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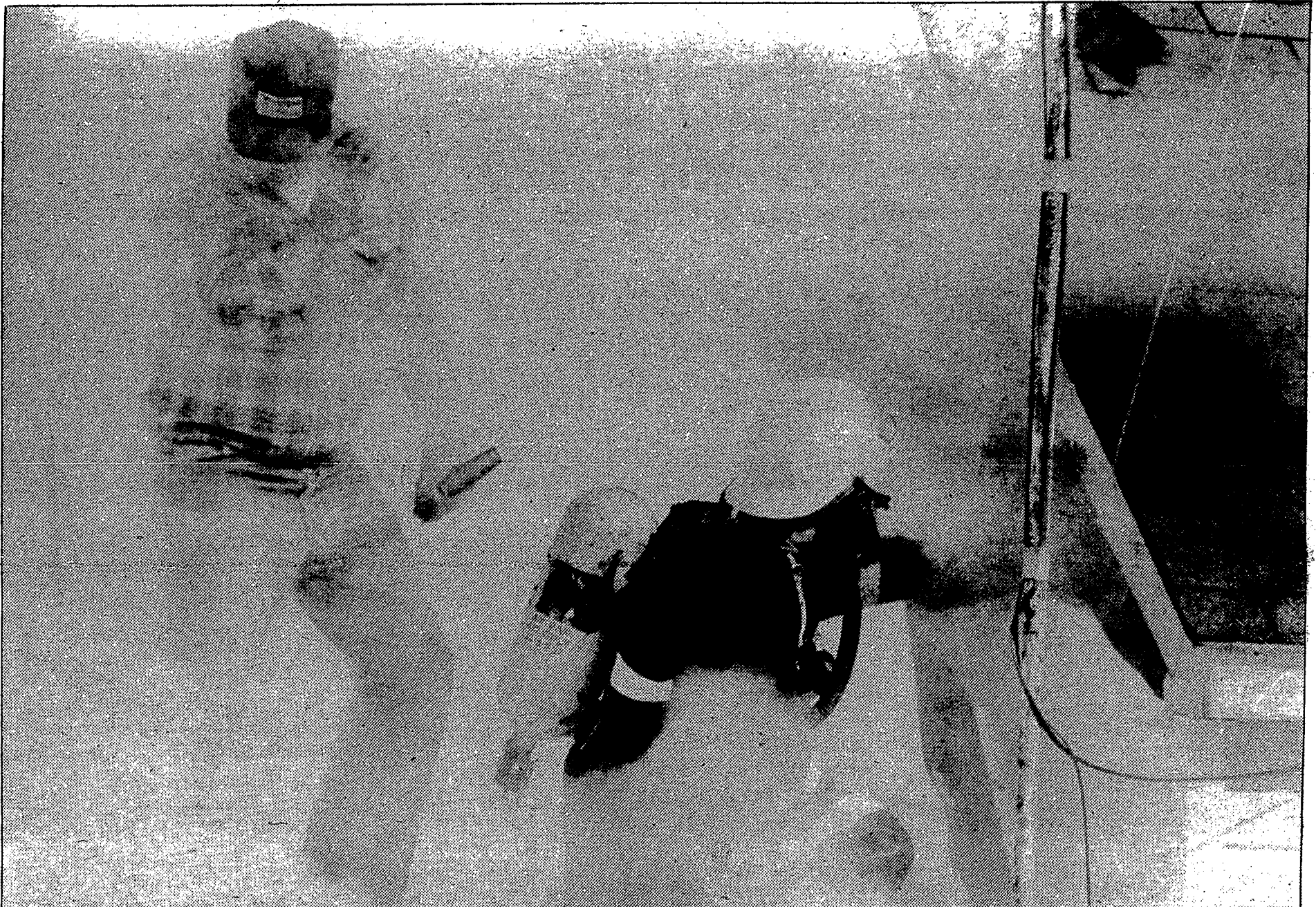
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Bob Thomas fights and Keith Dutcher of the Springfield Township Fire Department battle the smoke and the flames at this house on

Foster Road, March 6. Fire Chief Marlan Hillman believes the blaze started in the utility room but isn't sure what caused it. An

estimated \$15,000 worth of damages was done to the one-time school house owned by Tom Pretznaw. [Photo by Dan Vandenheim]

## Fire chief choice stalled by board

By Carolyn Walker

After weeding four individuals from 29 applicants, the Independence Township Fire Commission has recommended township resident Captain Dale Bailey for the position of fire chief.

Committee members, represented by Dr. James O'Neill, presented the nomination, along with the names of the other three applicants, and their guidelines for the selection to the township board at the March 5 meeting.

Board members, however, did not act on the nomination, saying that they wished to interview the four themselves.

They have scheduled a March 16 meeting with the four applicants and will make their decision at the March 19 board meeting, according to Supervisor Frank Ronk.

Bailey has been with the fire department for 32 years, and has been the acting fire chief since the position was vacated last November when Frank Ronk was

elected as township supervisor.

The fire commission was charged with recruiting and recommending a fire chief last December.

The other three men considered for the post are: William Carver Sr. of Petoskey, Thomas Lenaghan of Northville, and Fenton Prewitt III of Albion.

O'Neill told the board that the commission members assessed the applicants privately, asking them eight questions using the guidelines of the Michigan Municipal League.

The municipal league was instituted state wide several years ago to establish comprehensive standards and a grading system for selecting fire fighters and police officers, according to O'Neill.

Using the municipal league standards "makes it much more fair," O'Neill said after the meeting.

The tests, which were administered locally by the commission members, were graded numerically with 50 percent of the grade determined from answers to the eight questions, and 50 percent of the grade comprised of general information, O'Neill said.

The commission members reached their recommendation unanimously.

O'Neill also told the board that area fire fighters and police officers supported Bailey's nomination.

Approximately six fire fighters, as well as Bailey, were in the audience.

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## Trustees elected

Clarkston Village council members James Schultz, Fontie ApMadoc and David Raup were re-elected to two-year-terms in Monday's village election.

Thirty-seven voters turned out for the election, according to village clerk Norma Goyette.

ApMadoc received 34 votes, Schultz received 34 votes, and Raup received 33 votes.

The three ran unopposed.

# 1981 lawsuit settled against PBI

By Kathy Greenfield

A lawsuit filed against the Pontiac Business Institute by nine women in 1981 was settled March 4, when the 52nd District Court in Rochester ruled the school must repay \$23,000.

The money covers tuition, grants and scholarships, said the women's attorney, Gordon Scupholm of Bloomfield Hills.

Two of the women lived in Independence Township at the time the suit was filed. The others were from Oxford, North Branch, Lake Orion and Lapeer.

The jury trial was held in October at the district court and the six-member jury ruled then in favor of the women.

"The delay (in the settlement) was caused by the fact that the jury directed that the school pay back these various loans that the girls still owed," Scupholm said. "It took some time and there was some question raised as to the precise amounts to plug into that."

The same jury dismissed a countersuit filed by PBI for \$4,400 in tuition still owed by the women.

According to Scupholm, the women charged

material misrepresentation by PBI-Oxford in three areas: that they would receive an associate's degree as opposed to the actual certificate of completion; that credits would readily transfer to other degree-granting institutions; and that they would receive a high-quality education with individual attention.

The jury was required to find material misrepresentation in only one area to rule in favor of the women, Scupholm said.

One of the nine women also asked for money she would have made from a job she left to attend the school. They also asked for mileage expenses. The jury did not grant either request, Scupholm said.

"Basically the girls are very happy," he said. "They're unhappy it took six months or a year or whatever out of their lives and it just took the inertia out of their education."

Patricia Fischer, director of PBI-Oxford since November, noted that the lawsuit was for something that happened five years ago.

"A procedure was instituted during orientation to clarify that we are a business school and people who complete our programs receive a diploma or certificate," she said.

"We are doing an excellent job in training and placing our graduates due to the quality and training they receive. Last month 12 graduates were placed in training-related fields. Our 95 percent graduate placement rate really speaks for itself."

The business school offers 14-month programs in data processing, word processing, executive secretarial, administrative medical assisting and accounting.

There are presently 60 day students and 40 evening students enrolled.

## Names pondered

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"It was a very humbling experience," O'Neill said, adding that fire fighters are nice people and such decisions are hard to make.

"I believe it's up to you now to take or not take our recommendation," O'Neill told the board.

Other members of the commission in addition to O'Neill are: Andrew Creamer, Roy Haeusler, Cecilia Yarber and Harold Goyette.

The commission grew out of a 1980 public safety commission, and supplemented the findings of a Public Administration Service study of the fire department.

Trustee Dale Stuart's recommendation that the board members interview the candidates themselves was approved unanimously.

Trustee Daniel Travis was absent.

## Public hearing set for Grovecrest

A public hearing date of April 2 has been approved for the Grovecrest Nursing Home satellite.

Paul VerLee, who co-owns the facility with his mother Frances VerLee, appeared before the Independence Township board March 5 with a request for the hearing. The public hearing is mandated by Economic Development Corporation (EDC) rules.

Though board members unanimously authorized the hearing, they told VerLee that he must be responsible for the expense of publishing and posting the hearing bulletins.

VerLee intends to seek bond financing of the project with the aid of the EDC.

The EDC serves three purposes: to increase the tax base (by building taxable projects), put people to work, and bring services to the community (such as a nursing home), according to Chairman Frederick Ritter.

It also allows lending institutions to loan money for worthy projects at a "preferred" interest rate, according to Martha Wheeler an EDC committee

member when contacted at her office.

Projects such as the proposed nursing home would be cost prohibitive otherwise, because of the current interest rates, Wheeler said.

VerLee said the proposed Grovecrest satellite will offer skilled nursing services to long-term patients.

The proposed plans for the "spoke" shaped building will house 120 beds, as well as a library, chapel, outdoor courts and nature walks.

VerLee plans construction for August 1985.

## Correction

Information on the results of Clarkston Junior High School's participation in the Solo and Ensemble Festival should have included the following.

Superior ratings of 1 were received by the singing duets of Rachel Young and Kelly Dupree, and Carrie Slade and Kelsey Harmon.

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# Declining enrollment causes school troubles

By Kathy Greenfield

Coping with declining enrollment has become a challenge facing school districts across Michigan.

As in other communities, Clarkston schools have already closed one elementary building (South Sashabaw)—and discussions are beginning on the fate of Clarkston Junior High School.

There are other approaches as well; some predictable, such as reducing staff members, and others more creative, such as working on a marketing approach to sell the area to businesses and families.

School District Superintendent Milford Mason stresses that the loss was created by declining birthrates. It's all there in Oakland County birth records beginning five years before each class enrolls, he said.

"The decline is a fact. It's not a guess. We all know it is etched in stone. It will occur that way," he said. "The youngsters that make up the decline were never born."

If enrollment declines by 187 K-12 pupils as projected for the 1985-86 school year, the resulting slash in income can be simply stated in black and white—\$485,000.

"When that happens to you year after year...

You can't cut off part of a bus and you can't cut off parts of your operation in little bits to equal \$485,000," said Mason, and he offered another example. "The insurance (stays) the same in all our buildings."

The highest K-12 enrollment in Clarkston schools occurred in 1973, when there were 7,095 pupils. Enrollment this year is 5,894. Next year, 5,707 pupils are expected—an overall decline of 1,288.

Eighty percent of the district's expenses are for staff members and benefits.

"There's nothing magic in that. Education is a labor-intensive business, thus the only conclusion you can come to is the biggest chunk of reduction has to come from personnel," Mason said.

Since the 1980-81 school year, there are 60½ fewer employees in the district, down from 485.

Other factors have influenced staff size. When teachers retired before 1980, they were frequently not replaced.

But the number of employees grew in other areas, the most notable being the additions of media centers and staffs in the elementary schools, and an increase in the special education program.

In the latter '70s, the busing method was changed and all buses made three runs rather than two. The action allowed the district to operate about five-years without purchasing buses.

"It really was an item that gave more money to the educational program," Mason said.

In 1977, district voters approved a 3.79 mill increase in taxes; and in 1981 they approved another 3-mill increase.

"Over the span of time, the total effect of this increase was partially offset by drastically declining debt millage—from 7 mills to 1.28 mills," Mason said.

Also in the mid- to latter 1970s, the district experienced a building boom. While enrollment did not increase, the decline from lower birthrates was offset by people with children moving into the district.

"The only thing that would change (the present picture) would be the lowering of interest rates occurring, thus providing more home building and development within the school district," Mason said, adding that it's a change not likely to occur.

Last year, the district also embarked on an energy-saving project. Windows were covered in school buildings and other steps were taken to reduce heating costs—something Mason said could help the overall budget picture.

For the 1985-86 school year, the majority of budget cuts are expected to come from junior high school teacher layoffs.

In addition, Mason said, layoffs will occur in areas other than teaching personnel, small reductions are expected in teaching supplies, and ongoing projects, such as roof repair, could be set aside for a year.

Among solutions under discussion are the consolidation of school districts and cooperative programming between districts—Clarkston has successfully combined its lunch program with Lake Orion and transportation of special education students to special programs is shared with the Holly and Brandon districts.

"The largest cooperative effort, of course, is the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center where Clarkston, Holly, Waterford, Brandon and Our Lady of the Lakes students receive vocational training," Mason said.

Further attempts to bring in more money for the district involve working with other governmental units. The district's 48 square miles include almost all of Independence Township and about half of Springfield Township.

