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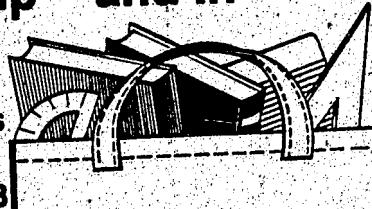
Physicians in the Clarkston area field more questions after Magic's announcement.

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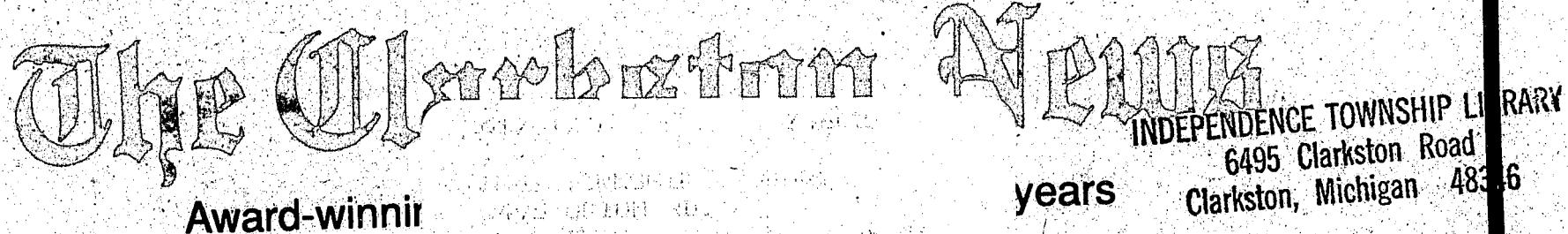
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Man, 21, dies in hit-and-run accident

BY DENNIS V. CARTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The apparent hit-and-run death of a 21-year-old Springfield Township man is still under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Scott McRae, a masonry worker, was identified Nov. 18 as the victim who was found lying face down

along Dixie Highway just north of Davisburg Road, Springfield Township, at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

An autopsy on Monday revealed he died of multiple blunt impact injuries.

According to his step-father John Marshall, he was loved by a lot of friends in the Holly area.

A suspect in the fatal accident is a Grand Blanc woman who called the Oakland County Sheriff's Depart-

ment Sunday to report she struck a deer.

The suspect's car, a black compact car with a shattered windshield, is currently under investigation at the sheriff's department.

According to Deputy Barry Dodson, police believe they have the vehicle involved in the accident. The investigation probably will take at several days to complete.

A memorial service for McRae, who earlier attended Holly High School, was planned for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First Street in Holly.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Barbara and John Marshall of Holly; his father, John McRae of Royal Oak; his brothers, John Marshall of Virginia and Richard Marshall of California; and his sisters, Sue Phipps of Holly and Jackie McRae of Lake Orion.

Additional survivors include grandparents Lillian Shin White of Ohio; Agnes McRae and Mildred Marshall, both of Royal Oak; and nieces, Samantha and Jackie Phipps of Holly.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. According to the family, McRae's natural father has MS.

Cost of city

Clarkston citizens question conversion

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston citizens attending a public hearing about the proposed city charter were most concerned about any increase in spending.

The Nov. 13 public hearing at Clarkston High School's auditorium dealt only with the charter. More specific action on cityhood will be discussed during another public hearing at the Nov. 25 Clarkston Village Council meeting. After that public hearing, either a vote on cityhood or plans for additional public hearings will take place.

A charter determines such things as the form of government and the rules of governing.

Most of the questions fielded by the nine-member Charter Commission dealt with concerns about any increase in spending. (See CITIZENS, next page)

Holiday deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, The Clarkston News will be printed early, so subscribers may receive the paper before Thanksgiving.

That means early deadlines are in place. The deadline for display advertising, classified advertising and letters to the editor is noon Friday, Nov. 22. For more information, call 625-3370.

"And unto us..."



DIRECTING a full choir in parts of Handel's "Messiah" takes lots of energy, but Jim McNutt is up to the challenge. The choir's efforts may be heard by everyone

Photo by Julie Campe
on Wednesday, Nov. 27, during a special community Thanksgiving Eve service 7:30 p.m. at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. More photos are on Page 4A.

Citizens question cost of cityhood conversion

(CITIZENS, from previous page)
crease in taxes or extra personnel costs.

Tom Ryan, legal counsel for the commission, reassured the 20-plus citizens in attendance about the maximum number of mills that could be levied.

"You know that under this charter it will never be more than 15," said Ryan, who pointed out that the statewide maximum is 20 mills.

Fifteen mills is \$15 for every \$1,000 in assessed property valuation. For example, the owner of a \$100,000 home assessed at half the market value (\$50,000) would pay \$750 per year in taxes.

Ryan said that with the typical rise of inflation, the figure will continue to fall below 15 mills year after year. The Headlee Amendment to the state constitution automatically lowers the millage rate whenever property values increase at a rate higher than the rate of inflation.

After the hearing, Clarkston Village Manager Art Pappas said the proposed 15 mills is close to the maximum amount the village can currently authorize.

Pappas said this year the most that Clarkston residents can be taxed is 14.713 (5.553 from the village and 9.16 from Independence Township). He said, in actuality, the residents are being taxed 10.2787 mills (4.7898 from the village and 5.4889 by the township).

Richard Johnston, chairman of the Charter Commission, told the audience the form of government will pretty much remain the same. The city would continue to have a city manager-council form of government. The council members would continue to have an equal vote, while the city manager would be a non-voting organizer.

Johnston said the three main changes in the conversion would be that elections will be conducted in November instead of March, the elections will be non-partisan and the clerk-treasurer position will be appointed rather than elected.

Under the charter, police and fire protection will continue to be contracted out as it is currently.

Johnston said the individual commission members interviewed officials from such communities as Au Gres, Linden, Ithaca, Bad Axe, Evart and Saugatuck, which have gone through the transition to cityhood. He gave credit to commission vice chairman James Hitchcock for

"Under this charter it will never be more than 15 (mills),"

Attorney Tom Ryan

sorting through all of the gathered information and organizing by topic.

Village council Trustee William Basinger, in attendance at the hearing, said more detailed information about the costs of those several communities' transitions will be discussed at the Nov. 25 hearing.

Several members of the audience congratulated the commission—which met 25 times—for its efforts. After the commission members' comments, the audience also broke out in applause.

Residents of the Village of Clarkston are seeking cityhood to gain independence from Independence Township. The village, comprised of about 1,000 residents, is

Corrections

Captions beneath quilt seminar photos in the Nov. 6 Clarkston News should have said that most of the instructors were volunteers from the Country Quilt Guild, Ortonville.

In "A Look Back" Nov. 6, an item from 25 years ago should have said that the home of Dr. Don Stackable on Parke Lake Road, Independence Township, was struck by lightning but was not destroyed, and that the Whitmer home in Independence Township was also struck by lightning, which completely destroyed a refrigerator.

about one square mile and is surrounded by Independence Township, which is 36 square miles and has a population of about 23,000.

The final matter of the hearing was a discussion about the official name of the new city. The word "city" must be included with the name.

Johnston suggested three possibilities: City of the Village of Clarkston, City of Clarkston, or City of Clarkston Village.

But first things first, namely the Nov. 25 public hearing.

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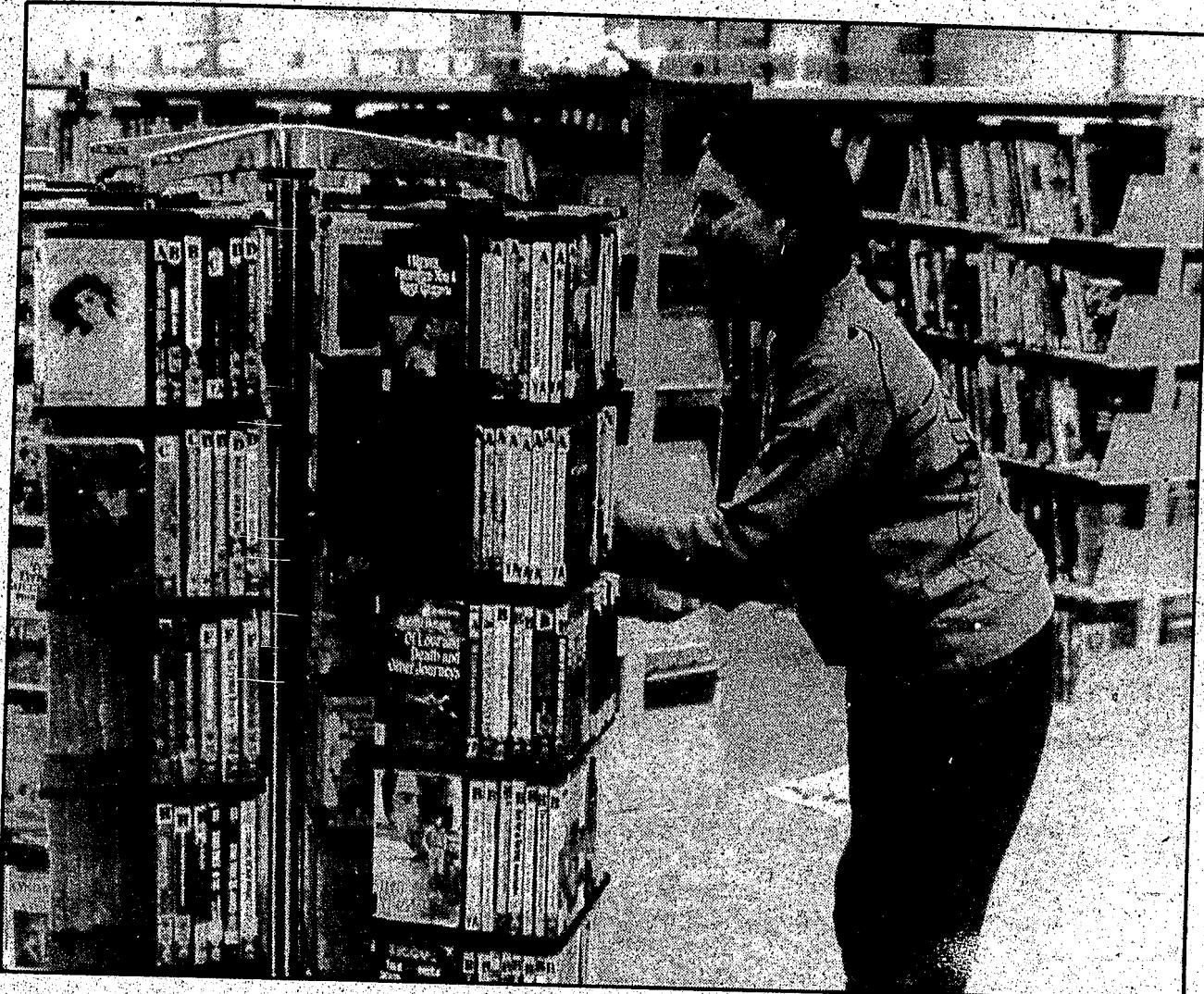
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SUE ZANOTTI shelves one of the state's many phone books in the new library. She was one of 45 community volunteers to offer her services to the library Nov. 13.



LINDA MEADORS helps ready the library by volunteering her time to stocking the racks with paperbacks. According to Library

Director Mollie Lynch, a new and improved library should be available to the public by Christmas.

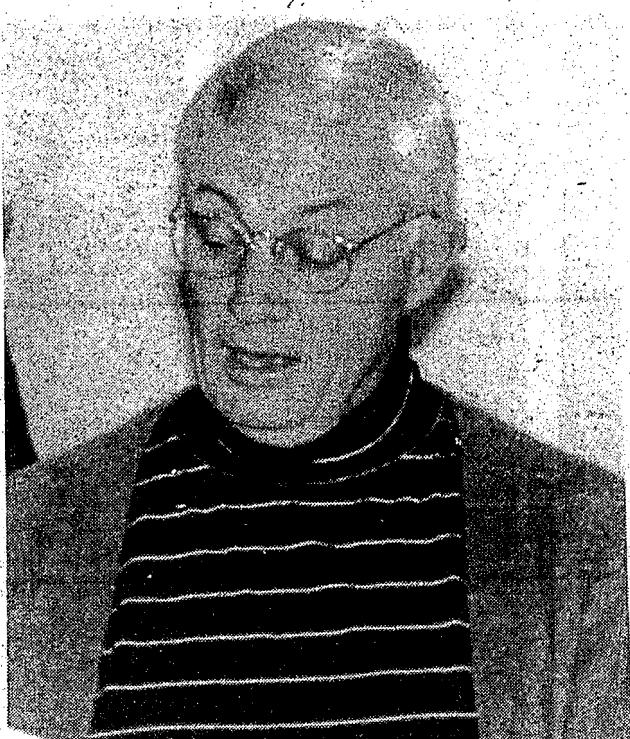


VOLUNTEER Sue Zanotti (left) and Patty Hazen, head of the library's technical services, transfer some texts into the Inde-

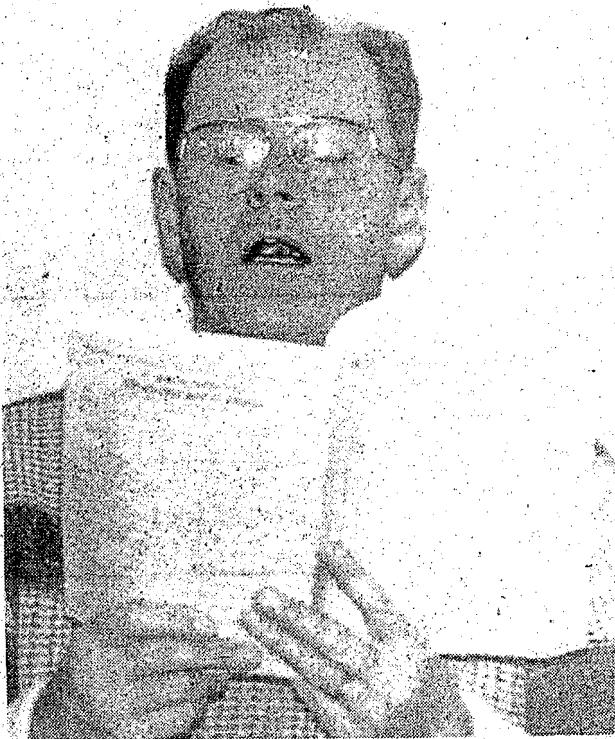
pendence Township Library's new addition. Last week, nearly 45 volunteers worked around the clock to clean up, arrange

displays and stock throngs of new shelves with additional periodicals. (Photos taken by Curt McAllister)

Hearkening to Handel



BILL McGuire, a bass, will be part of a special performance of "Handel's Messiah," sponsored by the Independence Pastors' Association.



