construction plans on a building in the historic district when the society has no power over such matters.

The role the society plays and its link to the historic district need to be explained, she said, and

the best way is to go back 10 years.

"The society was established to encourage restoration, to educate the public in methods of restoration and to prevent the M-15 widening (in the village)," Symons said. "It was an organization of people with similar interests—history, architecture and preservation. People found there were many people interested in this and they said, 'Hey, let's get together and organize this.'"

As a group, the society aided in establishment of the 175-home Historic District, now listed in the state and national registers. The Clarkston Village Council provided momentum and aided the cause by providing an employee paid with funds from the Community Employment Training Act (CETA) to help with the necessary research needed to provide proof of the ages of historic district structures.

Individual members also worked on establishment of the now defunct historic district ordinance, that regulated construction in the 175-home historic district. But the society as an organization was not involved.

And, following the guidelines of Public Act 169, a state law that regulates historic district commissions, when the commission was formed to enact the ordinance, two members were historical society members. Again, the society was not directly involved.

"The society had never in the past come out with a political stand on the ordinance," Symons said. "However, many of our individual members sup-

ported it and helped organize the movement for the ordinance."

The historical society's activities have been geared to maintaining its original purpose—"to educate community members on preservation and help preserve the township's historic character," Symons said, and activities have remained non-political in nature.

During the society's 10th anniversary, activities included the eighth annual Crafts & Cider Festival which raised \$5,000 to be used in historical preservation projects.

This year, money spent includes \$600 to the Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church on Maybee Road for paint and plaster for its 135-year-old original church building and continued work on programs underway—research and restoration of Case Cemetery on Dartmouth Road in conjunction with the Independence Township Board, research on historic structures and oral history interviews, microfilming township records, an education program for Clarkston Elementary School pupils that would be expanded to other schools if volunteers could be found, work toward recognition of Independence Township heritage families, and the latest project, a series of programs on historic home restoration.

"This whole thing is going to be geared around restoration is not a rich man's hobby—you can feasibly do it without it costing a fortune," Symons said.

The free programs will be open to all, whether they belong to the society or not. Tentative dates are Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26 and May 25. Topics are to include specifics like insulation, paint, siding and porch reconstruction.

A good turnout for the programs would indicate people are concerned about taking care of history, Symons said.

"What we need at this time is a lot of community support. What we need is people to say they care," she said.

Single or family membership in the society is \$10 a year. Call Theresa Scholz at 625-9371 for more information.

## Developer says they'll go to court

# Board rejects subdivision plan

By Marilyn Trumper

For engineer Bernard Feldhauser, the drawing is over.

Unable to win approval at the local level, he says it's time to go into court and fight for his client's proposed development off Reese Road.

Despite the planner, engineer and planning commission's recommendation to approve at the Dec. 7 meeting, the Independence Township Board denied Feldhauser tentative preliminary plat approval for 17 three-acre minimum lots with two 1,000 foot cul-de-sacs on property that abuts James B. Smith's, the township supervisor.

"I'm all through drawing," Feldhauser said after the 4-2 vote. "I asked you to deny me the variance for the cul-de-sac the last time and you wouldn't do it. You had to have the engineering done. I did that, spent \$600, and you denied me anyway."

After the meeting, the owner of Feldhauser and Associates elaborated.

"I half expected (the denial) so I wasn't too surprised. My clients are already talking about going into court with this to have the decision reversed on grounds that it's unreasonable."

Treasurer Frederick Ritter and Trustee Dale Stuart favored approval of the plan, both pointing to

the trade-off for less densely developed parcels.

"If we're going to get three-acre lots we have to give up something," Ritter said.

Supervisor Smith, Clerk Christopher Rose, and trustees Daniel Travis and Larence Kozma voted "no."

"We have fought cul-de-sacs for years," Smith said. "It seems that all we need to hear is a sob story and we'll grant the variance. All we need is to have a fire back in one of these places and not be able to get an emergency vehicle in there. We'll have a lot of guilty consciences on this board."

Trustee William Vandermark was absent.

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## Arthur L. Klemm

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Klemm, 77, died Nov. 29. Born in Otterburg, Germany, he was a retired baker. A former member of the Davisburg Baptist Church, he was a long-time member of the Davisburg Joggers, a senior citizens kazoo band.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; children, Larry Arthur Klemm of Clarkston and Gloria Jean Lie of Romeo; eight grandchildren; and sisters, Dinana Knoller and Anne Steiner, both of Germany.

## Schools' monthly utility bill: \$28,000

Homeowners who gasp at the monthly utility attack on family budgets can ponder the situation for Clarkston schools.

With the nine school buildings, administration offices, bus garage and special services building, the district paid a whopping \$28,000 bill last month.

