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Community center plans revived

By Kathy Greenfield

It's no longer a question whether a community center featuring a swimming pool will be built, only how soon, says Buck Kopietz.

"It looks awfully good. The interest is just incredible," he said. "I have a personal goal of three years from start to completion, but we haven't talked about a time goal. Right now the major priority is getting people on the committees."

An eight-member group has started working toward the goal, and they're asking for people to share ideas and to join in the development of plans.

Those interested in participating should call Kopietz his business, Tierra Arts & Design, at 625-5111, or at 627-4708.

It's likely the community center will be called the North Oakland Swim Club, he said.

"There are monies available," he said. "There's
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2nd Quiz Bowl win by CHS

The Quiz Bowl team from Clarkston High School emerged victorious from its second meet March 2.

Following the resounding 260-165 victory against Utica Ford High School, the team now enters the quarter finals, with the next contest scheduled March 16.

In the mental matches between high schools, students receive points for correct answers to questions that cover academic subjects as well as sports.

The programs are filmed at the Tribune/United Cable Communications studio in Royal Oak and aired at later dates on cable channel 2 in Independence Township.

Representing CHS were Susan Colwell, Ken Creech, Mike Weber and team captain Steve Willis, all CHS seniors.

Of the 32 high school teams that began in the competition, only eight are left.

"We went further than we thought we might—but who knows?" said team coach Larry Mahrle, a CHS social studies teacher. CHS teachers Mike Kaul and Cindy Wauer also serve as coaches.

This is the first year ever CHS has had a quiz bowl team. For winning matches in the state contest, they receive certificates. But if they're top winners in the state, they win an all-expense-paid trip to Dallas, Texas, for the national championships.

Mahrle called the team's second win "great."

"The first one was an experience. We won by 40 and thought we should do better," he said. "Utica Ford came in really confident. We got the first question and just kept rolling. They never could catch up."

"The kids were really excited. They were really happy."

Also on the CHS team, which practices two to three times a week after school, are seniors Trisha Johnson, Debbie Darnell, Dan Peters, Susan Haase, Shari Ashton, Ken Fenton and Wendy Learmont and junior Beth Greiger.



A BOY AND HIS GOODIES: Sitting in the sunshine during a burst of spring-like weather, Eric Reichner, 8, of Clarkston lays down his gum,

candy and a bag with a bottle of pop all in a row. Then he pauses to count his change from Rudy's Market. [Photo by Carolyn Walker]

\$3-million mall OK'd

Developer plans construction in spring

By Carolyn Walker

Ron Helin of Independence Township shook hands with audience members and left the Feb. 28 planning commission meeting with a broad grin on his face.

After several months of revising his Northcreek Shopping Center design, the Independence Township Planning Commission had given him final site plan approval for the \$3 million project.

First proposed in 1983, the 51,000-square-foot center on approximately 5 acres near M-15 and Northview Drive is subject to several planning commission imposed restrictions.

Helin received conceptual site plan approval on the project last May. But the issue remained dormant for approximately seven months, while Helin made architectural changes in the center's look.

The former contemporary-style plans were "not Clarkston enough," said Helin.

The new plans are more "traditional," according to Helin, and call for "high-pitched gables."

In addition, the new plans completely eliminate a central courtyard, exposing all the center's stores to outside view.

They also include a landscaped and fountained entrance, he said.

Stores anticipated for the center include a barber shop, pharmacy, clothing stores, pizza shop and possibly a restaurant, among others.

"We're going to make it pleasing to the eye," Helin told the commissioners.

Several of the commission members raised issue over the planned parking facilities and the ecological ramifications before voting for approval.

"Let's not blacktop ourselves unnecessarily," said commission member Carol Balzarini, who proposed building the parking lots in phases.

Helin's plans called for approximately 324, 10-by-20 foot parking spaces.

He agreed to reduce the number of spaces to 300.

"It looks like a very nice development if it comes
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Starting date only question left for center

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been money put aside from the old Bottles for Building and some of the people involved with that are interested."

If the transfer is approved, the \$40,000 from the Bottles for Building fund would be used to obtain plans from an architect, according to Kopietz, and then serious fund raising could begin.

A tentative site has also been chosen—the 80

acres adjacent to Clintonwood Park owned by Independence Township.

There are also plans to use work done by a task force appointed by the Independence Township Board. That committee last met in 1982.

"The economic situation was just really poor at that time," said Kopietz. "Over the last year or two, I've been talking with people who would like a swim-

ming pool. I think with the economy doing better right now, now's the time to press for it.

"The community center has been a priority for a long, long time," he added. "If you talk about community needs, a community center has always been a top priority. It's just a matter of all these groups getting together for achieving it."

Kopietz also talked about creative thinking and marketing.

It's feasible the project could qualify for federal grants, he said, and operating costs could be contained by selling time to such organizations as a North Oakland Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, churches and schools.

The Clarkston and Brandon school districts do not have swimming pools in any of their schools.

"These are things that can be marketed and that's how you can keep a thing like that going," said Kopietz.

"It's going to be a full part of the community. We're looking for people that will have some input in that direction. If there are some groups that have a need for a community center, we want to hear from them."

-Sheriff's log-

Monday, Feb. 25, vandals scratched the paint off an auto parked on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Monday, vandals damaged the garage door of a home on Crosby Lake Road, Springfield Township.

Friday, March 1, vandals broke into a house on Timber Ridge, Independence Township.

Saturday, March 2, thieves stole approximately \$150 from a residence on Ember, Springfield Township.

Saturday, thieves stole tools from Herk's Auto Supply, 9405 Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Saturday, thieves stole a cassette player and speakers from an auto parked on Almond Lane, Independence Township.

Sunday, March 3, thieves stole a moped from a house on Northview, Independence Township.

Sunday, vandals broke windows from a car parked on Drayton, Independence Township.

Sunday, thieves stole a stereo from a house on

David Road, Springfield Township.

Sunday, thieves stole a stereo and books from a car parked on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

Sunday, vandals broke the driver's and rear window out of a car parked in the Clarkston High School parking lot, 6595 Middle Lake, Independence Township.

The above information was obtained from police reports at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

-Corrections-

In a story on the Clarkston High School Quiz Bowl team in the Feb. 6 edition of The Clarkston News, CHS teacher Larry Mahrle should have been identified as the former basketball coach and given credit for the quotations used.

The cost to purchase tables needed to serve lunch in the new multipurpose-room additions on Clarkston's five elementary schools was incorrectly stated in last week's Clarkston News.

In fact, the total cost for tables would be about \$75,000.

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Smoke pours from air vents in the attic of a house on Laurelton in Independence Township while firefighters attempt to contain the blaze. The fire started in the attic when a power line came down across the roof, said John Christie, owner of the home.

Wind, rain, sleet cause three electrical fires

By Carolyn Walker

The residual effects of the New Year's Day ice storm are still being felt in Independence Township, according to Independence Township firefighter Gar Wilson.

Members of the fire department believe three Monday and Tuesday fires in the township, triggered by freezing rains and high winds, were related to previously storm-damaged power lines.

The most extensive, a mid-morning Monday fire at a Laurelton Street residence, caused approximately \$18,000 in structural damages, with an additional

\$7,000 in content damages, according to acting fire chief Dale Bailey.

The fire, which was reported by a neighbor, started when a Detroit Edison "primary wire" fell across the home's roof during a rain and sleet shower, Bailey said.

Damage to the house was confined to the attic and kitchen area and there were no injuries, he said. Firefighters worked on the blaze approximately one-half hour before it was extinguished.

Early Tuesday morning, firefighters responded to a barn fire on Pine Knob Road, which caused about \$15,000 in damages, Bailey said. Although there were

no human injuries, several goats and chickens were killed in the blaze.

Late Tuesday night, a fallen Detroit Edison cross-bar brought down three primary wires at Almond and Plum streets, according to firefighter Gar Wilson.

Wilson said approximately five feet of the pole burned away and the cross-bar had been loosened during the ice storm.

No injuries accompanied the incident, but electrical power within the immediate vicinity of the lines was out for approximately three hours.

Micro-computer shop to take over People's

By Carolyn Walker

The former People's Furniture Store on M-15 near I-75 may have new tenants soon under the name Universal Data Inc.

On Feb. 28, the Independence Township Planning Commission unanimously approved conceptual site plans to CFK Investments for the purpose of renovating the building as a micro-computer repair shop.

CFK proposes using the 12,500-square-foot

building for micro-computer repair, research and development, and for corporate offices, said Charles Phyle, a CFK representative.

Pending final site plan approval, they plan to occupy the building by May, he said.

Phyle anticipates the new business will employ 10 to 12 Clarkston residents, as well as approximately nine people from Brandon Township and several from the Waterford area.

"It's a typical, clean, hi-tech operation," he said,

and the facility would be used from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The building has been vacant for approximately four years and CFK purchased it in December, he said.

Phyle, who displayed a micro-computer about the size of a telephone to commission members, said only electronic repair, similar to television repair, would be done at the building.

He emphasized there would be no industrial-type repairs.

Although he received conceptual site plan approval, Phyle was told he must take his plans before the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals to obtain a permit for parking on property between the road and the building.

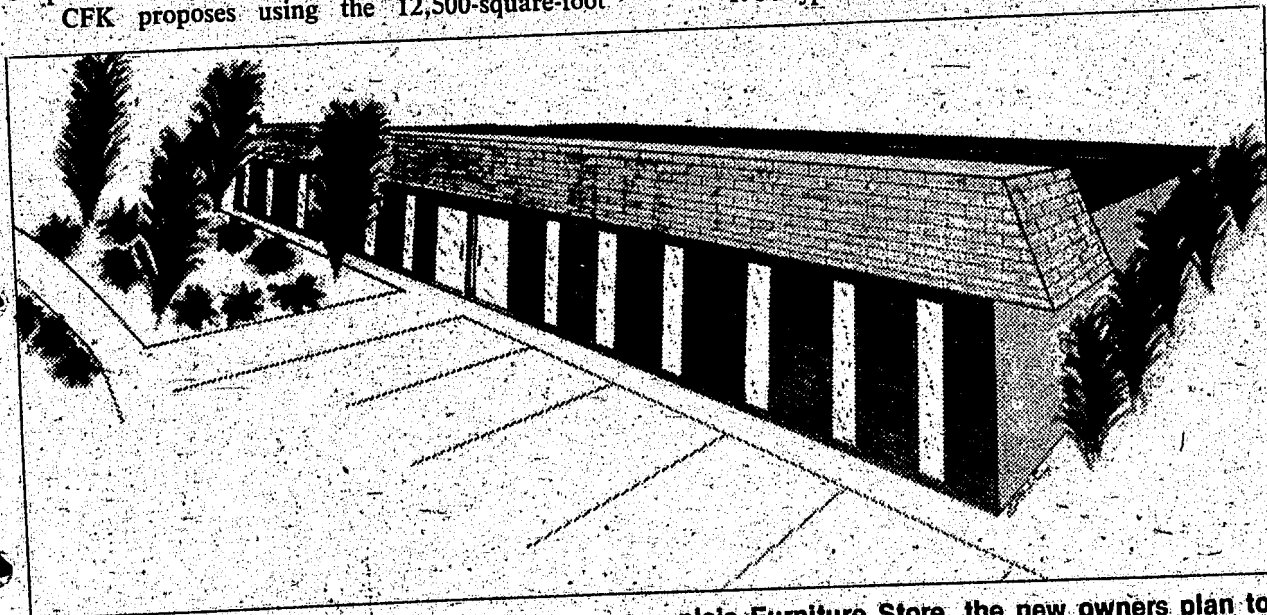
Parking spaces currently exist, but they are against the zoning ordinance and require ZBA approval so the new site plans conform to regulations, according to planning commission Chairman Neil Wallace.

Phyle also said he will seek a variance relieving the owners from the responsibility of having a loading dock.

Regulations require that such a facility have a loading dock, according to Wallace.

Phyle told the commission the store does not require a loading dock because most deliveries are made by United Parcel Service.

Voting to grant conceptual site plan approval were commission members Charles Robertson, Joseph Figa, David Katz, Carol Balzarini, Neil Wallace and Holly Stephens. John Gray, Robert Dieball and Lou Hewko were absent.



This is an architect's rendering of the proposed Universal Data Inc. building. Formerly the People's Furniture Store, the new owners plan to begin operations in May.

Walker's condo plans spark meeting debate

By Carolyn Walker

A public hearing and property rezoning request by developer Frank Walker was dismissed after just a few minutes of discussion at the Feb. 28 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

Walker said he intends to build 20 condominiums along Clarkston Road and must have a public hearing before the property can be rezoned from R1-A (single family dwelling) to PUD.

The township PUD ordinance was adopted in 1984 and permits mixed uses of property on one parcel of land, according to Planning Commission Chairman Neil Wallace.

Wallace told Walker he did not present enough significant information on the proposed project to warrant commission action.

He directed Walker to revise his presentation and submit it to township planner Richard Carlisle, who

"The decisions that we as a planning commission make are as a board"

—Neil Wallace

would review the information and schedule a public hearing.

Walker argued the issue with Wallace, and after the meeting said he had been told earlier his information was in order.

Walker said he first conceived the idea of the Clarkston Road condominiums in June 1984; and that a PUD ordinance was the only avenue currently available for dealing with such units in the township.

He said his quick dismissal by the commission was the result of a "personality conflict" with Wallace and indicated he would ask Wallace to remove himself from the issue if he continued to reach stalemates with the commission.

Wallace denied the allegations when contacted after the meeting.

"The decisions that we as a planning commission make are as a board, not by one person," Wallace said. "Everyone is treated the same."

The PUD ordinances are very complicated and none, as yet, have been used in the township, according to Wallace.

"PUD is very special and different, and requires a lot of information. It's new to us," he said.

"There were several significant things we didn't have," Wallace added. "Too often we don't have enough information. When that happens, we postpone."

