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6 kids charged with arson

'It's not Detroit at Halloween. . .'

By Kathy Greenfield
and Marilyn Trumper

Seven Clarkston juveniles have been charged with crimes ranging from arson, breaking and entering, and malicious destruction of property over \$100, according to Detective Sgt. Gerard Carlin of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The 12- to 15-year-old boys are Clarkston Junior High School students. Because they are juveniles, their names are being withheld by the sheriff's department.

The charges stem from activities Nov. 15 through 17 that ended with a fire in an unoccupied \$124,900 house at 6750 Townview in Independence Township. Six of the seven boys have been charged with arson, Carlin said.

According to Capt. Dale Bailey of the Independence Township Fire Department, the fire broke out after paper and other combustibles were ignited to keep warm inside the vacant house.

"The fire kept growing and growing, and when it

got too big, they got out," Bailey said.

Three of the suspects went to the downtown Clarkston fire station at 3:23 a.m. Nov. 17 to report the blaze.

"It's a wonder they didn't die in there," said firefighter Gar Wilson. "I don't know what got into their heads. They're not just playing a game. An Oakland County sheriff's deputy got some smoke inhalation. If somebody had died in that fire, then it's murder."

The fire department estimates damage to the house between \$50,000 and \$70,000.

According to reports at the sheriff's department, the boys are also suspected of causing over \$1,600 damage to windows on West Washington Street, Scenic Ridge Trail and Langle Drive. In addition, tires were slashed, a mailbox smashed and while a man was watching TV, a rock was thrown through the window into the television set, Carlin said.

The boys are also suspected of breaking into the Clarkston United Methodist Church and taking items designated for the church's annual Christmas bazaar, and breaking into St. Daniel's Catholic Church and taking candy and sacramental wine.

According to Carlin, the boys were not involved with drug use. He also noted that it's unusual in Oakland County to charge juveniles with arson.

"It's not Detroit at Halloween," he said. "It's kind of different. They got together and things went from bad to worse. I don't think it was planned."

Because the suspects are juveniles, their cases will be heard by the juvenile division of the Oakland County Probate Court.

"With juveniles, it's a little different," Carlin said. "They're not actually arrested."

"Probate court calls them in with parents for a hearing. The court decides if they're guilty or not guilty."

If found guilty of the crimes, punishment can range from probation to placement in Oakland County Children's Village under the care and custody of probate court, he said.



THANKSGIVING REGALIA: There's a whole lotta feasting going on in Clarkston Elementary School. It's the day before Thanksgiving, and Greg Pomorski [above] and his classmates dress for the occasion and dine on Pilgrim Stew they made themselves. Abby Marsden [below] chooses to be an Indian while dining on dishes-to-pass brought from home.



Drink-out Friday

Individual awareness is the goal of the Clarkston Drink-out planned from 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, to 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

Members of the community are asked to voluntarily refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages by the sponsors, the Chemical People of Clarkston, a group devoted to the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse by the young people.

"We're hoping with 24 hours, anyone who has some problems or whose life is geared to alcohol more than they thought will have a chance to identify these problems," said Judy Labash, Chemical People member and author of a series of three guest editorials on the drink-out. (The third in the series appears on Page 7 of this week's Clarkston News.)

"We are trying to raise awareness in the community about the alcohol and drug problem," she said. "It's a family disease. Raising awareness without threatening people in a very positive manner can be beneficial—not only to the person but to the community."

The Chemical People want to hear community reaction to the Clarkston Drink-out. They ask that people write to C.A.T. P.A.W., in care of The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016. C.A.T. P.A.W. is the question-and-answer column that appears weekly in the News.

Token thank you

Some kids still do good deeds and find friends in the police department.

Over the weekend, 6-year-old Kristen Peterson of Independence Township found three missing street signs laying in a woods where she was playing.

She notified her mother, who in turn contacted the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The police responded, and rewarded Kristen with a quarter.

Sheriff's log

Wednesday, Nov. 14, thieves stole a motorcycle from South River Drive, Independence Township.

Thursday, Nov. 15, thieves broke into a house on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. It is not known what was taken.

Thursday, thieves broke into a house on Northview Drive, Independence Township. It is not known what was taken.

Friday, Nov. 16, thieves broke into a house on Townview Road, Independence Township, ripped the refrigerator door from the hinges, vandalized appliances and wrote expletives on the door with spray paint.

Friday, vandals wielding BB-guns shot out windows at the A&P, 5785 M-15, Independence Township.

Friday, thieves broke into a house on Klais Court, Independence Township, and stole a cassette recorder, jewelry, a stereo, camera and money.

Friday, thieves stole \$19.20 worth of cans from a delivery man's truck on Maybee Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, Nov. 17, kids throwing rocks smashed the windshield of a car on Maybee Road, Independence Township.

Sunday, Nov. 18, thieves broke into a house on Ennismore Road, Independence Township, and stole a stereo.

Sunday, thieves broke into a house on Cobden Lane, Independence Township. It is not known what was taken.

Wednesday, Nov. 21, thieves stole a chainsaw from a deck outside a home on Sherwood Road, Spr-

ingfield Township.

Wednesday, thieves stole a snowmobile from a home on Foster Road, Independence Township.

Wednesday, thieves drove away with a snowmobile trailer and two snowmobiles from a backyard on Tappon, Independence Township.

Wednesday, vandals destroyed a mailbox and its post at a house on Perry Lake Road, Independence Township.

Friday, Nov. 23, vandals broke the mirrors and windows on a pickup truck parked at a home on Rattalee Lake Road, Independence Township.

Friday, thieves stole a license plate from a trailer on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Friday, thieves broke into a car parked on Oak Park, Independence Township, and stole the car's stereo cassette player.

Saturday, Nov. 24, vandals broke the headlights and windows of a car parked on Bridge Lake Road, Independence Township. They also poured dirt into the gas tank, causing an unknown amount of damage.

Saturday, a man was beaten and robbed during an armed robbery on Pine Knob Road, Independence Township; \$40 was taken.

Saturday, vandals threw a rock through a window on East Princeton, Independence Township.

Saturday, thieves stole several checks from a purse after breaking into a house on Stickney Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, thieves broke into Ritter's Farm Market, 6684 Dixie Highway, Independence

Township. Cases of beer and a California cooler were stolen.

Saturday, thieves stole a black and white television from a home on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Sunday, Nov. 25, unknown persons knocked over the drop boxes outside the Clarkston post office, 5886 Dixie Highway, Independence Township. No mail was missing.

Sunday, thieves stole a radar detector from an auto parked on Langle, Independence Township.

Monday, Nov. 26, vandals broke a tail light on a car parked on Wildwood, Independence Township.

This information came from reports at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Correction

A story on the latchkey program in last week's Clarkston News contained some incorrect information about some children.

The boys mentioned attend the program periodically, not daily.

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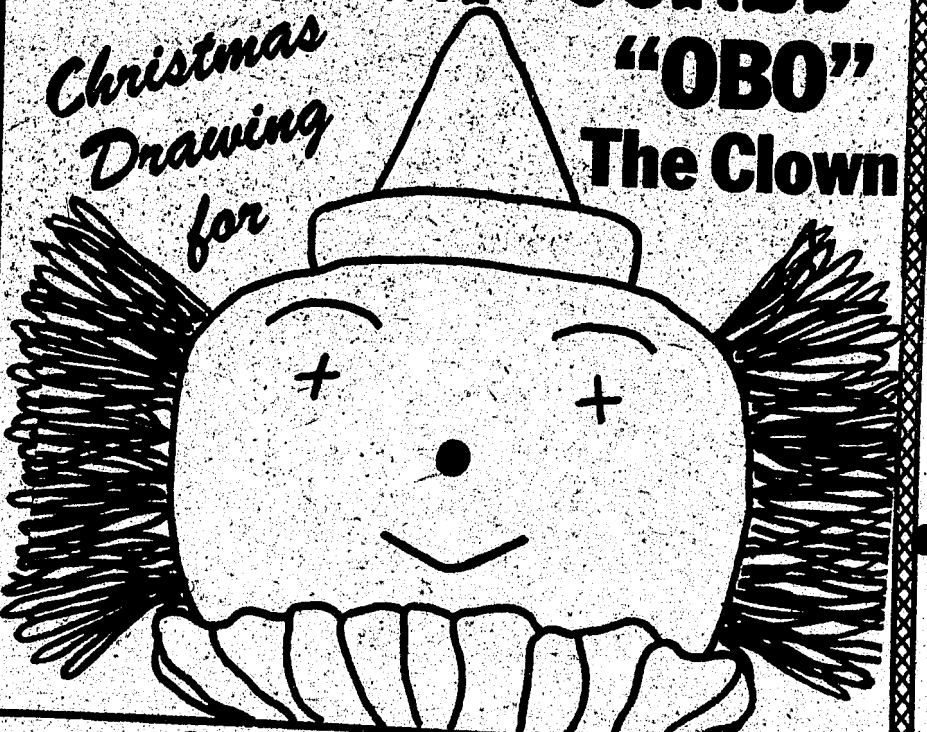
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'She's not a wild animal'

Tiger's rights to be weighed in circuit court

By Carolyn Walker

Athena the tiger's right to live in Independence Township was defended at Tuesday night's township board meeting by Frances Avadenka, the Murdoch family's attorney.

"She is not a wild animal," she said.

But township officials maintained their earlier decision that the tiger and a bobcat's presence are in violation of township ordinances and are taking the matter to court.

Avadenka attended last week's meeting after board members agreed to listen to information she had regarding the tiger's care.

The issue first arose last summer, according to township attorney Gerald Fisher, who expressed concern over the township's liability in the event of an accident.

Avadenka presented pictures of Athena's cage and surrounding areas, pictures of the cat being petted by adults and copies of state and federal documents licensing the animal.

"Murdoch has taken a great deal of care to protect both the animals and people," she said.

The United States Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have all issued approvals allowing Murdoch to own the cat.

"The tiger has been determined to be extremely dangerous by zoo officials, as long as it is accessible to people," Fisher said.

Avadenka countered this statement with information on the situation at the Murdoch home.

"Acquired from a private breeder, Athena was born in captivity, as were her ancestors from the last

three generations," she said. "She was legally acquired and brought into the state by Douglas Murdoch."

"Her accommodations go above and beyond the required facilities. They are more than adequate."

According to Avadenka, the top and side fencing of Athena's cage are able to tolerate up to 850 pounds of stress per inch.

"The pipe supports surrounding the cage are set in concrete, which is in turn set into holes in the ground. The wire mesh attached to the supports is set 12 inches into the ground," she said.

In an attempt to alleviate township fears about liability in the event of an accident, Avadenka told board members the Murdochs currently have a homeowner's insurance policy for \$300,000 covering the animals.

"In addition, they have applied for an umbrella clause for \$1 million dollars which would include the township," she said.

The Murdochs have also applied for a \$1 million dollar insurance policy to cover the tiger when she is off the property.

"I do not believe there has been a zoning violation," said Avadenka.

"The township has determined there is a violation," replied Fisher.

"I am prepared to seek a variation," said Avadenka.

When asked if there were temporary facilities available to house the tiger while awaiting a final decision, she replied, "There are no temporary facilities for animals as safe as the Murdochs'. These facilities are safer than the law requires."

Board members, citing the potential liability of the township and standing on their conviction that a violation has occurred, agreed that the matter should be settled in court.

The issue is to be heard Nov. 28 before Judge Fred M. Mester in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Trapping hits nerve of local dentist

A trap set to capture wild animals was found by an Independence Township resident Sunday as he walked his dog near Deer Lake's western shore.

Caught in the trap was a raccoon.

"This is the cruelest thing," said Jack Shader, D.D.S. "This 'coon was apparently caught all night. There were big icicles all over its fur and it had chewed off its foot."

Lying on its back, the raccoon was still trapped, and it was growling, Shader said.

He wrapped it in a blanket, released the trap and set the raccoon free.

"I have (the trap) in my garage," he said. "I'm not going to give it back."

"I'm not necessarily a bleeding heart kind of guy, but to me trapping is really a cruel form of hunting."

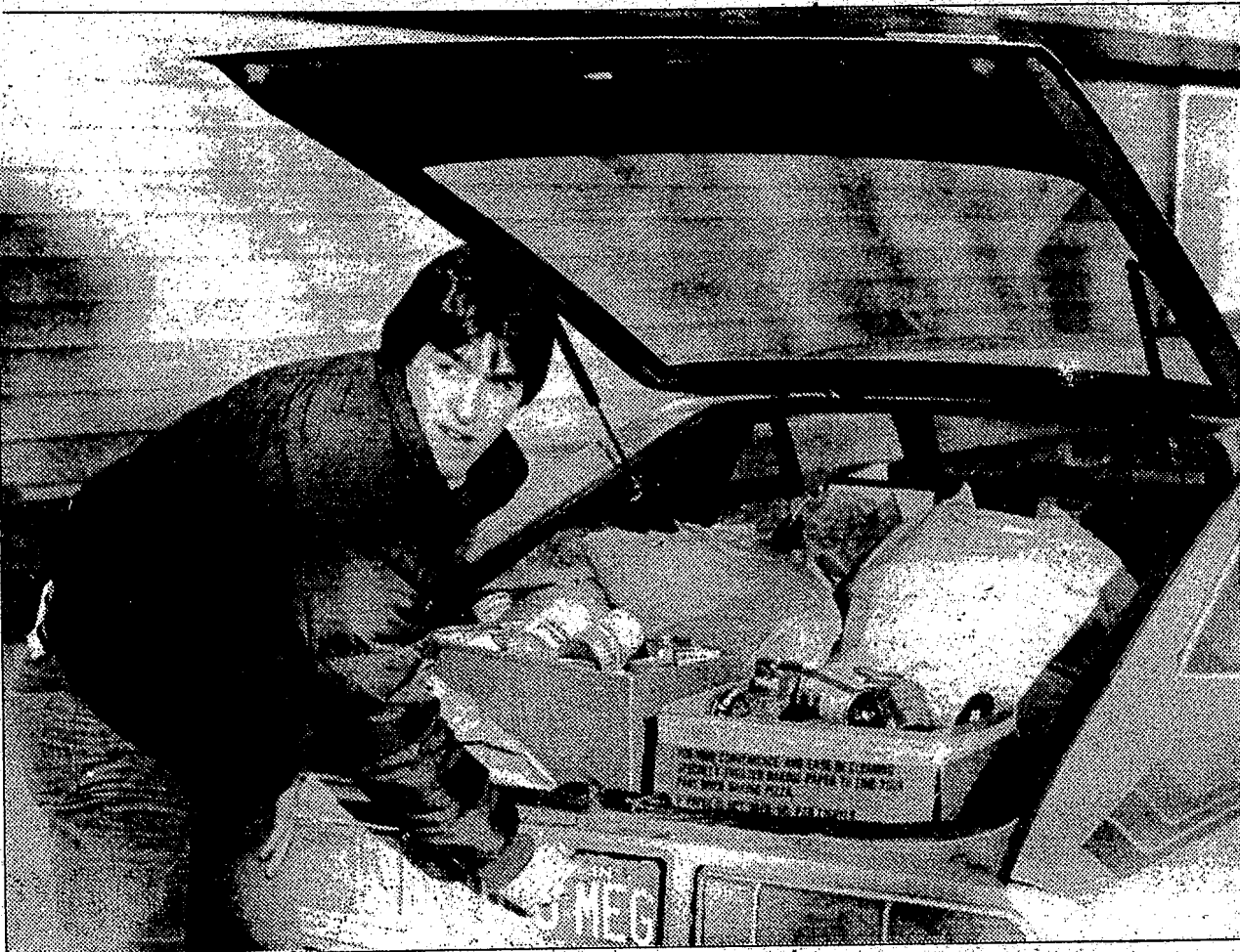
Later he talked to his veterinarian and was told the animal had about a 50-50 chance to survive the ordeal.

Shader was left shaken by the incident and concerned about the welfare of people because the trap was set near a residential area where young children live.

On Nov. 9, a dog was found caught in a similar trap across Dixie Highway from Shader's Simler Drive residence.

While trapping is legal in this area, requirements include identification on the trap, permission from the property owner on private land and a license.

The trap had no identification, said Shader, who has reported the incident to the state Department of Natural Resources.