"The Clarkston school district could benefit greatly from some degree of commercial and industrial development, which would obviously improve the tax base," Mason said.

In the near future, he said, an exchange of ideas between government and school district officials is planned.

Another option is going to the voters for more money, something Mason calls inevitable unless the tax base increases or the state changes the present method of funding schools.

"However, there are no plans for such a request this June and obviously I cannot identify a point at which this would become a necessity," he said.

"We are aware that state legislators are floating ideas regarding property tax reduction and an increase in state sales tax. I don't have hard facts with which to make a judgment on the issue—but it would appear that the method of funding education in these proposals could change dramatically.

"As long as I have anything to say, I will work toward equity in funding education in the state," he added.

The picture in the district brightens considerable when Mason talks about plans underway to improve the curriculum.

New programs planned for the 1985-86 school year include physical education in elementary schools, a six-week introduction to foreign language for all fourth-graders, keyboarding for third-graders, the increase of one foreign language at each junior high school so French and Spanish will be available at both, elective computer technology for seventh-through ninth-graders, and a one semester elective computer technology course at the high school.

"The greatest hope I've got and the most excitement that I enjoy right now is we've set the goal and are working toward orderly curriculum change in the school district that will prepare youngsters for this complex future they are facing," Mason said. "That excites me. I have every expectation we can bring it off."



Photo by Kathy Greenfield

**SIGN OF SPRING:** David Greig, a Mott High School student, douses newly potted fuchsia, while Holly High School student Lee Bills walks up to help hang the pots from

greenhouse pipes at the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center on Big Lake Road in Springfield Township. There's a story and more photos on the back page.

# Safety paths at center of lawsuit

By Carolyn Walker

A question of right of way along Sashabaw Road near Pelton and the construction of safety paths by the township, have resulted in a civil suit against Independence Township, according to Gerald Fisher, attorney for the township.

The issue, which came to light about one year ago, may be related to an oversight by JCK and Associates, an engineering firm hired by the township. Fisher told board members at the Independence Township meeting March 5.

According to Fisher, the parties involved have agreed to an out of court settlement and a consent

judgement will be filed, but the board wants JCK to account for their alleged mistake.

Board members unanimously authorized Fisher to attempt to recover legal fees the township incurred from JCK, short of litigation.

Board members also authorized Fisher to pursue a suit against JCK if an agreement can not be reached.

"This is why we hired an engineering firm, to make sure we weren't infringing on anyone," said Fisher.

When the township installed the paths several years ago in the first phase of township safety path construction, it was assumed that the county road commission owned the right of way, Fisher said.

That assumption "wasn't correct," he added.

Central to the issue is a house which has been standing "since Chip was a pup," said Fisher.

The house is encroaching on the right of way, according to Fisher.

The owners of the house filed a suit against the township, claiming the township did not have an easement for its safety paths adjacent to their property.

"The township relied upon the county for the right of way, it being the understanding of the county and township that the right of way had been dedicated," said a letter to board members from Fisher.

"Technically, the dedication on the plat did not dedicate the right of way in the subdivision to the public," the letter reads.

The out-of-court settlement, which was reached several months ago, provides that the house which encroaches on the right of way can maintain its encroachment, the township can keep and maintain their safety paths, and Oakland County can maintain the rest of the right of way for any legitimate purpose, Fisher said, after the meeting.

"It pretty much allocates the rights the way they are now," Fisher said.

Representatives of JCK could not be reached for comment.



The winter ice storms left broken trees and branches scattered around Independence Township. The Clarkston Area Jaycees volunteered their time on March 9 to go around and pick up the wood. Here Bob Vollbach

tosses some branches into the truck while Rick Holman is busy gathering more wood. There were 10 workers around the township helping over 30 residents that asked for the help.

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# Board seeks fire station architect

By Carolyn Walker

A search is under way for an architect to draw up plans for a new building for Fire Station 2, which is considered potentially hazardous by members of the Independence Township Fire Commission.

After making a recommendation for fire chief to the township board members at the March 5 meeting, Dr. James O'Neill advised them to begin considering the re-building of Fire Station 2 at the intersection of Sashabaw and Clarkston roads.

The new facility would replace the existing Fire Station 2, which has been deemed inadequate by the commission, of which O'Neill is a member.

"I think these are two very important recommendations," said O'Neill, referring to the fire chief recommendation and the re-building of the station.

"If there wasn't a fire department in it (Station 2), they would probably condemn it," O'Neill said after the meeting.

Board members responded by unanimously agreeing to hire an architect to prepare drawings and estimate the costs of a new facility.

They will also investigate the possibility of having architectural designs drawn up for Station 1 at the same time.

Trustee Dale Stuart asked O'Neill why the com-

mission was recommending the re-building of Station 2, when Station 1 also needs to be reconstructed.

The location for Station 2 has already been determined (it will remain at its current site), but a new location for Station 1, currently on Church Street, has not yet been selected, O'Neill said.

The fire commission, which grew out of a 1980 public safety commission, has been delegated the task

of making fire department studies and recommendations to the township board.

Other members of the fire commission, in addition to O'Neill, include Roy Haeusler, Andrew Creamer, Cecilia Yarber and Harold Goyette.

Members voting for the motion included: Richard Holman, William Vandermark, Frank Ronk, Dale Stuart, Carol Balzarini, and John Lutz. Trustee Daniel Travis was absent.

## Dust control services authorized

By Carolyn Walker

Dust control services by Oakland County will once again be made available to residents of Independence Township on an individual basis.

Township board members at the March 5 meeting, unanimously agreed to maintain dust control at last year's rates of 30 cents per foot.

The costs will be divided between the township and residents applying for the service.

The township will contribute 12 cents per foot using funds from Federal Revenue Sharing to the costs, with the customer being required to pay the remaining

18 cents per foot, according to Township Clerk Richard Holman.

Applications of calcium chloride or mineral well brine will be used to coat the road surfaces, according to a letter from Michael Richardson, director of the Department of Citizen Services, which was sent to Supervisor Frank Ronk.

The services will not be contracted on a township-wide basis nor will private roads receive treatment, Holman emphasized.

Persons interested in the treatment can contact Holman at the township hall.



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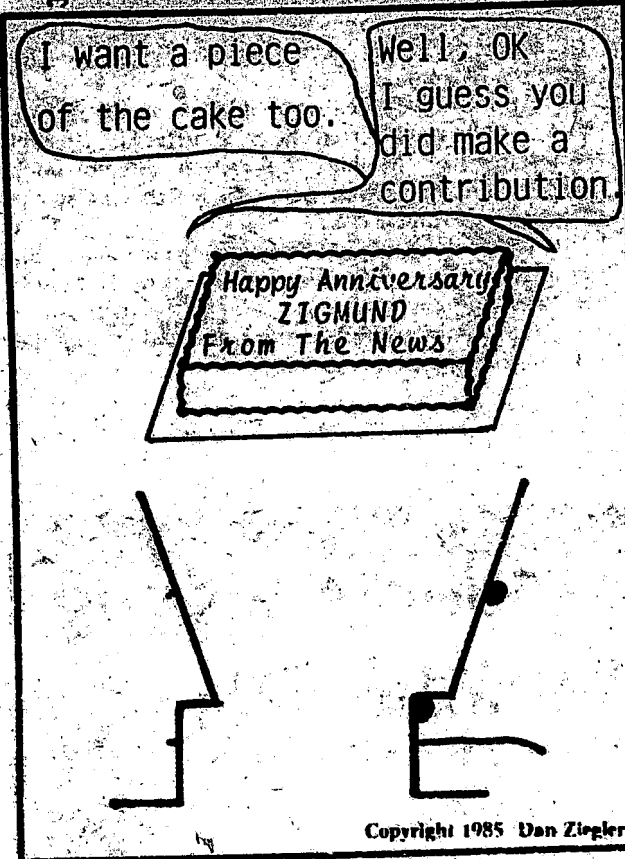
# Dog tales

Kathy Greenfield



For my stellar performance in dog training, I've won the admiration of my entire family. Said my husband just the other day: "You've really trained Brandy well. He jumps on

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the bed, you give him a piece of candy, and he jumps off."

"I know, I know," I said. "And it's all your fault. I tried to tell you when he was a tiny puppy that he shouldn't sleep on the bed."

"I tried to tell you he'd grow. I tried to tell you he'd get too big to lift off the bed, or nudge off."

Some people think it's nifty to have a dog at their feet. Some people grew up sleeping with their pets. It was the way it was done. And nobody cared.

I wouldn't either, actually, except the dog doesn't try to sleep on my husband's side of the bed.

He takes advantage of the larger space at my foot of the bed because I'm the shortest.

At first, he jumps in and curls into an amazingly tiny curl for an Irish setter.

"Fine," I thought in the middle of one night. "This isn't so bad. It's not worth getting up and dragging him off the bed."

But as the night rolled on, he silently stretched his long legs, a teeny, tiny bit at a time. He was like a rock, no give. And I ended up clinging to the edge of the upper one-third of the remaining space.

After a night of take and take, I decided the dog in the bed had to go.

At first I tried commanding him to leave. What a joke. Brandy is the absolute best at miming total ignorance. I swear he furrows his brow. And his big brown eyes beam with: "What? You want me to do what? I simply do not

understand."

Then I hit upon the candy idea. He'll do anything for candy. He'll sit, he'll stay, he'll lie down—all without a moment's delay.

I started with leftover Christmas chocolates. "You want this, Brandy?" I said, getting close enough to let him smell it, but not close enough for a quick snatch.

"Well, come out in the hallway and get it." Then I shut the door.

It worked so well and so smoothly that I kept at it. All the Christmas candy evaporated, so I bought Brandy a roll of chocolate candies. Then I bought him a bag of M&M's. And so on.

Now, each night Brandy runs upstairs and leaps into our bed. I give him the candy. He gets out.

I try not to ask myself who trained whom.

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# Who took the running boards?

David Rood

of Escanaba, Indian Lake and Manistiquie



One of the advantages of middle age (and beyond) is that you are able to remember that there was life Before Computers (B.C.)

People were born, grew up, were educated, got married, had children, then grandchildren, retired, died and were buried, all without benefit of floppy discs and terminals and bytes and warnings not to fold, spindle or mutilate. It wasn't perfect, but things were going along pretty good until someone sat down and invented the computer.

As with so many things, it seemed like a good idea at the time. Not only were insurance companies and utilities able to send their bills out faster, but the computer could make them so confusing that nobody understood what they were paying for. This is in the American tradition of free enterprise and probably could have been tolerated, had not the computer people decided their machines should do other things as well.

(It is not generally known, but the day after the computer was invented they were sitting around wondering what to do with it and someone suggested designing a better automobile. The first thing the computer did was tell them to eliminate the running boards, which they did,

and the automobile business has been going downhill ever since then, along with everything else.

(The national crime rate rose astronomically almost immediately, for police officers were no longer able to jump on running boards and shout "Follow that car!" and a lot of crooks got away. Go ahead and look it up.

(That was also when the psychiatry business got into big bucks, for no longer was it possible to sit on the running board in the sunshine and whittle. Denied that small blessing, people had more time to worry about other stuff, such as how they were going to make their car payments, and the mental health business boomed.)

Just because the computer is capable of doing a few neat things, such as screwing up your airline reservation or picking out the mistakes in your income tax return is no reason to ascribe to its powers beyond its capability. It cannot write a symphony or make good chili.

Computer whizzes will argue this: If programmed properly, they will say, computers can turn out 16 symphonies a day and, given the proper automation and robots, could cook enough chili to feed Central America for three years. They miss the point. The computer could, indeed, turn out something that looked like a symphony, and it could, indeed, turn out something that looked like chili, but it wouldn't be the real stuff. The symphony might even sound good and the chili might even smell good, but they would be ersatz. We're looking for the genuine article here, folks, and you're not gonna get that from some keyboard, screen and terminal.

Don't fall for that argument that computers make life easier. It is possible to program a computer to fly an airplane, but how many of you would want to board a flight knowing that the controls were to be under the

guidance of some complicated wires and circuits in a box in the cockpit? That computer doesn't care diddley squat if the plane runs into the side of a mountain, but a flesh and blood pilot has a direct and personal interest in seeing to it that this doesn't happen.

A computer making chili is capable of measuring ingredients in finite, perfect quantities, but where is the inspiration that makes chili chili? And would you trust your chili to something that took the running boards off of automobiles?