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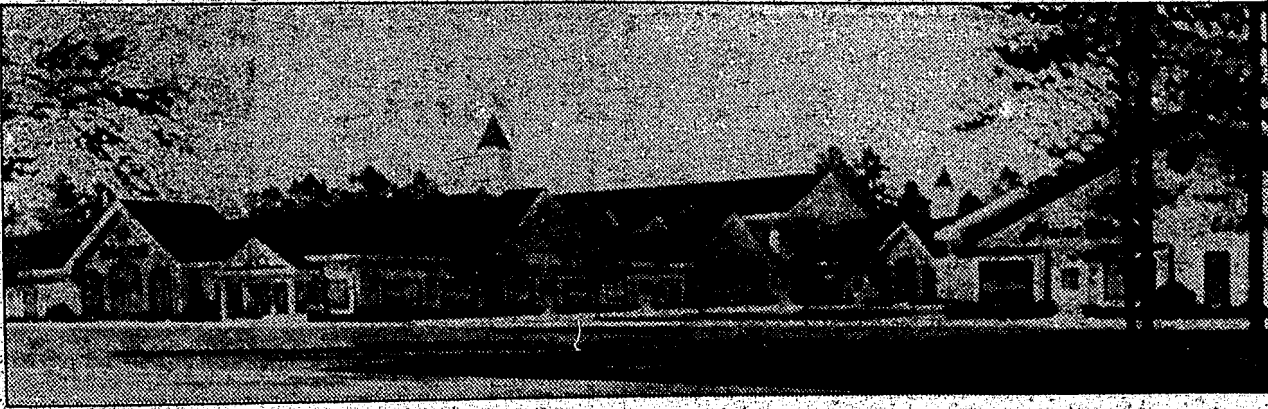
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This is the proposed new look for the 51,000-square-foot Northcreek Shopping Center to be built on 5 acres near M-15 and Nor-

thview in Independence Township. The building is larger than the 38,000-square-foot Clarkston Mills Mall in the village.

Restrictions accompany mall

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out," said commission member Joseph Figa, who was also concerned about the parking situation and how it would affect trees in the area.

"It would be nice if you could eliminate that back row of parking," he added, referring to parking spaces which would abut a stream through the property.

In addition, Figa was concerned about the potential view Northview Drive residents would have of the structure.

"They're all going to know it's there," he said to Helin's observation that he would like the center visible to Northview drivers.

Figa requested that landscaping be done to protect the residents.

"Done," responded Helin, who added that approximately six other buildings he worked on won landscaping awards.

After debating the store's merits and drawbacks for approximately one-and-one-half hours, the commissioners approved the final site plan with these restrictions:

- Approval by township engineers Hubbell, Roth and Clark of detailed engineering plans to include drainage run-off provisions.

- Better "buffers" between the parking lot and a stream that runs through the property, with the elimination of 11 parking spaces.

- Screening from view roof-top mechanical units.
- Final commission review and approval of the mall's main sign before construction.
- A loading zone designed for used by large trucks

for after store hours only.

- Approval of dumpsters by the planning department with enclosures similar to those on the plans.

- Facades consistent with those in the architect's drawing.

- A pavement pitch to the catch basin and curb to preclude run-off in the northwest corner.

- All areas east of the development owned by the developer or to be purchased by the developer be included in a scenic easement to be granted to the Independence Land Conservancy or other suitable agency.

The land conservancy was established in 1972 and serves to protect open spaces, according to conservancy member Lucy Kasl, who attended the meeting.

With a scenic easement restriction, the land does not change owners, but the owner agrees to protect the ecological environment by leaving it unchanged.

In the case of the shopping center, 43 acres are involved east from the center to Perry Lake Road, Kasl said.

The land could be deeded to the conservancy once Helin obtains full ownership of the property.

The center was unanimously approved by the commissioners present. They included Charles Robertson, Joseph Figa, David Katz, Carol Balzarini, Neil Wallace and Holly Stephens. Lou Hewko, John Gray and Robert Dieball were absent.

"This project becomes an asset to the community the day the (vacant) gas station disappears," said Balzarini.

Helin, who must still obtain a building permit, plans to begin construction in the spring.



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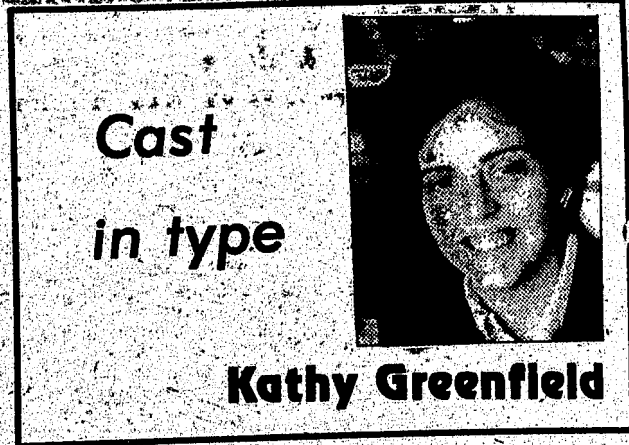
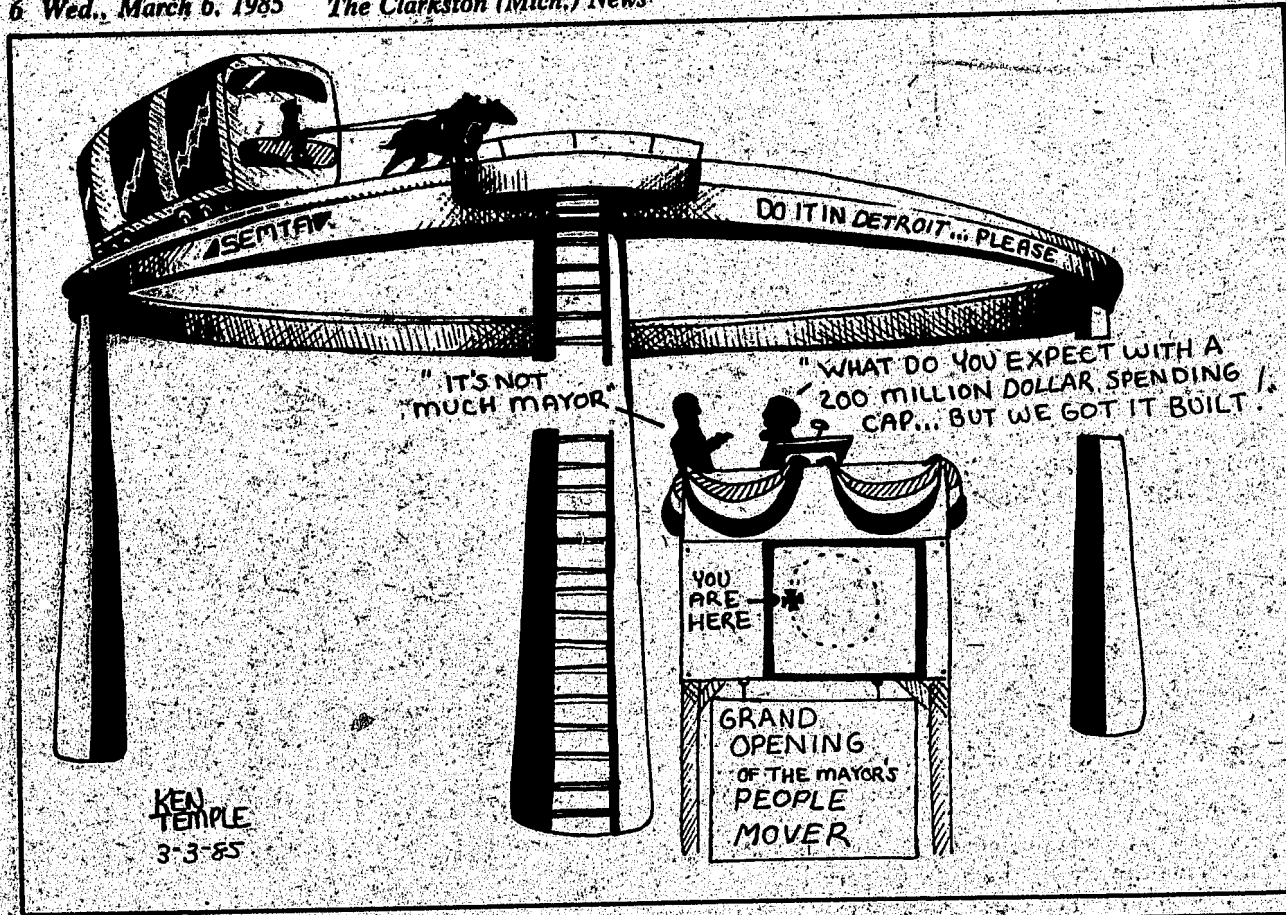
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Kathy Greenfield

Six moths old. Isn't that a great typographical error? Apparently what it was really supposed to say was six months old. I found it in a magazine I was reading this week.

And, as usual, when I see such things in print, my heart goes out to the editor and writer. I am forever amazed that such mistakes can slip by during read-throughs but leap off a printed page later.

Minds and eyes have been trained to read quickly from the beginning of that learning process. Proofreading is not an easy task.

None of that, however, makes typos less fun. One problem with typing constantly is that some combinations of words seem to demand an instant ending.

Thus, broth becomes brother, as in "add the beef brother"; or love becomes lover, as in "she has brought her lover of the arts to her office."

Similar typos, by the way, were caught before they saw the dark of newsprint.

People, like me, who type Clarkston and Independence hundreds of times a year are forever slowed down by Clark—which always ends automatically in "ston." And words like depend, independent, impend, and so on, always put my fingertips on automatic-with "ence."

There are also days when it seems every other word typed has transposed letters, letters left out or letters added.

Those are the days when my brain feels six moths old.

Letter to editor

Criticism of Carr called transparent

Mr. William Anderson's (of East Lansing) letter to the editor criticizing Congressman Bob Carr for accepting PAC contributions to his campaign is transparent on four grounds.

First, Bob Carr's opponent raised nearly the same amount of PAC money, a fact completely ignored by Mr. Anderson's letter.

Two, that Carr's opponent raised a greater amount of PAC money than 94 percent of the GOP challengers in 1984 in the entire country.

Three, that it was Tom Ritter and his friends that campaigned successfully to get the GOP and their allied special interests to target Mr. Carr for defeat.

Four, that Mr. Carr was so "targeted" was not his doing, but that he had a right, indeed an obligation, to fight back. Unfortunately, this means raising PAC money too.

Mr. Anderson's letter is like saying that when the Soviet Union targets America, America should surrender. Well, Bob Carr is a fighter and I, for one, am glad he is.

Campaigns cost too much money. I am sure Mr. Carr doesn't enjoy being targeted for special treatment by the opposition and would gladly reduce the cost of defending his seat and his service to this district.

But there is only one salutary effect of it all. Both contenders for Congress in the last two elections have had all the resources they could possibly need to take their case to the people.

In both cases, and against the odds of a district that is more Republican than Democratic the voters of this district chose Bob Carr as the better person and found his opponent lacking.

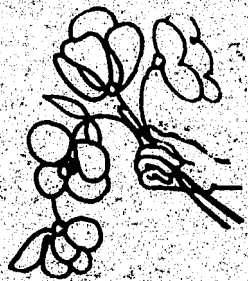
Given this state of affairs, Mr. Anderson's letter is another in a long line of letters to the editors that are nothing more than sour grapes.

The people of this district have put the election behind them. It is too bad Mr. Anderson hasn't.

Billie Crowley

Bouquet

'We are proud'



Dear Clarkston Pompon Girls,

I know that I am speaking for all the mothers associated with each of the girls in thanking you for a fantastic year.

We are very proud of you and your excellent coach, Gina Mancini.

You have shown style and showmanship where it counts the most. Let's hope for a great show in 1986.

Good luck and best wishes to all the seniors of 1985.

Lovingly,
Pat Smith
(Jamil's Mom)

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

Among the celebrations we missed in 1984 is the 100 anniversary of the grocery bag. I'm more amazed that this most utilitarian device is only 100, as opposed to feeling congratulatory at its being that age.

Actually, I knew about the birthday in October, but just found it on my desk. It was under a note I'd written myself last summer reminding me to write that golfers, unlike other swatters of balls, don't spit.

Historically, we are told that one Charles Stilwell of Philadelphia invented the grocery bag, with pleated sides and a flat bottom (the bag, not Stilwell).

Stilwell also devised a machine to mass-produce the bags. The Union Bag and Paper Co., who announced this birthday, acquired the rights to Stilwell patent in 1883. Note that the company name obviously came before the bag.

And, don't confuse bags and sacks. Sacks are small bags, just as boats are something that are put aboard ships.

Today there are 25 grocery bag makers, who produced over 25 million bags in 1982. One last note: Bags are made in 16 sizes, ranging from too small to too large.

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three things people find most compelling, that they respond to more than anything else.

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Notice how many restaurants have eliminated ceilings and tried to make pipes painted black make the eating atmosphere warm? Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac tried to do it without benefit of black paint. However, while not glamorous, it isn't offensive.

Neither is the rafter treatment in Mt. Jack's, warehouse eateries in Memphis, or some of the others we've visited.

Daughter, Susan, now a student at Eastern Michigan, going on Western, having been to Central, was invited to a Tupperware party at Ann Arbor's campus.

Her mother and dad wondered about a student going to a plastic ware affair, but figured "What the heck", until we learned what a college Tupperware party is.

That's where all the drinks are served in glasses.

Letters to editor

Toma rates superhero label

I have an opinion that opposes the one stated in Geri Speace's commentary of David Toma, one that I feel should be voiced.

One year from now, 10 years from now, I know I will remember his words on substance abuse and suicide.

Why? Because, even though I knew the facts, I (like many others) needed a good slap in the face with some cold, hard facts. I needed to hear them from someone who knows how it is "out there."

Since I live in a somewhat cushioned life, I didn't really believe the claims about New York or New Jersey. It's hard to imagine cities worse than East Detroit.

I can take faith in David Toma's words, because he knows what he's talking about, and I know he cares.

One of the first to be counseled by David Toma individually, he helped me to understand what my younger brother is going through. He cried with me and told me never to give up. He showed me how to help someone else besides myself for the first time.

Geri stated that Toma should not be treated as a superhero. Why not? In today's society, teens need someone to look up to.

Many families are riddled by alcoholism and deep emotional disturbances. Kids simply have nowhere else to turn.

Many parents think that money represents love, that if they work 12 hours a day and become very wealthy, their kids will be happy and emotionally stable—in a sense, feel loved. They've got another think coming.

My family is far from being the richest in the community, and I do admit that I envy the rich kids. But only their money, and even then not for long.

For I know that every night, two people come home to me who love me and my brothers more than anything in the world. Let me tell you, I wouldn't trade their love for anything in the world.

So where are the rich kids' parents when their kids are at parties, getting drunk, having "fun" making total a--- out of themselves? Why, they're out making money, so their kids will have love and happiness.

Now, I know life is not always a piece of cake. My family went through three years of hell.

Not a whole lot of love was shown during that period, and in that time my brother became a drug addict, my father suffered mental distress, my mother busted her tail to keep our heads above water, and I myself tried to commit suicide.

Thank God we're OK now, and that my ploy

didn't work. Because if it had, I would've missed out on a whole lot of love.

If David Toma had spoken back then, things would've been much different. Having a superhero to model yourself after and look up to (when parents aren't available), someone worthwhile, can really make or break a kid.