CAN CONTRIBUTIONS: Close to 3,000 canned goods made their way to the Independence Township Senior Citizen Center at Clintonwood Park thanks to the efforts of students at Clarkston High School. Senior Kevin Krupp

unloads one of eight car loads delivered to the center Nov. 20. The canned goods are added to food baskets put together by the senior citizens and given to needy families during the holidays. [Photo by Dan Vandenhemel]

No refund for sewer study

The Independence Township Board voted unanimously not to reimburse the county for \$2,761 spent on a 1976 sewer study.

Donald Ringler of the Oakland County Department of Public Works attended last week's meeting and asked that the township cover the expense.

Oakland County, acting as agent for the township, had contracted with the firm of Johnson and Anderson of Waterford Township to study sewer locations in Independence.

The county was ordered by the courts to pay the firm to settle claims in a bankruptcy proceeding, according to Ringler.

"The township board requested the county to do sewer studies, which the county did," he said.

A lack of evidence showing the township's obligation to pay was cited by board members as the reason for not reimbursing the county.

Board members agreed the study was done in preparation for work, but that no actual work had been started.

"We have no description of what was done. We approved no contract," said Trustee Dale Stuart.

"The work was done in anticipation of a contract," said Trustee Daniel Travis.

Trustee William Vandermark agreed, stating, "This was an effort in preparation for a quote. Independence should not be liable. Nobody pays for quotes."

Vow starts term

The Nov. 20 township board meeting began with a pledge from new Supervisor Frank Ronk.

"I will attempt in the next four years to give you good government. And with your help, will do just that," he said, addressing the board members and audience of about 20.

Ronk and the other new board members, Treasurer John Lutz and Trustee Carol Balzarini, joined the four incumbents, Clerk Richard Holman and trustees Dale Stuart, Daniel Travis and William Vandermark.

It was the first board meeting for the officials elected Nov. 6. The board was sworn into office Nov. 16.

In addition, Balzarini was appointed to the township planning commission and Lutz was appointed to the zoning board of appeals.

TV no preview for Clarkston

By Dan Vandenhemel

Home to Marjorie (Lulli) Megyaszi is Finland, but until June of 1985 Clarkston is her place of residence.

Lulli is an exchange student staying with Bob and Rosemary Jenks of Independence Township.

Mrs. Jenks is the area representative for Youth for Understanding, an exchange program for students coming to or going from the United States.

"It takes a lot more time than I realized," she said. "When you agree to take in a student, I feel you've got to treat them like one of your own. You've got to treat them equal with your other children."

Lulli's nickname came from her mother singing lullabies to her all the time. She arrived in Clarkston in July and just had a visit from her father. A businessman, he travels quite a bit. With his daughter here, a trip was planned to the area.

"It was nice to see him," Lulli said. "We talk about twice a week."

Talking is one thing Lulli has very little trouble with. The bubbly 16-year-old said she has to be very personable because Clarkston High School is the 10th

school she has attended due to frequent moving.

"I think I'm a stronger person because of all the moving," she said. "I have to be very outgoing or I'd just sit around and not meet anyone."

Her views of the United States before she came here were based on television shows.

"I thought everything was like Falcon Crest or Dallas," she said comparing our culture to hers in Finland. "I had to come and find out."

"It's more dependent on the family, everything centers around the family. People are much friendlier too."

Lulli is one of 25 exchange students in Oakland County through YFU. Jenks said they are always looking for more families to take on a student.

"It's really easy to do," she said. "It's so nice to get more involved in this. Once you agree, there are parties that YFU puts together for everyone to meet. I never expected to do something like this. I never volunteered for anything before because I didn't think I had the time. I'm glad I did now."

Families interested in hosting a student may call Jenks at 625-1051.



Rosemary Jenks and Lulli Megyaszi ham it up for the camera in the Jenks' home. Lulli is an exchange student from Finland.

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Latchkey grows to second location

Clarkston community education opens a second Latchkey program on Jan. 3 at Clarkston Elementary school.

The program provides before- and after-school care for Clarkston elementary pupils of working parents from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:10 to 6:10 p.m.

Students may attend on a regular basis or on oc-

casation when parents need the service; but all must be pre-registered.

Registrations are now being taken at the Clarkston Community Learning Center, 5275 Maybee.

There is a \$2 registration fee.

Cost for the program is \$1.50 an hour with the price decreasing for each child when families enroll two or more children.

The program will be licensed by the Department of Social Services.

Teachers are required to have 60 hours of college credit with 12 hours experience in child development, child psychology, or early childhood education.

The Latchkey program is accepting toys, games, books, puzzles, records and craft supplies. Boxes for donations are available at Clarkston Elementary and the learning center.

In addition, Latchkey is accepting applications for care-giver. Resumes will be accepted at the learning center until Dec. 3.

Knights help SCAMP

The North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corp. was one of seven organizations to receive a share of profits from the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll sale.

A check for \$744 was presented Nov. 8 to SCAMP board of directors member Jack Hunt by Grand Knight Jack Shiff of the Pope John XXIII Council, Clarkston.

The Tootsie Roll sale is a nationwide campaign by the Knights of Columbus.

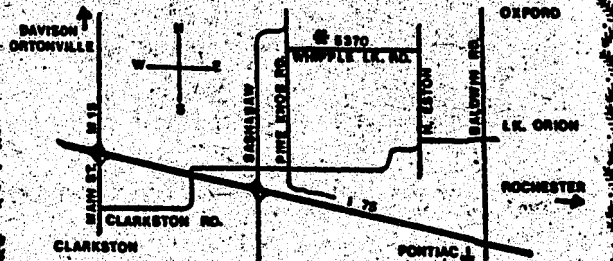
SCAMP will use its funds to help support the summer SCAMP program, a specialized day camp experience for handicapped youngsters, said Hunt.

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School is so easy here

Exchange students make smooth transition

By Dan Vandenhemel

This school year is very different for four students at Clarkston High School.

Exchange students Mia Graversen, Katrin Kaschel, Alain Draguet and Boris Hoellar are getting a taste of American culture.

One of the biggest differences the four are facing is the school system.

"School is so easy here," said Kaschel, a 16-year-old student from West Germany staying with the Darrel Williams family. "In Germany we'd have to write essays. Here the tests are yes or no."

Hoeller, 16, also from West Germany and staying with the Larry Beamer family, cited another difference.

"There's much more spirit here," said Hoeller who is trying out for the basketball team. "More guys go to the football games and you practice a lot more here. We maybe practice once a week. Here it's every day."

The number of activities after school is a surprise to Graversen. The 18-year-old staying with Wanda Schneider says in Denmark they don't have sports but they have clubs.

"We practice one sport all year around, not three," she said.

When going to a different country, language is usually a problem for Americans but in Europe, courses in English are required.

Draguet, 18, of Belgium, said when he first arrived here he had some trouble with the language but has improved.

"I still have a problem a little," said Draguet, who is staying with the Daniel Fenton family. "The people here have really helped. They are so friendly. When you meet someone it's always 'hi' much more here than back home."

Kaschel and Draguet came through the Youths



Clarkston High School is different than schools in the home countries of exchange students

[from left] Katrin Kaschel, Alain Draguet, Boris Hoeller and Mia Graversen.

for Understanding exchange program while Graversen is with the Education Foundation for Foreign Students. Hoeller is here on his own. His sister, Anja, was here last year. Boris came to Clarkston for a visit and decided to come back for

part of a year. He is here until March, while the others stay until June.

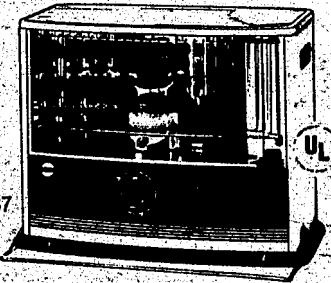
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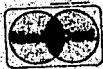
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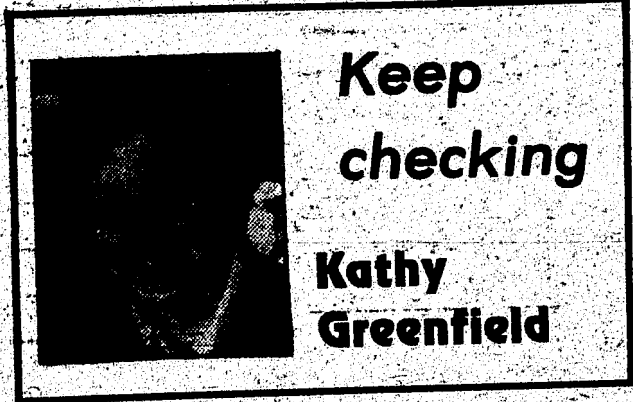
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Kathy Greenfield

The reason I ran out of fuel in my car Friday had nothing to do with my failure to check the guage.

It all went back to Wednesday when my daughter took the car and came home with this admonition:

"Mother, how could you give me the car and not tell me you're almost out of gas? I didn't look at the guage until it was too late. The next time you drive, you'd better go straight to a gas station. You'll be lucky if you make it."

"Oh my gosh," I replied. "I'm sorry, I meant to tell you."

"But," I continued, "you have to learn never to drive a car without first checking the gas guage. You do that right after you start it up and before you drive off. Just get into the habit."

I should know better than to indulge myself with motherly lectures. Regardless of how good the advice is, there's always the possibility of making yourself look bad. Needless to say, this was such a case.

When I called home for help, because I was stuck out in the middle of nowhere, I got the recipient of the lecture.

"Oh no," she said, and then she laughed. "Mother, I told you..."

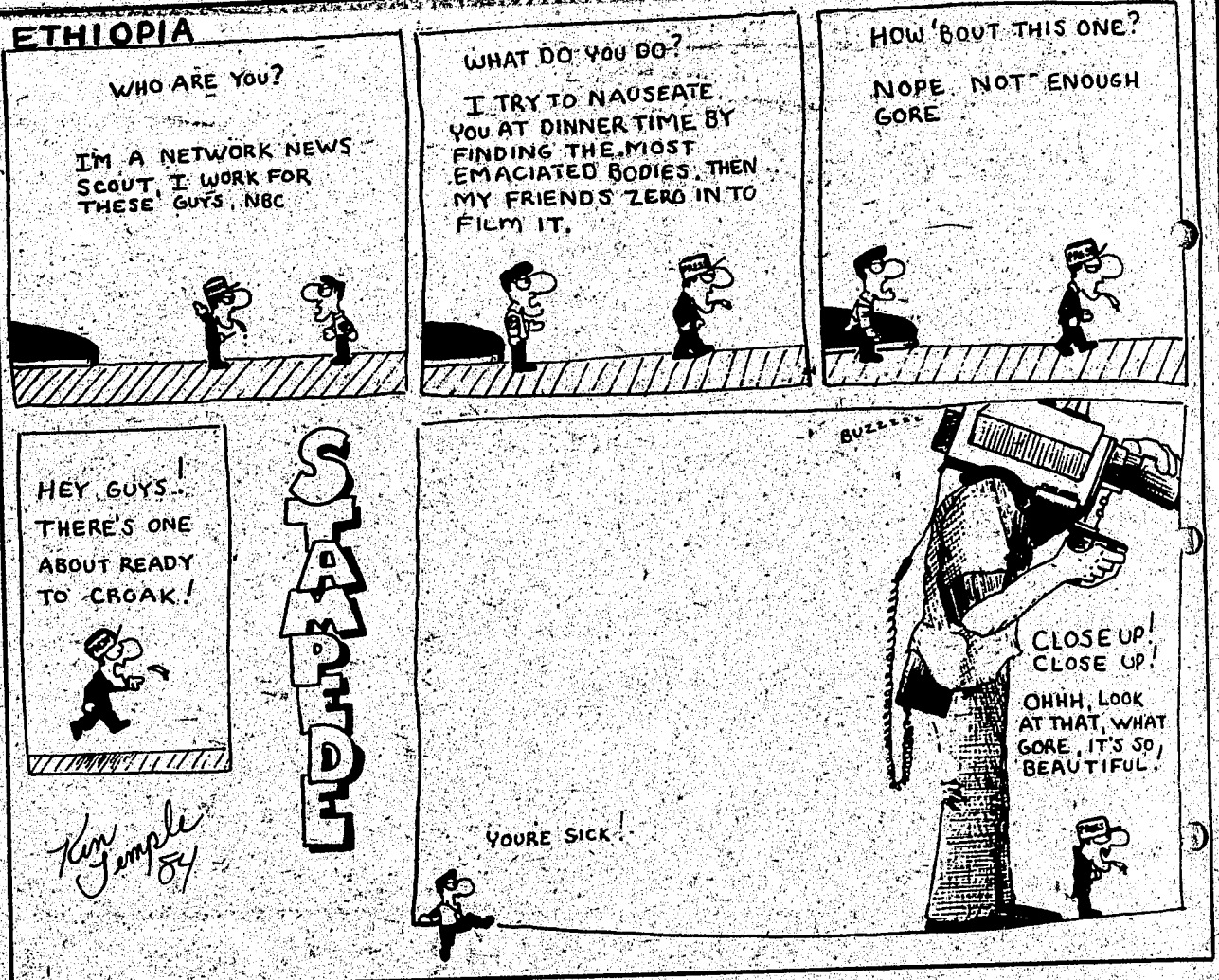
The person designated for the mission of mercy was dispatched from my office, the car got going and I returned to work.

There was a message to call my boss. "So, you ran out of gas," he said, first thing. Nothing is sacred.

Later that night, a neighbor dropped by. "Guess what happened to me today? I ran out of gas," I said. It was the first time ever, so I figured it was newsworthy.

"I know," she said, explaining how word travels quickly, unlike a car out of fuel.

Yesterday I checked my gas guage at least 111 times.



Editorial

Tell D.C. how to spend

The federal government is big business — and you pay for it.

As a taxpayer, you probably don't want to pay the bills for everybody who receives support from Uncle Sam. We hear about the Pentagon spending thousands of dollars for an item you and I could buy for 59 cents at the hardware store. That's a problem. But the real disgrace in the system is how and why Congress authorizes the spending of your money.

First of all, you have no say in how your tax dollars are spent. Your elected representatives decide that. But are you acquainted with them? Have you told them how you want your money spent? And if you have, did they take your advice? In a nutshell,

here's how most of them do it: they decide their biggest constituencies, then they try to throw money at them, especially around election time.

Your representatives' main business is the re-election game. Unless they plan to get out of politics, their first priority is survival. Their decisions are based on that main item, especially the decisions that involve federal money and its distribution to their constituents.

So, if you don't like the way they spend your money, your only hope is to tell them so. They know that if enough people like you aren't happy with the way they're doing their job, their job security is nil. —Farm Bureau

Jim's Jottings

TV guinea pigs

Jim Sherman



I felt so good at having been "selected" to be in the audience for a television preview. Then I learned it was a mass mailing where all of southeast Michigan had also been selected.

It was an inviting invite. Promoters said I was 'hand-picked' as part of a 'special audience at our two-hour session.'

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Then another ego-booster was added. "And, later, if they are telecast, you will be able to feel that you were a member of the team that helped judge and evaluate them for their final release over television networks and stations."

It was also pointed out I could bring three other persons with me provided they were over 16-years of age.

This was the first inkling I've had since buying

my first television set in 1952 that program selections were made by someone other than the very young.

I can't believe adults voted in professional wrestling, Three's Company, Gilligan's Island, Dynasty, Joker's Wild, and and the too-numerous Bob Hope Specials.

Lucy, maybe, and early Archie Bunker, and Jackie Gleason, but Fall Guy, or Alice, or Taxi? Lord love a duck, they had to be voted in by people 'selected' from a semi-live, very young audience.

We had an excuse to watch professional wrestling in the early days of WJIM-TV 6 in Lansing; it was the only channel, we hadn't learned how to enjoy reading yet and the fast-food, eat-everything-out syndrome hadn't arrived.

When I think of the television shows that make it, I wonder at the quality of those eliminated by 'selected' guinea pig audiences. There must be some real dogs on the cutting room floor.

Keep in mind this Jottings is being written by a guy who really likes television. I can be absorbed by just about anything . . . except live heart operations, and the continueds, like Dallas, Hotel, Hill Street Blues and Knots Landing . . . for a while.

I would have liked to have had something to do with the selection of Angela Langsbury's, new hit, "Murder, She Wrote". Angela was a pin-up on our landing craft in the Navy during the Big War. She wasn't the only one, of course, we had enough variety to suit the 4-person crew.

