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## School growth expected to continue

Facilities committee finds space need will continue at elementary level

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Despite the trend in southeast Michigan for shrinking household sizes, Clarkston is expected to need more elementary school space in the foreseeable future.

That is the conclusion of the school district's latest facilities committee, which has been meeting since September to come up with a proposal regarding space and equity in the school district. The proposal is expected to be formally presented to the board of education at its January or February regular meeting.

"The group has concurred that there is and will continue to be a housing shortage at the elementary level," said school board trustee and committee member Kurt Shanks. Specifically how to address that shortage is something the committee is expected to discuss at its next meeting, Jan. 3.

"We're going to try and bring all our recommendations together at that time," said committee co-chair Karen Foyteck. She said last week it's possible the group may not be ready by the Jan. 8 school board meeting.

"They've worked really hard, they've gathered real good information," Foyteck said. "There is a huge amount to consider."

Foyteck said she could not guess what the committee's recommendation would be. She said even though she's a longtime resident and former school-board trustee, she was surprised at the amount of growth forecast for the district.

"It's mind-boggling the amount of development that is on the board. You wonder—how are we going to handle even the traffic?"

Clarkston schools just opened a new elementary school, Springfield Plains, in the fall of 1994. Enrollment quickly topped projections and special room set aside for things like music and art had to be appropriated for classrooms. This year, the district made some minor boundary adjustments to try to keep elementary enrollment equitable between its six schools. Still, all but two are expected to exceed capacity this year.

Shanks said there are several ways the committee could go in making recommendations to the board of education. They could recommend building another new school, expanding existing buildings, or reallocating space currently used for other purposes.

The problem is mainly short-term. In three years there will be a new high school and students at Clarkston Middle School will then vacate their current building in favor of the old high school.

"The problem is that it won't be for three years," Shanks said. "That's not a short-term solution." He said the committee does not favor the use of portable classrooms in the interim.

Richard Carlisle, whose firm does planning for both Independence and Springfield townships, said the Clarkston area is growing largely due to the automo-

### SEMCOG's growth forecast

location	EMPLOYMENT			HOUSEHOLDS			POPULATION		
	1990	2020	% change	1990	2020	% change	1990	2020	% change
Independence	4,445	9,632	116.7	7,969	15,460	94.0	23,717	41,229	73.8
Springfield	1,244	3,646	193.1	3,276	7,652	133.6	9,927	22,161	123.2
Clarkston city	3,092	3,820	23.5	434	469	8.1	1,005	875	-12.9

From SEMCOG's 2020 Regional Development Forecast: Summary Report.  
1990 figures are from the U. S. Census.

bile industry.

Despite forecasts by SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) that in general household sizes will shrink as the Baby Boomer population grows older, he said Clarkston's geography favors continued growth.

"You know what they say about location, loca-

tion, location. And this community and Springfield are in close proximity to Flint and the Oakland Technical Center and all the other facilities around them," he said.

Carlisle said he believes SEMCOG's projections have been historically accurate. If the current

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### Winter can be fun

Ashley Hudson, 9 (left) and Kaitlyn Sitar, 12, both of Clarkston, get in some skating on the Mill Pond over Christmas break. The pond was frozen solid near Washington St. much

earlier than usual this year, delighting skaters. "This is tremendous; it's six inches thick," said Anne Weber, who took two young cousins out for some hockey.

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### State tax forms due out in mid-January

The Michigan Department of Treasury has announced that taxpayers will begin receiving their tax forms the second week of January.

Printing of the forms was delayed while the legislature passed a measure to reduce the income tax due to excess tax collections.

The 1995 MI-1040 contains several changes from previous years. In addition to the decrease in the tax, the personal exemption has been increased from \$2,100 to \$2,400; there is a new college tuition credit, the pension and annuity income deduction has been increased and the interest and dividend deduction for seniors has been increased.

Due to the lack of final passage of the federal budget, the Home Heating Credit is not applicable on the state tax form this year. A separate credit form will have to be filed once the federal budget is completed.

### CHS financial aid meeting scheduled

An information session on college financial aid for parents of seniors will be held at Clarkston High School Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the CHS theater.

The program will focus on filling out the state financial aid form and aid programs for college. Cliff Levitt of Baker College's Financial Aid Office will speak. For more information call 625-0904.

A series of free financial aid forums for college-bound students and their parents will also be offered by Baker College in time to meet the Feb.

### 21 state deadline for filing financial aid forms.

A session will be held at Holly High School on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Parents may find it helpful to bring a copy of their 1993 federal income tax return. For more information call Holly's guidance office or Baker College of Flint at (810) 766-4202.

### Baby's death investigated

The death of a 6-month-old boy while in the care of a babysitter on Dec. 29 is being investigated by the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation.

Police and fire were called to an address on Joy St. in the Clintonville Mobile Home Park at 7 p.m. Friday on a report of a baby not breathing. The child's 16-year-old cousin was babysitting at the time.

Det. Dirk Feneley of the OCSO said the cousin had babysat for the baby "numerous times in the past." The Oakland County Medical Examiner has ruled the cause of death to be positional asphyxiation. Feneley said there was no reason to think the child died of other than natural causes, but that he would be discussing the case with the prosecutor's office today (Wednesday).

### Habitat for Humanity to meet Jan. 10

Habitat for Humanity of North Oakland will hold a general meeting and then break into committees on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass near M-15.

The non-profit, ecumenical group hopes to build two or three houses next summer and the public is invited to help. For more information call 627-6011 or 625-9706.

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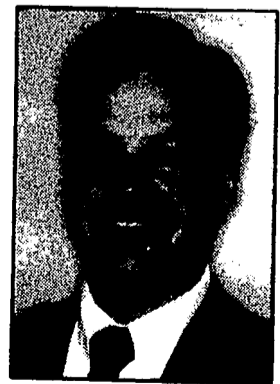


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## Take a ride on the Internet

### Library offers access to township residents

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
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Lori Auchterlonie typed the word "tightwad" into the computer. An odd thing to be looking up, perhaps. But it was actually a key word in the title of a book she'd seen mentioned on the Phil Donahue show and wanted to read.

The computer at the Independence Township Library came up with an instant match, and though the book was not in the library's collection, with a little help from a librarian Auchterlonie will be able to get it from another library. She won't have to buy it, and the only traveling she had to do was on the Internet.

Yes the Internet. The on-line service now available at the library allows patrons, either from the library's terminals or from their own homes, to be part of the world-wide network of information. Since September township residents have been able to apply for their own free accounts on the Internet, and, for a fee, to have their own E-mail addresses.