"I always hate it when utilities come up—\$28,000. Wow!" said school board President Janet Thomas at Monday night's meeting.

After the meeting, Superintendent Milford

Mason said the bills included electricity, natural gas, telephones and probably sewer bills for a building or two.

"We have been going up 15 to 20 percent a year," said Mason, adding that the increase has been as high four or five years with the most dramatic increases in electricity and gas fees.

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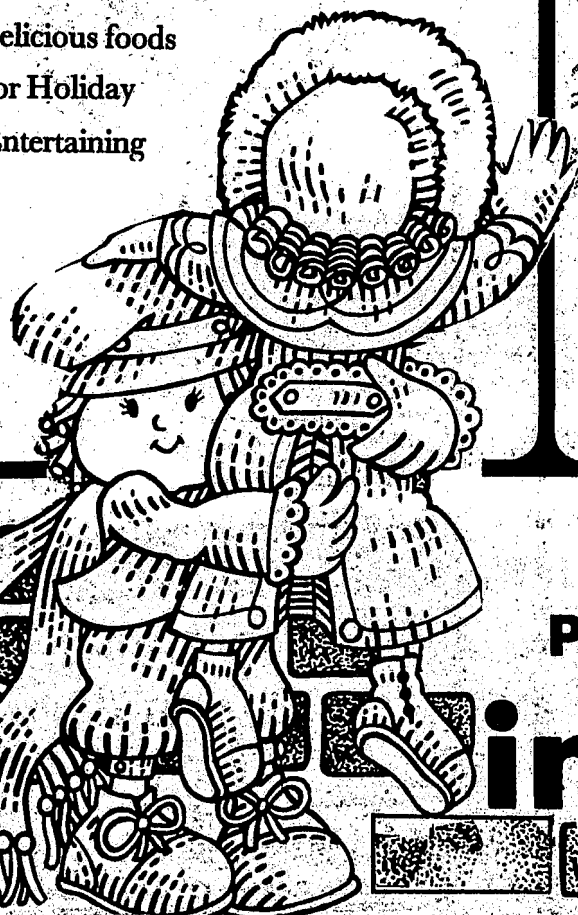
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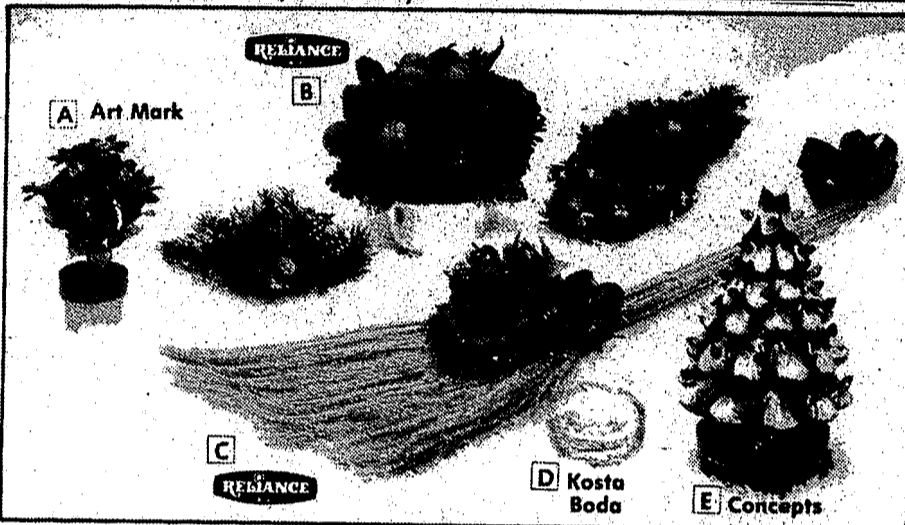
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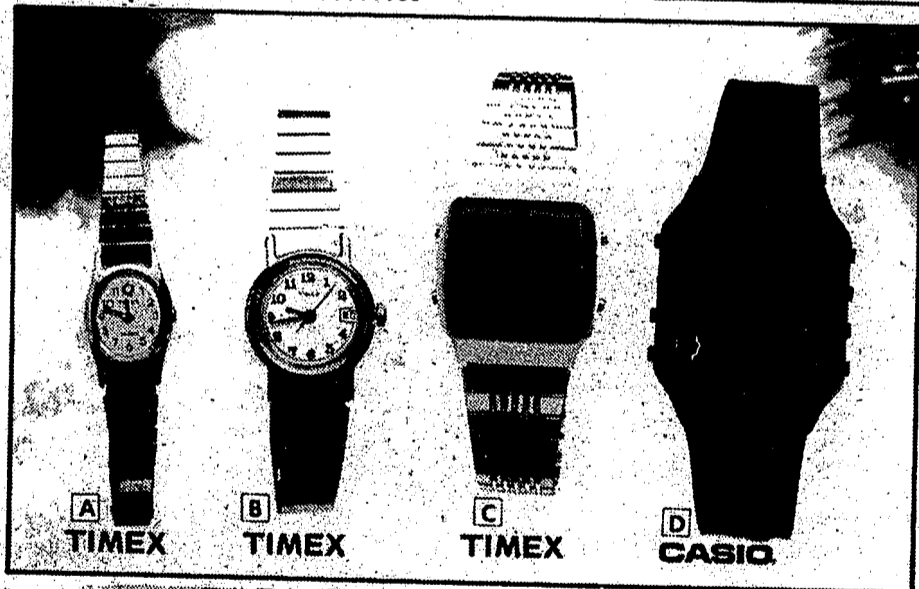
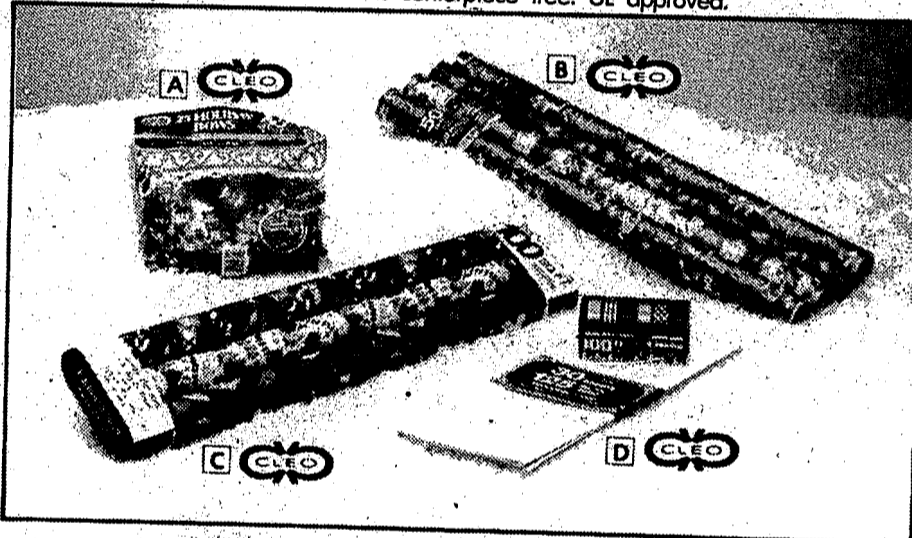
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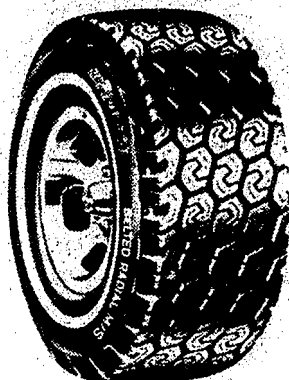
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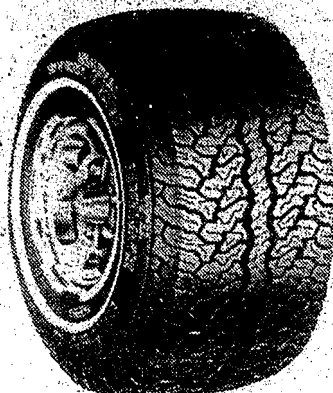