That was the same craft on which we painted, in large letters, IS THIS TRIP REALLY NECESSARY? When the captain saw the sign it was ordered removed along with Angela et al.

That is the last I saw of her until she showed up on the tube in a whodunit. I thought she disappeared in the Pacific.

If she had have been lost in the Pacific I bet she never would have allowed anyone to find Gilligan Island.

Letters to editor

Easement concerns

I can't believe that some residents of the Deerwood subdivision are so insensitive that they put their personal convenience ahead of the health, safety and welfare of their neighbors...who deal with the unsafe practices every day of motorized vehicles racing dangerously close to their homes on a township easement.

Concerned
(Name withheld by request)

Belated thanks

A belated thank you again this year as our Clarkston volunteer medical people and fire department medical team serve our community once again.

During each varsity and junior varsity football game, when a player is injured we can rely on prompt and efficient medical support.

Not every community our teams compete with enjoys this service.

Thank you: Dr. James O'Neill, Dr. Daniel Bielak, Maureen Brandow, Mike Therriault, Chief Frank Ronk and Clarkston Fire Department Emergency Medical Unit.

Thank you very much,
Mike and Brian Galley

Sincere support

We offer a sincere thank you to Bob Lund, Duane Stuk and the Clarkston Athletic Booster Club for giving their time and help at the Steve Fraser Wrestling Clinic, hosted by the Clarkston High School Wrestling Team on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Concerned parents and supportive community volunteers such as you make it possible for good things to happen for our kids.

Greg Gwisdalla, Dave Stobbe, coaches
Paul Tungate, athletic director

Flag flying plea

The sun has set on the old, old, old Independence Township Bored (sic) and it is a relief to many people living in the township.

I hope we will never again have continued local government failure to fly the Stars and Stripes as dedicated to those soldiers who gave time and lives to maintain the freedoms we now have.

Don't (sic) this group we had in office know it is

legal to fly the flag on Memorial and Veterans Day? They should, we have about a half-dozen alleged attorneys involved in local government.

Well, as we all know from past experience, when elected government officials are busy they often forget the people who gave their lives for our country.

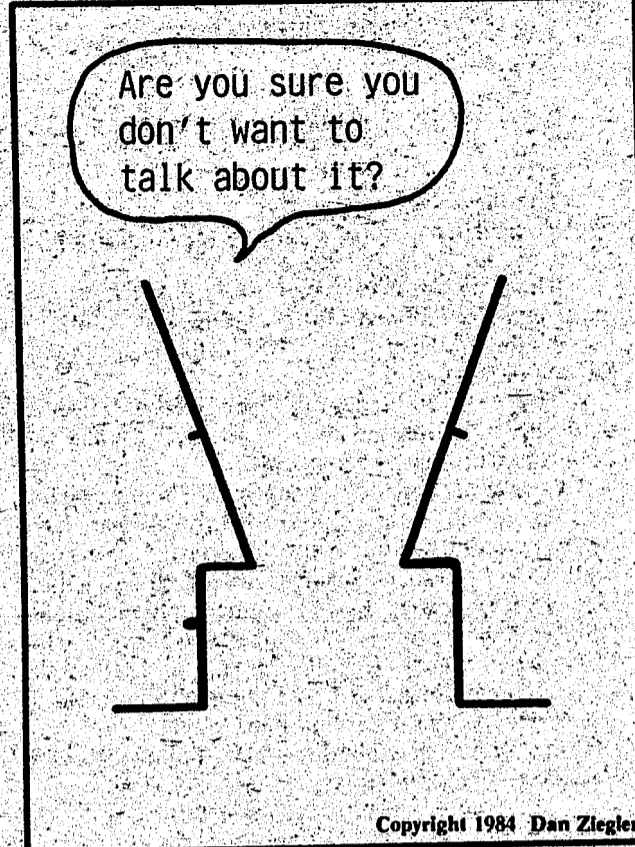
Maybe we are expecting too much from them. It was not too long ago they had to spend ten grand or more to obtain basic information on the difference between a fire hose and a garden hose when fighting a house fire.

I don't believe our next leader will be so grossly indifferent to flying the flag on days dedicated to the memory of our dead and the living who served our country. There is no question in my mind that he knows the difference between a fire hose and a garden hose.

In closing, I will answer one of the statements most frequently made in answer to the gross failure to fly the flag. The statement was, "Well, it was a holiday and nobody was around."

Those of us who are veterans served under that flag night and day with no annual pay raise and we couldn't miss a roll call without discipline or a court martial.

Lucky Fletcher



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Guest editorial

Beginning of final stages

Has alcohol affected your life

This is the third in a series of three guest editorials designed to encourage participation in the Nov. 30 Clarkston Drink-out sponsored by the Chemical People of Clarkston, a group dedicated to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among local youngsters. A drink-out is a 24-hour period when you voluntarily refrain from taking any alcohol or chemicals.

By Judy Labash

You've answered the first 20 questions in the drinking test developed by the National Council on Alcoholism over the past two weeks, those of the early stage and middle stage. Next, comes the beginning of the final stage:

21. Do you sometimes have the "shakes" in the morning and find that it helps to have a little drink?

22. Have you recently noticed that you cannot drink as much as you once did?

23. Do you sometimes stay drunk for several days at a time?

24. Do you sometimes feel very depressed and wonder whether life is worth living?

25. Sometimes after periods of drinking, do you see or hear things that aren't there?

26. Do you feel terribly frightened after you have been drinking heavily?

If some yes answers were given for any of the 26 questions, this indicates SOME of the symptoms that MAY indicate alcoholism. Several yes answers in the same category indicates you may be in that state of alcoholism.

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'If it Fitz . . .'

Newspaper conspiracy?

Jim Fitzgerald



"In Detroit, there is a conspiracy among members of the legal system to harass the spouses of newspaper columnists."

That's what I told my wife when she asked why the law had forced her to waste half a valuable day in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. She was summoned for jury duty in Recorder's Court but was never put on the jury. She had to sit there and do nothing when she could have been home preparing for the invasion of 20 Thanksgiving guests the next day. "If your sister sees dust on my furniture, I am going to sue the court," she told me.

It was, of course, dumb of me to suggest that she was a victim of an anti-media conspiracy hatched within the local legal system. But this seems to be the season for making dumb suggestions, and I like to be fashionable.

Harold Shapiro, chairman of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, suggested Tuesday that there was a conspiracy among members of the news media to write negative things about the crime situation in Detroit. He really did.

IT IS DUMB, of course, to suggest that reporters and editors get together on Monday and conspire to write and broadcast negative things about whatever happens on

Tuesday. That is the same as saying that sportswriters, before the World Series began, held a secret meeting and plotted to write positive things about Kirk Gibson, no matter how he played.

The content of the news, and the editorial comment upon it, is determined mostly by what's happening. What's happening lately in Detroit, crime-wise, is negative. And negative news is often news simply because it is unusual—the old tree-wets-dog cliché. When crime becomes as usual everywhere as it is in some neighborhoods, an un stolen car will be frontpage news, and we'll all be in deep excrement.

That is a fact so obvious it shouldn't be necessary to state it. It is also a fact that negative crime news is more likely to turn positive when it is regularly exposed to the light of public wrath. A police commissioner, of all people, should realize that. Harold Shapiro should get a new job, perhaps working for the Pollyanna Press. He could write such positive headlines as: "123,456 Children Not Shot in School Today."

But I don't mean to suggest that the media are perfect and only police commissioners are contributing to this season of dumb suggestions. Columnist Bob

Talbert—swearing he was dead serious—just suggested that our criminals be hung in public, in front of TV cameras, without benefit of trial. Talbert said that would scare the crooks out of town. Me too.

AS FOR MY WIFE being the victim of a legal-system conspiracy against columnists' spouses, it was a dumb suggestion because what happened to her also happened to over 100 other people who aren't married to columnists. They all spent the same morning together in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, doing absolutely nothing to earn the \$15 each plus mileage that taxpayers must pay them.

It was explained to me that, because defendants often change their minds at the last minute, there's no foolproof way to predict exactly how many jurors will be needed on any given day, and it's cheaper to summon too many than to postpone trials because there aren't enough.

You can believe that if you want to. But I suggest that Recorder's Court judges are conspiring to isolate all citizens inside the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice forever, thereby solving Detroit's crime problem by preventing positive people from reading negative headlines.

27 girls vie for Jr. Miss title

The day is drawing nearer for the 27 Clarkston High School senior girls vying for scholarships in the Clarkston Junior Miss Program.

The program is split into two nights, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the event in the CHS Little Theatre are \$5 for one night or \$8 for both.

The girls will be judged on physical fitness, scholastic achievement and talent. Over \$4,000 has been raised for cash scholarships.

Competing for the title are Kim Thomas, Nicole Adkins, Julie Pescar, Sarah Harthun, Dawnaree DeBoer, Jenny Price, Kelly Haskins, Karen McClellen, Beth Galley, Susan Haase, Kathy Schebor, Lisa Hofer, Karen Knott, Cindy Carroll, Elaine Quigley, Cindy Sams, Tracy Smallwood, Liz Darby, Cindy Law, Susan Colwell, D'Ann Wright, Kelly Molter, Inger Nelson, Chris Little, Margaret McInnis, Wendy Wollerman, and Kim May.

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Student corner Clarkston High School

School judgment days

by Susan Colwell



Every seven years, the North Central Evaluation Team comes to Clarkston Senior High. Its purpose is to evaluate various aspects of the school to see where improvements have been made and what areas are lacking.

For the past two years, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hanson and Mrs. Pat MacArthur have co-chaired the task of preparing for the evaluation. Members of the team visited the school on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

The evaluation is broken into three areas. The first is non-curricular. This review deals with the general condition of the school and the overall cleanliness. It also investigates the various student activities, those extracurricular events such as assemblies, dances and after-school programs.

The second part deals with the curricular aspects of the school, academic areas involving the various classes and teachers. Department heads, with the help of other members in the department, write up reports for these two areas.

The third is composed of individual reports. Each teacher must validate individual credentials and must evaluate his or her own skills and accomplishments.

The main task of the North Central Evaluation

Team is to read the reports written about the school and to verify their contents.

The team returns its own evaluation of our school to the North Central main office and results are returned to us in about two months.

If Clarkston Senior High is found to have high standards in most areas, it is accredited. Colleges look at graduates from accredited schools as ones who have received a high level of education.

The evaluation also prompts some action that has been needed, such as the recent remodeling of a science lab room and the addition of an access ramp to one of the staircases.

Most importantly, the evaluation provides an opportunity for teachers to sit down and discuss good and bad points of our school. It is a time to share ideas and plan short- and long-term goals.

By seeing what has been accomplished and what can be improved upon, it brings about a better attitude of our school. In this way, both students and faculty benefit from the North Central evaluation.

Susan Colwell is a senior at Clarkston High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and student government.

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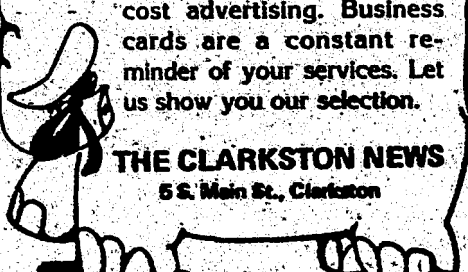
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Cougar comments

Contrasts

Monica Miles



With the holidays nearing, many people are doing their special shopping early.

When I think of holiday shopping, I am reminded of how different I am from my mom.

She loves to do her shopping early, while I just love to procrastinate and wait until it's almost too late.

She really dislikes winter because of the cold, but I like the cold because without the cold there would be no snow, which I need in order to ski.

She doesn't like being snowed in, while I love it. Not only do I miss school, but the very thought of being practically cut off from the rest of the world seems like an adventure.

The only bad thing about winter is when an exceptionally bad blizzard knocks out the power and I can't watch my favorite TV programs.

Hmmm. Maybe someday I'll learn the fine art of disliking Michigan winters.

Monica Miles, a ninth-grader at Sashabaw Junior High School, is working with The Clarkston News as part of the school's mentorship program.

Alcohol can affect your life

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If all no answers were given we may feel we are not affected and have no reason to be involved. Unfortunately we are all involved and our pocketbooks will prove it.

Here are just a few of the never-ending examples of how alcohol affects each of us:

Non-productive employees, either absent or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs while on the job, resulting in higher cost of the product and higher cost of health insurance for many corporations and their employees.

Increased costs of automobile and home insurance based on accidents, burglaries and fires, many of which are alcohol or drug related.

Increased educational costs, a result of additional staff persons in statewide and local educational systems who act as police in and on the school grounds as well as staff working with the chemically dependent students.

Tax dollars used for treatment of indigent persons. Federal and state money fund local and statewide agencies that provide treatment for chemically dependent persons.

The examples could continue pointing out to each of us that no one is immune from the problem of chemical dependency.

It is, however, a treatable disease. We can do something about this problem by taking charge of our lives and having a voice about the future and the

future of our children and grandchildren.

We have started taking charge by participating in the Drinking Test series—we can continue being in charge by participating in the Drink-out on Nov. 30.

Be involved—because we care join in by not drinking from 8 a.m. Nov. 30 through 8 a.m. Dec. 1. The life you save may be your own!

Judy Labash, a member of the Chemical People of Clarkston, owns a management consultant business. She works with rehabilitation centers in program development and on accreditation standards for hospitals.

Here comes Santa

Santa Claus is in town!

He's at the Clarkston Mills Mall, 20 W. Washington, Clarkston, Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 22.

This weekend boys and girls can visit the Jolly Old Elf from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

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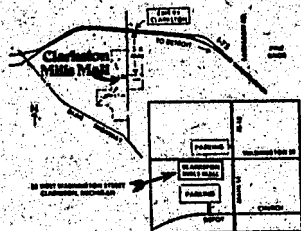
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Tickets for the tour are \$5 for adults, \$4 seniors and \$3 children. They may be purchased at the school the day of the walk.

At the school, a bake sale and hot cider will be available at the Christmas art and craft show. Entertainment includes caroling by a women's choral group and sleigh rides in the country.

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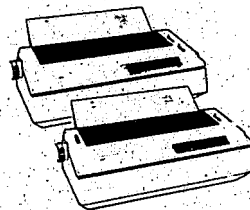
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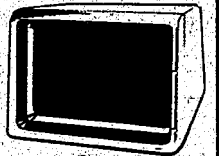
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Dear Cat Paw:
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Dear Not Signed:
Very! Your friend is involved in "polydrug" use. Most of the information we have about polydrugs comes from kids with problems serious enough to bring them to drug clinics or treatment centers. Multiple drug use brings multiple problems. Polydrugs are involved in one-third of all drug deaths. Alcohol can more than hold its own among other drugs in terms of negative effects. Its active ingredient is ethyl alcohol, a drug that depresses the central nervous system. The health hazards associated with heavy drinking would fill a dictionary of diseases. The use of marijuana is not safe, especially for adolescents. Adolescents are still growing physically, mentally and socially. Marijuana interferes with the

normal development of this growth. THC from marijuana is fat soluble and remains in the brain of the user up to 60 days. This THC accumulates in the brain each time the user smokes. No one knows when the buildup is large enough to send that person over the edge to the point of no return. Research has demonstrated that a wide range of mental abilities including thought, speech, reading comprehension, attention span, problem solving and others are lower in marijuana smokers.

Dear Cat Paw:
Where can you get treatment for cocaine?
From Unknown

Dear Unknown:
I presume you mean treatment for cocaine use. If you do not want to call any of our local drug treatment clinics, call the TEEN HELPCARD number, 1-800-552-1183. It's free and will give you the information you need. Good luck!

Dear Cat Paw:
Where do the drug dealers get their drugs from if the drug is illegal?
Concerned in Clarkston

Dear Concerned:
The drugs are passed through the hands of the underworld. Every kid who uses drugs is rubbing shoulders with criminals.

Dear Cat Paw:
My mom is an alcoholic. I've heard that the per-

son must admit it to herself before anyone can help. What can I do? It's breaking up our whole family.
Disturbed Daughter

Dear Disturbed Daughter:
Look in the phone book for the nearest Alateen meeting. Go and don't miss. Alateen is for teenagers whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. You will learn about alcoholism, you will gain strength and hope and not blame yourself for your mother's involvement. Have your father attend Al-Anon. It will give him the strength he needs also. They will answer all your questions.

