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## Commission drops to 5

By Julie Campe

Five members instead of seven will comprise the Independence Township planning commission, said Supervisor Frank Ronk.

The decision to reduce the number of members followed the Jan. 6 meeting, when the township board members and Ronk did not agree on two of the three

Following a heated discussion, in a 6-1 vote, the board approved a motion appointing Richard Oppman to the planning commission and preventing other appointments unless Holly Stephens is among the recommendations.

After the meeting, Ronk said he does not plan to recommend the appointment of Stephens, and the board will operate with five members. Three will be the quorum.

Two weeks ago, at the Dec. 23 meeting, the matter was tabled by the five township board members present to allow the consideration of all seven board members.

Ronk had recommended appointing Oppmann, manager of Powertrain Systems in the product planning department of General Motors Corp. Pontiac Division; Kenneth Winship, owner of Photography by Winship on Sashabaw Road; and Timothy Palulian, director of Brandon Township Planning and Building Department and former director of the Independence Township Planning and Building Department.

Ronk did not recommend the reappointment of planning commission chairperson Neil Wallace or vice chairperson Stephens, who had asked for reappointment with the recommendation of the other planning commission members.

Another planning commission member, John  
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## Foreman named

A foreman was appointed Jan. 12 for the Clarkston Department of Public Works to help DPW Director Gar Wilson.

Wilson, also assistant chief fire marshal for Independence Township, has assumed extra responsibilities since Fire Chief Dale Bailey is ill, he said.

"That's part of my job," said Wilson. "When he's not here, I run it."

Bailey has missed 10 work days and is out indefinitely, said Wilson.

Rick Carpenter is to be paid \$25 a week in addition to his hourly wage to supervise the DPW operation.

The Clarkston Village Council members voted unanimously to create the position.



**WATCH OUT FOR THE BUSHES:** Marc Desrochers, 9, heads the train of sledding kids in his front yard on Hummingbird Lane. His dog Jake is not far behind. As Marc approaches the

crash point, his sister, Amy, shouts a warning and everyone, including Justin Dionne and Benji Baran, bales out. [Photo by Julie Campe]

## Board sponsors trip to Paris

By Kathy Greenfield

Less than a year after declaring that foreign travel by student groups would not be sponsored by the school district, the Clarkston board of education has reversed its position.

In a 6-0 vote on Jan. 12, the board agreed to sponsor a student trip in April to Paris led by Carol Arend, a French teacher at Clarkston High School.

At the board meeting on Feb. 10, 1986, Superintendent Milford Mason made the announcement that the district would not sponsor foreign travel by student groups. He cited terrorist activities and possible liability for the district as the reasons.

The request for the district's sponsorship of the trip to France came from Arend and CHS Principal Dr. Robert Burek.

Burek listed three reasons for the request: the recent lag in terrorist activities, recent action by the State Legislature that provides immunity from liability for school districts sponsoring foreign trips and his opinion that without district sponsorship trips by student groups would "fall by the wayside."

*"This whole terrorist thing has really been blown out of proportion. It's really more dangerous on I-75."*

—John Needham

Participants would be encouraged to purchase insurance that would guarantee refunds if the trip was canceled by the district due to increased terrorist activities, Burek said.

The motion to approve sponsorship of the trip was made by board member Mary Jane Chaustowich. "I feel very strongly these experiences are good for the students and I would not like to see them stop," Chaustowich said.

"I certainly endorse it, too. My two older daughters have gone on overseas trips," said board member John Needham. "This whole terrorist thing

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# Ideas pour forth at Mill Pond dam hearing

By Julie Campe

The Mill Pond Association plans to meet Jan. 15 to discuss purchasing the broken Mill Pond cofferdam and the water rights.

The meeting for the association, comprised of Mill Pond property owners, was scheduled after the Clarkston Village Council conducted a public hearing Jan. 12 to help decide the fate of the dam on Washington Street.

About 40 people attended the hearing. In one and a half hours of discussion, the suggestions ranged from draining the pond and building tennis courts to using timbers to block water so the dam can be fixed.

Council President Sharron Catallo began the meeting by saying nobody knows what's wrong with the dam, and they're not sure who owns the property beneath the pond.

Trustee William Basinger said an engineering study to find out what's wrong would cost about \$6,000. The Oakland County Drain Commission said a new dam would cost about \$90,000, he said.

He added that since the issue is one of the health, safety and welfare of the community, cost should not be a factor in the decision.

Harold Goyette, a village resident and former council member, said because of liability problems, the village didn't accept ownership of the dam several years ago when it was in top condition.

"Why would we want it now?" he asked.

Ted Thomson, a village zoning board of appeals member, said, "I think we should just let it sit. It isn't doing any harm, but how much legal power does (the owner) have to drain the pond?"

John Steckling, village attorney, said DNR approval would be necessary to drain the pond.

Suggesting they drain the pond, village resident Bud Campbell said, "Let's return it to (its natural state), and let people have tennis courts back there."

Hank Radcliff, president of the Mill Pond Association, said safety is a problem.

"I have permission to lower water in an emergen-

*"This is a mill village. What would we be without a village mill pond?"*

—Sharron Catallo

cy," he said. "In six years, I've used the key about 15 times."

Radcliff also suggested the Mill Pond Association take over ownership and responsibility and ownership of the dam and pond.

"This is an opportunity for the village residents to work together with the village," he said. "If we work together, we could put this thing to bed for once."

The association would have to meet and discuss the matter, he said, adding he was not speaking for the group but that control should rest with the property owners.

"I have a real fear of turning control over to government—no offense," he said.

The village council should continue with the lawsuit, he added, referring to the lawsuit against the dam owner, Lehman Investments, seeking dam repairs.

"I think if you take your foot off the gas pedal now, they'll stall," said Radcliff.

Susan Basinger, a village resident and former council member, said, "I'd hate to see the right to use the Mill Pond deeded to the owners so we can't use it."

Virginia Walter, a village resident, said the village should take over the pond and dam.

"I do think it's an asset to the whole community and shouldn't be the entire responsibility of the property owners to take care of it," she said.

Jack Byers, of Middle Lake Road, said the people

downstream should have some voice in the water control.

John Stuetzer, a member of the village planning commission, explained what he knew about the dam construction.

The valve is built like a simple steam valve, according to former dam owner Bud Hawke, he said. Regardless of what's wrong, a backyard mechanic could probably fix it, he said.

"It's crude," he said. "It's built with the stuff you can find in a backyard shop. As long as it's a valve problem and not some integral part, I don't think the cost will be too great."

Hawke last worked on the dam around 1968, said Stuetzer. To get to the valve, he used tightly fitting timbers to block off the water. They put them in the water and jumped up and down to force them through, he said.

When the water was blocked, the dam could be

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# Change in smoking law creates no problems

## Local officials say existing practices comply with new rules

By Julie Campe

The new state law banning smoking except in designated areas won't affect area government workings much, according to local government officials.

The law bans smoking in enclosed areas in local or state government owned or operated agencies and privately owned or operated places serving the public.

The law, effective Jan. 1, applies to offices, sports arenas, education facilities, meeting rooms, health care facilities and auditoriums and other areas.

"I believe that it's appropriate," said Milford Mason, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.

It enforces the previous law, he said, noting the difference between the laws: Now, designated smoking areas are used instead of designated non-smoking areas.

He received the rules in December, he said, and the new signs should be in place by February.

"I don't think people will protest, particularly," said Mason. "We've already taken the position that students will not smoke. It's going to be a matter of how to deal with people who attend adult ed. and people who come to basketball games."

"One wonders if the next law will promulgate what kind of meals we'll eat . . . because people's

eating habits don't exactly help, either," he said.

"It won't really affect us," said Independence Township Supervisor Frank Ronk, adding smoking isn't allowed now except in one lounge room.

"We've never had any complaints," he said. "The only problem may be with the person off the street. . . . I don't expect that to affect our operation."

Clarkston Village Council President Sharron Catalo said the law probably wouldn't affect the village.

No smoking is allowed in the meeting room, she said.

"I haven't really thought about (the law)," she said. "I guess we'll just wait until we get the rules."

"I think it will affect the township very, very little," said Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor.

"I'm still smoking up a storm," he said, laughing. "The people we have that smoke are already located in a very isolated area. . . . It just worked out that way."

They've never allowed smoking in public meetings in the 10 years he's been supervisor, he said.

Clarkston Postmaster William O. Kinsley II said the law probably doesn't apply to the post office or other federally owned and operated buildings.



**RIDING DOUBLE:** Margaret Seltz plays lookout while Brittany Detkowski tucks herself in for a ride down the hill behind the Clarkston United Methodist Church on Waldon Road. After safely reaching the bottom, the friends chat quietly during the climb back up. [Photos by Kathy Greenfield]



### Places covered by act

The Michigan Clean Indoor Air Act applies to enclosed indoor areas. It affects all public places, meeting places and workplaces that are owned or operated by state or local governmental agencies, as well as some indoor privately owned or operated buildings.

Those government agencies affected are: offices, educational facilities, health facilities, auditoriums, arenas, meeting rooms, and public conveyances (such as trains and busses).

Those private agencies affected by the law are: educational facilities, auditoriums, arenas, theaters, museums, concert halls and any other facility during the period of its use for a performance or exhibit of the arts.

### Places exempted

There will still be work places left to smoke. Areas not covered by the new act are: most private sector workplaces, bars, a private, enclosed room or office that is occupied exclusively by a smoker, even if the room or office is visited by a nonsmoker, federal buildings and employees, private functions such as weddings.

# Springfield home construction up 250 percent

By Pat Young

New home construction in Springfield Township more than doubled in 1986, according to Supervisor Collin Walls.

Approximately 100 building permits were issued in 1986, compared to around 40 in 1985.

"It's gone from what we've seen in the early '80s, when subdivisions were sitting vacant, to sold out now," Walls said. "One subdivision, started in 1980 was completed this year and is about 70 percent full. All this was unheard of several years ago."

Walls said Springfield Township will be looking at proposals for new subdivisions in the near future, and adds, "that hasn't happened since 1979 or '80."

While new business construction isn't booming the way housing is, Walls said it is steady at about two to four new businesses constructed each year.

"We anticipate this to change in the future," he added.

*"It's gone from what we've seen in the early '80s, when subdivisions were sitting vacant, to sold out now."*

*—Supervisor Collin Walls*

Looking to 1987, Walls said, "I don't have a crystal ball, but I would assume interest rates will stay down and stable. Therefore, housing construction will be very similar, maybe slightly more."

But he doesn't expect it to double again. Even with the housing boom in 1986, he said it doesn't compare to the big boom they had in the late '70s, just before everything slowed down.