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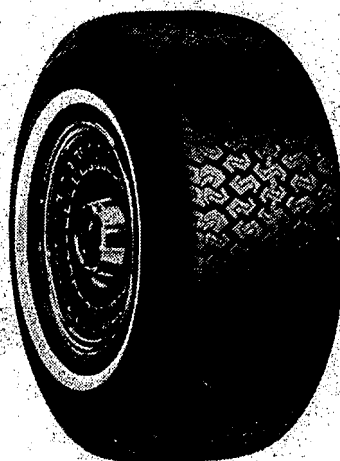
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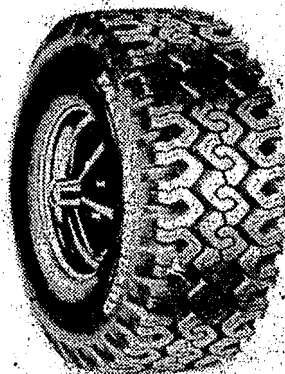
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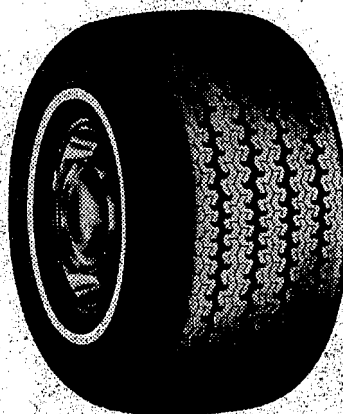


