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Signs may slow truck traffic

BY PETER AUCHTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The new year may bring signs directing heavy-duty truck traffic away from the village.

Continuing problems caused by the vehicles were discussed during a meeting between Independence Township, Michigan Department of Transportation, Village of Clarkston and Michigan State Police officials on Dec. 20.

"The character of this village is being destroyed," said Jerry Wilford, a Main Street resident. "It's becoming insufferable. We have to give equal concern to the people who live on these streets."

As a group, they decided posting signs will be the first step, other alternatives are to be explored should they fail to curb the problem.

MDOT officials said Clarkston's problem is not unusual, many small towns around the state are experiencing the same difficulties.

"There are only so many things we can do," said Marsha Small from MDOT. "They (truck drivers) will continue to take the shortest route."

Wilford asked for any kind of relief and to get it as soon as possible.

"Use Clarkston as a guinea pig and find out what works," he told MDOT official Marsha Small. "We have to find the proper motivation (to get truck drivers away from the village.)"

In a letter to MDOT, Wilford outlined five ways (See SIGNS, Page 3)

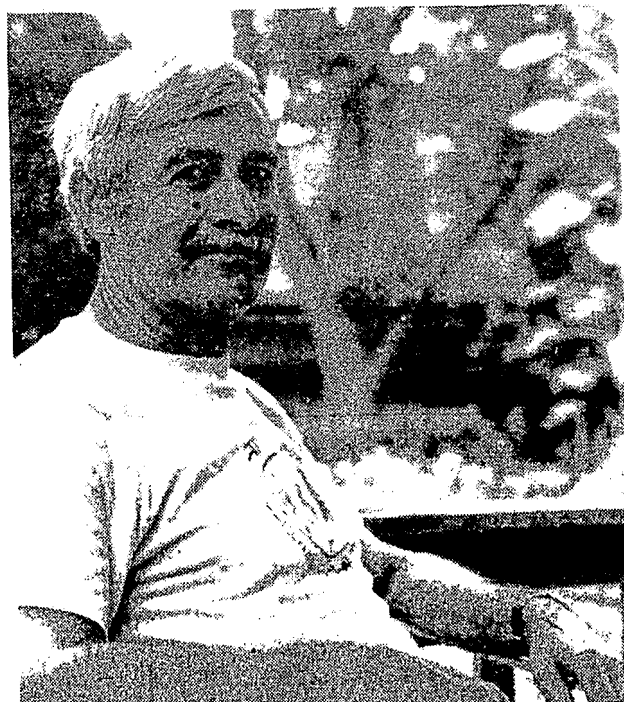


Photo by Peter Auchter

He's not bashful at all

MATTHEW CRAIG of Middle Lake Road, Clarkston has a heart-to-heart talk while sitting on Santa Claus' lap before

receiving his gift during a children's Christmas Party at the Clarkston Methodist Church on Dec. 22.



DOM MAUTI resigned from the village planning commission once he was appointed to the village council, finishing off Frank Millard's term.

Mauti appointed to open seat

New trustee eager to begin

BY PETER AUCHTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When a position on the Clarkston Village Council opened recently, it didn't take long to find a replacement.

Members of the village council agreed planning commission member Dom Mauti would be perfect for the post. The council approved President Sharron Catallo's appointment by a 5-0 vote at its last meeting Dec. 12.

"He's a good selection for the council," Catallo said. "Everyone on the council was happy, everybody mentioned his name (when the opening occurred)."

Watching from the audience, Mauti took his place on the village council after the vote. He looks forward to continuing serving the community in his new role, he said, afterward.

"I'm honored to be a part of it," he said. "It should be a challenge."

Mauti moved to the Clarkston area 36 years ago with his wife Louise after he graduated from Eastern

Michigan University, Ypsilanti. His first job out of school was a teaching position in the Industrial Arts department at Clarkston High School.

On top of his teaching responsibilities, he also coached various sports including varsity basketball for 12 years. One of his most memorable moments came in his first season when the hoops team won a district title.

"There's a great following for athletics here," he said. "When we went to Saginaw for the regionals, they chartered buses, and it seemed like the whole town went."

After leaving his teaching job, the father of three became a counselor at CHS and then moved into administration, where he served as CHS principal.

Currently, the Roger City native is retired and enjoys tending to his garden during the summer months, something a year-around job in school administration didn't allow.

Mauti was appointed to the position left vacant when former Trustee Frank Millard resigned after he was elected trustee on the Independence Township Board. His seat will be up for election in March.

Independence board OKs \$8.7 million budget

BY TRACY KING
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township board members Dec. 20 voted unanimously to approve a \$8.7 million budget for 1989.

The budget covers only money for the general and special revenue funds. In 1989, the board is to consider budgets for non-union salaries and money for capital improvements, according to Clerk Richard Holman.

Budget figures do not address specific items, but give bottom line appropriations for each department,

Man charged in Pelton break-in

A 33-year-old Lansing man was charged last week with the Dec. 19 breaking and entering of a garage on Pelton Road, Independence Township.

Gregory Scheidt, 33, of Lansing faces a maximum 10-year sentence if convicted of the felony. Bond was set at \$5,000 cash, and Scheidt remains in Oakland County Jail.

The preliminary exam was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 30, before Judge Gerald McNally at 52nd District Court, Independence Township.

Scheidt, who was out on parole from Ingham County, allegedly broke into the home of an elderly resident and had carted items from the garage down to the road before a neighbor called the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, said Detective Sgt. Doug Hummel.

Two people were responsible for the crime, but tracking dogs and investigators only found Scheidt hiding up in a tree, Hummel said.

Everything taken from the garage was recovered, he said.

Holman said.

The new budget becomes effective Jan. 1 and will be in place until Dec. 31.

At the end of 1988, about \$65,000 will remain in the fund balance.

"Historically, that's the lowest we've seen in a long time," Holman said.

He attributed the low fund balance to the money the township has spent on the Thendara Park road project, established to convert several roads from private to public in the northeast part of the township.

Since 1985, when a petition to convert the roads was circulated, the township has spent about \$225,000 towards the project, Holman said.

"In essence, we fronted them the money," he explained.

Holman told the board that if it decides to recoup the money by special assessing the district, the fund balance would go back up to an amount closer to \$300,000.

The budget approved for 1989 includes:

General fund: revenue \$4,721,219; expenditures \$4,610,252.

Fire fund: revenue \$1,103,600; expenditures \$1,102,565.

Police fund: revenue \$857,371; expenditures \$786,130.

Library fund: revenue \$240,825; expenditures \$240,825.

Cable TV fund: revenue \$29,900; expenditures \$27,200.

Correction

A photo on the front page of The Clarkston News last week should have been identified as Julie Bishop, and the Clarkston High School Student Council should have been given credit for holding the Christmas party for SPICE.

Safety path fund: revenue \$148,272; expenditures \$148,200.

Downtown Development Authority fund: revenue \$503,700; expenditures \$4,750.

Cemetery fund: revenue \$19,000; expenditures \$9,800.

General debt fund: revenue \$16,400; expenditures \$11,550.

Water fund: revenue \$624,420; expenditures \$462,165.

Sewer fund: revenue \$1,386,840; expenditures \$1,304,200.

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DON BORNGESSER'S tea bag is ready for the mail.

It's tea time

BY TRACY KING
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A lot may have changed since Dec. 16, 1773, the date of the famed Boston Tea Party in Boston Harbor, but at Carol's Village Grill, South Main Street, Clarkston, some things are remarkably similar.

They're still protesting taxation without representation at the Grill, and they're still using tea to do it.

Grill owner Don Borgmesser, in protest of a proposal to give the U.S. President, Congress and Judges a 50% pay increase, has joined a call originated by radio station WXYT, Southfield.

Station disc jockeys Roy Fox and John McCulloch, have suggested sending tea bags to the White House with a note that says: "Read my tea bag, no 50% pay increase."

So far, about 19 customers have mailed off their tea bags, said Borgmesser. The grill is providing the tea, the envelope and the stamp.

"I had one guy that came in and wanted to help pay for the envelope and the stamps," Borgmesser said.

It was 1773 when colonists of Boston, disguised as Indians, threw tea into the harbor as a protest of taxes on the commodity.

Borgmesser says this issue is just as important. "They barely earn what they (government officials) make now," he said.

"I'm a tea bag sender. The minute I heard about it, I knew I'd do it."

Signs to turn truckers away

(SIGNS, from Page 1)

truck traffic could be controlled in the village. They are:

- Alternate route signs posted on White Lake Road near Dixie Highway directing trucks left to I-75, bypassing the village.

- Traffic light installation for the Waldon-Main Street intersection.

- Another light at the Clarkston Road-Main Street intersection.

- Extension of the 30 MPH speed zone on Main Street.

- Setting up special 25 MPH speed zone for trucks in the village.

Until construction on I-75 and Dixie Highway is complete, alternate route signs probably won't be put in place, said Small. The road work changes traffic patterns, she added.

As for the Waldon Road light, Small said the project should be installed by September.

The Clarkston Road traffic light project is still under consideration, she said.

While Wilford was looking for anything to solve the village's truck traffic problem, Sgt. Donald Swalwell of the Michigan State Police doubted anything could remedy the situation.

"Where is the traffic going to go?" he asked. "I've been to a lot of these meetings and nobody wants the traffic."

Supervisor Frank Ronk agreed there is no simple solution.

"We can try signs but I don't think they will (try an alternate route). But we can try," he said.

Teen party helps needy kids

BY PAT YOUNG
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Being charitable runs in the family.

While some families were enjoying Christmas dinner at home, Bill and Sandy Graham took their three children, Scott, 20, Christy, 16, and Jenny, 15, down to the Baldwin Soup Kitchen in Pontiac to help serve Christmas dinner two years ago.

Bill, who owns Oakland Automotive in Pontiac, started a "giving tree" at his business this year. People could purchase an ornament for the tree, and the money was used to help the needy at Christmas.

"We're very fortunate. We have good jobs and a home and are able to help other people," says Sandy. "That's what Christmas is all about."

With examples like that, it's no wonder that Christy and Jenny turned their annual Christmas get-together for friends at Clarkston High School into another vehicle to help the needy.

Christy says they plan a party every year, but this

year they added a little something extra to the invitation. They asked friends to bring a gift for an elementary school age child, gift-wrapped, as an "admission" to the party. Some brought more than one gift.

They collected all the gifts and took them to the Baldwin Community Center's shelter and Haven, a shelter for abused women and their children.

"They need help. I work at my dad's store in Pontiac, and you see a lot of things," Christy says. "We decided to help."

The party at their Pine Knob Road home in Independence Township on Dec. 21 was a gathering of a lot of CHS friends to "just have a good time," Jennifer adds. But it meant more, too.

"My friends think it's neat how we help other people and are not just thinking of ourselves," says Jennifer, adding that it's really her sister's party, and she just helped out, though some of her friends were there, too.

"We like to help," she says of the family's efforts to help the needy. "You always look at people less fortunate, and you feel better giving it than taking it."



SANTA, played by Keith Medlin, gets a hug from Ashley Haller in their fourth-grade play, "The Santa Strike." Clarkston Elementary

School teacher Natalie Hewko directed her pupils in the performance for parents. (Photo by Julie Campe)

Clowns 'n Christmas



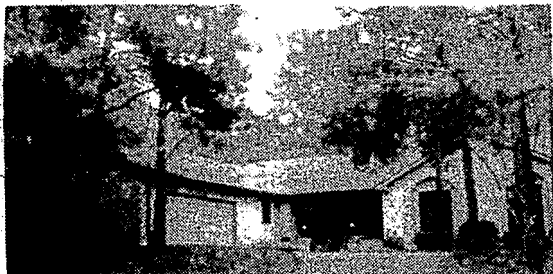
NICOLE McVETY, 4, of Waterford Township lends a helping hand to a magical clown during a Christmas program for children at

the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Dec. 17.

Photos by Peter Auchter



CHRIS ANDRITSIS finds the cutting a little tough with the trick scissors provided by a magical clown.



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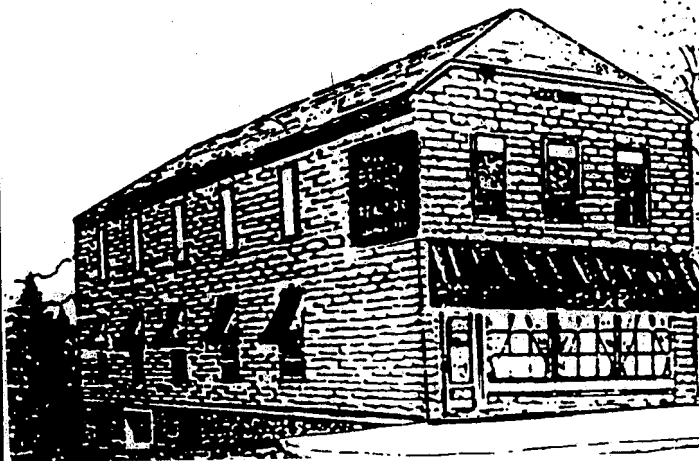
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For people planning to host a party this holiday season, the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association suggests the following rules, adapted from the MLBA's Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) Program:

1. Don't let the party center around drinking. Host a theme party or plan a variety of activities that keep people occupied and active.
2. Don't allow open bars, kegs and unattended spiked punch bowls. This tends to lead to abuse and waste. Instead, hire a professional bartender who is certified in the MLBA TAM program. Or, enlist a volunteer who will serve as the designated bartender. This way, the bartender will stay sober and in control of the flow of alcohol.
3. Don't hide the non-alcoholic drinks. Guests will more likely choose soft drinks, coffee or tea if they are visible and accessible and they don't have to be embarrassed to ask for them.
4. Don't serve salty, hot and spicy foods that tend to make guests thirsty. Make food available that will help slow down the absorption of alcohol into the body, such as cheeses, meats, cold vegetables and eggs.
5. Consider the timing of the party. You may want to schedule it for mid-week instead of a Friday or Saturday night so that guests will be more conservative in their alcohol consumption. Late afternoon parties also tend to pose less risk than one held in the evening.
6. Don't keep the bar open all night. Instead, plan a party closing activity to give guests a chance to sober up before they drive home. Always avoid that "one-for-the-road" drink.
7. Before the party begins, make transportation or sleeping arrangements in case a guest over does it. Appoint a designated driver or know if cabs are running.
8. Don't back down about your guests' transportation. They are your responsibility when they drink in your home or on premises you have provided for the party.



