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Man charged with break-ins, car theft

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
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A 26-year-old Springfield Township man was arraigned in 52nd District Court Nov. 19 in connection with two burglaries.

Mark John Bundridge was arraigned before visiting Judge James Hand on charges that he broke into an Andersonville Road, Independence Township, home and that he stole a car from that residence. The car has since been recovered.

He was also charged with breaking into a Hillsboro, Springfield Township, residence. He is being held at the Oakland County Jail on a \$100,000 cash bond.

Bundridge's preliminary exam is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Dec. 1 before Judge Gerald McNally in 52nd District Court.

According to Detective Joe Duke of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Bundridge was apprehended on Nov. 12 in Waterford Township after he allegedly broke into a home on Beachland Boulevard.

Duke said Bundridge was in the home when the owner returned. A struggle ensued, and Bundridge fled in a vehicle and is suspected of causing a crash at Eli, North Lake and Cass Lake roads.

After the accident, where he sustained injuries to his chest, Bundridge fled on foot to a home on Woodingham Street, where, according to Duke, he tried to kick in the door.

A woman inside the home was on the phone and

yelled for help, and neighbors subdued Bundridge until the police arrived.

Bundridge was then taken to Pontiac General Hospital, where he allegedly alluded to knowledge of other burglaries in North Oakland County. After he was released from the hospital, he allegedly told police about 17 residential burglaries and four auto thefts in the area.

Duke said that police know of two more burglaries in Independence Township and two in Springfield Township. He expects to charge Bundridge with 17 other counts of burglary and breaking and entering.

If convicted, Bundridge faces 15 years in prison for breaking and entering and five years for stealing the car in the three counts he was arraigned for on Thursday.

Home school

A new old concept

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories about education in the Clarkston area. We began the series during American Education Week last week and featured private schools in the area. Next week, stories about Clarkston Community Schools will appear.

American Education Week

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
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For centuries children were taught at home by their parents.

Then, in the early 1900s, public schools came into the mainstream and most children attended those schools. Now, a growing trend in education places the school back into the home and the parents back into the dominate teacher spotlight.

About 200 families in northern Oakland County home school their children. Thirty five families are involved in a support group in Independence Township.

Families who choose to home school are stereotyped. Some believe that they are all "granola heads" left over from the 1960s hippy generation. Others believe that the parents who choose to home school their children are religious fanatics who want to mold the youngsters into robot fundamentalists.

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All in a
night's
work

THE HOLIDAYS begin in Clarkston with the annual stringing of the Christmas lights. Ed Cox (at top of tree) and his fellow Clarkston Rotarians decked the streets of downtown Clarkston with decorations on Monday, Nov. 16. While working on the towering evergreen at the corner of Main and Washington streets, Cox was helped by Ken Winship. (Photo by Julie Campe)



Man charged with stealing credit card from mother

An 18-year-old Independence Township man was arraigned Nov. 16 on charges of credit card fraud and breaking and entering.

According to an Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) report, Christopher Uhlig allegedly stole his mother's automatic teller machine (ATM) card from her purse and withdrew \$3,000 from her savings account Oct. 13-26.

He was arraigned in connection with the credit card fraud by Judge Michael Friedman and is being held on \$10,000 cash bond.

He was also arraigned at 52nd District Court, Independence Township, in front of Magistrate Larry Johnson in connection with the breaking and entering of his parents' home and is being held on \$10,000 cash bond.

The preliminary exam for the credit card incident was set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, and the preliminary exam for breaking and entering was set for Monday, Nov. 23.

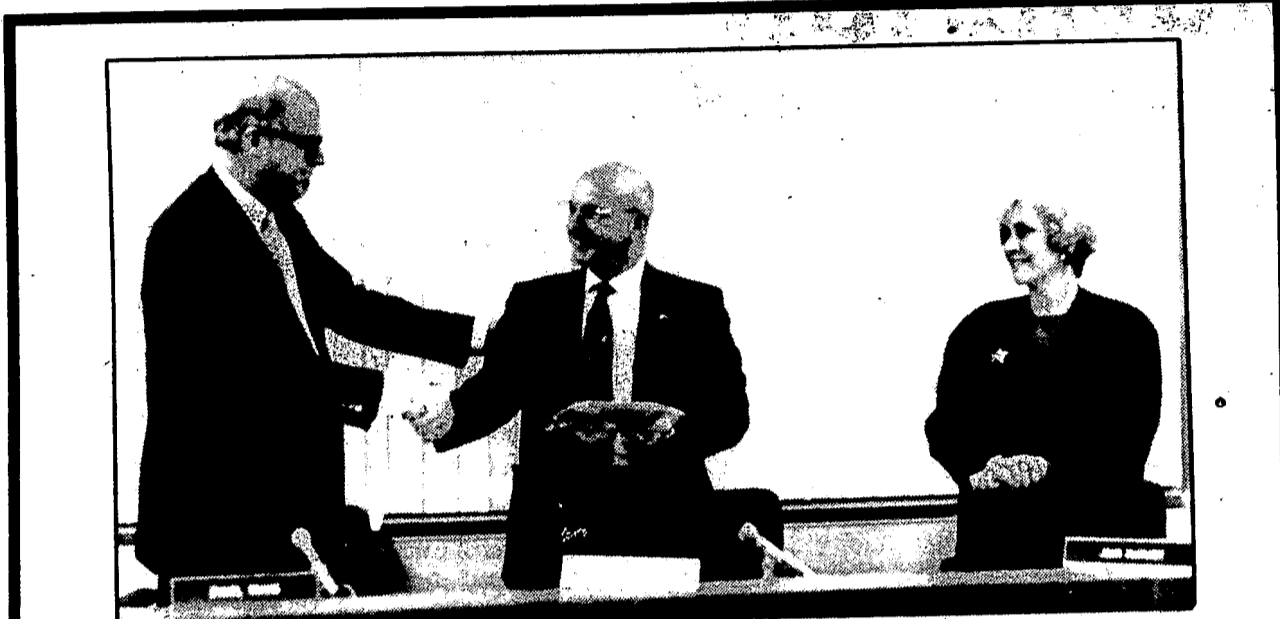
Uhlig remains in the Oakland County Jail, unable to post bond.

According to the police report, Uhlig allegedly used

his mother's ATM card to withdraw about \$30 to \$500 a day at various cash machines in the county.

On Nov. 5, Uhlig allegedly broke into his former residence, where his mother and step-father reside, and stole bedding, a stereo and clothes. According to the police report, Uhlig came back Nov. 9 and Nov. 10 but did not take anything at that time.

According to the OCSD report, Uhlig was arrested Nov. 13.



Saying thanks

Photo by Curt McAllister

INDEPENDENCE Township Trustee Daniel Travis presents outgoing Supervisor Frank "Tink" Ronk with a

plaque of recognition Nov. 17. That evening, Ronk was lauded for his many years of service to the Clarkston area.

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Home education - a new old concept

(SCHOOL, from Page 1)

Actually, a few families are like the stereotypes, but the overwhelming majority of home educators are in the middle. They have chosen a form of education for their children that they think will help in their personal development.

The Walsh family of Ellis Road, Independence Township, has chosen home education for their two children: Justin, 11, and Leah, 8.

Justin and Leah have never attended formal public school. Their mother, Marcey, said they are a part of the new generation of home-schooled children who have never stepped foot in a classroom.

Justin, who has friends who go to school, said he waves to them as they pass on the bus. "Everyone says 'You're so lucky' when they find out I don't have to go to school. But we don't get holidays," he said.

In the past, homeschooling was for people who had tried the schools and then removed their children from the school setting, she said.

That's not the case today. But some still hesitate to try the home-schooling method. One of the main concerns: Is it legal?

In Michigan, no law specifically addresses homeschooling. Walsh said she and her children are required by the state to have two hours of contact a year with a certified teacher. The contact doesn't have to be face to face — it could be in a letter or on the phone.

Walsh — who was graduated from Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., and now tutors French — began to read about homeschooling when Justin was age 2.

"It didn't make sense to me that at six a child would be automatically ready to learn certain things in a school somewhere else," she said.

Walsh said that schools have their own timetables for

"I really like being with my kids, and I couldn't imagine being without them."

Marcey Walsh

development; a child should read at a certain level at a certain age and be able to do specific math equations.

However, Walsh feels that the development of a child is individual and varied, she said.

And the reaction to home schooling is varied, as well.

Most people are curious when they find out that Walsh home schools her children, she said, adding that acquaintances don't give negative comments.

People wonder if the children are missing out on socialization, though, she said.

But she's not worried about that aspect.

"The children are able to volunteer their time and are very comfortable with adults," said Walsh. "We have the time for Sunday school, Boy Scouts; they are both on the swimming team at Deer Lake, and Leah takes violin

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Justin Walsh

lessons."

The Walsh children also participate in activities with other home-schooled children.

In one cooperative learning segment, parents used their talents and skills to share with the others' children. The youngsters learned French, ballet, cartooning, creative writing and drama.

The Walshes do not have a scheduled day of learning. Walsh said they read a lot.

"We get our history, science and, of course, English through reading. We only use workbook for spelling and math," she said.

The children also keep journals, which helps with their writing skills and-spelling.

The family does not adhere to a homeschooling curriculum. They continuously use the library for books about any subject that the children are interested in.

The family also has passes to museums and science centers. "When we go some place, we are able to learn things in depth because we don't have a time schedule or one adult for 30 children," said Walsh.

The Walshes decide what their children will learn about based on their ages and what kinds of questions that they ask.

An example of this is Justin's new-found fascination



THE WALSH children, Justin and Leah, have been homeschooled their entire lives by their mother. Their mother said, "This is a choice that we've made, and it can change." The parents check out all of the options every year before making the decision to homeschool.

with World War II aircraft.

"We came to the library and found every book on the subject and read about the war, too," said Walsh. "But we didn't go into the Holocaust. When they are older, we will go to the Holocaust Museum and learn about it. I don't think they are ready to learn about what happened."

When the children are older, they may become interested in things that Marcey may not be able to teach them.

"The children are allowed to go into a classroom in a public school and audit a class, like you do in college," said Marcey.

Marcey doesn't know if her children will definitely go to college, but if they do, she is sure they won't have problems getting in.

"Recruiters like to get home-schooled children. By the time they get to college, they have apprenticed and interned and know what they like and don't like — they won't waste time in school," she said.

She also pointed out that interning at a medical center or with a lawyer sounds better to colleges than being a member of a glee club.

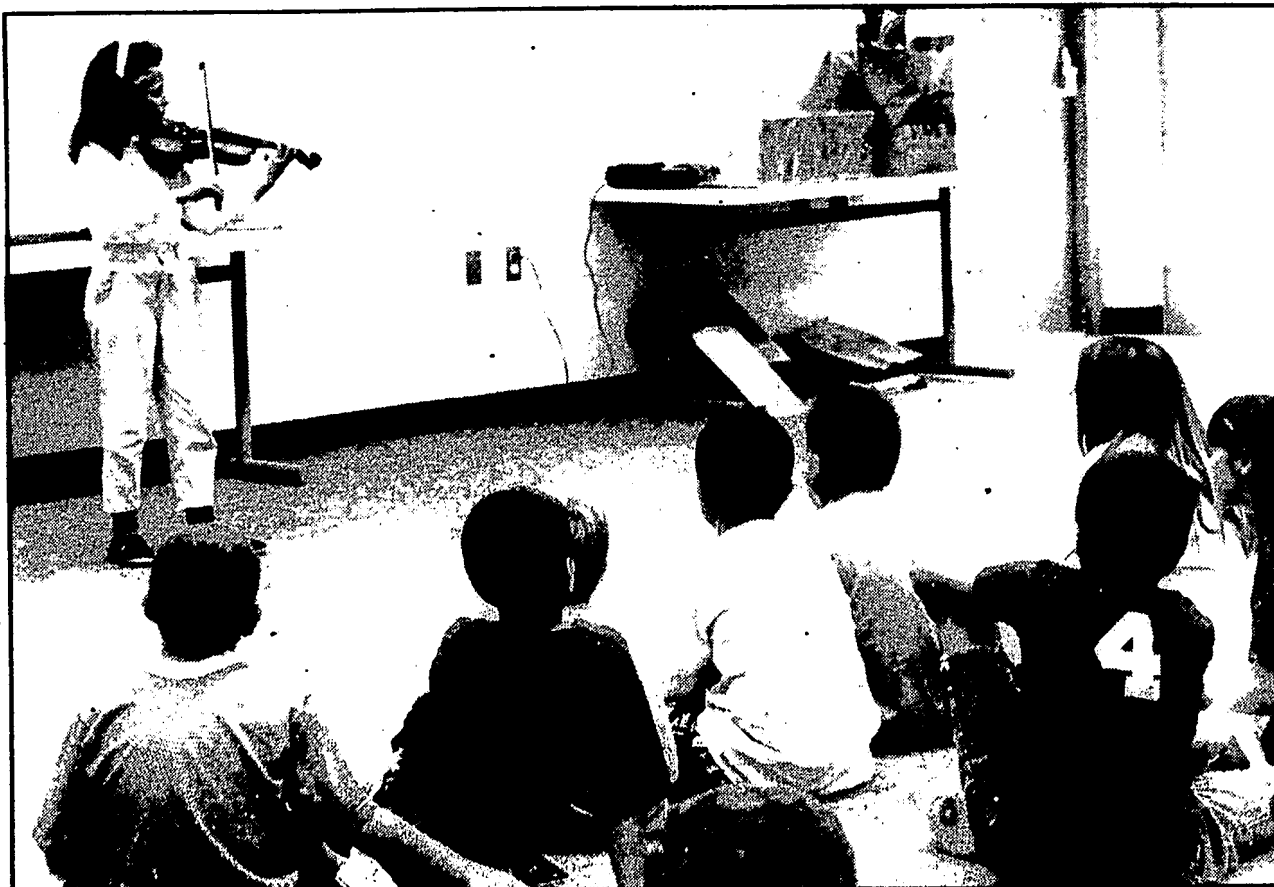
The support group to which the Walshes belong

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Marcey Walsh

offers a packet of information through the Independence Township Library for families interested in home schooling.

"This is a choice that we have made for our family," said Walsh. "I'm not putting down what other people have chosen for theirs. I really like being with my kids, and I couldn't imagine being without them."



LEAH WALSH, 8, plays her violin in a library talent showcase. She has never gone to school, and contrary to beliefs that homeschooled children miss out on "social-

ization," Leah is on the swim team at Deer Lake and attends to Sunday school. She also enjoys the company of the other girls her age in the library.

Three families share insights of home schooling

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Editor's note: The Clarkston News agreed not to use the real names of the three families below because the families said they could speak more freely without fear of hurting the feelings of family members and neighbors if they did not reveal their identities.

The Johnsons

Number of children: Three (one more expected in a month)

Ages: 7, 4, 19 months and a new baby in December

Why did you decide to homeschool your children: "We decided to home school our children for several reasons. We believe the education of our children is our God-given responsibility and we will be held accountable for it. As parents, we have the constitutional right to make educational choices for our children."

"We wish to incorporate academic skill with the basic life principles found in the Bible. Public schools are unable to provide this option. We believe our children's pursuing a relationship with God and the development of a Godly character in their lives is paramount to the successes they experience in life."

"We have the utmost respect for the powers of social influences — good and bad — and home education provides us with the freedom to surround our children with positive social influences. Home education provides a strong cohesiveness for the family unit. The smaller the teacher-student ratio is, the better the optimum academic achievement is."

What program do you use: Advanced Training Institute of America (ATIA), which is based out of Oak Brook, Ill.

Estimated cost per year: \$800 (not including taxes paid to public schools)

How many hours per day do you teach: Four hours of structured schooling, one hour of unstructured schooling.

"We school year round and take time off at different times than public schools — like when the baby is born. Our day consists of strong character development, Biblical life principles, daily living skills, socialization skills, and academics like linguistics, history, science, math, medicine and law. All of the academics are derived from a scriptural foundation with a lot of hands-on and life application."

How involved is your spouse: "As the leader of the family, he is ultimately responsible for the children's education. He is involved with the spiritual instruction, record keeping, planning of the lessons, field trips, extra-curricular activities, life skills, some of the academic instruction and supporting mom (helping with diaper changes, dishes, cleaning etc.)."

How do you gauge the child's learning: Our children are young enough that we haven't used formal tests on them yet. We will use the standardized tests later. We also follow a scope and sequence comparable to what they

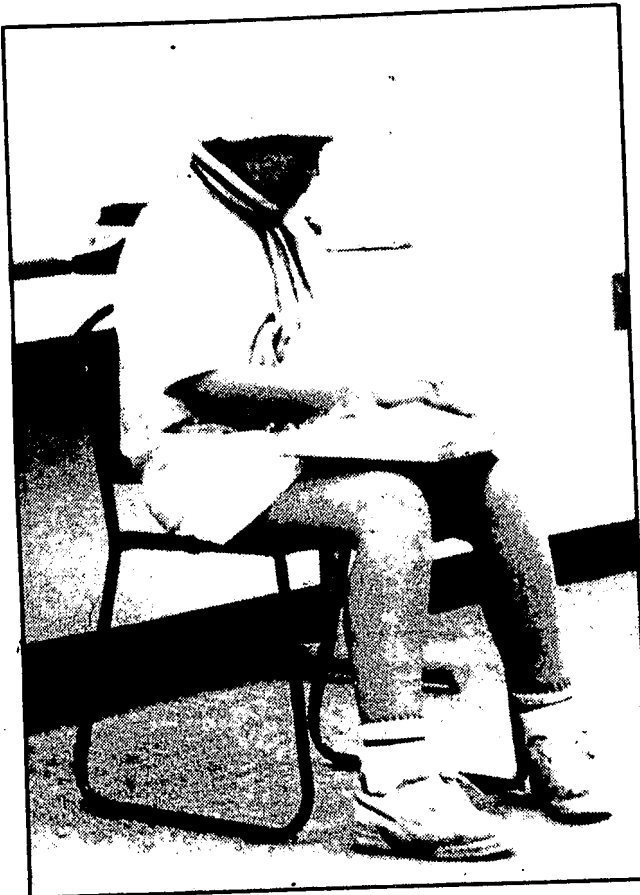
would be learning if they attended public schools."

Do you intend to send your child to high school: "No, we are in this for the long haul. As parents, we are responsible for our children's education. We don't see this desire developing in our children."

Is this preparing your children for college: "This is a college prep. course. When we are done, the children will have pre-med, pre-law, business and ministerial training. We are going the apprenticeship route with them. I'm confident that if we went the college option, our children would be more than qualified."

Are your children teased about home schooling: "Not that I know of. We've explained to them why they're home schooled, and they'll be able to answer those questions when they come up."

What kind of extra activities are your children involved in: "They are involved in the Wednesday night program at our church; the 7-year-old is in the children's choir and was in a soccer league."



JUSTIN WALSH, 11, plays a Christmas song on his lap harp at the library. His mother, Marcey, said that since her children don't go to school, they aren't influenced by their peers and do things that they want to, things that may seem different — such as playing "Frosty the Snow Man" in August.

What kind of reaction have you and your spouse received from family and friends: "We have received the whole range of reactions from, 'Good for you, that's wonderful,' to, 'Is that legal?' to, 'Are you sure that you can do that?'"

"Most of those who are concerned are sincere, but their concern is based on a misunderstanding of the concept of home education. The more they learn about what we do, the more they approve."

Do you feel your children suffer from lack of socialization: "No. The family structure provides a natural age-integrated setting, allowing the children to interact with all age levels instead of a heavy concentration of the same age, which can impede upward growth."

"Also, any child who can consistently get along with their brothers and sisters will manage fine without said relationship. The children are also included in our social life, once again introducing wide-age integrations and opportunity to progress toward adult socialization."

(See SCHOOL, next page)

A typical day at 'school'

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While children who attend school spend about 45 minutes on each subject a day, a homeschooled child's life isn't that structured.

The Walsh children of Independence Township, like a lot of home schooled children, do not live by the clock. They read with their mother in the morning and the rest of the day is not scheduled.

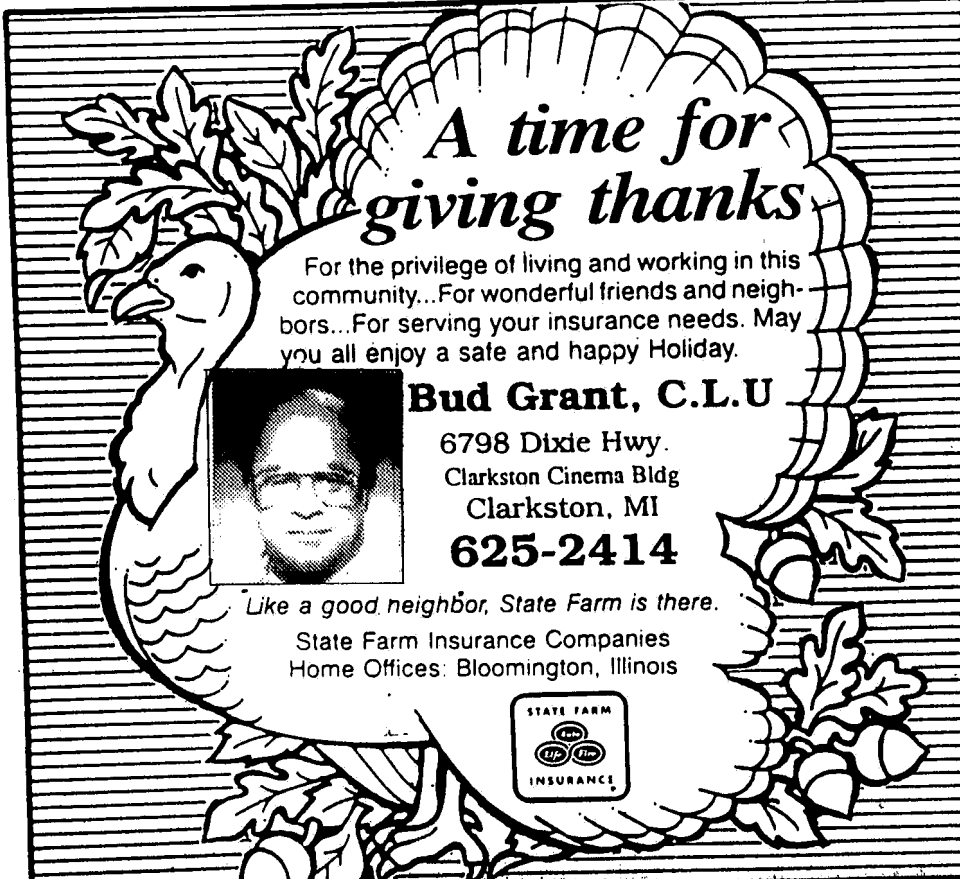
Some days they may go to the library, to a museum, take a class, play outside or travel. Marcey Walsh, mother and teacher, said that one of the best things about homeschooling is that is flexible.