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# 1982-83 Winter Sports Schedule

## CLARKSTON SENIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Dec. 3	South Lyon Tournament	A	
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Dec. 10	Waterford Kettering	H	6:15
Dec. 14	Davison	A	6:15
Dec. 17	Waterford Township	H	6:00
Jan. 7	Waterford Mott	H	6:15
Jan. 11	Rochester	A	6:15
Jan. 14	Lake Orion	A	6:15
Jan. 18	Andover	H	6:15
Jan. 21	West Bloomfield	H	6:15
Jan. 28	Pontiac Northern	A	6:00
Feb. 1	Waterford Kettering	A	6:00
Feb. 4	Waterford Township	H	6:15
Feb. 8	Waterford Mott	A	6:00
Feb. 11	Rochester	A	6:15
Feb. 15	Lake Orion	A	6:00
Feb. 18	West Bloomfield	A	6:00
Feb. 25	Pontiac Northern	H	6:15
Mar. 1	Lahser	A	6:30
Mar. 4	Milford	A	6:00
Mar. 7-12	Districts		



## SASHABAW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NINTH GRADE BASKETBALL

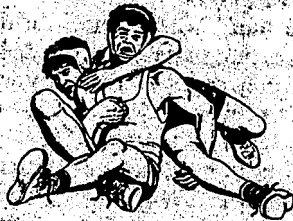
Dec. 7	Waterford Plerce Junior	A	6:30
Dec. 13	Walled Lake Central	H	7:00
Dec. 21	Clarkston Junior High	CHS	7:00
Jan. 6	West Bloomfield	H	7:00
Jan. 11	Walled Lake Western	A	3:45
Jan. 13	Rochester VanHoosen	H	7:00
Jan. 17	Rochester Reuther	H	7:00



Jan. 20	Lake Orion East	A	4:00
Jan. 25	Lake Orion West	A	4:00
Feb. 2	Milford High	A	7:00
Feb. 8	Waterford Crary	H	7:00
Feb. 11	Rochester West	A	4:00
Feb. 15	Waterford Mason	H	7:00
Feb. 17	Lakeland High	A	7:00
Feb. 22	Clarkston Junior High	CHS	7:00
Mar. 1, 2, 5	Lake Orion Tournament		

## CLARKSTON SENIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Nov. 30	Lathrup - Seaholm	H	6:00
Dec. 4	Thurston Invitational	A	8:30
Dec. 9	Waterford Kettering	H	6:15
Dec. 16	Waterford Township	A	6:30
Dec. 17	Oakland County		
Dec. 18	Oakland County		
Jan. 6	Waterford Mott	H	6:15
Jan. 8	Plymouth Salem Inv.	A	8 a.m.
Jan. 13	Rochester	H	6:15
Jan. 18	Adams - Thurston	A	6:00
Jan. 21	Lake Orion - Hazel Park	A	6:00



Jan. 22	Lathrup Inv.	A	
Jan. 25	Catholic Central	A	6:30
Jan. 27	West Bloomfield	H	6:15
Feb. 3	Pontiac Northern	A	6:00
Feb. 5	John Glenn Westland	A	11 a.m.
Feb. 8	Bishop Borgess - Brandon	H	6:15
Feb. 10	Oxford	H	6:15
Feb. 12	League Meet		
Feb. 19	District		
Feb. 26	Regional		
Mar. 5	Finals		

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Dec. 15	Bloomfield	A	4:00
Jan. 5	Rochester Reuther	H	6:30
Jan. 13	Rochester VanHoosen	H	6:30
Jan. 17	East Hills	A	4:00
Jan. 20	Sashabaw	H	6:30
Jan. 24	Rochester West	H	6:30
Feb. 2	Lake Orion West	A	4:00
Feb. 7	Lake Orion East	H	6:30
Feb. 9	West Hills	A	4:00
Feb. 14	Sashabaw	A	6:30



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Jan. 5	Rochester VanHoosen	A	4:00
Jan. 12	West Hills	A	4:00
Jan. 20	Clarkston	A	6:30
Jan. 24	Reuther	H	6:30
Feb. 2	Lake Orion East	H	6:30
Feb. 8	Rochester West	A	4:00
Feb. 9	Bloomfield	H	6:30
Feb. 14	Clarkston	H	6:30
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Jan. 25	Rochester Reuther	A	4:00
Jan. 27	Clarkston	H	7:00
Jan. 31	Howell	H	7:00
Feb. 2	Lake Orion East	A	4:00
Feb. 7	Oxford	H	7:00
Feb. 11	Rochester West	H	4:00
Feb. 14	Clarkston	A	7:00
Feb. 16	Lake Orion West	A	4:00
Feb. 26	Rochester Tournament		



## CLARKSTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Jan. 4	Rochester Reuther	A	4:00
Jan. 6	Oxford	A	6:00
Jan. 10	Rochester VanHoosen	A	3:30
Jan. 12	West Hills	H	7:00
Jan. 17	East Hills	H	7:00
Jan. 19	Howell	H	7:00
Jan. 25	Rochester West	A	4:00
Jan. 27	Sashabaw	A	7:00
Feb. 2	Lake Orion West	H	7:00
Feb. 7	Howell	A	6:30
Feb. 9	Lake Orion East	A	4:00
Feb. 14	Sashabaw	H	7:00
Feb. 21	Lake Orion East	H	7:00
Feb. 26	Rochester Tournament		



## CLARKSTON SKI TEAM

All meets are at Pine Knob unless otherwise indicated.

Jan. 6	B.H. Lahser	4:00
10	Lake Orion	4:00
12	Rochester	4:00
18	Rochester Adams	4:00
20	Waterford Mott	4:00
25	Pontiac Catholic	4:00
27	B.H. Andover	4:00
Feb. 1	Waterford Kettering	4:00
2	W. Our Lady of Lakes	4:00
10	Divisional Meet	8:30am
17	S.E. Michigan Championship	8:30am (Alpine Valley)
28	State Finals	8:30am (Crystal Mt.)

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# Sports

## Wolves beat Captains, go to 3-0 on year

By Dan Vandenhemel

Clarkston senior Willie Williams ended the Wolves' wrestling meet against Waterford Kettering in quick fashion.

Williams, wrestling in the last match of the meet in the heavyweight division, pinned Jeff Shipp in 10 seconds. The school record is nine seconds, set in 1969 by Al Knake.

The Wolves defeated Kettering 69-6 in the team's first league meet of the year. Clarkston is now 3-0 for the year.

Seven of the eight wins by Clarkston were by pins. Kettering helped the Wolves by four voided matches. The next fastest pin for Clarkston came from Jeff Lawrence, wrestling at 138 pounds. He pinned Todd Weakey in 30 seconds. Others winning by pins were Al Wall at 119 pounds, Dean Buchanan at 126 pounds, Jack Basham at 132 pounds, Andre Gourand at 155 pounds and Brad Moshier at 198 pounds.

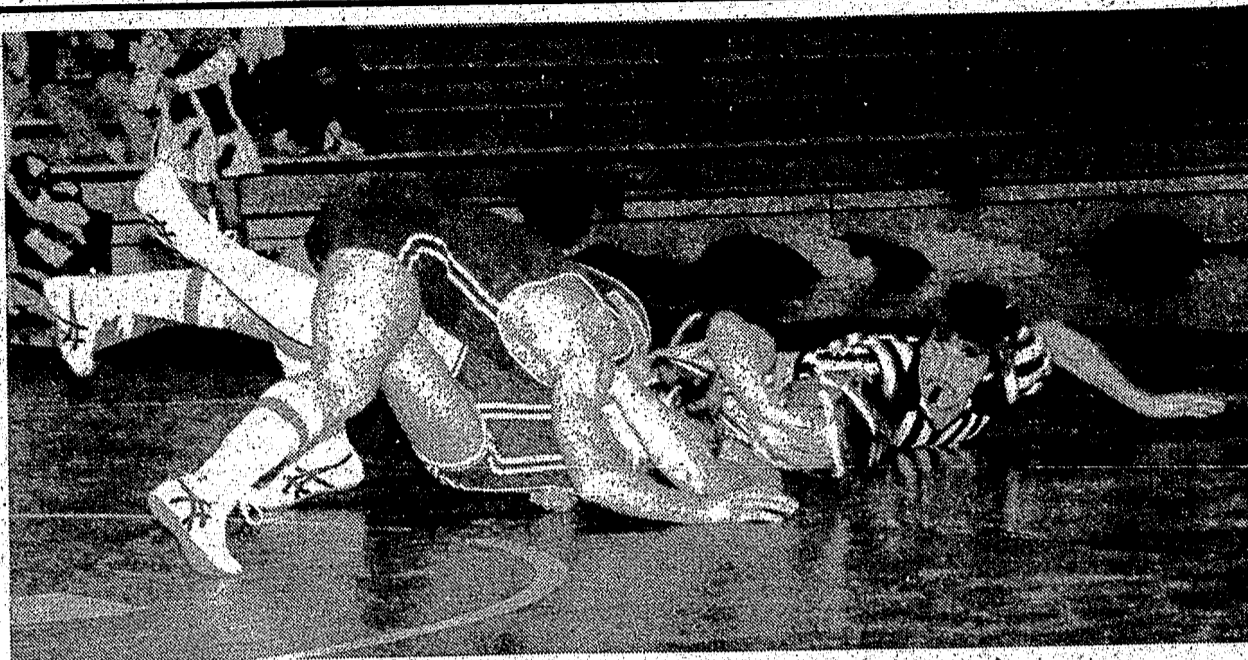
The Wolves' Ken Stuk decisioned Ken Allen 10-4. Winning by voids were Rocky Tucker at 98 pounds, Steve LaClair at 105 pounds, Greg Ellis at 112 pounds and Keith Edwards at 185 pounds.