The \$6,000 fee was worth every penny, considering the hundreds of kids who really listened and decided to change their lives.

They are trying to regain the dignity that drugs and alcohol stole away—trying to make something of themselves, to be someone.

If having David Toma as a superhero can do all that, then I'm all for it, for the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

Name withheld by request

We love Toma

This famous man who came to Clarkston knows what he is talking about. At least we think so. David Toma is a superhero!

We saw him for approximately 15 hours during the time he was here. Mr. Toma arrived Feb. 19 and at the end of the day when he left, he left so many kids behind with no one to talk to!

Then, people say why? Why does he come back and talk to us? Well, the reason is very simple. It is because he cares and loves us, and he knows that we need to be educated on the disease of alcoholism and the addiction.

We feel that David Toma is a superhero for many reasons and the reader should be able to figure them out.

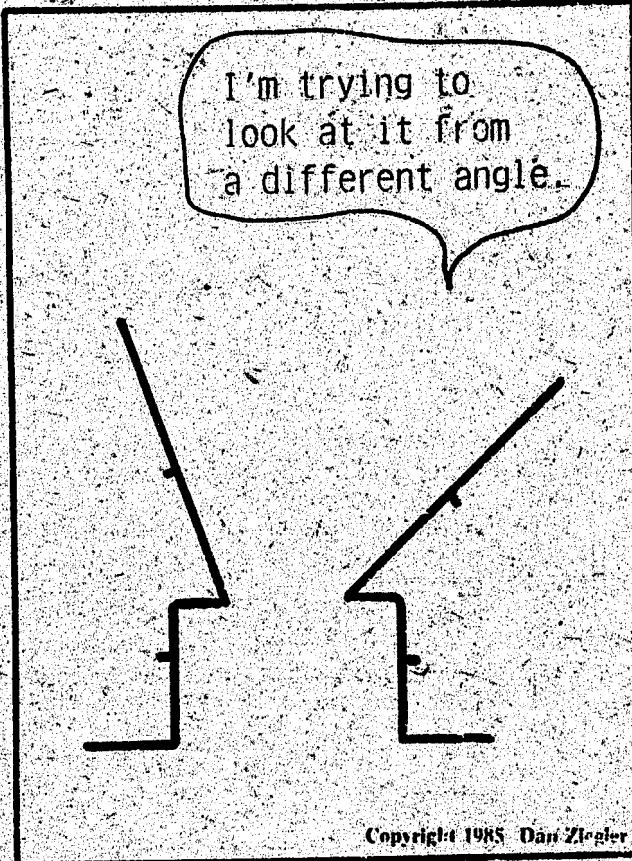
But don't you think he is more popular than Superman, the superhero? We do!

How can the Guest Commentary of the Feb. 27 Clarkston News say he isn't?

Tell us someone who can make such an impact on so many people in two-and-one-half hours. Not too many people.

We care about him so darn much, we went all the way to St. Clair Shores High School to see him and talk to him the following week. We were all so happy.

He asked all the people who went straight (from Clarkston) to stand up. Well, we did, and St. Clair Shores High School gave us a standing ovation. He loves us and we love him.



He told us that he would come back, but time was really hard to find. But there is a good chance he will come back this summer or in 1987.

That is how much this man really cares about us and the drug epidemic.

We would like to acknowledge some things that people have either said about Mr. Toma or written about Mr. Toma.

To start off with, we know very well that parties will go on and the pushers will still make money, but it doesn't mean we have to be part of it.

We also recognize that people think \$6,000 may have been a little too much. Well, to tell you the truth, we think he is worth two to three times more than that. And we would raise money to get him back again.

We hear that facts and statistics were wanted. What do you think you got? Lies and stuff we hear everyday! No way, man. That's what Mr. Toma gave us, the bare facts.

David Toma is quite a man and it's just too bad there aren't more like him.

We would like to give special thanks to the people who made it possible for us to go and see Mr. David Toma in St. Clair Shores.

And we would also love to thank Mr. Toma for making us see the light. Thanks.

Peer Connection

'If it Fitz . . .'

Cliches to live by

Jim Fitzgerald



"Last night was a mistake," I told her. That was another TV-movie cliché I've always wanted to say to my wife. Last Monday I wrote about how I finally found a reason to tell her: "We need to spend some time together." (After minor surgery, I needed her to change the dressing on a back wound beyond my grasp.) It is incredible that a second reason to speak dramatically came along so soon after the first. I guess it never rains but it makes you sorry a smile is your umbrella.

After a night of wild abandon unlicensed by nuptial contract, the well-spoken hero or heroine often says last night was a mistake. That means he or she doesn't want to do it again because someone might get hurt, or because it just won't work out, or because one of them has an incurable disease unrelated — remarkable — to their dialogue.

WHICH REMINDS ME: The mailman brought me a letter with this message printed on the outside of the envelope in large letters: "HERPES TEST RESULTS - Private and Confidential." And I used to worry about postal employees reading my postcards.

An esteemed newspaper owner named Jim Sherman sent me the x-rated envelope. His is a remarkable success story. Starting only 30 years ago with just one small newspaper, he now owns five and plans to buy a sixth just as soon as he can afford a newspaper bag to carry them all in.

Anyway, on the morning my wife asked why I blew my nose the night before, I told her last night was a mistake. I couldn't think of a better defense. She was angry because the nighttime blow, although with Kleenex, was without precedent.

She claims I am completely predictable. "You always blow your nose in the morning, right after you finish shaving. The noise is my signal to get up and start breakfast," she said. "Because you blew unpredictably, I put the coffee on at 2 o'clock in the morning."

Some people may think it uncouth to discuss nose blowing in public. But there is precedent for thinking otherwise. Nose blowing was recently discussed in the Missouri Legislature. Rep. Fred Williams proposed legislation that would make it a crime to blow your nose in a restaurant.

"IF WE CAN TELL PEOPLE they can't smoke in a restaurant, why can't we tell them they can't blow their nose?" Williams asked.

Right. It may not be practical for restaurants to completely ban nose blowing, especially during the flu season; but they should at least offer a non-blowing section for customers who don't intend to blow and don't want to hear people who do. "Blowing or non-blowing?" the hostess could ask.

The Ann Arbor Public Library recently adopted a rule calling for the ejection of patrons "with extremely poor personal hygiene," so certainly it should be possible for a restaurant to segregate blowers from non-blowers. It's a lot easier to spot a handkerchief flasher than to distinguish cheap cologne from a skipped bath.

I apologized to my angry wife for unpredictably awakening her six hours early, and asked if it would make her feel better if I moved to Missouri and got arrested for abusing a controlled substance called mucus. That was after I used the last-night-was-a-mistake cliché, which may have been contagious.

"I need some time to sort things out," she said.

To be continued next week.

More letters

About birds . . .

What is a pigeon? According to Webster's Dictionary, they are "any of various birds with a small head, plump body and short legs."

What makes them any different from any other species of birds? Most of us feed them all without discrimination.

How about the mourning doves? Do we have to stop feeding them even though they give us the fine sounds of their calls every day?

What about the beauty of the cardinal that has to brave the harsh Michigan winters? Are we going to stop feeding them also?

What about the nasty and noisy, but pretty, blue jay? Should we also starve them so they will move away to better feeding grounds?

What will or can be done about the messy and

piggy starlings that take over a bird feeder and really make a mess? Should we stop feeding because of them?

What about the robins that happen to come back early, only to find they have nothing to survive on, except the generosity of the people of this and many other communities? Are all of the "droppings" from them bad?

If so, then why do we have bird feeders and supply water for them at sometimes great expense? Because in snow and bad weather, they would not make it.

If I did not want birds in my yard or neighborhood, I also could stop feeding and watering the birds, but why do some of us go through the trouble and expense to keep these birds around?

Rudy has fed "his" pigeons for about 55 years. Look at the ducks in the Mill Pond, which have caused much concern. Almost everyone feeds them because it's fun. They should also be left on their own. There is a big difference between a migratory bird and

a "domestic" bird. There are survivors and diers.

We have been customers of Rudy's Market and Pontiac State Bank since 1962, and we have never had a problem with "his" pigeons.

We have never seen them come into the store, or cause any other problems, but they want to take this away from Clarkston.

Eventually they will find food somewhere. I only hope this will be at all of the bird feeders of the people, "pigeons," who are complaining, but they probably don't have one or care about our feathered friends.

But if they get to be too many, then why not shoot them? Eat well, pretend they are cornish game hens or small chickens.


We recently moved to Indiana where it is fair game to shoot mourning doves. This could become a law in Michigan as far as pigeons are concerned.

Good luck!!! And happy hunting.

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PROTECTION OF MUSKELLUNGE AND NORTHERN PIKE

The Natural Resources Commission, at its August 10, 1984, meeting, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that effective April 1, 1985, through March 31, 1987, a 30-inch size limit be placed on northern pike and all spearing be prohibited, except that carp may be taken with spear May 1 through August 15, in HERON AND TIPSICO LAKES, Oakland County.

Weather plays havoc on roads

For the next week or so, unpaved roads in Oakland County will be very muddy and difficult to travel. Paved roads are likely to have more than the usual number of potholes.

Monday's snow and rain combined with rising temperatures is expected to cause worsening of conditions that have already been unusually severe this spring.

"We have been working overtime to keep roads safe and passable, and we will continue to do so," said Oakland County Road Commission Deputy Managing Director William Fognini.

"However, Mother Nature is playing havoc that can't be overcome immediately," he said.

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The unusually severe road problems are due to more than just the recent snowfall and rain. The week before New Year's, we had rain for about a week, then a quick freeze.

"That water is being held at the surface by frost that remains in ground," said Fognini.

"We are aware of the difficulty motorists are having with the roads, and we are doing all that is possible as fast as possible," he said.

"We ask that phone calls be limited to only those necessary to report hazardous situations," said Fognini.

To report hazards, call the OCRC department of citizen service, 858-4804.

Two roads selected for funds

By Carolyn Walker

Two Independence Township roads have been unanimously approved for 1985 tri-party-funded improvements by the Independence Township Board.

The two projects will use approximately \$45,000 of the \$48,750 allotted for renovations.

Work on Perry Lake Road from Cranberry Lake to Deerwood roads is estimated to cost \$17,000, and Stickney at Pine Knob Road is estimated at \$28,000.

Tri-party funds are made available by money from the township, Oakland County, and the Oakland County Road Commission.

Each is responsible for a third of the costs, according to Brian Blaesing, programing engineer for the county road commission.

Before choosing the two, township board members considered improvements to Oakhill Road (\$100,000) and Pine Knob near Sashabaw (\$100,000).

These two sites were not chosen because of their expense.

Improvements to the grade and surfacing, and a three-foot shoulder are planned for Perry Lake Road. The Stickney at Pine Knob site involves the removal of trees to improve visibility and regrading. Improvements to the two chosen sites will begin when the paper work has been finalized, said township Supervisor Frank Ronk.

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Bowl for camp

The third annual Bowlathon fund raiser to send area children to camp is planned Sunday, March 24, by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA).

Beginning at 1 p.m., bowlers who have collected pledges for the number of pins scored in a three-game series will bowl free at Howe's Lanes on Dixie Highway in Independence Township.

Last year, CAYA sent 104 youngsters to camp—the most ever. The group usually receives 100-110 referrals each year from elementary school teachers.

Most of the children referred are shy or withdrawn, said CAYA social worker Garry Pullins, and nine days away at camp, making new friends and allowing independence to flourish can really help a youngster.

Prizes will be awarded to the eight bowlers raising the most money. The list includes first prize of a weekend trip to Toronto, Canada, for two; second prize of a 1½-inch personal black-and-white television; third of a clock radio with cordless telephone; and fourth through eighth of dinners for two at area restaurants.

For information on bowling or to pledge a contribution, call the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance office at 625-9007.

—Fire call—

Sunday, Feb. 24

11:33pm—Medical emergency at South River Drive residence; Fleet Ambulance transported to Pontiac General Hospital.

Monday, Feb. 25

6:37am—Medical emergency at Rockcroft address; Fleet transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJMH).

Tuesday, Feb. 26

6:45am—Medical emergency at a residence on Sashabaw Road; initiated CPR upon arrival of Fleet; Fleet transported to SJMH.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

12:21am—Person treated for possible overdose at Parvieu address; Fleet transported to SJMH.

7:23am—Responded to report of possible medical emergency on Chestnut Hill at Woodcrest Ridge; found man sleeping in vehicle.

Thursday, Feb. 28

7:29am—Responded to a residence on Clintonville Road with a flooded basement; assisted homeowner with pump.

1:46pm—Firefighter assisted citizen at East Washington address.

11:15pm—Vehicle fire extinguished inside the Pine Knob Ski Resort Maintenance Garage.

Friday, March 1

7:56am—Person involved in fight at school bus stop on Eastview checked; private transport provided for medical attention.

8:32am—Medical emergency at Pinedale residence; Fleet transported to SJMH.

7:49pm—Smoke investigation at Clarkston Road residence; found electrical problem; disconnected power and advised homeowner.

Saturday, March 2

1:48pm—Mattress fire in back of pickup truck extinguished on M-15 north of Rattalee Lake Road; caused by cigarette discarded from the truck.