DEAN Nelson and his fellow vocalists gave up Sunday afternoons to prepare for the upcoming community concert in observance of Thanksgiving.



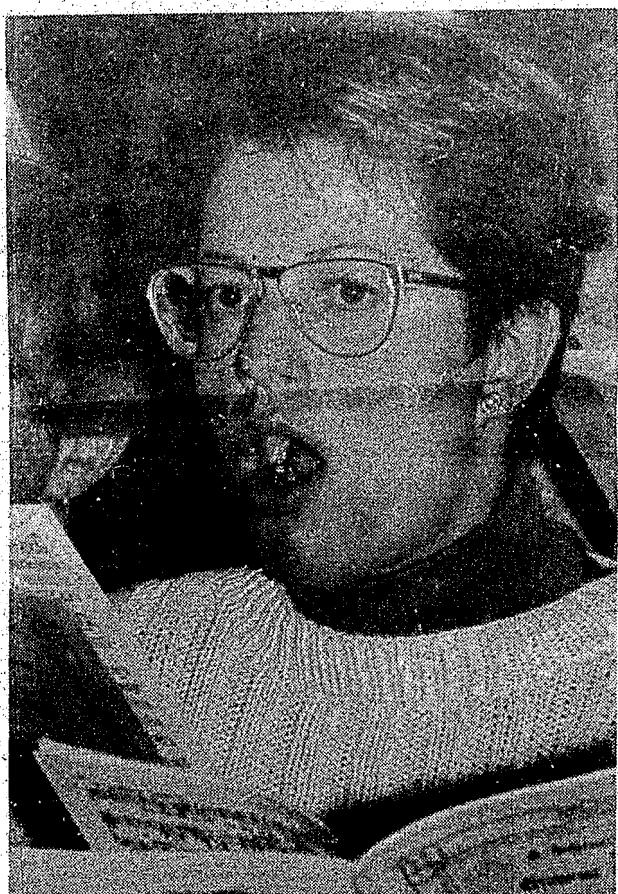
ALTOS and tenors sit together during Sunday afternoon rehearsals for the "Messiah" at Clarkston United Methodist Church. The

choir, comprised of members of various Clarkston area churches, is to perform parts of Handel's work on Thanksgiving Eve.

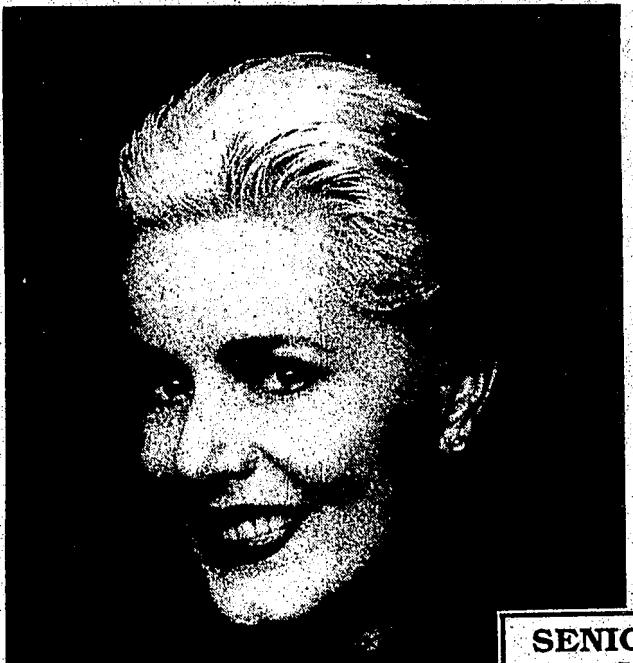
Photos by Julie Camp



KAREN SAGE, a soprano, is part of the community choir that will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27.



ALTO Carola Huttenlocher prepares for a community concert in rehearsal Nov. 17.



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Tuesday, Nov. 12, doors for a tractor-loader worth \$1,200 were stolen from a site on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, tools worth \$500 were stolen from a shed at a residence on Roberts Road, Springfield Township.

Thursday, Nov. 14, someone failed to pay for \$14.67 from a service station on Ortonville Road, Independence Township.

Vandals maliciously damaged a vehicle on M-15, Independence Township.

Thursday, Nov. 15, items worth \$525 were stolen from a vehicle on Parview Drive, Independence Township.

A license tab was stolen from a vehicle on Meadowbrook, Independence Township.

Police investigated suspicious circumstances on Maybee Road, Independence Township.

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

Ninth-grade move on school board agenda

So far, three discussion items are the only topics on the Clarkston Board of Education's Nov. 25 agenda.

No action items have been slated at this time.

The discussion items included: a curriculum update on the district's science programs, a facility needs report update and a report on the cost of possibly moving all ninth-graders to Clarkston High School.

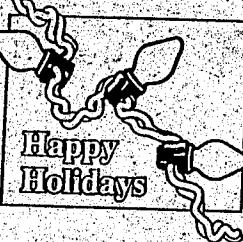
The meeting begins at 7:30 Monday in the administration building at 6389 Clarkston Road, Independence Township.

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New representatives on township boards

It was kind of like musical chairs as members of the Springfield Township Board switched positions on other township commissions and boards.

First, the board voted unanimously Nov. 13 to approve Trustee Dennis Vallad to represent the township board on the planning commission. He replaces Supervisor Collin Walls on the commission.

Then, the board voted unanimously to fill Vallad's spot on the zoning board of appeals with Trustee Charles Oaks.

"I feel both of them will do a very good job," said Treasurer Lois Stiles. "I would just like to say that I feel they are excellent choices."

The two assume their new positions Dec. 1.

Reunion

It's almost time for the 20-year reunion for the Clarkston High School Class of 1972. Those interested in helping with the planning should call Crinker Kojima or Zac Bell at 625-0482.

My turn



**Julie
Campe**

Editor's note: Before she left for Florida, my mother, Juanita, left this response to some of my previous columns.

Since I'll be in Florida for awhile, I feel I must clarify a few things regarding Julie's column.

I don't know why she keeps referring to my Baby as "Andrew the Horrible." I will admit, Andy did stay in the Terrible Twos longer than the other children. By kindergarten, his behavior had improved — his teachers actually liked him (at least he was never a crybaby like some babies of the family I could mention!). Today he is a mature, responsible adult — he even has friends, so he tells me.

It's funny, though — I've found the longer the kids have been away from home, the more perfect I remember them.

Now Julie was a joy and delight from the beginning — arrived just in time for Christmas — sweet, cuddly, above average intelligence — I could tell right away.

With six children, we had the usual pets. Julie was about 1 1/2 years old when a schnauzer, Peaches, joined the family. They became good friends. Julie could count to eight before she was 2 — she could have learned to count higher, but Peaches only had eight nipples. She and Peaches even went through toilet training together. Julie caught onto the newspaper trick quicker than Peaches (yes, it was The Clarkston News). Thus, she developed a fondness for newspapers at an early age. I explained to Julie about the little room down the hall — she caught on quickly to that, too, but Peaches never did, even though Julie tried to teach her. So you see, I knew before Julie was 2 she was destined for great things — a mother always knows these things.

I do enjoy movies. As kids, my cousin and I went to the movies every Saturday afternoon — for 10 cents! ... And what's wrong with laughter? Can I help it if I see the scene setting up and start laughing before everyone else? (Besides, facial laughter lines are better than crying lines!)

As to my Dick Tracy hat, I leave for Julie. Perhaps it will improve her movie appreciation.

Ah, Clarkston — terrific school teachers, many friends, what a town! Thank you for being there for me and my children all these years.

As to my kids, I'll call you — collect.

Letter policy

Letters to the editor must arrive at The Clarkston News office by noon Monday to be considered for publication in Tuesday's paper. We reserve the right to edit all letters for brevity and clarity and to limit the number of letters from any one individual or on any one topic. We discourage copies of letters sent elsewhere and require that all letters be signed and include an address and phone number. We may withhold names on request but will not publish unsigned letters. Address all letters to: Letters To The Editor, The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.

Opinions

Reporter's Notebook

Janet Thomas, a member of the Clarkston school board, gave her best impression of Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young when she swore at the Nov. 11 school board meeting.

At the time, the board was discussing a proposal to renovate a part of Clarkston High's workshop area into a practice arena for the area's wrestling teams. In the midst of a heated discussion over the school district's liability if a volunteer was injured while renovating the area, the long-time school board member slipped.

"That's bull****," she uttered, speaking out against the hypocrisy of some liability laws and how they pertain to volunteerism.

Her utterance elicited some gasps from the audience, which was made up of many high school wrestlers and their parents.

Joel Burnell, director of the Independence-Clarkston public access studio for the United Cable station, said that profanity isn't usually omitted from the cable-TV's video tapes unless it's vulgar. He said it's usually left in to capture the emotions of the meeting.

The meeting aired Wednesday, Nov. 13, on cable-TV channel 65.

The Clarkston post office was the target of a couple of crank callers last week, following the mass murder of several employees at the Royal Oak post office Nov. 12.

One of those calls was made to The Clarkston News business office. An unidentified woman told a News secretary that she was a disgruntled employee who was planning on causing problems at the post office Nov. 15.

The caller never carried through with her threats.

Postmaster Mickey Gonzalez said it wasn't the first such call made about his branch. He said another woman had called him and complained about his poor treatment of the Clarkston employees. He brushed off the call because he didn't know the woman, and she wasn't speaking of any one employee in general.

Gonzalez said that many of the area's post offices were receiving crank calls, following the shooting spree in Royal Oak.

One area entrepreneur took advantage of deer season by appealing to those left at home. Mike Brehmer, general manager of Burger King on Dixie Highway, Independence Township, dressed as a clown on Nov. 15 and gave free balloons to children who visited his restaurant. He figured the gimmicks might attract "moms left alone this weekend" who might appreciate an easy meal for their children.

Items for Reporter's Notebook are compiled by Clarkston News staff members.

Jim's Jottings

WWII's beginning remembered

**Jim
Sherman**

I'm sure much will be made of World War II's beginning as we close in on December 7. That date, 1991, marks the 50th anniversary of America's involvement.

Bob MacDonald, publisher of the Gratiot County Herald in Ithaca, was first to remind me of the occasion. He wrote:

I would hope that communities, spearheaded by veterans organizations, will not let this coming December 7th date pass without some hallmark activity.

Of course, it is the 50th anniversary of the U.S. involvement in World War II. Over 16 million Americans served in this nation's armed forces during that conflict. More than 400,000 made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom around the world.

In an article in a recent Veterans of Foreign Wars national publication, it was stated that WWII was a war involving almost every country on the face of the earth. After considering the number of lives lost and the utter destruction, it is acknowledged as the most devastating war in human history, the article reminds us.

Some history is included in the story to refresh our memories: Beginning in 1939 as a European conflict, it soon escalated to encompass most nations of the world. America officially joined the fight and declared war as a direct result of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. From that day forward the U.S. was fully committed to ending the war.

The war effort involved the commitment of this nation's entire human and economic resources;

combatants and non-combatants worked together, determined to fight to the finish. When the war ended in 1945, a new world emerged.

The VFW magazine article reminds us of the immense sacrifice: WWII's cost was beyond imagination and must never be forgotten. Three-fourths - 1.7 billion people - of the world's population was affected. 110 million persons, worldwide, were mobilized for military service. More than 45 million died - 25 million military personnel and 20 million civilians.

A large number of you reading this column served during World War II or had family or close friends in the service. I don't know how many of you have shared with your children or grandchildren some of the experiences you had while a WWII participant; how things were at home and away from home; or looking at pictures in albums tucked away in some closet that could be of much interest to the present day generation.