Though it may sound intimidating to those who have not tried it, Auchterlonie got in on her first try. "I'm not a good example because I'm not computer literate," she said, almost apologetically. "The last time I was here I went to use the other card catalogue . . . A librarian helped me. I thought I'd be brave today." She got into the Internet on her first try.

Just what is the Internet? Nothing more, nothing less than the global linking of computers via telephone lines. Though it seems like a given today, the first connection between individual computers was made as recently as 1968. How it started is a long way from where it's gone in the last few years.

According to several sources researched for this story, the Internet was born out of the Cold War. The Pentagon wanted a way to ensure communications could continue in the event of World War III—a presumed nuclear war—and began funding research under a government agency called ARPA—Advanced Research Projects Agency—in 1969.

At that time there was no standard operating system for computers, but the first two computers had already been linked the year before. By 1971 there were about two dozen linked sites, and by 1977 a computer in a van cruising around San Francisco was able to send messages around the world via radio, satellite and landlines without losing any data.

The first users of these networks were academicians funded by government grants under strictly controlled circumstances. But it wasn't long before their E-mail veered tentatively away from official communications and into fun stuff. Though at first the government resisted, restrictions were eventually lifted.

At the same time, businesses were shifting from large mainframe computers to personal computers and looking for ways to link them. At first incompatibility was a big stumbling block, but by the mid-1980s, thanks to new software becoming available, existing phone lines became the link of choice.

But it's only in the last couple of years that the Internet has really taken off, and that's because of even better software that makes the transmission of graphics and sound possible. By 1994 business surpassed universities as the dominant user of the Internet. The result has been described as "creative anarchy" by one writer.



Lori Auchterlonie of Independence Township (left) works with Independence Township

Library Director Mollie Lynch to find information on the Internet.

"No communications medium or consumer electronic technology has ever grown as quickly," said Christopher Anderson, writing in *The Economist*. "The growth of the Net is not a fluke or a fad, but the consequences of unleashing the power of individual creativity."

Today, anyone with the proper equipment can send a flu remedy to Pope John Paul II or trade barbs with film critic Roger Ebert. Unlike his TV partner Gene Siskel, Ebert is "wired" and gets 200 messages a day. You can also track the status of packages shipped via Federal Express, tour the collection of the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, FLA, read the Federal Register or keep up on events in Bosnia

### How to become an 'Internaut'

The Independence Township Library offers a basic class called "Internet access from the Library" on the second Wednesday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; the third Saturday, 9-10 a.m.; and the third Sunday, 1-2 p.m. Sign up is at the circulation desk.

If you have an Internet account through another provider you may access the library and its system provider, the Metro Net. The library's gopher name is [metronet.lib.mi.us](mailto:metronet.lib.mi.us) and the URL is [Http://metronet.lib.mi.us](http://metronet.lib.mi.us).

through NATO. You can send bulk mail and write your grandparents—if they're similarly "wired."

"I check my E-mail every day," said Independence Township director Mollie Lynch. "We're going to get my mother and dad on. They say 'No way' but I say you'll get on when you know you've got E-mail from your grandkids. That's the nice thing; you can have whole families on."

The Internet came to the library thanks to some decisions the staff and the township board of trustees made. Though the library has a new building, its collection is considered sub-par and its hours of

operation are limited due to budget considerations.

"Some of the board members use the Internet and were familiar with it," Lynch said. "If you look at the way information is being published today, it's all electronic . . . With this (the Internet) we knew we could access a lot of information."

"For Independence, with our collection and our limited hours, we knew it was the way to go. It was one way to get more bang for our buck."

The township board agreed to pay for a 16-line modem pool, which allows residents to call in, via a local phone call, and get on the system. In addition, state funds that used to go to a library cooperative called WOLF are now returned (at 90 percent) to the library in exchange for setting up a demonstration technology project. Once the equipment was purchased, ongoing costs are limited to local phone calls and monthly charges for the extra lines.

Because some township money was used, the home dial-in system is limited to Independence Township residents. "This was over and above library funds," Lynch said. "This was literally from the township general fund, not library millage." Anyone can use the terminals at the library during regular business hours.

The Internet may actually reduce some library costs. For example, one computer was already dedicated to Infotrack, a system that searches magazines. A microfilm system was also already in place that provided some magazines not in the library's own collection.

But the Internet offers the same Infotrack system, and magazines can be read in their entirety right on the screen. They can also be printed out, and the copies are better than those from microfilm.

Lynch said that in the month of November, over 1,000 connections were made to the Internet on the library's system. There are now over 250 residents with their own accounts. All that is required is a library card, a clean record (no fines, overdues, etc.) and, if you're under 18, parental consent.

In addition, a brief introductory class offered by the library is also required before an individual account is opened.

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# No holiday for domestic violence

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

It may have been Christmas all over the world, but in Independence Township domestic violence did not take a rest last week. Residents were arraigned in three separate incidents which took place between Christmas Eve and Dec. 29.

On Dec. 24 the Oakland County Sheriff's Department was called to a home on Hummingbird for the second time in three days. This time a 17-year-old girl had run to a neighbor's house asking for help after her father allegedly put a gun to her mother's head and threatened to kill her. The victim later escaped and also made it to the neighbor's house.

When police arrived they arrested Richard King, 48. He was later arraigned in District Court on a charge of felonious assault on his wife. He was released on \$20,000 bond (cash 10 percent). He at first denied having a gun but later told police where to find it, hidden under a piece of furniture.

On Dec. 27 deputies were called to a home on Horseshoe Circle, where they arrested Sherri Simko, 36, after she allegedly attacked her 41-year-old husband. The victim said his wife scratched his neck and pulled his hair. The attack was witnessed by their son, who fled with his father to the sheriff's substation. Mrs. Simko was arraigned on one count of domestic violence. Alcohol was thought to be a factor.

Then on Dec. 29, police arrested 31-year-old Michael Kendrick after he allegedly punched his wife in the face, smashed her head on the floor, then went to get a gun. The couple's three children, ages 5, 7 and 9 all witnessed the attack.

When a deputy arrived he found the victim and the children outside in the cold on Havelock. The

victim was without shoes and the children were in their pajamas. They told deputies that when Kendrick left the room to go get a gun, the victim grabbed a sharp toy and broke the window, from which they escaped.

Kendrick was not arrested without incident. He fled on foot but then got into a car and led deputies on a chase during which he rammed one police vehicle. After about a four-mile chase deputies were able to pull him over by bumping his car.

The victim said both she and her husband had been drinking and had watched a movie earlier in the day without incident.

Mr. Kendrick was arraigned in District Court on charges of domestic violence, malicious destruction of a police vehicle and fleeing and eluding police. Bond was set at \$21,000 cash and he was held at the Oakland County Jail.