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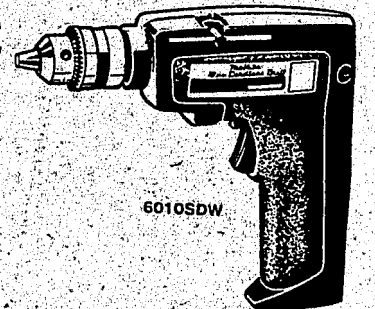
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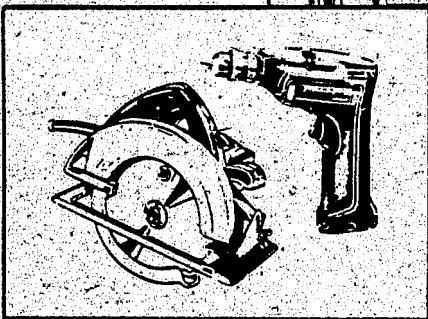
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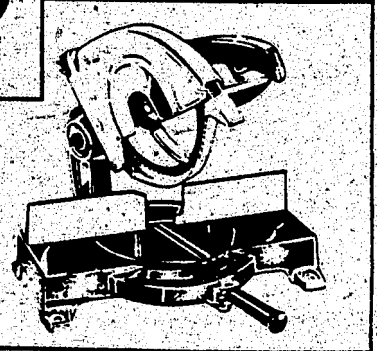
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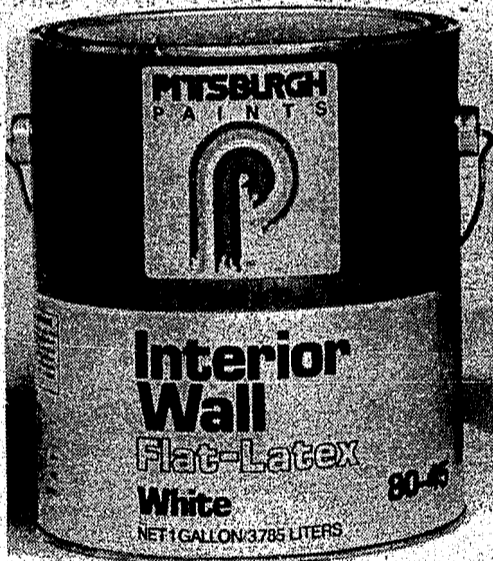
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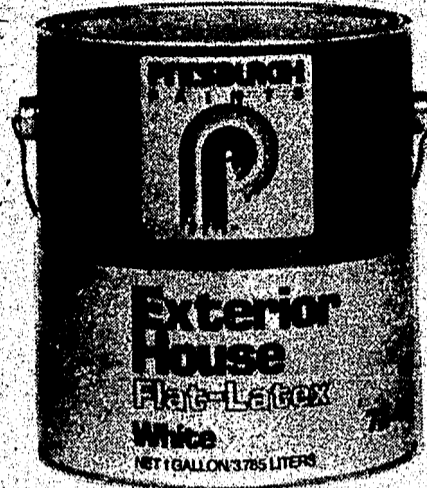


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Basketball

Clarkston High School Varsity
Wolves 61, Waterford Kettering 53

March 4—The Wolves open the district tournament with the win over the Captains. They race out to a 18-4 lead in the first quarter before Kettering starts chopping away. Mike Walters leads all scorers with 23 points. Erik Kline is next with 15 points, all made in the second half.

Clarkston High School Varsity
Pontiac Northern 64, Wolves 61 OT

March 1—The league title slips away from the Wolves with the second overtime loss to Northern this season. Erik Kline leads the Wolves with 19 points. Ed Whitaker's next with 18. Clarkston's record is 17-3 and 6-2 in the league.

Wolves 73, Waterford Kettering 63 OT

Feb. 27—In a make-up game of a snow-out, the Wolves bury Kettering with 12 points in the extra period after a 61-61 tie. Whitaker has 16 points in the game. Kline and Dan Jokisch each have 13.

Wolves 57, Bloomfield Lahser 51

Feb. 26—The Wolves beat a good Lahser team with a 19-10 advantage in the final quarter. Whitaker is the high scorer with 17 points, followed by Kline with 14 and Jokisch with 13.

THIS WEEK: District Tournament at Pontiac Central. Clarkston versus Lake Orion, March 6, 7 p.m.; Finals, March 9, 7 p.m.



Clarkston High School Junior Varsity
Pontiac Northern 71, Wolves 54

March 1—A big fourth quarter puts the game away for Northern. Jim Hall plays an excellent game with 21 points and 14 rebounds. Craig Chamberlain adds 13 in the loss. The Wolves finish their season with a 16-4 record.

Waterford Kettering 60, Wolves 57

Feb. 27—Turnovers hurt the Wolves. Four players hit in double figures: Hall, Kevin Pitcher and Keith Mercier each post 12 points and Chamberlain follows with 10.

Wolves 52, Bloomfield Lahser 28
 Feb. 26—Strong defense helps the Wolves in this win as Jeff Billig scores 11 points and Mercier adds 10.

Volleyball

Clarkston High School Varsity
District Tournament

Rochester Adams 15,15, Wolves 12,0

March 2—The Wolves can't stop Adams' spikers and finish their season while hosting the tournament. The Wolves beat Holly earlier in the day, 15-2 and 15-4, to advance to the second round. They end the season with a 32-7 record. Adams goes on to win the district title.

Clarkston High School Junior Varsity
Wolves 15,15, Lake Orion 10,7

Feb. 28—Everyone contributes in the victory that clinches the league title for the Wolves with a perfect 8-0 record. They finish the season with a 17-2 mark.

Wolves 15,15, Waterford Kettering 5,11

Feb. 27—The Wolves play mistake-free volleyball in the triumph with Maggie Gdula, Stacie Jensen and Beth Tilley leading the way.

Wolves 15,15, Milford 3,2

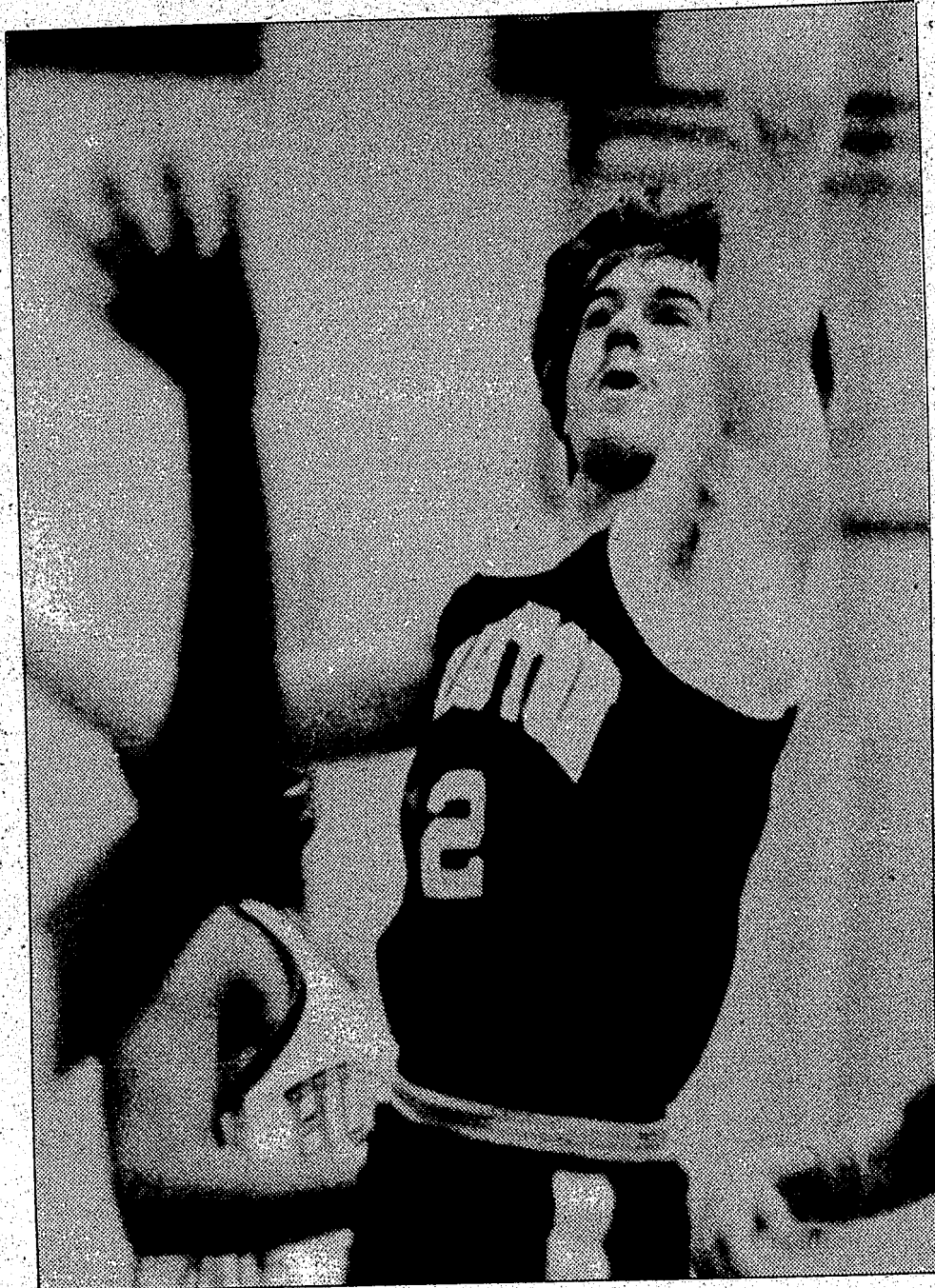
Feb. 25—No trouble for the Wolves in this match as Kelly Laidig and Dawn Diederich stand out.

Sashabaw Junior High Cougars
Cougars 15,15, Bloomfield Lahser 12,9

Feb. 28—The Cougars cap a record-setting season with the victory over Lahser. Star players in this match are Heather Luchenbach, Karan Heating and Renda Beck. The Cougars' 15-6 mark is the best ever in the team's six-year history. Other records are set for best serving and spiking percentage for the team; the least number of errors for the team; best individual serving percentage, 95, for Tricia Kelly; and the best individual spiking percentage, 89 for Karan Heaton.

Cougars 15,15, Oxford 13,6

Feb. 26—Laurie Clements, Shelly Rood, Jackie Patrick and Jill Laurel stand out in the triumph over Oxford.



Most of Ed Whitaker's 18 points came in heavy traffic in the league title game against Pontiac Northern. Erik Kline led the Wolves with 19 points. [Photo by Dan Vandenheim]

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District downfall halts Wolves season

By Dan Vandenhemel

A league championship and a 32-7 record isn't enough to console the Clarkston Wolves' volleyball team.

They were the defending district title holders before they ran into a strong Rochester Adams team in the second round of the district tournament in Clarkston, March 2.

Adams went on to take the title with a 15-4, 15-7 drubbing of Rochester.

Clarkston fared little better with scores of 15-12 and an embarrassing 15-0.

"Obviously everyone is upset about losing," Wolves' coach Nancy Foster said. "The first game we should have won. In the second one, we were never in the game."

The opening match was close and the score went back and forth before the Highlanders pulled it out. The second game, the Wolves never got going.

"We missed six serves. That did us in," said Foster.

Adams whitewashed the Wolves in the second game behind senior Sandy Burgess. The 5-foot-11 spiker has a volleyball scholarship to Purdue University and showed why in dismantling Clarkston.

"When they set up, they gave it to their big girl (Burgess) and she put it away. We couldn't block it," Foster said.

"If we served and passed well, we would have won."
—Nancy Foster

Being defending district champions didn't hurt the Wolves, Foster added. Last year they advanced to the Flint Regionals and lost in the opening round to eventual state champions Flint Kearsley.

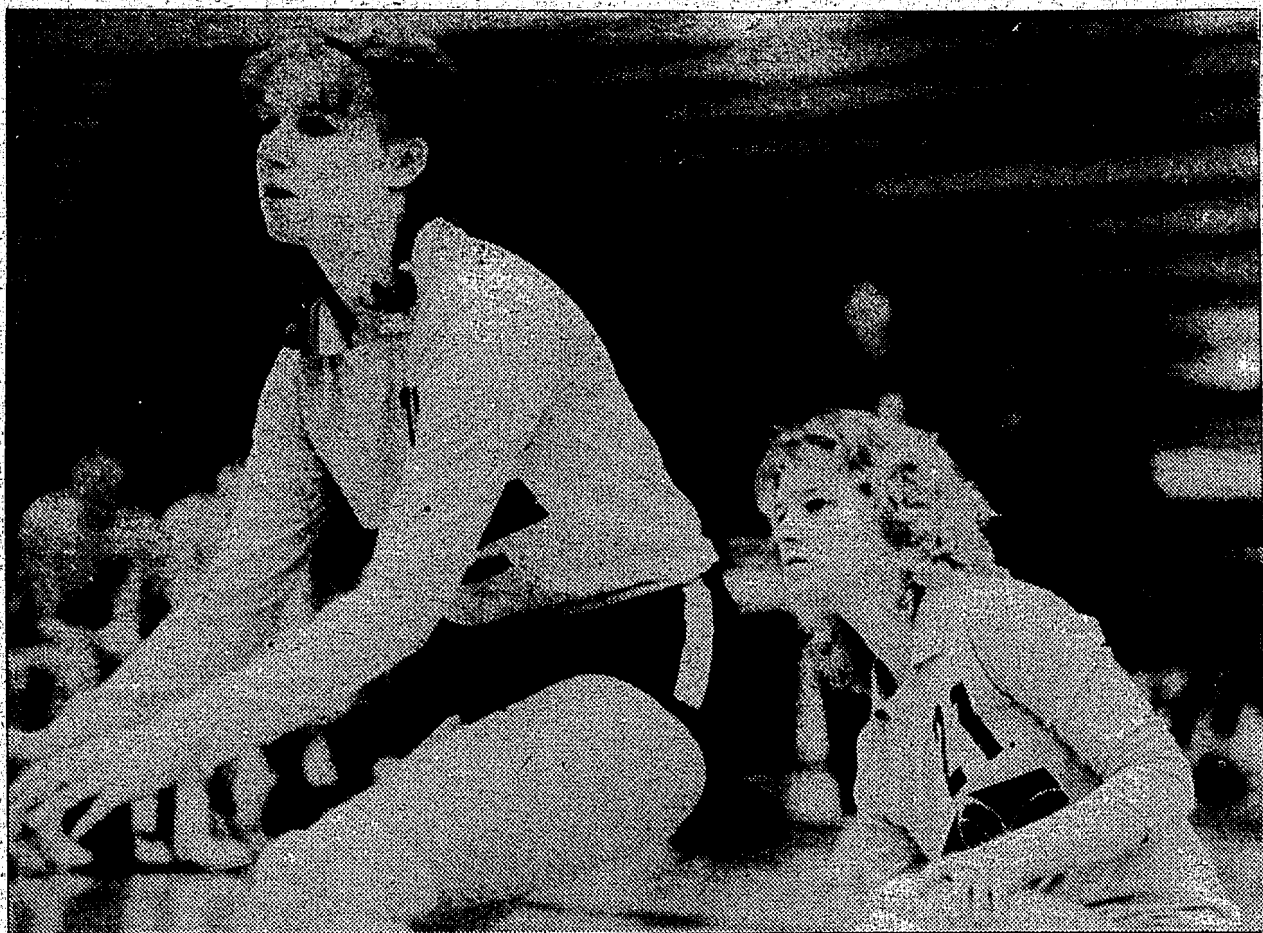
"We weren't looking past Adams. Our play in the first game proved that," Foster said. "If we served and passed well, we would have won."

To get to the second round, the Wolves took care of winless Holly, 15-2 and 15-4.

With their second straight 8-0 league record on the varsity level and an 8-0 mark the year before on the JV team, the graduating seniors at Clarkston have never lost a league match, something Foster is proud of.