"We travel a lot and wouldn't be able to do that if the children were in school," she said.

Walsh tries to spend time individually with the children with their learning, but since they only use workbooks for spelling and math, there aren't a lot of hours of formal sit-down learning for the Walsh children.


That's part of the philosophy of teaching children at home.

Helen Hegner, editor of Home Education Magazine, wrote: "Homeschooling gives children time to learn what they want to know at their own pace, in their own way. Homeschooling encourages digging deeper, asking more questions, understanding more fully. And homeschooling challenges the status quo, the institution, and the fast lane of thinking."



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Several families choose to hold school at home

(SCHOOL, from previous page)

The Hugheses

Number of children: Three

Ages: 7, 4, 18 months

Why did you decide to home school your children:

"It began when they closed the neighborhood school (in Waterford). I checked into the school and the teachers at the school he would go to, and I didn't get any good information. I checked into Christian schools and they were too expensive.

"So I asked myself, 'Who is the best teacher for my children?' And I am. I can't send my children to a school I don't have confidence in. All things considered, home schooling is the best option for us."

What program do you use: Curriculum from several companies.

Estimated cost per year: \$600 - \$700

How many hours per day do you teach: About three hours a day in structured time, covering reading, math, social studies, science, Bible and health.

How involved is your spouse: "He does sort of an informal testing. He looks at the papers and asks him to explain what he learned to see if he really does understand it."

How do you gauge the child's learning: "I test him for reading but the rest is an informal evaluation. I can tell if he is getting it or not. The great thing about home

American Education Week

schooling is if he doesn't understand it, I can stop and give him my attention until he does understand it."

Do you intend to send your child to high school: "We're talking about it. We'd like him to go to a Christian school instead of a public one, though."

Is this preparing your children for college: "Yes, I graduated from college, and I'm confident in my ability to prepare him for college. The curriculum that is out there is wonderful. If I have a problem or question I can call the company, and a trained teacher or counselor can help me out."

Are your children teased about home schooling: "No, in fact a lot of his friends are jealous."

What kind of extra activities are your children involved in: Piano lessons, church involvement, physical education classes once a week with other home-schooled children (taught by a physical education teacher).

What kind of reaction have you and your spouse

received from family and friends: "When we started out, my mom said, 'That is so fantastic,' and my father said, 'You're nuts!' He's been able to watch him grow and develop, and I think he is impressed by how far he has come.

"Some people seemed worried about it until they found out that I had been a teacher; however, I've had to unlearn a lot of things I learned about being a teacher, like sitting in desks — he does his reading while sitting in my lap — or structure time. He is very quick in math and sometimes gets the lesson in five minutes instead of the 20 I had planned for."

Do you feel your children suffer from lack of socialization: "Definitely not. He is around kids all of the time in the neighborhood, at church in gym class. I believe that he needs to relate to his peers and also to the older people in his life. Hopefully later when he has a problem, he won't turn to the kids his own age who are going through the same problems for advice; he'll go to an older person who has been there and get some sound advice."

(See SCHOOL, Page 8)

Learning at home

Where to find answers

With homeschooling entering the educational mainstream, many have questions.

Marcey Walsh, an Independence Township mother who teaches her two children at home, recommends that parents write to the Clonlara School in Ann Arbor, which answers questions and addresses concerns relating to home educating.

The address is: Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Citizens may also write to the Michigan Department of Education, which will send a thick packet of information. The address: 608 W. Allegan, P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, MI 48909.

"Basically, they say the homeschooling is illegal, and it isn't," said Walsh. "There is no law in Michigan concerning homeschooling."




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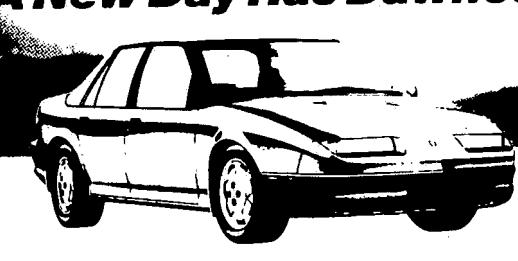
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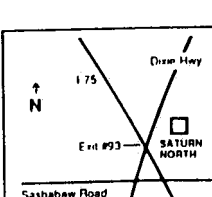
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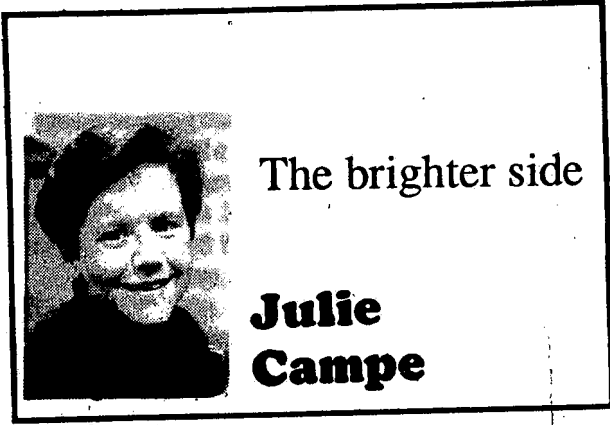
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The brighter side

Julie Campe

It's that time of year again when it's a good idea to actively search out the silver linings of dark clouds.

It can seem a little manipulative, but if it improves our attitudes for a while, I guess it's worth it. So here goes it.

Dark cloud: Working late at The Clarkston News.

Silver lining: It's quieter without interruptions from the phone and others, so it can be a more productive time at night.

Cloud: Driving home from a late Tuesday night's work in our Oxford printing plant.

Lining: Watching streaking stars during clear October and November nights. I probably get one or two wishes a week this way. (So far I've wished for the very same thing every time I've seen a shooting star — but it hasn't come true yet. Oops. That observation belongs in the cloud category.)

Cloud: See above.

Lining: At least I know exactly what to wish for right away and don't waste time thinking up one. (Did you know that a shooting star is called a meteor while it's in the atmosphere but a meteorite when it hits Earth?)

Cloud: Between my husband's and my work schedules, I see more of my coworkers than I do of him (and the same is true with him and his coworkers).

Lining: My coworkers are almost as fun (and nearly as cute) as my husband — and when I do see The Thinker, I appreciate him all the more (honest).

Cloud: Family members who live too far away to see them often.

Lining: They live in great places to visit, so we can look forward to fun vacations in San Francisco, San Diego, Florida, Boston, Cincinnati and New Jersey.

Cloud: The very full feeling after Thanksgiving dinner.

Lining: The very satisfying feeling while eating Thanksgiving dinner.

Cloud: Wispy spiders that appear overnight in the shower.

Lining: (I'm really trying ... but I can't think of a thing!)

Cloud: Mice who live in my house.

Lining: We get to try out our new mousetraps — they work very well.

Cloud: Most of the Sanders ice cream parlors have closed.

Lining: Sanders chocolate topping is still sold in stores.

Cloud: Phone calls on deadline.

Lining: Some really good news tips come in this way.

Cloud: Snow and freezing weather.

Lining: At least my dirt road will freeze, and maybe the potholes won't get any worse until spring. (OK, that's just plain wishful thinking.)

Cloud: Spiders that lurk under my desk, weaving their homes between my computer wires.

Lining: Helpful advice from people in the Clarkston area. For instance, Jack Hess recommends using road apples — those baseball-size yellowish-green knobby things that you can see growing in trees if you drive down Clarkston Road (between Sashabaw and Pine Knob roads). He says they're sold down South expressly for the purpose of purging spiders from dwellings. I will try it and report on its effectiveness.

Leave it to the parents, not the schools

If someone were to do a poll on which state has the most independent people, Michiganders would likely come out number one.

We would also rank very high on not caring about our health, length of time we'll live, and stupidity.

We came to this conclusion after reading a report from the federal Centers for Disease Control.

It says our sedentary living continues unabated, overeating worsened and we smoke more. That's from the last year of statistics, 1990.

Michigan was cited as having the highest overall mortality, based on nine chronic diseases -- stroke, coronary artery disease, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cirrhosis, and lung, female breast, cervical and colorectal cancers.

Michigan, the report states, is No. 1 in the nation

for chronic disease.

Jan Christensen, chief of health promotion for state Dept of Public Health, said stress can be blamed for part of it. On the other hand, unemployment cannot, he said.

How does he recommend reversing this trend? Health education for middle- and high-school students.

There goes another agency recommendation let the schools handle it.

Health is probably already in school curriculum. What is needed is parents. Let parents handle it if they love their children, educate them in every way they can ... reading, health, morals, ethics, religion, government, etc.

Parent responsibility is our future. JAS

A Look Back

5 years ago this week

The Waterford Kettering varsity girls' basketball team knocks Clarkston from district play, 60-43.

John Higgins, a 1978 Clarkston High graduate, passes his bar exam and is employed by a law firm in Los Angeles.

The Clarkston school board spends \$83,164 for four additional school teachers.

10 years ago this week

First-graders at Clarkston Elementary School send a poster to President Ronald Reagan asking for worldwide peace.

Bernice Aikin and Brian Wendorf of Clarkston announce their engagement.

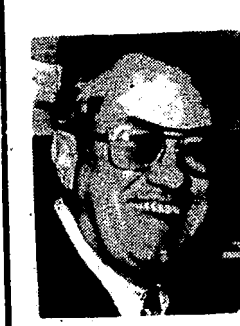
The electrical system at the Pine Knob Lodge is heavily damaged by a fire.

25 years ago this week

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission purchases 377 acres around Crooked Lake, located 3 miles north of the I-75-Sashabaw exit. This area is presently known as the Independence Oaks County Park.

The CHS varsity basketball team loses its season opener, 57-51, to West Bloomfield.

Seaman Gary Pearson of Clarkston completes basic training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill.



Jim Sherman

Jim's Jottings

A month later I remember ...

Ah, the election of 1992. I actually heard someone say on TV, without a hint of humor, "This is the most important presidential election in four years."

During the too-many months of campaigning, Gov. Clinton blamed President Bush for the loss of jobs in the auto industry. GM must have thought differently because their president was forced out because of poor sales (loss of jobs) in the auto industry.

Many commercials opposing Prop. C (Cut & Cap) were paid by Committee for Straight Talk on Taxes. Teachers and school administrators opposed Prop C. So, why did they get to support their position? — teachers from Michigan State and U of M.

In the last election, I was again impressed by all the judges running for office who are "tough but fair" with integrity.

Did you see hear, see, Congressman Bonior saying, "Those people in Washington don't get it." If he hasn't been in Washington for the past several years, his constituents should be wondering where he has been.

And about Congressman Sander Levin. He, along with other incumbents, was saying, "We have to do whatever (stop imports, cut costs, etc). We have to tell to open their doors to our products or else!"

Levin, like Bonior, has been returned to Washington numerous times. WHAT'S HE BEEN DOING?

Congressman Bill Broomfield took his bundle of campaign cash and retired. A man named Knollenberg ran to replace Broomfield. He said, "I

will put an end to all this wasteful government spending."

Now that he's been elected we can relax, knowing that he, personally, is going to put an end to wasteful government spending.

One more on Cut & Cap. The commercial said, "It will cost the state." Since the measure was so soundly defeated we can assume the electorate thinks the "state" is an unknown entity and not us. And we can assume that the Yes voters didn't want anything to do with lowering taxes as in "cost the state."

One of the low points in the October blitz had to do with the Congressional race between incumbent Dale Kildee and Megan O'Neill.

I didn't favor the re-election of Kildee primarily because he over and over again wrote checks on accounts that had no balance. I can't do that. You can't do that. Washington-types can and did and were returned to office.

Unbelievable.

However, that isn't the low point I mentioned. The low point was a letter written by Norma A. Kildee, Dale's mommy. Here's a sentence. "Through it all, Dale has never forgotten where he is from or how he was raised."

Cynically, Mommy taught him to bounce checks? Then, "It really hurts him to have to ask you for money, so I'll do it for him. Please send a check for \$250, \$150, \$100, \$50, \$25 or whatever you can spare to Dale today.

"Warmest regards, Norma A. Kildee."
Make sure your checks don't bounce.

Letters to the Editor

Healthy learning

As a parent of a second-year student in Clarkston's Academically Talented (CAT) program, I feel compelled to respond to Nancy Doyle's letter.

I have been extremely pleased with every aspect of the CAT program. I feel my daughter is fortunate to be a part of a program that allows her to express her creativity. Mrs. Banworth has done an exceptional job of challenging the students with a diverse two-year curriculum.

My only regret is that the program can't accommodate more students in the district. It's rewarding to see a child develop academically in such a setting. Based on my daughter's enthusiasm, I know she enjoys the program and benefits from it immensely. She researches and writes reports comparable to ones I was writing in junior high.

It gives me a feeling of hope to know that tomorrow's leaders are being taught to approach a subject in depth and to try to put themselves in someone else's shoes in the process. It creates a healthy learning atmosphere to try to look at other viewpoints.

I am confident that these students can differentiate between their own beliefs and those of the Egyptian culture. I would much rather have them study other cultures, even one whose beliefs I might not agree with, than be told that ours is the only correct way to think.

Hopefully then they will go through life making informed decisions based on all the facts. Perhaps in the process they will learn not to spout off until they know what they are talking about instead of being "dead" wrong.

Lyall Henderson

'Tis the season

The Independence Township Fire Department and the Clarkston Rotary Club will sell the Goodfellow Paper on Dec. 4 and 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This is the 52nd year for the Goodfellow Paper sale. Proceeds will be used to purchase shoes for children in need. A cash donation will be given to Lighthouse North and will be used for warm clothing, food, heat, electricity, etc., for charity.

Referrals for those in need may be given to schools, churches and Lighthouse North.

The Goodfellows will be out in force and can be found in many locations in Independence Township. Thank you in advance for your support.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Goodfellows

Disappointing page

Nancy Doyle, Susan Banworth and I met Thursday, Nov. 12, at noon to share feelings about the events that occurred this week.

We all share disappointment in the selection of headlines to accompany the letters and their placement on the page of your Nov. 11 issue.

Dr. Elaine Middlekauff,
Clarkston Elementary Principal

Clearly fantasy

I am writing in response to Mrs. Nancy A. Doyle. I'm a CAT student. I'm also a Catholic and a very strong believer in God. I would not have written that letter at all if I thought I was jeopardizing my faith or worshipping Osiris.

Mrs. Banworth clearly explained we were pretending to live 5,000 years ago. I know that fourth- and fifth-graders know the difference between fantasy and reality, and those letters were clearly fantasy. They were in no way reality.

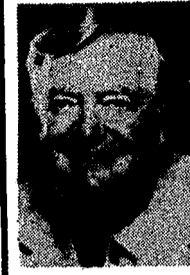
Laura Ginn

Letter policy

Letters to the editor must arrive at The Clarkston News office by noon Monday to be considered for publication in Wednesday's paper. We reserve the right to edit all letters for brevity and clarity and to limit the number of letters from any one individual or on any one topic. Letters are limited to 315 words. 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.

'If it Fitz . . .'

Shooting is another trophy for NRA



Jim Fitzgerald

I heard the gunshot that killed Robert Burton around 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1.

The National Rifle Association does a good job of protecting every citizen's constitutional right to hear gunshots kill people. Every day, probably hundreds of people hear such successful shots fired in the land of the free and frightened. This was my first time.

Of course, I've heard a few gunshots in my neighborhood before, usually from several blocks away, in the dark of night, scary but blessedly anonymous. I live in Detroit.

But this is the first time I've known for certain that the gun I heard did the ultimate job for which it was intended. It ended a life.

I didn't know Robert Burton, a 24-year-old Detroit. Ironically, I was in church when I heard the shot that killed him. Actually, there were several shots, but, according to the newspaper, only one hit him. In the back.

It was the usual, tiny, inside-page newspaper item. Burton was driving west on Larned near Rivard on the east edge of downtown Detroit. Someone in a light, brown van pulled alongside Burton's car and shot him dead. No arrests. No suspects.

I read about similar shootings every day and, for shame, I ho-hum them off. I live in the big city, so what else is new?

But this was different. The Larned-Rivard intersection is about a block from my home, and about a block from my church. I've walked or driven through that area almost every day for 16 years. It was daylight on a Sunday morning. I couldn't help asking my wife some frightening questions:

"What if Robert Burton had survived the shots and car crash, and had tried to escape by running inside the church? What if his pursuer followed him, gun blazing? What if we were seated, as usual, in a back pew near the entrance?"

What if I cared as much when a stranger is shot as I would if the victim were me or someone I loved? What if all of us cared that much?

What if everyone cared enough to demand that our lawmakers and government officials stopped knuckling under to the moneybag lobbyists for the National Rifle Association?

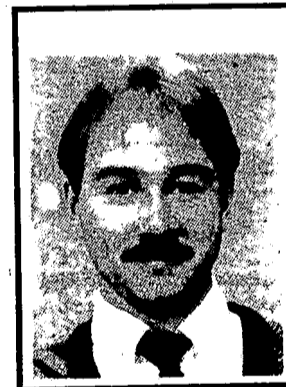
Last Wednesday, 11 students were wounded in three unrelated shootings in or near Detroit schools. "There is a problem when youngsters that are 14 and 15 have access to guns and feel the need to settle disputes with them," said Detroit School Superintendent Deborah McGriff. Police said at least one of the shootings was "gang-related," a term that's becoming almost as ubiquitous as "drug-related."

They have gangs in Arizona, too. Newsweek magazine reported that, following a spate of gang gun violence, "Phoenix and several other Arizona cities passed ordinances prohibiting minors from carrying guns without written permission. But despite the popularity of the regulations, the NRA sponsored a lawsuit to overturn them ..."

God help us. It isn't enough that the NRA defends cop-killer bullets and assault rifles, and opposes waiting periods for handgun purchases. Now the gun lovers are defending the right of children to shoot each other without their parents' permission.

Recently, a Japanese citizen, visiting in the United States, was shot dead because he didn't know enough English to understand the gun-related order "Freeze!" And Rudy Simons wrote this verse for radio station WDET:

Have you read the sad story of Yoshihiro Hatori,
a young student from over the seas?
Some fool gunner's lead shot the poor fellow dead
For he hadn't yet learned the word "Freeze!"
How many more daughters, how many more sons
How many more trophies for the lovers guns?
How many more gunshots will we hear before we've
heard enough?



Curt McAllister

Giving thanks

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I thought I'd take a moment and note a few of the things I'm thankful for in my life.

- A terrific wife and family
- A great bunch of co-workers at The Clarkston News

News

- My dog is finally housetrained
- My home is still standing after a year
- The 1992 election campaign is finally over
- Rush Limbaugh has a three-hour program
- The Detroit Lions' season is almost over
- I haven't got any children yet
- The Ferris State football team has qualified for the Division II playoffs

- My wife can balance our checkbook
- I haven't got any kids yet
- I can program the timer on my VCR
- Tom Monaghan doesn't own the Tigers any more

- Clarkston school board meetings come only twice a month
- I've put my lawnmower away for the winter
- My grandmothers' pumpkin pies
- The helpful people at Independence Township Hall

- Christmas is just around the corner
- I haven't got any kids yet
- I don't live in Gary, Indiana
- Double coupons at the supermarket
- Burrito Supremes at Taco Bell
- This column is finally done

About staff editorials

We at The Clarkston News realize that an important duty of a newspaper is to provide more than just the facts found in news stories.

Since we're out there uncovering the news, we get an inside look at the issues. In our staff editorials, we will give our opinions on those issues, just as other writing on this page — letters and columns — also offers opinions.

We leave the editorials unsigned because we've written them as a staff. Every week, we talk about the issues and take notes on everyone's opinions. Then one of us writes it and the rest of us change it until we're all satisfied.

While our opinions aren't always unanimous, our editorials reflect the majority views of the staff. If the staff splits evenly on an issue, we'll write two editorials on the subject.

We welcome your response to our views.

Bakers prefer to teach at home

(SCHOOL, from Page 5)

The Bakers

Number of children: Two

Ages: 9, 5

Why did you decide to home school your children:

"The first reason was the authority problem I saw with my daughter. She would come home from public school and not respect my authority.

"Another reason was the Michigan model of education, which promotes the homosexual lifestyle and sex education. Also, textbooks are being re-written to leave out any glimpse of Christianity. Children are learning the Pilgrims are just people who traveled. They are things I can't agree with.

"We checked into Christian and private schools; they were really expensive. I thought home schooling was too radical for us, but the more I checked into it and saw how well home-schooled children do academically and socially, my attitude changed.

"I said we'd try it for a year and see what happens. We liked the results and saw such a change in her attitude we were amazed. Now we prefer home schooling."

What program do you use: "We use a cafeteria method. I study catalogs and use my teaching background to pick the best program in each subject. If it doesn't work for us, I pick something else."

What is the estimated cost per year: \$400 a year (plus extra for resource materials).

How many hours per day do you teach: 2-3 hours a day. "You can get a lot more done in home schooling because there aren't the extra things going on like in a public school. We do math, spelling, penmanship, map reading, creative writing, science and history now. We are reading the classics out loud now."

How involved is your spouse: "We do a Principal's Notebook each week and he looks at it with them. Then, he will let me know if the children really don't understand something so that we can review it. He lends a lot of moral support and encouragement."

How do you gauge the child's learning: "We don't have a grading system. The oldest child went through standardized testing this year and did very well (she got perfect scores in some areas). It was very helpful to see what she excelled at and areas we needed to key in on."

Do you intend to send your child to high school: "I'm not sure. We may send her to a private school later, but a lot of colleges are opening doors to home-schooled children. We're taking it one year at a time."