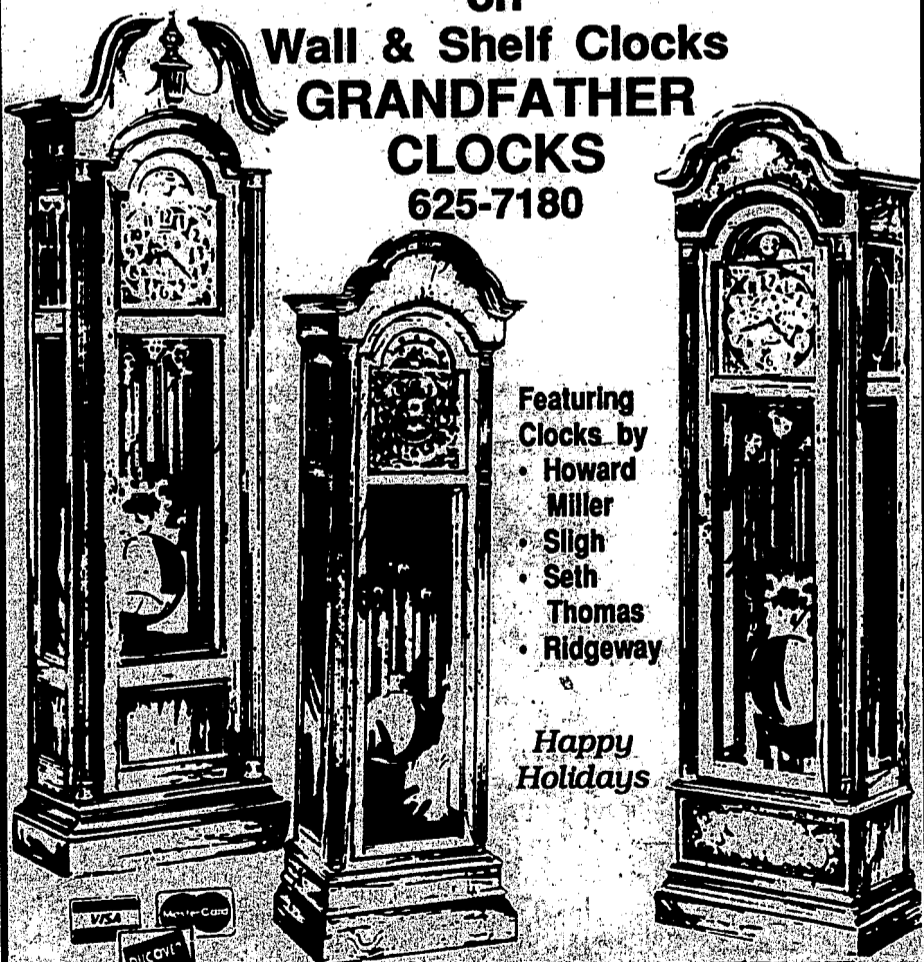
Photo by Peter Aughter

KEN OLIVIER of Holly holds his mesmerized 2-year-old daughter, **Kristin**, in his arms so she will have a better view of the clown's

magic act during a Christmas program at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Dec. 17.

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Opinions

Looking
back

**Julie
Campe**



In 1988, the Clarkston community experienced tragedy, as well as change and stability.

Although the events may not have affected each household personally, in a small town such as Clarkston, the happenings of our neighbors can affect us all in some way.

When a six-car crash on the forever crowded M-15 left Faith Ann Matas of Clarkston dead and her husband and two small children without a wife and mother, complete strangers empathized with the family and felt, in some small way, their grief.

When a raging fire destroyed Tra-Tech Midwest van conversion plant in Springfield Township, the charred site attracted visitors for weeks. According to the memories of some long-time residents of the Clarkston area, it was the biggest fire ever in the Clarkston area.

A 14-year-old boy shot his parents and sister in Springfield Township, and it left the whole community shocked and puzzled. The tragedy was talked about at coffee shops and restaurants and grocery stores. Even half a year later, people still think about it.

The issue of cityhood for the Village of Clarkston has split the community, bringing to the surface old conflicts and tensions. While the move seems to be good offensively and defensively for the village, some Independence Township officials feel it would harm the township, where residents closely identify with the village and where the village serves as the central residential and cultural area for the township.

In public positions, Clarkston schools has a new superintendent. Gary Haner replaced Milford Mason, who retired last spring and is missed by many. Haner has held the top position in several other school districts, and it will be interesting to see in what direction he'll lead Clarkston.

Two new faces are on the Independence Township Board, replacing Trustee Dale Stuart, who did not run for re-election, and Trustee Carol Balzarini, who lost to her fellow Republicans in the August primary election.

Already, Stuart's steady force and probing questions are missed. Balzarini's absence is felt most on the planning commission, where she exhibited strong protection for the rural areas of the township.

One newcomer is Mel Leroy Vaara. With his experience as a school administrator and many years in the Clarkston area, he should add valuable insights to the board.

Frank Millard, a former Clarkston Village Council Trustee, is the other newcomer. Like Stuart, Millard is not afraid to ask the tough questions. And although his presence will be missed on the village council, where he and William Basinger regularly exchanged quips, he'll probably balance the board.

Long-time director of parks and recreation Timothy Doyle also resigned in 1989. His successor, Ann Conklin, began Dec. 19 at the new job. And Kathleen O'Donnell, the director of community education for Clarkston schools, left to join her husband and family in Mississippi.

Despite all of the changes, most of the players in Independence and Springfield townships have remained the same, so 1989 will probably continue in the same manner as 1988.

Letters to the Editor

Pro athletes leave strong message

Again this year, Clarkston McDonald's on Dixie Highway is supporting the efforts of the high school administration and athletic department in bringing professional athletes to young men and women involved in our athletic program.

Last winter, Lomas Brown of the Detroit Lions and Tim McCormick of the Houston basketball franchise spoke to our athletes. This past week, Shawn Burr of the Detroit Red Wings was the featured speaker.

The message from these professionals is to pursue an education, set goals for life and stay away from drugs.

We are indebted to Jim Schaeffer, manager of the Dixie Highway restaurant, for providing food and refreshments for the activity. His support has been very important to the success of this program.

**Bob Burek, Principal
Clarkston High School**

wonderful publication.

On a more personal basis, we want to thank you and all of our friends at The Clarkston News for the outstanding work that you do for the members of our community. Our week would not be complete without reading our edition of The Clarkston News.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

**Gene and Audrey Grier
Executive Directors
Music Unlimited**

Bouquet

Thanks for school Christmas photos

Clarkston Community Education wants to thank you for all the wonderful photo coverage of our programs this fall.

The photographs Dec. 7 of the After-School Enrichment Christmas Super Saturday on Dec. 3 were outstanding and will provide lasting memories for many students who participated in this Community Education event.

**Jeanne Molzon
Coordinator Youth Enrichment**

Love the paper

Just a quick note to let you know how much we enjoyed the "Christmas Carols" section of the Dec. 7, 1988, issue of The Clarkston News. It was and is absolutely delightful to read and to use.

The recipes are now appearing on our table. The carols are sung in our household on a daily basis. In addition, the advertisements make it much more easier for us to shop in our own community. The entire project has really brightened up our holiday season.

Please put us on your advertiser's list for next year. We would like to be involved in some small way in this

**Steaming mad? Write a letter to the editor of
The Clarkston News, 5 South Main Street,
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**Jim
Sherman**

Jim's Jottings

When Stub Robinson called Friday morning asking if it was ok for him to set out a can in his barber shop to collect money to go for my bail, I figured some explaining was in order.

I hadn't taken the incident seriously at all, despite Bob Hubbard's asking the police to, "Throw him in jail."

Let me digress. Thursday noon employees at The Oxford Leader had their annual pot-luck Christmas gathering at the office. That's also gift giving time for the boss.

The Leader workers gave me a gift certificate on a putter at Oxford Hills Golf and Country Club. Since the course is less than a mile away, and I'd rather think about golf than just about anything, I went to the pro shop.

The lights were out, but the door was open. I went in. I took a couple golf balls from the barrel on the counter and practiced putting on their imitation green.

All the time I heard a whistling sound, but figured it was nothing for me to worry about... since the door was open, probably the whistle was throughout the building and someone would show up sooner or later from the kitchen.

Well, someone showed up sooner than later. After less than a dozen practice putts I looked up to see a uniformed police officer standing in the doorway. Officer Jerry Lotz looked as surprised to see me and I was him.

He told me the whistle was the burglar alarm.

We stepped outside and saw officer Frank Leach coming up in a second police car, and right behind him was Bob Hubbard, who might have been eligible for a speeding ticket except he was on his own property.

If the Hubbards were concerned if their burglar alarm worked, they can be assured it does. They should have the same assurance as to police reaction to the alarm.

As for my plea of innocence, I am not entirely sure the police or Bob Hubbard are ready to accept it. They haven't taken inventory. On the other hand, they haven't taken my fingerprints either.

I can assure you there is no way of keeping my action quiet. Since it happened on a Thursday, a week before our next paper, I can't even be out first with the right story.

With the first call from the outside being from barber Stub talking about bail money, I can only guess that by the time you read this you will have heard L. Brooks Patterson saying he would ask to stay on in the prosecutor's office until justice was served through my hanging.

I don't expect very many people to assume I'm innocent until proven guilty.

Since it happened just three days before Christmas I do expect charity to be in the hearts of all. Maybe that's why officers Lotz and Leach accepted my reason for being in the pro shop.

If it is, or if it isn't, I wish them and all of you a very Happy New Year.

Editorials

At year's end, governor didn't shine

Are there a couple chinks showing in Governor Blanchard's armor?

Our boyish looking, smooth and very politically savvy leader did a couple things at legislature closing time that have not set well with many residents.

Number one: He came out with his plan to aid education — raise income tax 25 percent and lower property taxes.

Number 2: He chided the legislature, saying (smirking), "They know what they have to do, I hope they don't make me call them back into session".

As for the first chink, his increase-decrease school aid program is not new. But, he leads us to believe the light bulb had gone off above his head just 3 days before adjournment.

His was THE answer to equitable financing of school districts. How could anyone find fault with so simple a solution?

We ask, how could anyone think a proposal of increasing sales tax 25 percent and decreasing property tax could get through the voting booth?

No one believes a decrease in property tax is anything but temporary. Assessments are going up 6 to 12 percent now, and could be ordered higher at the wishes of the state.

Too, a change could be made to make us pay 75 percent of true cash value instead of the current 50. Remember, it was 25 percent prior to changing the Constitution 25 years ago.

So, in a couple years our property taxes could be at the current level and our sales tax up 25 percent.

The look on Mr. Blanchard's television face when he threatened to call them back into session came off as a complete put-down of the legislature. "They know what they have to do", he said, and his look added ... they have to come back and approve my school financing plan. It's the greatest thing since sliced bread. I'm so smart. Wow!

His own party didn't even support him.

This legislature is something else. They passed a third of all the bills of the year in the last three days of the session. But, the House failed to pass one of the most important pieces of legislation, one lowering the kiddie tax and giving support for low income older people.

Why didn't Mr. Blanchard bring that up when he was pressuring for his increase-decrease offering?

Oh, well, we probably suffer from too-short a memory. We keep expecting good things to come from our elected officials, forgetting how seldom they have acted responsibly in the past. JAS

Keep holidays safe and happy for all

With the holidays come the inevitable parties and gatherings. Driving is bad enough with snow and ice, but when combined with alcohol, the driving could be even more dangerous during this time of year.

We at The Clarkston News ask that you drive carefully and that you don't drink if you have to drive.

Every week we see the reports at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, and a good portion of the accidents involve alcohol. While only a

small number result in death, many of them involve serious injuries, and a lot have some sort of property damage.

As reporters, we see the names on the police reports, and most of the time, we don't know the people. But sometimes we do.

While it's not pleasant to write about a traffic accident in any case, it's worse when you know the victim or the family.

Please save us, yourself and your family the trouble. And have a safe holiday.

JLC

The Roads We Travel

Watch out for icy bridges

Brent Bair



As you are driving along I-75 or M-15 and approach a bridge, have you ever noticed the yellow and black sign to the right just before the bridge that states "watch for ice on bridge" or some similar statement?

So why do the road agencies draw your attention to bridges when any place in the road can become icy at some point? It is because there is a phenomena known as preferential icing that can occur on bridges long before the remainder of the road gets slippery.

If the weather warms up during the day and maybe the sun comes out, the roads and more importantly the earth beneath those roads may absorb a little of the warmth and then lose it gradually overnight as the temperatures drop. Thus, a road that is wet may not freeze immediately when the temperature drops below freezing.

A bridge, on the other hand, does not have earth below it to store and release heat. A sudden drop in temperature can cause a wet bridge deck to almost instantly turn to glare ice.

An unsuspecting driver who believes the road is not slippery and thus drives a little faster, can suddenly encounter a potentially dangerous situation.

Road agencies do patrol the roads and do check the larger bridges for signs of icing.

However, I've heard of situations where a bridge has iced up, causing a serious accident, only 15 minutes after a salt truck passed over it without observing any icing.

All it takes is a change of wind direction and a drop

in temperature, and icing can occur.

Road agencies out west have been experimenting with solar panels to generate heat to keep both bridges and roads in tunnels from freezing over.

Unfortunately, we have too many cloudy days in our area for solar panels to be dependable for this problem.

Special temperature detection guns have been tried here. Salt truck drivers would use them when passing over a bridge to determine the temperature of the deck and the potential for freezing.

Again, the problem is that conditions can change rapidly after the truck has been there.

In Oakland County, the bridge that has had the worst problems from preferential icing has been the fly-over bridge from westbound I-696 to southbound M-275.

It is a high, long, sweeping bridge that curves. A bad combination.

On two different occasions in the last few years, 16 to 18 cars have piled up in a single accident.