To ask questions about drugs or alcohol, write C.A.T. P.A.W. in care of The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016. Letters need not be signed.

Editor's note: The author of C.A.T. P.A.W. is Jeanette Sanders, co-chairperson of The Chemical People of Clarkston, a group devoted to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among youth in the community.

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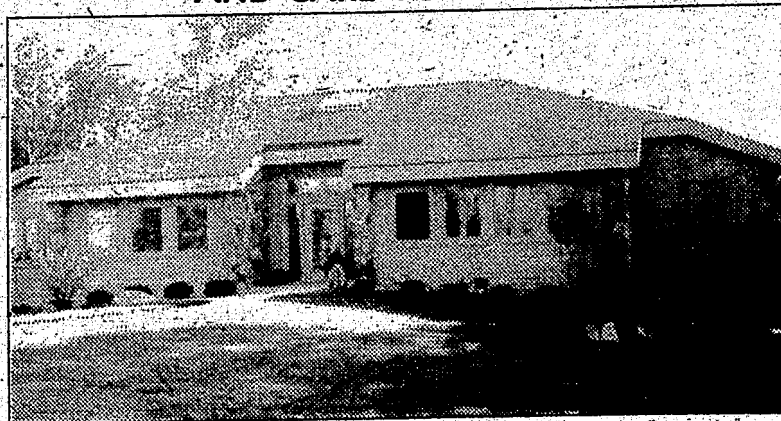
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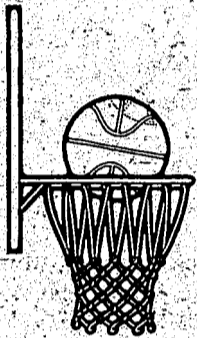
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Sports schedule

Basketball

Clarkston Varsity & Jr. Varsity Basketball 1984-85

Dec. 7	Catholic	A	6:00
Dec. 11	Milford	H	6:15
Dec. 14	Pontiac Central	A	6:00
Dec. 18	Davison	H	6:15
Jan. 4	Lake Orion	A	6:00
Jan. 8	Avondale	A	6:15
Jan. 11	Kettering	A	6:15
Jan. 15	W. Bloomfield	H	6:15
Jan. 18	Mott	A	6:00
Jan. 22	Adams	A	6:15
Jan. 25	Pontiac Northern	H	6:15
Jan. 29	Lakeland	A	6:00
Feb. 1	Avondale	H	6:15
Feb. 5	Rochester	H	6:15
Feb. 8	Lake Orion	H	6:15
Feb. 12	Andover	H	6:15
Feb. 15	Kettering	A	6:00
Feb. 22	Mott	A	6:15
Feb. 26	Lahser	A	6:15
Mar. 1	Pontiac Northern	A	6:00



Clarkston Jr. High Basketball 1984-85

Dec. 10	Pierce	A	6:30
Dec. 17	Mason	A	6:30
Dec. 20	Lapeer	H	7:00
Jan. 7	Crary	A	6:30
Jan. 9	Lakeland	H	7:00
Jan. 17	Sashabaw Jr. High	H	7:00
Jan. 21	Lake Orion	H	7:00
Jan. 23	Milford	H	7:00
Jan. 29	Pierce	H	7:00
Feb. 4	Mason	H	7:00
Feb. 6	Lakeland	A	7:00
Feb. 11	Rochester West	A	4:00
Feb. 13	Crary	H	7:00
Feb. 19	Reuther	H	7:00
Feb. 21	Sashabaw Jr. High	A	7:00
Feb. 25	Lake Orion	A	6:00
Feb. 27	Milford	A	7:00



Sashabaw Junior High Basketball 1984-85

Dec. 11	Crary	H	7:00
Dec. 14	Lakeland	H	6:00
Dec. 17	Pierce	A	6:30
Dec. 20	Lapeer East	A	7:00
Jan. 8	Lake Orion	A	4:00
Jan. 10	Milford	H	7:00
Jan. 15	VanHoosen	H	7:00
Jan. 17	Clarkston Jr. High	A	7:00
Jan. 24	Mason	H	7:00
Jan. 28	Crary	A	6:30
Jan. 30	Milford	A	7:00
Feb. 7	Pierce	H	7:00
Feb. 14	Lake Orion	H	7:00
Feb. 21	Clarkston Jr. High	H	7:00
Feb. 25	Mason	A	6:30
Feb. 27	Lakeland	A	7:00



Volleyball

Varsity Volleyball 1984-85

Jan. 7	Mott	H	6:30
Jan. 9	Avondale	A	6:30
Jan. 12	Andover	A	7:00
Jan. 14	Kettering	A	7:00
Jan. 16	Lake Orion	H	6:00
Jan. 26	JV Waver.	A	10:00
Jan. 28	Salem In.	A	10:00
Jan. 30	Pontiac Northern	A	6:30
Jan. 30	Brighton	H	6:00
Feb. 2	Grand Blanc	A	6:00
Feb. 4	Mott	A	7:00
Feb. 7	Lapeer West	A	5:00
Feb. 9	JV Inv.	H	9:00
Feb. 9	Brandon	A	5:00
Feb. 11	Kettering	H	6:30
Feb. 13	Lake Orion	A	6:00
Feb. 16	Var. Inv.	H	9:00
Feb. 18	Oxford	A	7:00
Feb. 20	Pontiac Northern	H	6:30
Feb. 25	Lakeland	H	6:00

Clarkston Junior High Volleyball 1984-85

Jan. 7	Lapeer East	H	6:00
Jan. 11	Rochester West	A	4:00
Jan. 14	Oxford	A	6:00
Jan. 16	Lake Orion	H	6:00
Jan. 21	W. Bloomfield	A	4:00
Jan. 24	Sashabaw	H	6:00
Jan. 28	Andover	H	6:00
Jan. 30	Lapeer West	H	6:00
Feb. 1	Reuther	A	4:00
Feb. 4	Sashabaw	A	6:00
Feb. 5	Lapeer East	A	4:30
Feb. 6	Lake Orion	A	4:00
Feb. 12	VanHoosen	H	6:00
Feb. 14	Oxford	H	6:00
Feb. 18	Kimball	A	4:00
Feb. 19	Lapeer West	A	4:30
Feb. 26	Lahser	H	6:00

Sashabaw Junior High Volleyball 1984-85

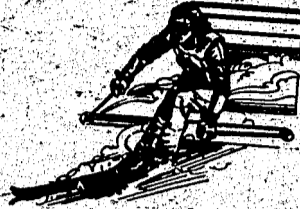
Jan. 8	Rochester West	H	6:00
Jan. 11	Lake Orion	A	4:00
Jan. 14	Andover	A	4:00
Jan. 16	Lapeer West	H	6:00
Jan. 18	Reuther	H	6:00
Jan. 21	Kimball	A	4:00
Jan. 24	Clarkston	A	6:00
Jan. 29	VanHoosen	A	4:00
Jan. 31	Lapeer East	H	6:00
Feb. 4	Clarkston	H	6:00
Feb. 6	West Bloomfield	H	6:00
Feb. 12	Lake Orion	H	6:00
Feb. 13	Lapeer East	A	4:30
Feb. 18	Oxford	H	6:00
Feb. 20	Lapeer West	A	4:30
Feb. 26	Oxford	A	6:00
Feb. 28	Lahser	A	6:00

Skating

Clarkston Skating 1985

Jan. 7	Lake Orion	H	4:00
Jan. 10	Lahser	H	4:00
Jan. 15	Pontiac Catholic	H	4:00
Jan. 21	Rochester Adams	H	4:00
Jan. 23	Rochester	H	4:00
Jan. 29	Our Lady of the Lakes	H	4:00
Jan. 31	Country Day	H	4:00
Feb. 5	Andover	H	4:00
Feb. 7	Division (a.m.)	H	9:00

Feb. 14	Regional (a.m.)	H	9:00
Feb. 20	League (a.m.)	A	9:00
Feb. 25	State (a.m.)	A	9:00



Wrestling

Wrestling 1984-85

Dec. 6	Milford	A	6:00
Dec. 8	Grand Blanc	A	8:00
Dec. 12	Pontiac Catholic	A	4:00
Dec. 19	Bishop Foley	A	5:30
Dec. 21	Oak Co.	A	5:30
Dec. 22	Oak Co.	A	5:30
Jan. 5	Plymouth	A	7:30
Jan. 8	Lakeland	H	6:00
Jan. 10	Mott	H	6:00
Jan. 12	Pontiac Catholic	A	11:00
Jan. 15	Cath. Cen	A	5:30
Jan. 17	Kettering	A	5:30
Jan. 21	W. Bloomfield	H	6:00
Jan. 24	Lake Orion	A	6:30
Jan. 31	Brandon	H	6:00
Feb. 2	Lake Inv.	A	6:00
Feb. 7	Pontiac Northern	H	6:00
Feb. 9	League M.	A	6:00

Clarkston Junior High Wrestling 1984-85

Dec. 13	Pontiac Northern	H	6:00
Dec. 18	Reuther	H	6:00
Dec. 20	Sashabaw	A	6:00
Jan. 8	Beecher	A	4:15
Jan. 10	Avondale	H	6:00
Jan. 15	Webber	H	6:00
Jan. 22	VanHoosen	H	4:00
Jan. 29	Rochester West	H	4:00
Jan. 31	Lake Orion	H	6:00
Feb. 7	Sashabaw	H	6:00
Feb. 12	Lake Orion	A	4:00

Sashabaw Junior High Wrestling 1984-85

Dec. 12	VanHoosen	A	4:15
Dec. 18	Rochester West	H	6:00
Dec. 20	Clarkston	H	6:00
Jan. 10	Reuther	A	4:15
Jan. 15	Lake Orion	A	4:00
Jan. 22	Beecher	H	6:00
Jan. 24	Avondale	A	4:30
Jan. 29	Lake Orion	H	6:00
Feb. 5	Webber	A	4:15
Feb. 7	Clarkston	A	6:00
Feb. 13	Pontiac Northern	H	6:00



HUNTER'S TROPHY: Jeff Farrell proudly displays the buck he downed across from his home on Scott Road, Springfield Township. Farrell bagged the 11-point, 170 pounder, Nov. 18 around 5 p.m. This is the third deer for the 16-year-old Holly High School student in his four years of hunting.

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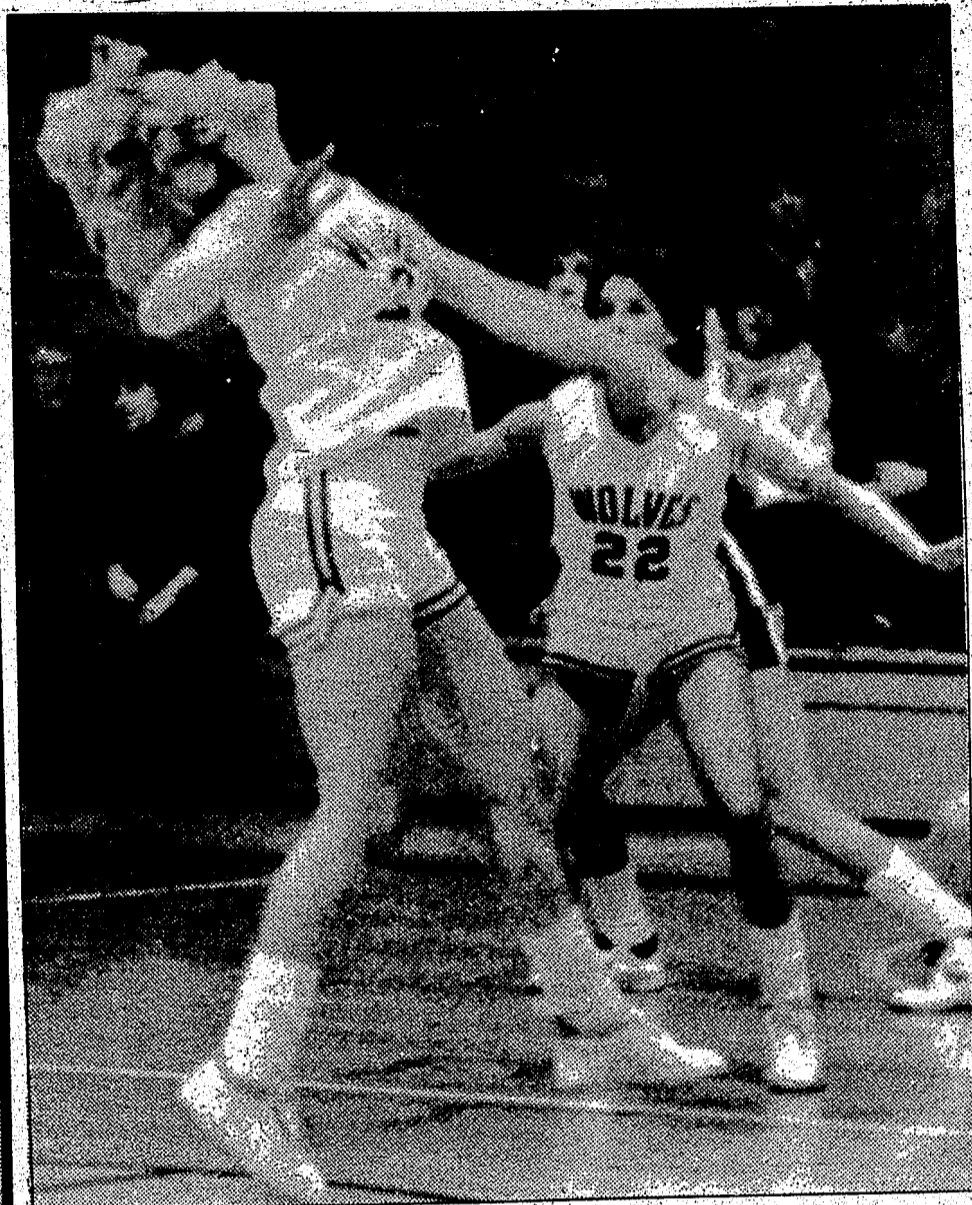
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Wolves push streak to 6 games

Sports



It's heads up for the Wolves' Laura Hurren during the Clarkston-Waterford Mott basketball game.

The rebound goes sailing over Hurren's head during the 53-52 victory for Clarkston.

By Dan Vandenhemel

The streaking Wolves rolled through the regular season and are hoping their momentum carries into the district playoffs.

The latest triumph for the Clarkston High School girls' basketball team was a 53-52 squeaker over Waterford Mott, Nov. 20. Their sixth straight victory gave them a 13-6 season record and a second-place finish in the Greater Oakland Activities League.

Besides the win over Mott, the Wolves gave Kettering its only loss of the season in their previous game. That set up an important match in the district playoffs starting next week.

The Wolves' first game is against Mott, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. The winner will probably meet Kettering in the finals two days later.

"We made the baskets when we needed it."

—Dave McDonald

"Kettering is the favorite but we definitely can beat both of them," Wolves' coach Dave McDonald said.

The game last week against Mott was all Clarkston's in the opening minutes but the Corsairs came back to make it a ball game. The lead flipped back and forth the final quarter with each team battling back with important points.

"Their press hurt us," McDonald said. "We have to be more flexible with it, be able to go with different people. But you've got to give us credit. We made the baskets when we needed it."

That wasn't the case in the first half. The Wolves charged out to a 26-10 lead with about four minutes left in the half before the Corsairs got the ball moving. Clarkston could have put the game out of reach, but instead, Mott tallied the next 12 points to pull within six, 28-22, at the half.

Kim Ottman poured in 20 points for the Wolves in the fifth straight game she's topped 19 points. Michelle Taulbee contributed 12 points while the defense of Laura Hurren, Wendy Learmont and Bridge Kilcline kept the Corsairs off balance.

Bud McGrath league hits court

The opening for the third annual Bud McGrath youth basketball league is getting closer.

Dec. 8 is the first Saturday of the 11-week program in honor of the late Clarkston High School coach and teacher.

The league is open to students in the fourth through eighth grades. Registration forms are in the elementary schools in the Clarkston school district.

The cost is \$20 a person with a reduced rate for additional family members. Each player receives a T-shirt.

The schedules for the league are: fourth-graders at noon, fifth-graders at 1 p.m., sixth-graders at 2 p.m. and seventh- and eighth-graders at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact athletic director Paul Tungate at 625-0906.