Is this preparing your children for college: "Yes. In a university setting, students have to be independent thinkers, responsible, have researching skills — and they can't be spoon fed. In home schooling, you can do these things. The children are not dependent on what their peers think about a subject. They are individual thinkers. Universities like Harvard and Yale are accepting students who have been home schooled through the 12th grade. They will be prepared."

Are your children teased about home schooling:

American Education Week

"No. We are in a home schooling group with 40 other families, and most of her friends are from there. The friends that she does have that go to public schools don't tease her."

What kind of extra activities are your children involved in: Physical education class, art class, private piano lessons, gymnastics, church youth program.

What kind of reaction have you and your spouse received from family and friends: "For the most part they have been real supportive. There are some family members who aren't too sure about this and hope that this is just a phase we're going through."

Do you feel your children suffer from lack of socialization: "Not at all. The kind of socialization that goes on in the public schools is not the socialization I want my kids to have."


"Schools aren't like real life. People are not put in a box and asked to always relate to people in their own age range. My children aren't peer dependent, and they think for themselves. A University of Florida study showed that home-schooled children are less aggressive, they related to others better, they shared more and they try to get others involved in their activities. I can see that with my children."

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The physicians at Clarkston Allergy & Immunology Clinic, P.C. would like to welcome Cory E. Cookingham, M.D. to the asthma and allergy practice.

Dr. Cookingham received his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 1982. He attended medical school at the University of Michigan, receiving his M.D. degree in 1986. He performed residencies in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics from 1986 to 1990 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan and is Board Eligible in both. He served a fellowship in Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the University of Michigan from 1990 to 1992.

Congratulations to Cory E. Cookingham, M.D.

From
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Emergency road waived

When it's complete, Clarkston Bluffs condominium complex won't have an emergency access road. The Independence Township Planning Commission voted 6-0 Nov. 19 to amend the final site plan of the complex on Dixie Highway, just north of Waterford Hill. Roy Lily of Clarkston Bluffs explained to the commission that the original plan called for an emergency access road off Maple Lane about 200 feet north of the project. He said the grade was so steep that it was almost impossible to get his four-wheel drive truck through and that emergency vehicles wouldn't make it. A letter from Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson echoed Lily's statements, and the board voted to eliminate the emergency access road for Clarkston Bluffs.

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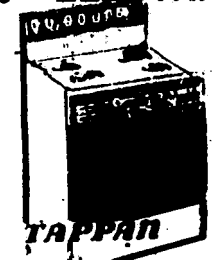
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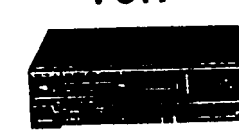


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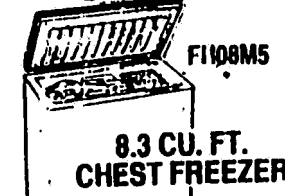
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Guest Column

Education must come first, despite sacrifice

BY JAN BAKER

My father was born in 1919, the son of Polish immigrants, and the youngest child in a family of nine.

He never knew his dad. His father passed away at the age of 39, one month before my dad came into the world.

My grandmother took in laundry to support the family during the Depression, and my uncles and my dad never had the opportunity to finish high school. Times were tough, and there was no money, so they had to find work.

I was born in Hamtramck. My parents saved enough to buy a post-war bungalow on the east side of Detroit. It was a blue-collar neighborhood, big on kids, but small on money. Like most of the kids in our neighborhood, we went to the Catholic school. It cost my parents \$35 a year to send us there during the 1950s. Thirty-five dollars doesn't seem like a lot by today's standards, but it was something extra that my parents felt it was necessary to pay, to insure that we had the best they could give us.

Like many others in his generation, my father gave up the notion of a formal education because other duties (family support, military, marriage, children) had to come first. Even so, he was the smartest person I've ever known.

He realized that learning was a lifelong process of curiosity and questioning. He worked in a factory, doing a lot of repetitive work, and found a creative outlet mastering crossword puzzles at lunch and devouring the newspaper from cover to cover.

Our dinner table buzzed with discussions about politics, religion, race relations and many other topics at the forefront of the '60s. My dad recognized that education was the key to understanding people and things. He was wise enough to see that knowledge could replace fear and intolerance. He knew that only the truly enlightened possessed a certain humility in the wisdom that there is always something new to learn.

For him, education was an exciting glimpse into the promise of the future, not a flame to be smothered, or

feared, but nurtured and revered.

I guess I offend people in this town when I rant and rave about the importance of a good educational environment for our children and our teachers.

Yes, I live in a new home in a new subdivision. No, I'm not interested in have a new school to match my new home. However, I can afford to live in a nice, new home because my husband, the grandson of farmers, worked like a dog to pay for every cent of his education at the University of Michigan.

I'm sorry if I appear rude to some. It's just that I come from parents who put education first, with great sacrifice. I am now enjoying the material fruits of all that sacrifice. My dad did not raise me to believe I was better than anyone, only that I could do better for myself and others by getting a good education.

I believe in a good public school education. I want my children to give something back to society when they grow up. I am not interested in sheltering them in the elite isolation of a private school, in order to keep them away from "those other people."

"Those other people" can teach my kids that all of us have not had the same advantages and opportunities, but that we all have worth.

This is why I worked on the last failed school bond issue. This is why I am actively involved at both of my sons' schools. This is why I go to the school board meetings and parent advisory meetings. This is what I continue to be appalled by the lack of ongoing parental response in the face of this educational crisis.

"The school board is corrupt." I don't know. I've been to the meetings, and most of these people seem like pretty decent human beings who are working hard to improve the school situation. Yet no one believes them.

No one comes to see for themselves. It's easier to believe six other people who have no school-related background, but, none the less, seem to have all the answers.

"Where is all the money going?" Have you gone to

one meeting to find out for yourself, or are you relying on your neighbor, spouse, in-law or co-worker to make up your mind for you?

"The school board damaged it's credibility — 10 years ago." Were our current school board members the same ones of 10 years back? If so, why do they get re-elected?

"Times are rough. We can't take the risk of even extending our debt." Isn't anything in this life worth having a little bit risky? Marriage is risky. Having children is risky.

"I live on a fixed income." Don't we all? I don't see too many people out there whose earnings are growing by leaps and bounds.

"My kids went to these schools, and they did fine." Have you educated yourself on the changes in educational standards? Have you stepped foot inside a school recently, or are you letting others make up your mind?

I have no malice toward anyone in this community. You veterans say that you are accommodating change brought about by new people like me. It just takes time. Well, I have been here almost two years, and have seen no noticeable change. Conditions have gotten worse. School bond after school bond goes down in defeat. I am wondering just how much time it takes. Children grow up in the blink of an eye. I wish I felt I had the luxury of time.

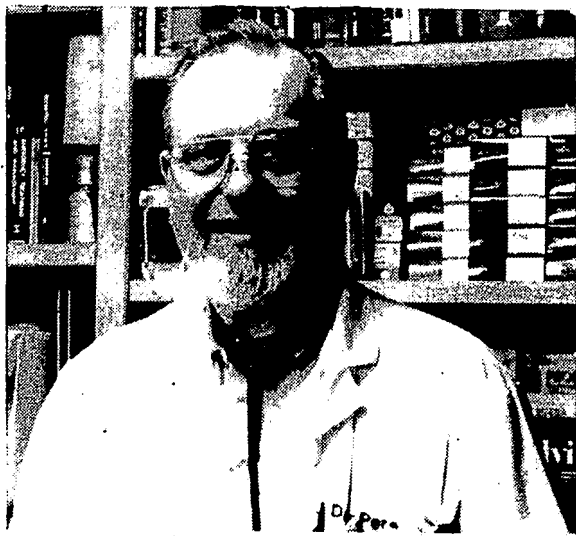
Because I mentioned that my group was from Spring Lake and Sheringham, people assume that we expect Utopia, that we think we somehow are better than everyone else, that we have no respect for the parents who came before us. This is just one more misconception.

Jan Baker resides in Independence Township.

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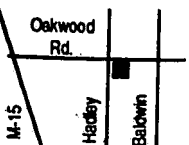


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Sports

Fife makes most out of Michigan debut



ALL eyes are on the ball as Dugan Fife, Russia's Youri Joukaneko (14) and Chris Webber (4) watch a free-throw attempt. (Photos by James Gibowski)

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A dazzling reverse layup by Dugan Fife made the highlight films on ESPN and all three Detroit television stations' sports segments last Thursday night.

However, it's not the dazzling parts of Fife's talents but rather his steady all-around play that will make the 1992 Clarkston High School graduate a worthy addition to the University of Michigan basketball team, which is picked in many pre-season polls as the best college team in the nation.

The Wolverines, playing before 19,229 at The Palace in Auburn Hills, defeated the Russian national touring team in an exhibition game, 103-83.

Fife, who came off the bench three times, made the most of the two shots from the field he took all night. With the Russians and Wolverines about tied in the game, Fife buried a 3-pointer from the left corner.

Immediately after the shot, Fife stole the ball at mid-court and drove in for his instant-replay twisting left-handed hook, which made it past the arms of a 6-7 Youri Kirilov (who fouled on the play), banked high off the glass and fell through the net. The fans were still buzzing as Fife missed

the free-throw attempt.

Fife, an all-state basketball and football player while at Clarkston, said he was a little too pumped when he went to the free-throw line.

"After I made the layup, I was so excited. I had too much adrenalin in my body," said Fife.

"I thought Dugan did a nice job," said Michigan coach Steve Fisher. "He played hard, smart. He was part of a 14-0 run. He's a feisty player."

Actually, Fife's five quick points sparked the Wolverines to a 16-0 run en route to a 47-33 halftime lead.

The Russians, playing their fifth game in five nights, pulled to within 77-69 in the second half but Chris Webber (17 points) & company then poured it on from there.

Webber was also impressed with Fife. After joking that Fife's layup over Kirilov was "lucky," Webber said about the freshman, "He can play with any of us."

What does Webber think Fife has to especially work on?

"He has to get experience," said Webber. "He doesn't necessarily have a weakness."

Fife proved he can shoot against the Russians. And he also proved that he can play defense and pass, two of his biggest



DUGAN Fife throws a pass away from the outstretched hand of Russian Sergel Boopalov.

strengths that were sometimes overlooked in his high school days.

Late in the game, Fife stood his ground in the paint and took a charging foul.

"I've been doing that since ninth grade," said Fife about sacrificing his body for a turnover. "My dad taught me that."

Fife's father, Dan, not only coached Dugan for four years at Clarkston but he, too, played for the Wolverines.

Dugan Fife, who had two steals in the game, also demonstrated his fine-tuned passing abilities. His smart no-look pass late in the game helped put the Wolverines over the century mark.

The 6-2, 170-pound freshman said

the competition in practices has been tougher than going up against the Russians. Fife said his teammates have gone out of their way to make him and the other freshmen welcomed. Webber and other players often come into Dugan's room to play some Nintendo.

There still is a chance Fife will be red-shirted. After the game, Fisher slyly avoided a definite answer, avoiding the future decision.

"I never considered him red-shirted," said Fisher, smiling. "He played tonight, he wasn't red-shirted."

The formerly red-shirted Russians (who now wear blue) wish Fife would have been red-shirted before the match-up at The Palace.

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Wolves drop district final to Lapeer East

BY JAMES GIBOWSKI
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An ineffective press, turnovers, relying on 3-pointers and being outbounded put an end to Clarkston's dream of a Class A girls' basketball district championship.

And add to that the inspired play of Lapeer East, as the host Eagles pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 63-56 victory over the Wolves Friday night.

Lapeer East coach Mike Halstead, whose team raised its record to 21-2, was happy about his team's second straight district title but he knew how badly his counterpart felt in the other locker room.

"I feel so bad for Larry (Mahrle). He's an excellent, excellent coach. His teams are always so well-prepared," said Halstead.

The coach said he tried to keep up with the fortunes of Clarkston as much as possible since the beginning of the season because he figured it would come down to the Wolves and Eagles for the championship.

Halstead also knew about the disappointment of the Clarkston players (the Wolves haven't won a district championship since 1975) but admitted he's glad three of the Wolves will never face his Eagles again.

"I'll be glad when I look in the box scores and I won't see (Alyson) McChesney, (Courtney) Whittaker and (Heather) Steinhelper," said Halstead of the Clarkston senior trio which has been starting for three seasons.

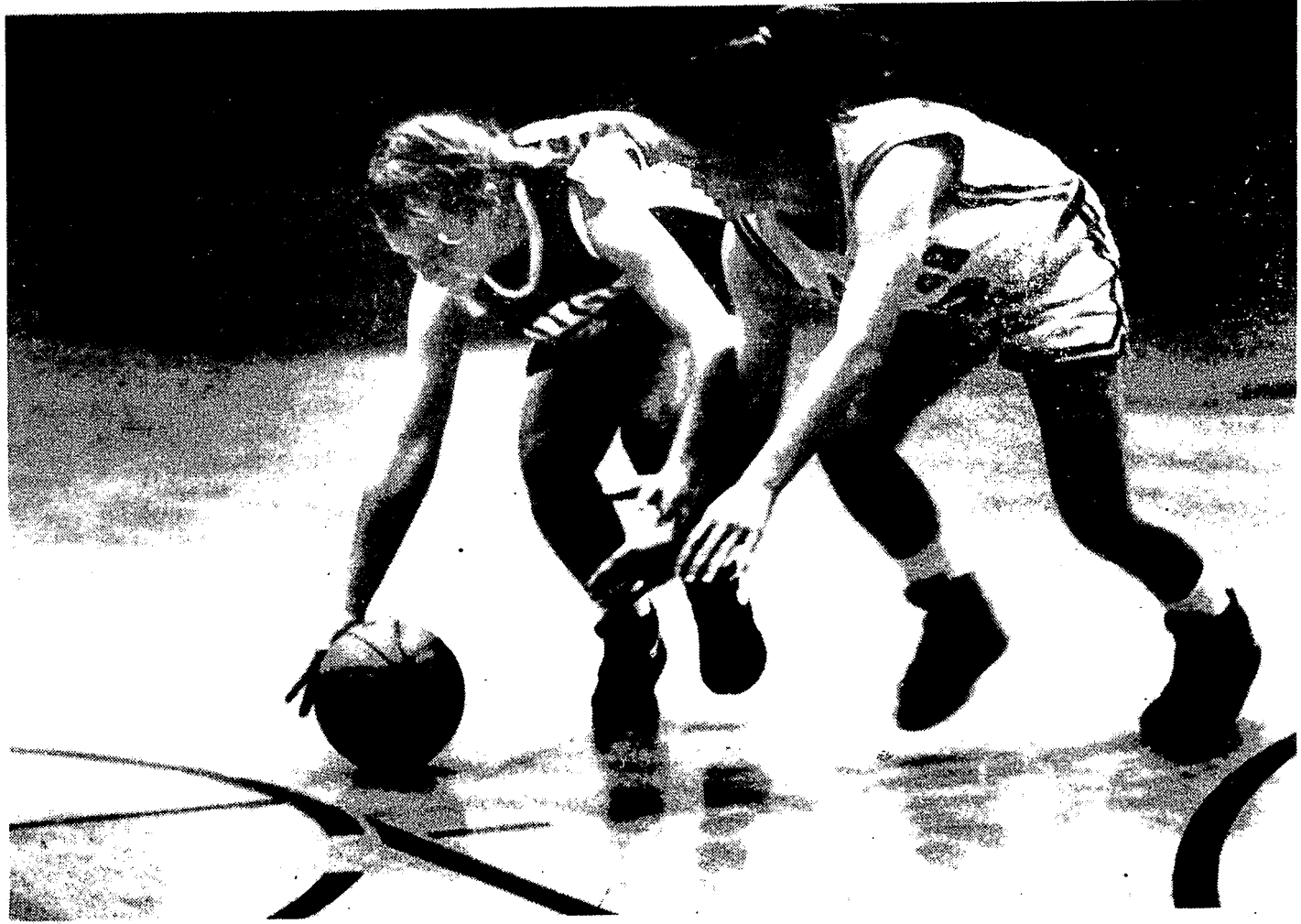
"I'm extremely proud of our team. We lost to a good team," said Mahrle, whose team was the first-ever Wolf squad to win the Greater Oakland Activities League title outright (Clarkston finished 19-3 overall and 10-0 in the GOAL).

Mahrle also added, "What hurt us were the key turnovers."

Clarkston's press helped the Wolves jump out to an early lead but the Eagles made some adjustments and the two teams finished the first quarter tied, 15-15. From that point on, an occasional Clarkston press did little to stop the Eagles.

Both teams picked up the pace in the second half but that, too, ended up nearly in a draw as Steinhelper's 3-pointer with 30 seconds left put the Wolves up 30-28 at intermission.

Lapeer East's 6-3 junior center Amanda Behrenbrinker, who was held to one basket in the first half, began to score almost at will late in the third quarter,



CLARKSTON'S Heather Steinhelper, left, battles for a loose ball with Lapeer East's Holly Gregory.

helping the Eagles go in front 46-40 at the end of the period.

Behrenbrinker (13 points and 12 rebounds) and teammate Holly Gregory (14 points) carried that scoring punch into the final quarter.

Three-pointers by Whittaker and Laura Seitz pulled the Wolves to within 48-46 early in the final quarter but the Eagles then capitalized on five straight Clarkston turnovers to pull ahead 54-46 with five minutes left in the game.

But the Wolves didn't quit. A 3-pointer by Steinhelper and a layup by Anne Brueck (from a pretty pass by Seitz) cut the Eagle lead to 54-51.

Gregory scored but then Steinhelper countered, as Lapeer East remained ahead, 56-53.

But the Eagles then scored seven unanswered points as the Wolves vainly put up a slew of 3-pointers. The only 3-pointer that did fall in was McChesney's

with a few seconds left to close out the scoring.

McChesney, who will be playing at Oakland University next year, led all scorers with 23. Whittaker, who scored 30 two days earlier against Holly, scored 18.

Steinhelper added eight, Brueck four and Seitz three.

CLARKSTON 54, Holly 39 (Nov. 18 at Lapeer East)

A 30-point performance by Courtney Whittaker, a tough press and some eating up of the clock paced Clarkston to a 54-39 victory over Holly, moving the Wolves into the district finals.

Holly was 19-2 going into the game. The Bronchos led 2-0 but then Clarkston rattled off 23 unanswered points. Most of the points were scored by Whittaker with the help of some threading-the-needle passes from Heather Steinhelper.

The lopsided quarter was also spurred on by Clarkston's press, making it difficult for the Bronchos to reach mid-court.

Holly's Kelly Spencer broke the Wolf streak when she connected on a 3-pointer, with 56 seconds left in the first quarter.

The second quarter turned into possibly the strangest quarter the Wolves saw all season.

After taking a 30-7 lead and after Whittaker went to the locker room because of an ankle injury (she returned in the second half), Clarkston held the ball to get Holly out of its zone defense.

But the Bronchos stayed back and the Wolves, except for one turnover, ran out the clock for the five remaining minutes before the half. Clarkston took a 31-9 advantage at the intermission.

The Bronchos changed their defensive strategy at the outset of the third quarter and decided to come out after the Wolves. It helped Holly outscore the Wolves 18-12 in the third quarter, closing the gap to 43-27.

Holly also had a 12-11 edge in the fourth but it wasn't enough as time ran out.

Why did Holly allow five minutes to elapse from the clock while trailing by 20

points?

Holly coach Tim Dode declined to be interviewed by the Clarkston News after the game.

"I can't talk. I've got senior girls over there that just lost," said Dode.

In addition to Whittaker's 30 points, Alyson McChesney scored 14, Anne Brueck and Heather Steinhelper each had three, Heather Austin and Laura Seitz each had two.

Whittaker had seven rebounds. Laura Seitz had seven assists and Steinhelper passed for five.

Spencer, a senior, paced the Bronchos with 15. Molly Hagan netted eight.

Clarkston didn't take advantage of its larger share of free throws. The Wolves sank 15-of-27 while Holly made 10-of-12.



LAURA Seitz throws a pass while avoiding Lapeer East defender Sarah Davis. (Related photos on page 16-A)

A week in sports

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7-8th-grade boys' basketball
Sashabaw Junior High at Pierce, 4 p.m.

MONDAY (Nov. 30)
7-8th-grade boys' basketball
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Mason at Sashabaw Junior High, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 2)
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Brandon at Clarkston Junior High, 4 p.m.

Recreation Roundup

1992 CHRISTMAS 3-on-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Clarkston Junior High School.

Warm-ups begin at 1:30 p.m. Games for both boys and girls will start at 2 p.m. beginning with ages 10-11, followed by 12-13 then 14-15.

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Entry deadline for the local contest is Dec. 31, 1992. Statewide winners will be announced Feb. 8, 1993. For more information, contact the senior center at 625-8238.