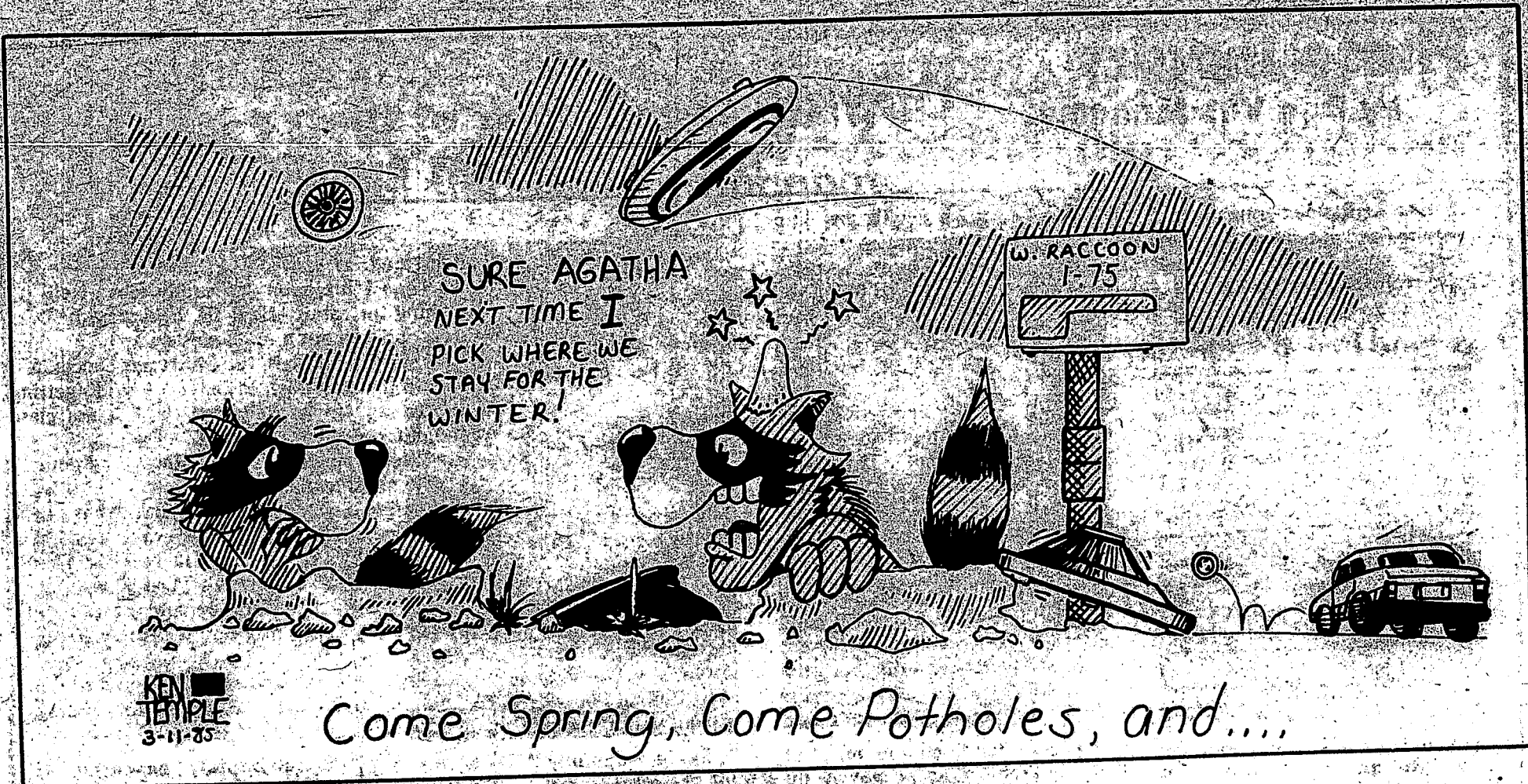
It's been a decade or more since some smart computer salesman slickered newspapers into replacing the trusty typewriter with computer terminals, and all the forward-looking progressive newspaper executives rushed like lemmings to invest in keyboards and screens and God knows what else so that their reporters and editors could also double as typesetters. Has your newspaper improved as a result of all this? Of course it hasn't. Now your newspaper resembles your bill from your insurance company or the utility. (Some will say that this really is an improvement, but those who say that are the same types who write snotty letters to the editor and cancel their subscriptions at the slightest provocation, and what do they know?)

The public schools today are busy brainwashing our children that life without computers is impossible, and nobody has time to listen to the old folks who know better. They'll just have to learn the hard way.

Program a computer so that it can housebreak a puppy or carry out the garbage and maybe things will start to make more sense. Until that time, never completely trust anything that has to be plugged into an electrical outlet.

## Publisher Jim Sherman is on vacation

Enjoy the remainder of this Clarkston News edition. I'm tired and have taken a few days off. Jim Sherman, publisher. Read a good writer instead, Dave Rood.



## Letters to editor

### Walters Lake creates dilemma

The Walters Lake Improvement Board has been wrestling with the dilemma of how to finance a needed program of lake management for Walters Lake. What is missing, in my view, is a lake-wide association on Walters Lake that represents all area residents with a governing board that is determined to reach a consensus on a practical program and a means of financing it.

The people of Duck Lake in Highland Township have worked very hard this winter to form a lake-wide association out of more than 500 residents. The governing board has an elected member for every fifteen

homes. These representatives have met to work out a program that is taken from the recommendations of the Engineering Report of 1984. Hopefully, this lake-wide association will bridge the gap between several subdivision associations. All lake area residents are members. As far as I know, dues are nominal and voluntary. Their main goal of the group is to proceed with a practical program to remedy the adverse trend of conditions on Duck Lake. The association will then present their program to the Lake Improvement Board for adoption and an equitable means of assessment.

The Watkins Lake Homeowner's Association in Waterford has operated successfully for nearly 10 years with a similar plan. Their lake management program has controlled heavy weed growth and allows full enjoyment of lake privileges by area residents.

My colleague and I appreciated the opportunity to prepare the 1984 report on Walters Lake. We hope that residents are determined enough to seek the consensus needed so they may again fully enjoy the use of Walters Lake.

Gerald A. Cleary

### Students behaving making school restaurant run

I am writing in reference to a letter recently in your fine paper, in contrast to the "Northwest Inn" located in the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center.

I also feel that all of the instructors are fantastic. But there was one detail overlooked, the students.

We all work very hard to please all of our patrons and to maintain a pleasant and smooth-running restaurant.

The students do deserve a pat on the back for our hard work, as without dedicated students, there would be no such restaurant, called the "Northwest Inn."

Please withhold my name, I am a food service student

### 'If it Fitz ...'

### Boo, MSU severance pay

Finally, 30 years later, it is OK for me to root for Pat Wilson. I am rooting for him to stop Michigan State University from paying cash rewards to top administrators for quitting to take better-paying jobs.

Today, Wilson is a Traverse City lawyer and an MSU trustee. For four years in the 1950s, he was a star high school athlete in Lapeer, where I was a high-powered advertising salesman who also delivered newspapers to newsstands on Thursdays and wrote sports on Fridays.

I wrote a lot about Wilson's heroic performances in football and basketball, two sports he later played well for MSU. As a loyal Lapeer resident, I always wanted to cheer for Wilson, but that is not proper conduct for a sportswriter stationed in the press box (for Lapeer High home games, the press box was an old picnic table).

I LEARNED the no-cheering rule early in my sportswriting career, and it was embarrassing. During a basketball tournament in Flint, the referee blew his whistle to stop the action, pointed to me in the press section and yelled: "Shut up or move!" After that, I only rooted for my advertising customers.

Taxpayers will not suggest that I shut up about the

incredible severance policy enjoyed by high-ranking MSU administrators. It is one of the most outrageous rip-offs of public funds ever devised in a world overrun by bureaucratic chieftains intent upon increasing and protecting their incomes.

The purpose of the "executive management severance compensation program" is to provide job protection for about 60 MSU officials who don't receive the same tenure status that prevents teachers from being fired for any job failure less than mass murder of students. The theory is that these administrators serve at the will of the university president, and whenever a new president is hired, he may replace them with people of his own choosing.

That sounds fairly reasonable. Top administrators fired for reasons other than lousy work get up to 15 months' pay to make them feel better. Since its adoption in 1981, this policy has cost taxpayers more than \$500,000.

BUT ALL that money went to executives who weren't shoved out by a new administration but instead simply quit to take better jobs or retired and added the severance bundle to the usual retirement benefits. For just

one example, a health center director quit after only two years to go into private consulting. As a going-away present, taxpayers gave him \$39,008.

"Job security is one element, but I think basically retirement is something else," Wilson said in a newspaper interview, adding that severance pay shouldn't be given to "those who leave the university and go off and get higher-paying jobs."

The executive severance program needs to be reviewed, Wilson said. Three cheers for Pat Wilson: It is refreshing to hear an MSU trustee make sense: I wish I could pound on that old picnic table.

Two years ago, when MSU hired George Perles to coach football for \$95,000 a year, trustees also paid \$175,000 to mollify his ex-employer for luring their coach into breaking his contract, plus \$19,000 in legal fees. That was stupid enough.

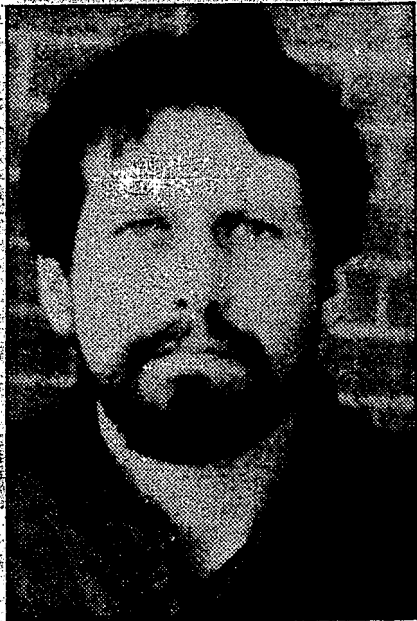
But it is too much to treat ordinary university officials as grandly as a football coach. Taxpayers understand that a well-coached football team generates revenue, but no one is going to buy a ticket to watch a former administrator laugh hilariously as he counts the \$39,008 he got for quitting to take a better job.



# Photo Inquiry

by Dan Vandenhemel

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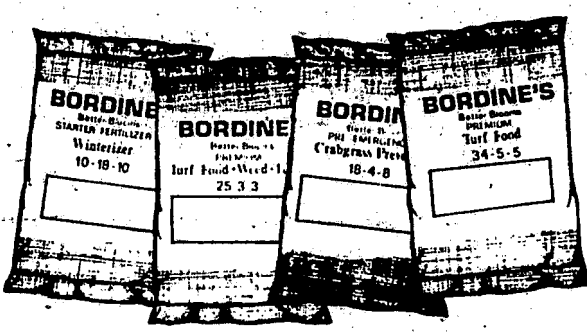
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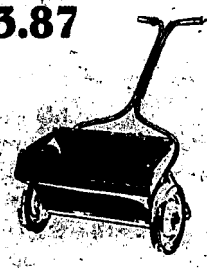
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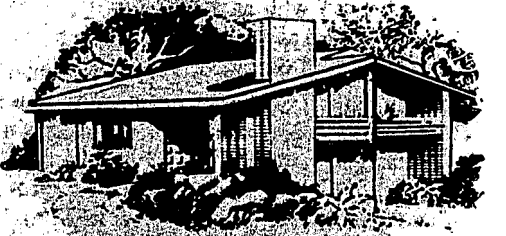
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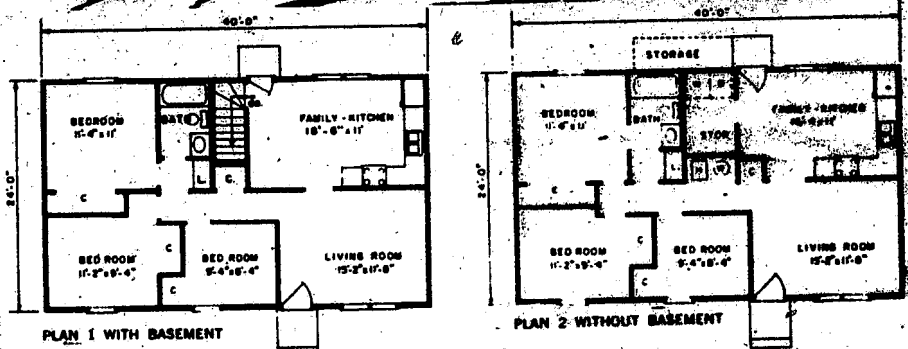
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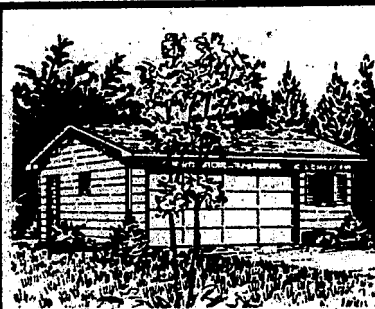
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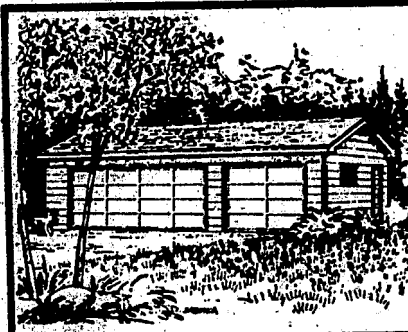
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## Two new members join EDC

Two new members were appointed to the Economic Development Corporation Board by the Independence Township board at the March 5 meeting.

The new members are Robert Beattie and Robert Olsen, who replace former Chairman Frederick Ritter and George Trapp.

Ritter did not seek reappointment to the board and Trapp has moved from the area, according to Supervisor Frank Ronk, who made the recommendations.

Beattie, who is a longtime resident of the township, is the owner of Beattie Interiors, and has worked on many community functions, says Ronk.

Olsen, also a resident of the township has been involved with the Oakland County Local Development Company, Oakland County Estate Planning Council and B.A.I.T., among others, stated Ronk.


The EDC board serves three purposes, according to Ritter, they are: to increase the tax base (by encouraging the building of taxable projects), to put people to work, and to bring services to the communi-

ty (such as a nursing home).

Currently, the EDC board is working with Paul and Frances VerLee on funding their proposed Grovecrest Nursing Home satellite.