## Law enforcement goes on line

The Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation is one of four test sites for a new computer system that is expected to save detectives lots of time in processing warrants.

The substation is now equipped with a video phone connection to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, as well as a computer and scanner. All together the system allows face-to-face dialogue, sending pictures of evidence and signed warrants via computer. Deputy Chuck Young said staff has been trained on both ends and the new system is working great.

"This saves us probably two to three hours (per warrant) at the prosecutor's office," Young said. "We get in line just like anybody else does. (Now) in the mean time we can sit here and work on other stuff."

Young said the process of obtaining a warrant requires face-to-face conversation and the exami-

nation of evidence by a prosecutor. Then, a signature is required on the warrant when approved. Until very recently, all of that was accomplished by a detective driving to Pontiac to the prosecutor's office each step of the way.

Four members of the prosecutor's staff have been trained on the system, as well as several members of the Independence substation staff. In addition to a handful of sheriff's substations, police departments in Auburn Hills, Farmington, Ferndale and Novi also have the equipment. Young said that other agencies, such as the state police, are allowed to come in and use the equipment as well, though it cannot be used to process warrants for felonies where life sentences are possible.

"It used to take three-and-a-half hours in person. Here I think the most time we've spent on it is 40 minutes total," Young said. "It works very nicely."

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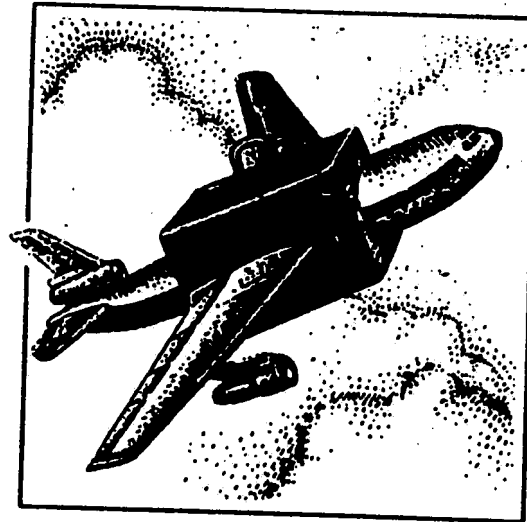
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# These Christmas decorations want to go home

The office that houses the Oakland County Sheriff's contingent in Independence Township was looking more and more like a Christmas store last week.

Due to the recovery of a quantity of Christmas decorations stolen but not claimed, the station had

acquired quite a collection—a couple of large Santas, a large candy cane, a lighted religious figure, strings of lights and even a reindeer. They cluttered up the lobby and gave the otherwise undecorated office a sort of surreal feel.

Substation commander Lt. Doug Hummel said a

number of such thefts had been reported, including two on Christmas Eve. But the accumulated merchandise did not belong to anyone who had reported a theft. Some of it was found Dec. 27 along Pear St.

Hummel appealed to anyone who lost decorations but didn't report it to come in and look at the loot. He said he would keep the stuff at the substation until the end of this week. After that, anything that's not claimed will go into storage at the main office in Pontiac.

The Independence substation is located next to the Secretary of State's office on M-15 just north of Dixie.

## Clarkston man charged with drunk driving in fatal car accident

A 22-year-old Clarkston man has been arraigned for his role in the Nov. 13 accident that killed 35-year-old husband and father of three, Mark Hopper of Lake Orion.

Jesus Garcia was arrested for drunk driving after his car allegedly crossed the center lane of Joslyn and struck Hopper. Hopper was traveling southbound at the time and was struck just south of Indianwood Road. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to Oakland County Traffic Investigator Tom Poulin, Garcia will face a preliminary exam Dec. 29 in Rochester District Court.

## Academic Achiever

NAME: Beth Fletcher.

GPA: 3.95

PARENTS: Ed and Lila Fletcher of Springfield Township.

PLANS: To attend either Michigan State University or Alma College, possibly to study psychology, though she's also interested in government. "I like working with people and I'd rather do it that way (psychology) than in politics."

FAVORITE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY: Though she participates in track and marching band, "I can't say I have a favorite thing," she said.

HONORS, AWARDS: Chenille letter, National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Student, Girls State participant.

FAVORITE CLASS: "A. P. biology with Mrs. Fowler. We have a lot of fun in that class. I don't really like science... but it really turned into a lot of fun. She's just good at explaining things."

JOB: Salesclerk at Dancer's Fashions in Clarkston on weekends. "I'm not allowed to work during the week... and I don't really feel I have time."

HEROES: "My parents. The things that they've done for their (three) kids are amazing. I think they're

normal in the way parents should be but not in the way I see my friends' parents... They focus on their kids."

FAVORITE MUSICAL ACT: "I love music; I love every kind—country, alternative, everything."

A GOOD BOOK SHE'S READ:

"Is There No Place on Earth for Me?" by Susan Sheehan.

PETS: Two cats named Fluffy and Tasha.

CHURCH: St. Daniel.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: "In ninth grade I learned how to ski, but I couldn't stop very well. I skied straight into a huge mud patch at the end of the quarter mile and fell. Two little boys had to come help me up." She doesn't ski any more. "I like it; I'm just not very good."

LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENT SHE'S PROUDEST OF: "If I graduate, that will be it."

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: "Going to London in tenth grade with the band." She plays flute and

was in the color guard.

SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT HER: "I eat a lot, all the time. I just like food, even if I'm not hungry."

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## In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

### The New Year's party scene

A colleague of mine has a theory he calls the "People are Stupid" theory. While most of the time I think that's a bit harsh, I know what he means. On New Year's Eve, I got to see the theory proved right.

The Dennis and I are not partiers and usually spend New Year's Eve at home with a couple of movies and a good dinner. This year, however, one of our favorite singers was to appear at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn as part of a big bash. Along with a sky-high price tag a lot of good music was promised, so we decided hey, what the heck; we never do anything like this; let's do it.

Now maybe if we partied more we would have realized that putting several thousand people together in one place with lots of noise and alcohol is a recipe for disaster. But last year we spent the big night in downtown Pontiac and there were no problems. What did we know?

What happened this year is that just as the balloons were about to drop on the new year, a fight broke out and the police had to be called. The police chief declared the party was over and sent everyone packing. If you weren't registered at the hotel, you had to leave. If you were registered, you were sent to your room like a bad child.

But the trouble didn't end there. Partiers cut short in their fun decided to continue it in the hotel hallways. Alarms were set off and it wasn't clear whether it was even safe to be there. So, in the middle of the night, instead of avoiding a long, late ride home we packed up and left.

I'm not sure who's to blame for the fiasco. I'm sure some partiers over-imbibed and started the ruckus. I hope they get the book thrown at them. I wish I could get my money back from them personally.