"The size and price range of new homes gets

larger, too," Walls said. "I would estimate that 80 percent of new homes being built exceed the minimum requirements. Many are over 2,000 square feet and priced accordingly."

He said this is one reason he feels the proposed new zoning map for Springfield Township is important.

"I think the thing of major significance for 1986 and '87 is our new zoning map. It's probably the most significant thing we've done here in years," he said.

"The proposed new zoning much more closely reflects the attitudes of the people in the community, the kind of building going on and the ability of the land to support the development."

Changes in the zoning map include larger parcels of land in some residential areas and standardized minimum square footage for all new housing: 1,000 square feet for one-story homes; 1,250 for bi- and tri-level homes, and 1,500 for two-story homes.

# Fire call

### Friday, Jan. 2

Medical emergency at Rattalee Lake Road residence; treated woman who fell; transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJM), Pontiac.

Auto accident with minor injuries on Sashabaw Road south of Clarkston Road; one patient transported to SJM.

### Saturday, Jan. 3

Person fell off makeshift ladder, injuring head and shoulder, at North Holcomb address; ambulance transported to SJM.

Person found dead on arrival at residence on M-15 north of I-75.

Medical emergency at Pinewood address; transport to hospital not needed.

Possible man through ice reported on Deer Lake; sheriff's department deputies checked report and canceled run; found hunters on the ice.

Injury accident reported on White Lake Road and Felix Drive; minor injuries.

### Sunday, Jan. 4

Woman with chest pains at Deerhill address; patient transported to Pontiac General Hospital (PGH).

Burning complaint on Deer Ridge Drive.

Woman fell and cut herself at Eckles Road address; ambulance transported.

Burning complaint on Ennismore Road; found burning without permit.

### Monday, Jan. 5

Injury accident at Clintonville and Fay roads; one patient transported to PGH by ambulance.

Medical emergency reported at Clarkston Corners at Main and Church streets; found unconscious person with heart condition.

Injury accident at Sashabaw Road and I-75; minor injuries; patient to seek own medical treatment.

### Tuesday, Jan. 6

Washed down gas spill from car leaking in restaurant parking lot on Dixie Highway.

Chimney fire at residence on Woodglen Road.

Woman with severe nausea and weakness treated at address on Curtis Lane; transported to SJM.

Woman reported choking at Cramlane address; patient's airway was cleared by friend using the Heimlich Maneuver; transported to SJM for evaluation.

### Wednesday, Jan. 7

Assisted motorist with keys locked in car on East Washington Street, Clarkston.

Chimney fire at address on South Eston Road; minor damage to roof area; resident advised to get chimney cleaned.

Investigated burning complaint on Clarkston Road; resident advised of burning ordinance and permit system.

Responded to car fire on Morningstar Road; minor damage to electrical wiring in engine compartment.

Medical emergency reported at Parview Drive address; person refused treatment.

### Friday, Jan. 9

Injury accident on Sashabaw Road at I-75; two treated and transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Injury accident on M-15 north of I-75; minor injuries; transport to hospital refused.

### Saturday, Jan. 10

Medical emergency on Sashabaw Road south of Pine Knob Road; small child with possible hip injury from fall; ambulance transported to hospital.

Assisted citizen locked out of vehicle on Main Street, Clarkston.

### Sunday, Jan. 11

Responded to call of dog through ice on upper Mill Pond; dog out prior to arrival.

Man with difficulty breathing at Everest Road address; transported to PGH.

Assisted motorist with keys locked in car at Chickadee address.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 30 calls to date.

## Cranbrook roots

"A History of Cranbrook" is the topic of a program sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m. a slide presentation and discussion are to be presented by Mark Coir, Cranbrook's director of archives, at the Clarkston Village Hall.

The program is free. Village Hall is at 375 Depot Rd., adjacent to the village park, Clarkston.

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# Sheriff's log

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Monday, a stereo was stolen from a residence on Pelton Road, Independence Township.

Tuesday, several cars were broken into at Parview Apartments on Parview Drive, Independence Township, but apparently only a flashlight was stolen.

Tuesday, a windshield was smashed with a rock on Heath Road, Independence Township.

Tuesday, a car hood ornament was stolen from a car in a parking lot on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Tuesday, two newspaper boxes were run into by a car on Hillsboro Road, Springfield Township.

Wednesday, a cassette radio, a manicuring case and a bag with miscellaneous items were taken from a car in a parking lot on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Wednesday, a cellular car phone, its control unit and a briefcase were taken from a car in a business parking lot on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Wednesday, a car side was scratched with an object on Ortonville Road, Independence Township.

Thursday, a radar detector and a tape case with tapes were stolen from a car on Clarkston Road, Independence Township.

Thursday, a sterling silverware set for 12, tools

and whisky were stolen from a residence on Evec Street, Independence Township.

Friday, a VCR was stolen from a residence on Whipple Lake Road, Independence Township.

Friday, two radar detectors were taken from cars on Deer Hill Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, someone failed to pay for \$5.07 worth of gas at a station on Ortonville Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, a minor was in possession of alcohol on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, a mailbox was apparently clubbed and damaged on Snowapple Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, a ski jacket, gloves and a wallet were stolen from a car on Balmoral Terrace, Independence Township.

Saturday, 20 two-by-fours were taken from a garage on Whipple Lake Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, two cases of tapes were stolen from a vehicle in the Sashabaw Junior High parking lot on Pine Knob Road, Independence Township.

Sunday, a minor was in possession of alcohol on Middle Lake Road, Independence Township.

Sunday, a garage door was apparently run into by a snowmobile on Hawkmore Court, Independence Township.

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

# Girl Scout lawsuit heads to court

The trial date for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council vs. Springfield Township Board is set for Feb. 23 before Judge James Thorburn in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The action follows months of negotiations toward a consent judgment, with no final agreement reached between the two sides.

The suit was originally filed in February 1986 by the scouts following a denial of a residential rezoning request. The land was formerly operated as a seasonal camp.

The scouts requested that 188 acres be rezoned from recreational to R3 residential. R3 lots are 20,000 square feet with 1,200-square-foot houses. The township agreed to change the zoning to R1, which is 57,600-square-foot lots with 1,500-square-foot homes.

Originally, the suit also named Supervisor Collin Walls, Treasurer Patricia Kramer and Trustee William Whitley, who voted against the scout request. But in an amended complaint, the individual names have been dropped from the suit against the Springfield Township Board.

Following the board's decision in September to remain firm on its proposal for a consent judgment, Walls said the scout request "did not fit existing development patterns."

He said the board denied the request because of the "physical restraints on the land which made it a great recreational area but not as desirable for residential."

On Dec. 10, the board again voted unanimously to stand by its proposal, and the trial date was set at a hearing Jan. 5.

Township attorney Gregory Need, from the lawfirm of Booth, Patterson, Lee, Karlstrom and Steckling, will defend the case for Springfield Township.

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# Opinions

## Need for sizeable commission

Michael J.  
Who?

Kathy  
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My brother, his wife and their infant son pay passing tribute to the world of television by owning one tiny mediocre black-and-white model.

When they say they almost never watch TV, they mean it.

Instead, when they were home for the holidays, the Wisconsin residents but Michigan natives brought photographs of their hobbies.

My brother, a computer program designer, makes furniture. His latest achievement is a magnificent wooden couch frame that folds into a bed frame.

My sister-in-law is an artist. She rarely sends a greeting card purchased in a store. Every child in the family owns at least one piece of her artwork and her creations hang in all of our homes.

During their visit, my brother indulged in the every-parent pastime of wondering what his newborn son would grow up to be. He made the mistake of asking me.

The answer was so easy.

"He's going to be just like Michael J. Fox," said I.

An I-don't-get-it look flashed across my brother's face. Then he revealed that he does, at least, go to the movies.

"Do you mean the actor in 'Back to the Future'?" he asked.

That's when I had to explain about Alex Keaton, the TV character played by Michael J. Fox in "Family Ties."

"Your son will be a banker. He'll be constantly concerned about money, and he'll always dress in suits and ties," I said.

My brother, who has studied philosophy extensively, has sometimes reacted to the way my mind works with a flip, "That isn't logical."

He didn't react that way this time, though. He just laughed.

I wonder if I made him curious enough to take the time to dial up "Family Ties" on the old black-and-white TV. Probably not.

I also wonder what it would be like to not know as much as I do about TV characters. I get the feeling that it might be good.

In a surprising move, Independence Township Supervisor Frank Ronk has decided a five-member planning commission is desirable.

The action has us worried.

The planning commission, which by law can have five to nine members, is the body that meets with developers and, in most cases, has final approval of all plans for the construction of residential and business buildings.

With the amount of building activity facing Independence Township, it would make more sense to us if Ronk was considering expanding the commission to nine members rather than letting it fall to five from its most recent size of seven.

With five members, three planning commissioners would make a quorum and, therefore, have the power to approve or deny construction that could change the face of our community.

With more people on the commission, decisions would require an agreement between more people and discussions would include more opinions, a factor we consider essential to sound decision making.

If the commission members are carefully chosen, which is the supervisor's responsibility, they will represent all geographic areas of the township as well as a variety of professions.

Ronk's statement that the commission would now have five members followed the township board's decision to approve only one of the three people he recommended for appointment to the commission.

We believe it's time to swallow the bitterness that can come from such a rejection and to make an effort to provide a planning commission of adequate size.

—KLG

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The Staff at Insight at Colombiere

## Gift-giver praise

The spirit of Christmas and giving is alive and well in Clarkston.

Bouquets go to Sashabaw United Methodist Church and the Reverends Schram for donating Santa Bears to the Clarkston Learning Center. The bears were given to children of adult and alternative education students.

Thanks also to the Church of the Resurrection for providing baskets to two needy families in our community.

We appreciate your generosity and support to people who are involved in completing their high school education and getting on with their lives.

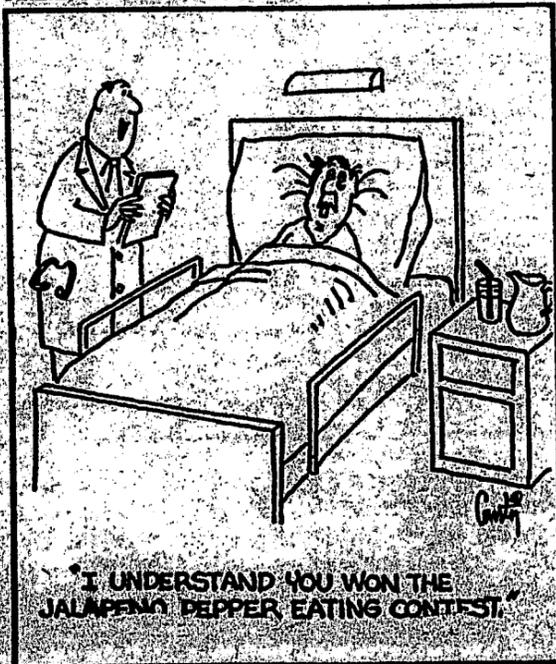
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## ALL ABOUT TOWN



I'm sure the amount of money and the number of things stolen without a gun, as opposed to with a gun, are overwhelming.