Two different types of special detectors have been placed in the pavement on that bridge to try and detect conditions where icing may occur.

The detectors are connected to a computer in the Road Commission's maintenance office, and trucks are dispatched when indications are they are needed.

The system thus far has helped, but has not proven to be foolproof.

Please folks, until an absolutely foolproof solution can be found and installed everywhere, watch out for those bridges this winter.

'If it Fitz . . .'

Ticket is a ticket



Jim Fitzgerald

Mayor Coleman Young's press secretary phoned. So did Executive Deputy Police Chief James Bannon. They wanted to talk to me about a parking ticket. Crime in the city.

On Dec. 2, I related the experience Caroline Burger of St. Clair Shores had when she came downtown to see Detroit's Thanksgiving Day parade. She said she parked on the Monroe Block and didn't put any money in the meter because she was sure there was no charge on holidays. Several other parkers did the same thing. When they returned from the parade, there were \$20 tickets on their windshields.

I wrote that it was lousy for the city to take advantage of parade watchers, pointing out that "meter maids" don't work that area on other holidays or weekends when there's nothing to attract large crowds downtown. I said the officials responsible for such outrageous gouging of visitors should be ashamed of the damage they'd done to the city's image.

Bob Berg, who speaks to the media for Mayor Young, corrected me. He said parking meter enforcement is suspended on Thanksgiving Day and Burger was not parked at a meter, she was in a no-parking zone. Berg vs. Burger. This was getting exciting.

Berg also said the ticket wasn't issued by a meter maid; it came from a regular Detroit Police officer. Meter maids work for the Municipal Parking Department, headed by Helen Irving, and police officers work for the Detroit Police Department, headed by Chief William Hart and Deputy Chief Bannon. This is a distinction that's lost on average citizens such as Caroline Burger — they figure the uniforms are the same as a cop is a cop is a cop. But the difference is important to the Police Department. **Sock it to the ordinary slob.**

I found that out many years ago when I first began complaining about meter maids ticketing the cars of us ordinary slob while ignoring the nearby rampant illegal parking of members of plush private clubs. Police Department spokesmen told me they agreed that such discrimination was rotten, but they didn't have a thing to do with it: I should call Helen Irving at the Municipal Parking Department.

Which I did, to no avail. Irving isn't about to cross Mayor Young, who says double and triple parking is OK for private club member but not ordinary slob because the clubs have valet parkers but Hamburger Heaven doesn't. According to that logic, killer can escape justice by hiring hit men.

Anyway, Berg made an extra point by saying one of the Thanksgiving cars ticketed for being in a no-parking zone on the Monroe Block belonged to Helen Irving's brother. Because I've so often picked on Irving, I felt just terrible about my mistake. I was eager to write that the ticketed cars were not parked at Helen Irving's parking meters and I was beating my breast in a frenzy of mea culpas.

But first I double-checked with Caroline Burger. No way, she did. She and other ticketed cars were parked at meters on the north side of Monroe. The temporary signs forbidding parking before noon on parade day were on the south side.

Burger was right; Berg, too.

Who was telling me the truth, Berg or Burger? The tension was mounting.

The phone call from Deputy Chief Bannon supplied the definitive answer. Burger was right. She was ticketed while parked at a meter. Bannon said his office phoned an apology to Burger and told her to tear up the ticket.

But Berg wasn't all wrong. The ticket wasn't issued by a meter maid; it came from a police officer on loan to downtown from the 3d (Vernor) Precinct. The cop simply made a mistake, Bannon said.

I hope that settles that. Our world faces many huge, complex questions that must be answered if a decent society is to survive. A conscientious columnist obviously has much more important things to write about than parking tickets.

For instance, now that Mike Tyson has found Christ, does that mean Barbara Walters will interview both of them on TV?

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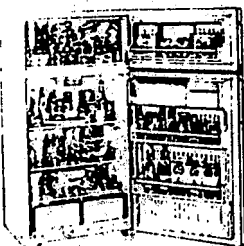
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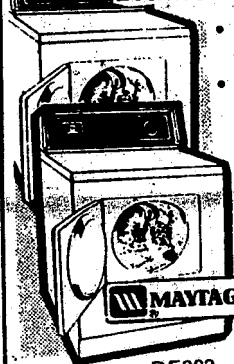


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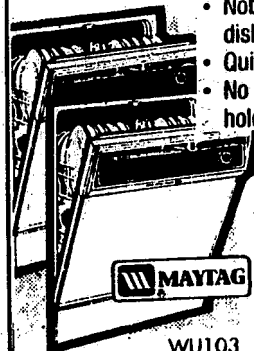
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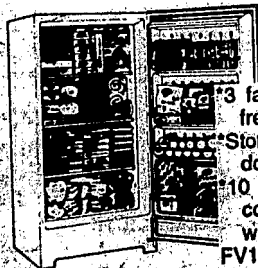


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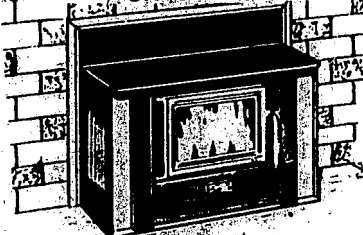


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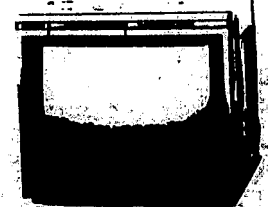
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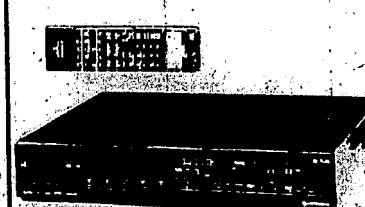


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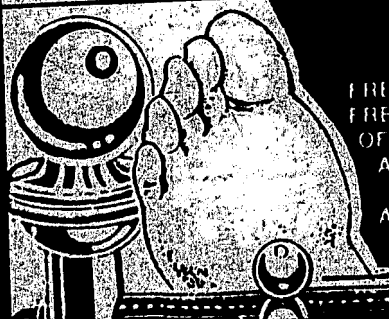
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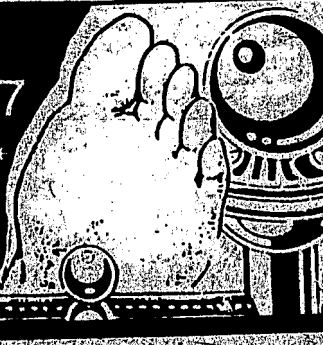
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1988

The year in review

JANUARY 6

The contract for a work and learn camp for juvenile property offenders is canceled when a suitable campsite cannot be procured.

The search begins for a new superintendent at Clarkston public schools.

JANUARY 13

Quintuplets are born to the L'Esperance family of Springfield Township -- the 15th living set the nation.

Former planning commission chairperson Neil Wallace rejects an plaque honoring his service and says he was 'dumped from the planning commission.'

JANUARY 20

Raises for 29 Clarkston school officials are agreed upon after 22 months of negotiations.

A 12-year-old Pontiac girl dies after suffering head injuries in a skiing accident at the Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Chairperson Joseph Figa voluntarily steps down from the helm at the planning commission to make way for Brent Bair.

JANUARY 27

Clarkston school district administrators recommend massive cutbacks for the '88-'89 school year.

The Clarkston Rotary club rejects its first female applicant.

FEBRUARY 3

Two Rotarians, Judge Gerald McNally and Clarkston News Advertising Director Stewart McTeer, resign from the club over its decision not to accept a female member.

Clarkston resident Clarence Catalo leaves a 23-year-career with E.F. Hutton to work at Paine Webber as senior vice president and manager of the North Central division.

The Deerwood III subdivision is given tentative preliminary plat approval by the Independence Township Planning Commission.

FEBRUARY 10

An episode of NBC-TV's 'Unsolved Mysteries' leads to an arrest of a Springfield Township couple wanted in connection with the murder of a Waterford township man in May of 1987.

FEBRUARY 17

The Clarkston Board of Education agrees to ask



AFTER THE FIRE at Tra-Tech Midwest is under control, firefighters cool down. The fire completely destroyed the Dixie Highway building. (File photo by Kathy Greenfield)

voters to approve a bond issue to fund repairs.

FEBRUARY 24

More than 100 Clarkston school district residents cram a school board public hearing to comment on proposed budget cuts.

The Village of Clarkston and Independence Township agree to contract for police coverage after 14 months of negotiations.

MARCH 2

Lake Oakland residents voice opposition to adding manmade fish spawning areas to replace those damaged by the stump removal at Lake Oakland which took place the previous fall.

MARCH 9

Thirteen non-union Independence Township employees receive raises of 4.5 percent or more for fall 1988.

A 53-year-old Independence Township woman is raped twice by the Oakland County ski mask rapist at her North Crest condominiums.

MARCH 16

Single copies of the Clarkston News go up to 35 cents.

Davisburg residents comment on downtown parking woes.

MARCH 23

The search for a Clarkston school superintendent

to replace retiring Milford Mason narrows to 11.

The last of the five L'Esperance quintuplets are released from the hospital to their Springfield Township home.

MARCH 30

The Independence Township planning commission approves the conceptual site plan for three office buildings on Sashabaw Road.

APRIL 6

A tornado touches down in Clarkston about 6:35 p.m. on Easter Sunday, leaving behind minor property damage, uprooted trees, and an angry fire chief when the sirens go off too late to warn residents.

APRIL 13

The Clarkston Board of Education unanimously approves two issues for the June 13 ballot--5.5 mills for operational purposes and a \$5.2 million dollar bond issue for repairs to existing school buildings.

A new Oakland County Sheriff's Department contract is approved by the Independence Township Board at an annual rate of \$62,030 for 12 deputies, or a total of \$737,435 for the year.

APRIL 20

Gary Haner is chosen as the new superintendent of Clarkston schools at a special meeting of the school board, to fill the position of retiring superintendent Milford Mason.

Two contaminated sites in Independence Township make the updated list of the 530 worst sites in Michigan and are prioritized to receive immediate action by the Department of Natural Resources, if the sites have not been addressed already.

APRIL 27

The Clarkston school board cuts 38 teaching staff members and two administrative positions from the payroll, and reassigns two other administrators due to the financial posture of the district.

Clarkston business owners speak out at the village council meeting April 25 about the erosion of the downtown shopping district, and what actions can be taken to stop it.

Clarkston residents near the Mill Pond express concern with the rising and falling levels of the Mill Pond. The Mill Pond cofferdam, owned by Ed Adler, controls the water level and is lowered in the spring and fall to prevent flooding. But Mother Nature doesn't cooperate this spring.

MAY 4

Plans are unveiled at a meeting of the Independence Township Planning Commission for a mall containing offices, retail stores and possibly a bank and restaurant on M-15 between Northview Drive and I-75.

New voter registrations pour in to the Independence Township Hall, over 500 of them, according to Clerk Richard Holman, an indication of the population growth of the area.

MAY 11

The Village of Clarkston pursues cityhood, and all seven village council members sign a petition along with 135 other village residents requesting that the State Boundary Commission consider the incorporation of the

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THE EASTER SUNDAY tornado uprooted trees wherever it went in Clarkston and Independence Township. No one was injured in the sudden storm. (File photo by Kathy Greenfield)

(From previous page)
village as a city.

The Clarkston Cafe expansion plans are approved at the May 9 village council meeting.

MAY 18

The issue of Clarkston village cityhood concerns Independence Township officials. Supervisor Frank Ronk says there are too many unanswered questions, and Clerk Richard Holman expresses concern over the relationship of the two governmental bodies.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Tim Doyle realizes a long-time dream when the township finalizes plans to purchase 49-acre Baycourt Camp as a multi-use township facility.

MAY 25

Improvements to Deer Lake Beach are put on hold until Independence Township and Clarkston Village can come to an agreement on the beach lease.

Almost 300 runners turn out for the second annual Fun Daze in Clarkston on May 21.

JUNE 1

Independence Township and Clarkston honor five residents, Artemus Pappas, Gar Wilson, Edward and Lila Fletcher, Beverly Short, and Stephen and Kelly Hudson, during the Michigan Week Community Awards breakfast on May 25.

Eleven retiring staff members of Clarkston Community Schools are honored during the fifth annual retirement dinner on May 25.

JUNE 8

Dale Stuart, eight-year member of the Independence Township board, calls it quits and blasts fellow officials for over spending.

Patricia Kramer, treasurer of Springfield Township since 1974, decides not to run for re-election in the fall, and three people throw their hat in the ring for the

treasurer's position.

JUNE 15

In a record turnout, school voters say yes to the 5.5 millage increase and \$5.2 bond issue in a two-to-one margin June 13. It is the third attempt at a millage increase, which failed twice in 1987.

An overturned fuel tanker on I-75 causes 30 homes to be evacuated on the afternoon of June 10. The expressway was closed in both directions for over five hours, causing massive traffic jams.

The school board happily recalls 40 teachers after the millage increase is approved by voters.

JUNE 22

It is announced that the overturned tanker which spilled jet fuel on June 10 may have contaminated ground water and specialists return to finish tests.

Tim Doyle resigns after serving as director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation for 17 years.

JUNE 29

A 14-year-old Springfield Township youth, Brandon Carnell, is charged with the June 22 murder of his father, mother and 11-year-old sister. The three were shot at their Andersonville Road home.

Plans for Clarkston Oaks, a shopping center on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road, are unveiled at the June 21 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

JULY 6

Libertarian candidate for vice president Andre Marrou visits Independence Township at the home of Tony and Doreen Wright, who are Libertarian Party candidates for U.S. Representative and Michigan State representative, respectively.

JULY 13

Janet Thomas is re-elected to her ninth term as

president of the Clarkston board of education.

Building in the first half of 1988 is strong -- with 264 building permits, lower than in 1986 and 1987, Independence Township's peak building years.

JULY 20

Teens, Jason Simpson and Chris Neighbors save the Main Street, Clarkston, residence of the Cook Family when they discover a fire in the basement and notify the fire department.

Clarkston Village Council Treasurer Artemus Pappas is asked to become Clarkston's first full-time manager.

Monitoring wells are installed at the end of Flemings Lake Road at the site of the June 10 fuel spill on I-75.