Kickers' class

A second session of Tae Kwon Do is being offered through the Clarkston Community Education Department.

The Korean martial art, meaning feet, fist and mind, is to start at Sashabaw Junior High Dec. 6, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The five-week program is open to seventh- through 12th-graders.

This is the first time the program is offered to high school students. The cost is \$12 and the class, taught by seventh-degree black belt Chang Hwang Lee, can hold up to 60 students.

For more information, call 625-7756.

Call for skiers

Cross country skiers who want to help others can volunteer through the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Independence Oaks County Park is looking for people to fill the park's Nordic Ski Patrol.

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For more information about the Nordic Ski Patrol, call Independence Oaks County Park at 625-0877.

Big turnout shocks gold medalist

By Dan Vandenhemel

The Clarkston High School gym was packed with wrestlers and fans of Steve Fraser.

Fraser, a gold medal winner in the 1984 Olympics for Greco-Roman wrestling, was in Clarkston hosting a clinic for students and their parents.

Schools from Oakland and Genessee counties, including CHS and Sashabaw and Clarkston junior highs, with over 120 wrestlers turned out at the seminar Nov. 17.

"He worked real well with the kids," said CHS wrestling coach Greg Gwisdalla. "He was shocked at the turnout we had. Other clinics he's held have had a low turnout."

His Olympic experience and gold medal along with most aspects of high school wrestling were the main topics addressed by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy.

"It was a quality program he put out," Gwisdalla said. "It was very professional. He talked about the diet (and) showed some wrestling moves that would be good for the high school level."



It's autograph time for Olympic gold medal winner Steve Fraser after a wrestling clinic at Clarkston High School.

First trainer aids high school athletes

By Dan Vandenhemel

A crunching tackle could be heard from the sidelines. After the pile of football players separated, one player rolled on the ground in pain.

Within seconds a doctor and Maureen Brandow were on the field looking at the injury.

The doctors assigned to attend the Clarkston High School football games varied, but Brandow was always there. She had to be, as part of her internship through Central Michigan University, Clarkston High School and the Clarkston Family and Sports Medicine Clinic.

This is the first internship in Clarkston for a sports trainer and from Brandow's standpoint, it's been a great learning experience.

"With me being the first trainer here I think it's opened some eyes to the procedures of sports

training," she said. "It's been fun, it's been a very rewarding and educational."

This internship completes the requirements for the 23-year-old Bay City native. She's graduating with from CMU Dec. 15 with a degree in Sports Medicine and Exercise Science. Her last day in Clarkston is Dec. 21.

Not just the football team had her attention. She covered all high school sports teams, and that made things a little difficult at the beginning.

"With only one trainer in the school and all the teams, it was busy—very, very busy," Brandow said with a laugh. "It was a crowded trainer's room."

The room located near the boys' locker room had to be redesigned to accommodate the boys and girls' teams before the school year started.

CHS athletic director Paul Tungate said the pro-

gram in its inaugural tryout was a success.

"We'll have to wait to evaluate the program at the end of the season, but the feedback I'm getting from the coaches is that it's gone well," he said.

With any new system there are going to be little problems, but nothing that couldn't be taken care of, Tungate said.

"We had the nuts and bolts to work around," he said. "We had to set guidelines as to who was supposed to do what. She was busy. There wasn't a day when four or five players weren't waiting outside the training room to see her. She's been very dependable."

Brandow said she's going to miss working in Clarkston.

"It's been great here," she said. "The booster club, the teachers, the coaches and the kids have all been very supportive. I can't say enough about Dr. (Daniel) Bielak and Mike (Therriault of the family and sports clinic). They've been great teachers."

Up My Alley

And such

By Dan Vandenhemel



Tolerance levels vary in everybody. I consider myself very tolerant, very patient.

But sometimes, oh sometimes, certain things send my blood to the top of the thermometer.

Mostly it's little things.

Words tossed on the ends of sentences, you know.

Or maybe an annoying habit of tapping fingers or whistling.

But I'm not one to nag or complain or point fingers and such.

Would someone please tell me what an "and such" is?

That might be the biggest pet peeve I've got, you know.

Another biggy is just tagged on to any question at all.

"You want something for lunch, or what?"

I'll take the "or what" medium rare with french fries, please.

These rank up above some others like smokers blowing smoke in a non-smoker's face or leaving a dying cigarette teetering on the edge of an ashtray.

Like I've said, my tolerance is way up there. Everyone in my family smokes but me. Applause should go out to those who respect non-smokers. A bigger round of applause for those trying to quit.

Gum popping, twirling hair, scuffing feet, sniffing and chewing with your mouth open—place high on the list of hair pulling.

I'm so tolerant, I don't even get mad when my knuckle cracking or whistling bothers someone because I know there's something they're going to do that I'll try to ignore as long as possible.

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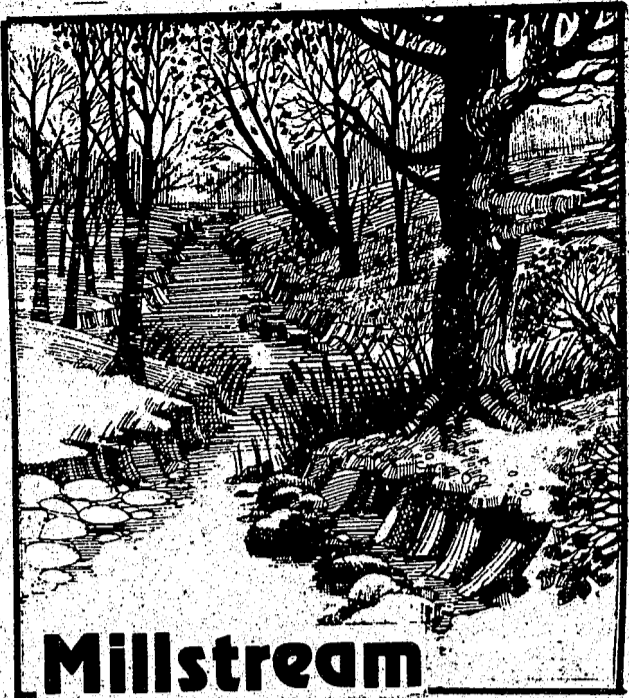
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- LINCOLN PARK** 2815 Dixie, 928-3300
- WAYNE** 31781 Michigan Ave., 722-7300
- LIVONIA** Merriman & 8 Mile Rd., 478-7457



Millstream

Thirteen in ballet

Thirteen Clarkston area ballet students plan to participate in "The Nutcracker" performed by the Michigan Youth Ballet this Christmas season.

Performances are scheduled Saturday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at Novi High School, 10 Mile and Novi roads, two miles south of the Twelve-Oaks Mall. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and can be purchased at the door.

Group rates are available. Call 673-6181 for more information.

Selections of the two-hour ballet will also be performed free of charge on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Oakland County Medical Care Facility in Pontiac; on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15, at 7 p.m. at the MeadowBrook Mall in Rochester; and on Friday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township.

The youth ballet, based in Union Lake, is under the direction of Theresa Lee Narsh.

Clarkston performers are: Cynthia Carroll, Rusty Toth, Donna Cataldo, Amy Poole, David Poole, Monica Schramm, Abby Marsden, Shalae Montney, Cathy Grattan, Jack Wilmot, Robyn Koyl, Adam Koyl and Ben Koyl.

Grad

Jeffrey D. Shull graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology, Phoenix, Ariz., with a diploma in the electronics technician program.

A graduate of Our Lady of the Lakes High School, Shull formerly resided on Bridge Lake Road, Springfield Township.

He has accepted a position with Minolta Business Machines in Phoenix.

Recipe file

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Mary Jane Chaustowich dropped off the recipe for the main dish served at the recent luncheon for the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee and friends.

CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 2 6-oz. boxes Uncle Ben's wild and regular long cooking rice
 - 2 cans mushroom soup
 - 2 cans cream of chicken soup
 - 1 can water
 - 1/2 can milk
 - 1 large can mushrooms, drained
 - 4 chicken breasts cooked and cubed (4 cups)
- Mix and spread in greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for two hours. Serves 12.

Help keep the Recipe File going! Send your favorite recipe to Lorna Bickerstaff, in care of The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016; or stop by the office. We're open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Be sure to include your telephone number in case we have questions.

Vaara, Lewis exchange their vows

In a candlelight, double-ring ceremony, Liisa Vaara and Jeff Lewis were united in marriage at Calvary Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Paul Johns of Philadelphia, the first pastor of Calvary Lutheran, and the Rev. Robert Walters, the present pastor, performed the ceremony Aug. 3.

For her wedding before 285 guests, the bride wore a gown of taffeta with an overlay of organdy. The fitted bodice with illusion neckline was trimmed with Chantilly lace and seed pearls. She chose a Victorian bridal hat to match with an attached fingertip veil.

Her bouquet of catalpa orchids, white roses and stephanotis rested on her mother's white satin Bible, which was her father's wedding gift to her mother.

Jeannie Odell was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters Anne, Ingrid and Tasha Vaara; Jeanette Britt of Clarkston; and Jennie Vidrih of California.

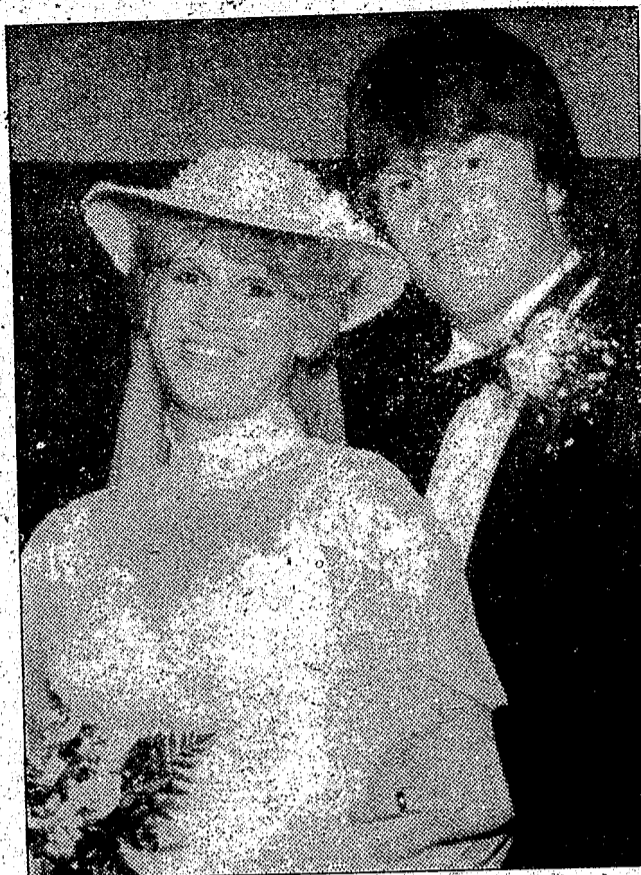
They wore identical taffeta gowns of dusty rose with embroidery-trimmed bodices and large, puffed, off-the-shoulder sleeves. They carried bouquets of lilies and stephanotis. The maid of honor wore a floral wreath in her hair.

Best man was Mike Wiechert of Northville. Groomsmen were Tom Davis, Brett Healy, Joe Tesorero, Mike Morrison and John Buckley.

Music was performed before the ceremony by friends Mary Lou and David Blomquist; Yvonne Lowe; Nancy McGuire; the bride's aunt Lydia Mulder; her cousins Martha, David and John Mulder; and her sister Ingrid.

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung by the bride's uncle, Robert Nickora. The processional, "Trumpet Voluntary," and recessional, "Trumpet Tune" were played by her cousin, David Mulder, accompanied by church organist Nancy McGuire.

Immediately following the service, a dinner-



Newlyweds: Jeff and Liisa Lewis

dance reception was held at Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion.

The newlyweds are residing in Waterford Township. He is employed as an engineer with Multiple Dynamics, and she is employed with Medical Personnel Pool of Michigan.

New arrivals

It's a boy for **Thomas and Elizabeth Azoni** of Kingfisher Lane, Independence Township.

John Thomas weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long when he was born Nov. 16 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Waiting at home for her brother was 2-year-old **Lauren**.

Grandparents are William and Elinor Martin of Rochester, and John and Mary Jo Azoni of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Great-grandmother is Mary Fluke of Ashford, Ohio.

It's a boy for **Jori and Gregory Dixon** of Pontiac. **Justin Lee** weighed in at 10 pounds 3 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Charles and Sandra Verch of Clarkston.

Great-grandparents are Denzil and Louella Lougheed of Clarkston.

The new title of grandparents belongs to **Bob and Betty Key** of Bridge Lake Road, Springfield Township.

Their first grandchild, **Sarah Elizabeth Collins**, was born Nov. 12. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

Her parents are **Dave and Salli Collins** of Orlando, Fla. Salli's a 1974 graduate of Clarkston High School.

At college

Douglas Brian Downey is one of 37 Anderson College, Indiana, students selected to appear in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students are named by campus nominating committees for their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

A graduate of Clarkston High School, Downey is a senior majoring in education. He has been named to the Alpha Chi honor society, the dean's list and the All-Conference tennis team. He is also vice president of the Booster Club.

Downey resides on Snowapple Drive, Independence Township.

Candace Naz is a member of the Albion College Guitar and Saxophone ensemble.

A sophomore music, and economics and management major, she is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Naz of Wellesley Terrace, Independence Township.

She graduated from Waterford Kettering High School in 1983.



Jorgensen-Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jorgensen of Bluegrass Drive, Independence Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, **Susan**, to **Scott Johnson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Johnson of Waterford Township. The bride-to-be graduated from Clarkston High School in 1981. She's majoring in physical therapy at Oakland University, Rochester. Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School. Also a student, he is a computer science major at Oakland Community College. An August 1985 wedding is planned.

Around town

As a community service local events open to the public are printed in Around Town. Two weeks in advance call 625-3370 or write to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016.

Thursday, Nov. 29—Monthly meeting of The Chemical People of Clarkston, a group devoted to prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by youth in the community; 7:30 p.m.; Clarkston school district administration building, 6389 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township. (Fred Baumann, 625-9600)

Saturday, Dec. 1—Newspaper Collection sponsored by the North Oakland Civitan Club; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford Township; tie or bag bundles in paper grocery sacks; no telephone books, catalogs, magazines or cardboard can be accepted; proceeds to provide assistance to various physically and mentally handicapped groups in Oakland County for Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 1—"Pine Cone Christmas" at Independence Oaks County Park; 10 a.m. to noon; covers information on cone-bearing trees and how to construct a pine cone wreath; participants must bring a grocery bag of pine cones—all other materials provided; \$2 a person plus the vehicle park entry fee of \$2.50 for county residents and \$4 for non-residents; advance registration required. (858-0903)

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2—Annual Davisburg Christmas Crafts Fest; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both dates; 59 booths featuring items from handmade wooden toys to quilted pillows; homemade desserts for sale; Springfield Oaks Activities Center, Andersonville at Hall roads, Springfield Township; open house hosted by Springfield Township Historical Society at historic Davis House across the street with sleigh rides to and from the house, and refreshments for sale.

Saturday, Dec. 1—Melissa's Keyboard Classics annual Christmas Recital; 2 p.m.; Drayton Heights Free Methodist Church, Maybee Road at Winnell Street, Independence Township. (623-2455)

Sunday, Dec. 2—"Tis the Season," a 1½-hour walk focusing on the signs of the season at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 10 a.m.; free with park vehicle entry fee; advance registration required: call toll-free 1-800-552-6772)

Wednesday, Dec. 5—Preschool Story Times at the Independence Township Library; 10 and 11 a.m.; free; for 3- to 5-year-olds; short film "Our Wonderful Senses" and a related program of stories, songs and games led by children's librarian Anne Rose; advance registration not required; 6495 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township. (625-2212)

Wednesday, Dec. 5—Holiday Microwave Cooking class offered through the Clarkston schools' Community Education Department; 7 to 9 p.m.; at Clarkston High School, 6595 Middle Lake Rd.; advance registration required. (673-7756 or 625-0904)

Thursday, Dec. 6—American Association of University Women-Waterford Branch meeting; 6:30 p.m.; holiday dinner celebration with entertainment by the Orchard Lake Community Church Chapel Bell Choir; Spring Lake Country Club; all area college graduates may attend; to make reservations, call 623-2096.