I'm equally sure that the more brazen the thief, the more successful the thief.

My son-in-law, Bob Offer, intercepted a rather brazen thief last week.

Bob is a CPA with Automation Services Equipment (ASE) in Warren. The company's computers and printers are in his area of responsibility.

As he entered his building shortly after 7 a.m. one morning last week, he met a man carrying out a very recently purchased computer printer.

The conversation went something like this:  
Bob: "Where are you going with that printer?"

Thief: "I'm taking it to have it fixed."  
Bob: "That's news to me."

Thief: "Check with that guy in there."  
Bob: "Set the printer down, and let's go in and see about this."

With that the thief sat the printer down, Bob turned to go inside, and when he turned back the thief was running out the door.

The work day at ASE starts at 7 a.m. The parking lot was nearly full when the man in a station

wagon pulled up. He went into the office where several people were working, and picked up the printer.

No one questioned him. No one really paid any attention to him.

Had Bob not been late for work, ASE would have been out one printer.

The police asked the son-in-law if he could describe the thief. You can be sure the man will never be caught based on Bob's description: "He was a tall, black man with dark curly hair."

I ran across this set of rules for the home recently that could well be made into law if some home-makers set their legislators to it.

- If you sleep in it, make it up.
- If you wear it, hang it up.
- If you drop it, pick it up.
- If you eat out of it, put it in the sink.
- If you step in it, wipe it off.
- If you open it, close it.
- If you empty it, fill it up.
- If it rings, answer it.
- If it howls, feed it.
- If it cries, love it.

# Peeking into the past

10 YEARS AGO  
Jan. 13, 1977

Road crews work through the weekend battling the season's first major snowstorm. The 7-inch snowfall is accompanied by winds gusting up to 41 miles per hour.

The Clarkston Village Players consider moving their Depot Theatre from White Lake Road next to the railroad tracks into the Village of Clarkston's Depot Park.

The players purchased the former railroad depot in 1961 for \$150 when it was 37 years old.

Collin Walls, Springfield's new supervisor, conducted the first board meeting of his term Jan. 5.

Grocery specials: California oranges, 84 cents a dozen; Idaho baking potatoes, 10 pounds for 69 cents; slab bacon, sliced free, 49 cents a pound.

For rent: One bedroom apartment, Clarkston, 1 child, no pets, \$197 a month.

25 YEARS AGO  
Jan. 11, 1962

A letter from Keith Hallman, president of the Clarkston Business Men's Association, outlines plans to try to locate a Win Shuler Restaurant in the Village of Clarkston.

A son, Thomas James, is born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Beattie of Hatchery Road, Pontiac. He weighs in at 9 pounds 2 ounces. The Beatties are the owners of Beatties Motor Sales Inc. in Waterford.

Fifth-graders at Clarkston Elementary hold a surprise birthday party for their teacher, Miss Davison.

Grocery specials: Florida oranges, 2 dozen, 89 cents; sliced bacon, 12-ounce package, 88 cents; Idaho baking potatoes, 10 pounds, 98 cents.



KEN TEMPE  
1-14-77

## The Clarkston News Letter policy

We welcome our readers' opinions. Letters to the editor must arrive at The Clarkston News office by noon Monday to be considered for publication in Wednesday's paper. We reserve the right to edit all letters for brevity and clarity and to limit the number of letters from any one individual on any one topic. We discourage copies of letters sent elsewhere, and require all letters be signed and include a phone number and address. We may withhold names on request, but will not publish unsigned letters. Address all letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016.

## 'If it Fitz . . .

### Can Lee be trusted?

Jim Fitzgerald



During a short holiday vacation, I listened carefully to what the citizens of this great nation were talking about. While I listened, President Reagan went under the knife, a train wreck killed 15, and a hotel fire killed 96. But most people were talking about the impending divorce of Lee and Peggy Iacocca.

The American people are yearning for a president they can trust. When Lee Iacocca saved Chrysler and began striding purposefully through TV commercials, many citizens began to believe he was the man they could trust to lead this nation out of debt and into a world where the service manager doesn't blame all car defects on "the factory" and the factory didn't shut down last month, laying off 4,000 workers.

But then Iacocca strode purposefully into divorce court, 8 1/2 months after the wedding, and warranty-conscious consumers began to have doubts about a man who agreed to become the second husband of a woman whose first marriage lasted three months.

I was reminded of how the world reacted when it was revealed that Ann Lander's husband wanted a divorce. Should the general public take advice on how to make a marriage last forever from a woman who couldn't do it? AND IT ISN'T only marital advice, Ann Lander

also advises us on other important societal issues, such as how to hang toilet paper. That's an important point. Just because Ann Lander couldn't keep her husband, does that necessarily mean she doesn't know whether toilet paper should be hung with the loose end flapping on the top or the bottom of the roll?

Just because Lee Iacocca filed for divorce on his way home from the wedding, does that mean he gives bum advice on which car we should buy?

After all, on TV, Iacocca strides purposefully in car factories and showrooms. He doesn't stride purposefully down a church aisle followed by the maid of honor and the best man. He tells us to buy a better car if we can find it, not propose marriage to a woman with a longer warranty if we can find her.

It isn't fair to doubt Iacocca's car sense - or his White House qualifications - only because he was done with his 1986 wife before most of the 1987 models were on the road. To reject a car salesman on the basis of his marital history, rather than his product, makes as much sense as hanging toilet paper sideways because Ann Lander's husband left her.

Obviously, the Iacocca divorce shouldn't damage his ability to sell cars or run for president. So if the divorce is

of no great industrial or political importance to the average citizen, why is everyone talking about it? Are we simply a nation of nosy gossips who love to cluck-cluck whenever it is proved that the high and mighty have fragile feet that cause them to limp the same way Joe Slob limps?

NO, I THINK it's something deeper than that. According to published reports, the Iacocca split began when they couldn't agree on an interior designer for a house they bought but sold before moving in. Many marriages suffer similar trauma, including mine.

For Christmas I received a stunning photograph of the Detroit riverfront. It is more than five feet wide and about two feet high. I want to hang it in our living room at eye level so everyone can easily see that our apartment building is included in the panoramic scene.

My wife wants to hang the picture on the dining room wall, eight neck-cracking feet up, over her useless collection of plates that no one ever eats off of because the food would slide on the floor, not to mention the eaters.

It is a dispute not yet settled, and until it is, don't bother me with news of hotel fires or the president's operations. When you listen to this nation talk, you realize the couple that interior designs together, stays together - at least until their warranty runs out.

# Photo inquiry

by Julie Campe

## What do you think of the new state law banning smoking except in designated areas?



"Being that I'm a smoker, I'm not for it. I feel I am a taxpayer and the salaries that are paid to these government officials, I'm paying. If they only want to charge non-smoking people taxes, (fine), I believe in the designated areas for smoking, but in some buildings, there's no smoking at all."

Barbara Holmes  
Realtor associate  
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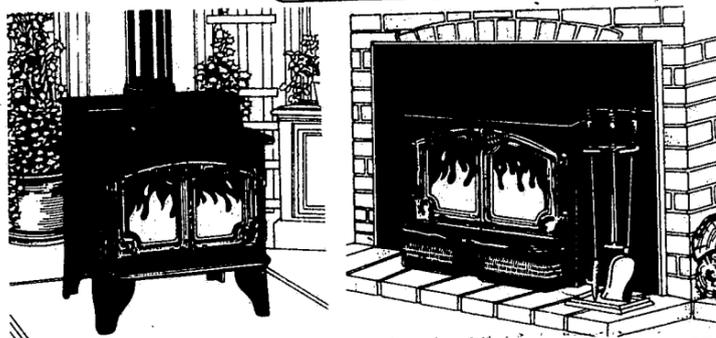
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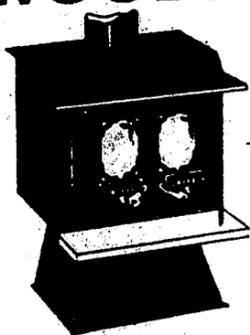
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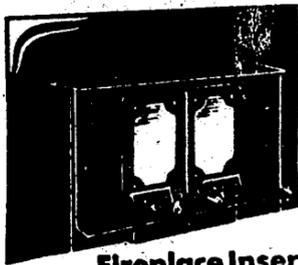
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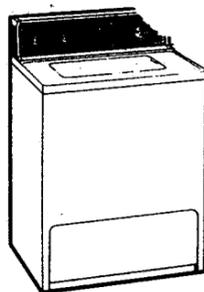
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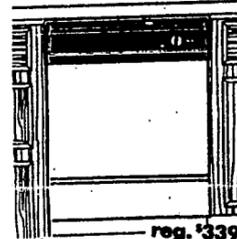
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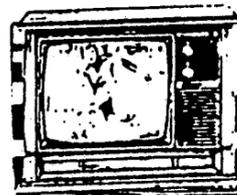


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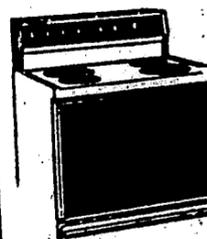


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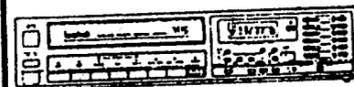
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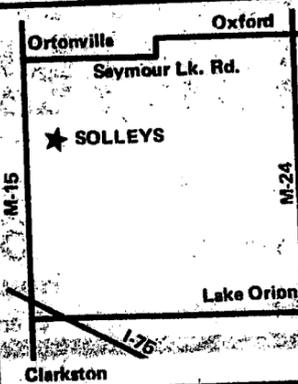
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# Planning commission drops to 5

[COMMISSION, continued from Page 1]

Gray, did not seek reappointment. As township supervisor, Ronk recommends appointments to the planning commission, and the township board has the final say. At the Jan. 6 meeting, Ronk cast the lone "no" vote on the motion to appoint Oppmann to replace Gray and to include Stephens in future recommendations.

At the beginning of the meeting, another motion was made, followed by about one hour of discussion marked by shouting and an order to clear the room.