JULY 27

Lightning strikes the home of Bill and Jean Morse on Glenburnie Drive, Independence Township, burning the electrical wiring and blowing out drywall.

A six-car pileup on M-15, Independence Township, kills Faith Ann Matas, 33, of Independence Township and Helen Schneider, 59, of Waterford Township.

AUGUST 3

New Republican Party candidates Frank Millard and Mel Leroy Vaara win trustee positions on the Independence Township Board in the primary. Re-elected trustees are Daniel Travis and William Vandermark. Incumbent Carol Balzarini is defeated, and newcomer George Vitinaros does not win a seat either.

Lois Stiles beats fellow Republican (and former trustee) Ruth Ann Hines as their party's candidate for Springfield Township Treasurer. In Springfield's only other contested race in the primary, J. Calvin Walters wins over fellow Republican William Watkins for the clerk position.

Vandals damage the Nuernberg mausoleum at Lakeview Cemetery, White Lake Road, Independence Township.

AUGUST 10

A raging fire completely destroys Tra-Tech Midwest van conversion building on Dixie Highway, Springfield Township. The blaze caused over \$3 million in damages and requires help from neighboring fire departments to supply water.

A community water well system on Perry Lake Road, Independence Township, is randomly chosen for the testing of pesticides for an Environmental Protection Agency nationwide study.

AUGUST 17

Most of the 70 employees laid off when Tra-Tech Midwest van conversion plant burned to the ground June 10 are back to work in temporary quarters in Orion Township.

A 17-year-old girl is seriously injured in the face when someone throws a rock into the open window of her vehicle as she exits Pine Knob Music Theatre on Pine Knob Road, Independence Township.

AUGUST 24

A plan to extend Maybee Road through a proposed Great Scott shopping center on Dixie Highway, Independence Township, settles a lawsuit with a third party, Fox Corp., which developed Lancaster Apartments behind the proposed shopping center site and needed a safe access to Maybee Road before further development could occur, according to a planning commission decree.

AUGUST 31

Eight party stores in the area, including Hop-In on Clarkston Road and Quik Pik on M-15 in Independence Township, are cited for selling alcoholic beverages to minors.

The Clarkston School Board hires 29 new teachers to fill vacancies, meet higher enrollment needs and meet state guidelines for special education.

SEPTEMBER 7

T-Shirts and Neat Stuff, 20 Depot Street restaurant, and Ritter's Market in the Clarkston area go out of business.

An abandoned farm house on Reese Road, Independence Township, completely burns in fire. Partying teens are suspected to have caused the blaze.

All-sixth-graders are housed in junior high school this year, as the first step toward a middle school concept in Clarkston Schools.

SEPTEMBER 14

David Perry, 44, of Independence Township, is killed in a hit-and-run accident on I-75 in Auburn Hills.

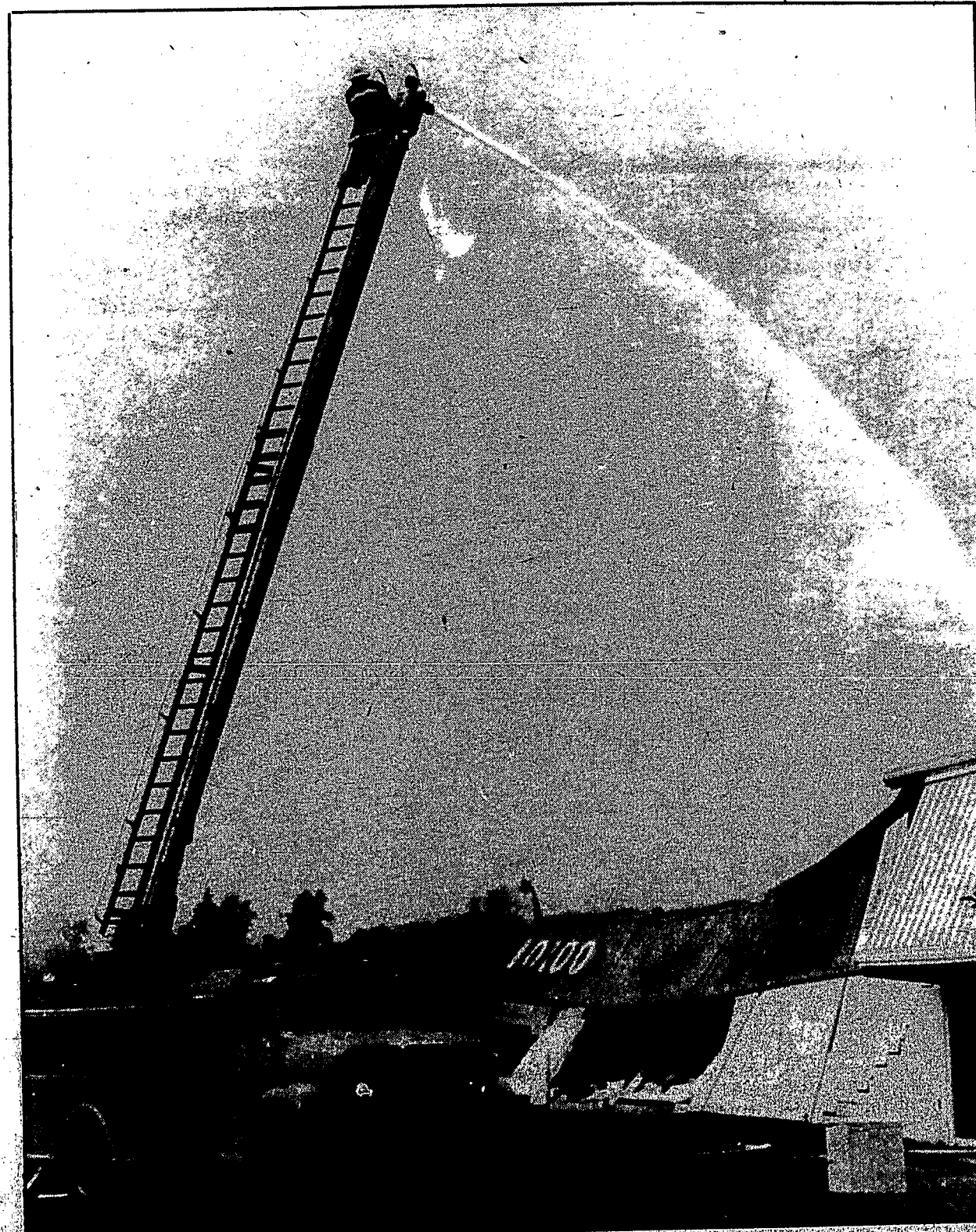
Arsonists damage the gazebo in the Clarkston Village Park, Depot Street, and council members vote to install a motion detector.

Clarkston High School student David Bookie is seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on Dixie Highway, Waterford Township.

SEPTEMBER 21

Officials from the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township meet to discuss the proposed village

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STEEL BEAMS melted and bent in the Midwest van conversion plant, Dixie Highway, Springfield Township. Intense heat of the August fire at Tra-Tech

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cityhood.

Clarkston schools bus driver Rose Grable travels to Seoul as a boxing judge.

SEPTEMBER 28

A building to sort cardboard for recycling is approved in concept by the Independence Township Planning Commission. The White Lake Road project is proposed by Waterford Township Supervisor Robert Hoffman and his two brothers.

OCTOBER 5

Less than two months after an Aug. 3 fire completely destroyed Springfield Township's Tra-Tech Midwest factory, the new building is already taking shape.

OCTOBER 12

Mark Hetherington and Kellee Duty reign as Homecoming King and Queen for Clarkston High School.

OCTOBER 19

A string of burglaries in rural Independence Township baffle detectives from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Helping others is their goal, and the 350 participants in the annual SCAMP walk gather \$18,000 in pledges for the summer camp that serves 200 handicapped children and young adults from northern Oakland County.

Thieves steal a \$2,000 cellular phone from a car owned by Richard Thompson, the assistant Oakland County Prosecutor. The phone was county owned.

OCTOBER 26

Five years of decreasing enrollment contributes to the decision to close the doors of the University of Detroit-Clarkston campus after the Class of 1989 graduates in May.

NOVEMBER 9

Starting Monday, Nov. 14, 9-1-1 is the number to call for any emergency--whenever fire, police or medical attention is needed.

Following a closed session, the Clarkston Board of Education votes 4-3 to terminate a five-year contract with Charles Sherman Associates Inc., architects for the Clarkston school district.

Owners of the Food Town grocery store consider a move to the southwest corner of Sashabaw and Waldon

roads, although no specific plans are submitted.

Republican Lois Stiles wins the treasurer's position in Springfield Township with a narrow 13-vote victory over Democrat Joe Gorka.

Independence Township voters approve the police millage renewal request and the library bond proposal but soundly defeat the Baycourt Park millage request.

NOVEMBER 16

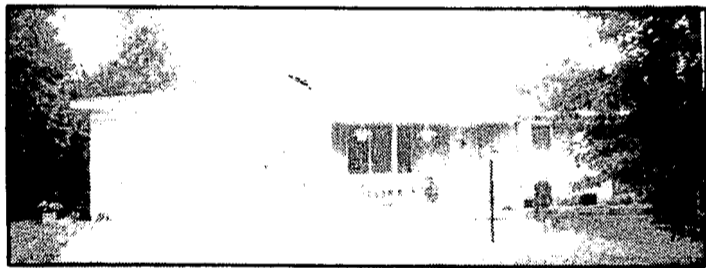
A gun-wielding masked man attempts to rob a Clarkston Road, Independence Township, pizza shop but does not succeed.

NOVEMBER 23

The suspect charged with raping a Cleveland, Ohio, (Continued on next page)

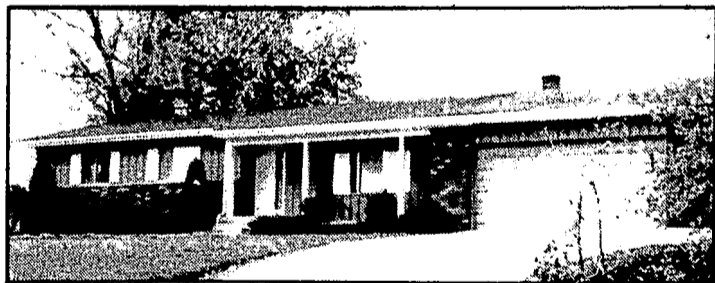


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 woman is also the prime suspect in the March 5 rape of a 53-year-old Independence Township woman.

While three different activities were going on in Clarkston Junior High, a flasher makes a brief appearance outside several windows. He was wearing nothing more than a black turtleneck and was carrying red underwear.

Precision Pipe, an Independence Township concrete pipe manufacturing company is fined \$1 million for conspiring to fix prices on seven construction projects.

High praise accompanied a 6-0 vote to hire Ann Conklin of Howell as the second director of the Independence Township's Parks and Recreation Department.

Clarkston Board of Education President Janet Thomas now presides over the Oakland County School Board Association as well.

NOVEMBER 30

Owners of the Mount Holly Ski Area purchase the Pine Knob Ski Area.

The State Boundary Commission hears arguments for and against village cityhood during a public hearing in village hall. A decision won't be made for a year, commission members say after the meeting.

Minus one building, plans for site condominiums on Deer Lake are once again up for consideration before village and township planners.

DECEMBER 7

Property owners protest Sashabaw Road sewer special assessment.

DECEMBER 14

The fate of Brandon Carnell, a 14-year-old Springfield Township boy charged with the June 22 shooting of his father, mother and 11-year-old sister, now rests with the Michigan Department of Social Services.

A man walking along I-75 near the M-15 intersection is killed Dec. 6 after being struck from the rear by a car.

Lab reports confirming rabies in a cat found in Auburn Hills prompt warnings from animal control officials.

A gun-toting motorist is reported on M-15, Independence Township.

A plan to rezone a portion of Independence Township property to make way for apartments met with almost unanimous opposition from residents and planning commission members Dec. 9.

DECEMBER 21

Sashabaw Junior High School is chosen as one of the top 10 middle schools in the state through the Michigan Department of Education Exemplary School Program.

Alexi Bruni and several other people buy the Pine Knob golf course, residential development and restaurants.

Melanie Roseberry makes it as far as the hospital parking lot before giving birth to Mandy Lynn in her van. A fire erupting in a chimney at a residence on

Whipple Lake Road injures firefighter Randy Harless. The historical Boothby home is moved from the corner of White Lake Road and Dixie Highway to Main Street, Clarkston.