Friday through Sunday, Dec. 7, 8 and 9—Country Folk Art Show at Springfield Oaks Activities Center; Friday from 6-9 p.m., admission \$5; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission \$3; more than 85 folk artists from 15 states expected; on Andersonville Road at Hall Road in Springfield Township. (627-4481)

Monday, Dec. 17—Annual Supper with Santa by the Waterford Parks and Recreation Department; 6 to 8 p.m.; dinner served at 6; \$3 a person and \$2 for

children under 4; at the Waterford CAI Building on Williams Lake Road; reservations must be made by Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the parks and recreation office, 5860 Andersonville Rd., Waterford Township; no-refunds. (623-0900)

A caroling party

A few reservations are still available for the annual Caroling Party hosted by the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

This year's festivities will again be held at the Buffalo Street home of Clarence and Sharron Catalo on Friday, Dec. 7, beginning at 8 p.m.

Call Susan Basinger at 625-0976 or Betty Duris at 625-9585 for further information.

Swappers set for sports sale

The annual Winter Sports Swap-N-Sale by the Waterford Parks and Recreation Department is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1.

Hours are 10 a.m. until noon at the Monteith Center, at the corner of Crescent Lake and Hatchery roads.

Items to sell may be dropped off through Friday, Nov. 30, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the recreation office, 5860 Andersonville Rd., or at the Monteith Center on Dec. 1 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Cross country ski equipment sells well. Laced downhill ski boots will not be accepted.

A 15 percent fee is charged for any item sold by the recreation department, or tables may be rented for \$15 by those who wish to sell their own equipment.

For more information, call 623-0900.

AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston 9:30 Church School 11:00 Worship Co-pastors: Jenny H. & William C. Schram Phone 673-3101	CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 4479 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains 9:45 Sunday School 11 Morning Worship 8 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Prayer Worship	GRACE CHAPEL 3041 Reader Road off Clintonville Pontiac, MI Rev. Jim Maddox Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.	MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake Rds. Pastor, David L. Davenport Church Worship 11:00 a.m. School 10:00 a.m. Phone 793-2291 Coffee Hr. & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.	ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7925 Sashabaw Road 625-4644 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Nursery 11 a.m. Rev. Michael Klafehn
CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James E. Balfour Worship & Church School 10 a.m.	ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH Holcomb at Miller Rd. Father Charles E. Cushing Sunday Masses 7:45, 9, 10:30 and 12:00 Sat. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.	NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH 5311 Sunnydale Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Rev. A.T.B. Phillips 674-1112	FIRST CHURCH OF GOD 6300 Clarkston Road Clarkston 625-1323 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Mid-week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Eddie Downey	TEMPLE OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTER for Healing, Learning & Worship Pastor, Rev. John Wilson 8644 Susin Lane off Davisburg Road, 625-4294 Sunday Service 1:00 p.m.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 391-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. Van Dellen	FIRST BAPTIST 5972 Paramus Rev. Clarence Bell Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. Primary Church thru 4th grade Evening Service 7 p.m.	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH INDEPENDENT NEW TESTAMENT Gene Paul, Minister 3248 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) Bible School 9:45; Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00	ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. The New Prayer Book	TRINITY UNITED METHODIST 6440 Maceday Dr., Waterford Rev. T.K. Foo 623-8880 or 623-7064 Sunday School 9 a.m. - all ages Worship 10:30 a.m. Jr. Church & Nursery
OLD FASHIONED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. Omer Brewer 5785 Clarkston Rd. Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Evening Service 7:00	DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH Corner of Winnell and Maybee Rd. Rev. Clancy J. Thompson 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Hour - 8:00 Vespers Wednesday 7 p.m. Family Night	CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 6905 Bluegrass Drive Rev. Robert D. Walters, D. Min. 8:00 a.m. Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday Sunday Church School 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday Nursery at both services	COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH 1688 Crescent Lake Rd. Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Myron Gaul	COMMUNITY (U.S.A.) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Alfred H. Need Sashabaw Rd. at Monroe St. (2 blocks north of Dixie Hwy.) Drayton Plains Phone 673-7805 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Babies thru Adults Worship 11 a.m. - Nursery provided
CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD 54 South Main Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible & Youth 7 p.m. Pastor, Charles Lunaford	FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH 4832 Clintonville Rd. - Phone 673-3638 Services - Sunday Sunday School Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Youth Hour 5 p.m. Gospel Hour 8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.	CROSSROADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 4851 Clintonville Road (Clintonville Trailer Park) Independence Township, Michigan Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 7:00 p.m. Robert Edmondson, Pastor 673-0913	CLARKSTON GOOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 8051 Sashabaw Rd., near Maybee Rd. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Mid-Week Worship Wed. 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Don De Mars 673-6718	SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST Sashabaw at Seymour Lk. Rd. Rev. J. Douglas Paterson Sunday School 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Nursery Provided
LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Orionville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 6:15 p.m. Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study	PENTACOSTAL TABERNACLE 9890 Orionville Rd. Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Thurs. Nite Prayer 7 p.m. Pastor, David McMurray Singing Last Saturday of Month	MT. ZION TEMPLE 4451 Clintonville Rd. 673-2060 Prayer 10 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 Evening Service 8 p.m. Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Loren Covarrubias 674-1415	EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 8 a.m.; 10 a.m. Church & Nursery Using 1928 Prayer Book	SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston 5401 Oak Park, off Maybee Rd. Rev. Beryl Hinz 623-1074 Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m. Silver Tea last Sat. of each month at 2 p.m.
MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 6790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Phillip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.	OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Meeting at the former Silver Lk. Elem. School 3200 Beacham, Pontiac Pastor Robert Lapine 332-6180 Services: 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Sunday 8 p.m. Evening Wed. 7 p.m.	WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH Airport Road at Olympic Parkway Minister of C.E. Russell G. Jeandell Minister of Youth, Dair Hileman Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Service 8:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 Rev. Phillip Whisenhunt, Pastor	MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 5861 Clintonville Rd. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Sunday Evening Wed. 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study Rev. Ben Fulayter, Pastor	ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rd. Davidsburg, MI 48019 Phone 625-6631 Rev. Brad Powell Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Nursery at all services

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Wolverine howls

By Members of the Clarkston Junior High Journalism Class

Ornaments and decorations ordered from Clarkston Junior High School students were expected to arrive last week.

The sale was a fund raiser by the choral department to buy monitors, but profits are not yet known.

We give thanks to all of you neighbors who contributed to our future.

Eighth-graders at Clarkston Junior high were king of the mountain when the ninth-graders were away for a week of camp.

It's hard to believe the absence of one class could make such a difference. The halls weren't crowded; it was much quieter. And mixed classes, like band, chorus and algebra, were practically empty.

Eighth-graders enjoyed the feeling of being the oldest. No one could push them around, until the next week!

As we move into the Christmas season, we at Clarkston Junior High hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful.

This week's column was written by Ann McClellan.

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SYNOPSIS INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD November 13, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Supervisor Smith. Roll Call: Present: Holman, Kozma, Ritter, Smith, Stuart, Travis, Vandermark. Absent: None. There is a quorum.

1. Approval of motion to approve the agenda as presented.
2. Approval of motion to table approval of minutes of October 16, 1984.
3. Approval of payment of bills amounting to \$145,173.11 the motion carried unanimously.
4. Approval of motion to table the matter of the forty acre levy site.
5. Approval of motion to authorize the Township Attorney to initiate litigation expeditiously and to notify Mr. Murdoch of the Board's willingness to listen to a presentation regarding his animals.
6. Approval of motion to send a letter of thanks to members of the Solid Waste Committee for their efforts.
7. Approval of motion to table consideration of the Deer Wood easements and direct the Township Attorney to investigate further and report back to the Board.
8. Approval of motion to recommend to the Oakland County Road Commission the installation of a post and rail at the end of Peach Drive.
9. Approval of motion to refer the Zoning Ordinance Text amendments back to the Planning Commission.
10. Approval of motion to authorize the Township Supervisor and Building and Planning Director to further investigate the feasibility of acquiring the Stolaruk Property.
11. Approval of motion to adjourn the time being 10:01 p.m.

Richard A. Holman, Clerk

Board ponders \$3,000 option

By Carolyn Walker

A three-month extension on the option to buy 40 acres of land owned by the Edward C. Levy Co. will cost Independence Township \$3,000.

Board members, undecided about making the financial commitment, voted 7-0 at last week's meeting to table the issue until Dec. 5.

The property is part of the 300-acre gravel mine proposed by the Levy Co. and denied by the state Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers in 1983.

Supervisor Frank Ronk said he would like to see

the money go toward the purchase price, should the township decide to buy the property.

"That is not a large figure to protect us," he said. "We should exercise the option."

Trustee William Vandermark elaborated. "That parcel is very attractive to mining," he said. "The township has tied the property up, hoping the county would buy it to add to the Independence Oaks County Park."

Board members plan to review other possibilities, such as extending the option to six months, according to Clerk Richard Holman.

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Taken by Independence Township Board
November 20, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ronk at the Independence Township Hall Annex. Present: Balzarini, Holman, Lutz, Ronk, Stuart, Vandermark. Mr. Travis arrived at 7:35 p.m.

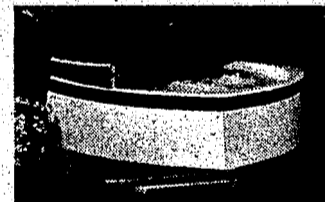
1. Approval of motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Township Resignations under "New Business".
2. Approval of motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 1984, of the Township Board as presented.
3. Approval of motion to deny payment to Oakland County DPW for their invoice totaling \$2,761.
4. Approval of motion to table consideration of the Levy Property Purchase agenda item.
5. Approval of motion to appoint Carol Balzarini as the Township Board appointee to the Planning Commission.
6. Approval of motion to appoint John Lutz to the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Township appointee to that board.
7. Approval of motion to accept the resignation of Frank Ronk as Fire Chief.
8. Approval of motion to appoint Capt. Bailey as interim Fire Chief.
9. Approval of motion to accept the resignation of Fred Ritter from the Cablecasting Board.
10. Approval of motion to accept the resignation of Larry Kozma from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
11. Approval of motion to adjourn, the time being 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department reacclimate two veteran German shepherds to the hustle of village life, while a third, a 13-week-old pup, touches his paws to the sidewalk for the first time. From left are Deputy Dennis Finney, Deputy Damon Shields and Deputy Mike Wickham.

Dogs get on track in downtown Clarkston

By Marilyn Trumper

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department chose the Village of Clarkston to reacclimate two veteran tracking dogs to hustle and bustle, and give a German shepherd-pup trainee his first look at life from sidewalks.

For a couple of hours in mid-November, uniformed deputies stopped sidewalk traffic when curious passersby asked questions and petted the puppy.

Pepper, a 13-week-old purebred shepherd, was

donated to the department by a Shelby Township breeder.

"This is the first time he's ever been on a lead," said trainer Deputy Damon Shields.

With that, Pepper cried and came to a halt, afraid to cross Main Street.

Shields carried her.

Eric, 19 months, and 2-year-old Metchka, which means bear in Russian, were donated by the same Shelby breeder and successfully completed the department's 14 week, 480 hour tracking course.

The dogs are adopted by their owner/trainer and become part of the deputy's family.

Training begins typically between 9 months and a year and the dogs are used to track lost children and suspected felons, to seal a room and prevent escapes and to search buildings.

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Obituaries

James W. Fleishans

James W. Fleishans, 50, of Springfield Township died Nov. 16. He was employed at Price Brothers Co. He was the husband of Frances; son of Helen Fleishans of Hazel Park; father of James Jr. of Highland, Linda Meser of Illinois and Roger of Clarkston; grandfather of Christine Fleishans; and brother of George of Warren, William of Berkley, Richard of Hazel Park, Gerald of Sterling Heights, Charles of Hazel Park, Leonard of Hazel Park, Robert Koss of Hazel Park, Walter Koss of Warren and Mrs. James (Margaret) Logan of Hazel Park. The funeral service was held Nov. 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Independence Township. Burial followed in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Independence Township. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Gill F. Roddewig

Gill F. Roddewig, 88, of Independence Township died Nov. 16. He was a retired engineer from General Motors Corp. Truck & Coach. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac, BPOE No. 810 of Pontiac and the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was the husband of Ethel; father of Jerry of Novi, James of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert Lemaux of Korea; grandfather of eight; and great-grandfather of two. The funeral service was held Nov. 19 at the Goyette Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. Lloyd Brasure officiating. Burial followed in Crescent Hills Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac.

Doris M. Tischler

Doris M. Tischler, 72, of Independence Township died Nov. 26. A former bookkeeper at O'Brien Heating in Pontiac, she was a member of the Keego Harbor Baptist Church. She was the wife of Ralph; mother of Albert Cook of Buckley, Edwin Lapham of Saline and Mrs. Larry (Lois) Powell of Florida; grandmother of six; great-grandmother of one; and sister of Pauline Smith of Florida. The funeral service is to be held Thursday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home with the Rev. Dwight Young officiating. Burial is to follow in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Independence Township.

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Terry Deacon's magic

'Dancing' with a weaver's loom

By Carolyn Walker

Terry Deacon's hands pass silently back and forth over her loom, while her feet tap a gentle rhythm on the treadles. She is weaving a scarf...and a little bit of magic.

The small, dark work room's lone occupants, two



Terry Deacon models her ruana. A South American style cape, it can be worn with or without a coat.

looms, sit side by side. Terry is seated at one of them: a solid cherry Norwood loom.

Gretchen, her white Samoyed Husky, lies close. Terry reaches over and gives the dog a pat as she discusses her love for weaving.

"I began weaving in 1977. My first real good experience was with Polly Hanson in the Clarkston Community Education Department," she says.

"At first the loom looked terribly complicated. But it's not something to be afraid of. You don't weave wrong, just differently. Everything can be used."

She runs her hand affectionately over the frame. "It's sort of like sitting and dancing with yourself," she says.

Preparing for the actual weaving involves many steps. Synthetic and natural yarns must be dyed, if desired, washed and dried before weaving can begin.

It then takes Terry one to two hours to warp (wind) the yarn onto the loom. Yarn must also be wound around the boat shuttle, which is passed over and under the threads on the loom.

"My projects require varying amounts of time," Terry says. "A scarf, for example, requires about one hour of time followed by hem stitching."

In addition to scarves, Terry weaves rugs, South

American capes called ruanas, chenille tops, placemats and dolls.

She sells many of her items at her Heritage Weavers booth at the Clarkston Renaissance Festivals each summer.

She admits, however, that it is sometimes difficult to part with her favorite pieces, such as the dolls.

"You give them faces and they sort of come to life," she says. "You get attached."

Terry spends the winter and summer months weaving in preparation for the festival.

This year, in addition to the Renaissance Festival, Terry plans to sell her wares at the Davisburg Christmas Crafts Festival on Dec. 1 and 2 at the Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Center.

Terry plans to demonstrate her art at the show as well.

As Gretchen gets up and wanders casually to another room, Terry is reminded of a second talent.

"I spin, too," she says.

Pulling a box of dog fur from a corner, she winds it on a spinning wheel and sets it in motion, explaining as she goes. "I think Gretchen's fur will be mittens one day."

It's part of the magic.



Terry explains the workings of the treadles and boat shuttle as she weaves a scarf. The final step takes about one hour. Additional time is spent dyeing yarn and warping the loom.

Find her wares at Christmas Fest

The historic country village of Davisburg will be recreated at this year's annual Davisburg Christmas Crafts Festival on Dec. 1 and 2 in the Springfield Oaks Activities Center.

Handcrafted items will be created by the exhibitors and sold from storefronts, according to Joyce Hovis, show coordinator.

Some storefronts will be replicas of historic buildings, such as The Davisburg Home, the Davisburg Post Office, and the Holly Hotel.

Sponsored by the Neighbors for Neighbors organization, the show will feature over 59 craft-makers and exhibitors.

Woodcrafts, ceramics, and handwoven baskets are just some of the many items that will be sold.

Tinsmiths, woodcarvers, weavers, wool spinners and other craftmakers will be displaying their talents.

In addition, the Davisburg Scotties will sell homemade deserts and tickets.

The Davisburg Historical Society will hold an open house at the Davis House across the road from the center during the hours of the festival. Sleighs and wagons will be available to transport visitors to and from the building.