A motion by Trustee Dale Stuart, which was later defeated, was made before discussion began. Stuart moved to appoint Oppmann in Gray's place and to prevent the board from acting on any other planning commission appointments until Wallace and Stephens were recommended for appointments by the supervisor.

The experience of the two long-time members is valuable, said Stuart.

"I think that both Wallace and Stephens are important for . . . continuity," he said. "The board needs to consider who we're losing when we lose these people."

Ronk objected, saying the township planner, Richard Carlisle, has enough experience to guide the planning commission, and no two members are irreplaceable.

"Continuity on the planning commission could be a serious problem," said Vandermark. "The supervisor is obviously leading the township in a different direction regarding planning and development."

Ronk defended his recommendations by saying, "We're headed in the same direction with different players."

Treasurer John Lutz said he also favored reappointing Wallace and Stephens, adding, "I would just hate to have a commission who may be swayed by developers."

Several of the board members voiced support for Oppmann, including Clerk Richard Holman.

Commenting on the motion, he said, "It's out of order for a board to dictate to the supervisor who his appointments should be."

Trustee Daniel Travis began his comments by directing a statement to Wallace.

"I cannot in good conscience support you, Neil," Travis said. "I think you know why."

"No, I don't," said Wallace.

Describing Wallace as having a "fairly violent temper," Travis said, "I served on the planning commission. . . I've been at a number of meetings at which you (Wallace) have chaired. You do not represent the township in a light I would like."

Ronk opened the public discussion by saying each speaker was limited to two minutes.

*"The supervisor is obviously leading the township in a different direction regarding planning and development."*

*—Trustee William Vandermark*

*"We're heading in the same direction with different players."*

*—Supervisor Frank Ronk*

Six people from the about 20-member audience spoke in favor of Wallace and Stephens.

"I was disappointed that two of the most loyal and dependable people have not been recommended for reappointment," said Claudia Brazel, an Independence Township resident and former reporter for The Reminder.

"I feel Neil Wallace and Holly Stephens have been crucial in keeping Independence a slow and gradual development," she said. "I don't want these two off the board. . . I know that Neil can't be bought. Maybe he does lose his temper, but some of the developers should be put in their proper place."

"I sat through almost every planning commission meeting the last two years," said Carolyn Walker, an Independence Township resident and former reporter for The Clarkston News.

Wallace should be reappointed, she said. "He's able to think on his feet, and he's a man of his convictions," she said. "He wasn't bullied or swayed by people who may not have had Clarkston at heart."

Gray, who served on the planning commission 10 years, mentioned the importance of consistent thought.

"I didn't always agree with the way Neil operated the meetings, but if you take a look at the things that have happened under Neil's leadership, (he's accomplished a lot)," said Gray. "Holly, too. Holly brings to the township experience as a teacher involved with the environment. She has been a credit to the township."

"Oppmann would be a valuable member of the

planning commission," he added.

Michael Clark, a Clarkston resident, was the last member of the audience to speak.

"I think this is the most atrocious act ever taken by any supervisor in the history of the township," he said, referring to the Ronk's recommendation of appointing Winship to the planning commission.

He continued with harsh criticism about the recommendation.

Clark exceeded his time limit, and refused to stop talking.

A shouting match followed; Ronk ordered the room to be cleared; Clark and others refused to leave.

The havoc continued another minute until Ronk asked board members if they wanted to give Clark special permission to talk more than the allotted two minutes.

"All those in favor say, 'Aye,'" said Ronk, and after no one responded, he told Clark to sit down.

The board acted on the first motion regarding the appointments. Before the vote, Stuart said, "This is not meant to wrestle power from the supervisor. This board has approval or disapproval of the recommendations. The issue is continuity."

Stuart's motion to approve Oppman's appointment and require the reappointments of Wallace and Stephens was defeated in a 3-4 vote. Voting "yes" were Lutz, Stuart and Vandermark. Voting "no" were Ronk, Holman and trustees Carol Balzarini and Travis.

Although Wallace was not reappointed, and the motion to include his name in future appointments was defeated, he said he was "very satisfied with the outcome" when contacted after the meeting.

"I'm satisfied that the (planning commission), with one exception, will have the vigilance to protect the community," he said. "The key in all of this is the direction of the development in the community."

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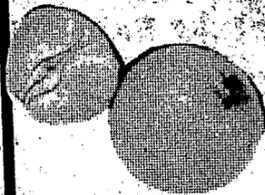
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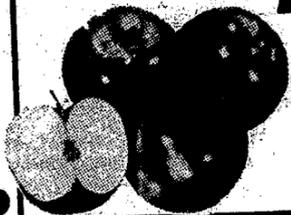
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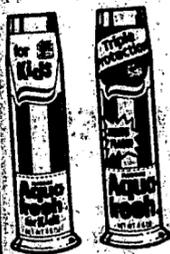
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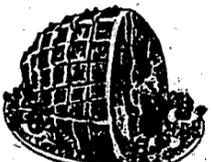


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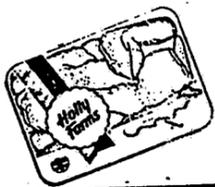
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By Julie Campe

A person can see strength and gentleness in Lee Innis' eyes.

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She seems to be a thoughtful, happy person, and her conversation supports the image.

"I think happiness comes from inside," she said, during work on a busy Thursday.

She mentioned the things that make her happy: planting zinnias and petunias around her Independence Township home, singing soprano in her church choir, crocheting and knitting, visiting her 84-year-old father and spending time with her family—her husband, Bill, and children, Cheryl, Gail, Margaret and Bill.

Her family and friends appreciate her attitude.

"She's the type of person that can't help but brighten one's day," said her son Bill. "She always greets customers with a friendly smile and a cheerful hello. A person can even find Mom to be there as a listening ear or a friendly conversationalist."

"She's a very energetic lady," said Nancy Davidson, who stopped by to give Lee an Avon catalog. "She's always busy, and she always has



It's no effort for Lee Innis to smile during work. The smile just comes, said the Waldon

time for everything. She works hard."

Lee shared some philosophy on life.

"I just think you should make the world a better place to live," she said. "I think that's our reason for living—to leave a better impression on the world than when you found it."

"I enjoy working with people," she added. "I like people. You find the majority of people are good. Sometimes you have to look for the good points."

Road resident. Lee enjoys her managerial work at the E Z Duz It Laundromat, she said.

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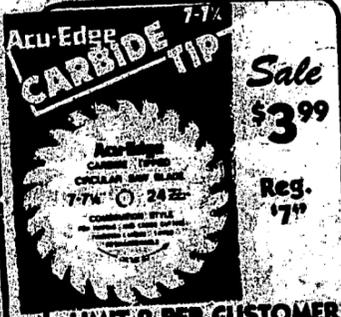
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## Wrestling

### Clarkston High School Varsity at South Lyon Invitational

Jan. 10—The Wolves finish fifth among eight teams at South Lyon in a tough tuneup for their Jan. 15 league opener at Pontiac Northern.

Monroe Jefferson wins the tourney with 150.5 points, followed by Troy with 141.5, Woodhaven 127.5, Walled Lake Western 103.5, Clarkston 99, Okemos 96, Clawson 68 and South Lyon 58.5.

Heavyweight Mark Oswald, 198-pounder Troy Castle and Rob Lund at 132 pounds, all wrestle to second place at the meet. Oswald has an 8-2 season record, Castle is 14-7 and Lund is 12-5.

Chris Luzi (14-6) is third at 112 pounds and 98-pounder Eric Wall (12-10) and 145-pounder Scott Emery (8-5) take fourth places in their classes.

### Wolves 32, Howell 30

Jan. 7—Clarkston pulls off a "pretty big upset" with the victory at Howell and evens its dual meet record at 5-5.

Oswald pins Don Bryant in 36 seconds, Wall and Lund also win their matches by falls and Luzi wins by decision.

Mark Ice (105 pounds) wins by decision, Matt Stark (185) wins by outscoring his opponent 15-0 and Jim Tedder (155) wrestles to a draw.

### Clarkston Junior Varsity Wolves 30, Howell 18

Jan. 7—The junior varsity Wolves

also down Howell as five wrestlers win their matches by falls: Jamie Flanigan (132 pounds), Matt Spring (145), Dan Stuk (145), Kevin Thomas (185) and Mike Noel (198).

### Sashabaw Junior High Cougars 48, Mason 26

Jan. 9—Sashabaw remains undefeated at 4-0 with the victory.

Ten Cougars win their matches, Brian Zoss at 78 pounds, Ron Deffrain (86), Tom Buday (93), Mike Statton (100), Joe Kilgore (107), Garry Line (114), Keith Buhl (140), Jerry Lawrence (147), Bill Kilgore (157) and heavyweight Tony Miller.

### Cougars 42, Rochester West 32

Jan. 6—Buday, Line, Buhl, Bill Kilgore and Miller all win again and Lawrence ties in his match.

Chad Woodruff, at 121 pounds, Rick Herzog at 128 and 134-pound Sean Cervantez also win for the Cougars.

### Clarkston Junior High Wolverines 68, Crary 8

Jan. 7—Clarkston crushes Crary and is 3-0 on the season.

Eight Wolverines win their matches on pins, Tim Bryan at 86 pounds, Matt Cook (114), Brian Alessi (128), Tim Kerr (134), John King (157), Joe Webb (169), Joel Davis (180) and, in the heavyweight class, Mike Willett.

### Springfield Christian Academy

Jan. 8—The Eagles defeat host Michigan School for the Deaf, 48-24, and Waterford Our Lady of Lakes, 42-31, to improve to 3-4.

Terry Melvin (98 pounds) and

Roger Carlson (132) sport 10-4 records for the season, 119-pound Bill Hampton is 9-4 and Craig Dockery is 7-3 in the 155-pound weight division.

## Basketball

### Clarkston Junior High Wolverines 62, Lake Orion 45

Jan. 8—Reggie Reed and Jason Brown combine for 37 points for Clarkston; now 3-2.

Brown grabs 17 rebounds to go with his 17 points and Fritz Lamm pulls down 12 rebounds.

### Flint SW 93, Wolverines 48

Jan. 6—Flint Southwestern speeds past Clarkston on the Wolverines' home court, Brown throws down 16 points, while Reed hits for 12.

### Sashabaw Junior High Pierce 66, Cougars 58

Jan. 8—A poor second quarter costs the Cougars; who fall to 0-5.

Gary Kaul puts in 23 points and Wally Wyniemko scores 17, grabs 15 boards and gets four steals. Dane Davis adds eight points and Derek Black gets seven points and 12 rebounds.