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(March 23-25) *Will Rogers Follies Tour* - The Chicago show costs \$339 per person, double occupancy.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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FALL sports award winners have been announced at Clarkston Junior High School. Front row from left are: Samantha Schubring (*Most Improved Player* - 8th-grade girls' basketball), Colleen Stumpf (*Most Valuable Player* - 8th-grade girls' basketball), Jennifer Bauer (*Most Improved Player*-7th-grade girls' basketball), Kristy Tippen (*Scholastic Athletic Award*-7th-grade girls' basketball), Abby Wiley (*Most Improved Player* - 7th-grade girls' basketball). Back row from left, Jill Maniey (*Scholastic Athletic Award*-8th-grade girls' basketball), Leah Howard (*Most Valuable Player* - 9th-grade girls' basketball), Lisa Herron (*Scholastic Athletic Award* - 9th-grade girls' basketball), Joe DeGain (*Most Valuable Player* - 9th-grade football), Jeff Bemis (*Scholastic Athletic Award* - 9th-grade football), J.D. Zuchelkowski (*Most Improved Player* - 9th-grade football). (Photo by James Gibowski)



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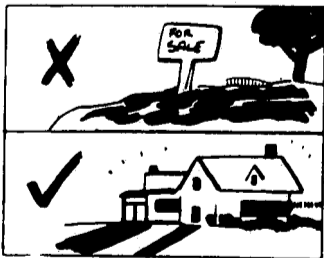


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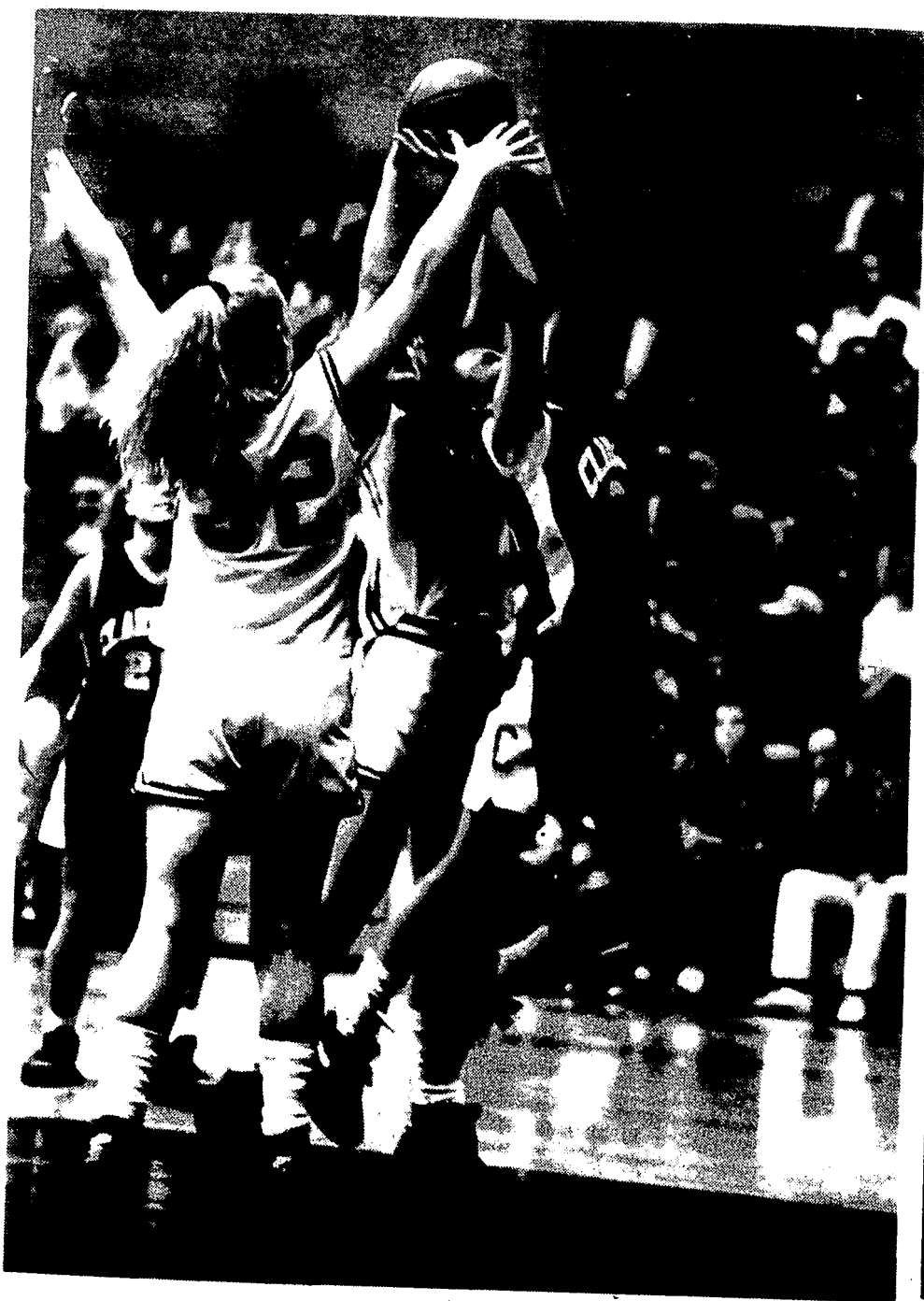
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District action

CLARKSTON'S Heather Austin, in the photo at left, goes up for the shot but she is swamped by Lapeer East's Denise Marshall (32) and Amanda Behrenbrinker(54). The Eagles won the district final game, 63-56, Friday night on the Lapeer East court. In the photo below, there isn't much action going on as Clarkston's Laura Seitz (10) and Anne Brueck (32) sit on the ball as Holly refuses to come out of its zone defense. The tactic helped Clarkston run about five minutes off the clock en route to a 54-39 win over the Bronchos in the Wolves' district opener Nov. 18. (Photos by James Gibowski)



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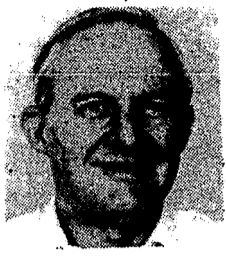
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From Our Perspective

*Schools need fixing,
but timing not good*

**Doug
Carlson**



I spent three hours the other evening listening to the Clarkston Board of Education discuss their forthcoming \$16.5 million bond issue which will be on the ballot next February.

No one can deny that we have a multitude of problems that need correcting, and fast. And their package certainly would do just that. In fact, if enacted, we would have an outstanding school system. The only missing piece would be a new high school, and they talked about that as if it's not too far down the road.

Needless to say, the parents, teachers and administrators in attendance applauded vigorously as each segment of the plan unfolded. My presentation, as expected, was met with stony silence.

I tried to tell them that a \$16.5 million bond issue will never fly at this time, and some of the reasons it won't are as follows:

- far too many people out of work or fearing they'll be out of work

- many people facing cutbacks in company-provided benefit plans

- the failure of Proposition C, which will undoubtedly result in rising property taxes next year

- the turmoil at GM, and Clarkston being a primarily GM town

- recent pay raises for the teachers and the forthcoming raises for the administrators

- while Clarkston is admittedly an affluent community, we have many retirees, single-parent families and two-income families just struggling to survive

My personal opinion is that the package should be presented in three or four segments so that residents can vote on what they feel they can afford, rather than being given an all-or-nothing proposal.

However, in his opening presentation, Superintendent Haner down-played this segmented approach he-

cause it had been tried once before and failed by a 2-1 margin. But that was a \$69 million package (or was it the \$85 million one), and each segment was expensive.

I didn't even bother to make a recommendation to the board because the members' minds were already made up and I was just taking up valuable time.

It seems to me that with the schools being in the shape they're in, we should be seeing sacrifices at various levels of the organization before being presented with a "crisis package."

The teachers didn't hold back on asking for pay raises. The administrators won't be bashful about accepting their pay raises. Mr. Haner is still driving around in his \$20,000 customized van, paid for by the taxpayers, etc.

I believe it's important for people to understand that our group is not against fixing what's wrong with extending our bond indebtedness, provided it's a reasonable amount that will address the more basic problems.

All we're trying to tell the board is to stop coming at us in these economic times with grandiose plans that are intended to resolve everything. The people just won't buy it. That should have sunk in by now.

When George Bush was running for re-election, he was speaking to a group of people on one of his many cross-country trips. Someone in the crowd held up a sign, which read, "It's the economy, stupid."

I understand President-elect Clinton has this sign on his desk. Perhaps the school board should have it on theirs as well.

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

Bouquet

Welcome support

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department would like to warmly thank the local business owners for their support of our first annual Trick or Treat Street program.

This event attracted about 125 children and their parents to Clintonwood Park to take part in a magic show, costume judging, cider and doughnuts, and, best of all — trick or treating through parts of our festively decorated Fitness Trail.

This, like many other family-oriented events Independence Township Parks and Recreation sponsors, would not be possible if it weren't for donations made from this community.

A special thanks goes to the many businesses who gave money and prizes for the program.

Independence Township
Parks and Recreation

Reporter's Notebook

Some Independence Township residents feel their township doesn't have enough voting machines, but that just isn't so, says Clerk Joan McCrary.

During the past couple of weeks, McCrary says she's received a few letters from angry voters who had to wait in long lines Nov. 3. Apparently some asked for more machines, she says.

McCrary points out, however, that the township has more machines than required by the state Bureau of Elections. According to state regulations, a municipality needs one machine for every 600 registered voters.

In Independence, the ratio is one machine for every 330 registered voters. In all, the township has nearly 60 machines for its 18,200 registered voters.

McCrary said the township may eventually buy another machine or two, but not in the immediate future.

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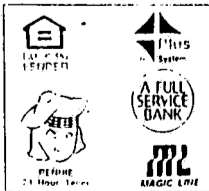
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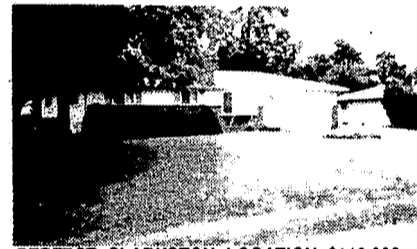


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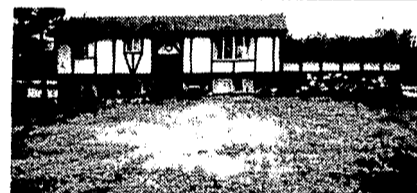
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Sheriff's Log

Friday, Nov. 4, a Detroit, Springfield Township, resident reported that he had received five telephone calls from people identifying themselves as the Michigan Association of Police Officers.

Police responded to a medical call on Bridge Lake Road, Springfield Township, where a patient with chest pains was taken to an area hospital.

Saturday, Nov. 5, an Ormond Road, Springfield Township, resident reported a dent on her car door. She said she may have hit something.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, a Holcomb Road, Springfield Township, resident said his license plate had been stolen.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, someone broke into two cars parked at an Andersonville Road, Springfield Township, residence and stole a radar detector, VCR tape, purse and a set of \$100 pens.

Police responded to a medical call on Rattalee Lake Road, Springfield Township.

Thursday, Nov. 12, a man on Andersonville Road, Springfield Township, died of natural causes.

A generator was stolen from a garage on Big Lake Road, Springfield Township.

Friday, Nov. 13, a Shaffer Road, Springfield Township resident complained about hunting that was too close to his house.

Saturday, Nov. 14, three mountain bikes were stolen from the back of a truck parked on Lancaster Lake, Independence Township.

Sunday, Nov. 15, a woman lost her purse at the rest area on northbound I-75 in Springfield Township. It was later recovered.

Monday, Nov. 16, a bicycle was found on Bluegrass Drive, Independence Township.

A Fawn Valley Drive, Independence Township, woman was transported to the hospital with chest pains.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, a car was damaged after it came loose from a tow truck in a parking lot on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

An 85-year-old woman died of natural causes at a home on Walters, Independence Township.

An Elk Run Court, Independence Township, woman was taken to the hospital with a hurt hip.

A 38-year-old mental patient on Foster Road, Springfield Township, was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJM), Pontiac, after he became violent with a knife. No one was injured.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, a bag boy at Kroger's grocery store found a suspicious package in a 5-gallon pail that holds used batteries. The package was warm and appeared to be hissing. Police found that it was a battery pack, not a bomb.

Police responded to a medical call on Almond Lane, Independence Township, when a woman complained of chest pains.

A man was stopped on Dixie Highway, Independence Township, for driving drunk. His blood alcohol level was above the legal limit. He was taken to Pontiac General Hospital to sober up and then to jail.

Police were referred by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to a criminal sexual act that occurred in 1991 between family members on Hillcrest, Independence Township. According to the police report, "the family has been attending counseling regarding the incident, (and DSS) is satisfied with the family's commitment toward dealing with this incident."

A White Lake Road, Independence Township, resident reported that a license plate had been stolen.

An Almond Lane, Independence Township, woman experienced chest pains.

Thursday, Nov. 19, the tire of a car parked on Pinedale, Independence Township, was slashed.

Police checked the welfare of a Rattek, Independence Township, resident.

Police responded to a medical call on Bristol Park, Independence Township, after a man fell and hurt his leg.

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

Bartender rescues man from burning car

A 41-year-old Lake Orion man was rescued from his burning car by an Independence Township man. According to an Oakland County Sheriff's Department report, the man left the Eagles building on Maybee Road, east of Sashabaw Road, around 2:40 a.m. Nov. 8, got into his car and then fell asleep.

When Michael Jameson of Independence Township, the bartender at the Eagles, heard a noise, he went outside and found the car on fire. He rescued the sleeping man from the car before the fire department arrived.

According to the police report, arson did not seem to be a factor in the fire, which was of an unknown origin. Neither man was injured.

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Residents, planners debate merits of adult home

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

About 30 residents voiced concern over an adult foster care home Nov. 19, which received its first approval.

The public hearing before the Independence Township Planning Commission focused on the Adult Care of Independence Township, Inc., plan to rezone a parcel on Eston Road, north of Clarkston Road, in the northeast quadrant of the township.

Adult Care requested the change from single-family residential to planned unit development (PUD), which would allow the company to use the property as an adult foster care home for up to 20 patients.

A PUD is a rezoning in accordance with a specific site plan, which may be tailored to each individual project.

The commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the conceptual plan and PUD rezoning request. Another planning commission approval and approval from the township board are required before the rezoning is official.

According to planning consultant Richard Carlisle, 7 percent of the population in the township is over age 65.

He said a rest home for the elderly ultimately benefits the community. Carlisle also pointed out that this rest home would create a lower density of use at that location.

As presently zoned, the parcel could be subdivided into six lots, which would create more traffic for the area than an adult care home would.

The average age of patients signed up for this home is 81, according to developers. They are independent but need some assistance. None of the patients would have cars, and they would not be allowed outside without someone to help them.

Randy Ford, the township engineer, explained to the board that the average household generates 10 trips a day to and from the home.

The adult care home, however, would generate only 20-50 trips a day. If the lot were divided into single-family parcels as currently zoned, about 60 trips per day would be created.

Most residents were concerned with the heavy traffic on Eston Road, wandering patients, and the number of people who would live in the home.

Tom Gregory, a Lakeview resident for 23 years, voiced the concern of many when he asked if the subdivision association would be liable if a patient were hurt near the water of Walters Lake.

Richard Campbell, attorney for the petitioners, said the patients usually were intellectually aware but not very mobile. He assured the crowd that exit alarms on the doors would alert caregivers if a patient left the home alone. He also said the lake lot property will be deeded to a third

party and would be suitable for a home.

Mitch Carr of Eston Road said he would rather have the six families than the home because of taxes that would be generated.

"Sure it's nice to have some place for the elderly, but we'll get more money from six houses," he said.

Most commission members praised the project.

Daniel Travis said he was delighted to have this facility in the area and that it was needed. He also said that he had not heard of any complaints about an adult care home on Deer Ridge in connection to walk-away patients.

Richard Oppmann said the PUD allowed for landscape screening for the parking area, so area residents wouldn't see the parking lot. He also suggested that the commission look into the residents' liability concerning the lake.

Cecilia Yarber told the group she thought the location of a rest home on the edge of a subdivision was appropriate. Since no outdoor recreational activities would take place, and no sign would be erected on the property, most people wouldn't even know what the building was used for, she said.

Steven Ford, a new member to the board, said he was impressed with the way the residents handled themselves in the meeting. He said he was concerned about the traffic, and he didn't like the site plan and parking.

Chairman Brent Bair said, "We have to ask ourselves if we have an obligation to have this here. We all have mothers, fathers, grandparents — and we can't dump this on other communities."

He said it's difficult to decide where to put these homes. Whether or not they should be on White Lake Road near the industrial businesses or near a shopping mall or busy highway have been questions previously considered by the commission.

"I think that when they get to walk around, it's nice to have a nice surrounding to look at," said Bair.


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Saturday, Nov. 14 ... Answered a call on a roll-over on northbound I-75; one patient with minor injuries refused medical attention. ... Responded to a personal injury accident on I-75 at Sashabaw Road; found only damaged property. ... Answered an accident call on southbound I-75 north of Sashabaw; call was unfounded.

Sunday, Nov. 15 ... Responded to a medical call on Cortez; woman suffering breathing problems transported to SJM. ... Answered a medical call on Wagoner; man who was trimming his tree slipped and cut his leg; he was transported to SJM.

Monday, Nov. 16 ... Answered an automatic alarm on M-15; nothing was found. ... Responded to a medical call on Clintonville Road. ... Answered a medical call on Fawn Valley Drive; patient in respiratory distress transported to SJM. ... Responded to a medical call on Elk Run Court. ... Answered a call to a building fire on Rioview; female patient was rescued from home and transported to area hospital; fire was extinguished. ... Answered a medical call on Timber Ridge.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 ... Responded to a medical call on Elk Run Court. ... Answered a medical call on Walters; deceased person from natural causes turned over to police. ... Responded to a medical call on Parview Drive; patient with possible heart attack taken to North Oakland Medical Center (NOMC), Pontiac. ... Answered a medical call on Center Street; female patient transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital (POH).

Wednesday, Nov. 18 ... Investigated a package resembling a bomb found inside store on Dixie Highway; package found to be a disposed battery pack. ... Answered a burning complaint on Scammel and gave warning. ... Responded to a burning complaint on Clinton Road; gave warning. ... Answered a medical call on Almond Lane; patient with chest pains transported to NOMC. ... Responded to an automatic alarm on Hillview Shores; it had been activated by cooking on the stove; no fire or damage.

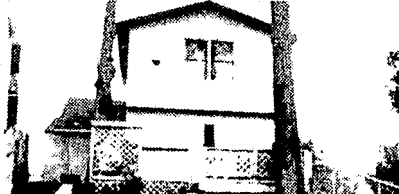



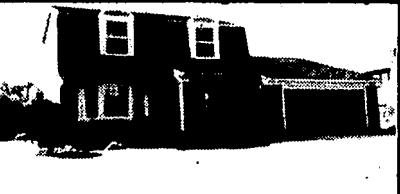
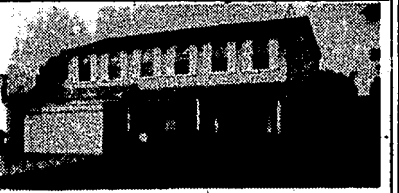
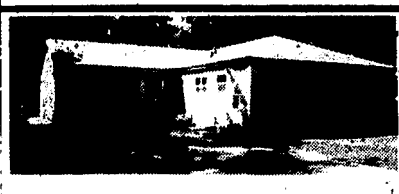


Thursday, Nov. 19 ... Answered a medical call on Waldon Road; child struck head while at recess and was transported to hospital. ... Responded to a medical call on Bristol Park Drive. ... Answered a medical call on Parview Drive; patient with high temperature and weakness transported to NOMC. ... Responded to a lock-out on Dixie Highway; a person had locked himself out of a car with a

baby inside; entry was gained with no damage. ... Responded to a chimney fire on Ellis Road; fire was extinguished, and no damage was done to the structure. Occupant advised to call chimney sweep. ... Answered a vehicle lock-out on Parview Drive; no damage made during entry.

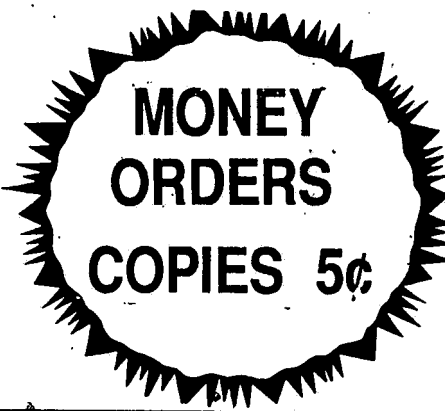
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Yee ha!

School secretary really cuts loose after hours

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston Staff Writer

By day, Pauline Colbert works as secretary in charge of student services for Clarkston Community Schools.

By night, she teaches the Texas Two-Step to more than 100 people.

Colbert, 51, a mother of three who is looking forward

"As a single person, I really got into line dancing because you don't need a partner to participate."

Pauline Colbert

to being a grandmother next spring, began country-western dancing four years ago after her divorce.

"I needed something to occupy my time," she said. "A friend told me about country-western dancing, and



'SWING YOUR PARTNER!' Pauline Colbert doesn't teach barn dancing, but she does teach the Achy Breaky Heart, the Country Waltz and the East Coast Swing to over 100 would-be, two-stepping country-western dancers.



PAULINE COLBERT has worked 18 years as a secretary for Clarkston schools. During the day, it's business as usual for this

grandmother-to-be, but after hours she is a dance instructor for more than 100 people in three locations.

ever since I've been dancing three or four days a week."

She began to teach dance 1 1/2 years ago and now teaches all the new — and old — moves four nights a week in three locations.

In Colbert's classes, students learn the Texas Two-Step, the Country Waltz, and various line dances, including the Achy Breaky Heart.

Colbert said she enjoys teaching the line dances associated with country-western dancing because anyone can do them.

"As a single person, I really got into line dancing because you don't need a partner to participate," she said.

"Country-western dancing is super popular right now," said Colbert. Judging from the class sizes, she is right.

Her class on Wednesday night offered by Clarkston Community Education has 15 couples and six single

dancers. She also teaches about 150 students at the Waterford CAI, and as many as she can twice a week at the Country Jukebox and BBQ on Dixie Highway, Waterford.

All of Colbert's students are beginners. She said some don't know their left from their right foot. And that's OK. After all, it's how much fun the dancers have that

"Country-western dancing is very stress relieving."

Pauline Colbert

counts.

"Country-western dancing is very stress relieving," said Colbert. "It's a great way to make friends. It's friendly, and there isn't any criticism. We all make mistakes, but we have a real good time."

Mother of two brings business to hometown

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kellie Roberts wasn't too sure what she wanted to be when she grew up, but when she started in the florist business five years ago she found her niche.
"I went to a couple of trade schools," said Roberts.

What's new in business

"My mom and I started the flower shop together. I had no training, but I had a knack for it."

The 28-year-old mother of two has since attended the Chuck Bannow School of Flower Design and has

Business Brief

Restaurant joins in Operation Can Do

A Clarkston-area restaurant again is helping the needy in the area.

The 14th annual Operation Can Do food drive is sponsored by Elias Brothers Big Boy Restaurants, WXYZ-TV, Detroit Area and Clinton Valley Councils of the Boy Scouts of America and the Hunger Action Coalition.

Organizers hope to provide 1 million meals through this food drive.

Canned goods may be dropped off at area Big Boy restaurants—including the restaurant on Dixie Highway, Independence Township— from Nov. 21 through the holidays.