But I can't allow the hotel to escape blameless either. You have to maintain order. They'd held this party there in the past. They should have known what to expect.

They'll be hearing from me about a refund.

In other party news: The Dennis and I visited the new Mr. B's on Dixie near M-15 Friday night. A musician we know was playing there. We'd heard the joint jumps. So we went to check it out.

We arrived about 10 p.m. and it was standing room only. Patrons were stacked up at the bar and the door. It was loud, jumpin' and apparently the place to see and be seen among the younger set.

I don't know what it is about Mr. B's but it seems like all they have to do is hang up the shingle and people flock. I'd visited for lunch the first week it was open and again it was packed, so it doesn't appear to matter what time you go.

This new Mr. B's is really great fun inside, with its whacky lodge look. Congratulations to the owners for doing a great job. And keep that music coming.

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## Points well taken, but spend day with me

Dear Mr Rush:

Your December 6 column features concerns of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy relative to welfare excesses. Many of the points are well taken, but the details concern services in states distant from Michigan.

If you are interested in first-hand exposure to welfare cases and problems in Detroit, you might join me at Crossroads, a social service agency where I serve one day a week as a counselor.

Typical case: An individual receives a monthly grant from which rent and utilities are deducted -- not paid in addition to as noted in the column. Cash left may be \$30 or \$40. Add \$111 in food stamps and the daily cash equivalent is less than \$5 for food, personal needs and bus fare for job search. (Bus fare is \$2.50 to \$3 round trip.)

Or hold a 2-year-old on your knee while I write a referral for the mother to another agency for children's winter clothing (there are two in school). Yes, she is on AFDC. Yes, we may question her having children she cannot support. But let's not penalize the kids (why do we title the kids "illegitimate?").

You will also note that at Crossroads we do a lot of listening. The indigent -- even temporarily -- may only have each other to talk to. They need positive direction, often lacking in welfare services.

Additionally, you might ask the Mackinac Center to research corporate welfare (contracts for armament, not wanted by the Pentagon). It keeps some wage earners - and voters - off the streets but continues salaries for grossly overpaid - and sometimes incompetent - executives.

Your Main Street pen pal,  
Jerome Wilford

## Why another stadium?

Dear Editor:

There has been a lot written lately about the new high school in Clarkston. There have also been questions concerning the Clarkston school board's ability to use the tax payers money wisely. After looking over the schematic drawing, I have questions, too.

It does not make sense to support two stadiums in Clarkston when we need classrooms. The next thing the board of education is going to want is a domed stadium that will double as classrooms. I see no purpose in building another football/track "stadium" in Clarkston. I agree with having practice fields for all events at the new high school. Building "another" stadium is a frivolous luxury we do not need. On game day the team can take the bus to the existing stadium. This would be a practical solution to a very expensive alternative. Perhaps instead of cutting six classrooms this would pave the way to build 10 additional classrooms, and avoid the predicted overcrowding.

Sincerely,  
Robert Eddy  
Middle/elementary school parent

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## Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

### The junkie at home needs donut holes



I expect that soon after this is published the folks from PETA will be at my doorsteps, hooting and hollering. Their protesters will be dressed in pig costumes, dog costumes and lobster outfits.

They'll carry signs calling me a bad, bad human. They'll call for me to be whipped and quartered. All for what I am about to confess.

Please forgive me for what I have done... I have created a weekend donut hole junkie.

Mickey The Wonder Dog, my 45-pound black lab, English setter mutt, is hooked, harder than a heroin shooter. I guess you would call her a recreational user, but I don't know. Call it what you will, if you're hooked, you're hooked. A junkie, is a junkie is a junkie, no matter how little or big.

Hear me out.

Each and every weekend she is up at 6 a.m. Which means, of course, that each and every weekend Desiree and myself are up, too. It's freaky how Mickey knows it is the weekend.

And, when the weekend comes she's ready for her fix. Man, is she ready.

If I even look like I'm heading out the garage door without her, she howls like a banshee. She gets an

attitude very fast. During this time of attitudes, if I turn my back on her, she jumps up and pushes me in the shoulder.

"Turn around Rush. Look at me. I want those donut holes. I need those donut holes. You will take me to the donut shop and you will get what I need."

She quivers with excitement. Her big brown eyes get wide and wild with anticipation. She stamps all four feet in altering-unison.

I know she can just taste those little round things crumbling in her mouth. She salivates, for goodness sakes. Pavlov was right.

Each week I tell her I love her and that this week she gets off the stuff. I tell her she is not going to the donut shop. And, each week I cave in. I'm no stronger than she.

Every Saturday and Sunday she hops into the back seat of the car, and I take her to the corner donut shop to score her fix.

The gal there smiles and pushes the two donut holes my way. She knows why I am there. I smile nervously back, push the money her way and leave. Embarrassed. Ashamed. I have hooked my dog on donut holes. I suppose I should get ready for PETA.

### 15 YEARS AGO (1981)

Michigan's Essential Insurance Act will be good or bad news for motorists, depending on where they live, their ages, marital status and gender. The new law, which took effect Jan. 1, outlaws the use of sex or marital status in determining rate structures. It also places limits on the practice of charging more or less based on where a person lives.

Independence Township is ranked as the sixth fastest growing township out of 23 in Oakland County, according to the latest set of unofficial tallies released from the 1980 census. A comparison of the first set of unofficial figures released in July to present statistics shows marked increases for the township and constant figures for the Village of Clarkston.

The fourth house to be condemned in Independence Township within the past month awaits demolition. At a prior condemnation hearing, the homeowners were given 60 days to make repairs. Besides improper support beams, the building has no water or heat and "the inside is a mess. It's unoccupied," says James Hock, ordinance officer for the township building department.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1971)

Employees of the Hawk Tool and Engineering Co. on W. Washington in Clarkston report to work on Monday, Jan. 4 and find the doors locked. According to company spokesperson Allen Hawke, the employees were asked to work Dec. 28, 29 and 30 but when they didn't show up, the company felt it necessary to notify them by telegram that they had lost their seniority. A meeting scheduled by the federal mediator takes place Jan. 6. "We hope it will be successful," Hawke says.