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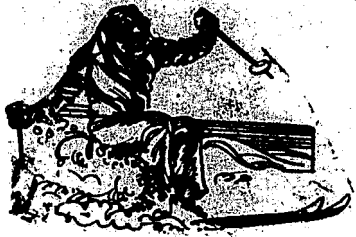
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Scoreboard

Winter sports schedules



JV & VARSITY SKIING

Jan. 12	Andover	Home 4:00
Jan. 18	Lake Orion	Home 4:00
Jan. 19	Rochester Adams	Home 4:00
Jan. 23	Rochester	Home 4:00
Jan. 25	Detroit Cntry. Day	Home 4:00
Jan. 27	Thomas Meet/JV	Away -
Jan. 30	Lahser/Mott	Home -
Feb. 1	Cranbrook	Home 4:00
Feb. 2	Divisional	Home -
Feb. 6	Gnt. Sla. Derb. (g)	Home -
Feb. 7	Gnt. Sla. Derb. (b)	Home -
Feb. 9	League/Holly	Away -
Feb. 16	Region/Brighton	Away -
Feb. 20	Gnt. Sla. (g)	Home -
Feb. 21	Gnt. Sla. (b)	Home -
Feb. 27	State Meet	Away -

JV & VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Jan. 7	Walled Lake	Away 9:00
Jan. 9	Waterford Mott	Home 6:00
Jan. 11	Waterford Ket.	Away 6:00
Jan. 16	Rochester Adams	Away 6:30
Jan. 21	JV/Waverly Trn.	Away -
Jan. 23	Pontiac Northern	Home 6:00
Jan. 25	Lake Orion	Away 6:00
Jan. 28	JV/Walled Lk. C.	Away 9:00
Jan. 28	Rochester Trn.	Away -
Jan. 30	Brandon	Away 6:00
Feb. 1	Mott	Away 6:00
Feb. 4	JV Invitational	Home 9:00
Feb. 6	Waterford Ket.	Home 6:00
Feb. 8	Pontiac Northern	Away 6:00
Feb. 11	Varsity Invt.	Home 9:00
Feb. 13	Lake Orion	Home 6:00
Feb. 15	Brandon	Home 6:00
Feb. 20	Avondale	Away 6:30
Feb. 28	Pre-district	Away -
Feb. 28	Imlay City	Away 6:00
March 4	District	Away -
March 11	Regional	Away -

SASH 7/8th BASKETBALL

Jan. 19	Brandon	Home 4:00
Jan. 24	Clarkston	Home 4:00
Jan. 31	Crary	Away 4:00
Feb. 2	Pierce	Home 4:00
Feb. 7	Brandon	Away 4:00
Feb. 9	Lake Orion	Home 4:00
Feb. 14	Mason	Away 4:00
Feb. 16	Clarkston	Away 4:00
Feb. 21	Crary	Home 4:00
Feb. 23	Lake Orion	Away 4:00

CJH 7/8th BASKETBALL

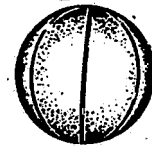
Jan. 19	Lake Orion	Away 4:00
Jan. 24	Sashabaw	Away 4:00
Jan. 26	Brandon	Home 4:00
Feb. 2	Lake Orion	Home 4:00
Feb. 7	Crary	Away 4:00
Feb. 9	Mason	Home 4:00
Feb. 14	Pierce	Away 4:00
Feb. 16	Sashabaw	Home 4:00
Feb. 21	Brandon	Away 4:00
Feb. 23	Pierce	Home 4:00

Springfield Christian Varsity Wrestling

Jan. 5	Goodrich	Away 5:00
Jan. 10	W.O.L.L.	Home 6:00
Jan. 12	Lutheran NW	Away 6:00
Jan. 14	Oxford Invt.	Away 8:00
Jan. 17	Lutheran NW	Away 6:00
Jan. 19	Cranbrook	Away 4:00
Jan. 21	Oakland Catholic	Away 8:00
Jan. 24	Cranbrook	Away 4:00
Jan. 26	Fairhaven Invt.	Away -
Jan. 30	Home meet	Home 6:00
Feb. 2	Fairlane Christian	Away 5:30

Springfield Christian Varsity Volleyball

Jan. 6	United Christian	Away 6:00
Jan. 7	S.C.A. Invt.	Home 4:00
Jan. 14	Eagle Cup Invt.	Home 9:00
Jan. 17	Plymouth Christian	Home 9:00
Jan. 20	Genesee Christian	Away 5:00
Jan. 24	Valley Christian	Home 6:30
Jan. 27	Inter-City	Home 5:00
Jan. 28	Faith Invt.	Away -
Jan. 31	Faith/Davison	Home 5:00
Feb. 2	Holy Rosary	Away 8:00
Feb. 6	Whitmore Lake	Away 6:30
Feb. 7	Oakland Christian	Away 5:00
Feb. 9	Greenhills	Away 5:00
Feb. 11	Feb. Invt.	Home 9:00
Feb. 17	Greater Life	Home 3:30
Feb. 21	Clinton St.	Home 5:30



CJH WRESTLING

Dec. 19	Imlay City	Away 6:00
Jan. 4	Mason	Home 6:00
Jan. 6	Lake Orion Trn.	Away 4:00
Jan. 11	Lake Orion	Away 4:00
Jan. 16	Crary	Home 6:00
Jan. 18	Brandon	Away 4:00
Jan. 23	Sashabaw	Home 7:00
Jan. 25	Pierce	Home 6:00
Feb. 1	Mason	Away 4:00
Feb. 6	Lake Orion	Home 6:00
Feb. 8	Crary	Away 4:00
Feb. 13	Brandon	Home 6:00
Feb. 15	Sashabaw	Away 6:00



SASH WRESTLING

Jan. 6	Lake Orion Trn.	Away 4:00
Jan. 9	Brandon	Home 6:00
Jan. 11	Mason	Away 4:00
Jan. 16	Pierce	Away 4:00
Jan. 18	Imlay City	Home 6:00
Jan. 23	Clarkston	Away 7:00
Jan. 25	Lake Orion	Away 4:00
Jan. 30	Crary	Home 6:00
Feb. 1	Brandon	Away 4:00
Feb. 6	Mason	Home 6:00
Feb. 8	Pierce	Home 6:00
Feb. 15	Clarkston	Home 6:00

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Sports

Triumphs, defeats in sports

Area athletes from Clarkston High School, Springfield Christian and various others enjoyed much success during 1988 as well as a few notable pitfalls. The following is a quick look back at the highlights.

JANUARY 13

The ski teams at Clarkston High School opened the 1988 season with victories over Bloomfield Andover at the Pine Knob Ski Resort.

JANUARY 20

Dan Souheaver, bumped up from the 198-pound class at the last moment, defeats his heavyweight opponent to help the CHS varsity wrestling team down Greater Oakland Activities League rival Waterford Kettering 39-33.

JANUARY 27

Kristy King, a Springfield Township resident, wins a youth performance award from the American Quarter Horse Association for her outstanding ability during 1987.

Sashabaw Junior High beats rival Clarkston 52-29 in ninth-grade basketball at Clarkston High School. Derek Raymond scored 17 points for the victors.

The Clarkston High School ski teams finish the dual meet season with second-place performances.

FEBRUARY 24

Dave London and Jason Campbell qualify for the state wrestling meet breaking a five-year drought for Clarkston High School.

Both ski teams at CHS qualify for the state meet.

Clarkston High School's pom pon squad placed sixth in a competition at Livonia Franklin to earn a shot at a state championship.

Lomus Brown, an offensive lineman for the Detroit Lions, speaks to student-athletes at Clarkston High School about the values of a good college education.

Clarkston Junior High beat rival Sashabaw Junior High 15-7, 15-11 in ninth-grade volleyball to end the season on a high note.

Both London and Campbell won matches at the state wrestling meet before they were eliminated.

The CHS Pom Pon squad took 10th during a state competition involving other Class A schools.

MARCH 9

Clarkston High School's cheerleaders finish 11th out of 24 schools competing in a Class A state meet.

The Clarkston Wrestling Club won 17 medals including four first-place awards at a Mid-Michigan Association meet in Walled Lake over the Weekend.

Clarkston High beats GOAL champion Lake Orion 64-59 in the opening round of boys basketball district play at CHS.

The varsity volleyball team closes out the season in the districts against GOAL foe Lake Orion at Rochester.

Capping one of its best seasons ever, the girls ski team at CHS finishes fifth best in the state.

The boys ski team wound up 10th in the state meet.

Exercise sign-up

Independence Township's Parks and Recreation Department is to sponsor an aerobics class at township hall beginning Jan. 3.

Rebecca Craig is to teach the classes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Times are 7 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 to 10 a.m. on the weekend. Fees are \$40 for two times a week and \$45 for three times per week for the 12-week course.

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

Hoopsters sought

Women basketball players are needed to form teams for the Independence Township women's 15 & over three-on-three basketball league.

The Thursday evening games will be played at North Sashabaw Elementary School. The games are scheduled to begin Jan. 5 and will run 10 weeks.

The cost to participate is \$15 per player. To register, call 625-8223.



B.J. DELONEY advances the ball downfield for the varsity soccer team during a road

game against Oxford in 1988. The Wolves finished with a 7-10-1 record.

MARCH 16

Springfield Christian reaches the Midwest Regional Championship game before dropping out of the American Association of Christian Schools tournament against Faith Baptist.

Pontiac Northern's 69-56 victory in district play knocks the CHS varsity basketball team out of the playoffs.

Kite Painting, an Independence Township Parks and Recreation basketball team, wins the Men's American Open League championship.

Softball coach Carla Teare wins the women's open title in the Bud Light National Paddleball Association Singles Championships at Davison Racquet Club.

Dean Moscovic, an Independence Township teen, finishes with a perfect 57-0 record in wrestling for Brother Rice.

MARCH 30

Brandon Rank, of the Clarkston Wrestling Club, brought home a state title from a tourney in Hartland.

Eight members from the Clarkston Force Karate Club won 19 medals during the 14th annual Moo-Duk-Kwan Tae Kwon Do championships in St. Louis.

Dr. Daniel Bielak, who runs the Clarkston Family and Sports Medicine Clinic with Michael Therriault, is named the drug control chief for the United States Olympic Committee, Sports Medicine Division.

APRIL 13

Arron Grant, Armin Michelsen and Jeff DeRoseau all were victorious in the Clarkston Wrestling Club's final meet as a team this season.

APRIL 20

The girls soccer team at CHS opens the season with a 0-0 deadlock against powerful league foe Lake Orion.

APRIL 27

Joe Sanders' Clarkston Force Karate Club wins 42 trophies at the 16th annual Tae Kwon Do Karate Championships in Youngstown, Ohio.

Arron Grant and Franco Vega win state championships for the Clarkston Wrestling Club during the Michigan Wrestling Federation Tournament.

Timothy Hewelt, a teacher at Sashabaw Junior High School, wins a ribbon and plaque during the Plymouth All-American Ski Series in Colorado.

MAY 18

The girls track team at CHS wins its own invitational in a breeze. The nearest competition finished 30 points away.

MAY 25

Kelly DuPree and Mike Barnes are named the Clarkston High representatives on the All-Academic GOAL team.

With a tremendous rally, the girls soccer team ties powerful Brandon 4-4 to prevent the Blackhawks from winning the league title.

The boys tennis team wins the GOAL for the third time in four years after outscoring Waterford Mott 36-34 in the league meet.

JUNE 1

West Bloomfield eliminated the CHS girls soccer team from the playoffs with a 4-1 victory. The Wolves finish with a 6-3-4 record.

JUNE 8

Varsity basketball coach Dan Fife wins a bronze Select Circle award from the Frankline Insurance Company due to his outstanding record.

(See HIGHS, Page 19)

Time Out

Practice

Peter Auchter



Most of the time, well let's say all of the time, I'm a spectator at sporting events. Either it's on my free time for enjoyment or during working hours when I get paid to enjoy it.

During the summer, I decided to end the streak by signing up to play softball in a Rochester Hills recreation league with a bunch of college buddies. A group of sporty Walter Mittys.

My athletic hormones were just getting warmed up when the season ended, so off I went in search of something else. One day, a note from the township's parks and recreation department detailing registration for a men's basketball league crossed my desk.

I jumped at the opportunity to round up a bunch of college buddies and hit the court in search of exercise and a few victories--the softball experience didn't go over too well.

Two weeks into the season, the basketball season remarkably resembles softball. We must be doing something wrong. Nobody can have that

much bad luck.

Hours before the game, we get geeked, we arrive at the gym and give 110 percent. Then we go home, wondering what went wrong.

But then something remarkable happened. We decided to buck tradition and began practicing on a semi-regular basis. What a wonderful change!

Now I know why coaches push their players through all those silly looking drills, day after day after day. It helps to improve the squad. It helps teams win games.

All the running, jumping and conditioning exercises come in handy during the games. It's a little hard to shoot straight when it feels as though your lungs were scorched with a flamethrower seconds before. Ouch, that smarts.

Yes, Virginia there is more to basketball than

shooting a bouncing ball into a medal hoop. A lot more as many a weekend warrior will gladly tell you.

Since we're in the midst of a three-week layoff in the rec league due to the holidays, I don't know for sure if our little practices will help us but it sure has brightened my outlook.

Watching basketball on the tube, either the Pistons or a college game, it seems like an easy game to master. Run down the court, shoot the ball in the basket, run back down the court and wait to get the ball back and then run back down the court and shoot it again. All very simple.

But on the court, I can see the mythical game-within-a-game unfold right in front of your face. If you're not careful, it'll happen right in your face.

Oh well, at least it's good exercise and a little more exciting than your average aerobics class.

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Year in review

Highs, lows of Clarkston area sports

(HIGHS, from Page 17)

Rob Laurie, a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High, accepts a scholarship to play hockey for NCAA Division I school Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Another CHS grad, Jeff Tunge, decides to accept a scholarship offer from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, also a Division I school, to play baseball.

The varsity softball team closes its season with a 2-1 loss to Rochester in the districts.

JUNE 29

Chad Hetherington, while pitching for in the Independence Parks and Recreation Pony League, throws a no-hitter.

Corey Bildstein and Jayson Buchmann place 1-2 in the annual Oakland County Junior Invitational golf outing at Springfield and White Lake Oaks.

JULY 6

Corey Olsen, pitching in the parks and recreation Pony League, throws a no-hitter.

JULY 20

Jill Attaman, Jessica Doty, Bethany Rayner and Kelly Raup teamed to win the 400-meter relay race for a state title in the Hershey Track and Field Meet in

Howell.

AUGUST 10

Thanks to an impressive performance at Oakland University, Rochester, the CHS Pom-Pom squad earned the right to perform at the 1989 Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

AUGUST 24

The Clarkston Merchants senior citizen softball team wins the right to represent Michigan during the national World Series in St. Louis, Mo. next year.

AUGUST 31

Leona Revoldt, an Independence Township senior, wins two medals and two ribbons in the Senior Olympics in Southfield.

SEPTEMBER 7

Herb Rose, of Clarkston, wins an award for riding a human-powered vehicle the farthest distance to an annual human-powered vehicle competition at the Waterford Hills Road Racing track in Independence Township.

SEPTEMBER 14

The Clarkston Chiefs little league football team opens its season with a victory on the junior varsity level and losses by the freshman and varsity squads.

Clarkston Junior High beats rival Sashabaw 30-8 in ninth-grade football at Clarkston High School.

SEPTEMBER 28

The Clarkston Force Karate Club began its season a winner at the annual Midwestern Invitational Tae Kwon Do championships.

OCTOBER 12

Sashabaw Junior High tops rival Clarkston Junior High 30-19 in a ninth-grade girls basketball game.