Other attractions include prize drawings and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Show hours Saturday and Sunday are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Springfield Oaks is located on Andersonville Road at Hall Road in Davisburg.

For more information, call 625-5369.

Merchants ponder holiday season

Overall, shopowners expect 10-20% increase in sales

By Carolyn Walker

Local merchants are weathering the fallout of a turbulent year as they anticipate the holiday shopping season.

Some have noticed a decline in sales in the wake of elections, strikes and high interest rates. They feel this trend will continue through the Christmas holidays. Others feel the economy has improved, resulting in increased sales.

According to Mike MacQueen, owner of Dee's Boutique on Sashabaw Road, this year's GM strike had a slowing effect on local sales. MacQueen said consumers are confused by the state of the economy.

"I'm a little bit skeptical," he says. "I feel the consumers' debt saturation point will be reached about Christmas time."

Jack Christie, owner of Christie's in the

Clarkston Mills Mall, agrees. He said the current downward trend began in June as the result of automobile strikes and the uncertainty of the election year.

Local businesses are struggling to compete with large department stores, which in some cases are offering sales with up to 50-percent price cuts. Clarkston area merchants are using more aggressive sales promotions in an effort to move merchandise.

Some local merchants, however, feel sales are improving, as they do every year at this time. Sandra Zuke of True Value Hardware hopes to double her business this year.

Overall, shopowners contacted by The Clarkston News said they expect to see increases of about 10-20 percent over previous Christmases.

"The beginning of the year was good, and there

has been a steady progression of sales increases," says Rosemary Lilienthal of The Clothes Tree on Dixie Highway. "People aren't hesitating as much as they did."

Jan Sutton and Marguerite Sonia, owners of the Daisy Chain in Clarkston Corners, agree.

"Business has been very, very good," says Sutton. "The economy has improved and people in Clarkston are very loyal."

Owners of some local businesses see varying trends in sales as the economy fluctuates. Sales improve each year, according to Sandra Bruce of Country Cords.

"People put their children first, even when times are difficult," she says.

Janet Drake, salesperson at Creative Bookstore

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PROFILE

Michaelene adds crunch to the 'American dream' theory

By Kathy Greenfield

Once a week Michaelene Hearn whips up a batch of 75 to 125 pounds of granola.

She works in the dark of night, from 8 to 11:30, in the Village Bakeshop's kitchen, which she rents for her budding business venture.

Her product carries her name: Michaelene's Nutty Granola. It's sold in 1-pound packages at several local stores—the bakeshop, Ritter's, Food Town, Simply Natural and Christine's Deli—and by the bulk at produce stores in St. Clair Shores, Warren and Sterling Heights.

Mother of four, teacher of Lamaze and exercise classes for pregnant women, and occupational therapist on leave, Michaelene's found yet another way to keep herself busy.

"I find that all the things I do are really gratifying," she said.

She developed the granola recipe about nine years ago and started making large batches for home use about four-and-one-half years ago.

But the push to market her product came when she received notice that her pregnancy leave with the Waterford School District was up and she had to return to work.

"I still have two little kids at home. I didn't want to do that," she said. "My husband (Larry) one night said very casually, 'There must be some way to make money.'"

"He said, 'Why don't we try to sell the granola?' We laughed about it at first and thought it was really funny."

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Michaelene Hearn boasts that the granola she makes has little sugar, no salt and a variety of

nuts. Since March, she's been baking large batches weekly for her business.

A dream with healthy crunch

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The leave was subsequently extended a year, but in the meantime Michaelene and Larry, also an occupational therapist with Waterford schools, put their idea to the test.

At first, Michaelene baked granola at home and Larry sold it at work.

People bought it and liked it, so she decided it was time to get serious.

Early last spring she took a class on starting a small business offered by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension service.

"What I found is since it's illegal to bake in your home I had to open a commercial kitchen or rent a commercial kitchen," she said.

Beginning in March, she rented time and ovens in a pizzeria. When that shop went out of business, she switched to the village bakery.

Michaelene's granola story is closely linked to her family and her classes for pregnant women.

She came up with her recipe when she was pregnant with her first child.

"It helped with the nausea, plus it made a good breakfast, as well as a good snack," she said.

Later, when she talked about nutrition to her classes of pregnant women she recommended the granola.

"Granola was one of the recipes I always gave out, because during pregnancy a high-protein diet is important," she said. "Because people get turned off by health food, I brought samples and everyone said, 'Oh, that's so good.'"

At home, Michaelene's granola is a family favorite.

"We eat about 10 pounds a week," she said. "My girls will eat it for breakfast, my husband will come home and eat it for a snack. We eat it on ice cream and I make a lot of granola breads and cookies."

Part of Michaelene's business includes filling mail orders, and from that she's had some positive feedback.

"Yesterday I had a complete stranger call me from Miami and say, 'I tasted it. Will you send some here?' It's even gone to Japan. It goes to California, Iowa and Florida regularly."

The only customer complaint has concerned price—Michaelene's granola sells for \$2.75 to \$3 a pound.

"People are always balking about that, but they don't realize they're getting whole almonds, cashews halves and walnuts," she said. "They don't realize what they pay for potato chips, a pound of Twinkies or Doritos."

So far, Michaelene's purchased a refrigerator and freezer to store granola ingredients and has bought a few things for herself with profits.

"I never had the intent of making it a super million-dollar business," she said. "The first year, I call it sweat equity, you're doing a lot of work and you're trying to figure out what works best for you."

"Right now I'm doing this as an enjoyable thing to get a few extra dollars."

On this day, Michaelene's oldest daughters, Jessica, 8½, and Holly, 5½, are at school. Elizabeth, 15 months, snuggles on her mom's lap and smiles at the visitor. Erin, 3, watches Mr. Rogers on TV.

"You're being good," said her mom.

"I know," said Erin.

Eventually when the children are all in school, Michaelene said she may expand her business, but for now it's working out fine.

"The whole principle behind this is it's the American dream, that you want something and you can carry it out," she said.

"The most important thing is I still have time at home with my family. When I'm in baking at night, Larry's at home with the kids."

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BILL MYERS

Compound interest can create riches



Bill Myers is a retired Lapeer County editor and investment adviser now in the Virgin Islands

Last week we left Fred and Sally, the Atlanta couple, bound for retirement some 30 years out. They are certain to be rich, rich, rich, if they keep making their \$4,000 deposit in their IRA plans for just the next five years.

Remember? Their \$4,000, put into zero-coupon government bonds (CATS and TIGRS), will give them \$131,950 a year at age 65.

This week we have a plan to make them even richer. Truly, theirs will be golden years.

At age 35 now, their combined income is \$70,000. They put away \$4,000 of that in IRAs, leaving \$66,000 taxable.

They are a frugal pair, drive a small car, have no champagne tastes, no children and have a fierce desire to save their money. I think they can stash away another \$6,000, at least, every year. Not forever, though — just the next five years, so the horizon isn't too far off.

This \$6,000 investment now is planned not to pay off when they're 65, like the IRA accounts, but when they're only 60 years old. So we'll buy 25-year zero-coupon tax-exempts. These yield around 11 percent. There's no tax now or later. And no capital gains tax when they mature, either.

The \$6,000 invested at age 35 matures at age 60, and then is worth \$87,251.

Next year, buy some more, at age 36. They'll be worth \$87,241 at age 61.

And so on for five years.

Every year, then, starting at age 60, they'll have \$87,251 in money coming in, until they're 65.

At age 65, their IRA's start maturing for the next five years, and give them \$131,950.

Retirement provisions at GE and at Delta, Fred's and Sally's employers, will be dishing out pensions in those years, too. And they can pick off Social Security at age 62 or 65, whichever they choose.

It boils down to providing this nice couple, who work hard and save money when they're young, income of around \$100,000 a year after taxes from age 60 to 70. And after taking early retirement at age 60. And all this, mind you, for sticking to just one five-year plan starting now, when they're 35.

These sky-high interest rates so widely deplored in America aren't all that bad. It depends which side of the fence you're on.

The young ones don't remember when banks paid 2 percent, when government bonds paid 2½ percent, when tax-free bonds paid only 2 percent. Those were the rates right after the war. There wasn't that much incentive to save in those days.

I can't resist another layer of icing on this cake for Fred and Sally. I am suggesting they dredge up \$1,800 right now and buy some zero-coupon tax-exempts at 1.8 cents on the dollar. (An issue I'm looking at in the Blue List of offerings happens to be some Washington, D.C., Housings, with FHA backing. They mature in 2025.)

Fred and Sally will be 76 then, and sitting under a palm tree in Florida. Their \$1,800 in these bonds will have grown to maturity then and will be worth \$100,000.

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All this will result from saving 15 percent of their income for the next five years. Mostly it comes from compounding interest, at a high rate, for quite a long time. Compound interest—the greatest discovery since Eve.

Merchants talk about sales

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on Dixie Highway, said people are spreading their finances out a little more this year.

"People buy books, even during hard times," she adds. "Reading is an inexpensive form of entertainment because books can be passed from person to person. Trends may change with media promotion. But people who are avid readers will always read. Sales are a little better this year."

Buck Kopietz, owner of Tierra Arts and Design on Main Street, said sales will generally increase in Clarkston and the surrounding area beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

"The village businesses are doing more to promote shopping this year," he says. "A poster entitled 'Romancing Clarkston' will be available to shoppers, and there will be open houses at many stores."

And this year the village Christmas tree will be lit, all in an effort to stimulate local shopping.

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Bowman buys Rademacher's

After 18 years, the signs at Rademacher Chevy Inc. are coming down to be replaced by John Bowman Chevrolet.

Bowman, a former Chevrolet dealer in the downriver city of Belleville, bought the dealership at the corner of M-15 and Dixie Highway Nov. 1.

New signs are a first priority, he said. "I heard (the dealership) was for sale, and I

thought Clarkston would be an excellent market," Bowman said. "We don't anticipate any major changes, although we've hired five new people.

"We're also going to expand our used car business across the street, put up a new building and add more lights. We want to make it a more visible and viable used car operation."

Bowman is a Birmingham resident.

Wednesdays only

3 cardiologists open office

Three associate cardiologists opened a Wednesday-only office on Nov. 14 in the building of pediatrician James O'Neill, M.D., on M-15, south of the Village of Clarkston.

The only cardiologists in the immediate Independence Township area, their presence will save local residents from trips to Pontiac for treatment and diagnosis.

John F. Cotant, M.D., Lawrence J. Zgliniec, M.D., and Frank A. Bagnasco, M.D., all affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, are board certified.

"Physicians in Clarkston thought it would be much nicer for their patients not to have to come all the way to St. Joseph's for cardiac evaluation," Dr. Cotant said. "They asked us to establish an office here to evaluate patients closer to home. They'll only go to the hospital if necessary. This makes it easier for the patient."

The office is equipped for clinical evaluations, electrocardiograms, stress tests, an echo cardiogram and 24-hour hear monitoring, he said.

The doctors welcome new patients and are not restricting their Clarkston practice to referrals, he added.

For more information, phone O'Neill's office, 625-2621.



TASTING MICHIGAN WINE: Gov. and Mrs. James Blanchard welcome Patrick and Lee McNew of the Clarkston Cafe to a wine tasting reception at the governor's residence. Restaurateurs, retailers and distributors were invited to the event sponsored by the Department of Agriculture in celebration of Michigan Wine Month, as proclaimed by the governor to promote the expansion of the state's wine industry.

Estate planning concerns many

Editor's note: This is one of a series of articles on personal tax and estate planning by attorney Robert Delisi to appear monthly in the Business & Finance section of The Clarkston News.

The objective is to offer the legal fundamentals of topics discussed. This series is not intended, nor should it be construed, to comprehensively cover all the factors that must be considered when addressing a particular individual's circumstances. For further information, one should consult with his or her attorney.

Who among us that is a parent is not concerned about providing for his or her children?

Who among us that owns a family business is not concerned about preserving it for the benefit of his or her children?

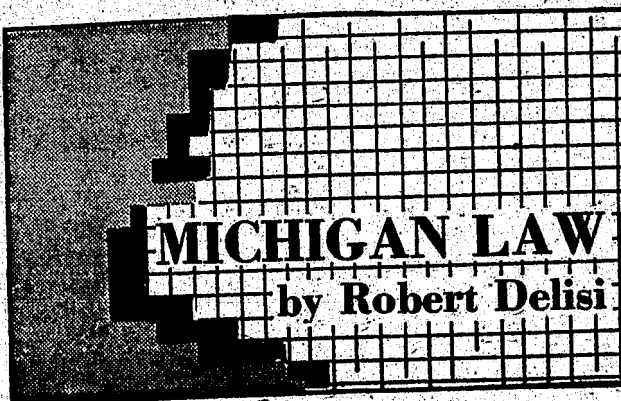
Who among us is not interested in avoiding Uncle Sam's property redistribution system known as taxation?

The answer is no one.

Estate planning addresses each of these concerns. Formally stated, it entails providing for the desired distribution of an individual's property, protecting the welfare of the beneficiaries, minimizing the impact of taxes, expenses and legal fees, and maintaining the continuance of business operations, both prior to and after an individual's death or disability.

Many factors come to bear on the techniques available to avoid and limit the taxes, expenses and legal fees of an estate. Some of these factors will be the subject of subsequent articles, but as a basic premise, the avoidance of probate proceedings through the execution of a revocable living trust can significantly limit the impact of taxes, expenses and legal fees.

A revocable living trust is a trust created by an individual during his or her lifetime. As indicated in its name, it is revocable at any time during the life of the



creator but becomes irrevocable upon his or her death.

This trust has several advantages.

All assets held in the trust at the time of the individual's death avoid probate. Through the execution of a revocable living trust, an individual can transfer his or her assets to the trust, and appoint himself or herself as trustee and owner of the trust property while retaining the right to revoke or amend the trust at any time.

This transfer of property removes the property from the individual's estate for probate purposes, but the individual as a trustee has still retained complete control over the property.

At the time of death, this can result in a major savings of money which otherwise would have to be paid for probate and legal fees.

Upon the individual's death, all assets in the trust become immediately available for distribution to the beneficiaries without the wait generally necessitated by probating the estate. This minimizes the possibility of an effective attack of public record available to everyone.

Lastly, a revocable living trust can present

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MONTH IN REVIEW

Republicans captured every seat on the Independence Township Board in the Nov. 6 election.

Officially taking office Nov. 20 were Supervisor Frank Ronk, Clerk Richard Holman, Treasurer John Lutz and trustees Carol Balzarini, Dale Stuart, Daniel Travis and William Vandermark.

The biggest upset was the defeat of former treasurer Frederick Ritter, a Democrat. A member of the township board 10 years, he had been elected treasurer the past six years.

Also noteworthy was the election of Carol Balzarini, the first woman on the board since 1978, the year former treasurer Betty Hallman decided not to run for re-election.

Rather than restore 23 acres from use as a gravel mine, its owners have offered to sell the property to Independence Township.

The Stolaruk Corp.'s offer was pondered by the township board Nov. 13, but the decision was to leave the matter to the new board.

The former gravel mine is located on Stickney Road.

The historic Ritter house made its move to downtown Clarkston from Dixie Highway on Nov. 1.

The 120-year-old Italianate cube, owned by Hank and Jennifer Radcliff, now sits near the corner of Main and Washington streets.

Restoration plans include the removal of the aluminum siding, expected to take place this spring. The first story of the two-story home is destined to become offices, and the upper level is to house apartments.

Because Independence voters defeated a 1/2-mill increase for police protection on the November ballot, the seventh Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputy is now off-duty.

Hired Aug. 1 for six months, the deputy stopped work Nov. 30. The move saved the township \$16,858 for the salary, equipment and supervisory expenses covered in the contract with the sheriff's department.

Supervisor James B. Smith called voters "very shortsighted" in their defeat of the proposed millage.

A \$23 million amended budget was approved by the Clarkston schools' board of education for the 1984-85 school year.

The major adjustments to the former budget of \$22.5 million reflected a higher student enrollment than expected and expenses for the multipurpose room additions under construction on the district's five elementary schools.

The new position of apprentice inspector in the Independence Township Building Department was approved by the township board.

The \$18,000-a-year post carries the title of electrical inspector trainee.

Building department director Kenneth Delbridge said whoever is hired could eventually take over his job.

The protection of Main Street in downtown Clarkston from such threats as widening or removal of parking is the goal of a committee to be named by the Clarkston Village Council.