The undefeated players are Wendy Learmont, Laura Hurren, Roseann Hirneisen, Tricia Butler and Beth Springer. Other seniors on the team are Jill DeShetler and Kim Ottman.

"Being with those players for three years is the tough part. Not losing the districts but the thought of losing them," Foster said.



Kecia Powell [left] and Laura Hurren concentrate while waiting for a serve in a match against Holly in the opening round of the district tournament.

Sports

Wolves advance in tourney

By Dan Vandenhemel

The second season has started for the Clarkston Wolves: the state tournament.

The team that goes undefeated during the March tournament is the champion. So far the Clarkston basketball team is 1-0 with a shaky 61-53 victory over Waterford Kettering at Pontiac Central Monday night.

The opening-round game started out unlike the close match the two schools played last week, when the Wolves pulled out a 72-62 overtime win. This time, the Wolves' first quarter consisted of give the ball to Mike Walters and watch the points add up. The junior forward started his first game of the season and responded with 12 of his game-high 23 points in the opening eight minutes.

The Wolves built an 18-4 lead before falling asleep.

"Maybe we let up after the first quarter," coach Dan Fife said. "Last time we had some trouble against them, and I started a bigger line-up. It worked for the first quarter."

Regular starters Erik Kline, Ed Whitaker and Dan Jokisch were teamed with Jim Acton and Walters to begin the ball game.

Fife wasn't very surprised with the performance of Walters.

"He can shoot like that," Fife said. "He's probably averaging seven points coming off the bench. He scored good last year on the JV squad."

The Wolves were able to coast the rest of the game, with Kettering getting as close as four points at halftime.

"... I started a bigger line-up. It worked for the first quarter."

With the win over the Captains, the Wolves now play Lake Orion, March 6 at 7 p.m. at Pontiac Central. If they win that game, they'll play in the finals March 9 at 7 p.m.

Time still left for registration

Leagues are forming for the spring and summer season at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Registrations for junior baseball, M&M softball and the soccer leagues will be taken until March 16. After that date, a \$5 late fee will be charged.

Adult summer softball leagues are also accepting registrations. The season begins May 28.

March 25 is the deadline for signing up for the Ladies Spring Soccer team. Women ages 19 and up can participate.

For more information, call the parks and recreation department at 625-8223.

The Seer

Found in the Clarkston News mailslot Monday morning...

Seer here: Oops. That's the best thing I can say about my almost almighty predictions.

After Pontiac Northern tiptoed past Clarkston to win the league title, the gloom in the Wolves' locker room must have been as dark as the gym was.

The Huskies are basking in the limelight now while the Wolves are hoping for a rematch in the district tournament this week at Pontiac Central. The tournament began Monday with Clarkston putting away Waterford Kettering. For my perfect playoff predictions, read on.

District Tournament at Pontiac Central (March 4 through March 9): On Tuesday, Pontiac Northern will beat Pontiac Central. On Wednesday, Clarkston will overtake Lake Orion by 12 points. Thursday, Waterford Mott will go down by 17 against Northern. Saturday night is the final match, the rematch of Clarkston against Pontiac Northern. Twice the Huskies beat the Wolves in overtime and twice I picked the Wolves to win. This time it'll go to overtime again, maybe two of them before a winner is determined. **Clarkston by two.**

Skiers finish 7th, 8th in state

By Dan Vandenhemel

While most high school ski teams were at home waiting to hear the state final results, the Clarkston Wolves were busy being part of the results.

Only the top 10 teams for girls and boys qualified for the championship at Crystal Mountain near Traverse City.

Traverse City took top spots in both divisions. For the Wolves, the boys placed seventh and the girls were eighth.

About 150 skiers climbed the hill in hopes of coming down champions.

Steve Zoss and Mark Southby were the leading skiers for the boys. Zoss finished 12th in the slalom and 24th in the giant slalom. Southby was 22nd in the

slalom and 15th in the giant slalom. Shaun McCracken placed 31st in the slalom and 43rd in the giant slalom.

Stephanie Brown posted the highest finish in either race for Clarkston. She was eighth in the giant slalom. Heather Laurie was the most consistent with 25th places in the slalom and giant slalom. Laurie Walker was next with 27th and 26th positions. Jennifer Farough tied Walker for 26th place in the giant slalom.

Coach Don Balzarini said his expectations of the teams were higher than they finished. He thought the girls could be in the top four teams and the boys in the top five or six.

"We were trying hard out there," he said. "Nerves might have had something to do with it, but

the other teams were nervous too.

"The hills were a little steeper and you tend to hold back a little. When you do that it throws your timing off and you fall. I'm not making any excuses, we're still the seventh and eighth best teams in the state."

For the season, the girls' team had an outstanding year. They were undefeated in the dual meets with an 8-0 mark, they won the divisional and the regional meets, and placed second in the Southeastern Michigan Championships.

The boys also fared well over the course of the season. They were 7-1 in meets, second at the divisional and regional meets, and fifth in the Southeastern Michigan Championships.

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In overtime: Huskies lash out at Wolves

By Dan Vandenhemel

Say goodbye to the league title for the Clarkston basketball team. For the second straight year, the Wolves lost the championship on the final day of the season to Pontiac Northern.

The Huskies brought down the Wolves, 64-61, in overtime at their gym March 1. It was the second overtime loss to the Huskies this year, which makes finishing behind them in the Greater Oakland Activities League even harder to take.

"Losing twice to them in overtime is a tough way to end the season," junior varsity coach Tim Kaul said leaving the locker room following the game.

Varsity coach Dan Fife said anytime there's an overtime, it's a fine line between winning and losing. "We were fortunate to win at Kettering," Fife said of the 73-63 overtime victory Feb. 27. "At best we could have been co-champions with Northern. What's important is winning the district. You're not going to share that."

The Wolves looked as if they wouldn't need the extra period against the Huskies. They led by as much as 12 points in the third quarter and seemed in control. After a 48-38 lead going into the final period, the game turned around.

"I think we woke them up," Fife said. "The first three quarters they didn't seem like the team that beat us earlier. They were a different team in the last quarter. When the game was on the line, they came down and got us."

The Huskies actually took the lead in regulation, 58-54, with 50 seconds to go when Erik Kline put in a short jumper to pull within two points. After Northern missed a free throw, Kline quickly cleared the ball underneath the basket to Mike Walters for a shot at the buzzer that bounced around the rim before finding the mark.

Fouls and turnovers led to the Wolves' downfall in overtime.

Kline was the high scorer for the Wolves with 19 points. Ed Whitaker followed with 18. Dan Jokisch had 12 and Walters six.



BLAZE DESTROYS HOME: Springfield Township firefighters watch as smoke billows out of a mobile home in Springfield Estates. The Feb. 28 fire started about 6:30 p.m. and assistant fire chief Elwyn Hillman says it might

have started in the laundry area. No one was home at the time of the blaze that gutted the trailer. Hillman estimates the loss to be around \$10,000, not including personal property. [Photo by Dan Vandenhemel]

Donate books

There's no need to toss out used hard cover and paperback books.

Instead, they can be donated to the annual book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Independence Township Library.

The library is now accepting books in good condition. Bagged or boxed books may be brought to the library during its regular business hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

At present, there is no need for National Geographic magazines or textbooks.

The used book sale is planned in April at the Clarkston Mills Mall.

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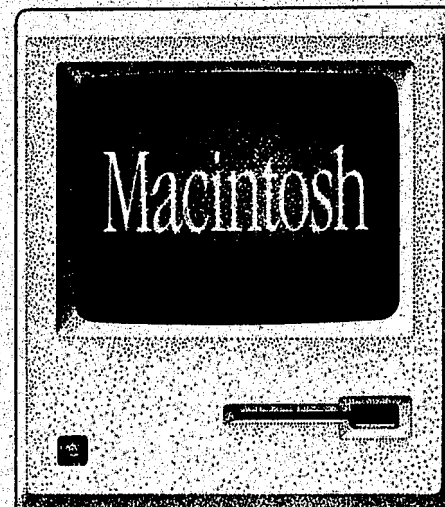
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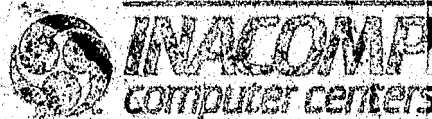
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JV spikers end season 'mistake free'

"These last two weeks, everybody played well, almost mistake-free."

Coach Gordy Richardson's appraisal of the Clarkston junior varsity volleyball team tells why the Wolves finished with a 17-2 mark including a perfect 8-0 record in the Greater Oakland Activities League.

"I kept telling the kids that everyone had a role on the team and everyone accepted that and did their best," he said. "I give the kids a lot of credit. It takes a lot of sacrifice to think of the team like that."

This is Richardson's second year as JV coach. His first year, the team notched a 21-5 record.

Team members are Kelly Laidig, Stacie Jensen, Shelly Heyman, Maggie Gdula, Wendy Cohoon,

Joanne Beck, Dawn Diederich, Gina Houck, Missy O'Dell, Beth Tilley, Jessica Shoup and Coreen Hummel.

"Those 12 kids came together and formed a great team," Richardson said. "If someone wasn't playing

well, I put someone else in there and they did the job.

"I always tried to make the good decisions. I don't always make the right one, though. But 17-2 isn't a bad record. I wish that would happen in some other sports."

Up My Alley

Imports will help

Dan Vandenhemel



Park trail to get boost

The All-Visitor Trail at Independence Oaks County Park stands to benefit from a benefit.

The Oakland Parks Foundation is sponsoring a Cabaret Evening at the White Lake Oaks Golf Course on Tuesday, March 19.

Tickets are a \$25 donation in advance or at the door. The tax-deductible contributions go to the park trail.

The All-Visitor Trail is a paved nature path that provides access for the physically impaired or anyone. The funds will be used to build a resting area with benches and a wooden deck and to purchase audio equipment.

White Lake Oaks Golf Course is on South Williams Lake Road, just south of M-59. For more information or to order tickets, call the foundation at 335-2771.

All's fair in the auto industry and war. So what if President Reagan lifts the automobile import quota and a flood of Japanese-made cars cross the Pacific?

So what if the union workers are crying about it. So what if United States car manufacturers are crying.

So what if the consumer is jumping for joy. What? Wait a minute, that can't be right. There's never any joy when people lose their jobs. But yes, we consumers are happy.

With Japanese cars and other imports coming into the country, competition will return to the industry. Car prices are soaring, and maybe with the imports that will turn around.

During labor negotiations in past years, union employees cried about their wages and claimed they couldn't afford to buy what they produce. Gee, that's too bad. They're only making \$13 an hour, with full benefits and cost-of-living pay hikes.

Do they ever think that there are people making less money than they are who also must buy those same high-cost products?

What the imported cars are going to do is bring the cost down and possibly improve the quality of the

cars. The quality has been going up on our shores over the past few years, but so has the price.

The imports aren't going to dilute the automobile market. They're going to create a buyers' market.

Right now a basic, bottom-of-the-line economy model American car is pushing a \$6,000 pricetag. There's a Yugoslavian-made car under \$4,000. That's a \$2,000 difference, and somewhere in the middle are the Japanese products.

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Obituaries

Lillian L. DeArmond

Lillian L. DeArmond, 60, of Independence Township died Feb. 26. She was a member of Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond; children, Mrs. Larry (Kathleen) Mahrle of Waterford and Mrs. Fredrick (Linda) Seyler; grandchildren, Matthew and Karl; brothers, Darrel Bresnahan of Illinois, Roger Bresnahan of California and Bernard Bresnahan of Pontiac; and sister, Marlene Jeffery of Ohio.

The funeral service was held March 1 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Independence Township, with the Rev. William Schram officiating. Burial followed in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Independence Township.

Margaret C. DuLude

Margaret C. (Dean) DuLude, 70, of Waterford and formerly of Clarkston died March 2. She was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Waterford, St. Anne's Guild, Altar Society, League of Catholic Women and Icon Dei League.

Surviving are her children, Patty Phillips of Ortonville, Julianne Collier of Waterford, M. Margaret Serra of Alabama, John Dean of Waterford, Bernard DuLude of Fenton and Donald DuLude of Grand Blanc; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Aileen Woods of Florida.

The funeral mass was held March 5 at Our Lady of the Lakes Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Pontiac.

Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Independence Township.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Gordon A. Kelley

Gordon A. Kelley, 66, of West Branch and formerly of Clarkston died Feb. 27. He was a retired mail carrier.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; sons, Gordon Jr. of Essex Junction, Vt., and Richard of Clarkston; three grandchildren; sisters, Myrtle Perry of West Branch and Doris Inman of Lake City; and brothers, Bill of Clarkston and Arthur of Clarkston.

The funeral service was held March 2 at the Goyette Funeral Home, Clarkston, with the Rev. James Balfour officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery, Independence Township.

Elizabeth Sholts

Elizabeth Sholts, 75, of Waterford died Feb. 27. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Golden Opportunity Club.

Surviving are her children, Mrs. James (Barbra)

Finch of Clarkston, Mrs. Lloyd (Donna) Estes of North Carolina, Mrs. Julis (Addie) Huster of Pontiac, John Henry Sholts of Tennessee, Joe Sholts of Pontiac and Mrs. James (Mary) McGaughy of Union Lake; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held March 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Independence Township, with the Rev. Richard Curton officiating.

Edward M. Skelton

Edward M. (Max) Skelton, 81, of Waterford died March 2. A retired machinist, he was a resident of Waterford Township 51 years. He was a member of the Waterford Senior Citizens.

Surviving are his children, Dale of Waterford, Richard of Waterford, Mrs. Lawson (Hazel) Pierce of Kalamazoo, Donald of Clarkston and George of Holly; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Robert of Hillman; and sister, Ferna Dubois of Grand Rapids.

The funeral service was to be held Wednesday, March 6, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Independence Township, with the Rev. Robert Knight officiating. Burial was to follow in Hillview Memorial Cemetery.

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The campus day is planned Saturday, March 30, at Pierce Junior High School, 5145 Hatchery, Drayton Plains, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

For the price of \$9, the campus day includes the choice of 32 classes, the guest speaker and a luncheon.

The classes cover topics from food, finances and health to hobbies and crafts.

For more information, call 625-5464 or 681-0770. Registration deadline is March 20.

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Monica Miles

Have you ever had a bad day? How about a whole week?

I've been having a couple of bad days that have the makings of a terrible week.

It all started when I hit my head on a locker door. Later that day, in gym, I got hit in the head with a volleyball.

The next day as I was getting off the bus I hit a patch of ice on the steps and I ended up sitting on the ground in a puddle.

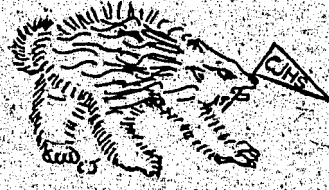
Somehow I lived through that with only a few bruises.