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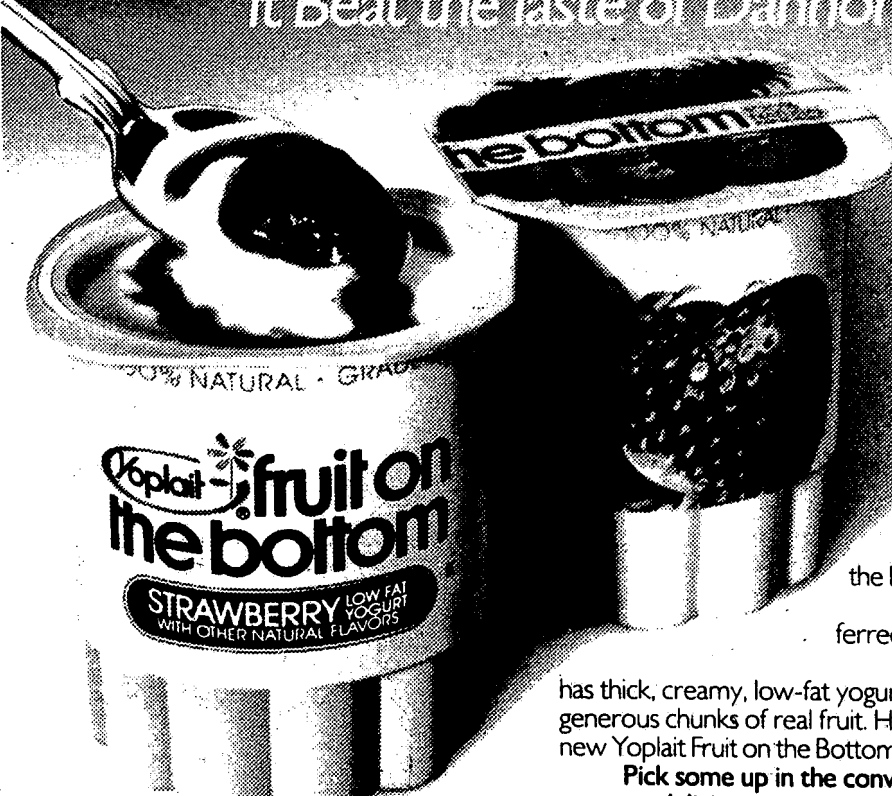
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# Sheriff's log

Wednesday, thieves stole cassette tapes, a cassette case and speakers from an auto parked on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Wednesday, vandals broke into a trailer on Oakhill Road, Independence Township. It is not known what was taken.

Wednesday, a voyeur was observed looking in a window on Robertson Court, Clarkston.

Thursday, thieves stole jewelry from a residence on Church Street, Clarkston.

Friday, thieves broke into a home on Rattfaale Lake Road, Independence Township and stole a VCR, jewelry and tools.

Saturday, vandals destroyed \$700 worth of trees on property on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Saturday, thieves stole money from the Sunshine Food Store 10759 Dixie Highway, Springfield Township.

Saturday, thieves broke into a home on Sashabaw, Independence Township. It is not known what was taken.

Saturday, unknown persons broke into a home on Robertson Court, Clarkston. It is not known if anything was taken.

Saturday, thieves broke into a vehicle parked on Oakhill Road, Independence Township, stealing cash and checks.

Saturday, thieves broke into an auto parked on Dixie Highway, Independence Township and stole two speakers.

Sunday, thieves broke into a residence on Meyers, Independence Township and stole coins after ransacking the house.

Sunday, thieves stole money from a car parked on Wellesley Terrace, Independence Township.

Sunday, thieves broke into an auto parked on Wellesley Terrace, Independence Township and stole an equalizer and amplifier.

Sunday, vandals drove over a lawn on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, damaging a mailbox.

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# -All-League

## CHS award winners

The season is barely over for the Clarkston Wolves volleyball team and the awards are already rolling in.

Nine members of the varsity squad were named to the Greater Oakland Activities All-League teams and four of those were selected for the All-County team.

The voting was done by the coaches in the league and the county for the respective teams.

As a team, the Wolves finished with a 32-7 record with an undefeated mark in GOAL competition for the second straight year.

Making the county Dream Team was senior Laura Hurren. She is one of 12 players on the team selected from all four classes.

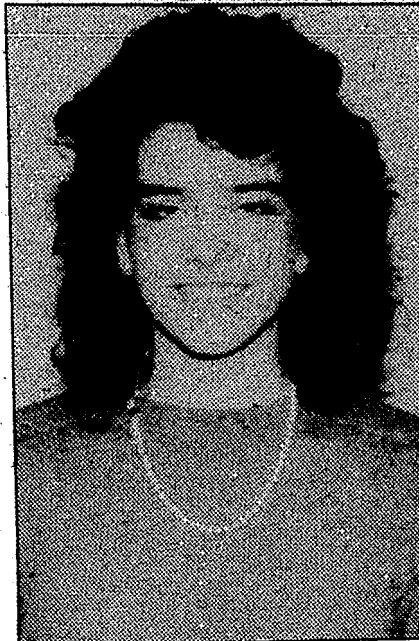
Wendy Learmont and Roseann Hirneisen made the All-County first team while Michelle Taulbee was named to the second team.

On the league level, Hurren, Learmont, Hirneisen and Taulbee all made the first team selection.

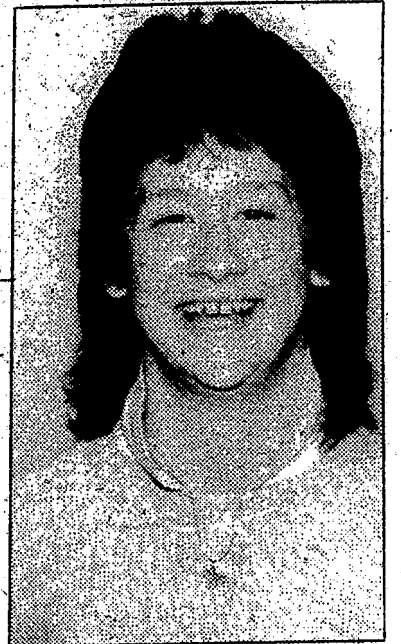
Jill DeShetler and Beth Springer were selected for the second team and making honorable mention were Kecia Powell, Tricia Butler and Kim Ottman.



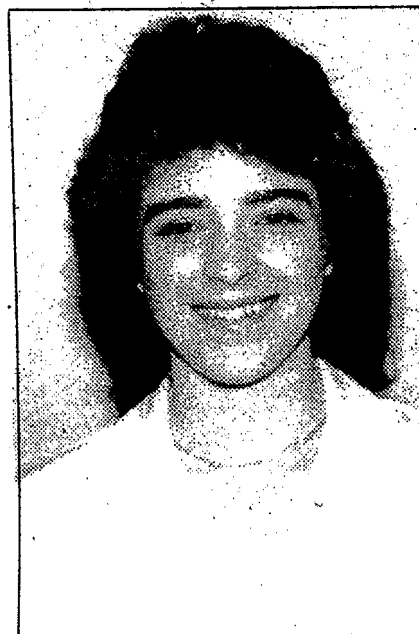
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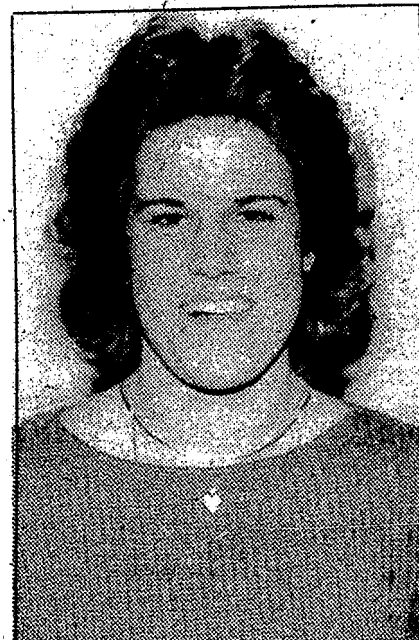
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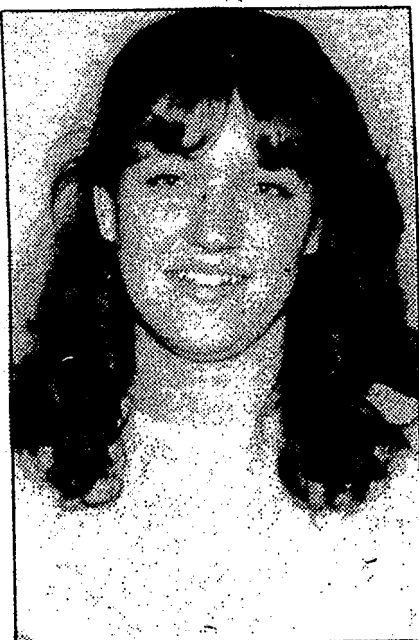
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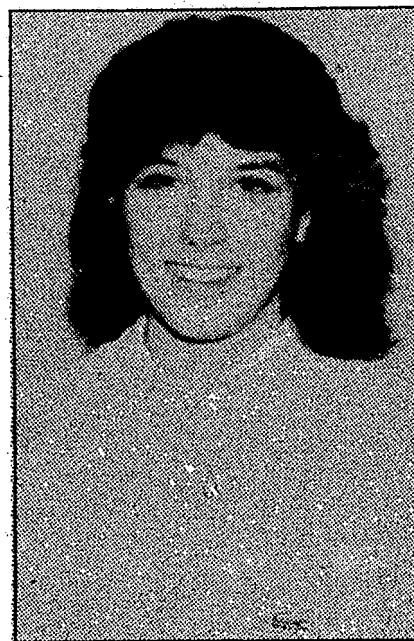
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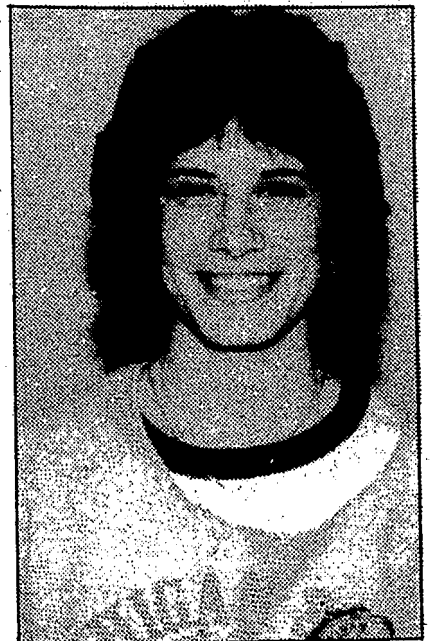
Beth Springer



Kecia Powell



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Drillers	7-2
Herald Advertiser	6-3
Weal Bar	5-4
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# Wolves fall from district play

The third time wasn't the charm for the Clarkston Wolves basketball team.

Their season ended with a 51-50 loss in the district finals to Pontiac Northern. It was the third time the Wolves lost to the Huskies this year. Earlier losses of 65-64 and 64-61 in overtime gave Northern the Greater Oakland Activities League title with Clarkston finishing second.

"Losing three games by five points is tough to take," coach Dan Fife said after the March 9 game. "You've got to give credit to Pontiac Northern, they played tough."

After trailing all of the game, the Wolves knotted the score at 44 with just over four minutes left in the contest. Shots from the foul line was the difference in their second half comeback.

The Wolves played tight defense but kept fouling the Huskies. Northern helped Clarkston by missing the foul shots, giving the Wolves the opportunity to make up the eight point halftime deficit. But down the stretch, the shots fell for the Huskies.

Dan Jokisch led the Wolves with 14 points with Erik Kline adding 10. Clarkston finishes the season with a 19-4 mark while Northern, with a 17-5 mark go on to play defending Class A champions Flint Northwestern in the regionals at the Flint IMA, March 13.

The Huskies fought their way to a 16-10 lead in the opening quarter and stretched that to 30-22 at halftime. The biggest lead was 12 points with about three minutes left in the half.

"They got an extra 10 points in the first half on easy lay-ups," Fife said. "They were running their break. We wanted to play a half court game with them and we did in the second half. We just couldn't get into our offense."

This is the second straight year the Wolves lost in the district finals. Last year they dropped a 63-58 contest to Pontiac Central in Clarkston.



Waterford Kettering didn't have much of a chance against the solid defense of the Clarkston Wolves. Mike Walters and Doug Colling helped shut down the Captains in the district tournament.

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## Sports

### CHS lifting weights, money

The third annual Clarkston High School Lift-A-Thon is set to pump some funds into its weight room and the training room.

The event starts at noon on March 16 in the CHS gym.

Last year, over \$1,500 in pledges were raised for the school. The first year of the event, \$3,000 came in.

For more information call Walt Wyniemko at the high school at 625-0900 before 2:30 p.m.

### The Seer

Found in the Clarkston News mailslot Monday morning.

*Seer Here: Boy I'm glad I'm just a basketball fan and not a live-or-die backer of the Clarkston Wolves. After three last second losses to Pontiac Northern, a guy could get discouraged, not to mention a team. The game with Northern started out horrible for the hometown fans but progressed to just bad with the final tally.*

*Some how the Wolves are going to have to learn how to beat Northern, they might consider playing volleyball instead of basketball. Either way it's going to have to wait until next year. Just like you're going to have to wait to hear from me again, unless maybe an inspiratton comes along about the softball, baseball or other spring teams at the school. If not, I'll begin my perfect pigskin picks again in September.*



Doug Colling looks for an open teammate to pass to during the 61-53 victory over Waterford Kettering. The Wolves jumped out to a 22-4 lead

by the second quarter to put a lock on the game.