The donated food is picked up from the Big Boy restaurants, packaged and loaded onto Big Boy trucks preparing for delivery to the Elias Brothers warehouse. From there, the food is distributed to over 300 churches, soup kitchens and community food programs in southeastern Michigan whose names are provided by the Hunger Action Coalition.

Elias Brothers distributes some of the food during the Christmas holiday, but the majority of the food is distributed after the first of the year, when traditional food donations decrease and the need is greatest.

In the past 13 years over 2.2 million pounds of food have been donated in the area to Operation Can Do— enough to provide over 6 million meals.

become sole owner of Botanical Gardens Florist Shop. Roberts moved the store from its original location in Madison Heights to Ritter's County Square on Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

"When I took over the store, I wanted to move it to my hometown, the community where I live and the kids go to school," she said.

Roberts has lived in Independence Township for three years. Her son, Eric, attended North Sashabaw Elementary School, and her daughter, Meghan, is part of Clarkston Funshine.

The store is a real family affair for Roberts. Her mother, Joan Tolley, and sister, Mary Roberts, help in the store during the holiday season and on Roberts' day off. Her fiancé, Robert Hausman, also will join the business.

Roberts eventually would like to have a greenhouse

with her florist store. By the first of the year, she plans to offer craft classes in basket making, flower arranging and porcelain painting.

She also plans to add silk arrangements and unique gift to her store in the future.

"I want people to come in and find what they want here," she said.

Roberts said she pays special attention to her customers.

"I have real good customer service," she said. "I guarantee all of the work done here — not very many others do that. When people come in, if their minds aren't made up, I can help them find what they need."

"I have a lot of ideas for this place. I'm picky about what I do. I like perfection and things done right," said Roberts.



KELLIE Roberts found a business outlet for her "knack" of making flower arrangements. Her new store is in Ritter's Country Square on Dixie Highway.

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Club notes

The Juniors and Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary and American Legion of Chief Pontiac 377 have been busy at area nursing homes, Clinton Vally and the Battle Creek Veterans Hospital.

They hosted parties for Sweetest Day and Halloween, taking candy, cards, place mats, cookies and ice cream with them.

Several members traveled to Battle Creek V.A., where they hosted a Bingo party and served hot dogs, chips and other refreshments to 100 veterans.

They visited their "adopted" veteran at the Legion Villa, taking him many gifts. A Halloween party at the post home was held for 75 children.

Samantha Jones and Kevin Cook decorated 25 pumpkins for the wards at Battle Creek VA Hospital.

Chief Pontiac 377 held a luncheon for 18th District's Department Commander Al Ford's tour of the Legion posts in Oakland County.

Tsoukalas, Summers exchange vows

Paula M. Tsoukalas and Shane E. Summers, both of Clarkston, were married on June 19, 1992.

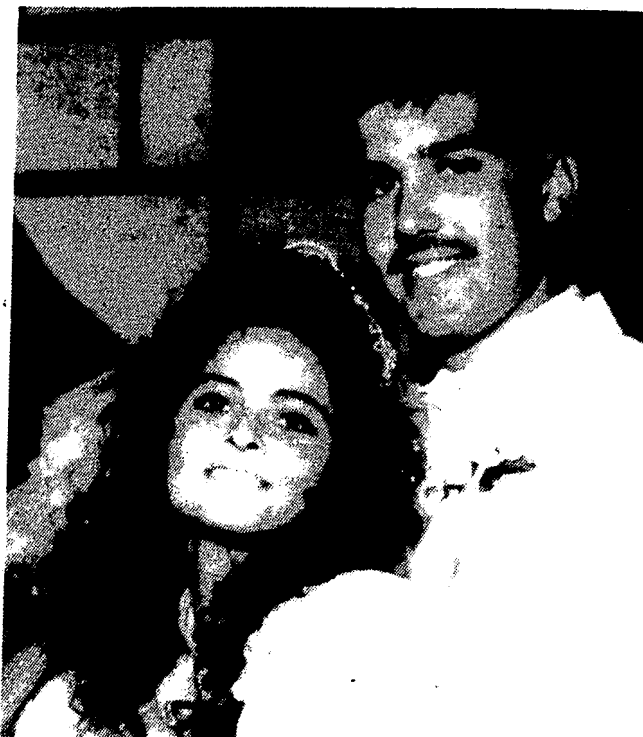
The bride, daughter of Paul and Kay Tsoukalas of Kier Road, Independence Township, was graduated from Clarkston High School in 1989.

The groom, son of Ed and Renee Summers of Tahoe Court, Independence Township, was graduated from Clarkston High school in 1989. He now serves in the U.S. Navy.

The bride was given in marriage by her father at the 5 p.m. Orthodox ceremony at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, with Father Nick officiating.

Donna Rawlings of Waterford was maid of honor, and Mike Sabatos of Detroit was best man.

The couple now reside in Virginia.



NEWLYWEDS: Mr. and Mrs. Summers

In service

Marine Pvt. Joseph T. Mihalcin, a 1992 graduate of STRIVE High School of Clarkston, recently completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He joined the Marine Corps in August 1992.

Marine Private Christopher White, son of Richard White of Mary Sue, Independence Township, recently complete recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine and personal and professional standards.

Honors

Two Independence Township women were named to the dean's list of Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo.

Wendy Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Manning of North Holcomb Road, and Robin Meissner, daughter of Janice Meissner of Seneca Road and Daniel Meissner of Birmingham were two of 141 students of achieve this honor.

New arrivals



Bob and Lori Pursley of Cedar Loop, Brandon Township, announce the birth of their first child. Chelsea Lynn Pursley was born at 10:53 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at North Oakland Medical Center, Pontiac. She weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 20 1/2 inches

long. She was welcomed home by the Pursley's two Labradors, Beau and Alex. Grandparents are Ron and Shirley Pursley of Clarkston and Mike and Sandy Colpus of Pontiac. Great-grandparents are Jennie Wiechert of Clarkston and Irene Fiske of Pontiac.

It's a girl for Karen and Gary Kovacic of Meadows Drive, Independence Township.

Andrea Leigh Kovacic was born Friday, Nov. 6, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. She weighed 7 pounds and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her sisters: Laura, 6; Bethany, 5; and Katelyn, 3.

Grandparents are Jack and Joan Kosecki of Rochester and Chuck and Lillian Kovacic of Owosso.



Mike and Jenni Simsack of Clarkston announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Bethany McGee Simsack. Bethany was born at 5:57 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1992. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Marilyn McGee of Groveland Township and John and Elsa Simsack of Lake Orion.



Small talk

AUTHOR-Illustrator David Small talks about his drawing and writing with Andersonville Elementary students Nov. 18. Small also talked at assemblies and classrooms at the other Clarkston elementary schools last week. On Nov. 17, he had a session with

parents. Small wrote and illustrated "Imogene's Antlers," "Ruby Mae Has Something to Say," and "Paper John." The parent-teacher organizations from the elementary schools paid for Small's services. (Photo by James Gibowski)

Around Town

Local events open to the public are printed in **Around Town** as a community service. Call 625-3370 or write to **The Clarkston News, 5. S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346** two weeks in advance.

Thursdays - T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); a support group for weight loss; weigh-in 6:15 to 7 p.m.; meeting 7-8 p.m.; new members should arrive early; \$16 registration fee (teens, \$8) plus \$3 a month; Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5300 Maybee Road, Independence Township. (620-1838)

Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 27 and 28, Dec. 4 and 5, and Thursday, Dec. 3 - "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" at Depot Theater; 8 p.m. curtain; call for ticket information; adult drama by Mark Medoff presented by the Clarkston Village Players; set in a diner in southern New Mexico; adult themes (not for young children); on White Lake Road, Independence Township. (625-1826)

Saturday, Nov. 28 - Dried Wildflowers session at Indian Springs Metropark; 10 a.m.; collection of dried plant material during short walk, then creation of small table-top dried flower arrangement to take home; bring scissors and glue gun; registration required; \$2 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Saturdays - Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Church of the Resurrection; 10 a.m.; 6490 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (Carol, 625-5130)

Sunday, Nov. 29 - Mammals of Indian Springs at Indian Springs Metropark; 1 p.m.; woodland walk searching for evidence of fox, deer and other mammals; \$2 vehicle entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Sunday, Nov. 29 - A Christmas Antiques Show and Sale at Springfield Oaks County Park; free admission; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; early shoppers welcome at 7 a.m.; Victorian country primitives, glassware, jewelry, antique Christmas items and more; 60-plus dealers; 12450 Andersonville Road, Springfield Township. (623-9014)

Monday through Friday, now through April 2 - Walking program at Clarkston High and Sashabaw Junior High; 4:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 4:30-7 p.m. Friday; buildings closed to walkers Nov. 26-27, Feb. 18-19, and Dec. 23 - Jan. 3; Independence Township. (625-4402)

Mondays - Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Church of the Resurrection; 5:30 p.m.; 6490 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (Grace, 627-4058)

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 1 and 2 - Christmas Greens Market at the white clapboard church on Main Street; noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday; roping, wreaths, cut greens, arrangements and more; sponsored by Clarkston Farm and Garden

Club; on Main Street, Clarkston, just north of Tierra's at Waldon Road on M-15. (625-2317)

Tuesday, Dec. 1 - Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Member Mixer at the Palace of Auburn Hills; 5:45-9:15 p.m.; \$17 members and guests; \$18.50 non-members; includes hors d'oeuvres, coffee, tee; cash bar; tour of Palace; reservations required by Monday, Nov. 30; on M-24 near I-75, Auburn Hills. (625-8055)

Wednesday, Dec. 2 - Clarkston Area Optimist Club meeting at Spring Lake Country Club; 7:30-8:30 a.m.; public welcome; service club for men and women with theme of "Friend of Youth"; 6060 Maybee Road, Independence Township. (625-5000)

Wednesday, Dec. 2 - Preschool storytime at the Independence Township Library; 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; free; films, stories, puppets, flannel board activities, games and songs; for 3- to 5-year-olds; 6495 Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (625-2212)

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12 - "Up the Down Staircase" fall play at Clarkston High School; produced by CHS Drama Club; fast-paced comedy

Out of Town

Thursdays - Rational Recovery (RR) meeting for substance abuse (alcohol and drugs) at the David Ewalt Community Center; 7 p.m.; 1460 N. Perry St., Pontiac. (Don, 333-2621)

Thursdays - Two meetings -- one for adults, one for children -- who are experiencing marital separation or divorce at the United Methodist Church of Lake Orion; 7-8:30 p.m.; free; non-denominational; 140 E. Flint St., Lake Orion. (Beth Dumala, 693-6201)

Friday, Nov. 27, through holidays - Holiday Caroling Spectacular at Oakland Pointe Shopping Center; community groups invited to sing; participating groups receive a donation to their cause and a matching donation will be made in their name to "Christmas is for kids"; at Elizabeth Lake and Telegraph roads, Pontiac. (338-2243)

Friday, Nov. 27 - The Advocacy Group (TAG) fund-raiser at the Kingsley Inn; 6 p.m.; sponsored by new group for persons with disabilities; tickets -- \$35 for one, \$65 for two -- include dinner, dancing and an auction; 1475 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (623-7396)

Sunday, Nov. 29, through Sunday, Dec. 13 - 1992 Christmas Walk at Meadow Brook Hall; annual holiday tour of Meadow Brook Hall; Oakland University, Rochester. (370-3140)

Mondays - Agoraphobics in Motion at the Christ Lutheran Church; 7:30 p.m.; support group for people suffering from panic attacks, anxiety; \$5 a session; 5987 Williams Lake Road, Waterford Township. (547-0400)

The Clarkston (Mich.) News Wed., Nov. 25, 1992 5 B shows events of teacher's first year; \$2.50 senior citizens and students, \$3 adults; in the Kirchgessner Theater, off Waldon Road, Independence Township. (625-0900)

Saturday, Dec. 5 - A Holiday Party at the Independence Township Library; two sessions: 10:30 a.m. to noon or 2-3:30 p.m.; free; for children ages 3-11; sign up for free tickets in person at library; musical festival with Chataqua Express; refreshments, gift book, movie, visit with Santa; \$1 photo with Santa; co-sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimists; on Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (625-2212)

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Snacks with Santa at Indian Springs Metropark; 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$5 per child; registration required; \$2 entry fee; on White Lake Road in Springfield and White Lake townships. (625-7280)

Saturday, Dec. 5 - Small Hands Workshop at Independence Oaks Nature Center; children make hand-make holiday gifts; 1-3:30 p.m.; \$5; for ages 6-8; wear old clothes; pre-registration required; \$4.50 vehicle entry fee; on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township. (625-6473)

Tuesdays, Dec. 1 and 8 - "Learn How to Start and Run a Building Business" seminar at the Fred Ehman Center for Lifelong Learning; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$95; registration required by Nov. 27; sponsored by Lake Orion Community Education and Michigan Builders Institute; 55 W. Elizabeth, Orion Township. (651-2771)

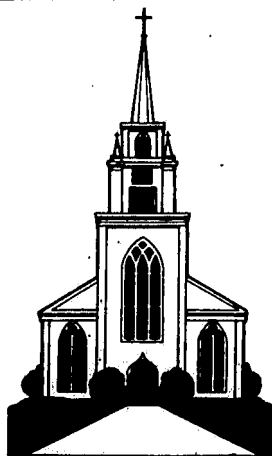
Tuesday, Dec. 1 - Oakland County Genealogical Society meeting at the Baldwin Public Library; 7 p.m.; free; topic: R.L. Polk Co. city directories; in the Rotary Room; 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. (357-3193)

Wednesdays - "Daisies (sic) in Recovery" at Holly Garden; a self-help group for adult survivors of child abuse and incest, headed by two former incest victims; 7-9 p.m.; 4501 Grange Hall Road, Holly Township. (Kathy, 634-1870; Bill, 634-0335)

Wednesdays - Rochester Catholic Choral rehearsals at the Older Persons Center; 8 p.m.; newcomers welcome; tenors especially needed; repertoire includes traditional and contemporary; past performances range from liturgies and weddings to symphony concerts, TV appearances and a Hollywood movie; 312 Woodward St., Rochester. (656-0666 or 739-2902)

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3-4 - 39th Annual Greens and Craft Market at the Waterford Community Center (formerly Waterford Township High School); 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; free; sponsored by the Waterford Garden Club; fresh greens; craft items, holiday demonstrations; cookbook; bakery; free coffee, tea; corner M-59 and Crescent Lake Road, Waterford. (673-9690)

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Pet of the Week



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-Curt McAllister

Fresh from the oven, for 40 years

BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In Alethea Rose's kitchen is a framed picture with the words, "I am the bread of life" — a fitting phrase for a woman who has been baking and selling bread for more than 40 years.

Rose, 74, has lived in Independence Township on Dixie Highway since 1941. In the late '40s Rose worked in the chicken business.

"I did that until the rats got the better of me," she said with a laugh.

"I began baking and selling bread in the early '50s. That's when I bought the big mixer in the kitchen. My mother taught me quite a bit, about the yeast and baking."

When she began selling bread, it was 25 cents a loaf. "I charge \$1.50 now. But if you ask me, it should be \$2."

Rose usually makes raspberry jam from the wild raspberries that grow near her home. This year, though, she was visiting her brother in California during jam-making season, so she missed that activity.

Many in the area will recognize her from her annual appearance at Santa's Workshop, the Clarkston Area Jaycees' annual craft show at Clarkston High School. She usually makes 48 loaves of bread — and sells every one — for that weekend event.

Rose enjoys baking. She makes cookies for the Senior Citizen Bake Sale and was given an award by the Independence Township Senior Center in September for her volunteer baking efforts.

Rose also bakes bread and cookies for the Clarkston United Methodist Church, where she helps wherever she can. "I learned to run the dishwasher, and I'm part of the membership circle. I was also in the nursery for quite awhile."

Rose has added whole wheat bread to her baking repertoire. She said she uses honey as a sweetener and also uses oleo, so there is no cholesterol in the bread. She makes about 12 loaves in a batch. One customer buys all 12 loaves of the whole wheat bread at one time.

Perhaps the changing times has prompted her to change her bread making. From now on, she said, she



ALTHEA ROSE, 74, of Independence Township has sold fresh-baked bread and raspberry jam for 40 years.

plans to take orders for bread instead of baking it in advance and then selling it.

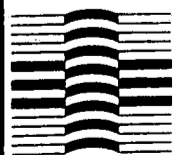
But it all boils down to the same thing. She laughed when she explained why she began to sell bread in the first place.

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Business Briefs

Musat named president of Braun Engineering

John Musat of the Clarkston area has been appointed president of Braun Engineering Co., a division of Masco Industries.

Musat had been serving as interim general manager at Braun. Prior to that, he was manager of special projects at Masco Industries. He joined the corporate staff in 1989, after serving as senior vice president of operations at the Vernon Division of Morris Defense and president of Norris Industries' Automotive Wheel Division.

Braun Engineering Co., headquartered in Detroit, provides state-of-the-art engineering capabilities for cold and warm extrusions and finish machining to the automotive industry. Braun is a Masco Industries company.

Masco Industries is a technology-focused company serving the needs of the transportation, architectural and energy industries with custom-engineered industrial products.

3 teachers honored

Three Clarkston- and Davisburg-area teachers were honored by their toughest critics, their former students, in the second edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers," 1992.

The 65,000 teachers were chosen by their former students who themselves are currently listed in "Who's

Who Among American High School Students," or "The National Dean's List," publications that recognizes the top 5 percent of the nation's high school and college students, respectively.

From the Clarkston area, Patricia Wilkinson Smith of North Sashabaw Elementary School was named, as was Larry Alpha Thibault of Clarkston High School.

From the Davisburg area, Wilma Jones Klak of Davisburg Elementary School was named.

The teachers' students were asked to nominate teachers who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence.

New art director

Ronald Kerns, a 1986 Clarkston High School graduate, recently joined Skip Carney Advertising, Rocky Mount, N.C., as an art director.

Kerns is responsible for creative conceiving and

graphic design using the Macintosh desktop publishing system. Other responsibilities include: design and production of annual reports, brochures, newspaper and magazine ads, computer graphics for audio/video presentation, catalog design, storyboards, package design and trade show booth design.

Kerns has previous advertising experience as an art director/ intern at Lintas: Campbell-Ewald in Detroit, where he handled creative assignments for Geo, Chevrolet, GMAC financing and Ameritech/ Ohio Bell.

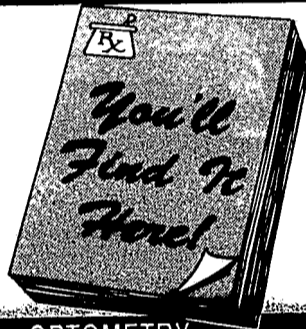
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Kerns is the son of Judy and Roland Kerns, formerly of Sunnyside Drive, Independence Township.

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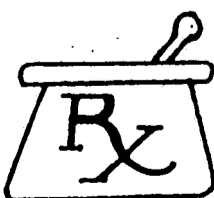
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Business Briefs

Oxford Bank Corp.'s earnings increase

Oxford Bank Corp., the holding company for Oxford Bank, reported today that its net income for the third quarter is 13.4 percent more than earnings for the same period in 1991, which were \$404,000, or \$2.53 per common share.

During the first nine months of 1992, the company earned \$1,313,000 (\$8.21 per common share), 8.2 percent more than the net income of \$1,214,000 (\$7.59 per common share) reported for the same period last year.

"We are very pleased with our results so far in 1992," said Randall Fox, president and chief executive officer. "Like many community banks, we are now experiencing improvement in our net interest margin because the yields on our loans and investments are going down a bit slower than our cost of deposits.

"We have, however, been less aggressive than most of our competitors in lowering the rates we pay on

deposits. As a result, we have increased our consumer deposits by almost 10 percent so far this year."

Fox added that residential mortgage lending has been brisk at Oxford Bank. "We are doing an extraordinary amount of refinancing at lower rates, and our volume of loans to finance new residential construction has been quite strong. Commercial loan activity, which had been slower than we would have liked, has been picking up in the third quarter."

The company's total assets were \$152,742,000 at Sept. 30, a 7-percent increase over last year's total of \$142,758,000. Total deposits increased 4.9 percent over the past 12 months, from \$129,090,000 to \$135,356,000. Shareholders' equity increased 11.9 percent during the same period, from \$11,610,000 to \$12,996,000.

The banks' primary capital, which consists of shareholders' equity and the reserve for possible loan losses, now constitutes 9.2 percent of total assets. A ratio of 6 percent is considered adequate for community banks of this size.

Oxford Bank Corp. is a registered bank holding company. Its subsidiary, Oxford Bank, is Oakland County's

oldest commercial bank and has been locally owned and operated since it first opened in 1884. The bank has offices in Oxford, Lake Orion, Clarkston, Oakland Township and Ortonville.

Awards of excellence



Richards

Beth Sayles Richards, a Clarkston-area resident, was recently awarded a merit in recognition of photographic excellence.

Richards, owner of Sayles Studio in Waterford, entered "Chelsea's Point of View," a portrait of Laura Lamont Harris and her two children, Chelsea and Mikaela of Waterford. It was one of two portrait studies Richards submitted at the

Professional Photographers of Michigan competition in Dearborn and the 101st International Exposition of Professional Photography at the Winona International School of Professional Photographers, Mount Prospect, Ill.

In recognition of the achievement, Professional Photographers of America members receive merit certificates for each entry accepted into the collection, which can be applied toward the Master of Photography Degree granted by the association.

Another work, entitled "Rosco," a portrait of Mr. Rosco Goddard of Waterford, was accepted for exhibit at state level, along with Richards' pictorial entries featuring her impressionistic interpretation of two scenes from Mackinaw Island.

All four entries were awarded ribbons and were among the more than 250 other photographic works judged as superior in technical excellence.

Free educational series

Free mental health educational seminars are scheduled for winter.

North Oakland Counseling Center offers the classes at 7 p.m. at the center at 6401 Citation Dr., across from the courthouse, Independence Township. Pre-registration is required. Call 620-1019 for more information.

Job stress is the topic on Jan. 12, with presenter Sandra Santarossa. On Jan. 18, Elise Finch-Sophica speaks on Women's Mental Health in the '90s. "Can your marriage survive an affair?" is the subject Phyllis Norman discusses on Jan. 21.