### Flint Northern 89, Cougars 68

Jan. 6—Amazingly, Sashabaw shoots 68 percent from the floor, but loses.

Wyniemko leads a balanced attack with 18 points and five rebounds, Black scores 15, Davis 14 and Kaul 11.

### Springfield Christian Academy Varsity Eagles 75, Immaculate Conception 62

Jan. 9—Mike Boven scores 24 points to lead SCA over Hamtramck

Immaculate Conception.

Jim Adams adds 13 points, Shannon Bulloch 11 and Matt Montgomery 10.

SCA had previously lost to Ann Arbor Greenhills, 78-52, Jan. 6.

Despite a 4-5 record, the Eagles are ranked third in the first Michigan Association of Christian Schools poll for the season.

## Volleyball

### Springfield Christian Academy Varsity in Eagle Cup Invitational

Jan. 10—The Eagles take second in their own eight-team tournament, losing to Bethesda of Warren in the finals, 10-15, 15-8, 16-14, 15-7.

Springfield's Kim White and Vicki Rose are named to the all-tournament team.

The Eagles are 8-2 on the year. Both losses have come against Bethesda, which also beat them Jan. 8, 15-8, 15-7. SCA is aiming for its first winning season in the sport.

The JV Eagles also lost to Bethesda, in two sets, and are 0-2.

### Sashabaw Junior High

Jan. 8—The Cougars drop the first game against Howell, but come back to win, 6-15, 15-3, 15-9.

Emily Zubalik, Susan McKoin, Wendy Cummings and Christy Graham pace Sashabaw's serving game.

Jan. 7—Sashabaw wins its season opener over Pierce, 15-12, 15-7.

"We didn't have any pregame jitters," said coach Sue Koslosky. "We controlled the ball really well and everybody played pretty well."

# The Week Ahead

## THURSDAY, JAN. 15

### Wrestling

Clarkston at Pontiac Northern, 6 p.m.

### Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Springfield Christian at Valley School, 4:30 p.m.

### Jr. High Boys Basketball

Mason at Clarkston, 6 p.m.

Lake Orion at Sashabaw, 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 16

### Boys Varsity/JV Basketball

Waterford Mott at Clarkston, 6 p.m.

### Varsity/JV Volleyball

Faith Baptist at Springfield Christian, 6 p.m.

### Jr. High Boys Basketball

Springfield Christian at Pontiac Christian, 4:30 p.m.

### Jr. High Wrestling

Mason at Clarkston, 4 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 17

### Jr. High Volleyball

Clarkston/Sashabaw Invitational, 9 a.m.

### Boys Varsity/JV Basketball

Springfield Christian at Spring Vale, 6:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, JAN. 19

### Varsity/JV Volleyball

Clarkston at Waterford Mott, 6 p.m.

### Jr. High Volleyball

Lakeland at Clarkston, 6 p.m.

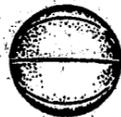
### Jr. High Wrestling

Clarkston at Lake Orion, 6:30 p.m.

Pierce at Sashabaw, 6 p.m.

### 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball

Lake Orion at Clarkston, 4 p.m.



## TUESDAY, JAN. 20

### Boys Varsity/JV Basketball

Brandon at Clarkston, 6 p.m.

### Skating

Clarkston vs. Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Pine Knob, 4 p.m.

### Jr. High Boys Basketball

Clarkston at Pierce, 4 p.m.

Sashabaw at Mason, 4 p.m.

### Jr. High Volleyball

Lapeer West at Sashabaw, 6 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

### Varsity/JV Volleyball

Clarkston at Lakeland, 6 p.m.

### Jr. High Volleyball

Clarkston at Oxford, 4 p.m.

Lake Orion at Sashabaw, 6 p.m.

### Jr. High Wrestling

Sashabaw at Clarkston, 6 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 22

### Wrestling

Waterford Mott at Clarkston, 6 p.m.

### Varsity/JV Volleyball

Valley Christian at Springfield Christian, 6 p.m.

### Jr. High Boys Basketball

Sashabaw at Clarkston, 6 p.m.

Springfield Christian at Highland Hills, 4:30 p.m.

### 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball

Clarkston at Pierce, 4 p.m.

Crary at Sashabaw, 4:15 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 23

### Boys Varsity/JV Basketball

Clarkston at Waterford Kettering, 6 p.m.

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# Wolves bomb Huskies, 77-52

## Sports

By Chris Gerbasl

So much for Clarkston's shooting slump. The Wolves were on fire in the first half at Pontiac Northern last Friday as they built a 44-20 halftime lead and went on to whip the Huskies, 77-52.

Almost everybody got in on the shooting spree including starting guards Mike Barnes and Jeff Tungate and subs Jeff Billig, Keith Mercier and Steve Secatch.

But it was senior Dan Jokisch who almost single-handedly dismantled Northern in the second quarter.

During one stretch, Jokisch hit eight of his team's 10 points, tossing in three outside jumpers sandwiched around an acrobatic reverse layup. The spurt gave the Wolves a commanding 36-16 lead.

Jokisch had 17 points at the half and finished with a game-high 26 points and 18 rebounds.

It was the first Greater Oakland Activities League game of the season for Clarkston, now 2-4 overall. The Huskies are 0-2 in the league and 2-4 overall.

In the lockerroom after the game, coach Dan Fife and his players were concentrating on the 1-0 part of their record.

"We needed this one," said Fife, who could recall only one other victory on Northern's court during his tenure. "This is probably our biggest win ever."

"We're starting to feel good, we want to get that feeling back like last year," said Jokisch, part of the Wolves team that went 21-3 last year.

"We outworked them, like last year when we outworked the other teams so much," he said. "We had intensity tonight."

Clarkston jumped out to a 22-9 lead after one quarter and led by as many as 27 in the second half. Northern could only get as close as 18, at 60-42 with 5:30 left in the game.

Barnes, Tungate and Billig each contributed 10 points to the effort. Shane Jackson led the Huskies with 16 points.

Jokisch's 26 points was a season high for him. "Danny had a super game," Fife said. "I think he's gotten rid of all his football muscles. He's a great player when he plays like that. There's been a communication problem between us and he handled my end of it tonight."

Although the 25-point margin was a surprise, Fife received an indication that things were turning around for his team earlier last week.

After starting the season 1-3, the Wolves played well against Class C power Detroit Country Day before losing, 59-53, Jan. 6.

Jokisch had 14 points in that game and Mercier scored 12 in the fourth quarter.

"That was a sign that maybe we can play," said Fife. "I didn't think we played that bad."

The Wolves' performance against the Huskies was not only a sign, but an all-out display that they can play.

### JV Wolves lose tight game at Northern

Clarkston couldn't hold onto a three-point lead late in the game and lost to Pontiac Northern, 59-56, Jan. 9.

The Wolves led 44-43 entering the final quarter and increased that lead to 55-52 with a couple minutes remaining.

But a three-point play and a jumper gave the Huskies a 57-55 advantage with one minute left.

Clarkston's Rob Sanderson made one of two free throws with 46 seconds on the clock and the Wolves then got the ball back after a missed shot by Northern.

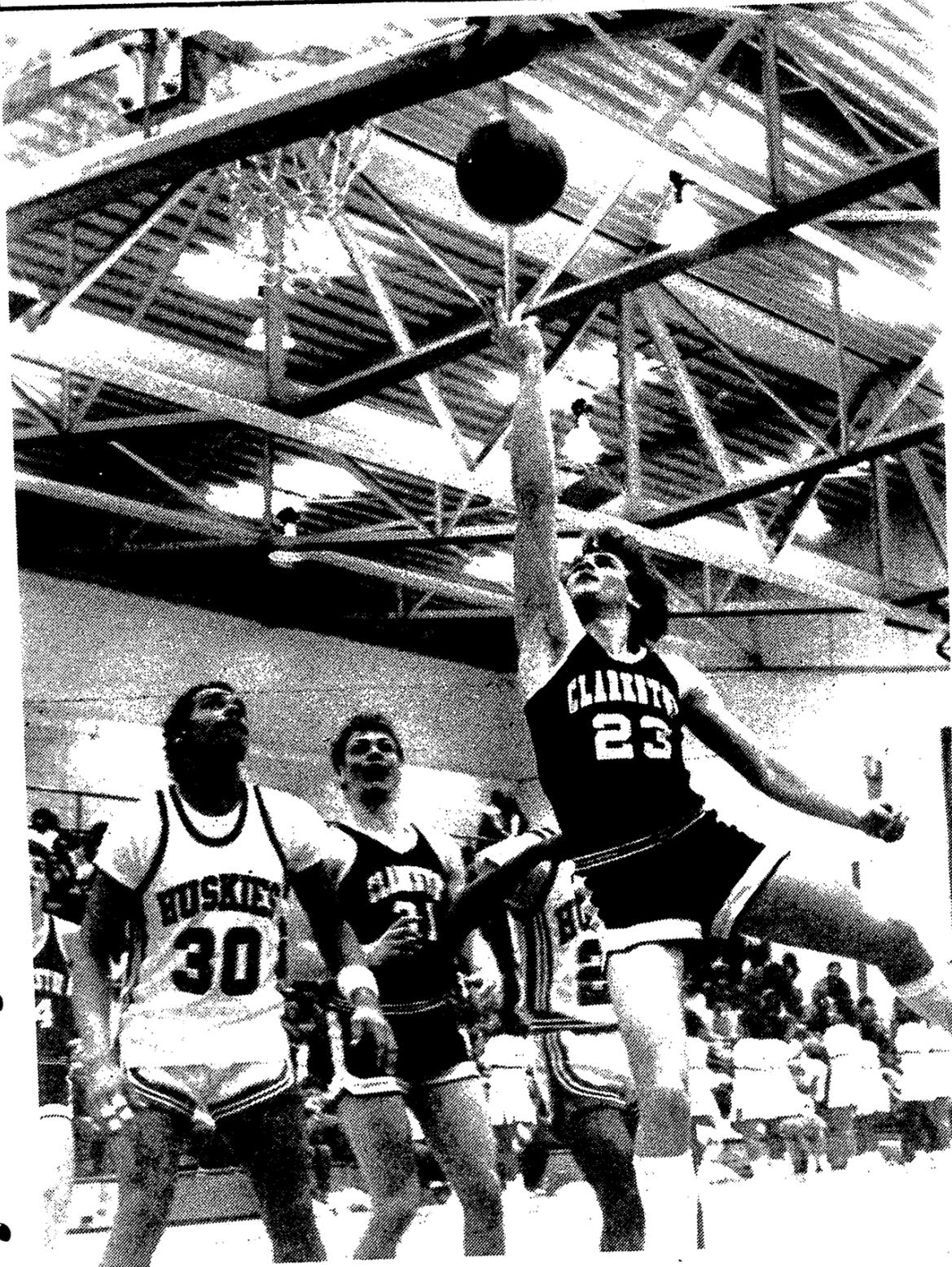
The Huskies came up with a steal, however, and capped the victory with a basket in the final few seconds.