Then I had to put up with the teasing my brother gave me.

I'm really not a klutz, just the victim of fate.

I hope this won't turn out to be a bad week, just a couple of not-so-good days.

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



Wolverine Funds used well howls

What ever happened to the money made from the Clarkston Junior High School Student Council sale at the start of the year?

Was it pasted the walls of the school to show a touch of elegance? Not quite!

The money went to various groups and departments of the school to help improve the school's quality and educational development.

The following is a list of the items purchased with the money:

Two front door entry mats—\$2,000.

Two art cabinets—approximately \$1,500.

Computer equipment for Spanish—\$500.

Stopwatch, springboard and crash mat for gym—\$1,000.

Yearbook expenses—\$300.

Landscaping—\$500.

Monitors for sound system in music department—\$500.

Disc-drive, camera case and programs for media center—\$500.

Programs or disc-drive for computer room—\$300.

Lab equipment for science department—\$800.

New dishes completing last year's set and miscellaneous items for home-ec department—\$400.

Everyone who participated in the fall sale should be very proud of contributing to CJHS; and also very happy with the results soon to come.

This marking period the names of the winners of \$25 from the Lottery Incentive Program were drawn. The categories for winning are citizenship, honor roll and attendance.

The winners were: citizenship, Chris Jockwig; attendance, Keith Turner; and honor roll, Brian Riganon.

On Feb. 2, Clarkston Junior High's choral students went to the District Solo and Ensemble meet

at Andover High School.

The students sang pieces of their choice in front of a judge and were rated for their singing. The Ovarions and Girls Ensemble choruses also participated.

The students with the highest rating of one were the following: Chorus I Ensemble—Elise Wollesen, Nicole Dumas, Mark Young, Tammy Tracy and Stephanie Hubbs.

The following students received a rating of a II: Girls Ensemble; Ovarions Ensemble; trio of Staci Cool, Alison Hubbs and Erin Wollesen; duet of Laura Sutton and Deb Zirwes; duet of Jill Atkinson and Jenny Sexton.

So far this season, the CJHS boys' basketball team has had a better season than anyone expected.

Coach Smith said they have been training hard every day in practice and have set some goals to work toward.

The team's record, at the moment, is eight wins and three losses. They have an average of 68 points a game and their leading scorer for the season is Jeff Tungate, with an average of 22 points a game.

So far during the season, the team has broken eight records and tied one.

This year's team members are Mark Arsenault, Kevin Baert, Doug Bronson, Sam Brown, Phil Duffrin, Mike Gross, Eric Hutchins, Scott Livingston, Mike Peel, Rob Sanders, Bill Thon, Jeff Tungate, Stacy Turner and Todd Waters.

This week's contributors are CJHS journalism students Tara Carnecross, Tracy Hallett, Ann McClellan and Tony Meyers.

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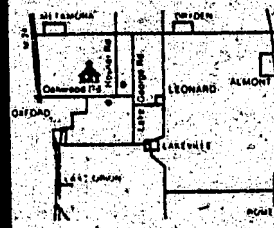
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A parent support group, part of the Chemical People of Clarkston, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting is March 12 at Clarkston High School, Room 405.

The group is based on the literature from Families Anonymous. This is not a therapy group, but rather a group of parents concerned about their teenagers' drug or alcohol abuse or related behavioral problems.

Parents help each other to consistently reinforce their family standards.

Only first names are used. Members of the group have older teenagers who have had problems and they share their experiences with parents of younger teens.

Any concerned person is encouraged to attend these meetings, even if there is only a suspicion of a problem.

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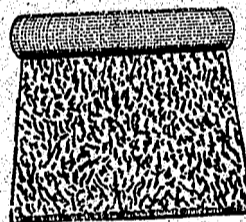
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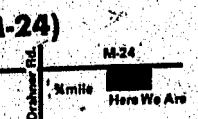
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Independence Township artist Donella Reese Vogel puts the finishing touches on a pastel drawing. Seven of her drawings will be included in a Pontiac Art Center exhibition beginning March 9. A meet-the-artists reception is scheduled March 9 from 6-8 p.m.

• Artist captures nature in pastels

By Carolyn Walker

The beauty of outdoor colors and textures appeal to the artistic senses of Donella Reese Vogel.

Armed with a camera and an eye for detail, Vogel searches her environment for nature's best scenes, captures them on film, and then returns to her Independence Township studio where she recreates them in pastel drawings.

Flowers and nature are her specialties.

"I guess it's because it's very beautiful to me," she says of her reasons for focusing her art on nature. "It has to catch my eye."

Her drawings, which have been shown in several exhibitions, are to be viewed with three other artists' works between March 9 and April 30 at the Pontiac Art Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac.

Sitting with her cat Misty at her artist's table, the soft-spoken Vogel, 42, describes her flair for art.

As a child, she spent hours making paper puppets and drawing, she says.

After studying art in high school in Hawaii, Vogel went on to the University of Hawaii and the University of Michigan, where she majored in advertising design in 1964.

Her husband, Anthony, has been a great source of encouragement, she says.

At his urging, she went on to pursue (though never receive) a master's degree in fine arts at Wayne State University in 1969.

During her years at the universities she learned Intaglio Print Making (an etching-like art form),

woodcutting and lithographs.

After the birth of her son, Reese, in 1973, Vogel spent several years doing woodcuts in her home.

Woodcuts involve chiseling a pattern into a block of wood, covering it with ink (much like a large stamp-pad) and then pressing the pattern onto Japanese rice paper.

Requiring only the simplest of tools, the art form was perfect when she was raising a baby, she says.

She must always visualize what she is creating, her ideas do not come from her imagination, she adds.

"It (the project, especially the grains in a woodcut) doesn't necessarily speak to me," she says.

Many of her intricate woodcuts, which include scenes of flowers, plants and children, are hung about her home.

Her pleasure in creating black-and-white woodcuts gave way to a yearning for color and drawing, she says.

About 3 years ago she began creating pastels, an art form which requires drawing and the use of pencils and chalks.

Curiously, she does not paint.

"I've never really painted a picture," she says.

Vogel approaches her artwork like a full-time job.

She works in her home studio everyday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Her attention to detail and her determination to succeed have paid off.

Vogel's works have been shown in over 13 exhibitions including shows at the Michigan State Fair in 1974, and at the Cork Gallery at the Lincoln Center in New York City in 1980.

In addition, her creations hang in 11 collections including the Kresge Corporation, Troy; Hunt Institute of Botanical research, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and the Beloit Clinic, Beloit, Wisc.

Seven of Vogel's pastels will be for sale at the Pontiac Art Center show. They range in price from \$300-\$500.

Cookies for sale

Girl Scout Cookies are now for sale. The seven varieties cost \$1.75 a box.

Cookie booths are scheduled at the A&P at M-15 and Dixie Highway in Independence Township from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 9; and at the Whoopee Bowl on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 10.

The North Oakland Girl Scout Council is supported through the United Way, product sales and program fees.

A portion of money from cookie sales also goes to individual troops. About 250 girls who reside in the Clarkston school district are members.

Microwave-plus

Melt chills with hot cheddar soup

Betty Wagner



Even though the temperature is rising, there is a damp chill in the air from the rain and melting snow. What better way is there to keep warm than with a steaming bowl of delicious homemade soup that has been prepared in and served from the same attractive tureen.

Your microwave oven provides the opportunity to cook and serve in the same container, which will save clean-up time and energy.

You may have purchased your soup tureen before dishes were labeled for microwave use. If so, here is how to test it.

Place the tureen in the microwave oven next to a 1-cup Pyrex measure that is half full of water. Microwave at high power for 1 minute. The water will be hot and the tureen should be cool if it is suitable for microwave cooking.

Liquids tend to boil higher in the microwave oven, so your choice of container needs to be two times as large as the soup's volume.

The following cheddar cheese soup recipe makes about 1 1/4 quarts, so select at least a 3-quart container for preparing the soup to avoid a spillover in the oven.

CHEDDAR CHEESE SOUP

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 leeks, finely chopped
- 1 celery rib, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups chicken broth

- 1 12-ounce can evaporated milk or 1 1/2 to 2 cups whole milk or half-and-half
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese, grated or shredded
- Freshly snipped parsley for garnish

Melt butter at high power for 40 to 60 seconds. Add chopped leeks, celery and carrot. Microcook, covered, at high power for 5 minutes, stirring after 2 1/2 minutes.

Stir in flour and cornstarch. Cook at high power for 40 to 50 seconds to eliminate a raw flour taste. Stir in chicken stock (canned, made from bouillon or homemade). Cook at high power for 2 1/2 minutes, or until mixture begins to thicken.

Blend in evaporated milk. Cover with tureen lid or waxed paper. Cook at high power for 6 to 8 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes.

Stir in cheese, add seasonings to taste, cover and cook at 50 percent power or medium for 5 to 7 minutes, or until desired serving temperature, or until temperature probe inserted into the center of the soup reads 150 degrees. Garnish with parsley.

For a creamier textured soup, place in blender or food processor and blend until smooth.

For a cheesy-cauliflower soup, precook bite-size pieces of cauliflower in a covered container for 6 minutes a pound. Add to the soup, either with the cheese or after processing.

To reduce fat and calories by about 40 percent, substitute 8 ounces Weight Watchers Natural Part-Skim Milk Cheese for the cheddar cheese and 1 can evaporated skim milk for whole evaporated milk. Follow the directions for cheddar cheese soup.

If you are in a hurry, here is a super quick version of cheddar cheese soup. Saute leeks, celery and carrot with 2 tablespoons water, covered, at high power for 5 minutes, stirring after 2 1/2 minutes.

Add two cans of cheddar cheese soup. Blend in 1 cup chicken bouillon and 1 12-ounce can evaporated milk. Microwave, covered, at 50 percent or medium power for 7 to 10 minutes or until desired serving temperature, or until temperature probe inserted in the center of the soup reads 150 degrees.

All three versions of Cheddar Cheese Soup thicken as they stand in the refrigerator.

To accommodate several dinner hours, make the soup early in the day and refrigerate. Reheat when needed by the mug or bowl full.

If this is your choice, fill mugs and bowls only two-thirds full and reheat at 80 percent power for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes.

Home economist Betty Wagner is a graduate of West Virginia University. She teaches microwave cooking classes at Sears in the Oakland Mall and through the Clarkston Community Education Department. She resides in Independence Township.

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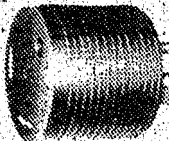
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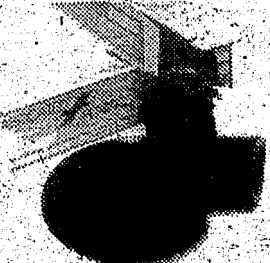
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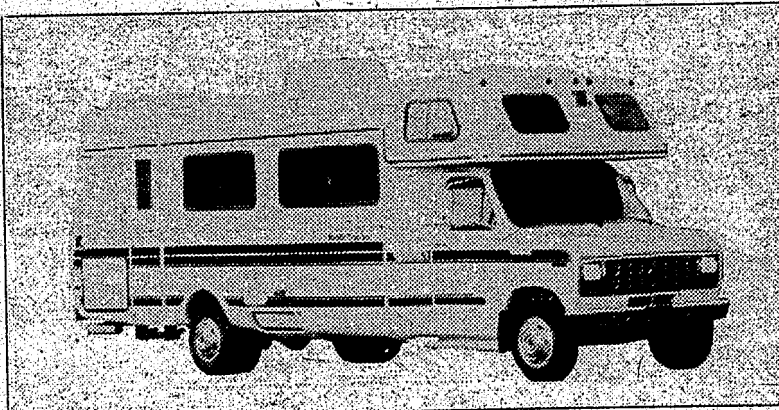
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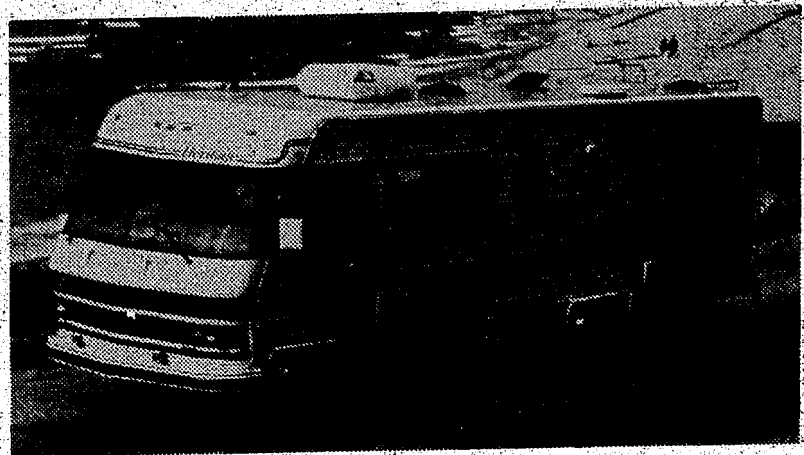
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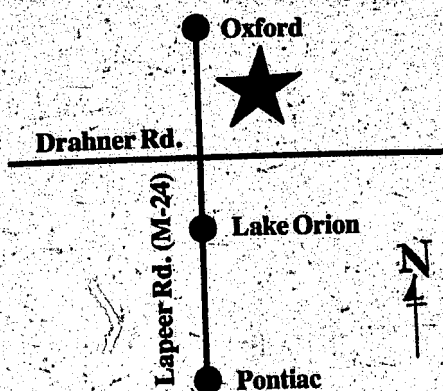
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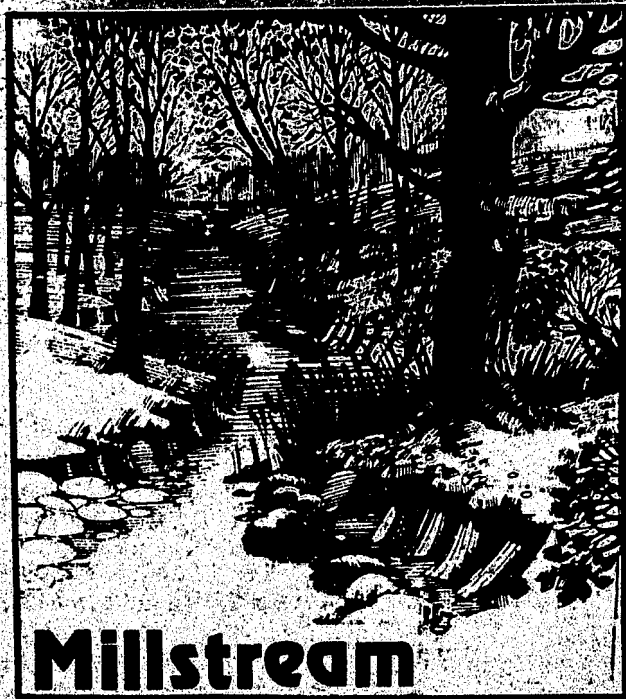
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Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilson of Pear Street, Independence Township, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Black of Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Recipe file

Donut delights

By Lorna Bickerstaff

On Fat Tuesday before Lent, Art and Sylvia Vandenhemel made Polish Piaczki. Sylvia does the cooking and Art rolls them in the sugar.