Bernice Gadon teaches you to balance work and family life on Feb. 8. Sandra Santarossa discusses the topic of Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse on Feb. 23. On March 2, John Cheritt discusses men's issues.

Senior Spotlight

Holiday baskets

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

The nutritionally balanced lunch is cooked on the premises and served daily at noon. Cost is \$2 for those over age 60 and their spouses and \$3 for those younger. Reservations for lunch are due by noon the day before. Special arrangements may be made for those unable to pay the meal costs. Homebound meals are also available. Menu available by phone (625-8231).

Wanted: Volunteers for the homebound meal program delivery.

LUNCH MENU:

Thursday, Nov. 26 -- Thanksgiving holiday (closed)

Friday, Nov. 26 -- Thanksgiving holiday (closed)

Monday, Nov. 30 -- Turkey cutlet

Tuesday, Dec. 1 -- Boneless pork chop

Wednesday, Dec. 2 -- Joe's lasagna

Thursday, Dec. 3 -- Beef stew

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Monday -- bowling, bridge.

Tuesday -- ceramics, cards, volleyball.

Wednesday -- crafts, pool, band practice.

Thursday -- Bingo, woodshop.

Friday -- sing-a-long, cards, women's pool.

SPECIAL HELP:

Daily lunch, homebound lunch, transportation, health problems, referral service, home chore service, outreach services, Focus Hope food program, income tax assistance.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Holiday baskets: Names are accepted this month for a holiday basket for those in need during Thanksgiving or Christmas. Call Sharon Turner at 625-8238 to submit a name.

Township travel: Travel is open to all -- simply call for information. Scheduled trips include: Big Brass Christmas in Toledo, Ohio, Saturday, Dec. 12; and Jim Nabors and Barbara Mandrell in Niagara Falls, Canada, Dec. 5-7.

Health issues: 9 a.m. to noon first Thursday of the month; nurse from the Oakland County Health Department will speak individually on concerns such as aging, caregiver concerns, specific diseases, Alzheimer's disease, medications and more.

New Year's celebration: Dec. 30 to Jan. 1 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Will Rogers Follies -- March 23-25.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Holiday open house



DALE BILLS, 16, an 11th-grader at Clarkston High School, poses with a cheesecake. Bills is part of the culinary arts program at the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus (OTC-N). OTC-N hosts a holiday open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, which includes student demonstrations, refreshments, door prizes, and a sale of baked goods and items made by the floral design class.



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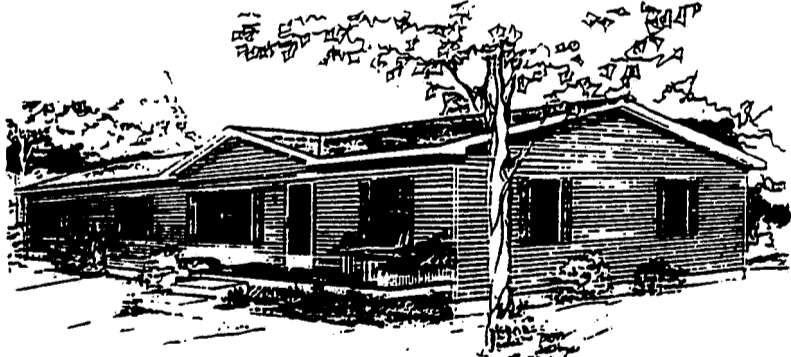
ROSEMARY BELL, 17, a senior at Waterford Kettering, gets a helping hand from teacher Linda Allen at the Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus (OTC-N). Bell is part of

the floral design class at OTC, which is making baskets and wreaths for the Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 6.

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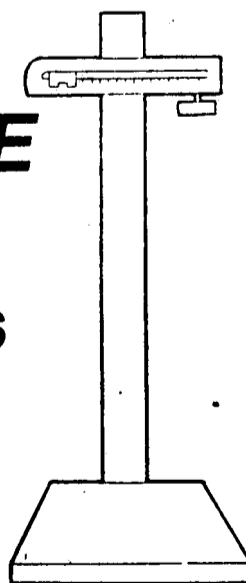
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A dog,

A sigh,
A lie.
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(Tom Erickson resides in Independence Township.)

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Obituary

Douglas W. Booth

Douglas W. Booth, 74, of New Port Richey, Fla., died Nov. 11, 1992, after an extended illness. He was a founding partner of Booth, Patterson, Lee, Need and Adkison, a Waterford Township law firm. The firm, from which he retired in 1974, continues to bear his name.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Booth earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1939 from the Detroit Institute of Technology, a juris doctor degree in 1947 from Wayne State University, Detroit, and an LL.M. in 1953 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

He taught at the Wayne State and University of Detroit Law schools before entering private practice. He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Oakland County Bar Association, and Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.

Before relocating to Florida in 1980, Mr. Booth served as president of the Pontiac Exchange Club and as chairman of the Character and Fitness Committee of the State Bar of Michigan for Oakland County. He had been a member of the Acanthus Club in Detroit and had served on the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac.

Mr. Booth was a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served on a minesweeper during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Constance Kummerow and her husband Arnold of Ypsilanti Township; son, Robert and his wife Sandra of Platte City, Mo.; two grandchildren, Zackary and Douglas; brother, Albert C. of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.; and sisters, Florence Dorow of Billings, Mont., and Marjeanne Balon of West Carrollton, Ohio.

A memorial service was planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, with the Rev. James Anderson officiating.

Memorial tributes may be made to the United Parkinson Foundation, 360 West Superior Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

Business Brief

Business helps needy

The needy in the area received a little help from area residents, thanks to an Independence Township businesswoman.

Beth Sayles Richards of Sayles Studio in Waterford asked customers to bring in a bag of non-perishable groceries in exchange for a discount from their photography sitting. She also asked customers to bring in children's hats and mittens in exchange for free wallet-size photos.


The items are donated to Lighthouse North, a non-profit organization in Independence Township that helps the needy in north Oakland County.

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The Clarkston Rotary Club offers the chance to win a 1993 GEO Prizm LSI (or \$10,000 cash) by selling \$125 tickets, which include a buffet dinner for two and entertainment at the Deer Lake Racquet Club.

A runner-up will be awarded \$1,000. Only 250 tickets are offered and may be purchased from Bob Gott at 623-0119 (business) or 627-2664 (home) or Terry Harp at 625-5896 (home).

The drawing and buffet dinner take place 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 28, at the racquet club on White Lake Road, Independence Township.

Proceeds from the raffle will be used by the Rotary Club to fund charitable activities, said President Lu Hewko.

For instance, the club helps in a Leftover food program for the needy, in conjunction with Lighthouse North; decorates downtown Clarkston for the holidays; provides a picnic for Clarkston SCAMP (a summer camp for disabled youth); provides transportation vehicles for the senior center; offers scholarships; and helps in other community activities.

Community education

Holiday Super Saturday for adults

A day of fun holiday crafts is offered 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 5. Classes include Christmas Band Box, Creative Twist Basket, Fabric Covered Photo Albums, Using Herbs to Scent Your Holiday, and an Inlay Cutwork Shirt. Most classes are \$12; some have material fee. Classes take place at the Clarkston Community Education Center.

Book Fair

A holiday book fair is planned for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Clarkston Community Education Center. Books geared to preschool and elementary age students cost 99 cents and up. The sale is sponsored by the Funshine Preschool program.

Victorian Santa

Join artist Mary Owens for this project, which uses a technical pen and blended oils. The \$42 fee includes the use of brushes, pattern, complete written instructions, reference picture, necessary paint and medium. The wood piece costs about \$15. Two sessions begin 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Sashabaw Junior High School.

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Business Brief

Fast food eatery wins two awards

The Sashabaw Road, Independence Township, McDonald's received two 1991 McDonald's restaurant awards.

The restaurant is owned and operated by Dick Schaefer.

The restaurant received the Outstanding Drive-Thru Award and the "QSC" award.

"QSC" stands for quality, service and cleanliness—the good business principles of McDonald's established by the founder Ray Kroc.

The awards were presented at the annual Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association awards assembly. More than 180 McDonald's restaurants operate in southeastern Michigan and more than 12,000 restaurants in 57 countries. More than 80 percent of McDonald's restaurant businesses are locally owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs.

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TAKEN BY THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD AND THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
November 11, 1992

Supervisor Ronk called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.

Roll Call: Township Board: Present: Lutz, McCrary, Mercado, Ronk, Travis, Vaara. Absent: Saile.

There is a quorum.

City Council: Present: Arkwright, Bassinger, Catallo, Sander-son, Secatch. Absent: Roesser, Schultz.

There is a quorum.

1. Discussion regarding the allocation of funds since the incorporation of Clarkston as a City.

2. Approval of motion to establish a Board action agreement in the amount of \$270,000 for Clarkston's asset allocation amount.

3. Approval of motion for Mr. Mengle and Mr. Van Loo to come up with a schedule of agreement, talk to the Board, then Mr. Fisher will draft the details of the contract.

4. Approval of motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
November 17, 1992

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

Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, Mercado, Ronk, Travis, Vaara. Absent: Saile.

There is a quorum.

1. Approval of agenda with the addition of Michigan Tax Tribunal as Item 2 under New Business.

2. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Township Board of October 20, 1992 as presented.

3. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Township Board of November 4, 1992 as amended.

4. Approval of motion authorizing payment of bills totaling \$238,722.69.

5. No one spoke under the Public Forum segment of the agenda.

6. Approval of motion to grant a one year extension to Nunn Mining until December 15, 1993, based on advice from the Township engineer.

7. Approval of motion to reclassify Kevin Daniels to Maintenance Person I, effective November 30, 1992.

8. Approval of motion to settle the Michigan Tax Tribunal case as outlined by the Township Attorney's memo of October 1, 1992.

9. Approval of motion to adjourn the Township meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Business Briefs

Care center accredited

The Greenery Health Care Center has received accreditation for its rehabilitation facilities. The center on Clintonville Road, Independence Township, received three-year accreditation by the

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation and Acute Brain Injury Programs.

New Mobile Home Commission member

Donna R. Huntoon of the Clarkston area was among four appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Mobile Home Commission.

The commission establishes standards for mobile home park construction and the licensure of mobile home parks, dealers and brokers, installers and repairers. Members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Huntoon has been a member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners since 1990. She earned a business administration and accounting degree from the Chapin School of Business, Oxford. She was a member of the Oakland County Jury Commission from 1987 to 1990.

Huntoon was appointed to represent elected officials of a local government and replaces Shirley Burley of Essexville, who has resigned for a term expiring May 9, 1995.

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Divorce workshop set

Those who are newly divorced can find a little help in a seven-week workshop in January.

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Cable Guide

Swearing them in

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8:30 p.m. - **K-TV:** Karaoke on television.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

7 p.m. - **The Power of Love:** Religious talk and variety program hosted by Ted Slankster. This week: **The Family**

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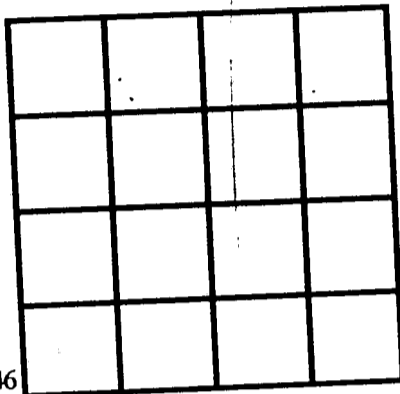
7 p.m. - **The Job Show:** A presentation of The Michigan Employment Security Commission.

7:30 p.m. - **Independence Township:** "Swearing-in" ceremony of township officials, followed by Dec. 1 board meeting.

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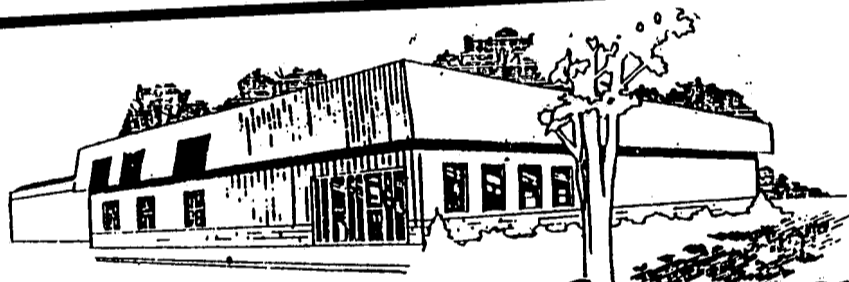
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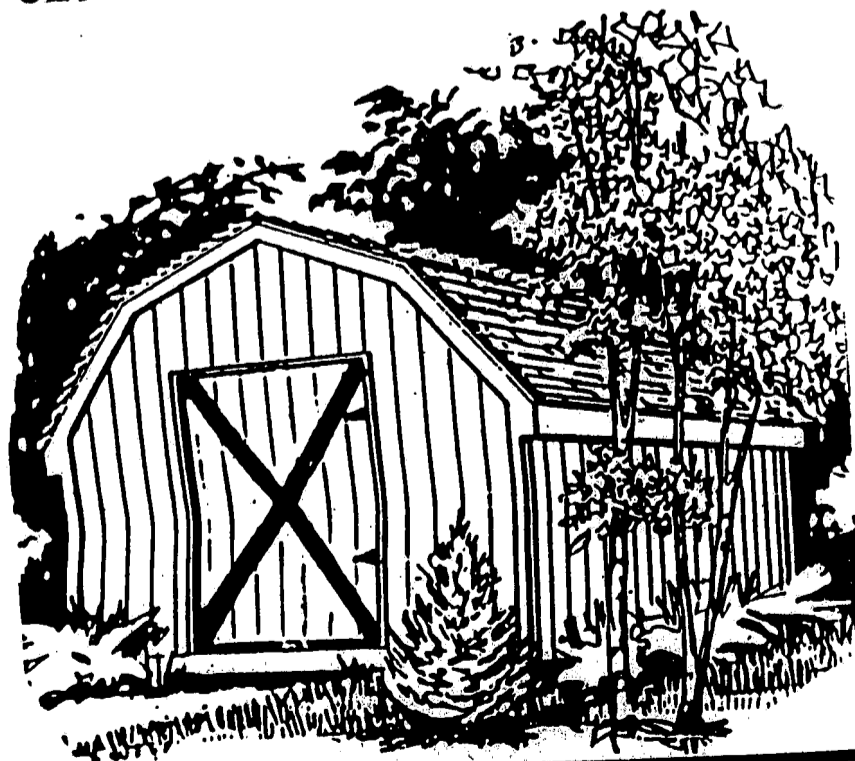
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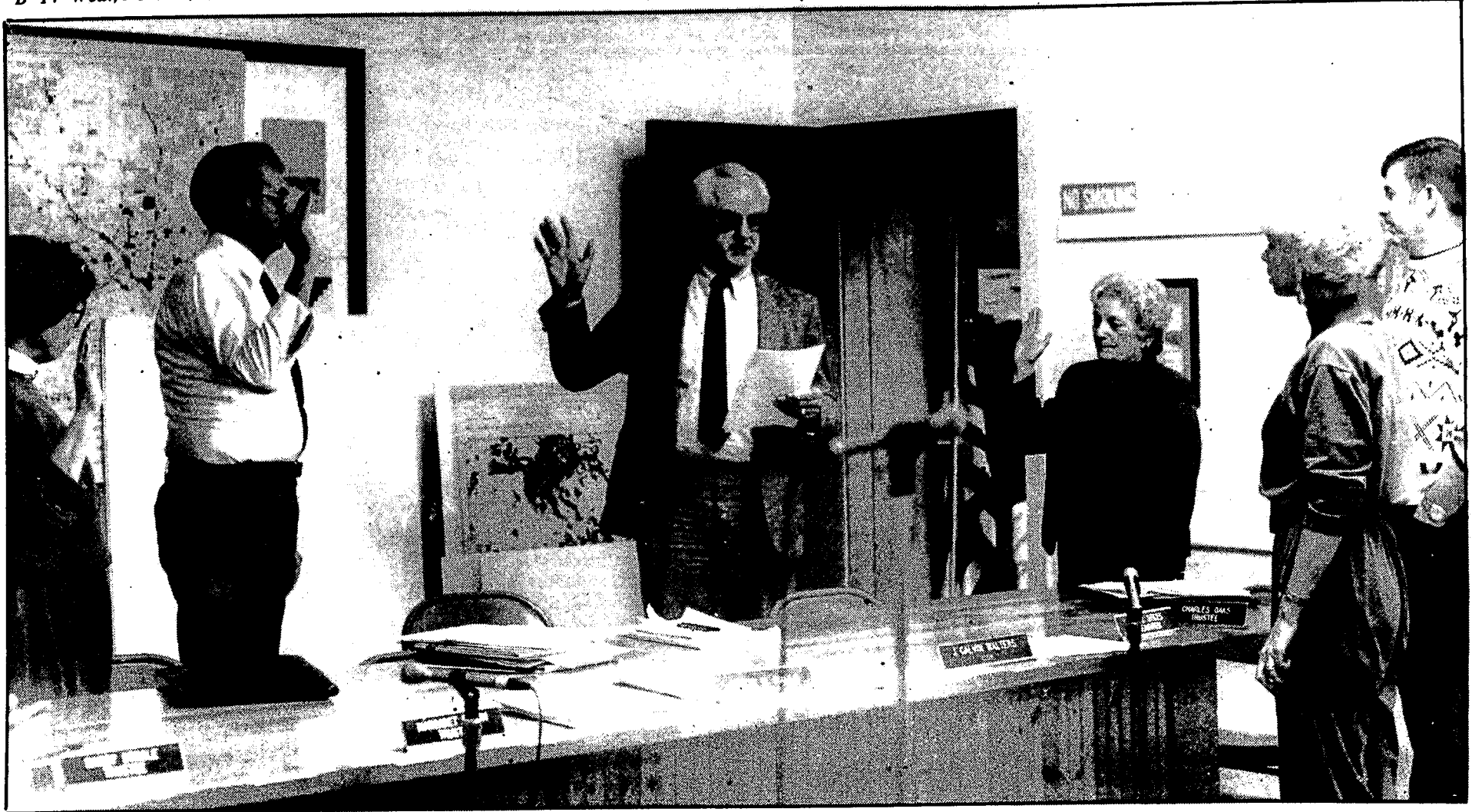
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Under oath

CLERK CALVIN Walters swears in the 1993 Springfield Township Board members as one of his final acts before retiring after 20 years on the board. He plans to move to Florida. Supervisor Collin Walls presented Walters with a plaque Nov. 11 and said, "Historically, we haven't recognized people who retire, but certainly a service over 20

years couldn't go without special recognition." Walters received a picture symbolizing Springfield Township, which noted the number of years that he served the community. "Silence sometimes has the loudest voice," Walls said. "That quote should be in neon over his head." Walls said that of the 250-300 meetings that Walters has attended, his comments would fill only about

six pages of print but that he got his point across when he needed to. Walls noted that Walters was appointed to fill a vacancy on Jan. 5, 1972, and has served ever since. "For Cal, loving this community and the desire to serve is natural and probably hereditary," said Walls, adding that Walters' mother and aunt served the township. (Photo by Catherine Passmore)



Photo by Curt McAllister

JUDGE Gerald McNally swore in four township trustees Nov. 18. They include (from left to

right): Jeffrey McGee, Mel Vaara, Bruce Mercado and Daniel Travis.



DALE STUART (left) takes the oath of Independence Township Supervisor Nov. 18, while his wife, Debbie, looks on. Judge Gerald McNally (right)

of 52nd District Court, Independence Township, also inducted Clerk Joan McCrary, Treasurer John Lutz and four township trustees that night.

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Reunions

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Stevenson High School Class of 1972 celebrates its 20-year-class reunion on Nov. 27 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia.
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Our Lady of Sorrows High School, Farmington, Class of 1972 is planning its 20-year class reunion on Nov. 27 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.
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Livonia Bently Class on 1972 is holding its 20-year class reunion on Nov. 27 at the Livonia Elks.
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BEING a first-year teacher is a learning experience for Sylvia Barrett (Amy Desrochers).

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Fast-paced play opens at CHS



THERE are plenty of questions and answers in the Clarkston High School production of

"Up the Down Staircase." (Photos by James Gibowski)

Up the Down Staircase," a fast-paced comedy/drama about the trials of a first-year teacher and her students, is presented by the Clarkston High Drama Club Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12.

The Friday and Saturday performances begin 7:30 p.m. at the school's Kirchgessner Theater.

"Up the Down Staircase" is based on the award-winning book by Bel Kaufman.

Tickets are \$2.50 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for adults.

Jeffrey Tice, the school's new drama teacher, directs

the play.

The lead role of first-year teacher Sylvia Barrett is played by Amy Desrochers.

Others in the cast and the names of their characters are: Chris Lewis (Dr. Maxwell Clark), Roxanne Bruscha (Beatrice Schachter), Adam Pastor (Paul Barringer), Calvin Conway (J.J. McHabe), Allison Webster (Ella Freidenberg), Staffinea VanCamp (Francis Egan), Carolyn Stickney (Charlotte Wolf), David Byrne (Samual Bester), Charity Evans (Sadie Finch), Jeremy Zeman (Lou Martin), Anthony Thompson (Lennie Neumark), Danielle

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BY CATHERINE PASSMORE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When most people retire, they decide it's time to relax, kick back and play golf.

Not Betty Colfer.

Colfer, 62, volunteers for Lighthouse North and this year won the Tom Rademacher Volunteer Award, the first time the award has been given. As a part of the Caregiver Program, Colfer phones seniors in the area to see how they're doing.

Her father-in-law, who lives out of state, received daily phone calls from church volunteers, said Colfer.

"I thought it was really nice that they called him every morning at 8:30, even if it was just to say 'Good morning, Mr. Colfer,'" she said.

Colfer calls 29 people a week to see how they are



BETTY COLFER volunteers about 20 hours a week in Lighthouse North's Caregivers Program. She calls 29 seniors each week to make sure they're OK and to simply listen.

(Swayne, coordinator for Caregivers) we had a problem. She went over to the woman's house, and we were able to talk her out of it," said Colfer.