The point to be made here is that the importance of that era in the 1940's to the future of our country and the world at large should not be minimized or forgotten. Certainly some had traumatic experiences that to this day may be difficult to share with others. And, the sharing of living in those years is not intended as bragging or trying to impress one's importance in the war years.

The 50th anniversary year of that Sunday in December of 1941 is an excellent time to relive or reminisce within the confines of your family, some of "how it was."

More letters

Junior Miss now a beauty contest

Let me start this letter by introducing myself. I am currently on a special job assignment and am rooming in Clarkston. I am from the Ohio area and a former "Young Woman of the Year" judge from Sandusky, Ohio.

On Nov. 9, I attended your Junior Miss Pageant. I left there disturbed by the fact that this community still holds beauty pageants. The judging criteria was excellent, and the community support was overwhelming.

The 13 candidates all appeared as very beautiful and talented young ladies. The first awards presented were for each category the judges used in their guidelines: 30 percent interview, 20 percent scholastic achievement, 15 percent poise, and 15 percent physical fitness.

The judges' award was given to a beautiful young lady. From her talent presentation, stage poise and appearance, this was a very smart individual who obviously impressed the judges and was well deserving of this award. Her introduction proved she was a leader and an excellent candidate for "Young Woman of the Year."

The talent and scholastic awards were both received by likewise a well deserving young lady. Her introduction informed us that she carried a 3.95 GPA and had just received a D.A.R. award for her leadership. She, too, presented herself with such beauty and poise.

The remaining two awards were presented to three young ladies also deserving of these awards.

At this point, it would not take a math professor to figure out the judges' scores for the five young ladies. The surprise came in the announcement of the top five. Only the three young ladies receiving the poise and physical fitness award were among these.

What happened with the ladies in the top percentage

categories? How can someone qualify for a top placement when she didn't take an award in any category? How can a candidate receive two top awards and one of them in performing talent and not have enough poise to qualify among our top winners?

Another girl can receive a judges' award but not qualify in one of the five places for a Young Woman of the Year? These people are your future leaders. Recognize them and leave the beauty contests in the schools.

A community like Clarkston owes it to its youth to put a stop to these beauty contests. We live in a society that needs to recognize our young leaders: they are beauties.

I consider myself a professional business woman and am well versed on the criteria used for Young Woman of the Year. Your program is not using this criteria. You, as a member of this community, needs to review these scores and give the proper credit where it is due.

This was not a fair program and should not have received community support. Two top candidates were robbed of something very deserving.

Samone Taylor

County's waste plan a sham

The Nov. 5 referendum on the Oakland County Solid Waste Plan was a sham.

Incinerator proponents used dishonest advertising and forced an unacceptable choice on the voter in order to get a "yes" vote on the solid waste bond, and it worked. By manipulating the voter, the county is now authorized to build an incinerator that has not been shown to be needed and that will add pollutants to the air and water of Oakland County.

Despite EMEAC's position opposing incineration, the so-called "Committee for Responsible Solid Waste Management," a group of incinerator devotees, listed EMEAC as a supporter in campaign brochures that were mailed out all over the county. There was no accident here. The Committee's paid PR man was told before the first set of brochures went out that there was no possible way that EMEAC would endorse the bond.

Deceived voters went to the polls where they were faced with an unacceptable choice: support the combination of recycling and incineration or nothing at all.

It's well recognized that most supporters of recycling oppose incineration because burning trash removes the incentive to recycle. An honest attempt to elicit the voter's opinion would have included separating the recycling component from the incineration component on the ballot. EMEAC pointed out the need for separation, but the Oakland County Board of Commissioners refused.

The mercury showing up in nearby lakes is reason enough to put off burning trash until a way is found to deal with heavy metals in the waste stream.

EMEAC members are disgusted with the dishonest and demeaning methods that were used to get approval to build the incinerator, but we're not walking away.

There is too much at stake. Oakland County should rectify the wrong that was done to Oakland County voters by launching a full-scale waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting program.

Disposal technology may be necessary, but first we need to have reason to trust the claims that incineration will be safe for human health and the environment. False claims were made to get a "yes" vote on the bond; how reliable are the claims that the incinerator will be safe?

Elizabeth Harris, executive director
East Michigan Environmental Action Council

Editor's note: The East Michigan Environmental Action Council takes part in the activities of a groundwater leadership team based in Independence Township.

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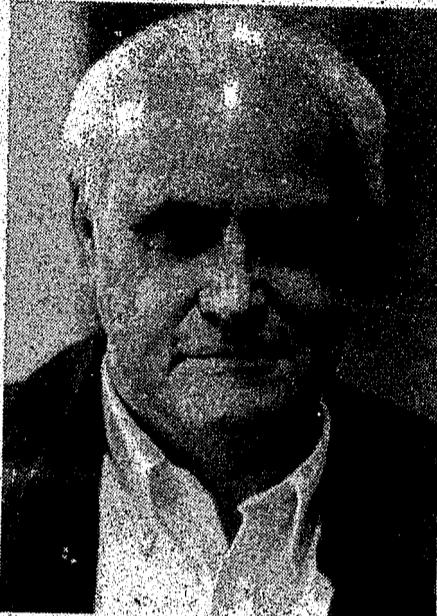
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By James Gibowski



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"My heart goes out to him."

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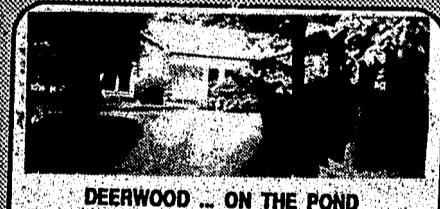
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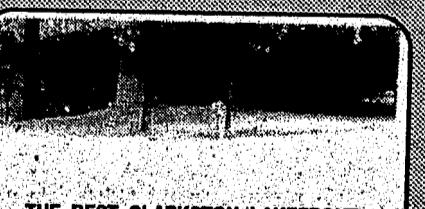
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The raffle and auction were a great success due to the generosity of Clarkston area restaurants, merchants and businesses. We appreciate your donations of gifts, gift certificates and free services. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you again, very much, from all of us at Clarkston Elementary.

Kim Ferguson

Powerful program

The Clarkston Junior High PTA would like to extend a special "thank you" to parents and students for attending our presentation, "My Name Is Pam Rogers and I Have AIDS."

We would especially like to thank pediatrician James O'Neill, the Clarkston Foundation, Mrs. Merelyn Mallett

from the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Mrs. Joy Schumacher from the Oakland County Health Department, and the representatives of the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project for their assistance in this presentation.

We sincerely appreciate the time these very busy yet generous people gave to enrich the AIDS program presented to Clarkston students and their families.

Clarkston Junior High
Parent Teacher Association

Caring community

I'd like to thank the community for the support they've given me and my family.

Recently, I underwent surgery for head and neck cancer. I've not been able to work since. On Nov. 9, the Clarkston Eagles sponsored a benefit dance, dinner and auction in my name.

The response was heartwarming. I'd like to thank the Clarkston Eagles, all the merchants who donated gifts to raffle and auction off and all those who turned out (it's my understanding that they even had to turn away people it was so crowded).

It's good to know the community cares — that's what a community is all about. The strength of a commu-

nity, in one way, can be measured by its ability to help its members in their time of need.

From myself and family, our thoughts and prayers will always be with you.

Donald Rush

Successful season

Another successful fall season has come to a close for Clarkston athletics. As always, many people make the operation go smoothly, such as good coaches, athletes, secretary, trainer, officials, parents, students, etc.

However, many people behind the scenes go above and beyond expectations. They include the Independence Emergency Medical Service unit, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the Athletic Booster Club, the chain gangs, spotters, supervisors and concession stand workers.

Individually, I would like to thank the "Voice of the Wolves," Dale Ryan, who announced 17 football and six girls basketball games. Also a thank you to John Priebe, who worked 16 football games as official timer. Last, but not least, a thank you to Dwight Spiker, who made sure the concession stands were organized for all 36 home events in football, soccer and girls basketball.

Clarkston is truly a community of people working together to ensure that good things happen. Thanks to all who made for a successful athletic season.

Paul Tungate,
athletic director

More letters

PTO upset over computer at home

Though the bulk of our problem has been solved; I am still a very upset parent at Clarkston Elementary and would like to blow off steam.

Our kids earned four computers for our school and worked very hard last year on this. Our newly elected Parent Teacher Organization president, Cathy Cole, had taken one of those computers home with the approval of our principal. The reasoning was that we have no place to put the fourth computer at the school, and she had school-related business to do.

If Clarkston El. doesn't have the space, then we should give the computer to the junior high school, since those pupils gave us one-fourth of our receipts to get the last computer. And the PTO president should work on the computer at the school.

Other PTO members have rectified this matter by taking the computer from the president's house and bringing it back to the school.

This is as it should be, but we are worried that other

incidents will follow.

This is not how to run the PTO. If the PTO president is so busy with her own life and her own business, then she should do us all a big favor and resign.

Names withheld
on request

Hooray for B&B

My family and I have been away from our beloved Clarkston for almost 18 years. So I'm compelled to write this letter of joy.

Hooray! Hooray! We have heard that Joan and Buck Kopietz are planning to open a "Bed and Breakfast Inn" in town.

How wonderful it will be to have a lovely place to stay when we return to visit and not have to impose on family and friends.

All our luck to Joan and Buck! They can plan on my family supporting their establishment. As a matter of fact, my 40th high school reunion is next year — do you suppose they would accept an early reservation?

Jane (Adams) Ayliffe
Phoenix, Ariz.

The very best

Dear Clarkston High School Bandsmen and Bandswomen:

Thank you for the outstanding concert Thursday, Nov. 14.

The high level of your performance indicates the long and serious preparation you put into getting ready for the program you played. Having once been a member of a marching and concert band myself, I can appreciate the time and effort spent to achieve such an excellent production.

Mr. Chapman, his staff, the Band Boosters and especially you have a great deal to be proud of. I know I join everyone who stood, applauded and cheered again and again as you entertained us in a way that was both enjoyable and stirring at the same time.

You exemplify the very best that Clarkston offers. Through your hard work, discipline, dedication and camaraderie, you have already gained many honors. I am sure you will continue to gain recognition for your skill and talent.

You do the entire community proud. Keep up the great work.

Clif Higdon

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The Holiday Computer and Electronic Games Expo is set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Clarkston Community Education, 5275 Maytree Road, Independence Township.

Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children; and those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The expo is designed to give hands-on experience with various computer equipment and games and software on the market.

Though the items won't be for sale, door prizes include free membership to computer game clubs, rental equipment coupons and more.

Representatives from various companies will be on

hand to answer questions and give advice to potential game users and computer owners.

From Video Game Master in Waterford, displays of Super Nes, Genesis, Neo/Geo, Turbo Grafx 16 and more will appear.

From Inacomp, selected games and programs will be available for hands-on use — some on a CD Rom.

Also, the following software will be shown on color screens for those interested in taking a class, buying a home computer or software or buying equipment for a business: Lotus, Splash, PageMaker, MicroSoft Works, Word Perfect 5.1 and more.

Various IBM hardware also will be on hand, and other displays by area vendors will show more applications.

For more information, call 674-3141.

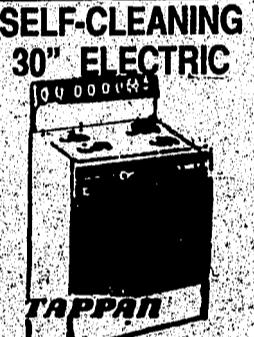
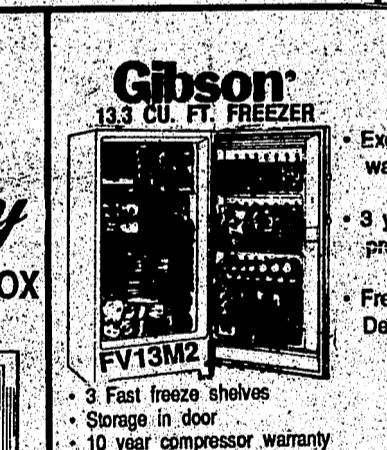
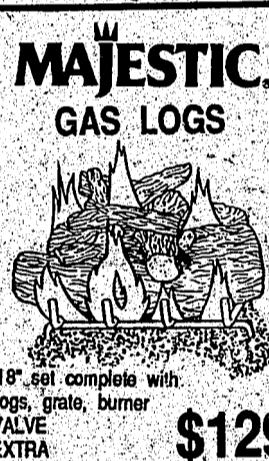
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Developers not happy about rezoning proposal

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

Three property owners are preparing to sue Independence Township and its officials if the township board eventually decides to rezone their properties.

On Nov. 14, the Independence Township Planning Commission voted to recommend the rezoning of nearly 200 acres in Sections 25 and 36, which are in the southeastern portion of the township. The three parcels are presently zoned either single family residential (R1A) or rural residential (R1R).

R1A zoning requires 33,000-square-feet-minimum lot sizes, while R1R requires 3-acre-minimum lot sizes.

The public hearings were scheduled by the township because Independence is attempting to rezone all of Sections 25 and 36 to suburban farm residential (R1B). R1B zoning requires 1-to 1 1/2-acre lot sizes.