"Willie did a good job," Coach Rick Detkowski said. "He has only been on the team for a week. This was his first match of the year."

Detkowski said the reason Williams came out late for the team might be because he played football in the fall.

"After the season ended, he probably wanted a little break so he took some time off," he said.

"We have never lost at home in the three years that I've been here," he added. "Now I've probably jinxed us by saying that."



Jack Basham of the Clarkston High School wrestling team has the advantage over Steve Armstrong of Waterford Kettering. Basham pinned Armstrong in 5:03. The Wolves beat the Captains 69-6 in the team's first league meet of the season Dec. 9.

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## Clarkston defeats Kettering

### Kubani high scorer with 28 points

By Dan Vandenhemel

Senior center Ray Kubani led the Clarkston Wolves with 28 points as the team defeated Waterford Kettering 67-57 Dec. 10.

Clarkston dominated the second half with its defense. The Wolves held a 34-33 halftime lead and allowed Kettering just 24 second-half points.

"We switched defenses at the half," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said. "They were hurting us man-to-man. We came out and slowed the play down to give our big people a chance to get back of defense."

In the first half of the game, the momentum switched back and forth between the two teams as Clarkston came on strong at the start of the game. The Wolves took a 6-2 lead midway through the quarter. The Captains came back to pull within one point, 18-17.

Kettering held the momentum into the second quarter as they took the lead for the first time in the

game. With four minutes left in the half, Kettering led 26-22 before the Wolves came back to retake the lead.

"This was a tough game," Fife said. "Those kids for Kettering played hard. We knew we had to play hard if we were going to win the game."

Tim Bell was the high scorer for the Captains with 19 points. Tony Dudley and Craig Goins each added 16 points. For Clarkston, Eric Kline scored 13 points and Mike McCormick had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

"Ray Kubani dominated the game," Kettering coach Charles Shires said. "McCormick came through with some tough baskets near the end. Their size was the difference in the game. We played hard. We did the our best."

Both teams are now 2-1 overall and Fife said he believes Kettering is going to be tough all year.

"I was very impressed with Kettering," he said. "They are going to beat some people this year. They really played hard."

"We tried the establish some things tonight like our man-to-man defense but we still need some work," he added. "We still have to learn how to run with the ball, to work with the ball. In the second half we just stopped. We knew we could get set up and get a good shot."

## Youth league still accepting registrations

Registrations are still being accepted for the Bud McGrath Youth Basketball League at Clarkston High School.

Any student in the third through sixth grade can participate in the league that meets Saturdays. Third-graders' games are between 1 and 2 p.m., fourth-graders play between 2 and 3 p.m., fifth-graders meet between 3 and 4 p.m. and sixth-graders fill the 4 to 5 p.m. time slot.

"Right now we have 90 kids signed up," Director George Porritt said.

The fee is \$20 for the 12-week season. For more information, contact Athletic Director Paul Tungate or Porritt at 625-0900.



Clarkston's Ray Kubani attempts to block a shot by Craig Goins of Waterford Kettering as (from left) Mike McCormick, Rick Williams and

Greg Molzon look on. The Wolves defeated Kettering 67-57 in the Greater Oakland Activities League opener for both teams Dec. 10.

# Sports banquets honor players

By Dan Vandenhemel

All of the fall sports teams have finished its season, some successfully, other not so well. Every year at this time players from the fall sports teams are awarded for their outstanding performances during the season.

The Clarkston High School girls' tennis team had a very good year. The team tied West Bloomfield for first in the Greater Oakland Activities League with a 10-2 record.

The team went on to tie West Bloomfield and Andover for first in the regional tournament. Kelly Craig was voted most valuable player by her teammates. Tonya Cook was voted the most improved player and Kristin Tiaht was given the coach's award for the hardest-working team member.

Both the boys' and girls' varsity cross-country teams had strong years.

The girls' team finished second in the regional tournament, led by Pam Stoecklin with a time of 20:36, good for 66th place. She was voted the team's most valuable player and Beth Galbey was chosen the most improved runner for the year.