The samples their son, Dan, brought into The Clarkston News office quickly disappeared.

POLISH PIACZKI

1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 cup margarine or butter
 6 eggs
 8 cups flour
 1 tablespoon salt
 1½ cups milk
 1 tablespoon anise seeds
 2 packages yeast dissolved in ¼ cup warm water and ½ teaspoon sugar

Cream sugar and butter until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, until smooth. Combine flour and salt. Blend in one cup flour and add yeast mixture. Continue with balance of flour and alternate with milk. Blend in anise seeds.

Put dough into greased bowl. Put in warm spot, cover with damp towel, and let raise until doubled.

After first rising, take tablespoonfuls of dough and shape into balls. Place on greased cookie sheet. Again, let raise until doubled.

Fry in hot fat, temperature approximately 365 degrees. Fry until light golden brown. Remove from fat with slotted spoon. Place in colander to drain. Roll in granulated sugar while warm.

Note: This recipe will make approximately 100 doughnuts. We always halve the recipe for our own use. Can be frozen with no change in flavor or texture.

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.
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Stuart, Wyatt married in afternoon

Dawn Elizabeth Stuart of Independence Township and Randy W. Wyatt of Pontiac were married in an afternoon ceremony at the Drayton Heights Free Methodist Church with the Rev. Greg Sanders officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stuart of Mustang Drive, Independence Township. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bullock of Beckville, Texas.

For her Dec. 15 wedding, the bride wore a gown with a cathedral-length train topped with a cathedral-length veil.

Her maid of honor was her sister, Deanna Stuart. Ring bearer was Scott Andrews and flower girl was Bridgett Andrews.

Their candle lighter was the bride's sister, Doreen Stuart, and the bride's youngest sister, Danette Stuart, attended her train.

Best man and usher was the bridegroom's brother, Michael Wyatt.

The newlyweds are residing in Brandon Township.



Dawn Elizabeth and Randy W. Wyatt

Honors

Ron Wagner Jr. achieved a 4.0 average during the fall semester and has been named to the dean's list for the fifth straight semester at the University of Notre Dame.

Wagner has also been awarded a two-year performance scholarship by the university bands.

His parents are Ron and Betty Wagner of Deer Park Trail, Independence Township.

Robbie Colbert is on the dean's list at Northern Michigan University, Marquette.

Colbert resides on Allen Hill Court, Independence Township.

Two Clarkston area students are on the dean's list for the fall semester at Albion College.

Brian Ladd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ladd of Kingfisher Lane, Independence Township.

Jeanne Lowrie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lowrie of Weidemann Road, Brandon Township.

Brad Banker is on the dean's list for the fall semester at the Berklee College of Music, Boston, Mass.

A performance major at the college, he is the son of Larry and Barbara Banker of Deerhill Drive, Independence Township.

Morse-Smith to wed

Mr. and Mrs. William Morse of Glenburnie Lane, Independence Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Diane, to Gary A. Smith, the son of Elia Smith of Bloomfield Hills and Robert Smith of Evansville, Ill.

The bride-to-be graduated from Clarkston High School and attended Cleary College, Ypsilanti. She is employed by the patent law firm of Krass and Young, Troy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. A former employe of Excello Corp., Walled Lake, he is now attending officer's training school in San Antonio, Texas.

A May wedding is planned.

Brochure boast

The cover of the latest batch of brochures explaining courses and majors at Kalamazoo College features a photograph of Clarkston resident Michele Phaup.

A sophomore at the college, Michele graduated from Clarkston High School in 1983.

Her parents are Kenneth and Valerie Phaup of Middle Lake Road, Clarkston.

In service

Pvt. Katherine Gray has completed United States Army basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

A 1984 graduate of Pontiac Northern High School, she is the daughter of Harold Gray of Harrison Township and Rosemary Gray of Pine Knob Road, Independence Township.

Chris Helzer has been promoted in the United States Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Helzer is an avionics systems specialist at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, with the 4488th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

He is a 1978 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Army Spec. 4 Denise Gretz has arrived for duty in Schwaebisch-Gmuend, West Germany.

A vehicle driver with the 56th Field Artillery Brigade, she was previously assigned at Fort Polk, La. She graduated from Clarkston High School in 1983. Her parents are Margaret and Ronald Gretz of Timber Ridge Trail, Independence Township.

Sgt. Clarence Holt has re-enlisted in the United States Air Force after being selected for career status.

Assigned at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., Holt was approved for re-enlistment by a board, which considered character and performance.

The sergeant is a security specialist with the 44th Missile Security Squadron.

A 1979 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School, his parents are Della Holt of Pontiac and Herbert Holt of Clarkston Road, Independence Township.

Club notes

The annual Americanism dinner was recently held at the Chief Pontiac No. 377 American Legion post in Independence Township.

Recipients of the Americanism Award for this year were Denise Millen of Lapeer, Ron Cleavenger of Drayton Plains and Sam Christopher of Clarkston.

They received the honor for their years of service to the Legion, their community, state and nation.

The Junior Miss Auxiliary Award was received by Tammy Charter of Pontiac for her work with veterans and their families, the elderly, the handicapped and her community. She is currently president of the Chief Pontiac Juniors and is also 18th District Junior President.

Special guests were 18th District Commander Earl Reinhardt, 18th District President Marge Vermler, Department Junior President April Reinhardt and Junior Miss Poppy Kim McClusky.

Beatrice Hockey is unit president and Charles Yates is post commander. Bea Richardson is Americanism chairperson.

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.

March 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23—"Finishing Touches," a comedy by Jean Kerr, by the Clarkston Village Players; showtime 8 p.m.; Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Rd., Independence Township; tickets \$4, for sale at Tierra Arts & Design, 20 S. Main, Clarkston, or call 363-0188 after 5 p.m.

Now through April 15—Maple Syrup Tours at the Drayton Plains Nature Center; \$1.50 a person; 2125 Denby Rd., off Hatchery Road, Waterford Township; for information and reservations, call 674-2119.

Saturday, March 9—Smorgasbord at the Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church; 5 to 8 p.m.; adults \$4, children 5-12 \$2.75, families \$14; 5300 Maybee, between Sashabaw and Clintonville roads, Independence Township. (673-3101)

Saturday, March 9—"Sap Show," a public interpretive program featuring the tapping of a Maple tree, demonstration of the traditional method of boiling down sap and history of maple syrup making; led by parks naturalist Kathy Thomas; free with park vehicle entry fee; Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township. (625-6473)

Sunday, March 10—Planning meeting for the Drayton Plains Nature Center's third annual Teddy

Bear Picnic; 2 p.m.; at the office of William Jackson, 4658 Dixie Highway, Waterford Township, next door to Keasey Electric. (673-5794 or 623-7240)

Sunday, March 10—Muscular Dystrophy Benefit dinner-dance; sponsored by the juniors of Chief Pontiac Post No. 377, American Legion; begins at noon; 25-cent-a-dip dinner from noon to 2 p.m.; bands begin at 2 p.m. and play to 7; Ron's Gang is the house band; \$1 donation at door; door prizes; 4819 Edgewood Dr., Independence Township. (673-9950)

Sunday, March 10—"Spring Is Almost Here!"; a walk in search of signs of the changing season at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 1 to 2:30 p.m.; led by naturalist Julie Cerbus; free with park vehicle entry fee; advance registration required. (1-800-552-6772)

Monday, March 11—Young Musicians' Workshop begins at Melissa's Keyboard Classics; for ages 3-6; \$35; four-week program meets Mondays from 11 a.m. to noon through April 1; includes rhythm study, singing, note recognition, music literature, music related handwork and eye-hand coordination. (623-2455)

Tuesday, March 12—Get-acquainted coffee sponsored by the Welcome Wagon Club; 10 a.m.; for new residents in the Clarkston, Waterford and Union Lake areas; other activities this month include a couples' international cuisine dinner March 23, bridge lessons, and bridge and pinochle groups. (887-9633 or 394-0648)

Wednesday, March 13—Preschool Story Times at the Independence Township Library; identical programs at 1 and 3 p.m.; free; for 3- to 5-year-olds; songs, stories, games and the short film "The Little Rooster Who Made the Sun Rise"; registration not necessary; 6495 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township. (625-2212)

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Wednesday, March 13—"God's Prison Gang," a movie about prison ministry; 7:30 p.m.; no admission charge; free-will offering; Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee, Independence Township. (673-3101)

Thursday, March 14—Waterford Clarkston Business and Professional Women's Club dinner meeting; 7 p.m.; Pat Beach to lead program on "Foundation"; Young Career Women of the Year to be chosen; Deer Lake Racquet Club on White Lake Road, Independence Township. (Pat Kramer, 625-4802)

Saturday, March 16—"Timeless Toys," a public interpretive program at Independence Oaks County Park; 1-2:30 p.m.; learn some history about Early American pioneer toys—and make one yourself; cost is \$2 a toy plus park vehicle entry fee; advance registration required; Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 in Independence Township. (625-6473)

Saturday, March 16—St. Patrick's Day benefit party sponsored by the parents' group for Handicapped Children, North Oakland County; 6:30 p.m. with buffet dinner at 7 and dancing to the music of "Goldrush" following dinner; \$16 a person; proceeds to go for summer physical therapy while school is out; for tickets, call Margaret at 682-2280 or Stephanie at 887-2443.

Saturday, March 19—Las Vegas Night at the Clarkston Knights of Columbus Hall; 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; presented by the Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII Council; \$2 donation; grand door prize \$200; food and spirits available; 5660 Maybee, Independence Township. (625-3772)

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AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

<p>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</p>	<p>CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 4479 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains 9:45 Sunday School 11 Morning Worship 6 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Prayer Worship</p>	<p>GRACE CHAPEL 3041 Reeder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, MI Rev. Jim Maddox Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7825 Sashabaw Road 625-4544 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Nursery 11 a.m. Rev. Michael Klafehn</p>
<p>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6000 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship & Church School 10 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH 6311 Sunnyside 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</p>	<p>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. Ed Ross</p>	<p>TEMPLE OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTER for Healing, Learning & Worship Pastor, Rev. John Wilson 9644 Susin Lane off Davisburg Road 625-4294 Sunday Service 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 391-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. Van Dellen</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH INDEPENDENT NEWTESTAMENT Gene Paul, Minister 3248 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) Bible School 9:45; Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00</p>	<p>ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services 9 a.m. & 10 a.m. The New Prayer Book</p>	<p>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST 6440 Maceday Dr., Waterford Rev. T.K. Foo 623-8960 or 623-7094 Sunday School 9 a.m. - all ages Worship 10:30 a.m. Jr. Church & Nursery</p>
<p>OLD FASHIONED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. Omer Brewer 5785 Clarkston Rd. Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Evening Service 7:00</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 6806 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</p>	<p>COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH 1888 Crescent Lake Rd. Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Myron Gaul</p>	<p>COMMUNITY (U.S.A.) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Alfred H. Nead 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</p>
<p>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 Lunsford</p>	<p>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 6 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.</p>	<p>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 Edmonson, Pastor 673-0913</p>	<p>CLARKSTON GOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 6051 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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Ortonville 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</p>	<p>PENTACOSTAL TABERNACLE 9680 Ortonville Rd. Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Thurs. Nite Prayer 7 p.m. Pastor, David McMurray Singing Last Saturday of Month</p>	<p>MT. ZION TEMPLE 4451 Clintonville Rd. 673-2050 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</p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 8 a.m.; 10 a.m. Church & Nursery Using 1928 Prayer Book</p>	<p>SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston 6401 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.</p>
<p>MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 6790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Phillip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Meeting at the former Silver Lk. Elem. School 3200 Beacham, Pontiac Pastor Robert Lapine 332-5180 Services: 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Sunday 6 p.m. Evening Wed. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 5861 Clintonville Rd. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 8:00 Sunday Evening Wed. 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study Rev. Ben Fulayter, Pastor</p>	<p>ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rd. Davisburg, MI 48019 Phone 625-5831 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</p>

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Future problem solvers win state recognition

By Kathy Greenfield

The scenario: It's the year 2005. Select the topic nuclear war, drunk driving or teacher training. Predict a problem that could occur and suggest a solution.

The contest: Michigan Future Problem Solving Program sponsored by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and open to junior high schools across the state.

Three certificate winners: Clarkston Junior High School ninth-graders Mike Kolody (third place) and Rachel Young (sixth place), and CJHS eighth-grader Kristin Gilbert (eighth place).

Because he placed in the top five out of entries from 12 participating schools, Mike's story was entered in the national Future Problem Solving competition.

The students' stories were among 15 entered in the contest by CJHS honors English teachers Ruth Duling, Linda Palace, Bill Rathburg and Virginia Shelton.

The three selected drunk driving as their topic, but their results were not the same.

In Mike's story, the drinking age is raised to 25, then prohibition is reinstated.

"Everything gets screwed up—everything that happened before, there were gangsters," he said. "Then there's a new president and he makes it so you can drink again."

Mike said his theme came from a CJHS social studies class in which the teacher pointed out that "if you forget the past you're condemned to relive it."

Part of the writing assignment included making the story read like it happened in 2005.

"I just threw in little things, like instead of TVs, they have holographic projections," he said. "By 2005 I didn't really think it would change that much."

Last year, Mike placed in the statewide competition, but not high enough to continue in the national level.

This year, "I aimed to win," he said, but "I was



Winners from Clarkston Junior High School in the Michigan Future Problem Solving Program

are [from left] Rachel Young, Mike Kolody and Kristin Gilbert.

surprised I got so high up. Third place is pretty good."

Rachel's story begins in 1984. A woman's son is hit by a 19-year-old drunk driver in a state where the drinking age is 19. Two weeks later, the state raises the legal drinking age to 21.

The boy hit suffers brain damage. The knowledge that the accident may not have happened two weeks later upsets the woman a great deal.

She decides to work for better preventive measures and, in the year 2005, convinces an automobile manufacturer to use her ideas. One is a meter that makes cars stop when a person or animal is within 15 feet in front.

Rachel used other futuristic touches, such as telephones on wristbands.