Kevin Baert poured in 25 points for Clarkston and Ben Underwood and Scott Weeks had 10 each.

Despite the loss, coach Tim Kaul is encouraged. "We played Pontiac Central and Pontiac Northern as tough as possible on their home courts," he said. "I feel good about the team. We're going to be tough. And Kevin played by far the best game of his life."

### GOAL Standings (as of Jan. 12)

	League	Overall
Lake Orion	2-0	5-1
Waterford Mott	1-0	5-1
Clarkston	1-0	2-4
Waterford Kettering	0-2	3-4
Pontiac Northern	0-2	2-4



The Wolves' Craig Chamberlain drives to the basket against Pontiac Northern last Friday.

Chamberlain scored five points as everybody contributed in Clarkston's 77-52 triumph.

## Richardson makes final three

Clarkston High School's Gordie Richardson was one of three finalists in voting for the 1986 Class A girls track Coach of the Year award.

The honor, announced this past weekend, went to Ann Arbor Pioneer coach Brian Westfield. Richardson and Detroit Cass Tech coach Bobby Glenn were the other two in contention.

Three finalists were named in each class for both boys and girls teams by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association.

Richardson guided the Wolves to third place at the state finals last spring, the team's best performance ever. Pioneer and Cass Tech finished ahead of Clarkston.

"He (Westfield) had the best team in the state and certainly it was nothing to be surprised about," said Richardson. "But I was certainly more than surprised to even be nominated. I got a nice plaque."

Richardson also coaches junior varsity volleyball at Clarkston.

# Spikers fall in semis at tournament

Against a tough field of teams, Clarkston advanced to the semifinals before bowing in a volleyball tournament at Walled Lake Central last Saturday.

Walled Lake Western knocked the Wolves out, 15-10, 15-9, in the semis and Clarkston now has an 8-3 record for the season.

Missy Odell had 23 kill spikes on the day and coach Nancy McCarrick also credited Odell's blocking with keeping the team in matches.

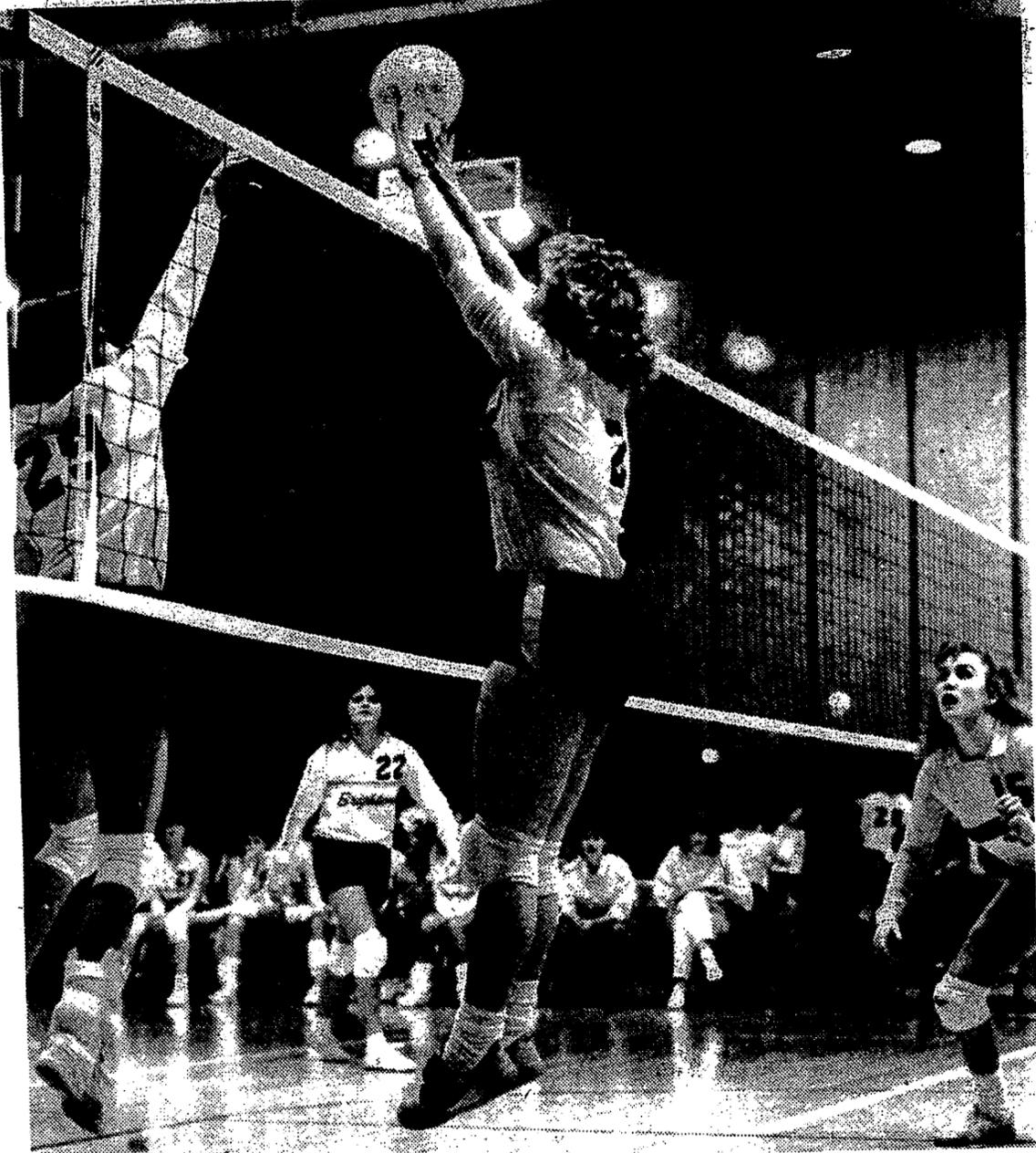
Maggie Gdula slammed 20 kill spikes and junior Ali Fedio had a solid day, with 14 kills.

Earlier in the week, the Wolves won twice at home, beating Rochester Adams, 15-5, 15-6, and Brighton, 15-6, 8-15, 15-7. Juniors Jane Selent and Tara Carncross sat out those matches with ankle injuries.

After starting the season going 2-2 at the Rochester Kiwanis Classic, McCarrick moved Odell to the outside position.

"At the tournament, we didn't have a force on the outside," said McCarrick. "She hit a lot of balls tonight."

Clarkston's junior varsity began its 1987 season by defeating Adams, 15-7, 15-9. The Wolves were only temporarily undefeated, though, as they lost to Brighton, 15-7, 15-11.



Clarkston's Kelly Laidig attempts to block a Brighton tip during volleyball action last Tuesday. The Wolves defeated Brighton, 15-6, 8-15, 15-7, and are 8-3 this season.



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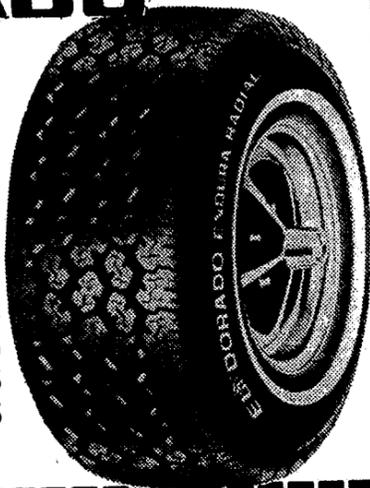
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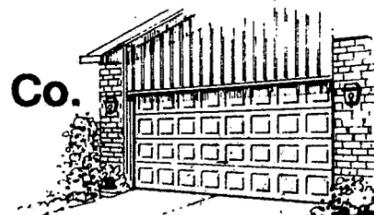
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# Wolves' ski teams race to two more victories



Laura Howse navigates the course at Pine Knob in competition against Kingswood last week. Howse finished fourth for Clarkston with a time of 45.14.

The winning ways continued for Clarkston's ski teams and they did it in a more convincing manner, according to coach Don Balzarini.

The Wolves stumbled a little in winning their first meet of the season against Detroit Country Day Jan. 5, but were on track in two victories this past week.

The boys defeated Rochester Monday, 12-26, after beating Cranbrook, 13-32, Jan. 7.

The girls team also improved to 3-0 by outskiing Rochester, 15-23, and Kingswood, 10-39.

"They skied much better than in the first meet," said Balzarini. "Cranbrook has a pretty decent team and they probably didn't ski as well as they could, but both teams did much better."

Against Rochester, Rob Brown raced to the top spot in a time of 37.61 for two runs and Gunnar Karlstrom was second at 41.26.

Todd and Jeff Roeser were fourth and fifth for Clarkston with times of 42.55 and 42.71, respectively. Alex Yarber was eighth at 44.66.

Brown was also first against Cranbrook with a 32.77 time. Jeff Roeser was third (37.42), Jeff John fourth (38.61) and Rob Laurie fifth (38.64).

Shelly Purdy had the best finishes for the girls team, winning over Kingswood (40:95) and skiing to second against the Falcons (47:41).

Laura Howse was third against Rochester (49:47), followed by Serena Brown (49:69), Tina Sheppard in sixth (50:76) and Tammy Spaven in eighth (52:78).

The girls took the top five spots against Kingswood. After Purdy, Brown was second at 44.55, followed by Sheppard (45.10), Howse (45.14) and Jackie Jablonski (46.91).

# Clarkston club off to fast start

For just the first meet of the season, the Clarkston Wrestling Club put on quite a show last Sunday.

The club came home from the Van Dyke Freestyle Invitational in Hazel Park with 17 medals.

Coach Brent Michelsen took 30 wrestlers to the event, ages 5-15. Eight teams accounted for about 200 wrestlers present.

Six Clarkston grapplers finished first.

In the age 8-and-under novice division, Arron Grant was first at 40 pounds and Jeremy White was first at 70 pounds. Ehren Drescher (55 pounds) and Elvis Jones (60) were third in their classes.

Jason Simpson was second at 65 pounds in the 9-10 novice group and Steve Carpenter was second at 90 pounds for 11-12 novices.

In advanced 8-and-under divisions, 50-pound Jason Tiefenback was first, and Dennis Bush (55) and Kevin Barnes (65) were both third.