A man is in critical condition in Pontiac General Hospital after suffering a gunshot wound to the head. Roger Southerland, 25, and two other men, Eddie Price, 26, and George Bennis, 23, were hunting Saturday, Jan. 2, when a dispute arose. Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy William Elliot arrived at the Felix St. home of Southerland and found him holding a shotgun. When Elliott asked Southerland to put down the gun and he didn't, Elliott attempted to strike Southerland with his revolver. The gun discharged, striking Southerland in the head. After a thorough investigation, no charges were placed against Elliot.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1946)

News from "By The Way": Despite bad weather,

sickness and strikes, Santa Claus called on the children in this area. Everywhere you can see new sleds, toboggans, skis and skates, gaily colored scarves, mittens and sweaters ... Last week we forgot to mention that little Marsha Anne Marshall was happy when Santa gave her a tiny Springer puppy ... The Clarkston News family wasn't forgotten, either. Cards and gifts by the score came from the boys in the service who are far from home. Words fail to express our appreciation ... The flu epidemic in Clarkston seems to be subsiding. The severe cases are under control and many of the children and teachers have returned to school ... The building permits issued in Clarkston in December were few but the outlook for 1946 is good. As soon as material is more plentiful, many people plan on building.

The Clarkston Coal Company has a new owner and operator, Herbert R. Beach, who needs no introduction to the folks in this district. He has lived in Clarkston for about 25 years and married Winifred Holcomb nine years ago. The coal company, now 27 years old, was formerly owned by George Marshall, who purchased the business from Miller and Beardslee several years ago. He and Mrs. Marshall are contemplating going to Florida at the end of this month.

### 60 YEARS AGO (1936)

Highlights from the first part of the year: Jan. 1—The first day of the year is greeted with plenty of snow. Guests who attend the Miller reunion at the George Miller home enjoy a real sleighing party ... Jan. 12—The house on the Sam Croop Farm on Depot Road is destroyed by fire ... Feb. 9—Village caucus is held in the council chambers. Casper Warden declines the nomination as village president and David McClelland accepts ... March 28—Clarkston High School's senior class has "Skip Day" and enjoys the day in Detroit ... May 29—Commencement exercises are held at Clarkston High School ... June 1—Two magazine salesmen misrepresenting the Clarkston School are given a rather warm reception and escorted to the prosecutor's office by several Clarkston residents ... June 3—William Gassick buys the shoe repair shop from Eli Fisher ... June 12—About 15 freight cars jump the track and topple down the bank at the rear of the cottages on Maceday Lake ... June 27-28—Edward Secterlin is sued for breach of promise by Nellie Bly. The trial takes place at Clarkston High School. The play is sponsored by the PTA. (To be continued next week.)

## Heritage Hunt II by Virginia Block

For all those using "Family Tree Maker" discs to create your personal histories, "Broderbund," Banner Blue Division of Novato, Calif., sends information on their "World Family Tree" program.

While our computer is too old to even use "Windows," it's still useful for what we need, and we do have the Family Tree Maker in DOS (whatever that means). We are among those labeled illiterate in the high tech world of modern research methods, but find live people more sociable and appreciative.

The family scrapbook that used to exist in every family was second only to the family Bible as a source of information, containing family members' pictures, newspaper clippings and even dried flowers, bits of hair woven into a pattern or "watch fob," an occasional letter and lots of memorabilia.

We are the recipient of a wonderful scrapbook that contains historical material as well as information on the John Smith-Rebecca Bradford part of their Philo Merry-Emiline Reed lineage. Since Lake Orion was the home of Philo Merry, and Pontiac was the area where the Bulman, Baudrie(y) families tie into the Smith lines, we really feel that many of you will be happy to learn of this gift of knowledge for our records.

The names of the Rodenbo, Thorpe, Dickinson,

Lundy and other families appear with materials found in these scrapbooks, both the historical and the personal family ones. Sharing this with us adds another dimension to the Cheal family history already in our collection.

Jim and Ruth Ann Smith, in town from Arkansas for the holidays, were sent to us by Jim's Aunt Gladys Cheal.

They brought us the scrapbooks and we were happy to be able to offer much help from the Oakland County 1860 Federal Census on about five lines they were researching.

We are indebted to so many of you who have given us the support needed to expand our program of family searching. We appreciate your many expressions through holiday greetings, of thanks for our help, and we are pleased to know we can be of help. Sharing is what we are here for.

As we strive to better serve the needs of our readers, we will continue to upgrade our efforts, and hope the worst day of 1996 is equal to the best day of '95, for everyone.

Send your queries to us and we promise to offer our best to get you over your "stone walls." Happy hunting.

## People Poll

By Eileen Oxley

### What's the worst gift you got for Christmas?

J U D Y MCLAUGHLIN, WATERFORD: Probably it would be another Christmas towel. I have a stack and you just can't put them all out. Some still have the tags on. There are just too many. Year after year, after year, after year...



A M Y V A N T I N E, CLARKSTON: My worst thing for Christmas was probably the Ace of Base tape. It was too fast. You can't understand the words very well.



M A T T P R U C H E R, CLARKSTON: The worst? A fruitcake.



M A T T H E W L E A C H, MT. MORRIS: VR Trooper stickers. From Santa, I guess. I just wake up and they're wrapped.



A S H L E Y Z E T T E L, CLARKSTON: A Barbie from Santa.





## Ei-liners by Eileen Oxley

### It was a very good year

Too often we don't count our blessings enough. Sometimes I just have to sit back and reflect upon all the gifts I receive during the year. Most can't be measured in monetary terms but they're things I am thankful for, just the same. So, here is my gratitude list for 1995:

- A warm house, enough food and a job where I'm lucky enough to work at something I love.
  - Good friends who are there for me in a pinch.
  - No health problems that are significant except a couple of colds, two root canals and a few minor bumps and bruises. (Most of the latter came from hitting the corner of the bed in the dark.)
  - The opportunity to watch my two children grow and to take pride and pleasure in their accomplishments. And, thank God, they've been healthy and suffered no calamities, something every parent hopes for. Also, good communication with them. I feel we can talk to each other with respect and trust.
  - A wonderful significant other who accepts me for who I am, with all my flaws. Someone who isn't demanding, judgmental, competitive or jealous. Someone who appreciates me and tells me so—often. And his parents are peaches too.
  - No accidents or big car problems.
  - The courage to speak my mind, to not be afraid to express my views.
  - My place of residence. Since I've moved to Clarkston, it's so easy to get everywhere I need to go. And I agree with you townspeople—it's a charming, quaint community.
  - The fact that I can see, hear, walk and the world is my oyster. When I see someone like Christopher Reeve, I feel so lucky. Though it's not perfect, I'm glad I live in a country where I have the opportunity to do most anything I want. It's all up to me.
- Also, sigh, have to, like everyone else, look at the things I want to change in myself—my resolutions, if you will.

● Unlike the French woman in "Pulp Fiction," I do NOT think "paut bellees are sexee." No fattening blueberry pancakes with butter and maple syrup, eggs, toast, potatoes, etc. for me (Well, maybe only occasionally). And I resolve to change my complacent bad habits of finding excuses (too tired, too far) not to use my Vic Tanny membership to work out three days a week.