The hearings were arranged in conjunction with the board's action of Nov. 6, where it voted 6-1 to change the master plan for these two sections of the township from their present zonings to R1B.

Now, the section's parcels must go through various rezoning requests, via the planning commission and township board, so all properties adhere to an R1B zoning.

However, property owners Michael Clark, Roy Portney and Al Semaan are pushing for all their land to be jointly zoned R1A, so they can build a 214-site housing development.

Clark, who owns an 11-acre site east of Clintonville Road, said he and his partners would take legal action if the board eventually votes to rezone their land R1B.

"If they (board) eventually decide to rezone our properties, then we will absolutely, unequivocally, sue everyone concerned," he said. "It still should be obvious that they're jerking us around."

The "everyone" that Clark is referring to includes: the township, the board members who voted in favor of the master plan revision and the planning commission members voting to recommend the rezonings.

As of now, Clark said, two officials would be off the hook. They include: township board Trustee Bruce Mercado, who voted against any master plan revisions Nov. 6; and commission member Steven Secatch, who voted against rezoning Clark's property at the Nov. 14 planning commission meeting.

At that meeting, Secatch voted against rezoning Clark's property because the commission had already granted him preliminary site plan approval on a 19-lot development earlier this year. He did, however, vote in favor of rezoning the other two property owners' parcels.

During the course of the evening, Clark continued to press the need for affordable housing in Independence. Under R1A, Clark insists that he and his partners can offer homes at \$120,000 to \$140,000.

Township planning consultant Richard Carlisle stated that if R1A is necessary for new housing, as presented by Clark, then Independence is filling that need. Carlisle said that in the past two to three years, more than 800 new lots

have been created in the township under the R1A zoning. Of this 800, 230 of these lots are located north of I-75 and 605 are south of the expressway.

During the public hearing segment of the planning commission meeting, several area residents spoke out

"If they ... rezone our properties, then we will absolutely, unequivocally, sue everyone concerned."

Michael Clark

against increased density in those sections. Their concerns included: traffic safety, insufficient roadways, and harm to the environment, especially Morgan Lake.

Clark explained to the public that the proposed development wouldn't harm Morgan Lake and that he and his partners were planning to pay for roadway improvements, which included the paving of Maybee Road. He added that all the wetlands on the three joint properties would be donated to the Independence Land Conservancy.

Despite Clark's proposed plans and explanations, the planning commission members stood firm on rezoning the land.

"In the interest of true preservation, wetlands and good planning, I agree that we recommend a rezoning of these properties to the township board," said commissioner Richard Oppmann.

The planning commission's recommendations will now be sent on the Oakland County Planning Commission for approval. If the OCPC approves, the recommendation will then be sent to the township board. As of Monday, this rezoning issue had yet to be placed on an upcoming township board agenda.

Guest Column

Outdoor enthusiasts need permission

BY NANCY STROLE

Springfield residents have asked me to remind outdoor sports enthusiasts about a new trespass ordinance adopted last spring by the Springfield Township Board.

The ordinance states that "A person shall not enter in or remain upon the lands of another, except where permitted by state law, without having in their possession the

Hunters, bird watchers, cross country skiers and snowmobilers who want to use another's private property in the township must first get written permission from the landowner.

written consent of the owner, his lessee or agent."

Simply put, it means that any and all recreationists — from hunters to bird watchers, from cross country skiers to snowmobilers — who want to use another's private property in the township must first get written permission from the landowner or agent. The recreationist must also be able to produce evidence of such written permission when using the property.

The new ordinance was passed to close a loophole that placed an unfair burden on property owners who wanted to control access to their properties.

In the past, for example, landowners have experienced problems with recreationists from outside the Springfield area who use their properties without permission.

It's hoped that the new law will give property owners the selective control they seek, while also allowing continued access to private property by responsible recreationists who have obtained landowner consent. A simple one-sentence written authorization is all that's needed.

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Nancy Strole is a trustee on the Springfield Township Board.

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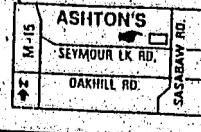
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From Our Perspective

Dialogue leads to ideas, solutions

Doug
Carlson

I'd like to use this week's column to respond to the thoughtful and well written letter from Bob and Mary Ann Emick in last week's Clarkston News.

I'll begin by saying that this type of dialogue is exactly what our group is trying to accomplish. We acknowledge the fact that many people will disagree with our goals, our methods and our findings.

We know that some will call us controversial. But we feel that controversy is preferable to apathy because controversy leads to dialogue. And dialogue leads to ideas. And ideas lead to solutions. And right now the Clarkston school system is desperately in need of solutions. We'd like to play a role in those solutions, if we can.

Now I'd like to respond to the questions raised by the Emicks. First of all, the report we gave to the school board on the high school was two typewritten pages in length. Although we requested a response to our proposals, we knew it would take some time because the board is currently wrestling with the elementary school situation. Therefore, even if they had been asked about our proposals, they would not have had the time to examine them in any detail.

We totally agree with the Emicks that people are tired of high taxes. This is why our group got together in the first place. We know how difficult it's going to be to increase taxes to resolve the many problems facing Clarkston schools, and why new and creative solutions to the problems will have to be considered.

We're certainly not experts regarding the Clarkston school system. We're simply a group of residents who are visiting the schools, examining the budgets and attending school board meetings to learn as much as we can about the situation confronting all of us. As our column heading indicates, we're simply giving "our perspective" on what

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we see.

Now, to the heart of the Emicks' letter, the issue of overcrowding in the high school.

We visited the high school on two different occasions. Our most comprehensive visit was at 1:30 in the afternoon. It was not during lunch hour, nor was there an assembly or other function at that time. The 11 empty classrooms were scheduled that way, which we understand is not unusual.

More importantly, we obtained from Brent Cooley a list of all classes scheduled during the day and the corresponding number of students assigned to each class. Excluding such non-academic classes as auto shop, music, phys. ed., etc., this is what we found:

Of the 227 remaining classes, 24 (10.6 percent) have 5-15 students. Another 100 classes (44 percent) have 16-24 students. Sixty-six classes (29.1 percent) have 25-30 students, and 37 classes (16.3 percent) have 31-36 students.

When reviewing these numbers, it is apparent that some of these classes are too large. We agree that this is a serious problem that should be addressed as quickly as possible. However, it is one that should be able to be resolved using the existing high school facilities.

I'd like to close on a personal note. When my three

children graduated from Clarkston High School, there were as many as 1,000 more students in the school system than there are today. Nevertheless, when they got to college, all three said they could hold their own with graduates from any high school in the country. And they did.

So, in spite of all the adversity inherent in Clarkston schools, they're apparently doing a lot of things right. They're turning out graduates who are very capable of competing in today's society.

Let's not lose sight of that fact.

Doug Carlson is a member of Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility in Government.

Business Brief

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Blood tests up following Magic's announcement

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

The reverberations of Earvin "Magic" Johnson testing HIV positive have already hit Clarkston, according to three area doctors.

All three physicians have reported an increase in blood test requests, accompanied by a bevy of AIDS-related questions, since the NBA star announced that he tested positive for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). HIV can lead to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), for which there is no cure.

In the case of general practitioner Theodore Englemann, blood tests and AIDS questioning has jumped

About AIDS ...

AIDS, an acronym for acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is an affliction in which a virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers.

Blood tests can often detect the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which can evolve into AIDS.

The virus is most often transmitted through sexual contact, mostly between homosexual males. Other means of transmission include transfusions of blood or blood products, and the sharing of contaminated hypodermic needles or syringes by drug abusers. AIDS can also be passed from mother to child at or before birth.

There is no cure for AIDS at present. According to health officials, prevention is the best protection.

That means that sexually active people should use condoms or, safer yet, abstain.

And IV drug-users should stop taking drugs or at the very least use a new needle ever time.

Since the virus can exist for a varying number of years before showing up on blood tests, people should wear rubber gloves when they may come in contact with bodily fluids.

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nearly 50 percent at his M-15, Independence Township, office. Across the street, T.C. Dahbawala reported that she had a few more people than usual inquire about HIV testing, since Johnson's announcement on Nov. 7.

Pediatrician James O'Neill said that a superstar such as Johnson has the ability to push this dire disease to the national forefront, instead of it remaining on the back-burner.

"He probably just moved the agenda, thank God, from the homosexual community to the heterosexual public," O'Neill said. "Because of his fame and the fact that people feel close to him, he'll be able to help inform the entire planet on the importance of battling this epidemic."

O'Neill said that more than 40 million people around the world are afflicted with AIDS. Of these 40 million people, O'Neill said nearly 80 percent of them contacted the disease through heterosexual contact.

The United States is the exception, where most of the cases still occur from dirty hypodermic needles or homosexual activity. But O'Neill said those statistics are

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changing, due, in part, to afflicted heterosexuals.

O'Neill added that he hopes Johnson begins promoting abstinence instead of safe sex. He said a national shift in moral values is the only way in curtailing the epidemic.

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Englemann doesn't think that Magic's dilemma will do much in the research end of finding a cure. Like many, though, he wishes research would have begun when the disease was first discovered.

"I respect Magic Johnson as a person, but we shouldn't have waited until a celebrity of his caliber contracted it to focus on the disease," Englemann said. "We should have started examining the disease after the first case was discovered.

"I don't put any more value on Magic's life than the person down the street, who may have just tested positive for AIDS," he added. "However, as an idol, he'll be able to help the youth of America realize that this disease doesn't discriminate."

O'Neill said the world must now focus on beating this disease, before it's too late.

"This should put an end to the 'phony war' we've waged against each other since the end of World War II," O'Neill said. "This epidemic is similar to the plague of the Middle Ages, and it must be stopped soon.

"Statistics show, within the next five years, there won't be one person in America who won't know of a person afflicted with AIDS," he added. "Hopefully, this fact alone will make people more responsible in the future."

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Last hearing on I-75 corridor next week

If you'd like a say in road improvements along the I-75 corridor, you may want to attend a public hearing next week.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will hold its fifth and final public meeting on the northern Oakland County I-75 corridor study on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The meeting is planned for 7-8:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston.

A final document that incorporates ideas from the four previous public meeting will be presented, and comments will be taken.

The document is designed to establish a general consensus regarding improvements to be made over the next 25 years to the local, county and state roadways along the 12-mile corridor of I-75 from US-24 (Dixie Highway) to M-24 (Lapeer Road).

Representatives from the consulting firm, Schimperle Corradino Associates, will present the "Preferred Improvement Plan" and answer questions.

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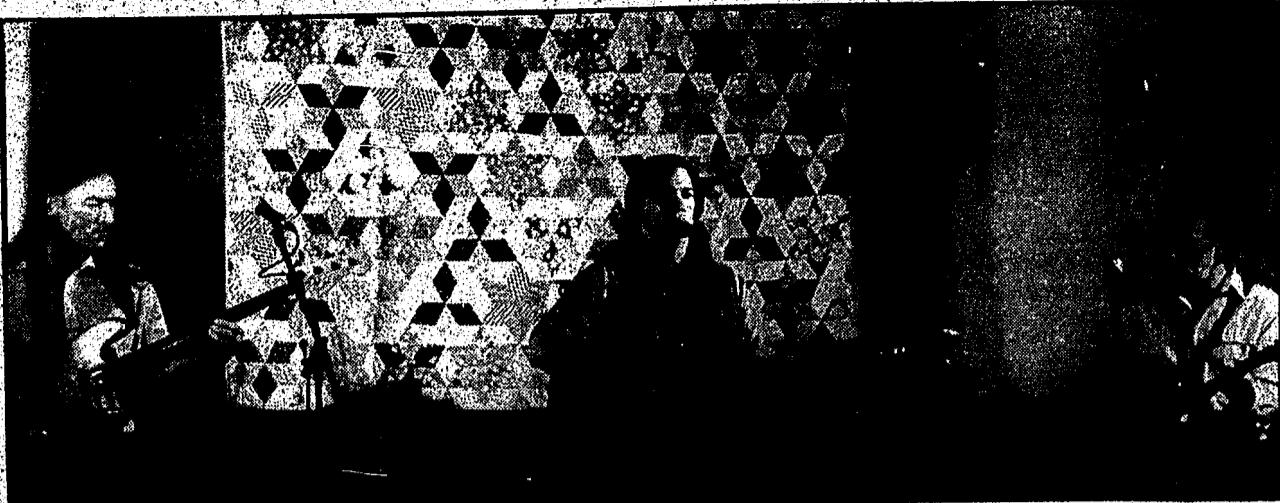


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Gary Bird. The next attraction will be Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. when The Special Consensus, a Grammy Award-nominated bluegrass group from Chicago, takes the stage at Century Chapel. Tickets for that concert are \$7.50 in advance and \$8 at the door. Call 625-1227 for more information. (Photo by James Gibowski)

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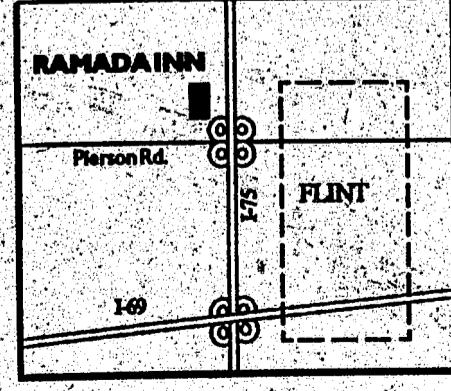
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Grant spending OK'd by board

BY DENNIS V. CARTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Neighbor to Neighbor, Lighthouse North and area senior citizens will likely benefit from money from Springfield Township next year.