OCTOBER 19

The girls cross country team wins the GOAL title with an unbeaten record after beating Brandon.

OCTOBER 26

Justin Dionne, of Independence Township, wins three separate Punt, Pass and Kick competitions to earn a trip to the Silverdome for the state finals.

NOVEMBER 2

The junior varsity football team completes its first unbeaten season under Coach John Craven's guidance with a win over North Farmington.

Sashabaw survives a battle in the Mud Bowl to beat rival Clarkston 14-8 at Clarkston High School in ninth-grade football.

NOVEMBER 16

Kim White ends her basketball career at Springfield Christian in style by scoring 35 points during a 72-58 thrashing of Flint Holy Rosary.

NOVEMBER 30

The Clarkston High School varsity cheerleaders win the right to compete in a national competition in Nashville, Tenn. during the Christmas holidays.

DECEMBER 21

Shawn Burr, of the Detroit Red Wings, speaks to CHS students about the benefits of the college education.

Clarkston wins its third straight of the season, topping rival Sashabaw 71-67 in a wild ninth-grade basketball game at Clarkston Junior High.

The varsity wrestling team surprises everybody with a strong third-place finish in the Oakland County meet.

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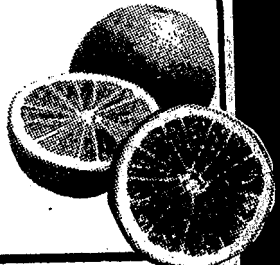
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RAYMOND AND MICHELE L'Esperance sit in the living room of their Springfield Township home with their 11-month-old quintuplets, (from left) Raymond, Danielle, Erica, Veronica, and Alexandria. At right is a high school student who helps them, Stephanie Acker.

And their three big brothers

Christmas with the quints

BY PAT YOUNG
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care ... and at the L'Esperance house in Springfield Township, that pretty well fills the mantel.

There were five little stockings for the country's first "test-tube" quintuplets, 11-month-old Alexandria, Veronica, Raymond, Danielle and Erica.

Then there were three more for the other L'Esperance children, Larry, 8, Christopher, 5, and Brian, 3, and two for dad and mom, Raymond and Michele L'Esperance.

The L'Esperances had a mini press conference at their 2,800-square-foot home on Hall Road near Davisburg when Santa (alias Independence Township resident Bill O'Brien) came to visit the quints for their first Christmas.

Clarkston Santa visits quints

Bill O'Brien enjoys Christmas--not for himself, but for the people he can bring smiles to when he plays Santa Claus.

It's an annual event for the Independence Township resident who operates Clarkston Decorators. And one he comes by naturally.

Bill's father, who passed away earlier this year, was an annual Santa in the Chicago area where Bill lived before coming to Michigan. Now Bill's brother, Tim, has taken over the Chicago Santa job of his father. And two years ago Bill began a new facet to the family tradition in the Clarkston area. For the whole family, it's a volunteer job.

On Dec. 22, Santa, alias Bill, visited the L'Esperance quintuplets in Springfield Township. It was

The quints are "a little more work than can be imagined."

Raymond L'Esperance

Santa's visit was brief. He left each child with a gift and departed to visit other good little girls and boys. But the cameras and microphones and lights before which the babies smiled and played remained for half an hour

one visit in a busy holiday schedule.

Also this season, he visited children in the nursery school of United Methodist Church, Rotary Club holiday activities, and other local events. He visited nursing homes and hospitals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

On Christmas morning, he even visited a little boy who was sick and didn't get a chance to see Santa.

Some people call him for his Santa services (625-8257), and sometimes Bill calls around himself to see who needs a Santa. He also collects candy and gifts to give out during visits.

"I feel it's more beneficial to visit others on Christmas than have Christmas for myself," he said.

on the afternoon of Dec. 22.

The babies have to be used to the spotlight by now. They made international headlines last Jan. 11 when they were born at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. They are believed to be the world's first quintuplets conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

Even under normal circumstances, they would have been unique. The odds of having quintuplets are one in 50 million, and the L'Esperance quints, when born, became the 15th complete living set born in the United States.

As their first Christmas approached, things were getting pretty exciting at the L'Esperance home.

"We got the tree up a couple of days ago and the presents wrapped yesterday," said Raymond.

The quints are "a little more work than can be (See QUINTS, next page)

Reflections

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The Clarkston News

Wednesday, December 28, 1988

Quints enjoy first Christmas

(QUINTS, from previous page)

imagined" he said, but they are all doing wonderfully, with no complications remaining from their premature births. And each has his or her own personality.

Dressed in velvet Christmas outfits, the five babies provided constant motion in the living room where the tree was lit and a fire crackled in the fireplace.

Veronica, the slowest to develop because she had hip displasia, is catching up fast. The baby with big dark curls pulled herself up on the coffee table of the living room.

Danielle has straight dark hair, and Raymond is quiet and blond. Alexandria is the ham, and Erica is the one they call "wild woman," because she is non-stop motion.

Living up to her name, Erica explored ornaments on the tree and anything else she could get to in the room.

Raymond is a corrections officer with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, currently working mid-night shift.

The cost of raising the babies is unbelievable, he said. "Just buying shoes at about \$6, times five, it all adds up."

Michele has returned to work, helping with the cost. She is a counselor at a women's shelter in Macomb County.

Michele works two midnight shifts and one afternoon shift.

Sometimes they go to work together, Raymond said, when they both have midnight shifts the same night.

The L'Esperances have a full-time helper, Darlene Venner, who is very good with the babies, he added. They

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also have a Holly high school student, Stephanie Acker, and others who come in to help with the babies.

They also have their own older children to help out. "It's kinda good, kinda fun," said 8-year-old Larry, sitting on the couch watching the commotion. He helps with the babies and said, "They're nice. They sleep a lot and sometimes cry."

Raymond and Michele "splurged" by buying all the kids Christmas outfits, including the three older children, and all have special Santa pajamas for Christmas Eve.

The quint's first Christmas would be "the same as mine when I was growing up," Michele said. "Music, family and food. It's for the kids. That's what Christmas is all about."

Obituary

Corrine E. Neahusan

Corrine E. Neahusan, 85, of Pontiac died Dec. 24. Mrs. Neahusan was a homemaker and a member of a Catholic church.

She is survived by her son, James A. Forrest of Brohman; sister, Lee Croze of Fla.; brother, Henry Croze of Fla.; and dear friend, Edward Hite of Pontiac.

Mrs. Neahusan was cremated. Memorials may be made to Danny Thomas St. Jukes Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements were made by Goyette Funeral Home, Clarkston.



Village of Clarkston

The Clarkston Village Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on January 12, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48016, to re-open Case # 95. An appeal by Ed. Adler, 20 West Washington Street (Mills Mall). Applicant request a variance to erect a free standing sign approximately 10 ft. tall with inside written measurements 4x8 ft. The sign is approximately 10 feet from the building on east edge of the property line.

James Schultz
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Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD will hold a SECOND READING at their regular meeting on Thursday, January 12, 1989, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan. The 2ND READING will cover the following changes to Zoning Ordinance #26: Article XIV, Section 14.21 Emergency Temporary Dwellings. 2. (b) (3) Change to read: The temporary dwelling unit shall comply with all applicable Zoning District requirements, including setback, area, bulk and other requirements, except minimum house size requirements set forth in Section 14.19.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that zoning ordinance texts may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the 2ND READING.

J. Calvin Walters, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield



SYNOPSIS OF ACTION

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE Charter Township of Independence December 20, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Ronk.

Roll Call: Present: Holman, Lutz, Millard, Ronk, Travis, Vaara.

Absent: Vandermark.

Mr. Vandermark arrived at 7:50 p.m.

1. Approval of the agenda with the deletion of the Elected Officials Salary Discussion.

2. Approval of payment of bills in the amount of \$1,003,342.10.

3. Approval of motion to authorize the issuance of purchase orders in the amount of \$59,548.53.

4. Under public forum, Mary Kasky asked when the Elected Officials Salary Discussion would be placed back on the agenda.

5. Approval of 1989 budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds.

6. Approval of motion to amend the 1988 budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds.

7. Approval of motion to authorize the DPW Director to post a Clerk I position.

8. Approval of resolution designating certain banks and savings and loan institutions as depositories of Township taxes.

9. Approval of motion to promote Sheryl Schreefel to Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation effective December 21, 1988.

10. Approval of motion to authorize the March of Dimes to conduct a Clarkston Walk Route on Sunday, April 30, 1989, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

11. Approval of motion to adjourn, the time being 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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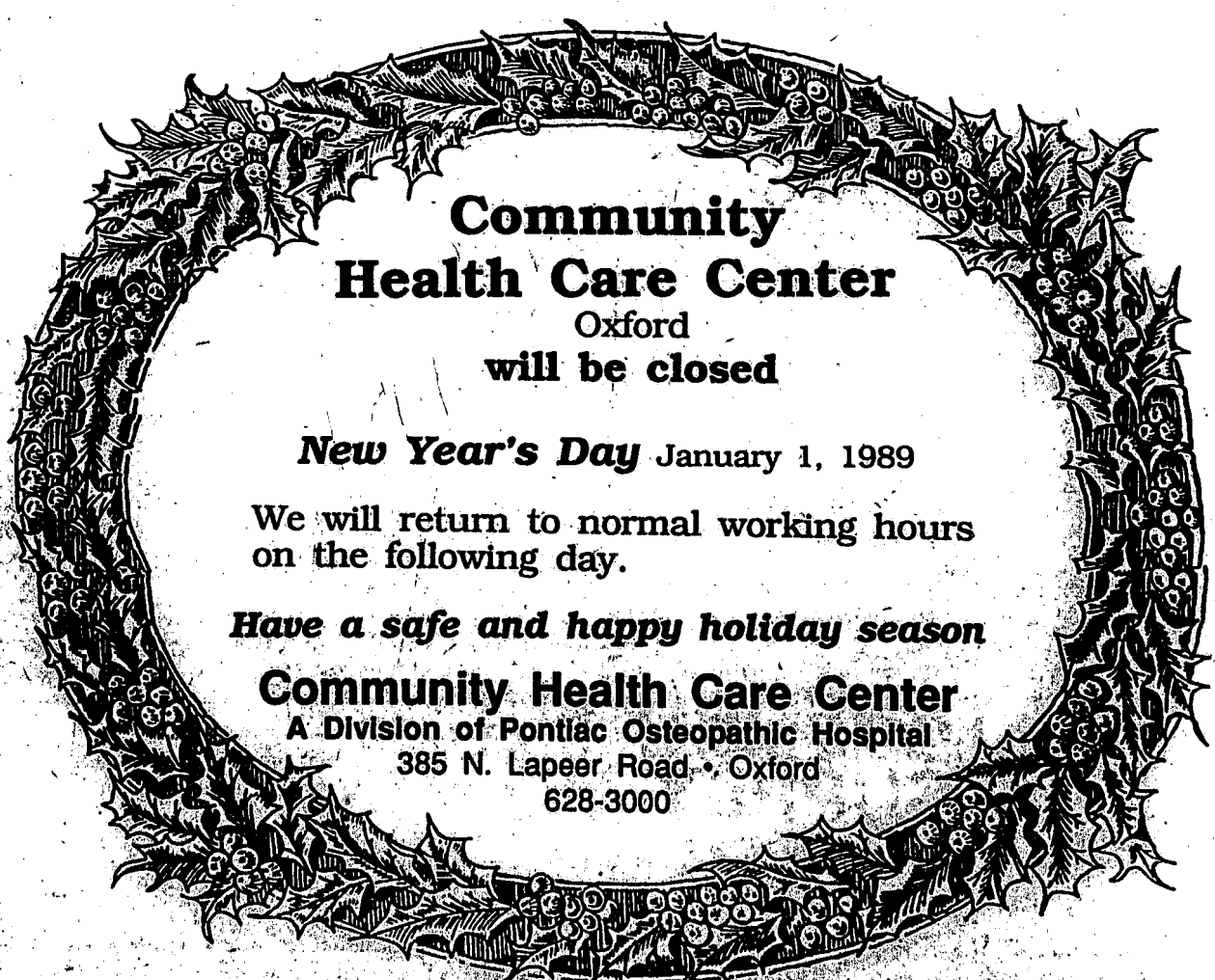
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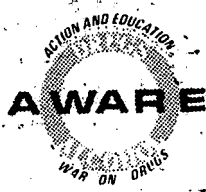
We will return to normal working hours on the following day.

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Friend to Friend

What do you want from college?



Dear Friend to Friend:

I am a senior in high school with a good academic record. I have never really had to work very hard to get A's and B's.

People think I'm pretty smart, so I'm really worried about the college I go to. I am afraid to pick an extremely difficult one because of the hard work involved, and if I pick an "easy" one (if there is such a thing), I don't want people (including my parents) to say I'm being lazy or wimping out.

I've applied to two colleges. The difficult one is a wait and see admission (I've fulfilled one step of two required), and the "easy one" has accepted me. Can you please offer some advice? I could use another opinion. **Big Fish in a Little Pond or Vice Versa**

Dear Big Fish:

Maybe choosing between a "hard" and an "easy" college isn't the best way to make this kind of decision. We would suggest that you look at your priorities in terms of what courses interest you, the location of the school, the size of the school, and the type of living arrangements offered.

While doing this, please keep in mind that during your first year of college you will be taking basic courses, and if you find that you've selected the "wrong" college for you, you can transfer to another school.

But the first year gives you a chance to learn more about college life and to build your confidence to make decisions like this.

Going away to college is a big change and many seniors get panicky about their future and making the "right" decision.

The reality is that you can do well in life no matter what college you attend. However, go to a college for the

right reason. Take a close look at what YOU want from a college, and base your final decision on what's right for you rather than what will look good to your friends, your parents and your acquaintances.

Calvary hosts festival

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church will host a Festival of Hymns and Organ next month featuring guest organist William Passavant Roth.

The professor of Music at Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisc. will play new Calvary's new Bradford-Ahlborn computer organ on Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Professor Roth served in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific and joined the Carthage faculty in 1957 after receiving a degree from Northwestern University.

There is no charge for the festival but an offering will be received. The church is located at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Independence Township.