In advanced 9- to 10-year-olds, Corey Grant (65) and Armin Michelsen (70) won their classes, Chad Grandlund (55) was second and Eric Endreszl (75) and Jeremy Keiser (90) were third.

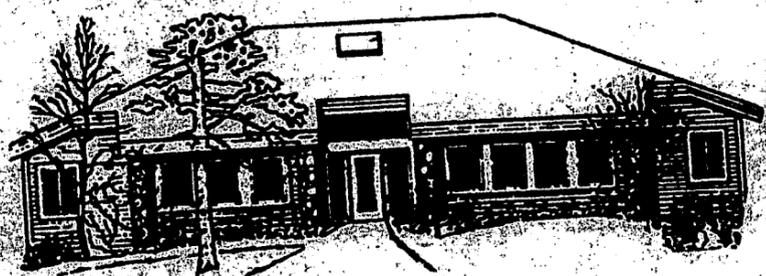
Jeff DeRoseau won the 70-pound class for advanced 11- and 12-year-olds and Brett Walter was second at 60 pounds.

Ruben DeLosRios was third in the 13-14 advanced division for 112-pounders.

The club's next tournament is Sunday at Lamphere High School in Madison Heights. Clarkston will be sponsoring its own meet Feb. 15 at Sashabaw Junior High School. For information, call David Endreszl at 394-0587.

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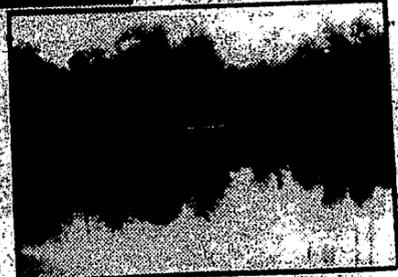


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# Week in review

Chris Gorbasi



Having only seen Clarkston's first basketball game of the season, a 64-46 loss to Redford Catholic Central, I didn't know I was in for such a shock last Friday night.

The Wolves destroyed Pontiac Northern in the "Home of Husky Pride", 77-52. The last time the two teams had met, Clarkston needed three overtimes to dispose of Northern, 77-73 behind Ed Whitaker's 28 points.

Whitaker was there last Friday, too, with a deep tan from either a vacation in a warm climate or a few weeks in a tanning booth.

But Whitaker was there as a spectator. He wasn't needed on the court and overtime wasn't necessary, either. Three quarters were barely necessary, let alone three overtimes.

After the contest, Fife and his players did the basking, soaking in a much-needed, and surprising, victory.

What a difference between the two games. This was not the same Clarkston team that needed a road map to find the basket and let CC players drive to the hoop at will.

In the personnel department, coach Dan Fife has inserted juniors Mike Barnes and Jeff Tungate into the starting lineup, at guard, and has experienced seniors such as Keith Mercier, Steve Secatch and Jeff Billig coming in off the bench.

All five came through with big baskets in the first-half scorching of Northern, much to the delight of the Wolves' fans.

In the attitude department, the Wolves managed to get into the win column against Howell over the holidays and then got a boost from a fine performance against Detroit Country Day last week.

Clarkston was a different team against the Huskies. The word "intensity" has taken the place of

"confidence" in sports jargon in recent years. Whatever you want to call it, Clarkston had it last Friday.

Excuse Gordie Richardson this week if you notice him looking in the mirror twice or possibly wearing a name tag. He may be suffering through an identity crisis.

A couple weeks ago, I compared his voice to that of former Detroit sportscaster Eli Zaret. Richardson didn't like the comparison, but he forgave me.

This past weekend, he was identified as Gordon Preston in an area newspaper. He assured me he hasn't changed his name. That name again, R-i-c-h-a-r-d-s-o-n.

Name-dropping dept.: One of the last people I'd expect to see at a high school volleyball match would be former Supreme Diana Ross. And I didn't.

But I did see former Tiger outfielder Mickey Stanley at last week's match between Clarkston and Brighton.

The simple explanation was that his daughter, Pam, plays volleyball, as well as softball and basketball, for Brighton.

She was wearing dad's old number, 24, and both of them were also deeply tanned. They must have gone to Florida, because I didn't get any tan in California.

I experienced a first last week when somebody asked me to be in a picture instead of the other way around.

Junior varsity cheerleading coach Gayle Conwell asked me to pose with her squad after I had taken pictures of them.

My hair was a mess and I should've asked one of them for a brush. Now I realize why people say, "You

wanna take my picture like this?" whenever I show up unexpectedly with a camera.

But more than appearance went into the junior varsity and varsity's trip to the cheerleading national championships in Tennessee last month.

Kudos to both teams for their hard work this year on picture-perfect mounts, cheers and dances.

The only thing I have to say about skiing this week is that it's too darn cold at the Knob watching the Clarkston skiers.

I had never seen a high school competition before, so I was expecting some Ingemar Stenmark moves on the slopes.

Of course high school skiers don't move that fast, but I would think they'd have plenty of incentive to get their runs over with as quickly as possible and go inside to someplace warm.

## Ski party set

School's out for the day on Friday, Jan. 23, and now there's something special for junior and senior high school students to do.

The First Annual Ski Day, sponsored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, is planned from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pine Knob Ski Resort.

The event features reduced rates of \$5 for tow tickets and \$5 for ski rentals—and free refreshments.

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## Panel set up to choose football coach

A four-member committee has been established to hire a new football coach at Clarkston High School. Athletic director Paul Tungate, CHS principal Dr. Robert Burek and administrators Conrad Bruce and Bill Neff will jointly review applications.

Applications are being accepted up to Feb. 13 for the position vacated by Walt Wyniemko, who resigned in early December after eight seasons.

Tungate said that in addition to the Clarkston school system, he has notified all the school districts in Oakland County about the opening.

He has also contacted the football coaching staffs at the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Eastern and Central Michigan universities to make people aware of the position.

Tungate said the committee hopes to arrive at a decision on a new coach by March 5.

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### PREP PROFILE:

## Boz bares all—almost

*Gary Bosdock is a senior wrestler who has competed for Clarkston for the past three years.*

**Born:** July 14, 1969.

**Nickname:** Boz.

**Occupation:** Works at "Openings," a door manufacturer.

**Favorite sport:** Wrestling.

**Favorite food:** Chicken teriyaki.

**Favorite music:** Run DMC.

**Favorite movie:** "Beverly Hills Cop."

**Favorite TV show:** "It's Garry Shandling's Show" on cable.

**For fun:** He likes to swim and be outside.

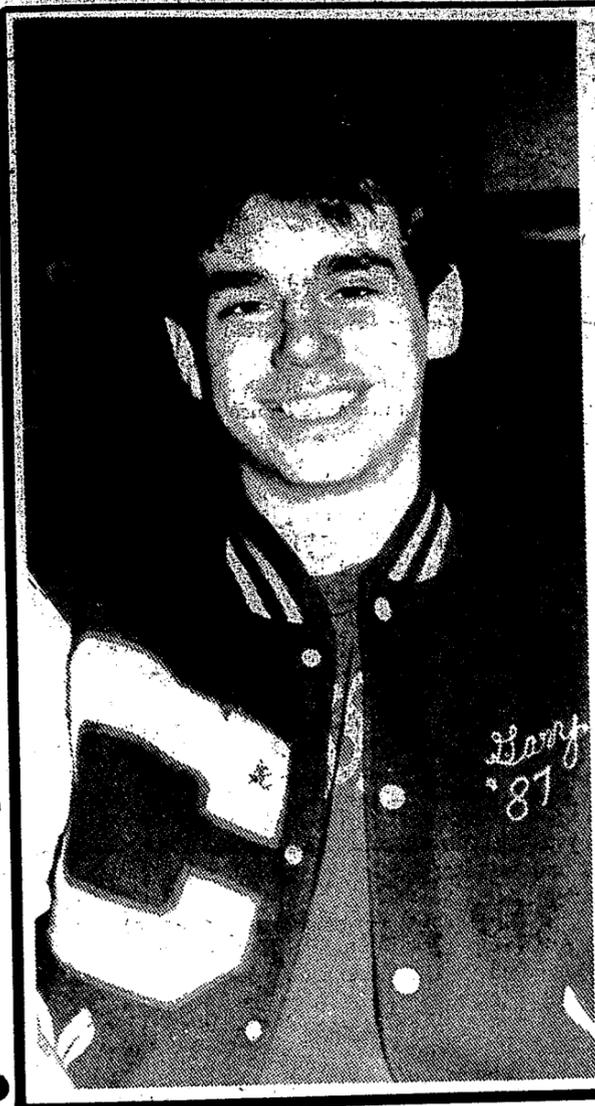
**Biggest thrill:** Buying a car, a '79 Regal, with his own money and paying to maintain it.

**Biggest accomplishment:** Getting into wrestling.

**Goal:** To be successful in business.

**If he could change one thing:** He wishes his junior high school in Utica had had a wrestling team so he could have gotten into the sport earlier.

**Most embarrassing moment:** Teammate Jon Mahler threw him out into the gym in his underwear when the volleyball team was practicing.



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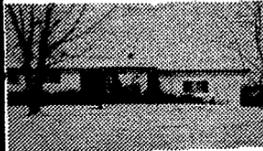
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# Pond dam possibilities abound

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repaired, he said.

The timbers were burned when the Clarkston Mills Mall was remodeled, said Steckling. The cost for 30 specially cut timbers would be about \$750, he said.

Trustee Frank Millard noted that the village doesn't own the dam and can't repair something on private property.

Lehman attorney Jon Gaskell said the owners were still working on the dam and are still willing to give the dam to the village.

The council took no action. Catallo's closing statement was met with applause.

"This is a mill village. What would we be without a village mill pond?" she said.

In September, the council filed a lawsuit against Lehman Investments, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Oakland County Drain Commission, seeking repairs of the overflow structure on Main Street and the dam.

Lehman also owns the Clarkston Mills Mall on Washington Street, across from the dam.

*"This is an opportunity for village residents to work together. If we work together, we could put this thing to bed for once."*

**Hank Radcliff**

A Jan. 28 hearing date is set before Judge Alice Gilbert in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The dam and pond history reaches back to the late 1930s and early 1940s when Henry Ford purchased the property and water rights to run a hydroelectric plant and had the dam rebuilt.

Since that time, the dam and water rights have transferred to each owner of the property, now the Clarkston Mills Mall.

# Sewer bills up \$5

An extra \$5 will be on the sewer bills for Independence Township residents this year, said Treasurer John Lutz.

The sewer usage rate was increased from \$35 to \$40, effective Jan. 1.

"The cost of electricity, wages, pumping—all the general costs have gone up," said George Anderson, director of the township's department of public works.