# Trainer's program is successful at CHS

The training room at the Clarkston High School is in full swing again and another sports trainer is at the helm.

Colleen Bauer is the second undergraduate sports trainer to work at the school, Maureen Brandow

finished her term in December. The Central Michigan University students need the internship program to graduate and it is set up through the Clarkston Family and Sports Medicine Clinic and the Clarkston School District.



The training room at Clarkston High School is a familiar environment for Colleen Bauer. She is

the second sports trainer intern at the school through Central Michigan University.

The trainers are in Clarkston the length of one semester at CMU, Bauer's stay ends in May.

"This gives me the hands on experience I need," Bauer said. "It leaves me to make the decisions and to refer the athletes to their doctors."

Taping the athletes, mentioning ways of preventing injuries, covering sporting events and giving the coaches more free time with the team are a few of the things the program is supposed to do.

"It's a lot slower now than in the football season, less injuries," Bauer says. "It'll pick up with track and baseball coming up. There'll be a lot of preseason muscle pulls."

The 23-year-old Royal Oak resident sees the program continuing throughout the school year.

"There are plenty of CMU students waiting for an opportunity like this. I think it's at least keep going during the football season," she said.

Clarkston Athletic Director Paul Tungate says the program has been well accepted by everyone involved.

"Things are working out pretty well," he said. "The guidelines for the trainer and the coaches has been working."

For the first two trainers, Clarkston School District has paid \$2,000 per semester of tuition fees to Central Michigan University. Tungate said there is a possibility that CMU will take over the payment when the program resumes in the fall.

Daniel Bielak D.O. of the Clarkston Family and Sports Medicine Clinic the internship program is the finishing touch to their college education.

Through the clinic, Bauer and Mike Therriault, a certified athletic trainer go to different high schools in the morning to take care of the athletes before Bauer reports to CHS at 2 p.m..

"It exposes the students to injuries. They have 20-40 assessments," he said. "Every school that we come into contact with is interested in having a trainer themselves. The schools are able to learn to appreciate trainers."

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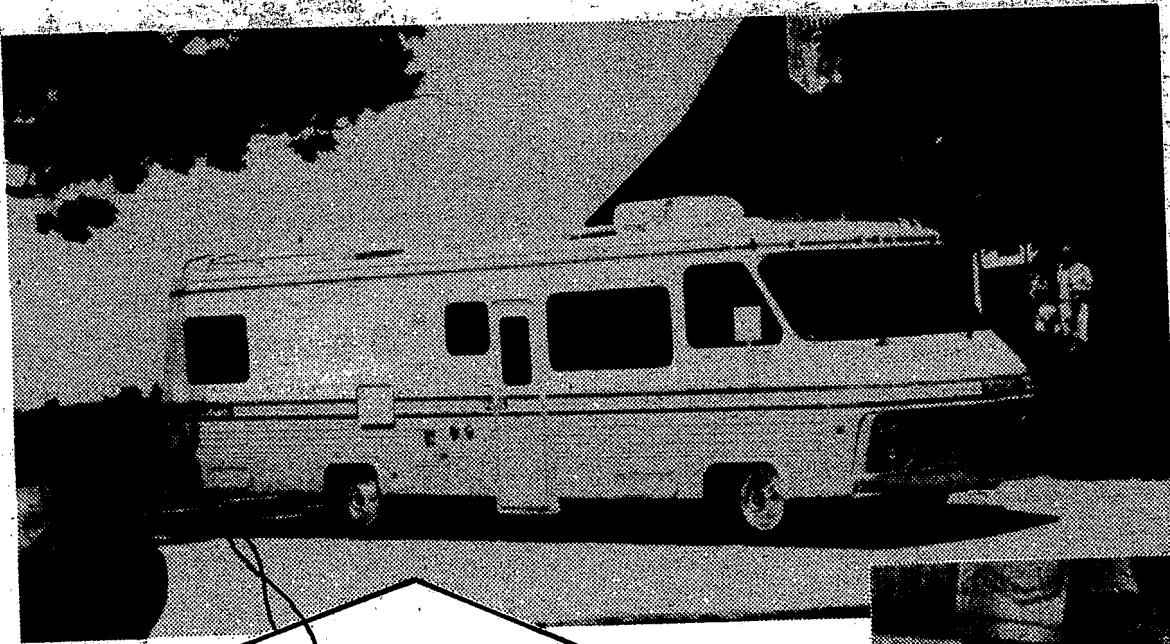
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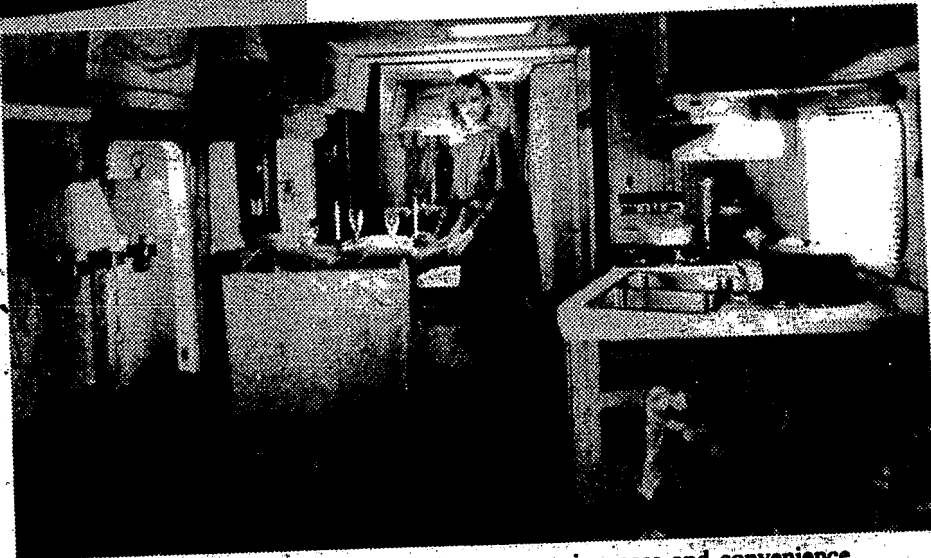


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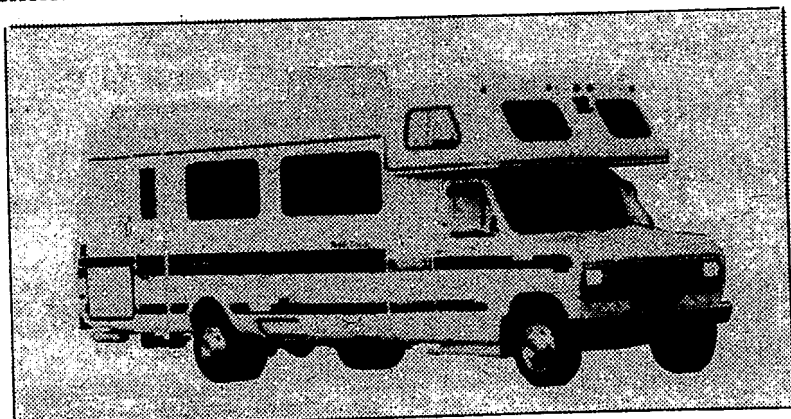
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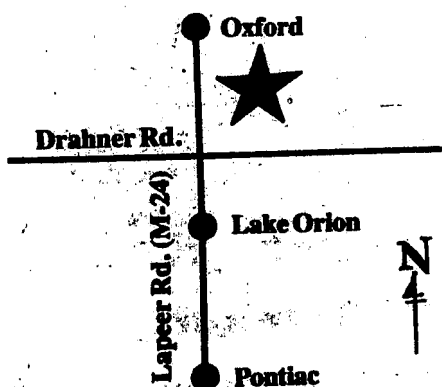
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# Up My Alley

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Let me tell you about my niece. That feels nice to say after nine months of waiting. My only brother David and his wife Ginny just had their first child, a feisty 7 pound 4 ounce girl. Rachel Marie said hello to the world March 8 in Mt. Clemens.

During the long wait, I had it easy compared to the rest of the family, I'm only a first-time uncle.

David and Ginny are first time parents, my parents are first time grandparents, they're the ones that are going to have to work.

As little Rachel grows up everyone has their responsibilities. Mom and dad have to teach the child all the wonders of the world, every grandparent has to spoil the child rotten, the aunts cuddle and squeeze the child until she can't stand it anymore and us uncles have to be the rescuers from all the above.

We're the ones who have the most fun with a new member of the family. We let the little one explore the garbage, the cat box, ashtrays. While we may get yelled at from every other adult that feels an obligation to the situation, the child will grow to appreciate the uncles of the world.

Besides, the uncles are usually the last to know of the emergency trip to the hospital. Take my case for instance.

March 3 was the original due date for Dave and Ginny's baby. Rachel was only five days late. What put everybody on edge with the doctors saying two weeks earlier it could be anytime. He didn't tell us it would be anytime in 1985.

Anyway, I asked my parents what I thought was a pretty simple request, for a phone call when Ginny was going to the hospital. I knew she'd be there a while and I would stop when I could.

Dave called the soon-to-be-grandparents about 6 p.m. on Friday. His voice was undoubtedly shaking as much as his knees were. Around 7 p.m. my parents arrived at the hospital and began a four hour wait.

There were no phone messages at work, nor at my girl friend's in Dearborn Heights where I was on my way after work.

I really don't feel bad about not being told right away. What did bother me a little was the next day.

The hospital was on the way to work so I planned to stop in to see Ginny and Rachel. I was met at the information desk by an apparent ex-kindergarten teacher. As kind as she could be, she suggested I call the maternity ward to see if I could go up. The drill sergeant on the other end of the line with all the sympathy of a coat rack, said no and gave me Ginny's phone number.

Talking to Ginny was nice but it wasn't the same as being there. I had an empty feeling after I hung up the phone and left the building. But I got even with those nasty hospital rules, I kicked the brick pillar. It made all of me feel great, all expect my toe.

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 12:28pm Firefighter assisted citizens at 18 S. Main Street.  
 1:10pm EMS treated walk-in medical at Fire Station on Church Street, child with ring stuck on finger, the ring was cut off.  
 1:54pm EMS responded to M-15 residence on a medical emergency, treated one patient on scene, Fleet transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.  
 4:44pm EMS responded to Mary Sue residence on a medical emergency, possible overdose, treated on scene, Fleet transported to POH.  
 6:43pm Firefighters responded to Almond Lane and Plumb on primary wires down, checked and notified Edison, stood by for arrival of Edison.

## Tuesday, March 5th

12:40pm Firefighters responded to a barn fire on Pine Knob Road, extinguished fire caused by short circuit.  
 2:45pm Firefighter assisted citizen at Main Street address.  
 9:45pm Firefighters responded to residence on Deer Lake Road on a odor investigation, found shorted dryer plug, advised homeowner on repairs.

## Wednesday, March 6th

9:44am Firefighters responded to reported fire at Colombiere Center, cancelled, student pulled fire alarm.  
 2:54pm Firefighters responded to a mutual aid assist to Springfield Township Fire Department on a house fire, pumper and tanker assisted.  
 7:20pm Firefighters assisted citizen on Surrey Lane.

## Thursday, March 7th

5:57am EMS responded to Fay Street residence on a medical emergency, treated one patient in cardiac arrest, Fleet transported to Pontiac General

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## Friday, March 8th

12:51am EMS responded to Andersonville Road address on a medical emergency, cancelled on arrival.  
 4:03pm EMS responded to Dixie and Maybee on a personal injury accident, on arrival, patient refused treatment.

## Saturday, March 9th

1:28pm Firefighter assisted citizen at Sashabaw and Maybee.  
 3:32pm EMS responded to foster care residence on Westview, treated child who had swallowed gasoline, private transport to hospital.  
 10:33pm Firefighters responded to I-75 south of M-15 on a reported vehicle fire, on arrival, found overheated vehicle.

## Sunday, March 10th

10:52am Firefighters responded to residence on Wellesley Terrace on a fire in the den, on arrival, curtains that had been on fire had been thrown out a window, no extended fire, cause of fire under investigation, approximately \$900 damage.  
 1:22pm EMS assisted medical patient at residence on Fay Street.  
 2:04pm Firefighters responded to brush fire on Pheasant Run, fire was out on arrival, started by bottle rockets, checked area and talked to responsible.