Pet of the Week



LADY is a distinctive dog. (Photo by Peter Auchter)

Lady is elegant

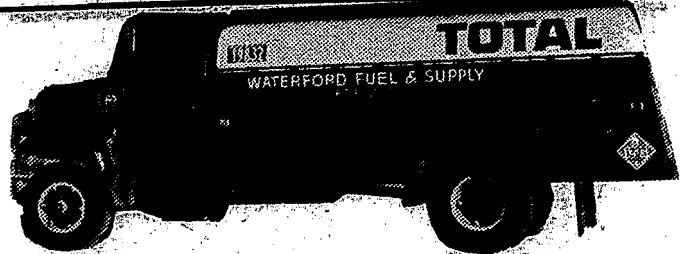
She's a big girl with a heart to match. Lady, a 4-year-old Borzoi loves people. She's friendly, playful and loves to be the center of attention.

But she would be best in a one-pet household, and definitely does not like cats.

Lady is a pure-bred, with curly hair, mostly white with some tan patches. And she is already spayed.

Lady can be adopted at the Michigan Humane Society, 3600 Auburn Rd., Auburn Heights, 852-7420. Hours at the non-profit shelter are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is closed on holidays.

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Grads

Eleven Clarkston area residents received degrees from Oakland University, Rochester, at the end of the fall semester.

From Independence Township, **Eva H. Clark** of Old Cove earned a master's degree in counseling; **Carolyn D. Harrison** of Thornhill Drive earned a master's degree in English; **Corazon E. Hulleza** of Fox Chase Lane earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing; **Matthew M. Pambid** of Kingfisher earned a bachelor of science degree in human resources and development; **Deborah A. Stoglin** of Deerhill Court earned a bachelor of art degree in psychology; **John E. Tisch** of Cherrylawn earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering; **Diane C. Brutzer** of Waterford Hill Terrace earned a bachelor of science degree in human resources development; **Darlene K. Fields** of Windiate Park Drive earned a bachelor of science degree in finance; and **Teresa J. Gardner** of Tuson Boulevard earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

From Springfield Township, **Russell K. Robbins** of Andersonville Road earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.

From Clarkston, **Roy T. Santola** of Middle Lake Road, Clarkston, earned a master's degree in systems engineering.

In service

Army Pvt. **Steven D. Willett**, son of Dennis M. and Julie M. Willett of Clarkston, has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. Willett is a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Airman **Daniel M. Reed**, son of James A. and Carolann J. Reed of Davisburg, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Reed is a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Pvt. 1st Class **Erik J. Johnson** was presented the Air Assault Badge upon graduation from the U.S. Army's air assault school at Fort Belvoir, Va.

He is the son of James L. and Gayann Johnson of Clarkston; and his wife, Teresa, is the daughter of Larry W. and Judy A. Loehne of Clarkston.

Johnson is a 1986 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. 1st Class **Sean R. Denson**, son of Robert L. and Cecily M. Denson of Pontiac, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force law enforcement specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Denson's wife, Barbara, is the daughter of Gilbert and Susan Martinez of Clarkston.

Pvt. **Craig M. Baker**, son of Delbert L. Baker of Davisburg and Patricia A. Bols of Minnesota, has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Baker is a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School.



Robert T. Fleming, 19, was recently assigned to a recruiter's assistant position at the Naval Air Base in Memphis - Millington, Tenn. A 1988 Clarkston High School graduate, he is the son of William E. Fleming of Highland and Cynthia L. Hartzman of Clarkston.

Honors

Ashley V. Adams of Reese Road, Independence Township, was chosen to be part of the 23-member Cordial Corps at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

A WMU freshman, Adams will serve as a volunteer hostess at official university functions. The corps is a public relations arm of the Office of the President.

Stephen Frick of Clarkston earned an outstanding delegate award with five of his teammates at a Harvard University, Cambridge, Model United Nations program held Dec. 1 to Dec. 4.

The team earned first-place status from among more than 200 delegations comprising 2,200 students.

Frick and his teammates are students at Cranbrook Kingswood, Bloomfield Hills.

Students at Clarkston Junior High School were recognized for citizenship, honor roll, no tardies and perfect attendance Nov. 21.

Funded by the CJHS Student Council, the incentive program awards winners with \$10 certificates to Burger

King or Yogurt and Yesterdays.

Awarded for citizenship were: **Mike Hiner, Angelique Ledwell, Scot Matusz and Betsy Ruple.**

Awarded for the A & B honor roll were: **Julia Freland, Jason Jarvis, Jason Roughton, Jake Vaughn and Bruce Worden.**

Winning awards for no tardies were: **Amy Belgan, Staci Carr, Brian Cullimore, Kelly Elkins and Staci Hill.**

For perfect attendance, **Chris Cascone, Stacey Chavis, Christopher Haven, Carrie McKee and Jeremy Swich** were awarded.

At college

Lisa Dixon of Clarkston pledged Kappa Delta Sorority at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dixon, Deer Lake, Clarkston, Lisa is a Clarkston High School graduate where she was a varsity cheerleader.

An MSU sophomore, Lisa is majoring in advertising.



Tree that gives

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is alive and well at Pine Knob Elementary School where students and teachers alike band together to help the needy. Instead of the usual classroom Christmas parties, students such as **Chris Brecht, Carmen Calcaterra and Chad Dixon** brought in various items — hats, mittens and gloves — for the

needy and placed them on a tree in the school's media center. Likewise, the staff contributed \$239 and were able to purchase a 21-inch RCA color television from a Danny Paris appliance store thanks to a discount from the owner. All of the goods collected were brought to the Pontiac Rescue Mission. (Photo by Peter Auchter)

Around Town

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

Now through April 26 - Hallways of Clarkston High School and Sashabaw Junior High School are open for people who want to walk for exercise; 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thursdays - T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); a support group for weight loss; weigh-in 6:15 to 7 p.m.; meeting 7-8 p.m.; registration fee plus \$3 a month; Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road. (625-5441 or 391-2390 after 5)

Sunday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day celebration at Maranatha Baptist Church; 10 a.m., video, "Parenting," for adults; 11 a.m., New Year's message; 6 p.m., the film, "Sammy"; dinner and Communion follows; 5790 Flemings Lake Road off Sashabaw and I-75. (625-2700)

Mondays - Overeaters Anonymous meeting every Monday at 7:30 p.m.; Drayton Heights Free Methodist Church, corner of Maybee and Winell roads, Independence Township.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 - Ski waxing and cross country tips at Independence Oaks Nature Center; 7 to 8:30 p.m.; \$1 per person; dress warmly; pre-registration is required; Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township; park entry fee is \$4 per vehicle on weekends and holidays, \$3 on weekdays. (625-6473)

Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Preschool Story Times at the Independence Township Library; 10 and 11 a.m.; free;

films, "Snow White -- A Lesson in Cooperation" and "Disney's Wonderful World of Winter"; stories, songs and games; for 3- to 5-year-olds; 6495 Clarkston Road. (625-2212)

Saturday, Jan. 7 - Kid Stuff, a program on animal tracks for children 6 to 10 years old; 10 a.m.; pre-registration required; Indian Springs Metropark, White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships; vehicle entry permit required. (1-800-24-PARKS).

Saturday, Jan. 7 - Family Affair Ski Tour at Independence Oaks County Park; noon to 4 p.m.; non-competitive event for the entire family; open skiing, ski lessons, lectures and demonstrations; pre-registration is required; Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township; park entry fee is \$4 per vehicle on weekends and holidays, \$3 on weekdays. (858-0916 or 625-6473)

Sunday, Jan. 8 - Attracting wildlife to your backyard at Indian Springs Metropark; a program on ideas for feeders, nest boxes, landscaping; 1 p.m.; White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships; vehicle entry permit required. (1-800-24-PARKS)

Thursday, Jan. 12 - Financial Aid for College Information night; 7 p.m.; Clarkston High School auditorium, information on scholarships, grants and loans for parents of seniors; includes instructions for filling out financial aid forms. (625-0904)

Saturday, Jan. 14 - Snowshoe basics nature program at Independence Oaks County Park; 1 to 2:30 p.m.; snowshoes provided; pre-registration is required; Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township; park entry fee is \$4 per vehicle on weekends and holidays, \$3 on weekdays. (625-6473)

Saturday, Jan. 14 - Fish Fry at the Davisburg United Methodist Church; 5 to 7 p.m.; \$5 for adults, \$3 for children between ages 5 and 10, \$1 for children under

age 5; fish, french fries, biscuits, cole slaw, applesauce, pies; 803 Broadway, Springfield Township. (634-3373)

Monday, Jan. 16 - Survivors of suicide support group at the C.A.I. building; for family members and friends who have experienced a loss because of suicide; 7 to 8:30 p.m.; first and third Monday each month; 5640 Williams Lake Road, Waterford Township. (674-4881)

Friday, Jan. 20 - Free beginner ski lessons at Independence Oaks County Park; 1 to 4 p.m.; half-off ski rental prices for first-time skiers; Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township; park entry fee is \$4 per vehicle on weekends and holidays, \$3 on weekdays. (625-6473)

Friday, Jan. 20 - Full Moon Ski nature program at Independence Oaks Nature Center; 7 to 9 p.m.; guided ski tour for novice skiers by light of a near full moon; bring own equipment; pre-registration required; Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township; park entry fee is \$4 per vehicle on weekends and holidays, \$3 on weekdays. (625-6473)

Sunday, Jan. 22 - Confirmation service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Drayton Plains; 3 p.m. with the Rev. R. Stewart Wood officiating; 5301 Hatchery Rd., Waterford Township. (673-7635)

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Ski clinic for senior citizens at Independence Oaks County Park; 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.; \$3 without ski rental, \$5 with ski rental; includes movie, lecture, lessons, coffee and donuts; pre-registration required by Jan. 18; wear layered clothing; Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township. (858-4944)

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<p>SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston Worship & Church School 10 a.m. William Schram, Pastor Phone 673-3101</p> <p>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Walden Rd. Clarkston 625-1611 - 625-1727 Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship/ Church School (nursery provided) 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship/ Church School (nursery provided) 5:30 p.m. Junior High-Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Senior High-Youth Fellowship Wed.: 4:15 p.m. Kids in Christ Club Pastors: Doug Trablcock, Don Pinner, Jon Clegg</p> <p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 391-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. VanDellen</p> <p>OLD FASHIONED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. Omar Brewer 5785 Clarkston Rd. Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Evening Service 7:00</p> <p>CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD 54 South Main Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible & Youth 7 p.m. Pastor John Rathbun</p> <p>LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Orionville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 6:15 p.m. Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>MT. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 617 W. Walton Blvd. Pontiac, MI 48055 335-9881 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Summer Service 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH Holcomb at Miller Rd. Father Charles E. Cushing Sunday Masses 7:45, 9, 10:30 and 12:00 Sat. 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAVISBURG 12881 Andersonville Road, Davisburg Rev. Robert R. Hazen, Pastor Phone 634-8225 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday: Family night program 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Awana Club 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST CHURCH OF GOD 8300 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 Services Wed. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ed Ross</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Gary L. Washburn, Minister 3245 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) Sunday School - 9:45 Morning Worship - 11:00 PM Worship & Youth - 6:00 Nursery at all services</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST 5972 Paramus Richard Courson, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. Primary Church thru 4th grade Evening Service 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> <p>DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH Corner of Winell and Maybee Road Rev. Frank VanValin, Pastor 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Hour 6:00 p.m. Vespers Wed. Family Program 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH 4832 Clintonville Rd. Phone 673-3638 Services: Sunday Sunday School Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Youth Hour 5 p.m. Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.</p> <p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Charles C. Lynch Worship 8:00, 10 a.m. Church & Nursery Using 1928 Prayer Book</p>	<p>CLARKSTON FULL GOSPEL 6850 Orionville Rd. Pastor, David McMurray Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.</p> <p>MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Joeman and Bald Eagle Lake Rds. Pastor Gerald E. Mumford Sr. Church Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Nursery Phone 627-8700</p> <p>OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Meeting at former Silver Lk. Elem. School 3200 Beacham; Pontiac Pastor Robert Lapine 332-5160 Services: 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Sunday 6 p.m. Evening Wed. 7 p.m.</p> <p>ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. The New Prayer Book</p> <p>COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH 1888 Crescent Lake Rd., Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Pastor Tom Hampton</p> <p>CLARKSTON GOOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 6061 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. Rev. James R. Finn 625-1344</p> <p>MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 5790 Fleming Lake Road (Off Sashabaw) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Awana 6:30 p.m. Glen Curtis, Pastor Steve Sanders, Assistant Pastor 625-2700</p> <p>TEMPLE OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTER for Healing, Learning & Worship Rev. Grace Goff 5880 Andersonville Road Waterford, MI 48095 682-5888 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>GRACE CHAPEL 3041 Reeder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, MI Rev. Jim Maddox Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p>	<p>NORTH OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH Clarkston High School Auditorium 10:00 Celebration Service (Nursery Provided) 11:00 Refreshments 11:15 Christian Ed. Classes Home Bible Studies Kurt Gebhard, Pastor Phone 625-7332</p> <p>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST 6440 Mackay Dr., Waterford Rev. T.K. Foo 623-6860 or 623-7064 Sunday School 9 a.m.-all ages Worship 10:30 a.m. Jr. Church & Nursery</p> <p>COMMUNITY (USA) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Alfred H. Nead Sashabaw Rd. at Monroe St. (2 blocks north of Dixie Hwy) Drayton Plains Phone 673-7805 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Babies thru Adults Worship 11 a.m. Nursery provided</p> <p>SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3050 Sashabaw at Seymour Lake Rd. Brandon Twp. Rev. Heidi C. Rainier, 628-4763 or 628-4685 Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:10-10:15 a.m. Nursery Provided</p> <p>SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston 5401 Oak Park, off Maybee Rd. Rev. Benji Hinz 623-1074 Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m. Silver Tea last Sat. of each month at 2 p.m.</p> <p>DONALDSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 5661 Clintonville Rd. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Sunday Evening Wed. 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study Rev. Ben Fulayer, Pastor Rev. Lee Lalone, Co-Pastor</p>	<p>ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7625 Sashabaw Rd. 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ZION TEMPLE 4461 Clintonville Rd. 673-2050 Prayer 10 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 Evening Service 6 p.m. Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Loren Covarrubias 674-1415</p> <p>CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Worship 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:15 Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday Nursery at both services Senior Pastor: Robert Walters Asst. Pastor: Thomas Struck</p> <p>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 1285 W. Drahrer Rd. Orford, MI 48051 629-3865 Pastor: Randy Worthington Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>OAKLAND WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 5628 Maybee Road Clarkston, MI 48016 625-7557 Pastor Ken Johnson Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAVISBURG UNITED METHODIST 803 Broadway Street, Davisburg Sunday School 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Mehin Leach, Pastor Scott Harper, Youth Pastor 634-3373</p>
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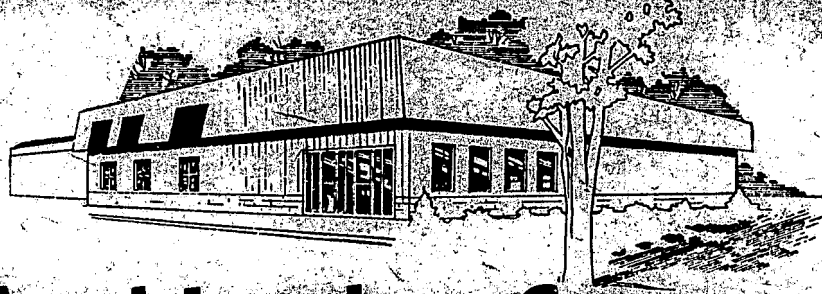
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For those of you who received a new microwave oven for the holidays and for those who already had one, here are some quick munchies to whip up for a New Year's bash or just a quiet evening before the fire.