"Like everyone else, I really couldn't believe it,"

she said about her award. "I just did it for the assignment, just to get it done. I thought it was kind of unreal."

Kristin wrote about a mother whose 21-year-old son hit a little girl while drunk and driving.

The mother tries to defend her son and everybody is against her. In the end, her younger son is hit by another drunk driver and she understands.

By the year 2005, Kristin said she believes all states will have their legal drinking ages at 21 (some now allow drinking at 19), so she made the main character 21.

In addition, she used some science fiction words. "I just did it for an assignment," she said. "I never expected it to become a winner—especially eighth. I was really surprised."

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Jill Johnston

There is a new newspaper at Clarkston High School: The CHS Courier.

Because of the lack of an official newspaper at Clarkston, a group of students have set the wheels in motion to organize the publication. The group is diligently working to release its first issue, due out shortly.

The paper's staff consists of seven students who report on school happenings, controversial issues and consensus reports. On the lighter side, there is a personals column, predictions for the future and a joke page.

Each staff member has a specialty and is responsible for that section in each publication, but all students are encouraged to offer articles or replies that will be printed in the following issue.

The paper is not affiliated with any CHS organization, nor is it a part of any type of grade requirement. It is in existence simply because students feel it is important.

This is merely one example of an attitude that is becoming more and more prevalent within the school. Students are showing greater involvement in school activities as well as school policy.

The Courier hopes to improve student communications and keep the students informed.

Jill Johnston, a junior at Clarkston High School, is a member of CHS Student Government and on the new CHS Courier staff.



Village of Clarkston February 27, 1985 SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Village of Clarkston Council was called to order by President Eberhardt at 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, on February 25, 1985, immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll-Present: Schultz, Raup, Sinclair, Gaskell, Ap-Madoc, Catallo and Eberhardt.

Absent: None.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A resolution was made for Designation of (Street) Administrator. Seconded and carried.

John Stuetzer gave a report on the meeting that he and Ethel Sinclair went to on February 7, 1985, for the Michigan Municipal League, a Strategic Planning workshop.

A resolution was made to grant the Clarkston Cafe approval of Transfer of on-premise license by Sec. 436.17 of the Michigan Control Act. Seconded and carried.

Motion to grant the MDA approval to go house to house on June 4, 1985. Seconded and approved.

Motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Goyette
Clarkston Village Clerk

Nurse, teacher: She handles dual career

by Dorothy Leaming

Mary Schwabe is a career woman who wears two occupational hats.

She has been an instructor in medical assisting at the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center for 12 years while continuing her involvement in the nursing profession during summers and two days a month during the school years.

Describing herself as a "depression kid," Mary moved around a good deal until her fifth-grade year when her family's fortunes landed them in Hazel Park.

There she completed high school and went on to complete Grace Hospital's three-year nursing program. Mary earned her R.N. license in 1952.

Some years later, she became interested in education and got her bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University, Detroit, followed by a master's degree in guidance and counseling in 1974.

Mary has a busy time keeping current on nursing education and the medical field. In teaching, she says, she uses everything about psychology she ever learned. Her goal is to teach responsibility.

She has had leadership roles in the local organization of medical assistants, has been involved in the American Vocational Association and also in the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists.

There are three children in the Schwabe family. Sheryl, a research scientist, is studying DNA at the University of Michigan. Suzan, who already has a bachelor's degree in business administration, is studying electrical engineering. Michael, a certified electronic technician, wants to be an electronic engineer.

Mary, a Farmington Hills resident, has traveled to most of the states in our country plus England, France, Mexico and Ecuador.

She has a special interest in various aspects of the eastern culture, such as oriental martial arts (Tai Chi) and oriental painting (Sumi-e).

She is into calligraphy, of particular interest to her since her grandfather was a calligrapher. With this skill she has created her own Christmas cards.

Mary is also involved in a variety of outdoor athletic activities.



Mary Schwabe:
Her goal is to teach responsibility

She states that she has learned a lot of patience as a teacher.

Perserverance and resilience have served her well. She likes helping people become more healthy and she likes teaching prevention.

Her biggest challenge was a personal one requiring stamina and courage, that of managing her home and obtaining her degrees while being a single parent.

Editor's note: An Apple for the Teacher is provided through a committee of the Clarkston Education Association.

This week's author is Dorothy Leaming, school social worker.

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VILLAGE ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That an Annual Village Election will be held in the

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Notice Relative to Opening and Closing of the Polls ELECTION LAW, Act 116, P.A. 1954

SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

Norma Goyette, Village Clerk



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet March 20, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex Meeting Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48016 to hear the following cases:

CASE #1350 Richard Moscovic representing Frederick Jones, APPLICANT REQUESTS BUILDING PERMIT FOR REAR YARD ADDITION ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD. Sunnydale, Lot 262, Clarkston Estates No. 208-29-251-019.

CASE #1351 Frederick T. Martin, APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 24' plus LAND SIZE VARIANCE OF APPROX. 2100 sq. ft. to CONSTRUCT NEW HOUSE. Mohawk, Lots 7, 8, & 9 Thendara Park CC 08-11-433-025.

CASE #1352 CFK Investments, APPLICANT REQUESTS FOLLOWING VARIANCES: 1) Parking on R1A Section of Property, 2) Size of Loading Dock, 3) Parking in Front of Building, M-15 - C-2 & R1A Zone (Formerly People's Furniture) 08-20-179-005.

CASE #1353 James M. Stone, APPLICANT REQUESTS BUILDING PERMIT ON NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD. (For renovation of non-conforming structure) Onandaga, Thendara Park CC. R1A Zone 08-12-353-023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the proposed variances may be examined at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day Monday thru Friday until the date of the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Holman, Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel
Secretary to the Building Official

Community cable guide

This week, local cable TV programming features productions by Clarkston High School Media students. The 15-minute programs are on weeknights on cable channel 11.
The shows are broadcast from the Clarkston studio of Tribune/United Cable Communications.

**Wednesday through Friday
March 6 through March 8**
7pm—"God in L.A. Thursday" on the "This is the Life" series. When Christ returns in glory, is it possible He might announce his coming on billboards and leaflets dropped from the sky? Sponsored by St. Trinity Lutheran Church of Independence Township. Introduction by the Rev.

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8pm—"Clarkston High School in the Spotlight," a CHS media student production. Features the CHS marching band, drama club and wrestling team.
8:15pm—"The Scum," a CHS media student production. A look at Clarkston High School's underground newsletter.
8:30pm—"The New Media," a CHS media student production. A comparative analysis of what media classes are like now with use of cable TV versus the prior media classes.
8:45pm—"Wolves in Step," a CHS media student production. Features the CHS band.
9pm—"Clarkston Now and Then," a CHS media student production. Probes the question whether CHS

prepares students for the future.
9:15pm—"Spirit," a CHS media student production. Highlights the CHS pompon squad and varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders.

Next Week, Monday through Friday
7pm—"This is the Life" series features "Beyond Words," the story of a mime, born without the gift of speech, who shares the story of Easter with a frightened teenager.

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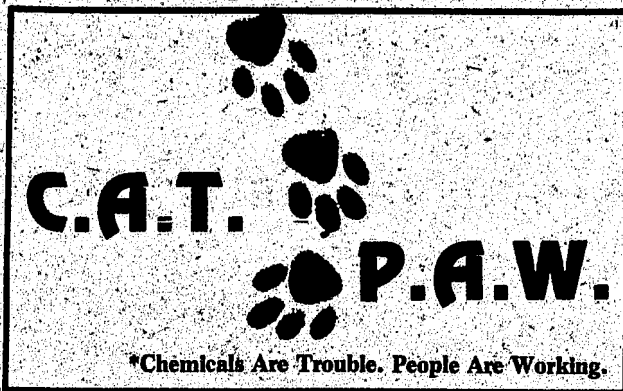
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Is that serious enough for you?

Editor's note: C.A.T. P.A.W. author Jeanette Sanders, a Springfield Township resident, is a member of the Chemical People of Clarkston, a group devoted to the prevention of drug abuse, including alcohol, among the community's young people.

To submit questions about drugs, write to C.A.T. P.A.W., in care of The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016.

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History piques interest of boy, 12

Todd Conklin serves as historical society historian

By Carolyn Walker

Todd Conklin seems like any other 12-year-old boy.

He has a pet, he likes to collect things, and he gives orders to his brother like a kid with experience.

He wears faded blue jeans and cowboy boots, and is able to answer the phone on the second half of the first ring, his feet barely touching the floor.

But Todd also likes touring cemeteries...and old houses...and old cars...and collecting business cards...and playing the piano and the violin.

He made a very unusual request for his birthday, according to his mother, Mary.

He asked for a membership to the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

The only child member, Todd has been going to the meetings for about one-and-one-half years, regularly since June, he says.

Impressed by Todd's interest in history, the other members made him the keeper of the scrapbooks.

That means searching for articles with historical significance, cutting them out of newspapers, labeling them and inserting them in the books, he says.

His favorite time period is the 1850s. He wishes he could go back for a visit, especially to the houses.

A student at Clarkston Elementary School, Todd's interest in the past began with a fourth-grade tour of downtown Clarkston conducted by a historical society member.

"For weeks (after the tour) he walked us (his family) around Clarkston pointing out interesting features," says his mom. "He got us all interested."

Todd saved his allowance for a limited edition of the book of letters written by a Clarkston man during the Civil War, "The Sound of the Musketry and Tap of the Drum," according to his mom, who said such action was typical of Todd.

"He spends lots of time traipsing through cemeteries," she adds, expressing her pride in the gifted student who attends the Clarkston Academically Talented program.

He likes cemeteries, he says unabashedly, because it's fun to go through them and see how many people were in a family, when they were born, and when they died.

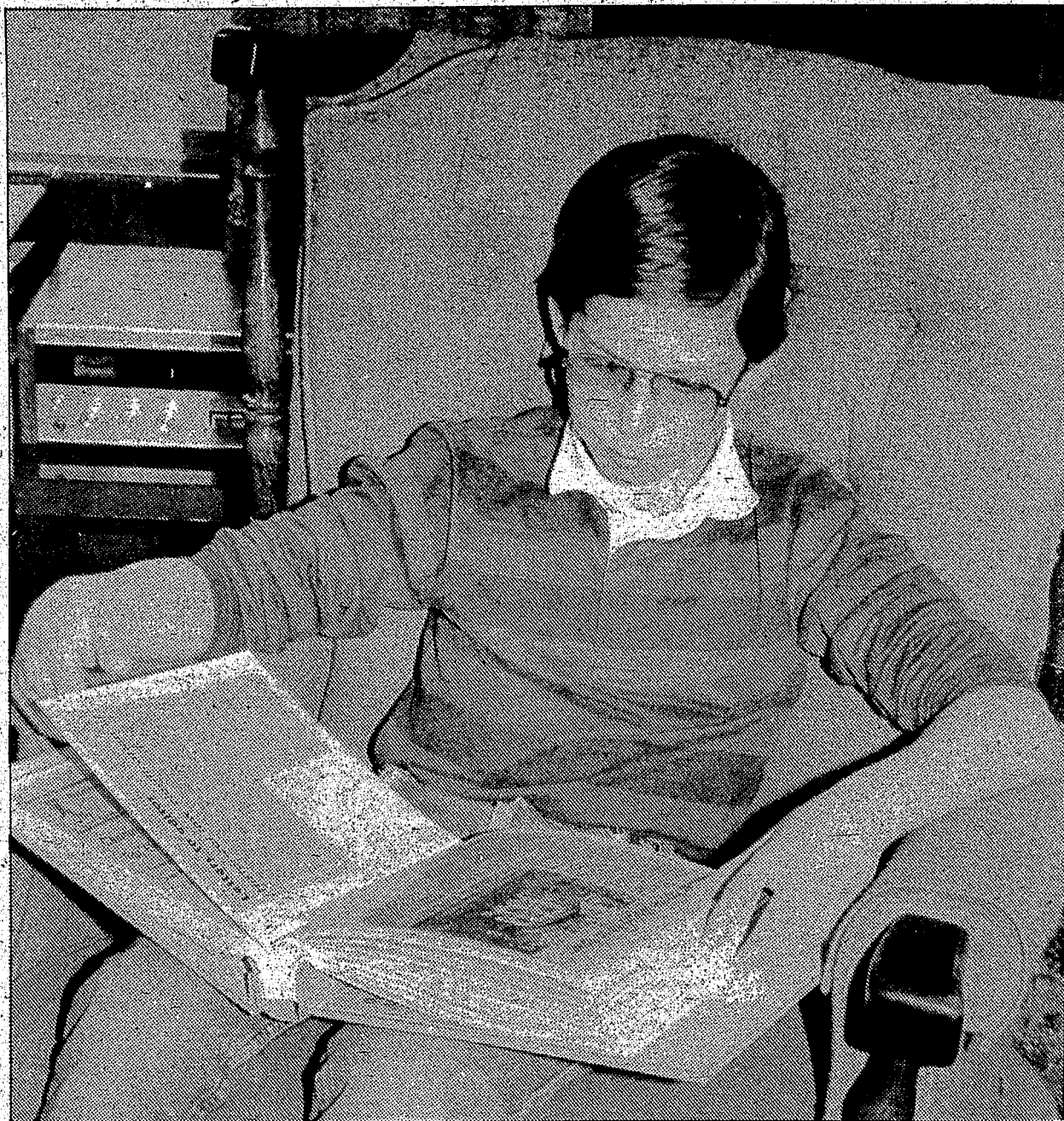
He also likes his business card collection, which is housed in an old box.

It appears to number over 200 (he doesn't count them, he admits) and consists of plastic cards, folding cards, colored cards and cards from out of state.

He does not collect baseball cards.

Todd has at least one conventional hobby. He enjoys collecting old coins.

His coins are neatly arranged in several books, and he is able to name them all; even the half dime



Todd Conklin looks over a Clarkston Community Historical Society scrapbook. Todd, an active member of the society, maintains the book at the request of adult members.

which, according to Todd, really wasn't the same as a nickel.

His friends think his coin collection is "really neat," he says. But, they're rather apathetic about his interest in the historical society.

That doesn't faze Todd, however.

He donates his time to society functions, such as

the Crafts and Cider festival, and will soon appear on a cable television program featuring oral history.

What does Todd want to be when he grows up? A historian? A teacher? A researcher?

No.

He wants to be a lawyer...or an actor.

And why not?



Breakfast seems to be the right time to ask for money in this scene from the Village Players' next production. Jeff Ryan [foreground] counts

his change while his fictitious parents, Judy Rood and Chuck Haskins, and brother, Joe Wilson, eat. [Photo by Dan Vandenhemel]



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