- I need to talk less and listen more.
- Although I think I'm a fairly sensitive, compassionate person, I need to remember that people are human and, accordingly, I need to make allowances sometimes for their less-than-perfect behavior. Everyone has bad days, everyone has imperfections. I will not be so quick to judge.
- I will try to spend less and save more.
- I'll try to smile more and give that gift of a grin to others. I know it makes my day when someone—like the lady at the McDonald's window—has a pleasant attitude. Sometimes that warmth coupled with the hot coffee you receive the morning you feel glum changes the whole day. Maybe we should all be required to wear either a "Have A Nice Day" and "Don't Worry, Be Happy" T-shirt once a week, even if it is a little comy.
- I will make more of an effort to be punctual.
- Volunteer. Listening to Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston talk about helping others this week was inspiring. The chief helps out the senior center's Meals On Wheels program by not only taking dinners to those who are homebound. He also has regularly scheduled lunches with some of them each week. For him, the reward's in the doing. If you can get a warm, fuzzy feeling by giving gifts at Christmas, you can experience the same by giving of yourself all year round.
- Finally, I will try not to take life so seriously. I've definitely mellowed out over the years, but I could do better. I suppose it will come with age—and a little more effort.

## North Area Citizens Conference

Henry Gleisner

This is the first of a series of articles by the North Area Citizens Conference pertaining to the local issues to which the NACC is devoted.

By way of introduction to those readers not familiar with the NACC, what follows is a brief recap of the history and aims of the organization.

The NACC is a non-profit, non-partisan citizens group that aims to work with local governments and planning agencies, like-minded groups and individuals to protect this area against suburban sprawl; the destruction of wildlife, wetlands, and woodlands; to preserve to the maximum extent possible our rural environment, atmosphere and way of life. We wish to enhance inter-township planning and advance sensible ecological issues.

This group was founded in 1987 and has to its credit quite a few achievements, as well as some defeats. In many of the townships the NACC was instrumental in conducting citizen surveys which gave the local governments direction and information about the desires of their constituents. We conducted two highly successful citizen referendums, were substantially influential in creating wetlands ordinances, and are still working to obtain sensible woodlands ordinances. We created several Natural Beauty Roads in Oakland County, and take an active interest in zoning issues and master plans.

Above all, the NACC strives to create a climate whereby public input is less restricted than it once was

in most northern Oakland townships during township meetings; one where public opinion is not put on the back burner, but is often sought and considered helpful.

One of our main objectives is to help keep the Oaks in Oakland County. It isn't only man-made actions that eradicate our precious woods which are so necessary for ecological balance. Lately we have acquired another natural enemy - the Gypsy Moth.

We have had a large invasion of this pest that primarily attacks, defoliates, and kills oaks, aspen, poplar, birch, willow, apple, crab apple, white pine, blue spruce and many other varieties of trees.

Oakland County has recognized this danger and is actively supporting the townships with information and educational campaigns about control and management of this pest, and most importantly with aerial spraying programs of a non-chemical agent, Bacillus Thuringiensis (a common soil bacterium that produces a toxin deadly to gypsy moth caterpillars) not harmful to humans or other animal species.

Of interest to those affected by an invasion of this pest, a mapping session is planned preparatory to setting up a spray calendar to designate the areas affected. December 20 is the deadline to complete this program for aerial spraying in spring of 1996.

The NACC welcomes suggestions, criticism, and applications for membership by writing to P.O. Box 653, Oxford, MI 48371.

## The Little Things in Life

Have you ever held someone's hand who didn't have a thumb? It's like trying not to drown in the middle of a lake and the only thing to grab onto is a slippery pole that hovers two feet above the surface. And the drowning is more than physical. There is speechlessness, treading words like water. You struggle for something to talk about other than the missing thumb while the thumbless person smiles at you, oblivious.

I often wonder whether I chose my life before my birth or if I was a random draw. I seem to know a disproportionately large number of amputees, heart-attack victims, smokers, drinkers, etc., etc. If we do choose our lives, why did I choose this one? I am not exactly the type of person to offer wisdom and insight to people with physical problems. The closest I come is faking asthma attacks when my mom smokes at dinner. When it comes to matters of life, death and sensitivity I join the large majority of people who would rather not talk about it.

Perhaps I should attempt my uncle's coping method. My aunt turned 40 last week. She's been doing overtime on the stairclimber in preparation for her sexual peak. My uncle said he hopes her 18-year-old boyfriend's been getting in shape too.

Another uncle of mine died of diabetic complications, but not before he had several heart attacks and strokes and the doctors amputated both of his legs. He spent the last years of his life in a wheelchair and his family often went on vacation with mine. In a museum once I overheard some kids blatantly talking about him. They weren't cruel, only young. Had my uncle heard he would have set them straight.

If I could choose any life, I would be an American Indian, but before the Europeans came and made trouble. Their lives were simple and meaningful. In the morning life settled damply on the plain and in the afternoon it ran thickly from the side of the buffalo. Their deaths were simple too. The spirit pulling from the body at the last possible instant, then flying up and over a purple mountain. An Indian woman knew her children by the smell of their hair, not the echo of their voices as they drifted farther and farther away.

Maybe this is idealism. Maybe the Indians were confused and closed-minded. Maybe they had nothing to say to the sick, the limbless, the unhappy among them. Maybe my image of them is the manicured result of reading the wrong kind of books.

But it's nice to think otherwise. It's nice to imagine a time when a man looked toward death not with fear or denial, but with quiet anticipation and acceptance, and a hope of finding his legs on the other side of the mountain.

## Recycle your Christmas tree

Now through Jan. 28, Independence Oaks County Park will accept Christmas trees free for recycling seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Landfills no longer accept Christmas trees," said Dan Stencil, chief of park operations. "Recycling trees is environmentally sound. We chip the trees up and use the material on trails and for compost."

All plastic, metal, string and decorations must be removed. Wreaths and roping made of natural materials will also be accepted. All customers will become eligible to win a county park summer fun passbook valued at \$60 and an annual vehicle permit valued at \$45.

Last year over 8,000 trees were recycled at the county parks. For more information call 858-0906 (TDD 858-1684).

## Got a gripe?

Write a letter to the editor, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.



# Library offers free ride on the Internet

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"I get all kinds," Lynch said. "We have people come in who are just buying their first PC. We have people who don't use PCs and come in and use ours. And we have a lot of people who currently subscribe to America On Line and have very high monthly bills."

Once patrons have gone through the course, they're pretty much on their own. "We have a basic Internet class and I try to give a brief orientation," Lynch said. "We'd love to offer more training, not only on the Internet but how to use the card catalogue."