3:33pm EMS responded to personal injury accident at 5800 M-15 two patients treated for injuries and transported to POH by Fleet.  
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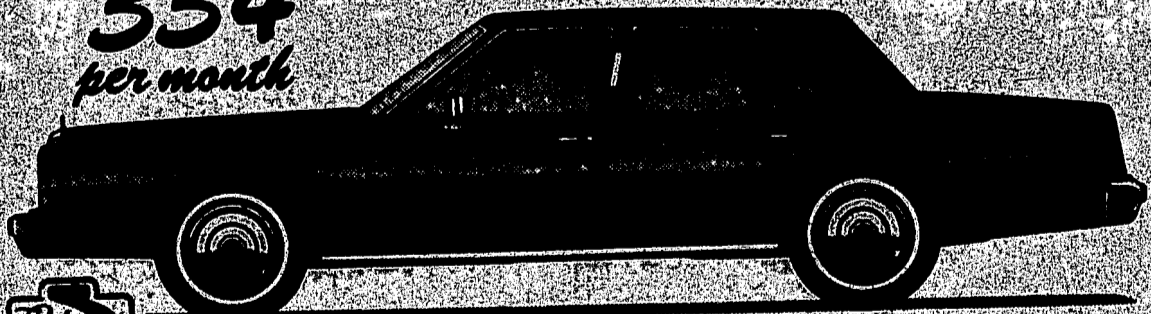
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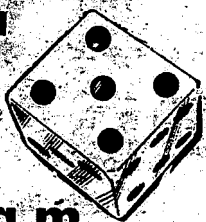
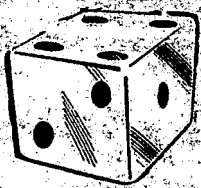
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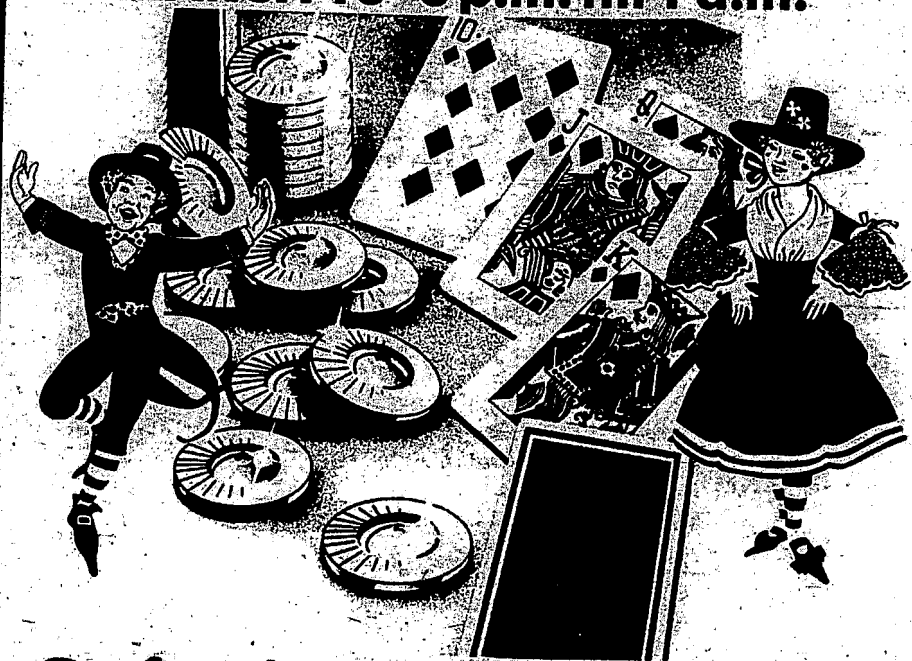
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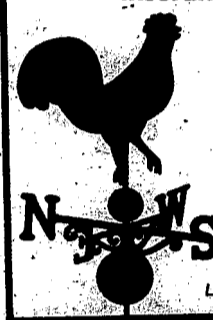
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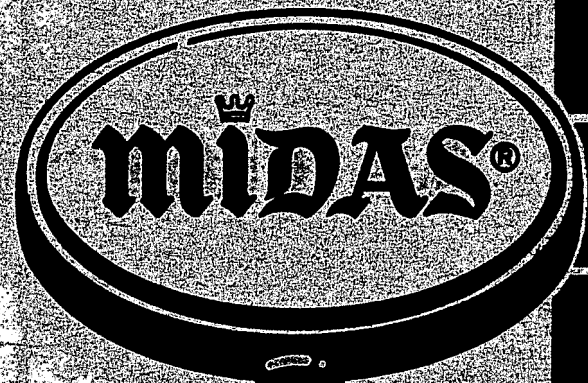
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### Arboretum-to-be at NWOVEC

# Students to play major role in landscaping

By Kathy Greenfield

An arboretum is in the works for the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center.

Last fall, the landscaping students of instructor Donna McCall-Papatheodoropoulos began preparing the beds around the school on Big Lake Road in Springfield Township.

"We were out there planting bulbs and the kids were taking turns jumping into the Suburban to thaw

out—it was beastly cold," she said.

The design was contracted by NWOVEC from Danielson-Ryan and Associates of Milford and Clarkston, and the final plans were delivered this month.

An arboretum uses as many plants as possible while maintaining a "beautiful landscape," said McCall-Papatheodoropoulos.

She expects it to be completed in five years. All

phases are to serve as a teaching tool for landscaping and ground maintenance students from Clarkston, Waterford, Brandon, Holly and Our Lady of the Lakes high schools.

The students are "eager to get back to work on that design," she said. "They can't believe they'll get to do that amount of work."

Hands-on experience begins from the underground up. Contractors are not hired to do work unless they are willing to allow students to assist and observe, she said.

An irrigation system, concrete work and boulder work are part of the plan. Also included are an outdoor student commons area and plantings near the front door designed to withstand 650 students heading toward buses when classes end.

One of the most difficult tasks for a landscaping student is learning the names of the different plantings, and McCall-Papatheodoropoulos expects the arboretum to help.

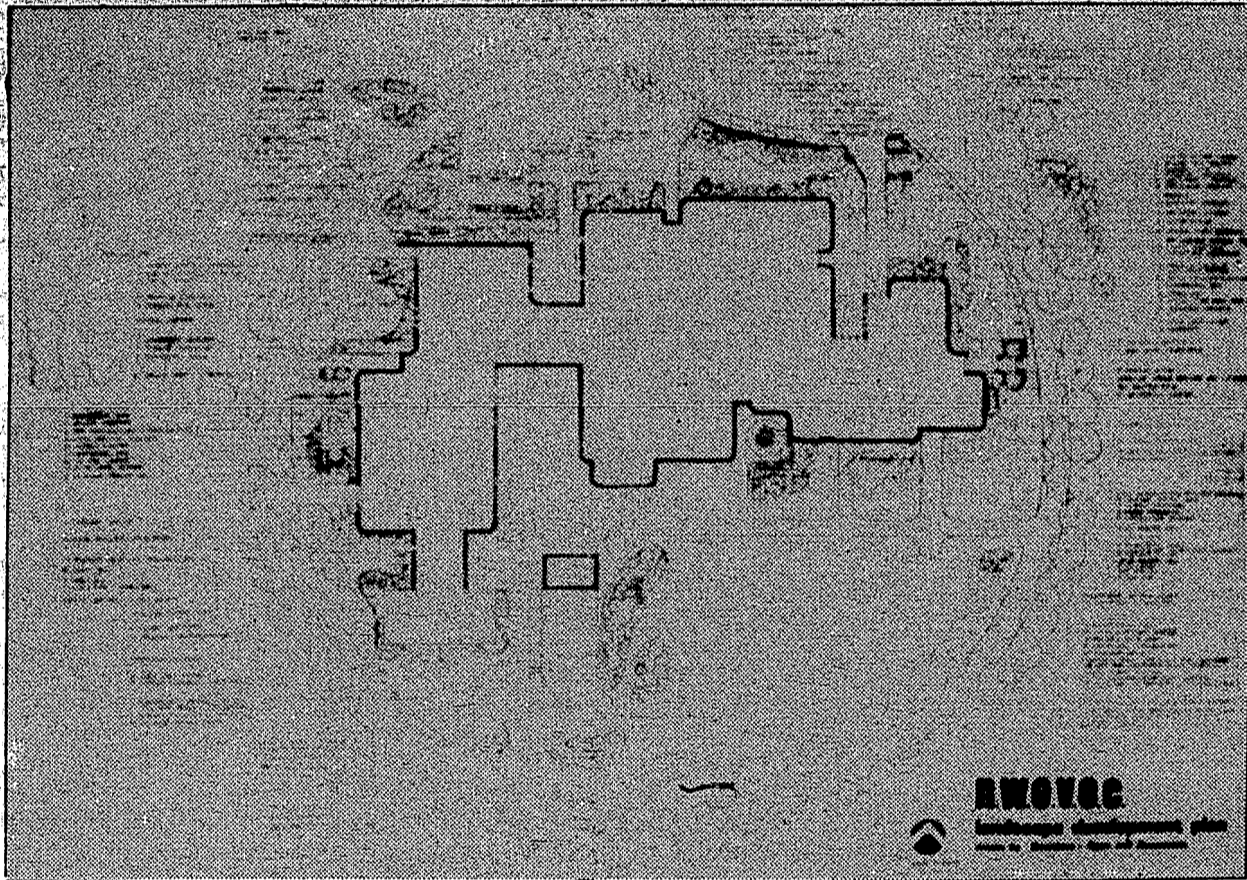
"Most people are used to my kids walking through the village—'Here's an elm tree. Here's a maple tree.' Eventually, I'd like to have all the plant materials on the (NWOVEC) grounds," she said. "They can learn them, plant them and maintain them, all right here."

She envisions that process: "As they are working around them, if they're poked by blue spruce and picked by barberries, they'll start learning their names right away—I don't want to work in the barberry bed."

Her students will continue to work on projects outside the school, however, as they have for the eight years she's taught at NWOVEC. In addition to some deck construction and landscaping, they do plantings for the Village of Clarkston as needed.

One project this year in conjunction with Bordine's Better Blooms of Clarkston and the village was planting 10,000 spring flower bulbs in the village parking lot and park.

"Just wait and see. They're all over the place," said McCall-Papatheodoropoulos. "That's an ongoing project. It should take place every spring and if that happens we'll be surrounded by bulbs."



The landscaping design recently received by NWOVEC from Danielson-Ryan and Associates is on prominent display in the landscaping

classroom of Donna McCall-Papatheodoropoulos. Her students will play a major role in its implementation.

# Drug abuse a community concern

The facts are hard to accept, say many adults.

In the weeks since David Toma's anti-drug campaign in Clarkston, some hard truths have come to light.

Truths that indicate not only our youths are suffering, but the community as well, according to a spokesperson from the Toma Task Force, who wished to remain anonymous.

"We have to admit the fact that we do have a drug problem here in Clarkston," she said.

"It was a fantastic education for all of us," she added, referring to Toma's presentation.

If the students are willing to try to make a change in their lives, then the community must be willing to support them, she added.

After Toma's two-day stay in Clarkston, junior and high school students responded to a task force questionnaire.

According to the spokesperson, the responses were frightening, they include:

- Get high in class, especially in class.
- Skip class or study hall to get high.
- Any kind of drug is available, and they are dealt openly in school in front of teachers and others.
- Drugs and alcohol are kept in lockers.
- Most students began using drugs in elementary school between second and fourth grades.
- Many students on drugs have considered or at-

tempted suicide, or thought about it.

• Students will sell to anyone—including younger brothers and sisters to get money.

• Drug habits are supported by stealing, selling or prostitution.

• Students answering the questionnaires estimate 92 percent of all students have tried drugs, and 75 percent stay with them.

• Clarkston High School is considered a "powerhouse" connection for drugs to other schools.

The students also responded that over 15 different drugs including, cocaine, mescaline, LSD, marijuana, Heroin, PCP and alcohol are available.

The spokesperson said many parents are not willing to accept these facts, or are completely oblivious to the truth that their children have drug habits.

In an effort to curb parent ignorance, help their children, and to combat these statistics, many area leaders and parents are instituting groups, classes and meetings.

Monday, March 4, several community members gathered at St. Daniel's Church to brainstorm about the future, according to Rev. William Schram of the Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church.

The purpose of the two-and-one-half-hour meeting was to bring together those who have express-

ed concern over Clarkston's drug problem and plan for the future, Schram said.

A panel spoke to an audience of about 40 at the meeting. The panel included: Jeanette Sanders, Gordie Richardson, James Butzine, Marilyn Case, Karel Howse, Patrick Johns, Buck Kopietz, Det. Sgt. John Smiley, and Schram.

The size of the immediate need for support, "has taken everybody by surprise," said Schram.

"It seemed to me that in talking during the days after Toma...there needed to be a pulling together of people," he said. "Without the support of the community, nothing is going to stay in place."

According to Schram, the community "generously oversubscribed" with money to bring Toma to Clarkston.

The total donations for Toma were \$22,503.62, Schram said.

After \$9,874.62 in expenses (including Toma's \$6,000 fee) were spent, \$12,629 were left for followup, Schram said.

All of that money will remain in the Clarkston community for support, he added.

There needs to be ongoing work of parents, schools and the helping professions, said Schram.

"We want to show that we're taking it seriously," he said.

# Couture house renovations OK'd

By Carolyn Walker

The Couture house will be saved.

At the urging of Timothy Doyle, director of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department, Independence Township board members have agreed to renovate the house which is located on township property near Clintonwood Park.

The proposed renovations include carpeting, drywall, and fixtures, among others. The cost is estimated at \$6,825, according to Doyle, who said the money would come from the park budget.

Township employees will be used for the work.

"If we can save something, I'd much rather do that," said Doyle, expressing his concern that the building might be destroyed. "I think we have a lot of

options, provided we keep the structure."

The two bedroom house, which is approximately 800-square-feet in size, has been proposed for use as a park caretaker's residence.

Doyle first brought the issue to board member's attention in a letter last November, when he told them the post-World-War-II house could be brought up to code.

At that time, he was directed by board members to further define the costs of the project, and to investigate how other communities handle such problems.