KAHLUA CARAMEL POPCORN

Adapted for the microwave using a 650-watt oven, from "Kahlua & Holiday Sharing."

- 2 quarts popped corn
- 1/2 cup Kahlua
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup cashews

Pop corn using an air popper. (I prefer to use an air popper as more kernels get popped and I can use the microwave to cook the syrup while the corn is popping.)

Heat sugar, Kahlua and vinegar in a 4-cup oven-proof bowl or measure, covered loosely with plastic wrap, at high for 3 minutes.

Stir. Add butter that has been cut into 3 pieces to aid melting. Re-cover loosely. Microwave at high for 6 to 7 minutes or until syrup reaches hard crack stage (300 degrees). You may use a microwave candy thermometer (found in housewares sections or call 1-800-328-2846 to order) inserted in center of container.

Add cashews to popped corn. Immediately pour syrup over popcorn and stir quickly to coat. Pour coated popcorn out onto a wax paper lined cookie sheet and let cool. Store in tin for several weeks.

ZESTY PARTY CRUNCH

A variation of the recipe from Quaker Oat Squares cereal.

- 3/4 cup margarine (1 1/2 sticks)
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 16 ounces Quaker Oat Squares cereal
- 2 cups chow mein noodles (or substitute pretzel sticks, which are lower in fat than the noodles, but higher in salt)
- 3/4 cups slivered almonds

In a 4-quart microwavable bowl, heat margarine at high for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes, or until melted. Stir in cheese and Italian seasoning. Add remaining ingredients, stirring until well coated. Microwave at high for 6 to 7 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes.

Cool. Store in tightly covered container.

COCONUT-ALMOND BRITTLE

From The Microwave Times, Vol. 14, No. 6, pages 14-86, published by Recipes Unlimited, Inc. 1-800-328-2846.

- 3/4 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1 teaspoon butter or margarine
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Combine coconut, almonds and butter in 2-quart oven-proof measure. Microwave at high, uncovered, 3 to 4 minutes, or until mixture just starts to brown, stirring 3 to 4 times.

Add sugar and corn syrup; stir well. Microwave at high, uncovered, 7 to 10 minutes, or until syrup is golden

brown. Stir in soda and extract. Pour onto buttered metal cookie sheet.

Let cool until set, about 30 minutes. Break into pieces. Makes about 40 1-inch pieces, 50 calories each.

Poetry Corner

Give me Rome

By Bruce Stewart

Shall I be there.
Should I be near.
Rest easily on your red nose my dear.
The sweetest joy and its tragic woe.
The first sight of love.
The second fall of snow.
Passion has no rage and hatred rears its ugly head.
The burden hard to carry but so easy to spread.
Always return to the first and ours can never die.
Remain a fool and smile a lie.
I could not love you my dear and have victory of mine.
Blind as a herb dinner and sweet white wine.
Give me Rome in a glass and never stop its flow.
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For more information, watch for the Clarkston Adult and Community Education winter brochure or call the Clarkston Learning Center at 674-0993.



David Kwasnick

Only once a year

Packing for the family holiday pilgrimage. What could be more enlightening to the mind, more enhancing to the soul or more frustrating for all involved?

Once every year it happens -- holiday packing. It's almost become a holiday tradition, our own little ballet of confusion. It's a real Nutcracker Suite, if you catch my drift.

People dash around the house in perfect synchronized choreography. Rush-two-three-four, rush-two-three-four, cram-it-in-the-suitcase-and-run-out-the-door.

Baryshnikov has nothing on us. Sure he can dance, but can he dance in a five-foot hallway holding a suitcase that weighs more than most small children? I think not.

Actually, I don't know what it is that causes holiday packing to be so traumatic.

It shouldn't be. We pack to go to other places during the year with the slightest of hassle. Yet come Christmas-time look out!

It's almost become a word-association thing, "Santa ... Jolly, happy old man. Rudolph ... funny little reindeer with a bright beak. Suitcase ... Argh! Pain, heavy, confusion, too many clothes. Argh! Make it go away! Make it go away!"

Maybe holiday packing is such a chore because of all the pressure that surrounds it.

Packing is, in reality, the culmination of a week-long

(or longer) ritual.

Just think about it. The incessant last minute shopping for gifts, their wrapping, the washing of clothes, the looking for lost garments and those great final precautions that any extended holiday journey cannot be without.

"And see that the pipes have plenty of fresh food and water and make sure that the cats don't burst ... No, er, wait. I mean ..."

Taking this into account, it's amazing packing isn't the number one cause of holiday deaths.

"In other news, a Detroit man was killed earlier today when his enraged spouse wrapped a coat hanger around his neck. It seems the incident occurred soon after the man said, 'Honey, why aren't my pants ironed?'"

Of course, when you think about it, the pros far outweigh the cons.

Christmas and New Year's are two of the most wonderful times of the year.

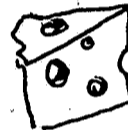
And there's nothing quite like being among loved ones during these holidays.

Nevertheless when you're packing for them, it's nice to remind yourself that they only come around once a year.

David Kwasnick, a 1988 Clarkston High School graduate, is a freshman at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

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Mock wedding prepares these students for life

BY PAT YOUNG
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There is more to the red and white Christmas decorations in Marlene Reed's human relations class than holiday spirit.

Semi-annually, the class at Clarkston High School culminates a semester of learning to deal with real situations through all stages of life by planning and carrying out mock marriages. Across the hall in Jane Miller's human relations class, a similar scenario unfolds.

"We try to give practical information to make decisions in real life situations, to look at options," she said. "We start with infancy and go right up through teenage issues, dating, and relationships."

They study child development, discipline, everything dealing with raising a family, she added. The class also deals with sexuality, transmitted diseases, social issues like birth control and abortion, childbirth, death, rape.

And though the students had fun decorating the classroom with white and red bells, crepe paper and flowers for the Christmas "weddings," they also learned about the business end of preparing for marriage -- marriage contracts, applying for licenses, renting halls, and other details and costs of a wedding.

"We talk about what really makes a marriage work," said Marlene, who has invested 27 1/2 years in her own marriage.

There are many resources she can pull from the community to assist her with the class. For instance, Walters and the Rev. William Schram frequently help her with the marriage counseling and performing the ceremonies.

On this day in Marlene's class, two couples have volunteered for the counseling before Walters. Christine and Jeff, and Natalie Noll and B.J. Wood. Natalie and B.J. are dating, but not one of the couples participating in the mock weddings this semester.

Walters talked to the entire class first, about what



CHRISTINE SERB AND JEFF HARBIN listen intently during a "counseling" session with Pastor Robert Walters of Calvary Lutheran Church before their "wedding day." It was all

love means and what makes "real" marriages as opposed to the "idealistic" view of what a marriage is.

"Marriage takes work," he said.

And he talked about what is involved in preparing for marriage. Oakland County makes it "too easy" to get married, he said. It's harder to get a drivers license than

part of a human relations class at Clarkston High School, but the two seniors really plan to get married someday.

a marriage license.

Then he counseled the two couples before the rest of the class, asking them what they found special about their chosen partner and what they hoped for out of life in the next five years. He asked how they would raise a

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(STUDENTS from previous page) family (strict or lenient?) and how they would handle money--one of the biggest problems in a relationship. While they pondered his questions about life, Marlene sat in the back of the class and observed.

"There's a high interest. Kids are questioning, and they have to better understand themselves," she said after class. "Maybe by better educating (our students), we can avoid some of the problems that do exist today."

Students getting "married" are chosen by their classmates. The weddings are planned from beginning to end--everything from obtaining marriage licenses and choosing wedding parties to marriage counseling and participating in the actual ceremony.

This semester, four couples are getting "married" in Marlene's classes: Jim McQuery and Lisa Kosiba, Erick Brockman and Amy Keller, Shawn Lambouris and Jennifer Blagg, and Jeff Harbin and Christine Serb.

Some of the couples are friends, some hardly knew each other before taking Marlene's class, but for Jeff and Christine, the mock ceremony is a dress rehearsal for a day they hope will happen in their future.

"I love her and want to marry her," Jeff said following a marriage counseling session performed in the classroom by the Rev. Robert Walters.

"So many people say we won't make it," Jeff added. But he and Christine think they will. It's one of the reasons they both signed up for the human relations

class, which is only open to CHS seniors.

They said they thought the class helped them understand what it takes to get married.

"It's a good program," Christine said.

Both plan on attending Oakland Community College and then Walsh Business College in Troy. Both plan on careers. She wants to be an accountant; he wants to own a wholesale furniture business. A wedding is not in their immediate plans. But they feel confident it will, indeed, happen.

"I've gone out with a lot of girls, and it's a big image thing," Jeff said. "But with (Christine), I can be myself completely. If I want to cry, I can cry, or tell stupid jokes. I can be open with her."

Wedding outfits for the couples participating in the mock weddings are usually borrowed or rented at a discount from shops. Most of the guys dress in suits, but Jeff and other men in the wedding party have obtained tuxedos for the occasion.

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- 7 p.m. - Best Medicine Co.: Let "Hoo" humor you.
- 7:30 p.m. - To Be Announced.
- 8 p.m. - Cherie's Craft Corner: Cherie Hartwick demonstrates various craft-making techniques.
- 8:30 p.m. - Shirley's World: "UFO Florida sightings" hosted by Clarkston psychic Shirley Lynch.

9 p.m. - Culture and Nature: Series is hosted by anthropologist Rick Zurel of Clarkston. This week: Michigan Owls with Roger Bajorek.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY:

- 6:30 p.m. - The Job Show: Employment information presented by the Michigan Employment Security Commission. This week: "Science Fairs."
- 7 p.m. - Home Movies and Entertainment: Private movies and comedy skits with Tom Hoyes of Clarkston.
- 8 p.m. - Microwave Plus: Microwave cooking tips and more with home economist Betty Wagner.
- 8:30 p.m. - This Is the Life: Contemporary drama series sponsored by St. Trinity Lutheran Church. This week: "While Love Lasts."
- 9 p.m. - For the Love of You: Bible-based teaching and advice with the Rev. James Finn of Good Shepherd Assembly of Clarkston.

SATURDAY

- 7 p.m. - Independence Township Board Meeting: the Jan. 3 meeting will be shown in its entirety.

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Christine's wedding dress is on loan, at no cost, from Laura Lynn Bridals in Waterford Township. They also have flowers donated by Keepsake Flowers, and are having pictures by Winship Photography at a cost of \$20.

"We're having fun with this," Christine said.

But the class teaches seniors a lot of serious things about life, relationships and marriage, according to Marlene.

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By Jan Groat

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Sam is so quiet
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The guys will work hard
To clean up the mess,
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- BRIDGE LAKE MARKET
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- HOP-IN PARTY STORE
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- E & T MARKET
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White Lake Rd.
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- PERRY DRUG
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- CREATIVE BOOK STORE
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Sashabaw Rd.
- PINE KNOB WINE
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Sashabaw Rd.
- M & R DRUGS
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Clarkston Rd.
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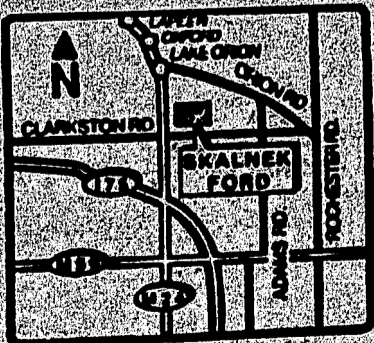
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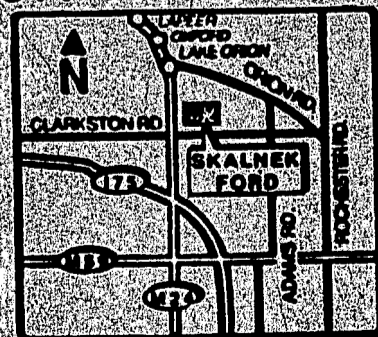
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SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER are (from left) Matt Ford, Jeremy Roberts, Allan

Watson, Jeff Huber and Marty Brown. The quintet sang Christmas carols on Main

Street, Clarkston, on behalf of A.B. Watson Mortgage Co. (Photo by Julie Campe)

Santa's back in town

Photos by Peter Auchter



JENNIFER TATU uses a little body English while thinking about what she wants for Christmas.



SANTA CLAUS' ARRIVAL at the Christmas party thrown at the Clarkston Methodist

Church on Dec. 22 put a smile on the face of every kid in the place.