The board voted unanimously Nov. 13 to spend \$32,263 in Community Development Block Grant money in such areas as public service, planning and management and a senior citizen van.

The board decided to allocate 20 percent of the money (\$6,452) to planning and management, with 40 percent (\$12,905) going to public services. Of the public service money, up to \$1,000 is to be granted to Northwest Oakland Community Services with the balance to be split between Neighbor for Neighbor (75 percent) and Lighthouse North (25 percent).

The remaining 40 percent is being considered for the purchase of a senior citizens' van.

According to township Supervisor Collin Walls, the plan is to work with Groveland Township on the van project.

"It's not a done deal," he said. "What we want to do is work with Groveland Township on the purchase and operation of the van and have it operate out of the Holly Senior Center. We use can SMART funds for the operating expenses."

Trustee Dennis Vallad voiced support of the plan.

"Bringing communities together in a joint effort is the only way we can really afford to do this type of project," he said.

The motion was passed with the understanding that

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Trustee Dennis Vallad

more information and approval will be forthcoming.

Block grants are federal funds that are channeled through Oakland County's Community Development office.

Communities receive the funds based on population and must verify that the funds are being used to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

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Look out, criminals: New detective to help fight crime in Springfield

BY DENNIS V. CARTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new detective sergeant could soon become part of the law enforcement effort in Springfield Township.

The board voted unanimously Nov. 13 to approve a \$72,759 contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, which covers the sergeant's salary and vehicle.

The approval brings the total to five contracts with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for Springfield Township law enforcement.

According to Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, the new position entails three job functions.

"The detective sergeant's primary function will be to investigate incidents which occur in the township," he said. "Secondarily, the detective sergeant will provide extra patrol for the township and will also be the command officer at the township sub-station."

Before the motion passed, Trustee Nancy Strole requested that the township supervisor present a report on the activities of the new position every three months.

According to Walls, that will not be a problem, and he will give them more often than that.

Now that the board has approved the contract, it must still be approved by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. If then approved, the detective should begin the first of the year.

Most employees' pay up 6 percent

BY DENNIS V. CARTER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Elected officials received pay raises in Springfield Township, but their fellow trustees on the board declined a raise for 1992.

Members of the planning commission and zoning board of appeals (ZBA), as well as non-salaried employees also received raises. The board voted unanimously Nov. 13 to grant the pay hikes.

That means that starting in 1992, members of the planning commission and ZBA will receive \$50 per meeting instead of the \$40 per meeting they now receive.

Non-salary township employees received a 6 percent increase in pay for next year.

Elected officials also received raises. Supervisor Collin Walls' salary increased from \$35,600 in 1991 to \$37,750 in 1992.

Salaries for Clerk J. Calvin Walters and Treasurer Lois Stiles were increased from \$31,900 in '91 to \$33,800 for '92.

But when the board considered a motion to pay the four board trustees \$950 per year and \$75 per meeting in 1992, members voted 3-4, defeating the suggestion. Voting for the motion were Walls, Walters and Stiles. Voting no

were the four trustees, Margaret Bloom, Charles Oaks, Nancy Strole and Dennis Vallad.

A subsequent motion to keep the trustees' current salary of \$900 per year and \$70 per meeting passed unanimously.

Supervisor Walls noted that the trustees have not had a pay increase in four years.

"We looked at the raise as not so much money but a little thanks to trustees for the outstanding job they do," said Walls. "They really put in a lot of time and do excellent work. We just felt it was a nice way to thank them for their hard work."



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State champs dump cafeteria for new practice room

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

Clarkston High's wrestling squad could soon be practicing in the cozy confines of its own practice room, instead of the school cafeteria.

On Nov. 11, the Clarkston Board of Education gave the Wolves' wrestling booster club permission to renovate the loft over the high school woodshop room. However, the room will have to undergo the installation of several safety precautions and a liability insurance check to safeguard the district in the event of a volunteer renovator's injury.

Brent Michelson and David Endresz represented the booster club at the meeting. They told the board that the wrestling team desperately needed a new practice environment.

Michelson told the board that the boys have to move 40 cafeteria tables to another area and move the wrestling mats from the hallway to the cafeteria in order to practice. He said a new practice room would free up the cafeteria for other after-school events and help avoid any injuries that might occur from moving tables and mats.

Michelson said the booster club has \$1,000 it's ready to put toward renovations. He added that all the work would be done by community volunteers.

"We'd like to have you support our attempt to win back-to-back state championships," Michelson said to the board. "We see this facility as a win-win proposal for everyone involved."

However, Supervisor Gary Haner was hesitant about the proposal because of the potential for injury. He contended that the loft's 7-foot, 3-inch high ceiling was unsafe, especially if youngsters hang from the rafters and engage in horseplay.

Haner also said he was concerned for the safety of the volunteers working on the practice room and what liability the district has if someone is hurt.

Michelson told Haner he understood his concerns and that horseplay wouldn't be tolerated. He also suggested that all volunteers sign an insurance waiver, prior to working.

Haner said that wouldn't be enough:

"You can't give away your legal rights with an insurance waiver," Haner said, warily.

Haner added that he'd also like to pad the walls for safety purposes. Michelson said he knew of few wrestling practice facilities with padded walls and their added cost would be around \$2,700. He said the boosters had originally intended to only erect a wall at the edge of the balcony, install lighting and paint the walls.

The board suggested that the district's architect look

at the booster club's plans the next time he was in town, but Michelson stated that time was of the essence.

"The season starts in about two weeks, and we want to get this wall up, so we can start practicing as quickly as possible," he said.

While the proposal seemed satisfactory to the board, many of the members were concerned with the safety of the volunteers and the district's liability in case of an accident.

So, to accommodate both parties, the board unanimously voted to allow the renovation of the area, contingent on a clarification of its liability with the district's insurance company, the Insurance Company of Northern America. The decision was met by a rousing cheer from many of the varsity wrestlers and their parents.

Under the approval, the booster club was also told it must adhere to a list of conditions penned by Haner.

They include: enclosing stairways exits, constructing a wall at edge of balcony, installing padding on overhead beams, protecting windows with grid screens, increasing room's lighting and making sure floor is fireproof if they intend to store anything under the loft.

As of Monday, Nov. 18, the district's insurance agent hadn't rendered a decision on volunteer-based liability. Steve Lenar, director of business services, said more information will be available by the end of the week.

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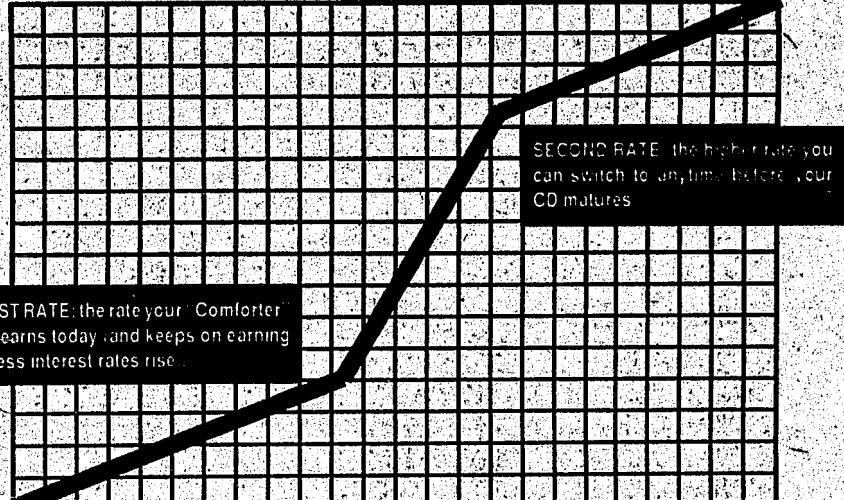
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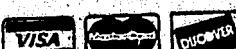
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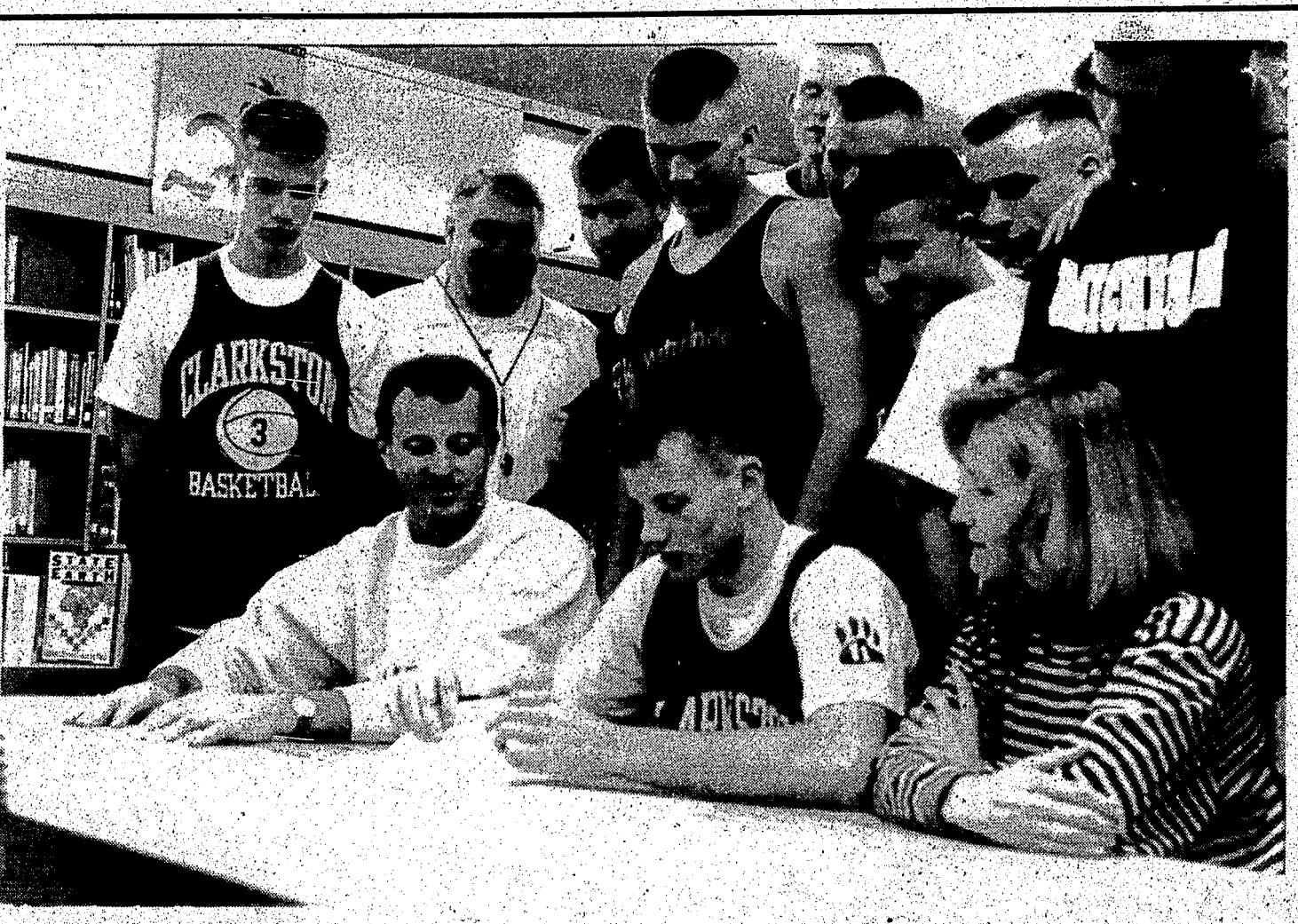
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It's official

DUGAN Fife, a Clarkston High School senior, signs a national letter of intent Nov. 13 in the school's library, binding him to the University of Michigan. Fife, who was also heavily recruited for football (he just completed his fourth year as varsity quarterback), will play basketball for the Wolverines next season. Looking on are Fife's father, Dan, and mother, Jan. Behind them are members of the varsity basketball team and JV coach Tim Kaul. Fife and his Wolf teammates begin their season Dec. 10 when they host Pontiac Central. (Photo by James Gibowski)



Clarkston area man owns new hoop franchise

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Owning the Michigan Great Lakers is a dream come true for Mike Wilcox.

The Clarkston area resident, who continues to own Michigan Webb printing company on Dixie Highway, Springfield Township, is the owner and president of the new Global Basketball Association (GBA) team, which plays its home games at the Saginaw Civic Center.

"It's been a lifelong goal to be involved in professional sports," said Wilcox, whose company printed the regional edition of the now-defunct *The National*, a daily sports newspaper.

The GBA, which opens its inaugural season this week, gets most of its players from NBA training camps, those who were cut but still have hope of someday playing there.