From the boys' team, Paul Burch and Guy Chandler placed in the state individual finals. Burch was selected the most valuable player and Chandler the most improved.

The varsity football team finished its season with a 7-6 win over West Bloomfield and brought the team's record to 6-3 for the year.

John LaPorte was chosen the most valuable and Jon O'Berry was voted the most improved. The B.J. Hanson award for the best scholastic player also went to LaPorte. The Heart Award went to Mike Weiler and Brad Moshier received the Tim Park Memorial Award for the hardest hitting defenseman.

The golfers finished 12th in the regional tournament, 19 strokes behind fourth place which would have sent the team to the state finals. John Kolchow was voted the most valuable golfer and Steve Willis the most improved.

After finishing the season with a 14-7 record, the girls' varsity basketball team lost in the second round of the district tournament to Waterford Kettering 46-41.

Annette Ulasich was named the team's most valuable player and Janet Herron the most improved player.

The Sashabaw Junior High Football team named two most valuable players, Bob LaPorte on offense and Dale Traver on defense. The most improved player on offense went to Dave Baren while Billy Hartley was the most improved on the defense.

Jeff Davis was the most valuable back and Jim Casper the most valuable lineman. Mike May received the Cougar Pride award for the hardest working player.

Clarkston Junior High's football team named Todd Edmunds the most valuable back. The most valuable lineman went to Todd Hallett. Jeff Minton was chosen the most improved player.

The Sashabaw ninth-grade girls' basketball team

had two most valuable players—Michelle Taulbee and Sue Stefanski. Kecia Powell was named the most improved player and the coach's award went to Colleen Conway.

Susan Lovelady was named the most valuable player on the Clarkston ninth-grade team. Beth Grieger was selected the most improved player.

The intramural soccer league at Clarkston Junior High named Mike Norman the most valuable player of the eighth-grade and Graig Chamberlain was the most improved. The most valuable seventh-grade member was Jamie Shuttleworth. Mark Arsenault was elected the most improved player.

In the intramural soccer league at Sashabaw named 18 players to its all-star team. Picked as forwards were Matt Beamer, Jeff Bussell, Todd Doyon, Pat Lyons and Grant Reading.

Five players were selected at midfield, Greg Cherniak, Mike Koslosky, Pat Williams, Brian Laferty and Troy Cook.

Making the defensive team were Mike Bilbey, Jamie Cunningham, Chip Galley, Tom Haden and

Gunner Karlstron. Todd Cook and Mark Whitcomb were named as alternates to the team. The goalie was Jeff Billig.

The girls' intramural basketball program at Clarkston Junior High named Ruth Webb the eighth-grade's most valuable player and Missy O'Dell the most improved. In the seventh-grade, Kristen Kildal was named most valuable player and Nikki Storrs the most valuable.

The eighth-grade all-star team at Sashabaw Junior High included 10 players. Tammy Spaven, Maggie Gdula, Kelly Laidig and Michelle Nelson were named from the first-place Kelly and Co. team. Lisa Ladd, Stacie Jensen, Koleen Kline, Richelle Hamby, Renee Davis and Shannon Turkette rounded out the team.

In the seventh-grade basketball league, Jackie Patrick and Rose Castle were selected to the all-star team from the first-place Team No. 1. Renda Beck, Robynne Hubbard, Paula Tanner, Stacey Shurtz, Heather Luchenbach and Dana Dunn were also chosen.

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# CJH going after 5th straight winning year

By Dan Vandenhemel

Dave Stobbe is entering his fifth year as Clarkston Junior High Wrestling coach and the team has never had a losing season.

"We have a pretty good lineup this year," he said. "We'll have a decent team. We have a lot of depth."

A new weight class has been added to the team. There is a 76-pound division, bringing the total to 15 weight classes.

The Wolverines have 41 students out for the team which gives the team that added depth.

"Last year we had to forfeit a couple of classes because we didn't have anyone wrestling there," Stobbe said. "Now we have at least two wrestlers in every weight class except for the top three."

Last year the team finished 8-2 with two of the

wins against Sashabaw Junior High.

"Beating Sashabaw twice in one season just doesn't happen that often," he said. "The previous years we've always split."

Six of the varsity wrestlers from last year's squad have moved up to Clarkston High School. The Wolverines will be relying on a younger team this year.