Doyle subsequently obtained caretaker housing policies from the Oakland County Parks and Recrea-

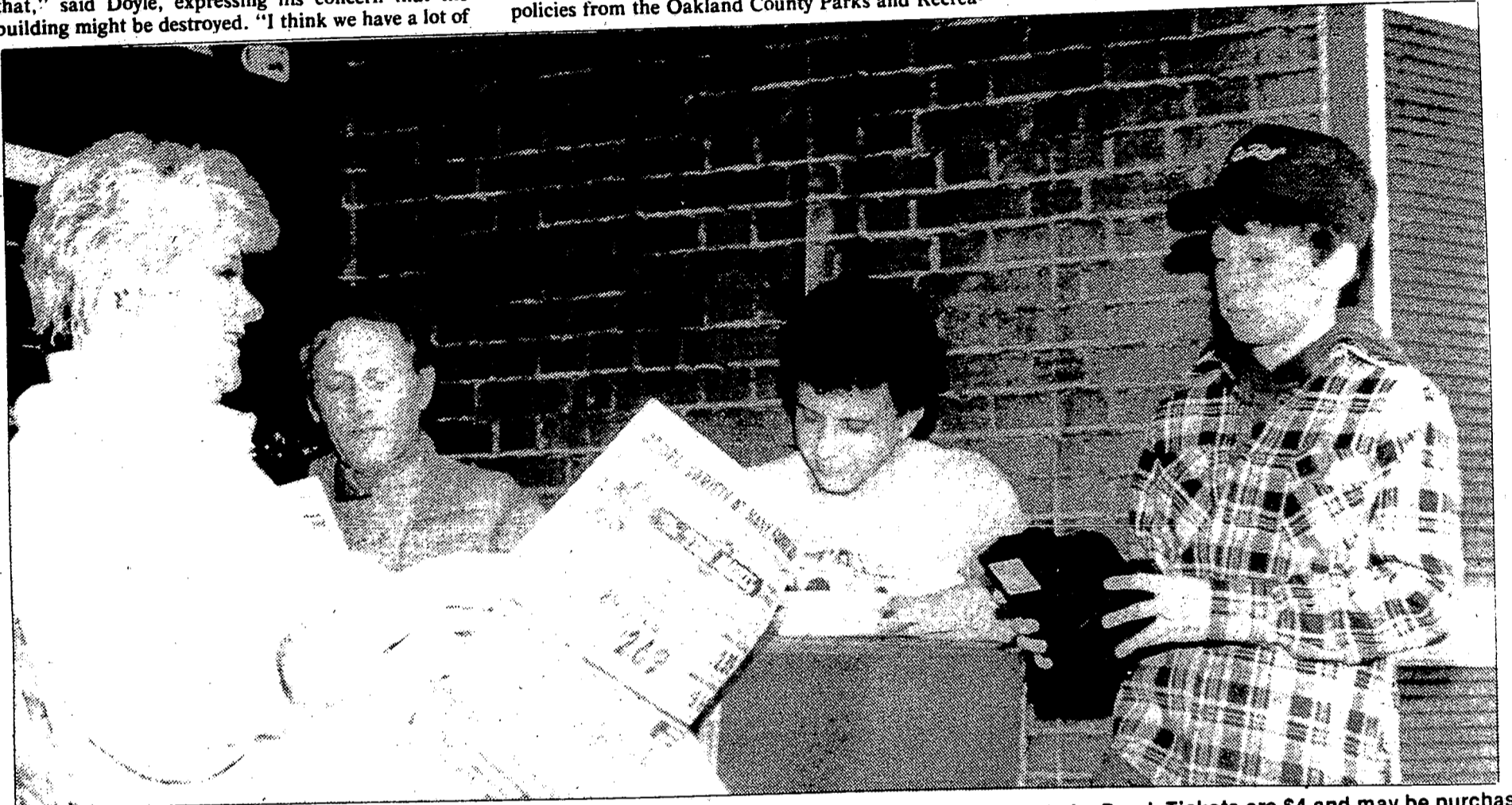
tion Department to use as a guide.

Township Supervisor Frank Ronk supported the suggestion.

"There is distinct value to that building," he said, adding that the park might eventually grow into a sizeable complex, which would need overseeing by a caretaker.

Board members voting for the renovations were Ronk, Dale Stuart, William VanderMark, Richard Holman and John Lutz.

Trustee Carol Balzarini voted against the motion, stating she would like to see the need for a caretaker and the specific renovations more fully detailed. Trustee Daniel Travis was absent.



Jeff Ryan [far right] holds his bank while asking his fictitious parents, Judy Rood and Chuck Haskins, for change in the Clarkston Village Players production of "Finishing Touches."

Joe Wilson tries to eat breakfast during the banter. The play is set to go on March 15, 16, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m. at the Depot Theatre on White

Lake Road. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at Tierra Arts, 20 S. Main, Clarkston or by calling 363-0188 after 5 p.m.

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## Honors

Terri Peck is on the dean's list at Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown, Wisc., for the fall-winter semester.

A sophomore majoring in Bible and business, she is also secretary of the Arete Society.

Her parents are Jack and Mary Jean Peck of Oak Park Drive, Independence Township.

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Douglas Brian Downey has been named to the dean's list at Anderson College for the first semester of the 1984-85 school year.

Downey, a senior, resides on Snowapple Drive, Independence Township.

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Cynthia Boyle has graduated with a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

She resides on Huron Drive, Independence Township.



## Stout-Griggs to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Stout of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Johanna Stout of Dallas to Bradley T. Griggs of Dallas, son of Mary Jo Griggs of Clarkston and Dr. Lee J. Griggs of Doylestown, Pa.

The couple are both graduates of Northern Michigan University.

The wedding is planned for June 29 in Grosse Pointe.

## Sound the horns! Musicians rated

A drum roll, please, for the following announcement from Clarkston Junior High School band director Julie Mathews.

CJHS students put their musical talents to the test Feb. 16 at the District IV Solo and Ensemble Festival at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

Those receiving a superior rating of I were: Staci Cool, piano solo; Karen Lowe, piano solo; Nichole Chinavare, piano solo; Matt Mellon, snare solo; Jenny Johnston and Laura Postal, duet; Karen Lowe, flute solo; and Nichole Chinavare, trumpet solo.

Those receiving ratings of II were: David Saffron, Liz Webb, Ann McClellan and Matt Plec, saxophone

quartet; Curt Haremza, saxophone solo; Nancy Needham and Julie Irish, saxophone duet; Evonne Atkins and Karin Lambeth, flute duet; Julie Meredith, flute solo; Kim Creech, flute solo; Megan Balloid, flute solo; Dan Eberhardt, snare drum solo; Dana Austin and Deanna Green, clarinet duet; Michelle Driscoll, flute solo; Heather Crabtree, flute solo; and Kristen Smith and Heather Crabtree, duet.

Others who participated were: Scott Weaver, snare drum solo; Kim Creech, piano solo; Michelle Darby, trumpet solo; and Dave Moore, bass clarinet solo.

Karen Lowe, Mrs. Lowe and Erin Dupree provided accompaniment for some of the performances.

## At college

Gina Thomas helps raise Spartan spirits each week as one of 35 steering committee members of Michigan State University's Student Foundation.

Steering committee members are selected each year to help coordinate activities of some 2,500 members. They organize student groups that help generate enthusiasm at MSU's Big Ten athletic events, and coordinate a student tour guide group for campus visitors and student/family events.

Thomas, a communication and psychology major, is a 1981 graduate of Clarkston High School.

She is coordinator of the Spartan Slapshots, a

group which attends athletic events, and has served on the MSU 1984 Homecoming committee. She is also a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha communications society.

Her parents are Janet and Michael Thomas of Warbler Lane, Independence Township.

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Virginia Nelson has been initiated into the Alpha Omicron Pi Chapter sorority at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she is an Inteflex pre-med/med student.

She is the daughter of Clarkston area residents Ronald and Sandra Nelson.

## New arrivals

Michael and Laura Curdy of Kalamazoo greeted their first child on March 11.

Nicholas Ford measured 23 inches and weighed 8 pounds.

Grandparents are Harold and Norma Ford of Cranberry Lake Road, Independence Township; and M. Gordon and Dee Curdy of East Lansing.

Great grandparents are Isla Ford of Bloomfield Hills and Victoria Frayer of Lansing.

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Arthur and Melinda Lincoln of Union Lake said hello to their new son March 7.

Matthen Seth weighs in at 8 pounds 1 ounce and is 20 inches long.

Waiting at home is 3-year-old brother Nicholes.

Grandparents are Dale and Ann Bratt of Independence Township, and Alice Lincoln of Union Lake.

## Syrup trip on tap

A field trip to learn about maple syrup is set to flow Saturday, March 16.

Sponsored by the Springfield Township Library, the outing includes transportation to the Drayton Plains Nature Center by SEMTA bus.

The bus is to leave the library at 10900 Andersonville Road at 9:30 a.m. and return at noon. The cost for each child or adult is \$1.50.

Advance registration is required. Call the library at 625-0595.

## Mothers organize

The latest chapter of the Mother of Multiples Club is forming in the Clarkston area.

"The closest one...is in Clawson. There's a big need in the area. Mothers of twins don't have time to go to Clawson," said Mary Zahm, the mother of 11-month-olds.

The club offers a support group, informational meetings and small group discussions. In addition, clothing and equipment are passed from one set of twins to another, she said.

The first meeting is planned in April.

"It's for mothers of all ages. I know there's a mother of 21-year-olds who would like to come and talk to the younger mothers," Zahm said.

For more information, call 394-0326.

## School registration

Registration information for the 1985-86 school year is now available at Our Lady of the Lakes Elementary School.

For more information, call 623-0250.



## Cunningham-Arnold

Robert and Betty Cunningham of Springfield Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Kathleen, to John Thomas Arnold, son of Susan Arnold of Independence Township and Ivan Arnold of Pontiac. The bride-elect and her fiancé are 1982 graduates of Clarkston High School. A part-time employee of Oakland County Purchasing and Bonnie's Child Care of Rochester, she is to graduate from Oakland Community College in April 1985 with an associate's degree in early childhood development. He is employed by General Motors Corp. at the Orion Plant. They plan to be married in the summer of 1986.



# 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.

**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**—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 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)

**Monday, March 18**—Clarkston Area Youth Assistance General Citizen's Committee meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Clarkston Schools Special Services Building, 6590 Middle Lake Road, Independence Township. (625-9007)

**Monday, March 18**—Waterford Book Review Club meeting; 1 p.m.; hostess Margaret Dailey at the Waterford Township Library, 5168 Tubbs Rd.; "Tale of Beatrice Potter" by Lane to be reviewed by Joan Stewart; newcomers welcome. (674-4831)

**Tuesday, March 19**—"Hats off to Spring," a luncheon, fashion show and scholarship fund raiser by the Clarkston Community Garden Club; salad and dessert; fashions by Christie's of Clarkston; tickets \$6.50; must be purchased in advance from club members or by calling 625-2554 or 625-2436; Clarkston United Methodist Church on Waldon Road, Independence Township.

**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)

**Tuesday, March 19**—Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's 'Hats off to Spring' fashion show and luncheon; noon; tickets, \$6.50 in advance only; Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6660 Waldon Road, Independence Township. (625-4221 or 625-2554)

**Tuesday, March 19**—Spring enrollment of the Inde-Spring Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association; theme: "We love ABWA"; for more information call Jan Strong. (394-0730)

**Wednesday, March 20**—Preschool Story Times at the Independence Township Library; identical programs at 10 and 11 a.m.; free; for 3- to 5-year-olds; games, songs, read-along stories and the film "Always Be Careful"; registration not required; 6495 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township. (625-2212)

**Friday, March 22**—Bake sale and salad luncheon at Seymour Lake United Methodist Church; bake sale begins at 10 a.m.; luncheon—for \$2.75—from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; at the corner of Sashabaw and Seymour Lake roads, Brandon Township. (394-0516)

**Friday, March 22**—"Looking for Signs of Spring," a program to look at several constellations including the Great Lion, Leo, Berenice's Hair and Taurus the Bull; 7:30 p.m.; 45-minute slide presentation and outdoor viewing session, weather permitting; bring binoculars and dress for the weather; Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; free with park vehicle entry fee; advance registration required. (1-800-552-6772)

**Sunday, March 24**—Waterford Spring Craft Event; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; admission \$1; over 150 exhibitors; Waterford Community Center, formerly Waterford Township High School, 1415 Crescent Lake Road. (698-2537)

**Sunday, March 24**—"Looking for Signs of Spring," a 1 1/2 hour walk along trails at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 10 a.m.; free with park vehicle entry fee; advance registration required. (1-800-552-6772)

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## AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