In addition to the Great Lakers, the

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Mike Wilcox

other GBA teams are located in Memphis, Tenn.; Nashville, Tenn.; Wichita, Kan.; Huntsville, Ala.; Albany, Ga.; Louisville, Ky.; Fayetteville, N.C.; Greensboro, N.C.; Raleigh, N.C.; and Greenville, S.C.

The Great Lakers will also play exhibition games against teams from Belgium, Italy and Australia. Next season the Michigan club expects to play the foreign teams in a home-and-away series.

Wilcox first was interested in a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, team from the rival Continental Basketball Association, but around Memorial Day former Cleveland Cavalier owner Ted Stettem told him about the new GBA.

The Great Lakers, who open on the road at Wichita Nov. 21, definitely have a Michigan connection.

The general manager is former Central Michigan University coach Charles Coles; the coach is former University of Michigan standout and New York Knickerbocker Cazzie Russell; and three of its 10 players were once in the Detroit Pistons' camp (Reggie Fox, Drexel Deveaux and Malcolm Hollensteiner).

Wilcox, who commutes to Saginaw, said he will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the team, while player personnel will strictly be handled by Coles and Russell.

The owner said one way the GBA hopes to compete with the more-established CBA is by paying its players more. The CBA has a team salary cap of \$110,000 while the GBA has its at \$200,000.

The Great Lakers play a 64-game schedule, with ticket prices set at \$7, \$9 and \$12. Wilcox expects a sellout opening day (Nov. 22) and then thinks the attendance will average out between 3-to-4,000 the rest of the season.

Wilcox said more than just a game will go on in Saginaw. Among the entertainment will be special halftime shows, giving away a car, trips, etc.

Team mascot Slammin' Salmon will also be featured.

Wilcox, who played basketball at Brandon High School and later at Alma College, said, "Basketball has always been my first love. I've been an avid Piston fan and had season tickets for the past 10 years."

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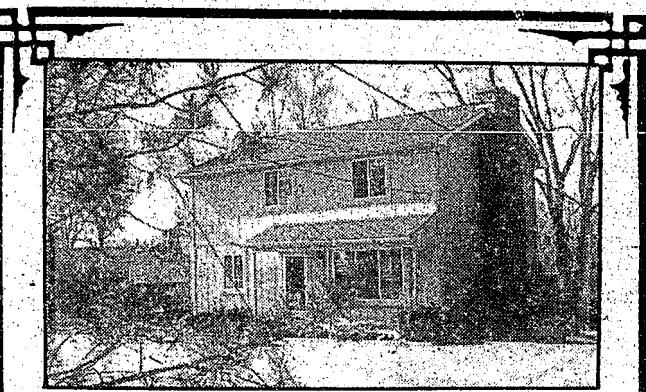
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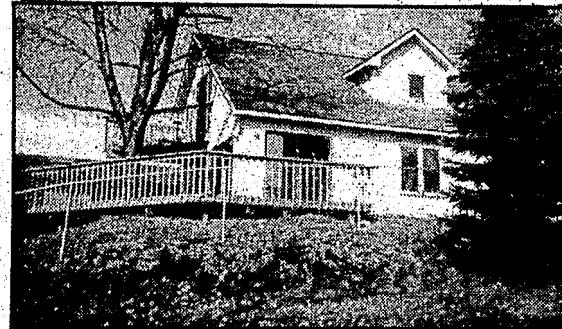


KEVIN Mason, who lives on Drayton Road in Independence Township, launches a pass during halftime of the Los Angeles Rams vs. Detroit Lions game at the Pontiac Silverdome last Sunday. Mason's throw was part of the state finals action in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition. Mason said he finished about seventh (only first, second and third places have been officially determined so far) at the finals. The Sashabaw Junior High sixth-grader qualified for the trip to the Silverdome by placing first in Region 5 with his combined punt, pass and kick total of 251 feet, 8 inches. He made it to the regionals by finishing first in local competition with a 262 feet, 9 inch total. (Photo by Don Schelske)



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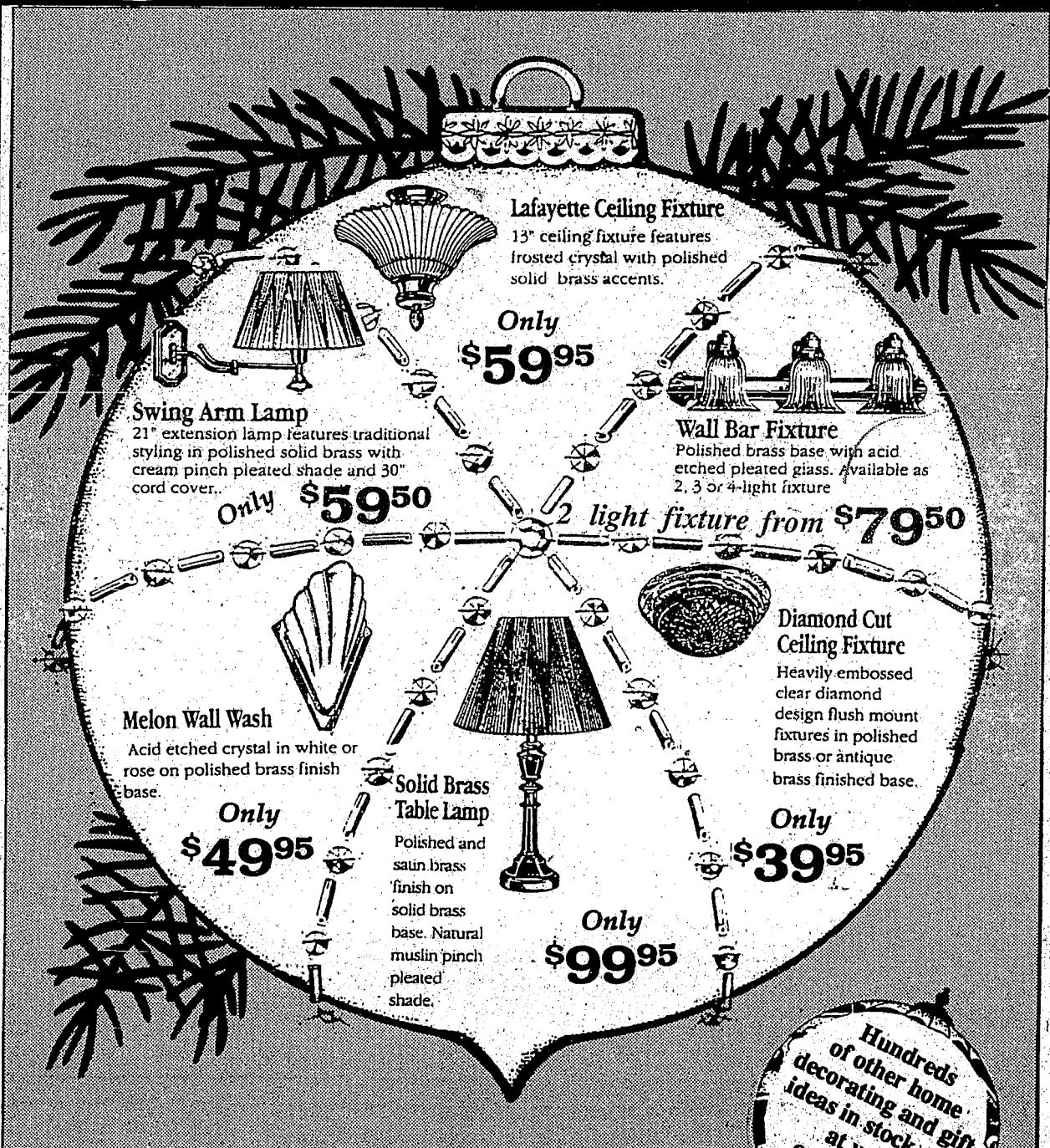
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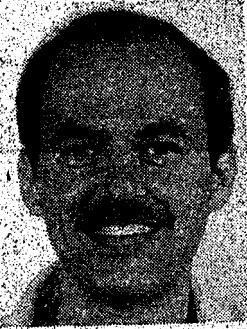
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About the winner:

Four people tied with 17 correct picks but Steve Strawser of Ortonville wins \$50 in the Clarkston News Football Contest (for games of Nov. 16-17) by coming closest in the tiebreaker.

Big picks for Strawser were Penn State over Notre Dame, Wisconsin over Minnesota and Youngstown State over Slippery Rock.

Strawser predicted 39 points would be scored in the Western Michigan at Central Michigan game (44 points were actually scored). Others tied with 17 picks correct and their tiebreaker guessimates were: Harold Marsh of Ortonville (34), Ryan Schilling of Springfield Township (29) and Mark Girling of Independence Township (55).

Ten people were close behind, choosing 10 games correctly.

Clarkston News sportswriter James Gibowski tied with guest picker Clarkston varsity cheerleader Kim Chamberlain. Both picked 14 games correctly.

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total number of points in the tiebreaker blank. Tie games will be counted as incorrect picks. (One entry per person)

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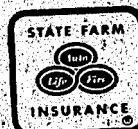
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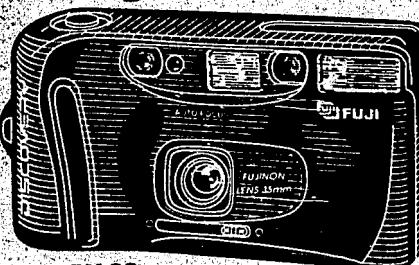
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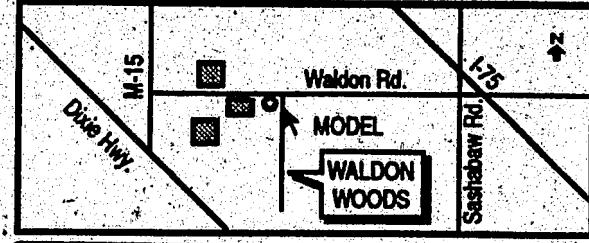
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Wolves end regular season on winning note

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
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It looked like a comedy after three quarters, but a fourth quarter surge by Brandon turned it into a drama.

However, in the final act of the final regular-season game, host Clarkston took the curtain call in a 63-57 win over the stubborn Blackhawks Nov. 15 in Greater Oakland Activities League varsity girls' basketball action.

The Wolves' win upped their overall record to 15-5 and GOAL mark to 7-3. Brandon fell to 10-10 overall and 3-7 in the GOAL.

Clarkston will next meet Lapeer East (20-1) at Lapeer East Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Class A districts. If the Wolves defeat the tough Eagles, they would meet the winner of Grand Blanc vs. Holly in the district finals Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

The Wolves took a slim 32-26 lead into intermission. They then blitzed the Blackhawks with a 21-8 third quarter.

Brandon's 23-10 advantage in the final quarter made it closer but Clarkston held on.

Clarkston's Big Three juniors paced the Wolves. Alyson McChesney scored a game-high 23 points and Heather Steinhelper and Courtney Whittaker each netted a dozen.

Shannon Jenks added four, Stacey Tinkis three, Heather Austin, Cheralyn Evans, Amy Schroeder and Laura Seitz each had two and Lesley Allen one.

Tinkis also had six assists.

Jessica Schilling paced the Blackhawks with 16 points.

Both teams attempted 29 free throws with Clarkston converting on 18 (62 per-



THE ball is up for grabs between Clarkston's Stacey Tinkis and a Brandon opponent.

cent) and Brandon connecting on 15 (52 percent).

for Davison, as Clarkston downed the Cardinals, 45-29, in a non-league game.

Clarkston 45, Davison 29

(Nov. 12 at Davison)

"Thirteen" was an unlucky number

Clarkston outscored host Davison 13-4 in the first quarter, 13-9 in the second and 13-7 in the third. Davison broke the pattern in the final quarter with a 9-6 advantage.

Clarkston's Alyson McChesney led all scorers with 14 points. Stacey Tinkis

and Courtney Whittaker each tallied 10. Heather Steinhelper added four, Heather Austin, Shannon Jenks and Amy Schroeder each scored two and Lesley Allen had one.

No one reached double figures for the Cardinals (6-13).

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Katy Conlen

Katy Conlen, a Clarkston High School graduate, has earned her way to NCAA Division III women's cross country nationals Nov. 23 at Newport News, Va.

Conlen, a senior at Hope College, reached the nationals by finishing first overall and breaking a meet record (18:06) at the Nov. 16 Great Lakes Regional in Terre Haute, Ind.

Conlen, who will soon be studying in Japan, was also chosen as the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Most Valuable Runner. She was also a first team all-MIAA selection.

In addition to winning the regionals, Conlen finished first overall at the MIAA Championship Meet Nov. 9 at Hope College (17:11), won the MIAA Jamboree Oct. 31 at Alma College (18:04), won the MIAA Jamboree Sept. 21 at Kalamazoo College (18:50) and won the Great Lakes Colleges Association Invitational in Richmond, Ind. (19:10).

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7-8th graders begin season

SASHABAW JR. HIGH 7/8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov. 20	Pierce	4:00	A
Nov. 26	Crary	4:00	H
Dec. 2	Brandon	4:00	H
Dec. 4	Lake Orion	4:00	A
Dec. 9	Mason	4:00	A
Dec. 11	Clarkston	4:00	H
Dec. 16	Pierce	4:00	H

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Dec. 18	Crary	4:00	A

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INSIGHT	3	2
DAIRY DREAM	2	3
E. D. S.	0	5
THE BOOTLEGGERS	0	5

RESULTS OF OCTOBER 14, 1991

Bombers def. Dairy Dream 90-89 ot
 Orlando def. E.D.S. 77-54
 Insight def. Bootleggers 78-56
 J.J. Slavik def. Rebels 91-86

CHS grad wins in net

Western Michigan University senior goalie Rob Laurie's first hockey action this season was successful as the Broncos downed Ferris State, 4-2.