Concern was renewed following the revival of plans to widen M-15 to three or five lanes south of the village beginning at the Dixie Highway intersection. The widening is under discussion by the township.

WHAT'S NEW IN BUSINESS

Mood music at Pine Knob

Grimaldi at keyboard

Pianist Gasper Grimaldi plays the songs during lunch time at Pine Knob's La Veranda restaurant.

He appears Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and performs "everything from pop to jazz, the standards," he said.

Grimaldi also plays at Peppino's, a lounge inside the Pine Knob Mansion restaurant.

He appears Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 7 to midnight.

"Romantic" is the word he uses to describe the music. "I play a lot of love songs, sing a lot of love songs," he said.

About a one and one-half years ago, he was frequently seen on the keyboards at the Village Bakeshop in downtown Clarkston. Then he played at the Keatington Steak House.

"Next time, I'll call you from Hollywood," said Grimaldi.

New Christine's Deli owner adds new lines and services

Carol Bradley touches her fingers to her lips as she speaks about the merchandise at Christine's Deli, the shop she and her husband, Paul, purchased a little over two months ago.

"My philosophy about this place is: If it doesn't pass these lips, it doesn't go out the door," she says. "It's quality, quality, quality. To be good, it's got to be fresh."

Carol's made some changes at the deli located in the A&P shopping center at M-15 and Dixie Highway in Independence Township—and most of them have to do with new lines of merchandise.

There are candies—from Godiva chocolates to Frankenmuth fudge to German imports of Gummi Bears and chocolate-covered cordials.

Gift baskets made of merchandise from Christine's are ready to be purchased or customers can select their own merchandise for special orders.

Guernsey dairy products include the items the Northville dairy is famous for—buttermilk and ice cream—and ice cream cones are dipped to order.

Cakes by Rosalie of Clarkston are popular. In eight and one-half weeks, 235 of the cakes have been sold. They feature buttercream frosting and are cream-filled. Rosalie bakes the wedding cakes for the Deer Lake Racquet Club and the Flint Country Club.

Croissants and chocolate chip cookies come from Marty's of Birmingham. The croissants can also be purchased for made-to-order sandwiches.

Pies are from Poppin' Fresh Pies, also of Birmingham.

Homemade items include macaroni, potato, shrimp and macaroni salads, chip dips, stuffed cabbage, deviled eggs and cheese balls.

Coming are broasted chicken and ribs, fresh spices by the ounce, bulk cheeses at bulk prices and a line of gourmet cheeses for the holidays.

Carol would also like to add more in the way of health food.

"I want to have something good for everyone. I think what I'd like to do is break away from the grocery items and carry specialty items," she says. "I want to have quality and service."

Carol also does catering. Cold trays, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and just about anything customers ask for, she provides.

Last week, she catered a turkey dinner and special orders for stuffing.

"A lady calls me and asks for chocolate mousse for 15 and I do it," she says. "It's service. I just think it's important."

Carol said she's especially pleased to have Donna Paulson on her staff. Donna, who's worked 12 years at Christine's, is the new manager.

The Bradley family lives in Independence Township. Before Carol and her husband purchased Christine's, she was a housewife. Paul works for the Ford Motor Co. as a toolmaker. Their daughters, Michelle, 18, and Paula, 13, work at the deli.

"My husband doesn't work at the store," Carol says. "He's our handyman. He does all the repairs."



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For further information or to schedule appointments, call St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at 858-3129.

Nurseryman certified

Dale Daniels of Bordine's Better Blooms of Clarkston was recently named a Michigan Certified Nurseryman by the Michigan Association of Nurserymen Certification Board.

He was required to pass a three-hour exam that tested his general knowledge of Michigan's nursery industry, his ability to identify plant specimens and his skills in landscape management and design.

The certification program, established in 1980, stresses continuing education and endeavors to foster a better relationship between the nursery industry and the consuming public.

Daniels has been associated with Michigan's nursery industry two years, with the majority spent in the Clarkston area, where he resides.

Photos win awards

Jennifer, Aisha, Marissa, Johnny, Jamie, Jeremy and Colleen's portraits, taken by the Village Photographer in Ortonville, were selected from more than 1,800 entries for honorable mention in Camera Art's nationwide Kiddie Contest.

The portraits were chosen for their unique posing, personality and charm as displayed in the photographs.

Jennifer's parents are Michael and Mary Peteuil, Aisha's are Henry and Vera McQueen, Marissa's are Dennis and Megan Nester, Johnny Singer's is Stormy Smith, Jamie's are Robert and Penny Neff, Jeremy's are Eugene and Jane Attaman, and Colleen's are Michael and Lynda Ramsey.

The Kiddie Contest is sponsored annually by Camera Art Laboratories, Lewiston, Minn. Professional portrait studios are invited to participate by entering portraits of their local clientele for judging.

Business workshop

"Building and Preserving the Value of a Business" is a workshop designed to give current or prospective small business owners information to help build a sound structure for the maintenance and growth of their businesses.

It's scheduled Saturday, Dec. 8, at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center, Wayne State University, Detroit.

Leading the workshop is Albert Spalding, attorney, CPA, small business consultant and lecturer at WSU's school of business administration.

Topics to be covered include structure of a business, compensation, buy-sell arrangements, fringe benefits and insurance.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the College of Lifelong Learning, Small Business Development Center, School of Business Administration and the United States Small Business Administration.

The fee of \$40 includes coffee breaks, luncheon and materials. For each additional registration from the same source, the fee is \$35.

For registration information, call Lucille Wells at 577-4665. For program information, call Nancy Grose at 577-4710.

Firm checks for fire hazards

If you're overloading your electrical outlets, if boxes are piled around your hot water heater or if a family fire escape plan hasn't been drawn up for your house, then Home Fire Consultants may have the answer.

With a combined 19 years firefighting on Independence Township's force, Steve Ronk and Don Nolen have started a residential fire inspection and emergency planning company.

Nolen, now working for Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors Corp., and Ronk, still with the department, will inspect private homes for a fee.

"It's an idea we've had for a long time," Ronk said. "The government won't go into homes unless requested, and quite often there's a need. People put too many plugs into one electrical outlet, or they pile boxes around their hot water heater or furnace, or

they've never mapped out a fire escape for the family. "We'll help them do that and make the inspection," Ronk said.

Ronk says he and Nolen are working with insurance companies to offer a rebate with new and renewal policies if an inspection is made.

"Right now they have rebates for smoke alarms and deadbolt locks. We'd like to work something like that out," he said.

Most fires, says Ronk, are caused by carelessness.

"So many times people say after a fire, 'I wish I'd known that, it may have prevented this.' That's what this is all about," he said.

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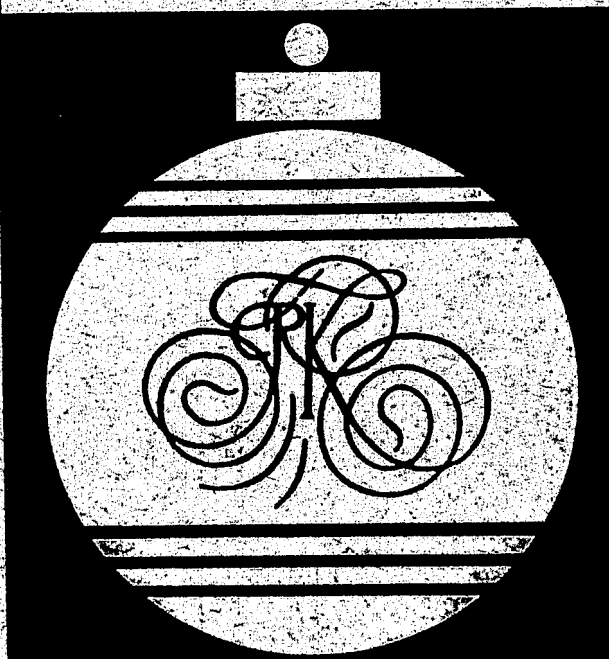
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

New title for Doyle



The promotion of Rick Doyle to associate media director in the Detroit office of N W Ayer Inc. of New York City, N.Y., was announced Nov. 21 by Robert Kingsbury, general manager. Doyle joined the firm in 1982 as media supervisor. He lives in the Clarkston area with his wife, Nancy, and their two children.

Otterbein promoted

Betty Otterbein has been promoted by Perry Drug Stores Inc. to employe information analyst.

A Clarkston area resident, Otterbein joined Perry in 1982 as a personnel clerk. In her new position, she will be responsible for computerized employe information and compensation analysis.

She received her associate's degree in accounting from Oakland University. She and her husband, David, have two children.

Iacobelli joins group



Dr. Ron Iacobelli was inducted into active membership of the American Association of Orthodontists at the 56th annual meeting of the Great Lakes Society of Orthodontists at Hilton Head, S.C., Nov. 10-16. Iacobelli received his dental degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 1981 and his orthodontic degree from the University of

Detroit in 1983. He is in private practice in Independence Township.

Ostby named general sales manager by GMF

GMF Robotics Corp. announces the appointment of N. Kevin Ostby to general sales manager for the company's North American Automotive Group. Headquartered in Troy, the firm is the leading industrial robot supplier in the United States, according to industry analysts. Formerly a regional sales manager for GMF Robotics, Ostby now directs a 15-person salesforce covering the U.S. and Canada. He joined the company in 1982 as a sales engineer. Ostby holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from General Motors Institute and a master's degree



in business from the University of Michigan. He and his wife, Anne Koppelberger, and their two children reside in the Clarkston area.

Lawrence wins trip

Sandy Lawrence earned top honors for her sales and recruiting success with Jafra Cosmetics Inc., producer of skin care products sold in the home by independent consultants.

A Jafra manager, Lawrence was flown by the company to its Westlake Village, Calif., headquarters, then on to San Diego to participate in Jafra's California Leadership Adventure where she received recognition for her achievements.

Lawrence has worked for the firm three years. She and her husband, Alan, reside in the Clarkston area with their children, Jeffrey, 18; Julie, 16; Judi, 13; and Jerry, 12.



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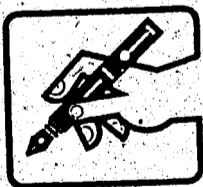
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CLUB NEWS

Business Association of Independence Township

Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month, luncheon meeting, noon, location varies.

Wrapping up: The successful Independence Township candidates' debate was held Oct. 24 at Pine Knob's Mansion restaurant.

Membership: Members must own or represent a business in Independence Township. There are 45 members. For more information, phone president Stewart McTeer at the Clarkston News at 625-3370 or secretary Betty Simmons at Pacesetter Bank at 625-8800.

Clarkston Area Jaycees

Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month, Howe's Lanes, 7 p.m.

Coming up: A Christmas dinner is planned at the Pine Knob Mansion on Dec. 28 at 7:30 for present and past Jaycee members.

Wrapping up: The club held a successful pass, punt and kick contest for area youths at Clarkston High School.

Membership: Open to men and women 18-35. The Jaycees' goals are community service and leadership development. For more information, call president Brian Bissell at 625-8097 or Bob Vollbach at 627-6024.

Clarkston Rotary Club

Meetings: Dinner every Monday, 6:30 p.m., Deer Lake Racquet Club.

Coming up: The annual shoe program where the club buys shoes for needy children in Independence Township.

Wrapping up: The club decorated downtown Clarkston Nov. 26 with Christmas lights.

Membership: By invitation, prospective members must attend three meetings and be approved by the

membership committee in a business classification provided by the international organization. Men, ages 21 and up, are eligible. They must live or have a business in the community. For more information, call president Ken Winship at 625-3141.

Davidsburg Rotary Club

Meetings: Dinner meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Springfield Township Hall.

Coming up: The club is organizing its annual Christmas basket program for needy families.

Membership: By invitation, prospective members must attend three meetings and be approved by the membership committee. Men ages 21 and over are eligible. They must live or have a business in the community. For more information, call president Joe Kudirka at 625-9114 or Pat Tinson at 625-5215.

Village Business Association

Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month, 8:30 a.m. breakfast meeting at McGillacutty's restaurant.

Coming up: Romancing Clarkston posters are on

sale in the village for \$5 to help pay for activities. The annual open house for the businesses is set for Dec. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. The annual family night to decorate the Christmas tree in the village parking lot is Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., cider and donuts will served.

Membership: Open to any business in the Clarkston village limits. There are 24 members. President is Jim Kaminski. For more information call treasurer Joan Kapietz at 625-2511.

Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women's Club

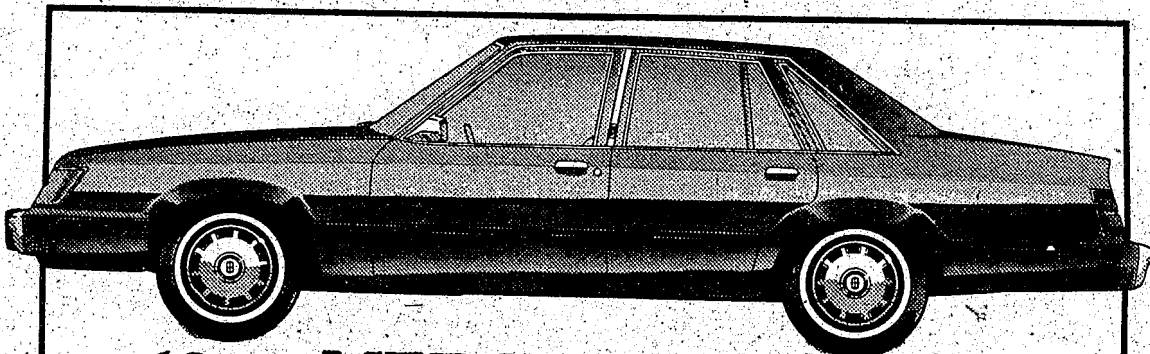
Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Deer Lake Racquet Club.

Coming up: The club's annual Christmas party is set for Dec. 13 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club at 7 p.m. Cost is \$9 a person which includes the entertainment.

Membership: Any working woman may join. There are currently 95 members. The club is a chapter of the district, state and national organization. For more information, call president Noreen Campagnoni during business hours at 625-5041.

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Estate planning: a matter of general concern

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substantial savings in federal estate tax. When an individual dies, the value of all of his or her property reduced by debts and certain expenses is subject to an estate tax.

If a person dies in 1984 and his or her net estate exceeds \$325,000, a tax will be incurred. If the net estate is \$500,000, the tax will be approximately \$60,000.

Through the use of a revocable living trust an estate tax savings can be realized. First, the optimum amount of assets will be held for the benefit of an individual's spouse to assure his or her financial support and maintenance without creating an unwarranted estate tax to the family as a whole.

Also, upon an individual's death, a portion of his or her property can be held in a separate sub-trust for the benefit of a beneficiary (i.e. a spouse).

Such beneficiary can receive income and principal from the trust as needed without the entire trust property being included in the beneficiary's estate upon his or her death for federal estate tax purposes. Hence, the beneficiary has many of the benefits of

ownership of the property without incurring adverse tax consequences.

In protecting the business, there are essentially two threats which need to be addressed, keeping the business among family members and not having to sell it to pay estate taxes.

Success in each of these objectives may be achieved through a business purchase agreement and through the use of life insurance. Also, some help is available under the Internal Revenue Code.

A business purchase agreement executed among the owners can limit each owner's ability to sell his or her interest to outsiders by requiring the first other families or the company itself be given the opportunity to buy the interest.

Also, a properly drafted business purchase agreement can limit the value placed on the business by the IRS for estate tax purposes and thereby limit the tax cost of the estate.

Life insurance can provide cash to the estate to pay estate taxes or to help beneficiaries or the company pay for the purchase of the interest for sale under a business purchase agreement.

Furthermore, let it not be said that Uncle Sam is

totally without a heart. In certain cases where the family business is a significant part of the value of the individual's property, the estate can elect to pay the estate tax liability over 15 years with only a 4 percent interest charge on the portion outstanding.

Each of us protecting our loved ones and our property is really what estate planning is all about.

It is an ongoing lifetime endeavor which requires conscious planning and communication with your tax planning specialist.

Next month, the benefits of gifts to minor children will be explored.

Readers are encouraged to forward to the Editor of The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016, any questions they may have concerning the topics discussed.

The author will attempt to respond in writing directly to the questioner. If an abundance of questions arise concerning a particular area of the law, he will address this area in a subsequent article.

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