In the summer, Colfer goes outside with seniors who are in wheelchairs or who use walkers. That allows them to enjoy the weather. During the holidays, she packs and

delivers food baskets to the needy.

"I fully enjoy this, and I think it's a big reward to talk to the people around here. It's the caring for others beside yourself that is really needed in this community," said Colfer.

"I think the senior and elderly people need someone to talk to. If people could volunteer an hour a week for one phone call or to go by and say hi, it would mean so much

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to them. It isn't just the money (given); it's the affection that matters.

"I hope that when I get older some people will care about me, like I do about these people."



Holiday section

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Holiday beverage

In Scandinavian homes, "glogg parties" are common.

At these casual events, everyone enjoys glogg, a hot, spicy punch, and adults join with the children to make decorations for the tree, which traditionally is put up on Christmas Eve.

The glogg recipe below is reproduced from Beatrice Ojakangas' "Scandinavian Feasts" (Stewart Tabori & Chang).

SPICED TEA GLOGG

- 3 quarts water
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1 (3-inch) cinnamon stick
- 1 piece fresh ginger, about 1-inch square, peeled
- 5 bags of tea of any variety, or 2 1/2 tablespoons loose tea tied in a cheesecloth bag
- 3 cups orange juice
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 whole lemon, thinly sliced
- 1 whole orange, thinly sliced



In a large nonaluminum kettle, combine the water, cloves, cinnamon stick and ginger; and heat to boiling. Add the tea. Cover the kettle, remove it from the heat, and let steep for five minutes. Then remove the tea bags or leaves.

In another pan, heat the orange juice, lemon juice and sugar over medium heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Pour the hot fruit juice mixture into the spiced tea. Add the lemon and orange slices. Keep hot until ready to serve, but do not boil.

(Makes 25 servings, about six ounces each.)

"It's the caring for others beside yourself that is really needed in this community."

Betty Colfer

doing. She listens to them if they are lonely and alerts Lighthouse North if there is a problem

"One time one senior said she was going to go out in front of a car — she even had her coat on. I told Sally

Award named after Rademacher

Even though his volunteerism spanned only six months, Tom Rademacher left a lasting impression on the staff at Lighthouse North.

So much so that the Volunteer of the Year Award has been dedicated to his memory.

Rademacher, the retired owner of Rademacher Chevrolet on Dixie Highway died last year of cancer. But in the months preceding his death, the Clarkston man had become a tireless volunteer at Lighthouse North.

"Tom did anything you asked of him," said Sherry Kaars, director of Lighthouse North. "He swept floors, did odds and ends. ... He was great."

Despite his success in the car business, Kaars said Rademacher had experienced financial hardships growing up.

"From what I understand, Tom grew up in Detroit and belonged to a financially secure family. However, his father lost everything in the stock market crash (1929) and the family went on to have a rough time of it," Kaars

explained. "It was these experiences that made Tom compassionate toward the needs of the less fortunate."

Kaars was so impressed with Rademacher's assistance during his six months as a volunteer that she recommended his name be associated with the annual Volunteer of the Year Award.

"It wasn't the quantity of time he spent with us, but the quality of assistance he provided that made me make this recommendation," Kaars said. "He exhibited a remarkable caring spirit."

The recommendation was officially approved by Lighthouse's advisory board soon thereafter.

Rademacher's widow, Carol, received a plaque on Tom's behalf at the Oct. 16 banquet, when Ruth Jenks and Betty Colfer were named "Volunteers of the Year."

A commemorative plaque with the annual winners has been displayed at Lighthouse headquarters on Maybee Road, Independence Township.

—Curt McAllister

Helping others reward enough, says Volunteer of the Year

Every day Ruth Jenks asks herself if she has done something for another person. If she has, she said she can feel good about herself.

Jenks, 58, has volunteered at Lighthouse North for 2 1/2 years. She coordinates the Clothes Closet, which distributes used clothing to needy families.

"I love the Lighthouse," she said. "I feel as if (the volunteers) are part of my family now that the kids are gone."

Every weekday, the Springfield Township resident arrives at Lighthouse at 5:30 a.m. She works until 10 a.m. and some days even later.

"Sometimes I go back and work in the evenings or afternoons. Sometimes I work over the weekend. There's a lot to do," she said.

During the holiday season, Jenks and her husband, Charles, also play Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for area families. "This year I think we may even play it at Light-



Ruth Jenks

house," she said.

Jenks stressed the great need for volunteers at Lighthouse North. "There are a lot of lonely people out there, and (volunteering) can help. If people are idle, we really need the volunteers."

Jenks received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Lighthouse North in recognition of the time and care she has given to others.

"I was really surprised to get it," said Jenks. "I told Sherry (Kaars, Lighthouse North director) there were a lot more deserving people at Lighthouse. My rewards comes when clients come in and (I) see their faces and they're pleased. I never expected an award for doing what I do. I've already received my reward by helping people."

Perhaps this selflessness correctly displays why Ruth Jenks deserves every award she is given.

—Catherine Passmore

Turkey basics different from Grandmother's time

Defrosted on the counter, prestuffed, slow-baked, partially cooked, stored whole without carving ...?

If any of these situations sounds like your usual Thanksgiving dinner preparation plans, you may be putting your turkey in jeopardy.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture advises cooks to take note of proper preparation techniques. When using the "old" methods, there's a danger of bacteria growing quickly, which can lead to food poisoning.

Following are quick tips.

Buying a turkey

Frozen: Buy anytime but keep frozen until 1-5 days before cooking. (See "Thawing a turkey.") Figure 1 pound per person.

Frozen pre-stuffed: Buy anytime. Keep frozen until ready to cook. **DO NOT THAW.** Figure 1 1/4 pounds per person.

Fresh: Buy 1-2 days before cooking. **DO NOT BUY PRE-STUFFED.** Figure 1 pound per person.

Pre-cooked: Serve immediately within 1-2 hours of removal from oven. Figure 1 pound per person.

Thawing a turkey

Thawing time	... in refrigerator	... in cold water	... in microwave
(Whole turkey)			
8-12 lbs.	1-2 days	4-6 hours	Check manufacturer's instructions.
12-16 lbs.	2-3 days	6-9 hours	
16-20 lbs.	3-4 days	9-11 hours	
20-24 lbs.	4-5 days	11-12 hours	

■ After thawing, remove neck and giblets; wash turkey inside and outside with cold water; drain well.

■ Wash hands, utensils, sink and anything else that has come in contact with raw turkey.

Stuffing a turkey

Stuffing in the turkey: Mix and stuff ingredients immediately before putting in oven. Stuff lightly. Cooking time takes longer. Allow 3/4 cup stuffing per pound of turkey.

Stuffing separate: If you are in a hurry, bake stuffing in greased, covered casserole during last hour while turkey roasts.

Roasting a turkey

Place turkey breast-side up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer in thigh. Do not add water. Cover turkey with loose tent of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Remove foil 20-30 minutes before roasting is done. Final temperature for safety and doneness — 180 degrees in thigh; 165 degrees in stuffing. Juices should be clear, not pink.



Timetable for fresh or thawed turkey at 325 degrees

Weight (pounds)	Unstuffed (hours)	Stuffed (hours)
4 to 5 (breast)	1-1/2 to 2-1/4	Not applicable
6 to 8	2-1/4 to 3-1/4	3 to 3-1/2
8 to 12	3-1/4 to 4	3-1/2 to 4-1/2
12 to 16	4 to 4-1/2	4-1/2 to 5-1/2
16 to 20	4-1/2 to 5	5-1/2 to 6-1/2
20 to 24	5 to 5-1/2	6-1/2 to 7
24 to 28	5-1/2 to 6	7 to 8-1/2

■ When turkey is done, remove stuffing. Let bird stand 15 minutes for better carving. Then serve sliced turkey and stuffing.

Storing leftovers

Divide turkey into small portions and store in several small containers. Turkey will keep 3-4 days in refrigerator. Use stuffing and gravy within 1-2 days. Reheat leftovers until "steamy hot," 165 degrees. Bring gravy to rolling boil before serving. For best quality, use frozen turkey, gravy and stuffing within one month.

Other questions

If you have questions about your holiday turkey, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555.

Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

—Calvin Coolidge

Five secrets for turkey carving

This Thanksgiving or Christmas, you can stand at the head of the table and carve the holiday turkey with grace and ease, thanks to simple secrets used by top professional chefs.

Secret No. 1: Cutting beautiful slices depends primarily on using a sharp, non-serrated carving knife. Serrated knives tend to tear meat, producing shreds instead of clean slices.

Secret No. 2: Keep your knife razor sharp.

Secret No. 3: After the turkey is roasted, remove it from the oven and let it cool for 10 to 15 minutes. This makes the meat easier to slice.

Secret No. 4: Start carving by removing the drumsticks and thighs. Next remove the wings — but only the tip and center sections. Leave the last section of the wing attached to the breast. This provides a good broad base to help prevent the bird from tilting when you slice the breast.

Secret No. 5: When carving the turkey breast, start by making a deep horizontal (parallel to the platter) "base cut" into the breast, just above the wing bone. Then you can release nice even slices by cutting in a vertical direction down through the breast to the base cut.

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* Holiday lights went electric in 1882 *

The first electrically lit Christmas tree was unveiled in 1882 in the New York City home of a colleague of Thomas Alva Edison.

It featured 80 hand-wired and hand-blown colored bulbs in red, white and blue. Turning slowly on a pedestal, the tree created a "superb exhibition" of "starry fruit" as

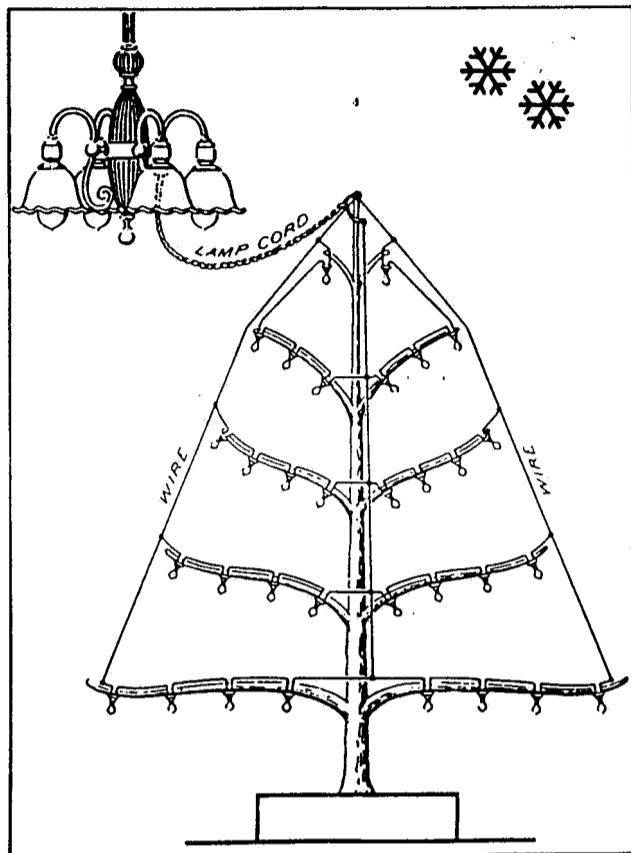
reported by a Detroit newspaper.

The first electrically lit trees cost the equivalent of thousands of dollars today, but the public quickly realized the benefits of electric light.

General Electric began mass-manufacturing miniature bulbs and, by 1901, they were advertising that "the danger ever present with candle-lit trees is entirely removed, as well as the inconvenience of grease, smoke and dirt."

Turn of the century "wiremen" or electricians would hand-wire each bulb together in a time-consuming process, then wire the contraption into an overhead light fixture to provide electricity. It wasn't until 1903 that ready-made strings of wiring were sold alongside packages of miniature General Electric bulbs.

Contemporary light sets are a far cry from the 1882 version. Now, computer chips are getting into the act, allowing consumers to program up to six different twinkling, fading or chasing patterns.



A CIRCA-1900 General Electric brochure illustrated how Christmas trees were wired into the ceiling fixture.

* 'Eggstra' cautions *

Our tasty eggnog of years past should become a thing of the past, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Because of emerging problems with salmonella bacteria in unbroken eggs, people need to take precautions when preparing food made with eggs, especially some desserts, such as pumpkin or custard pies made with eggs.

Foods such as custards, containing eggs, milk and a high moisture content, need to be cooked to 160 degrees or until firm. They must also be refrigerated after cooking — a precaution that's not necessary with most cakes, breads or cookies.

It's also important not to consume raw eggs. Use commercially pasteurized eggnog or make your own eggnog with a cooked custard base.

Pets: Not good holiday presents

Pets don't make a good holiday gift, according to the Michigan Humane Society (MHS).

The MHS recommends waiting until after the holiday excitement and confusion are over before you select a pet as a gift.

New pets need time to adjust to their new surroundings, and the confusion of a holiday celebration can be frightening to an animal. Plus, caretakers need to give a new pet extra care and special attention — usually they're too busy during the holidays.

In addition, all pets should be kept away from potential dangers created by holiday decorations. Animals can be injured from chewing on tinsel, ribbons and electrical wires; knocking decorations off the table and then chewing on them; toppling the holiday tree, and more.

Finally, choosing a pet is an individual choice. Most prefer to consider the type of animal, behavioral characteristics and temperament — to complement their life-style.

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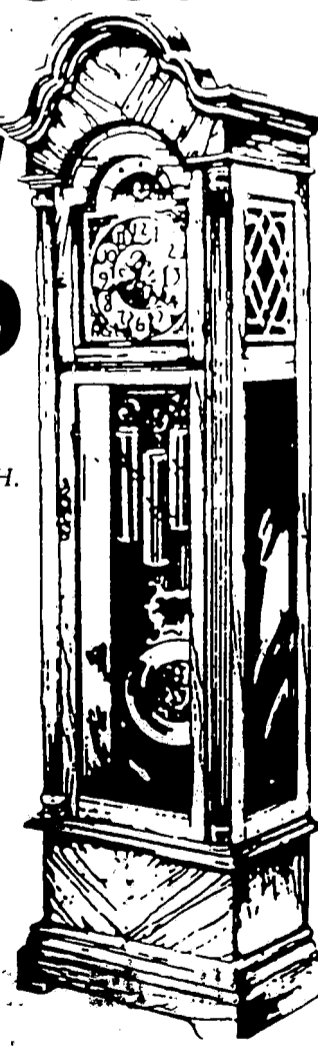
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Certain scents provide an added dimension to our enjoyment of the sights and sounds of the holiday season. A pomander can provide just the right setting.

Pomanders—apples or oranges studded with cloves—were frequently seen in Victorian homes; their sweet scent masked the smell of liquor, tobacco and cigar smoke, which often were part of holiday socializing.

The recipe below is reproduced from "The Scented Room: Cherchez's Book of Dried Flowers, Fragrance and Potpourri" (Clarkson N. Potter).

POMANDERS

Firm, thin-skinned oranges, apples, lemons or limes (free of blemishes)

Whole, large-headed cloves

Curing spice mixture*

Thin, metal crochet hook or knitting needle

Large glazed pottery bowl

Small bowl

1. Insert cloves in fruit, using crochet hook or

knitting needle to pierce the fruit (easier on fingers). Hold fruit firmly, but don't squeeze it.

The cloves can be placed into the fruit at random or in a linear pattern. Be sure the cloves are close together but are not crowding one another. They should be far enough apart to prevent splitting the skin of the fruit.

If you want to hang your pomander from a ribbon, leave a 1/2-inch "path" around the fruit. This will act as a groove to hold the ribbon in place. (It also cuts down on clove-studding time.)

The insertion of cloves should be finished on the same day as it's begun.

2. Blend the curing spice mixture in the small bowl.

3. Sprinkle about half of this mixture into the bottom of the large bowl and place the studded pomanders on top.

4. Sprinkle the rest of the spice mixture over the

pomanders.

5. Each day, turn the pomanders and sprinkle them with the spice mixture. Continue this process daily until the pomanders are totally hardened. This may take anywhere from two weeks to over a month, depending on the size of the fruit.

When the pomanders have hardened, they are ready.

Curing Spice Mixture

4 ounces powdered cinnamon

2 ounces powdered cloves

1/2 ounce powdered allspice

1/2 ounce powdered nutmeg

1 ounce powdered orrisroot

Yield: 8 ounces, or enough to keep several pomanders curing at once. This mixture can be used over and over again. Store in a plastic bag between uses.

Pretty potpourri

At the time of the earliest Christmas observances, certain herbs were identified as having particular religious significance.

Among them were rosemary—which was said to have its fragrance because Mary laid the Christ child's garments on its branches—and thyme—which was said to have been Mary's bed in the Bethlehem stable.

Subsequently, thyme was used to adorn the creche, and rosemary was scattered on floors during the Christmas season, its sweet aroma released when stepped upon.

By the mid-19th century, Southerners were preparing what they called "odor punch," a liquid potpourri spiced with cinnamon and nutmeg, which simmered on the stove throughout the holiday season.

Preparing pomanders (apples or oranges studded with cloves) and potpourri (for display in open containers or to be used in individual sachets) also became part of the season's activities.

The recipe below produces a pungently fragrant mixture that also serves as a pretty display. It comes from Barbara Milo Orbach's "The Scented Room: Cherchez's Book of Dried Flowers, Fragrance and Potpourri" (Clarkson N. Potter).

CITRUS POTPOURRI

4 ounces cut orange peel

4 ounces marigold flowers

3 ounces chamomile flowers

1 ounce cut lemongrass

1 ounce powdered orris root

20 drops lemon or lemon verbena oil

3 ounces lemon verbena leaves

Note: Since lemon verbena leaves are very brittle and delicate, add them last—after you've mixed your other ingredients and added the oil. Then stir them extremely gently into the mixture.

Tips may lower fat intake over holidays

Most people gain weight over the holidays, but lower-fat meals could help control weight.

According to the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, the following tips can keep the fat down but keep the taste up:

■ Select a holiday bird that has not been pre-basted. Most pre-basted turkeys are higher in fat than a regular bird.

■ Bake stuffing separately without fat and eggs.

■ Use two egg whites in place of each whole egg in baked goods and cooking.

■ Use skim or low-fat milk instead of whole milk.

■ For extra richness, try evaporated skim milk (great in pumpkin pie). Also go easy on the whipped cream on top of the pie.

■ To thicken sauces and gravies without lumping, don't add the fat. Instead, mix cornstarch or flour with a small amount of cold liquid. Stir the mixture slowly into the hot liquid and bring back to a boil.

■ Baste turkey with broth instead of butter or margarine.

For more information, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline at 858-0904.

Christmas cards evolved from 'visiting cards'

Sending Christmas cards has been a part of American holiday tradition for generations, but the practice originated in Victorian England, where personal "visiting cards" were embellished with seasonal designs for Christmas and New Year's.

The first Christmas card was created in 1843 when Sir Henry Cole commissioned artist John Horsley to design illustrated holiday postcards for conveying seasonal greetings to his many acquaintances.

Apparently, the idea was warmly embraced; about 1,000 of the newly designed postcards were sold for one shilling each.

In less than 30 years, the custom of exchanging Christmas cards also was incorporated into American holiday observances.

In 1870, the U.S. Postal Service introduced a half-price rate for mailing unsealed cards, and the first American-made Christmas cards were designed in Boston around that time.

The earliest cards generally featured illustrations of



flowers, landscapes, children or animals, but as American Christmas lore and traditions continued to evolve, the art of these seasonal postcards incorporated and reflected these changes.

In fact, the Christmas postcards of the late 19th century provide a fascinating look at the portrayal of Santa Claus.

In early representations, he appears in a purple outfit, a brown robe or a green coat, and in his physical representation, he personifies the European traditions of St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle, Sinterklass or Father Christmas more than he does our modern-day image of the jolly red-suited Santa Claus.

It's widely believed that American Christmas postcards, along with Clement Clarke Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" and Thomas Nast's drawings in Harper's Weekly magazine were pivotal in defining and standardizing the visual representation of the rotund bearded elf we now fondly know as Santa Claus.

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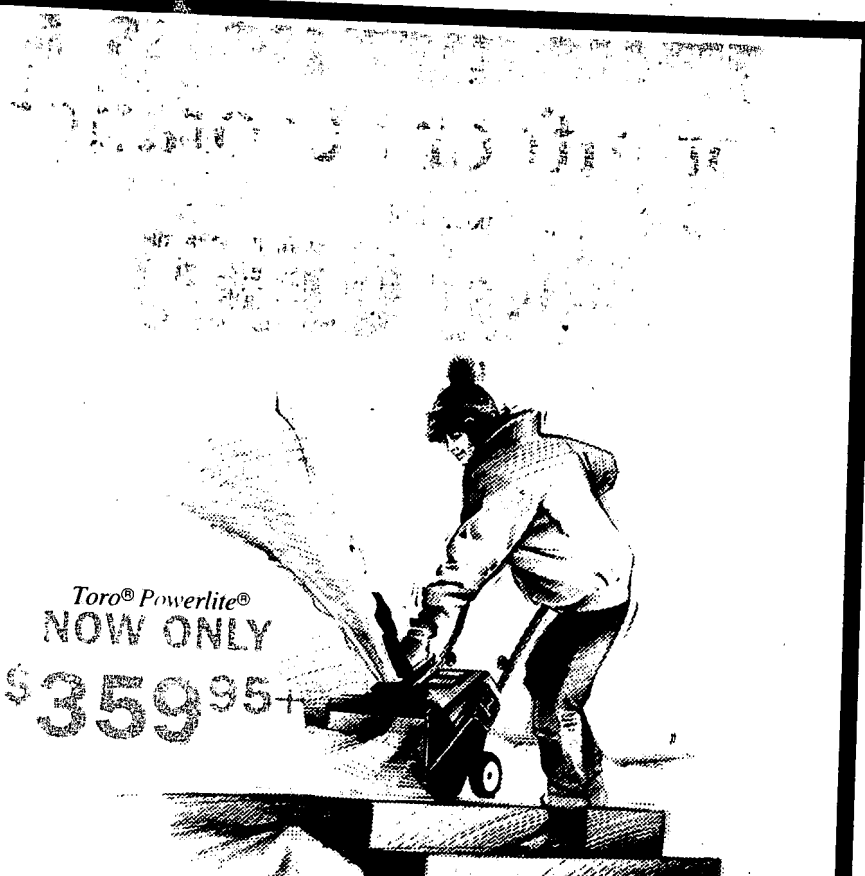
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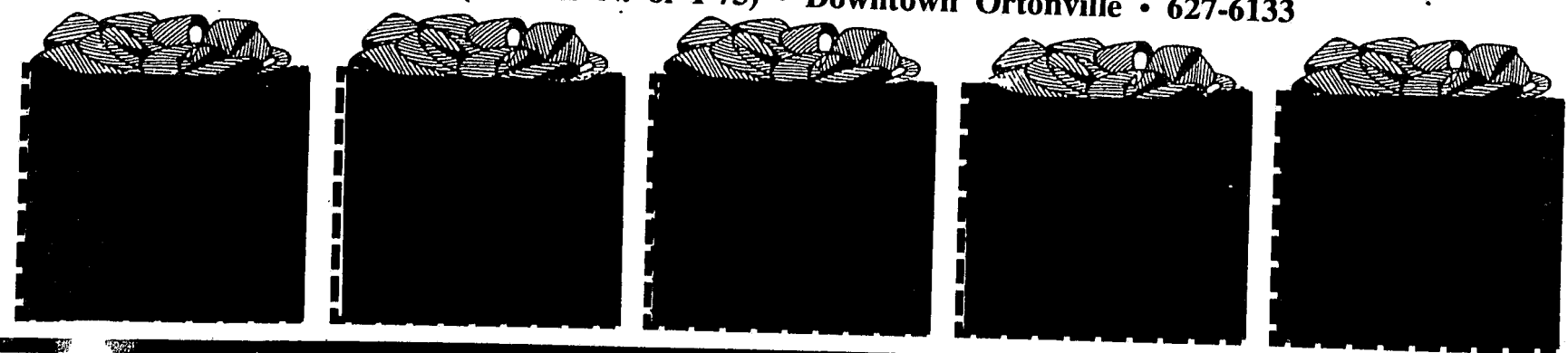
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To submit items for future listings, call or write The Clarkston News at 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 (625-3370).