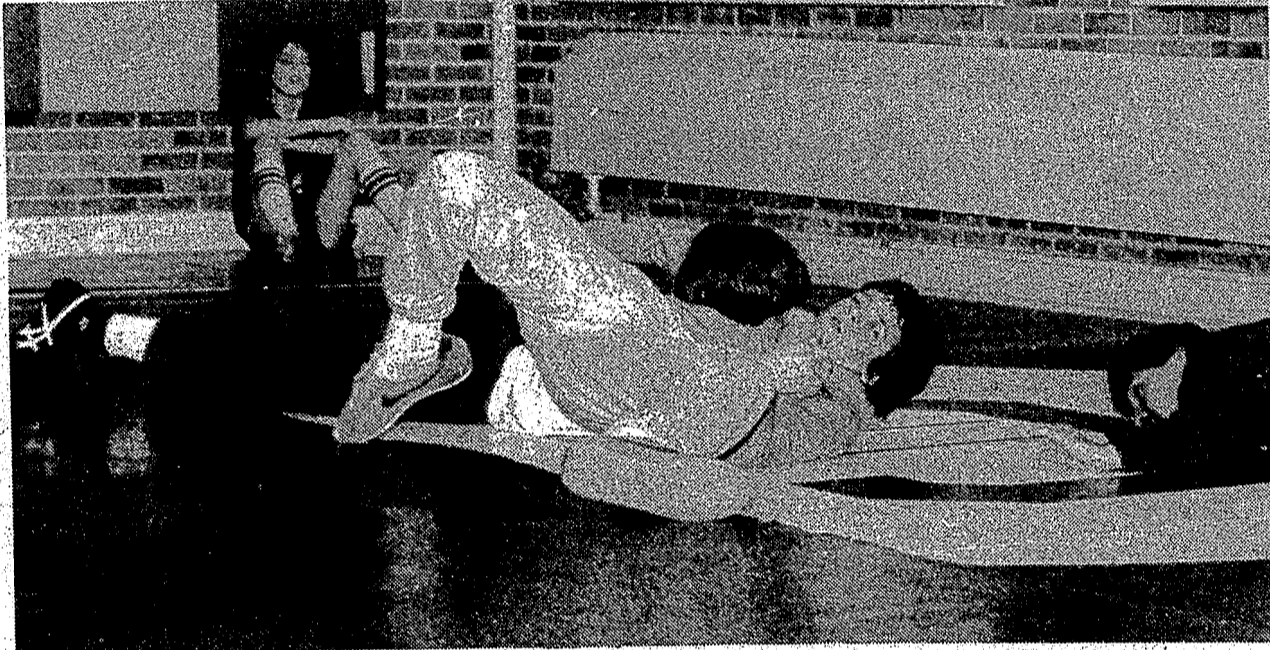
"We lost a lot of ninth-graders from last year's team," Stobbe said. "We have a young team this year, they're not necessarily young but they have less experience. For some of the eighth- and ninth-graders, this will be their first time wrestling."

Some of the stronger wrestlers to watch this year are Brent Gwisdalla, Jeff Valenzuela and Pete Sans. Gwisdalla finished at 8-0 as an eighth-grader last

year. Valenzuela was 8-2 as a seventh-grader. Sans finished strong with a record of 6-4.

Other Wolverines who could be tough to beat this year are ninth-graders Todd Edmunds and Scott Stuk.

The team's first scheduled meet is against Bloomfield Hills Junior High Dec. 14 in Bloomfield. The home opener is to be against Rochester Reuther Jan. 5.



Coach Dave Stobbe watches Pete Sans and Dave Turner during a Clarkston Junior High wrestling practice. The Wolverines have been practicing four weeks.

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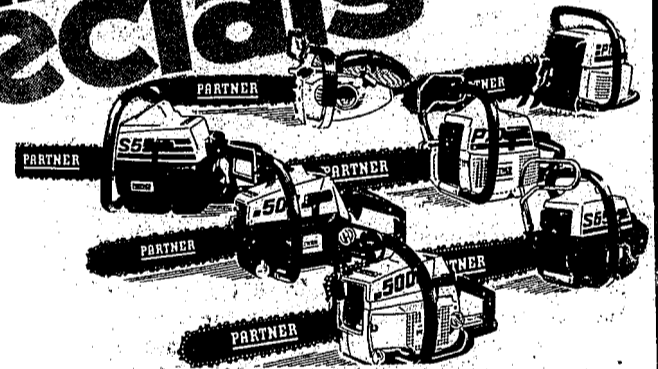
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## All-Leaguers

Nine students from the Clarkston High School have been named to the Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL) All-League team's in girls' varsity basketball and the girls' tennis team.

The teams are selected by all the coaches in the league.

Six players were named from the tennis team: Mary Smith, Kelly Craig and Anja Hoeller were selected to the league's first team. Honorable mentions went to Shellie VanKeuren, Sam Mallett and Jenny Kithil.

For the basketball team, Annette Ulasich was named to the first team and Sue Ketvirtis and Lori Martin received honorable mentions.

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