The Clarkston High School graduate's performance helped WMU up its Central Collegiate Hockey Association record to 5-2-1, putting the Broncos in first place.

Last season Laurie posted a 5-3-1 record in the nets for the Broncos and had a five-game winning streak and six-game undefeated streak that helped get WMU to Joe Louis Arena and the CCHA Championship for the first time since 1987-88.

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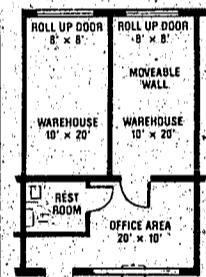
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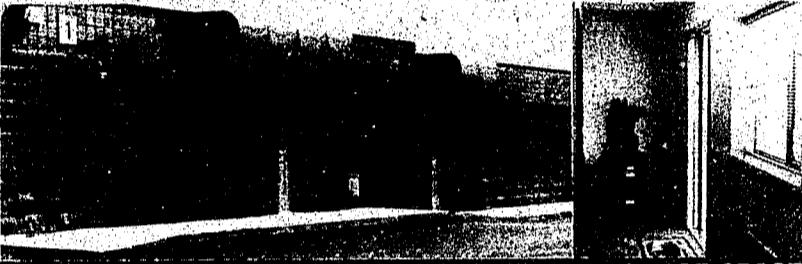
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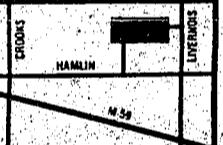
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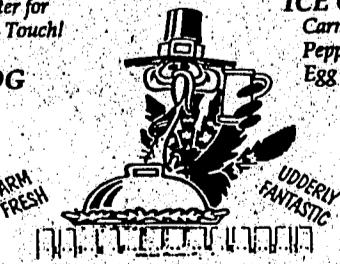
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JV cagers end with 16-4 mark

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A revenge-minded Clarkston girls' JV basketball team finished its season with a 43-29 win over Brandon and a solid 16-4 record.

"It was a great way to end the season, defeating Brandon by 14 after losing to them the first time," said Clarkston coach Janet Swan about the Nov. 14 win against the Blackhawks. "I just told the girls we had to get the ball inside and also play great defense. And they did it."

The Wolves had a 12-8 lead after the first quarter and then never trailed.

Clarkston's Erin Patterson was the game's top scorer (15) and rebounder (nine). Shawna Greene netted 13, pulled down eight rebounds and made 12 steals.

Amy Bishop scored seven, Jennifer Woutinen four and Shannon Binkley and Sadie Caruso each had two.

"It's been a great season finishing 16-4. I had a great bunch of girls to work with and I am really proud of them all," said Swan.

Clarkston 57, Davison 42

(Nov. 12 at Davison)

Shawna Greene, Erin Patterson and Amy Bishop combined for 40 points to help Clarkston down host Davison, 57-42.

The Wolves led 34-18 at intermission and then maintained that comfortable bulge in the second half.

Greene scored 18 points to go along with six steals. Patterson totaled 12 points, five rebounds and six steals. Bishop added 10 points.

Shannon Binkley scored seven, Sadie Caruso six, Sarah Antonazzo two and Jennifer Woutinen and Rachel Olney each had one.

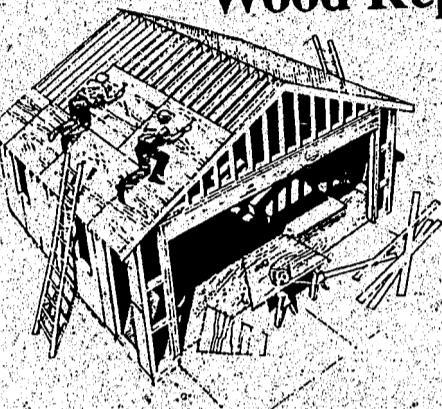
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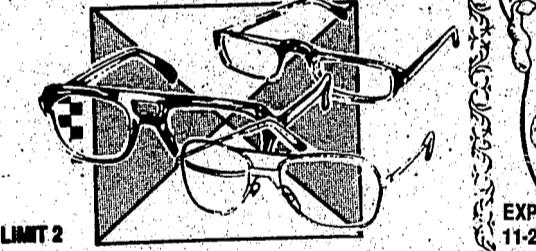
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Principal cited for excellence by peers

BY CURT MCALLISTER
Clarkston News Associate Editor

Two hundred people can't be wrong.

That's the number of principals in Region 7 of the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals' Association (MEMSPA) who recognized Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Doris N. Mousseau with the 1991 Regional Honors Award.

This annual award is given to the outstanding principal in each of the state's 14 regions. Region 7, consisting primarily of Oakland County schools, is the largest region in Michigan.

Mousseau was presented with a plaque at MEMSPA's leadership awards banquet Oct. 24.

This year marks her 13th year as principal of Bailey Lake. Prior to accepting the job at the Pine Knob Road

"I really enjoy my job because we've got good kids and terrific parent interaction."

Doris Mousseau

elementary school, she served 13 years as principal of Andersonville Elementary.

Mousseau, who was born in Alpena, has been employed in the Clarkston school district for the past 38 years.

In addition to her affiliation with local, state and national associations, Mousseau belongs to Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Michigan PTA. Her community organizations include: Youth Assistance, United Way Allocation Committee and the Blue Ribbon Kids Committee.

Mousseau said she feels fortunate to be recognized by her region's peers.

"This is a very nice award," she said. "Some people can be a principal all their life and never win such a terrific award."

This year, Mousseau is in charge of 696 students at Bailey Lake. Despite the cramped conditions, Mousseau said she still loves her job and her kids.

"I really enjoy my job because we've got good kids and terrific parent interaction," she said. "And everybody knows that good parents make good kids."



DORIS MOUSSEAU, principal of Bailey Lake Elementary School, has been named the

recipient of MEMSPA's Regional Honors Award.

If the Thanksgiving holiday coming up puts you in the "giving" frame of mind, you might consider donations of food or money to Lighthouse North.

The non-profit organization is attempting to feed about 400 needy families in the area for Thanksgiving — up from 350 families last year, said Director Sherry Kaars.

To make matters more difficult, Lighthouse North won't be receiving canned goods from some of their normal contributors, said Kaars.

"Not as many churches and organizations are doing food drives for us this year, and I don't know why," said Kaars. "We just have to have faith that it will work out."

Kaars said that any money donated will be used to buy turkeys for the families. Since Lighthouse North buys in bulk, it gets a good rate, said Kaars, adding that the company will deliver them the day of distribution, so they don't have to worry about refrigerated storage.

The baskets will be distributed Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 25 and 26, and items will be sorted over the weekend. That means donations are needed by Saturday, Nov. 23, she said. For more information, call 673-4949.

Goods needed include traditional Thanksgiving fare: chicken broth, canned fruits and vegetables, Jell-o, pumpkin pie filling, sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, pie crust mix, onions, pudding, rice, canned cranberries, soups, cake mix and frosting, boxed potatoes and canned milk.

Items may be dropped off at Lighthouse North on Maybee Road, Independence Township, and at the following participating businesses and homes: 6710 Deer Ridge Drive, Independence Township, (1 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22); Sayles Studio on Dixie Highway, Waterford Township; Carla's Hair Salon, Dixie Highway, Springfield Township.

To sign up for a basket or for more information, call 673-4949.

Food baskets needed for holiday



DENISE Schons (left) of Independence Township was transferred to the Oxford branch of NBD. Jeanne Hart (right) of

Waterford took her place at the Clarkston branch on Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. Schons' last day was Nov. 15.

Schons takes helm at new branch

BY JULIE CAMPE
Clarkston News Editor

After 13 years as assistant vice president of Pontiac State Bank-Clarkston, now called NBD, Denise Schons is being transferred to the Oxford branch.

Schons, a South Eston Road, Independence Township, resident, joined the bank in 1964. She opened the branch on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road, Independence Township, 13 years ago.

Jeanne Hart of Waterford will be taking her place in Clarkston.

Senior Teller Kathy Wood said the Clarkston bank employees were looking forward to working with Hart but were saddened at the thought of losing such a good boss.

"We just miss her," said Wood. "Not enough can be said. She's just a really important figure here. She's not really a boss; we're more like a family."

Since news of the transfer has trickled out, customers have sent letters, plants and flowers, said Wood.

"Just to read the letters is so touching. ... Everyone feels that way," she said.

Schons said she has mixed feelings about her new position.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge, but I'm going to miss everybody," she said.

Schons and her husband, Del, have two children: Mark and Bill. They have lived in the Clarkston area for 30 years.

In that time, Schons has become active in community organizations. She is a member of the Independence Township Downtown Development Authority, Independence Township Economic Development Corp., Waterford-Clarkston Business and Professional Women's Club and the Clarkston Community Awards Committee; and she is a director for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

Hart, who has worked for the company for 18 years, most recently at the Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford, branch, said she's excited about her new position.

"I think I'm getting a wonderful office," Hart said. "The customers are just great. Denise's shoes will be hard to fill — the customers just love her."

Business Briefs

New surgeon



Orthopedic surgeon Ahmad M. Hadied recently moved his practice from Detroit to Clarkston.

The West Bloomfield resident graduated from the University of Damascus in Damascus, Syria. He moved to Michigan in 1971 and has been practicing orthopedic surgery since 1972.

His practice includes treating sports injuries and broken bones and performing hand surgery.

Dr. Ahmad M. Hadied

Hadied said he moved his office to Clarkston in October because he liked the area and has several friends here. His office is in the Clarkston Professional Building on M-15. (Photo by Dennis V. Carter)

Net income up

Oxford Bank Corporation, the holding company for Oxford Bank, reported last week that its net income for the first nine months of 1991 was up over the same period last year.

Randall G Fox, the company's president and chief executive officer, issued the report. "In spite of all the bad news about big banks in the East and South, local community banks here in the Midwest are doing very well," he said. "And we are doing better than most of them. In fact, Oxford Bank has never, in its entire 107-year history, been safer or sounder than it is today."

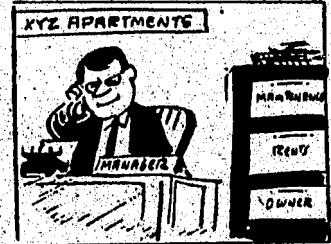
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Assets as of 9/30	\$142,758,000	\$136,450,000
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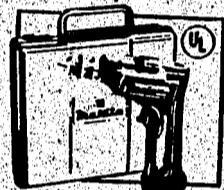
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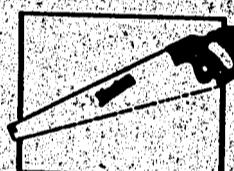
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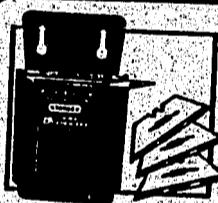
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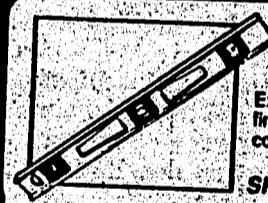
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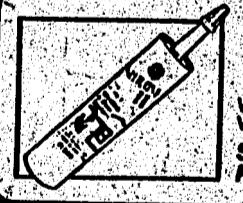
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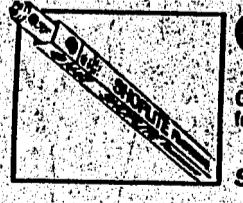
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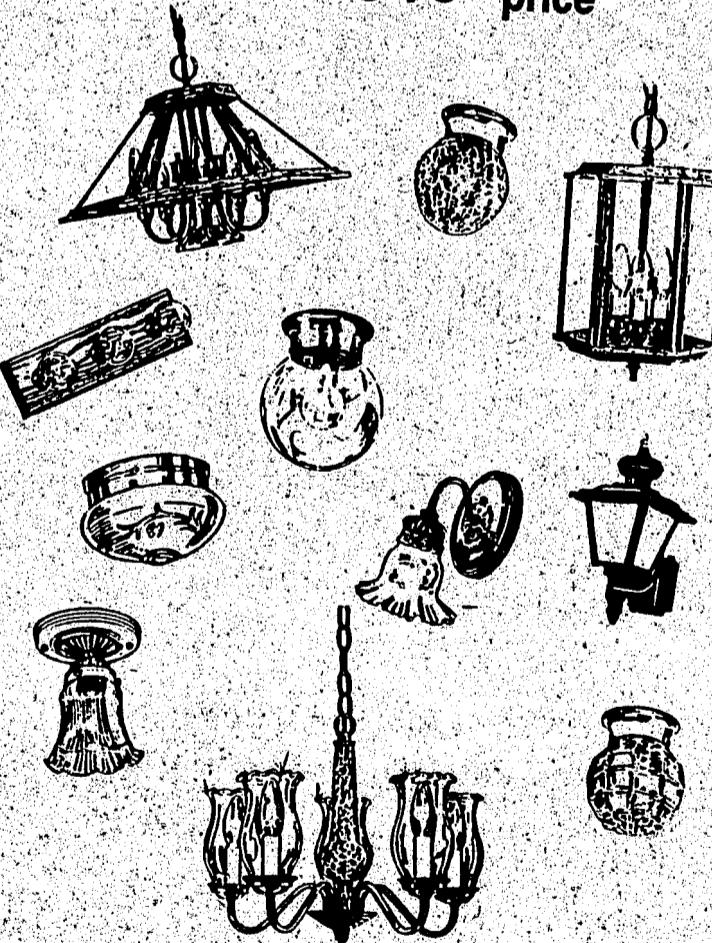
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At college

The Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, recently announced that Carrie Roeser is a newly pledged member in its centennial pledge class of 1991.