<p><b>SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston 9:30 Church School 11:00 Worship Co-pastors: Jenny H. &amp; William C. Schram Phone 673-3101</p>	<p><b>CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4479 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains 9:45 Sunday School 11 Morning Worship 8 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Prayer Worship</p>	<p><b>GRACE CHAPEL</b> 3041 Reeder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, MI Rev. Jim Maddox Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. &amp; 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Josaman and Bald Eagle Lake Rds. Pastor, David L. Davenport Church Worship 11:00 a.m. School 10:00 a.m. Phone 783-2291 Coffee Hr. &amp; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 7825 Sashabaw Road 625-4644 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Services 8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Nursery 11 a.m. Rev. Michael Klafahn</p>
<p><b>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship &amp; Church School 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Holcomb at Miller Rd. Father Charles E. Cushing Sunday Masses 7:45, 9, 10:30 and 12:00 Sat. 5 p.m. &amp; 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>NEWHOPE BIBLE CHURCH</b> 6311 Sunnyside Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Rev. A.T.B. Phillips 674-1112</p>	<p><b>FIRST CHURCH OF GOD</b> 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><b>TEMPLE OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTER</b> for Healing, Learning &amp; Worship Pastor, Rev. John Wilson 8644 Sunin Lane off Daviessburg Road 625-4284 Sunday Service 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 381-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. Van Dellen</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST</b> 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><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> INDEPENDENT NEW TESTAMENT Gene Paul, Minister 3246 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) Bible School 9:45; Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00</p>	<p><b>ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services 8 a.m. &amp; 10 a.m. The New Prayer Book</p>	<p><b>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST</b> 6440 Maceoday Dr., Waterford Rev. T.K. Fox 623-8880 or 623-7064 Sunday School 9 a.m. - all ages Worship 10:30 a.m. Jr. Church &amp; Nursery</p>
<p><b>OLD FASHIONED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Omar Brewer 5785 Clarkston Rd. Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Evening Service 7:00</p>	<p><b>DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Corner of Winnell and Maybee Rd. Rev. Clancy J. Thompson 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Hour - 8:00 Veppers Wednesday 7 p.m. Family Night</p>	<p><b>CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 6905 Bluegrass Drive Rev. Robert D. Walters, D. Min. 8:00 a.m. Communion 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday Sunday Church School 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday Nursery at both services</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH</b> 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><b>COMMUNITY (U.S.A.) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> Pastor Alfred H. Need Sashabaw Rd. at Monroe St. (2 blocks north of Dixie Hwy.) Drayton Plains Phone 673-7805 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Babies thru Adults Worship 11 a.m. - Nursery provided</p>
<p><b>CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD</b> 64 South Main Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible &amp; Youth 7 p.m. Pastor, Charles Lunaford</p>	<p><b>FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 4632 Clintonville Rd. - Phone 673-3636 Services: Sunday Sunday School Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Youth Hour 5 p.m. Gospel Hour 8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>CROSSROADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 4651 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><b>CLARKSTON GOOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 8051 Sashabaw Rd., near Maybee Rd. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Mid-Week Worship Wed. 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Don De Mars 673-8718</p>	<p><b>SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST</b> Sashabaw at Seymour Lk. Rd. Rev. J. Douglas Peterson 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><b>LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Orionville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 8:15 p.m. Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 p.m. Family Prayer &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>PENTACOSTAL TABERNACLE</b> 5860 Orionville Rd. Worship 11 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Thurs. Nite Prayer 7 p.m. Pastor, David McMurray Singing Last Saturday of Month</p>	<p><b>MT. ZION TEMPLE</b> 4461 Clintonville Rd. 673-2060 Prayer 10 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 Evening Service 8 p.m. Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Loren Covarrubias 674-1415</p>	<p><b>EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION</b> 6480 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 8 a.m.; 10 a.m. Church &amp; Nursery Using 1983 Prayer Book</p>	<p><b>SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN</b>, Clarkston 5401 Oak Park, off Maybee Rd. Rev. Beryl Hinz 623-1074 Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m. Silver Tea last Sat. of each month at 2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 5790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Phillip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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 8 p.m. Evening Wed. 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Airport Road at Olympic Parkway Minister of C.E. Russell G. Jeandell Minister of Youth, Dair Hilleman Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Service 8:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 Rev. Phillip Whisenant, Pastor</p>	<p><b>MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 5881 Clintonville Rd. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Sunday Evening Wed. 7:00 Prayer &amp; Bible Study Rev. Ben Fulayter, Pastor</p>	<p><b>ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 10350 Andersonville Rd. Daviessburg, MI 48018 Phone 625-8831 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 8:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Nursery at all services</p>

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## Cougar comments

### Lunch opinions



**Monica Miles**

When I ask my friends what they think of school lunch, they have mixed feelings.

They love the junk food, the milk shakes, and the pretzels and bagels. The selection is great.

But they all agree that the hot lunches could be better. The biggest complaint is over the size of the servings.

The food's not bad, but they charge too much for the amount that's served.

One person said that the biscuits and rolls are delicious.

Some said that the Mexican food is really good. Most people said they didn't like the pizza and the pretzels were too salty.

Another said that the salad bar's selection was OK, but the dressings needed some help.

A few mentioned that the lunch hour should be longer, and the lunchroom was too crowded.

Not many people take a bag lunch to school anymore, so the logical conclusion is that school lunches are well-liked.

*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.*



## Overdue list overdue

Mrs. Hogan's new overdue policy is greatly helping out the media center by keeping one complete list of all overdue books.

The student's first hour teacher's name is put into the computer to keep it organized. All the information on the book, such as call number, author's name, price of book, etc., is recorded also.

The computer prints out the notice with all of the information so the students know exactly what book is overdue.

Mrs. Hogan is very happy with the new policy. It's faster and easier to keep track of records.

Theater Arts I students performed children's plays at the elementaries last month. There were four plays: "Crumple Rimpelstiltskin" at Andersonville Elementary, "Jack and the Beanstalk" at Pine Knob Elementary, "Aesop's Fables" at Clarkston Elementary and "The Twelve Dancing Princesses" at Bailey

Lake Elementary.

The Science Olympiad team is preparing for its three meets this year.

Coaches include Mr. Stachurski and Mr. Keegan.

Team members are Jeanie Whetstone, Ed White, Wayne Novak, Brad Dedrick, Mike Kolody, Paul Jensen, Lew Galligan, Bill Zweng, Jane Selent, Nichole Chinavare, Andy Chinavare, Bree Michelsen, Brian Doyle, Mark Fry and Jeff Martin.

The participants are scheduled to be in three meets. They include county on March 16, regional on March 23 and state on April 27.

Mr. Stachurski and Mr. Keegan have been working hard to prepare the contestants for their events.

*This week's column was written by CJHS journalism students Tara Carncross, Nicole Carry and Bree Michelsen.*

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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.

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**C.A.T.**

**P.A.W.**

*\*Chemicals Are Trouble. People Are Working.*

**Dear Cat Paw:**

How can you help someone you think is getting too involved with alcohol? Especially without them thinking you're minding their business.

Good Samaritan

**Dear Good:**

Al-Anon is designed to help people in your situation. The best defense against the emotional impact of alcoholism is gaining knowledge and achieving the emotional maturity and courage needed to put it into effect. Try a meeting!

**Dear Cat Paw:**

How can you stop drugs from being used?

Wonder?

**Dear Wonder:**

Education, awareness and prevention are the best weapons against drug abuse. The Chemical People of Clarkston are dedicated to this purpose. You could learn more by attending meetings.

**Dear Cat Paw:**

I have a friend—he lives for the next joint. He offers me some. How can I stop him taking drugs?

Troubled

**Dear Troubled:**

Learn to accept the fact that he is sick with an illness he cannot control. Avoid nagging or arguing. It doesn't help.

Search out your own shortcomings and try to correct them. Later you will find that you can detach your mind from your troubles.

Learn all you can about drugs—education is an excellent tool in the fight against drug abuse.

**Dear Cat Paw:**

What can I do to help a friend who in my opinion might be becoming an alcoholic?

Worried Friend

**Dear Worried:**

Be willing to cooperate with your friend's efforts to get and maintain sobriety, but do not interfere or advise. Alcoholics have a better chance of success when family and friends leave them free to work out their own problems.

**Dear Cat Paw:**

If a "straight" person tries a joint because of peer pressure, will he or she become addicted and harmed for life?

Just Wondering

**Dear Just Wondering:**

I doubt if he or she will become addicted with just one puff. Whether he or she will be harmed for life, however, depends on what the person does under the influence of marijuana and during the time the THC remains in his or her body.

Cat Paw author Jeanette Sanders, a Springfield Township resident, is a member of the Chemical People of Clarkston, a group devoted to the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse among the community's young people.

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

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Wednesday through Friday, March 13-15

7pm—"This is the Life" series sponsored by St. Trinity Lutheran Church of Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. In "Beyond Words" born without the gift of speech, a mime shares the story of Easter with a frightened teenager.

8pm—Oakland County Parks and Recreation, a nature study on what is available for visitors to In-

dependence Oaks County Park. Geared at the spring and summer months, the show includes what services are available at the park.

8:30pm—Prefestival Concert. A look and listen to the sounds of the Clarkston and Sashabaw Junior High bands and vocal groups.

Programs on channel 11 begin at 7 p.m. weekdays only. Other times, the station features a billboard with community service announcements and the schedule of that evening's programs, updated daily at 2 p.m. A Clarkston Community Schools' calendar-billboard is found on cable channel 33.

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**SYNOPSIS  
of Action Taken by  
Independence Township Board  
March 1, 1985**

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by Supervisor Ronk at Independence Township Hall. Roll Call: Balzarini, Holman, Lutz, Ronk, Present. Stuart, Travis, Vandermark, Absent. There is a quorum.

1. Approval of resolution authorizing Frank Ronk to submit an application for disaster relief monies from the state disaster contingency fund.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard A. Holman, Clerk



**SYNOPSIS  
of Action Taken by  
Independence Township Board  
March 5, 1985**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Roll Call: Present: Balzarini, Holman, Lutz, Ronk, Stuart, Vandermark. Absent: Travis.

1. Approval of agenda as presented.

2. Approval of minutes as amended.

3. Approval of payment of bills amounting to \$94,403.16.

4. Presentation of plaques to Edward Cox and Walter Eidam for their service on the Planning Commission.

5. Received recommendation from Fire Committee regarding selection of Fire Chief.

6. Approval of motion to hire an architect to prepare drawings and an estimate of cost for the construction of a new fire station on the site of fire station no. 2.

7. Approval of motion to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the proposed consent judgement with Nolte-Brennan.

8. Approval of motion to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the proposed consent judgement regarding Bates vs. Pendley and Independence Township.

9. Approval of motion to authorize the Township attorney to contact J.C.K. and Associates, and request compensation for all legal fees related to Bates vs. Pendley.

10. Approval of motion to approve a resolution establishing a public hearing on April 2, for the VerLee Associates project.

11. Approval of motion stating that VerLee Associates is responsible for the expense of publishing and posting the public notice.

12. Approval of motion to authorize the director of Parks and Recreation Department to commence renovations at the Couture Home, pursuant to the directives issued by the Township Board on March 5, 1985.

13. Approval of motion to table the Butler rezoning request.

14. Approval of motion to appoint Messrs. Robert Beattie and Robert Olson to the Independence Township Economic Development Corporation.

15. Approval of motion to authorize Township financial participation in the Oakland County Dust Control Program, in the amount of twelve cents per foot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard A. Holman, Clerk



**TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING DATE  
(Ver-Lee Associates Project)**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Independence, County of Oakland, Michigan, held at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Michigan Time, on March 5, 1985, at which the following members were present: Balzarini, Holman, Lutz, Ronk, Stuart, Vandermark, and the following were absent: Travis.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Stuart and supported by Holman:

WHEREAS, this Township Board has heretofore approved a Project Area and established a Project District Area for the Ver Lee Associates Project (the "Project") of The Economic Development Corporation of the Township of Independence (the "Issuer");

WHEREAS, this Township Board has received a Project Plan for said Project, which Project Plan contains the information required by Section 8 of Act No. 338 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended (the "Act"), including information relating to the proposed issuance and sale by the Issuer of its limited-obligation economic development revenue bonds to finance a portion of the costs of the Project;

WHEREAS, this Township Board wishes to set a date for a public hearing on the Bonds and the Project Plan.

**NOT, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A public hearing upon the Bonds and the Project Plan for said Project shall be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Michigan Time, on the 2nd day of April, 1985, in the Independence Township Hall, in the Township of Independence, County of Oakland, Michigan. At such hearing, the Township Board of the Township of Independence shall provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference to the hearing. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for the expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the Bonds and the Project Plan. The governing body shall make and preserve a record of the public hearing, including all data presented thereat.

2. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to publish, post, and mail notice of such hearing, such notice to be substantially in the form attached hereto, in accordance with Section 17 of the Act.

3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward three (3) certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Issuer.

4. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict.

YEAS: Balzarini, Holman, Lutz, Ronk, Stuart, Vandermark.

NAYS: NONE  
ABSENTIONS: NONE  
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Independence, County of Oakland, Michigan, held on the 5th day of March, 1985, and that the said minutes are on file in the office of the Township Clerk and are available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

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"It's a fun time, it really is," says instructor Donna McCall-Papatheodoropoulos. "Spirits are high and the fact there's a lot more work to do doesn't bother anybody."

Some of the work underway is on plants that will end up on the school grounds. Others will be sold at the NWOVEC greenhouse's annual bedding plant sale May 15, beginning at 8 a.m. The usual 200 customers that day are expected.

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Carrying a freshly planted tray of pansies to its appointed greenhouse site is Helen Willis, a Holly High School student.



Pausing to help create an image of springtime with a dianthus seedling held with care in his potting-soil-covered hand is Don Irwin.



Fresh from a sprinkling of water, Easter lilies bask in the sun.



As Independence Township student Debbie Keith works on removing buds from browaeillas,

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patheodoropoulos gives instructions to Mott High School student Kevin Malloy.