Feedback has been nothing but positive so far, Lynch said. "They love it. They like being able to print off at home . . . and they're saving money. They like that."

Lynch said librarians have discovered and developed all kinds of devices to help them navigate their way around the system, which is practically endless, with more and more entities learning how to set up their own pages on the World Wide Web.

"A lot of it is just getting a feel for what's out there," she said. "At first it's like the phone book;

there's that many systems out there. And some are good and some are disappointing."

Sources used in this story for background on the history of the Internet include the following magazines: *Wired*, *The Economist*, *Business Week*, *Newsweek* and *American Heritage*.

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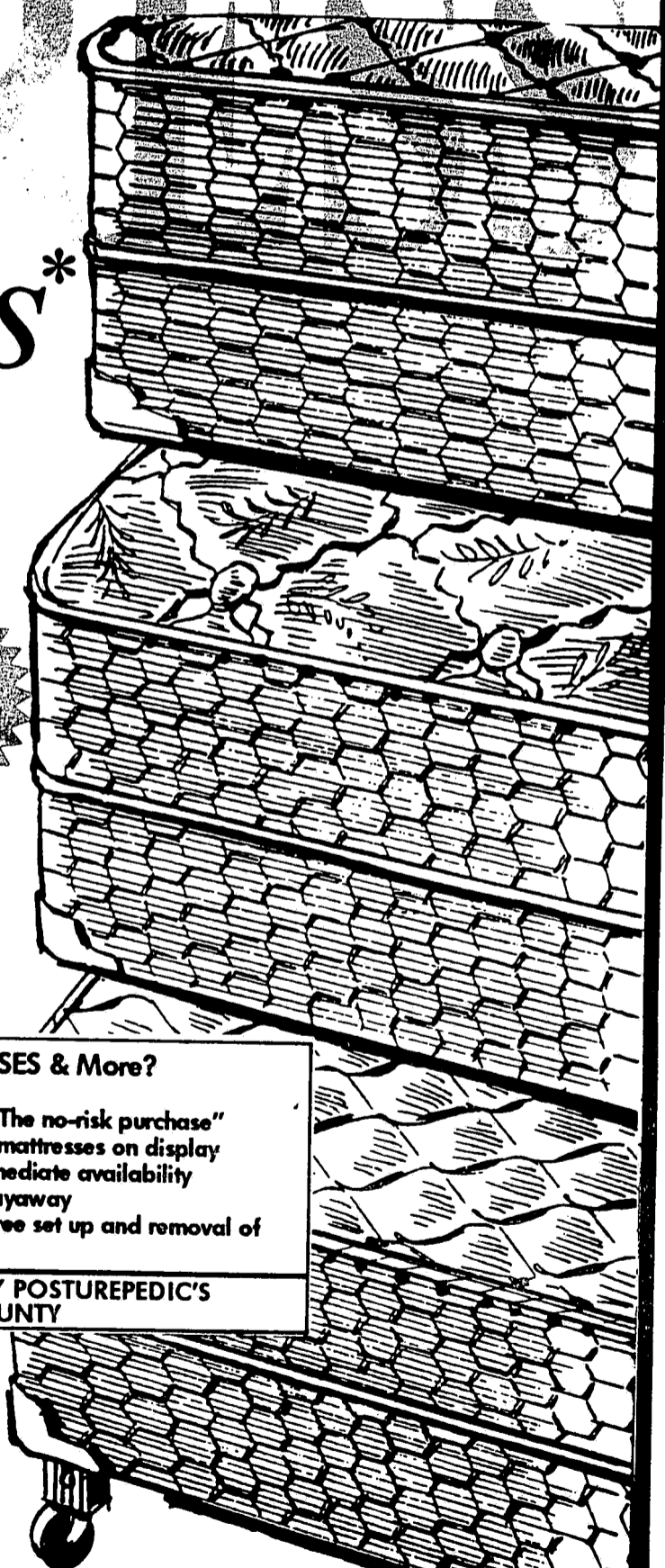
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# Police chief, seniors get acquainted

## Meals on Wheels is the catalyst and beneficiary

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Alice Fuller loves her Holcomb St. apartment because it's "country-like." From her window she can see squirrels scampering across the frozen ground and birds chirping in the trees.

A widow, Fuller, 84, moved to Clarkston 18 years ago to be closer to her son. When he moved she decided to stay. But now, it's not so easy to get around. Like many other seniors, she suffers from arthritis and gradual deterioration to the bones of her feet. She uses a walker and has to depend on others for many of the tasks she used to do herself, such as driving. With the gradual loss of mobility, she's often bored and lonely, but one of the bright spots of her week is having lunch with Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston.

"I have to be good. I don't want to get a ticket," she quips, as she and Ormiston chuckle sitting in her living room.

Ormiston decided to get involved with Independence Township Senior Center's Meals On Wheels program after he was hired months ago as the city's new police chief. A former officer with the Auburn Hills Police Department, he was active in the COPS CAST (Cops and Seniors Together) program there.

By visiting senior citizens, "It kind of offered a sense of security for them," he said. He hoped to continue the same sort of effort here and when he found the township needed help with its meal delivery program, Ormiston decided to volunteer.

Often seniors "don't want to bother anybody. They don't want to put anybody out." But now, with regularly scheduled meals — and conversation — the four senior women Ormiston has lunch with each week have something to look forward to and definitely feel safer.

"Before, if a scam occurred, they might not report it. But now, they're more apt to call and talk about these sorts of things."

The lunch idea originated in Auburn Hills when Ormiston was assigned to an elderly couple who were "terrific, bright and with it." But the wife died, leaving a very stricken husband. Ormiston continued to visit him.

"One of the things they'd do as a couple was to



Ruth Stanley and Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston share lunch and conversation through

the Meals On Wheels program, which is administered by the township's senior center.

go down to McDonald's and have lunch every day. Then in the evening they'd go to Big Boy if they were still hungry. When she died, he didn't want to go to the McDonald's any more. But his son would take him there every day. He never complained but it seemed to me it was a task to do that."

Ormiston asked the man if he'd like to participate in the Meals On Wheels program. At first he said no, Ormiston feels, because he didn't understand the police officer was doing this because he wanted to.

"I thought if I took a meal to him, he'd accept it and see that it's not an imposition. I started bringing them to him." Eventually, the man received lunches five days a week.

A Clarkston resident who also works with a youth group at St. Dan's Catholic Church, Ormiston describes volunteerism as "contagious. It makes you feel good." Alluding to different ages groups, he says, "I want to have a positive influence on (all of) them. When you look at people our ages, I think we're the ones who are the workers, the ones who are supposed to be helping all these different people."