A Clarkston High School graduate, Carrie is the daughter of Doug and Judy Roeser of Clarkston. She is majoring in pre-med.

Clarkston-area resident Suzanne Baumann is a member of the wardrobe crew for the Kalamazoo College fall production of "Indians," by Arthur Kopit.

A freshman, Baumann starred in the Clarkston High School productions of "Theatre-A-Thon" and "Annie Get Your Gun." She was also the student director of "Once Upon a Mattress."

Baumann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Baumann of Foster Road.



NEWLYWEDS: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Turner.

Beardsley, Turner exchange vows

Julie Ann Beardsley and Brian David Turner were united in marriage Oct. 12, 1991. The Rev. Douglas Trebilcock performed the 5 p.m. ceremony at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

The bride, an EDS employee, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beardsley of Clarkston. She is a student at Oakland University, Rochester. The bridegroom, also an EDS employee, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner Sr. of Exeter, R.I. Brian was graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1985.

Maid of honor was Laurie Rouse of Clarkston. Other attendants included Melissa Traver, sister of the bride; Kim Beardsley, sister of the bride; and Lisa Mattscheek, sister of the groom.

Flower girl was Rachael Traver; ring bearer was Andrew Traver.

Best man was David Turner of Narragansett, R.I., brother of the groom; John Turner Jr., brother of the groom; Roger Mollo; and Ed Ryan.

A reception at Roma's of Bloomfield followed the wedding.

The couple took a wedding trip to the island of Kauai, Hawaii. They make their home in Utica.

In service

Navy Airman Christopher P. Parker recently completed the Basic Aviation Ordnanceman Course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn.

A 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School, he received instruction in basic mathematics, physics, electricity, electronics, small arms, electrically-fired aircraft guns, building up and loading bombs and missiles and troubleshooting aircraft weapons systems.

Marine Lance Cpl. Owen J. Stout recently received a Meritorious Mast. Stout was cited for outstanding service while assigned with Marine Detachment embarked about the submarine tender USS Simon Lake.

A 1990 graduate of Clarkston High School, Stout joined the Marine Corps in June 1990.

A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance.


Alvin Arthur Crosby II, 18, graduated Sept. 20 from boot camp at Recruit Training Command, San Diego, Calif. He was one of eight (of 80) who received the honor of an E-2 referral after completing boot camp. According to his mother, while in boot camp, Alvin lost 37 pounds and five inches off his waist. The son of Annetta C. and Alvin A. Crosby of Crosby Lake Road, Springfield Township, he has 16-year-old twin sisters, Laureen and Lisa Crosby, who are sophomores at Clarkston High School. After graduation ceremonies, Alvin spent a weekend with his parents in San Diego and went to Disneyland and Sea World. He then reported to Fireman Apprentice Training School at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. He completed schooling there Oct. 17. He visited the Clarkston area for 13 days in October and celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas with his family. He returned to San Diego Oct. 31 and is now aboard the U.S.S. Horne, a guided missile cruiser.

Honors

Clarkston area sisters Joan and Anne Barran, ages 13 and 9 respectively, were two of 50 young dancers selected to perform in the Michigan Ballet Theatre's 25th anniversary production of "The Nutcracker." The siblings will portray two soldiers, who meet lead character Clara during her yuletide journey.

Club notes

An annual birthday dinner recently honored past presidents and commanders of Chief Pontiac Post No. 377 American Legion, Independence Township, as well as presented the war bonnet to the department commander, Clifford Mann.

Junior Miss Poppy Tara Chapple talked about her projects, and special guests included national Vice-Commander Tom Cadmus, Third Zone Commander Earl Reinhardt, 18th District President Leona Puckett, and Commander James Hopson.

Recently, a few members of Chief Pontiac Post No. 377 American Legion, Independence Township, and related organizations traveled to the Battle Creek Veterans Hospital to give a Bingo party and serve snacks. Kevin Cook and Tara Chapple were among those who attended.

At the annual department commanders' tour of the 18th District, Junior Miss Poppy Tara Chapple of the Chief Pontiac Post No. 377 American Legion, Independence Township, presented department President Marilyn Popp with an Indian Princess headdress and heart necklace made by Hopi Indians. She presented Commander Cliff Mann with a tom-tom.



NEWLYWEDS: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall.

Rasico, Hall exchange vows

Tekla E. Rasico and Thomas M. Hall were married on Sept. 21, 1991, at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Clawson.

The bride is a graduate of Troy High School, class of 1983. She is now working as a registered dental hygienist.

The groom is a graduate of Clarkston High School, class of 1981. He is a medical student.

Maid of honor was Shelly Cousins of Troy. Best man was Acie G. Anderson of Clarkston.

Tekla is the daughter of Robert and Celia Rasico. Tom is the son of Lillian Hall.

The couple plan to honeymoon in Germany.

New arrivals

It's a girl for Edward and Ronniedee Lumm of Vinewood, Independence Township.

Chelsea Paige Lumm was born Oct. 9, 1991, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jim and Peggy Lumm of Davisburg and Ronald Barnard and Penny Wood of Clarkston.

Great-grandparents are Ruth Latoine of Davisburg, Harold and Fran Lumm of Marlette, and Esta Barnard of Newport Richie, Fla.

George and Holly Diehl of Roseville are the proud parents of a new baby boy.

Zackary Taylor Diehl was born Nov. 9, 1991, at St. Johns Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his 6-year-old sister, Alyssa Diehl.

Grandparents are George and Evelyn Diehl of Clarkston and Kenneth and Theresa DeArment of Warren.

Great-grandparents are Mary Skipworth of Rochester and Dorothy DeArment of Royal Oak.

John and Connie Morgan of Almond Lane, Independence Township, announce the birth of a new daughter.

Miranda Sue was born Oct. 18, 1991, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. She weighed 9 pounds, 13.8 ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

She was met at home by sisters, Stephanie, 11, Sarah, 8, and Samantha, 3.

Grandparents are Richard and Joyce Butler of Independence Township and Richard Morgan and late Dora Morgan of Clarkston.

Great-grandparents are Ray and Gertrude Butler of Independence Township and Henry and Fray Johnson of Grayling.

It's a girl for Kevin Light and Anne Debnik-Tingue of Mattawa, Independence Township.

Laurin Joette Light was born Oct. 8, 1991, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. She weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 21 1/4 inches long.

Her proud sister is Alyssa, age 2.

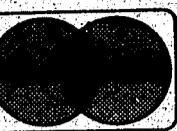
Grandparents are Bill and Vera Debnik of Clarkston, Harold and Maria Light of Bradenton, Fla., and Lee and Sherry Sizemore of Union Lake.



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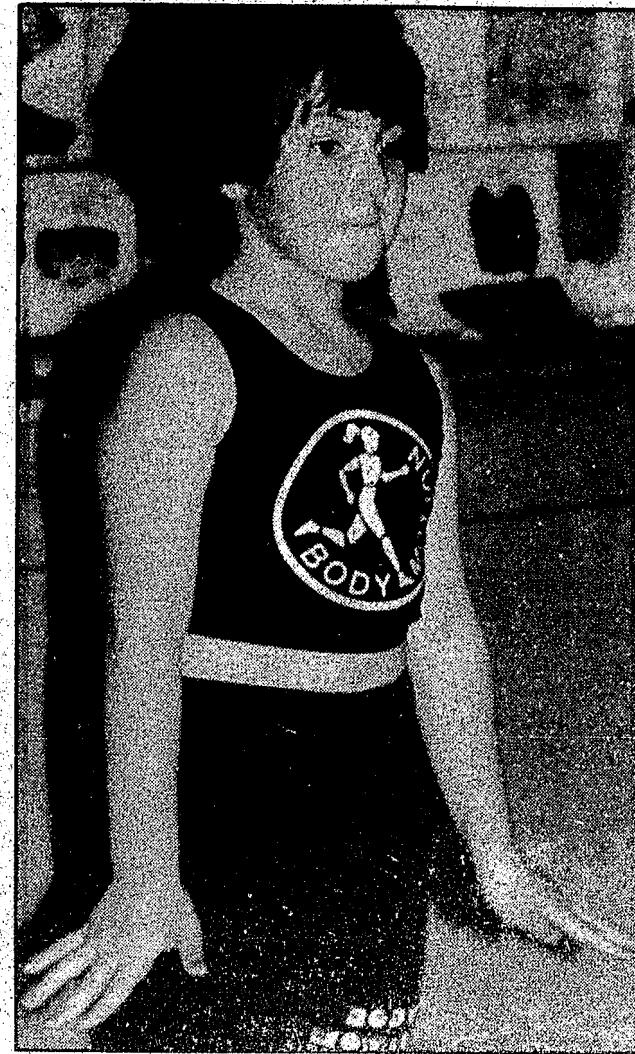
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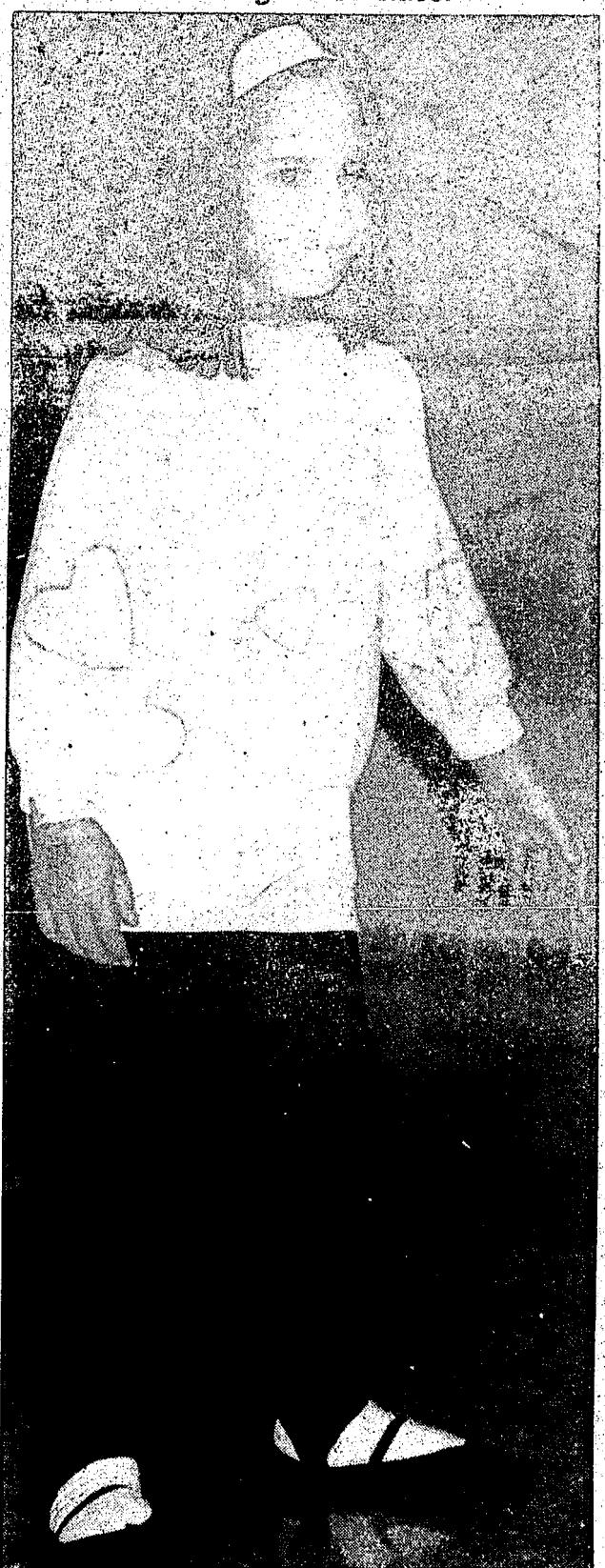


"WHAT'S Charlie Chaplin?" ask members of Lisa Blimka's afterschool dance class. When given their choice, the elementary pupils say they would rather be "California girls"

than Charlie Chaplins for their upcoming recital. Practicing arm movements on Nov. 14 are Jenny Manuel (left), 8, and Heather Powe, 8 1/2. (Photos by Julie Campe)



KRISTEN Newton, 7 1/2, shows lots of enthusiasm during dance class.



KATIE Manuel, 6 1/2, concentrates during jazz class at North Sashabaw Elementary School last week.