American Cancer Society

Needed: Volunteers age 18 or older who can work at least one-half day a week and provide own transportation to office in Southfield; duties include clerical and light typing; on Southfield Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads; call 557-5336, ext. 118 or 115.

American Heart Association

Needed: Volunteers of all ages for the Oakland County Division of the heart association; responsibilities and hours are varied; office is at 16310 W. 12 Mile Rd., P.O. Box 160, Lathrup Village, MI 48076; call 557-0416.

American Red Cross

Needed: Adults to work blood drives, hospitals, nursing home, plus working in such areas as transportation, disaster relief, health and safety, leadership, youth and adult services, office, LIFELINE.

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Call Oakland Regional Office, 2388 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, at 334-3575.

American Heart Association

Needed: Oakland County residents of all ages and professions to fill jobs rang-

ing from answer questions and providing information to assisting with special events and projects; office at 16310 W. 12 Mile Rd., P.O. Box 160, Lathrup Village, MI 48076; call 557-9500.

Camp Fire

Needed: Parents who want to become club leaders in a non-regimented youth agency; North Oakland Council is at 50 Wayne St., Pontiac; call 338-4036.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

Needed: Adults to serve as "big brothers" and "big sisters" to children; people to serve on various committees; office in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road, Independence Township; 625-9007.

Clarkston SCAMP

Needed: People to work periodic fundraisers plus people to perform variety of tasks; call 625-3330.

Colombiere Center

Needed: People to share companionship with Jesuits living in the Colombiere health care community; 9075 Big Lake Road, Springfield Township; call 620-2572.

Cranbrook Hospice Care

Needed: People to provide volunteer support for in-home program for terminally ill patients and their families; Cranbrook Hospice Care office, 2555 Crooks Road, Troy, just south of Big Beaver; call 643-8855.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Art to the Schools Program

Needed: People to give slide presentations to classrooms in fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the north Oakland County area; training available; call Nancy Jones at 833-7975.

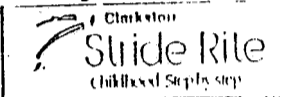
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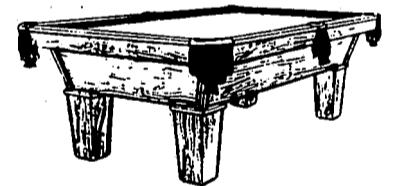
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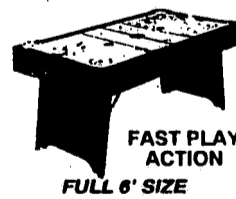
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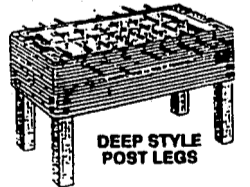


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(OPPORTUNITIES, from previous page)

Greenery Healthcare Center

Needed: Adults to work with geriatric and rehabilitation programs; on Clintonville Road, Independence Township; call 674-0903.

HAVEN

Needed: Help Against Violent Encounters Now, Oakland County's program for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, needs people to work the crisis line, be first response advocates and facilitate support groups; also: people to work in the children's program and people to spread message of Haven through community; training provided; call 334-1284.

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan

Needed: Volunteers to help terminally ill patients and their families by running errands, lending support, being a friend.

Needed: People to provide patient care such as giving baths, transferring patients and changing linen.

Needed: People to help with bereavement program by making calls and visiting families after a patient's death.

Needed: On-call people with special skills, such as driving, barbering and hair dressing, lawn care, snow shoveling and simple home maintenance.

Needed: Office volunteers with computer or medical transcription skills; speakers to tell the Hospice story to groups in the community.

Looking for anyone over age 16; days and evenings; volunteers asked to work 2-4 hours a week and to commit to working a year; North Oakland County Hospice: call 253-2580.

Independence Oaks County Park

Needed: Help in areas ranging from nature guides, photography and exhibits to clerical work; 9501 Sashabaw Rd., Independence Township; call 625-6473.

Independence Township Library

Needed: People to help with special programs; 6495 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township; call 625-2212.

Independence Township

Parks and Recreation Department

Needed: People to help out with special events, volunteer coaches in spring and summer; at 90 N. Main St., Clarkston; call 625-8223.

Independence Township Senior Center

Needed: Help with food program, meal delivery, carpentry, woodshop, Focus Hope, surplus food commodities, various office tasks; also need people to perform home chores for minimum wage; center is in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road, Independence Township; call 625-8231.

Lighthouse North

Needed: People of all ages to help with clerical work, as well as help in the clothes closet and food pantry; on Maybee Road, Independence Township; call 673-4949.

Lighthouse North Caregivers

Needed: People of all ages to help with clerical work; people with minor home repair skills and outdoor maintenance to help elderly and homebound residents; people to visit elderly and other homebound residents; lots of opportunities for groups, families and individuals; on Maybee Road, Independence Township; call 673-4949.

Michigan Cancer Foundation

Needed: Hospice caregivers for terminally ill patients; volunteers would go through training course and then provide companionship and respite care, as well as assisting with personal care and activities of daily living — shopping and errands; volunteers also needed for office duties; call 833-0710.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Needed: People for jobs ranging from labeling bulk mail to answering questions about the disease; Michigan Chapter of society is at 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076-4448; call 350-0020.

Neighbor For Neighbor

Needed: People to unload boxes, sort and size clothing, distribute food, carry boxes to cars; at Mill Pond Park building, 495 Broadway, Springfield Township; call 625-0900 or 634-3288.

Nordic Ski Patrol

Needed: Cross-country skiers at the intermediate level or above to patrol trails on weekends or during special events at Independence Oaks County Park; 40 hours per season — 10 four-hour weekend shifts; patrollers promote skiing safety, aid skiers with equipment problems and minor injuries, and help lost skiers locate missing partners; volunteers receive extensive training in first aid, CPR, search-and-rescue and ski skills; members are also eligible for free annual passes and discounts on ski equipment; on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75, Independence Township; call 625-0877.

Northwest Oakland Community Services

Needed: Tutors for students and illiterate adults;

people to help with special events for group home residents; Clarkston-Davisburg-Holly areas; call 634-4431.

Oakland County Probate Court

Needed: People to work with troubled children ages 10-16; court is in East Wing of the Oakland County Courthouse; 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac; call 858-0041.

Oakland Family Services

Needed: People to work with infants, children, teens and parents at the agency and in the families' homes; opportunities range from parent aides, perinatal coaches, employability mentors, birth companions, tutors (for children and adults), children's group leaders and adult group co-leaders; day and evening training is offered; 114 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac; call 858-7766.

Public Access Cable Television

Needed: Production people for Independence-Clarkston Channel 65 on United Cable television; volunteers would be trained in workshop then used for camera, audio, lights and more; studio on Waldon Road, Independence Township; call 625-7069.

Rainbow Connection

Needed: People to help in all phases of granting wishes to children with life-threatening diseases; founded in Clarkston, based in Rochester; call 651-1261.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

Needed: People to serve in more than 40 areas; 900 Woodward Ave., just north of Square Lake Road, Pontiac; call Volunteer Services at 858-3035.

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)

Needed: People with business experience to counsel anyone in small business; offices in Rochester, Pontiac, Flint and other areas; call 226-7947.

Springfield Township Library

Needed: People to work at a variety of tasks or to raise money through the Friends of the Library; at 10900 Andersonville Rd., Springfield Township; call 625-0595.

Springfield Township

Parks and Recreation

Needed: People to help with special events and fundraising activities; 650 Broadway, Springfield Township; call 625-9622.

Springfield Township Senior Center

Needed: People to help with the newsletter and treasury, help in kitchen, help coordinate trips, organize special events, write letters and send cards to those who are ill, and more; Springfield Oaks Activities Center, Andersonville Road, Springfield Township; call 625-9662.



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A GRAPEVINE Christmas tree takes some work from Barbara Trueman of Independence Township. Area residents can find greenery and colorful, handmade holiday decorations at the market, planned as an annual event. (Photos by Julie Campe)

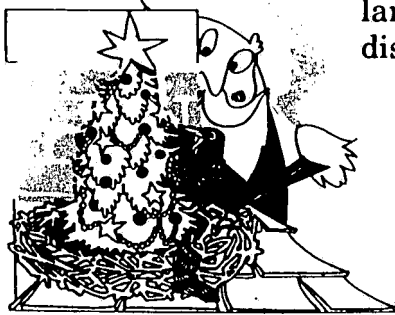


HELENE RUSSELL (left) and Laura Creamer prepare decorative pine cones for the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's Christmas Greens Market. The fund-raiser is planned

for noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the white clapboard church on Main Street, Clarkston.



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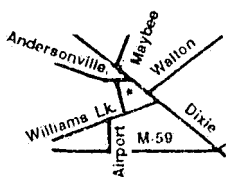


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Precautions can make the holidays safe for kids

Just about everyone preparing for the holiday season knows that mistletoe leaves and berries are toxic and should be kept out of the reach of children.

But there is another, more common, substance that is not only abundant in many homes during the holidays but is potentially lethal to children.

Perfume, mouthwash can cause harm

That substance is alcohol, and it is often overlooked by parents when childproofing their home, according to emergency room physicians at the University of Michi-

gan Medical Center.

A 3-year-old who weighs about 30 pounds could die after ingesting three ounces of 8-proof liquor, eight ounces of wine or 23 ounces of beer.

Alcohol can be found in other forms, such as that bottle of perfume under the Christmas tree, which can be life-threatening to children when ingested in sufficient amounts. The same goes for mouthwash, which looks and tastes good, but kids don't always know that it shouldn't be swallowed.

Symptoms of alcohol poisoning range from drunken behavior, difficulty walking and lethargy to nausea,

Some holiday plants toxic

Second to alcohol on the list of potential holiday hazards are plants, both toxic and non-toxic. Toxic and non-toxic plants are the most commonly ingested objects among children under 6.

Popular holiday greens such as poinsettias, holly, mistletoe, bayberries and Christmas cactus can cause problems ranging from upset stomach to acute stomach pain, heart failure and even death.

vomiting, seizures, respiratory failure and coma. Alcohol intoxication is especially serious in children because of the potential of developing hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, which can cause convulsions.

Choking a concern

Another hazard through the holiday season is children aspirating (getting a small object lodged in the respiratory system). Small, brightly colored toys parts; ornaments; small, hard candies; and peanuts are common targets for wandering toddlers.

Objects associated with the Jewish holidays, such as gelt (foil-wrapped chocolate coins) and dreidels (small spinning tops used in a game of chance, usually during Hanukkah) are also potential sources of airway blockage.

Aspiration can be potentially fatal if a foreign object is lodged high enough into a lung to completely block the airway. More commonly, however, objects such as peanuts become lodged further down, and, when expelled, can break into small pieces that can cause tissue irritation or infection if undiagnosed for an extended length of time.

Small children are particularly susceptible to aspiration because their airways are small, they don't always chew their food thoroughly, and they sometimes run around while eating.

Whenever there is the suspicion that children have swallowed or aspirated a small object, it's imperative that they be evaluated by a professional to determine that object's location.

Parents should always have the number of their local poison control center next to their telephone.

For more information, contact Michael Harrison at the University of Michigan Medical Center at (313) 764-2220.

For a brighter holiday, use lights safely

If you're decking the halls with more than holly, a decorative lighting check will keep things jolly during the holiday season.

Before stringing up lights for another year, decorators should check for frayed wires and chipped or damaged sockets, said Joan Bradley, Detroit Edison lighting specialist.

"If you're in doubt, throw it out," Bradley said. "Don't even think about keep those strands if they look the least bit suspect. Faulty lights can cause electrical shock or start a fire."

When used correctly, decorative lighting is safe and inexpensive. To operate a string of lights for six hours, it costs about 1 cent to 7.5 cents. The cost is halved for strands of light that blink off and on.

Following are suggestions for a safer holiday season.

Indoor lighting

■ Throw out any lights that do not have the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) seal, which indicates the lights meet specific safety standards.

■ Use no more than three sets of standard lights on each extension cord.

■ Never use lights on a metal tree. Instead, a lighted revolving color wheel or low-wattage colored floodlights

may be used to illuminate the tree.

■ Keep lights away from carpeting, furniture, curtains and drapes. Some standard lights produce enough heat to scorch or damage items they touch.

■ Use only flame-resistant ornaments and other decorations, including artificial snow, on and around the tree.

■ Don't put the tree near an active fireplace.

■ Turn lights off before you go to bed or leave home.

Outdoor lighting

■ Use only weather-resistant equipment and lights manufactured for outdoor use.

■ Use only outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets. Keep cords out of the way to prevent tripping accidents.

■ Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them.

■ Fasten extension cords or light sets to wood or hardboard surfaces with insulated staples; never use nails or tacks because they may pierce the wires and cause shock or shorts.

■ Don't run outdoor lighting cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.

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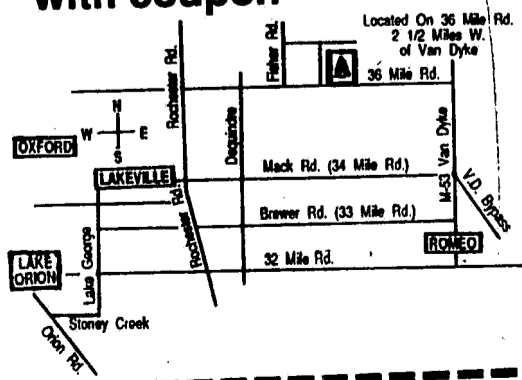
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Easing pain: Helping kids in holidays after divorce

For most Americans, the holidays are a time of joy, when families come together to celebrate the season.

But for children of recently divorced parents, this festive season can be filled with pain and sadness.

"Newly divorced parents must approach the holidays with great care and compassion for their children,"

notes Donna Perkins, program director of Adolescent Unit at Psychiatric Center of Michigan Hospital, New Baltimore.

"Parents need to realize the first holiday after a divorce represents a transition and may prove difficult for everyone involved," she says.

Perkins stresses that parents keep the lines of communication open and be willing to talk openly and honestly about how the new family unit can best handle the holiday activities.

"Children deal with a real sense of loss because the holidays are a time when families are traditionally together to celebrate," says Perkins. "Even if marriage problems caused difficulties during past holidays, children may selectively remember only the good times. Therefore, parents should expect some profound sadness in their children."

To help children with their grieving process, she

notes Donna Perkins, program director of Adolescent Unit at Psychiatric Center of Michigan Hospital, New Baltimore.

"These parents may benefit by speaking with other parents who have been divorced for several years or with a member of the clergy or a professional counselor," says Perkins.

Perkins points out that dwelling on holidays of the past, when both parents celebrated the season together, will only lead to frustration for everyone involved.

Instead, she notes, "try to create a holiday that combines familiar, comfortable activities with new ways of celebrating. By doing this, children and their single parents can establish new traditions that can lead to happiness in the years to come."

Poetry Corner

Thanksgiving

By Eileen Gatton

Have I thanked you Father for this year you have given me?
For the special ones who have touched my life,
for friends and family?

Have I thanked you for springtime,
with daffodils dancing in the soft breeze.
For gentle rain and newly planted gardens,
Father, thank you for all these.

Father thank you for the summer and family gatherings in the park.
For the smell of roasting hot dogs and children's laughter after dark.

Thank you for autumn, with colors so glorious they take your breath away.
A time to shuffle through the leaves,
to meditate, to pray.

Yes, Father, thank you for this year and each memory that I hold.
To bring out and to treasure, when winter winds blow cold.

(Eileen Gatton resides in Springfield Township.)

"Try to create a holiday that combines familiar, comfortable activities with new ways of celebrating."

recommends parents allow children to express their feelings openly.

"Parents should carefully explain visitation agreements and holiday arrangements so children can anticipate all upcoming holiday activities," says Perkins.

When planning these activities, each parent should ask the children what they would like to do.

"If certain holiday foods or traditions are meaningful to the children, they should be continued if at all possible," she stresses.

In addition to dealing with the children's emotions, parents must also cope with their own feelings and con-

Christmas craft

Creating ornaments to hang on the tree or to give as a gift is a way to add your own personal touch to the holidays.

The instructions below for miniature cane wreaths are reproduced from Barbara Randolph's American Country Living Christmas (Arch Cape Press).

MINIATURE CANE WREATHS

Miniature cane or vine wreath base

Narrow red ribbon

Small wooden hearts, ribbon roses, flocked animals or other decorations

Quick-drying glue or glue gun

Wrap the ribbon around the wreath in a spiral and tie into a bow at the top. Make a small loop of ribbon for hanging at the back of the wreath behind the bow.

Glue the hearts or animals to the wreath, placing these over the ribbon and arranging them in a balanced design. If you are using the ribbon roses, put them in groups of three.

These are good ornaments to mail as small gifts or to use as package decorations, since they are fairly sturdy.

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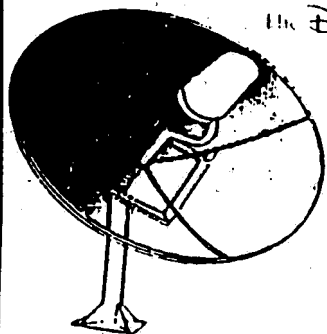
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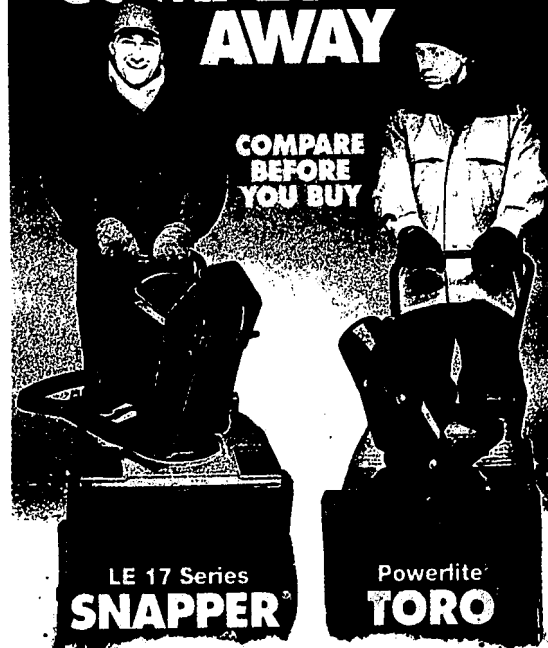
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Guest column

Festival focuses on true joy of Christmas

BY SUSETTE HART

People prepare for Christmas in a number of ways. This year, St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, offered the community a chance to experience, embrace and understand the reason for the season.

A Gift of Love-Christmas Festival on Nov. 14, organized by myself and Maggie Maxwell, focused on rediscovering the true joy of Christmas.

The Christmas season parallels the journey of our lives. It is a time of preparation and anticipation followed by celebration. We respond to the wonderful gift of God's love by reaching out and sharing who we are and what we have with others. That's how the gift of God's son to the world long ago continues today.

Guests were invited to take a journey through beautifully decorated rooms. Each focused on Advent, alternative gift-giving ideas, Christmas and Epiphany, which is our call to be a gift to the world by serving others.

While discovering a variety of new ideas to incorporate into their own family traditions, participants listened to many biblical characters. They watched a carpenter at work with his son and observed the Holy family which child laying in the manger. Everyone was invited to

partake in hands-on exhibits, which even the youngest of guests enjoyed.

Since no festival would be complete without song and dance, the event included singing song in sign language and a touching short play entitled "The Land of Sharing." In addition, various choir groups performed, as did a sacred dance choir. One presentation focused on rediscovering the joy of Christmas.

Many helped in the event, in addition to the community of St. Daniel's. Other groups included: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Clarkston High School choirs, and Peace and National Priorities Center.

Also participating were Lighthouse North, Mothers and Unborn Child Care Center, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auxiliary and Red Cross.

Designed to recapture the true spirit of Christmas amidst all the commercialism, organizers hoped when everyone left they had received *A Gift of Love.*

This festival probably will be offered in the future, with additional churches and organizations invited to participate.

Susette Hart attends St. Daniel Catholic Church.



STEPHANIE Stalk, dressed as an angel, poses for a photo with a friend. During the festival, she shared good news with guests by passing out balloons that read: "Jesus is the reason for the season."

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