The rates haven't been raised in three or four years, he said, and the extra money should cover the higher costs.

# Fewer birds

Although pre-Christmas area temperatures were warmer this year, the Oakland Audubon Society found fewer birds during its annual count. There were, however, more kinds of birds.

Dec. 20 marked the Society's 29th annual Christmas bird count. The count was taken in a 15-mile diameter circle which was centered at Lapeer and Indianwood Roads in Lake Orion.

According to Ellie Cox, Society member, those participating in the count sighted 16,640 birds from 70 species. Last year, the Society counted 18,009 birds from 68 species.

No red-headed woodpeckers were counted for the first time in 13 years, Cox said. In addition, there were no snow buntings, she said, adding that the species has been absent from the count only three times in the past 13 years.

Species whose numbers had decreased included the cardinal, tree sparrow and junco.

But other birds found the area to be a good place to reside. The house finches numbers have increased to 136 this year, up from 21 last year. According to Cox, the birds come from the eastern part of the United States.

Increases were also found in the ring-billed gull, mourning dove, great horned owl and pine siskin.

# Kindergarten poll for Sept. '87

A survey of September 1987 kindergartners is under way by the Clarkston Community Education Department.

The goal is to determine how many Clarkston school district pupils will be enrolling in kindergarten and how many kindergartners will need Latchkey care at the elementary school for the half day they are not attending kindergarten.

The information will be used to determine if

there are sufficient needs for kindergarten Latchkey programs in each elementary school building.

If you have a child or know of a child who will be starting kindergarten in a Clarkston school this fall, call the elementary school office during the day, Clarkston Learning Center at 674-3141 or Tina at 625-0906 between 5 and 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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## Board consents to Paris trip

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has really been blown out of proportion. It's really more dangerous on I-75."

The sponsorship does not provide financial support but does allow meetings and fund-raisers to be conducted in school buildings and the use of school accounts to hold deposits until they are sent to the travel agency.

Discussion included that the district's formal sponsorship of foreign travel is a first, to the best of anyone's knowledge.

"It has been this board's or district's policy in the past not to make it a school sponsored trip for any trip outside the country," said board President Janet Thomas.

In the future, the board will consider each trip individually for sponsorship purposes.

## Restaurant owners aid Palazzola

When Steve Gabriel and Mike Asim heard that Tony Palazzola needed money for a chance to walk again, they wanted to do something.

So they decided to put their restaurant, The Nickelodean, 10081 Ortonville Rd., Independence Township, to work.

In the month of February, \$1 from every pizza sold will go to help Tony walk, said Gabriel.

Tony lost the use of his legs in a plane crash last March that also killed Clarkston High School Principal John Kirchgessner.

Tony plans to attend a rehabilitation center in Las Vegas in March.

"I've known the Palazzolas for quite a while—ever since we've been at the restaurant," said

Gabriel, adding he's owned it for five years.

"When the accident did happen, there was not much we could do at that time," he said.

When they heard Tony needed money to pay for therapy, they wanted to help.

"We were going to write the check out and say, 'Here it is,' but we wanted to make the community aware of it," said Gabriel. "It's not coming out of their pocket, really."

"This way, it actually benefits both parties. It helps Tony and it helps us. We're not going to get rich over it, but it could help Tony tremendously," he said.

"People that know Tony are going to say, 'OK, let's do it.'"

"I would like to see the man walk again."

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# TO THE RESCUE!

## Firefighter helps reporter make cold water splash debut

By Pat Young

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What was I doing here, I thought, too late to retreat.

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like a cork in Clarkston's Mill Pond on a balmy, 20-degree day in January. The ducks watched with curiosity from the shoreline, where they had retreated shortly after this whole adventure began.

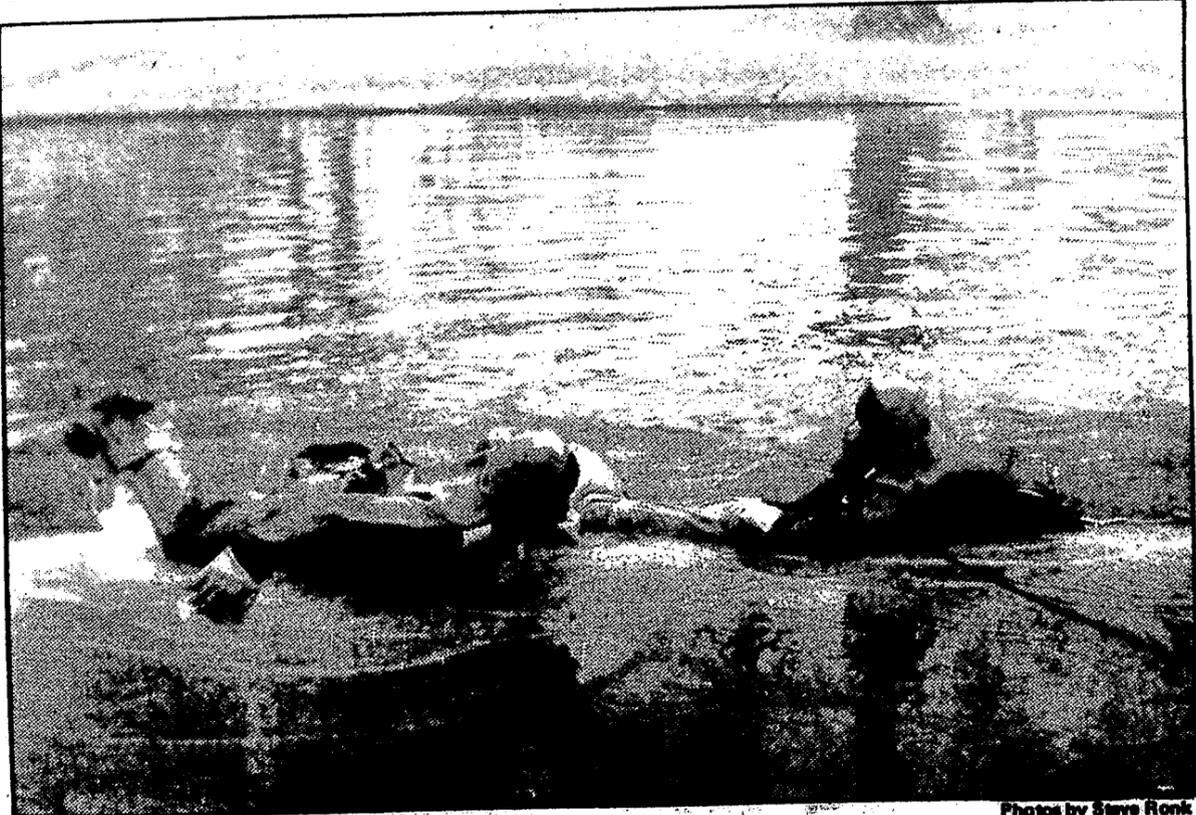
I was getting a very first-hand lesson in ice rescue, as demonstrated by a well-trained team of Independence Township firefighters.

With every winter comes thin ice, which in turn spawns acts of heroism. Brave individuals risk their lives venturing out on the bad ice to rescue people or pets who have fallen through.

But there is help available.

"We want people to realize there's someone to call," said firefighter Steve Ronk.

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Photos by Steve Ronk

Fahrner [in water] instructs Young on the proper technique for "rolling out" of the water. The

exercise is part of regular training for rescue missions on thin ice.

# Oxford's winter fest begins Jan. 23

With the general theme of promoting "traditional and unique winter leisure time activities," Oxford Township Parks and Recreation is ready for another winter festival.

According to parks and recreation Director Mark Brochu, the seventh annual festivities will begin Jan. 23 and end Sunday, Jan. 25.

Activities planned are an ice fishing derby, July in January dinner-dance, softball, euchre, bowling and volleyball tournaments, ice skating party, fun walk and library program.

The festival opens with the "July in January" dance Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Center. There will be a deejay, food and beverages. Preferred attire is beach or picnic dress, or casual. Tickets are \$10. Participants must be 21 or older.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, the softball and volleyball tournaments begin. The softball is of the double-elimination variety, while volleyball is round robin or double elimination, depending on the number of entries.

The deadline for team registration is Friday, Jan. 16. Softball registration is \$55 a team and \$7 a game; volleyball is \$50 a team. Games will be played at the Seymour Lake Township Park.

At 1 p.m., the middle school ice skating party begins at the park, along with the Oxford Library skating program, and the euchre tournament is at Collier Lanes. Team fee for the euchre tourney is \$10.

At 2 p.m., a fun walk will begin at the storage bin in the park.

Sunday is the doubles bowling tournament. The pins will fly from 2 to 5 p.m. at Collier Lanes. There is a \$15 team fee.

The ice fishing derby is open to anybody who catches a fish in any lake in Oxford, Addison and Orion townships. The fishing can begin Jan. 18. Registration is at Hank's Better Bait on North Washington Street, Oxford.

For more information on any of the events, call the Oxford Parks and Recreation Department at 628-9787.



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Synopsis of Action Taken By the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence January 6, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ronk at the Independence Township Hall Annex.

Roll Call: Present: Balzarini, Holman, Lutz, Ronk, Stuart, Travis, Vandermark. Absent: None.

There is a quorum.

1. Approval of motion to deny the request to amend the agenda to discuss the posting of a Senior Citizen File Clerk position.  
2. Approval of motion to approve the agenda as presented.  
3. Approval of motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 1986, as presented.

4. Approval of payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$47,759.92.

5. Under Public Forum, Frank Millard inquired whether the new Fire Station site at M-15 and Waldon Road would be large enough to incorporate a potential police services operation. Mr. Ronk stated that it would.

6. Denial of motion to appoint Richard Oppmann to replace John Gray and to disapprove any Planning Commission nominees until such time as the Township Supervisor proposes for reappointment the nomination of Neil Wallace and Holly Stephens.

7. Approval of motion to appoint Richard Oppmann to the Township Planning Commission and to make no further appointments to that Board until the Township Supervisor proposes the reappointment of Holly Stephens.

8. Approval of motion to approve a renewal in the contract with Richard Carlisle, representing Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, Inc. for professional planning services and to authorize an increase in the hourly rate to \$45, effective January 1, 1987.

9. Approval of motion to approve the contract with Waterford O'Brien Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Fire Station #2 contingent upon the incorporation of all changes recommended by the Township attorney.

10. Approval of motion to close the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation with the Township attorney. The motion carried on a roll call vote, the time being 8:27 p.m.

11. Approval of motion to reopen the meeting.

12. Approval of motion to adjourn, the time being 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Holman  
Township Clerk

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