As one of several volunteers who presently help the township's suffering Meals On Wheels program, Ormiston is certainly appreciated, says the center's

director of the meal delivery service, Sarah Brown. Due to a myriad of reasons, everything from illness to "finding jobs that pay," the center has recently lost several volunteer drivers.

"We're losing them right and left," said Brown. "Mostly it's because things come up and they just can't help ... They get 22 cents a mile, that's all we can pay. I have one pregnant lady with a little boy. I'm scared to death every time she goes out, but she loves it."

Brown says a cook prepares meals at the township center which are delivered to approximately 40 people in Clarkston and 45 to Brandon Township's Senior Center once a day, five days per week. They need 11 drivers, but expect to lose several this month, she says. Brown works for the Older Persons Commission which runs Meals on Wheels to several communities in this area. The Rochester-based commission receives a federal grant that pays \$1.57 of the \$4.21 cost for each meal.

"We ask for a \$2 donation (per meal) but some can't pay it," Brown says. The balance is picked up by Independence Township.

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**New grads**

Louise Bisogni (above) and Amy Loughman (below), both of Clarkston Real Estate, were awarded Leadership Training Graduate (LTG) designation from the Women's Council of Realtors during its annual convention in Atlanta Nov. 9-13. LTG, the only leadership designation offered to Realtors, is earned by candidates who meet specific experience requirements, pass required courses and earn elective credits via a combination of local, state and national participation. The Women's Council of Realtors is an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.



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# Clarkston Area Business

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## Kroger brings new store concept to Clarkston

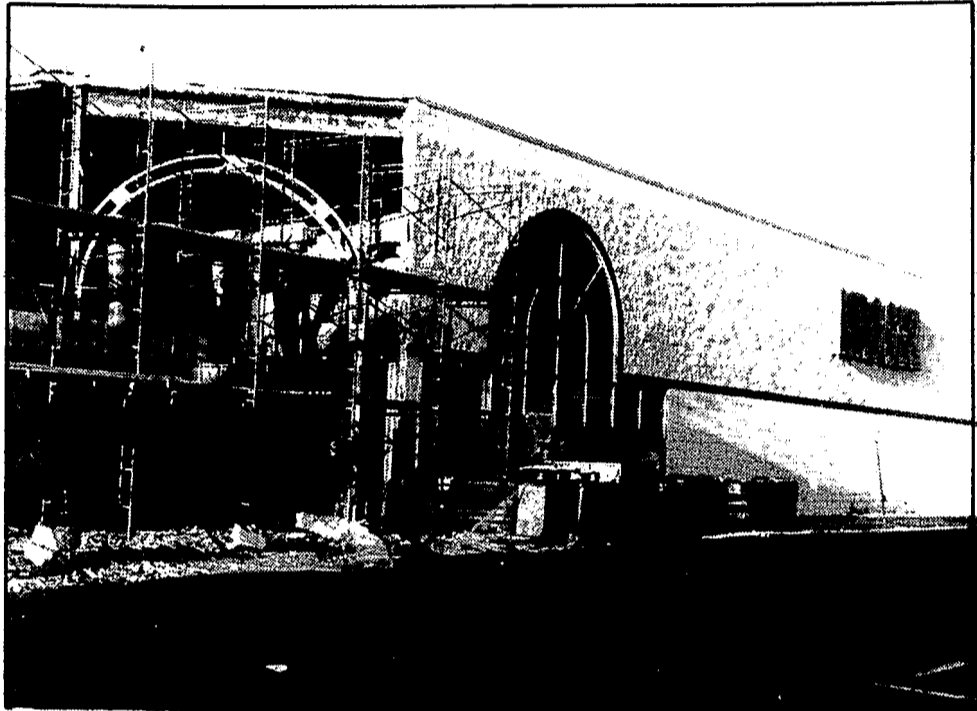
By spring, shoppers at the Independence Township Kroger store on Dixie Highway will be able to experience the best the grocery chain has to offer.

Work is currently underway to increase the store's size from its current 44,000 square feet to 57,000 and turn it into a "combo" food and pharmacy store, according to company spokesman Ed Nakfoor.

"It will be similar to the newer combo stores Kroger is building," Nakfoor said. A new one was recently opened in Commerce Township using the same concept although it is larger than the Independence store will be, he said.

"There will be more variety throughout the store, a larger front end and a video store," Nakfoor added. He could not say if any new jobs would be created or how much the addition will cost.

Kroger is the country's largest grocery chain and has 81 stores in Michigan. The remodeling "is just part of



Despite cold, snow and holidays, work was well underway last week to expand Kroger's Independence Township store.

what Kroger is doing throughout their market area," Nakfoor said.

The work is expected to be completed in April.

## New in Clarkston . . .

### New car-cleaning product doesn't use water

It's no magic car wash solution, but Driwash 'n Guard just might be better than the normal stuff.

Driwash needs no water. All it takes is a little work and your vehicle will come out looking like new, according to Clarkston distributor Dick Fleschner. He says the product is safe for the environment and will help keep your vehicle protected from the elements longer, without a wax or silicone

base.

In a test of the product by The Clarkston News, Driwash, made by Enviro-tech International, surely made the vehicle's hood shine, compared to the rest of the car that was hand-washed. Although Fleschner said no water is needed, we still cleaned off the excess dirt before we used Driwash.

Another reason Fleschner says his product is better than the rest is because

once it's used, dirt is much easier to remove.

The product is labor-intensive, requiring the user to make circular motions, and expensive (\$20 a bottle), but, if looks are what you care about, it's probably worth it.

For more information or to purchase the product, call Fleschner at 673-5933.

### Meals on Wheels Continued from page 10A

Brown and her husband have helped out, delivering meals themselves. Because the senior center is not open holidays, the New Year's meal was cooked by folks at Clarkston's Church of Christ and Christmas dinner was supplied by the owner of Clarkson's Burger King. And he didn't whip up the usual burgers.

"Ham, turkey, dressing, a big container of salad, pie and rolls. I just got everything. It was beautiful," says Alice Fuller, one of the grateful recipients.

Not everyone is on a regular diet, says Brown. "We also have people in Clarkston who are with Ensure, a canned food supplement that provides complete nourishment for those with very severe health problems. Some can't even eat mashed potatoes or they are so sick they

don't feel like eating."

The meals we take for granted are appreciated by many, Brown says. She relates a story about delivering a lunch to a hard-of-hearing senior.

"She was watching TV, sitting with her back to me and didn't hear me. I went in yelling, making a lot of noise, shouting 'Meals On Wheels' and everything. When she finally saw me, she just lit up like a candle ... It just breaks your heart. Some have money, but money really has nothing to do with it if they're sick or disabled."

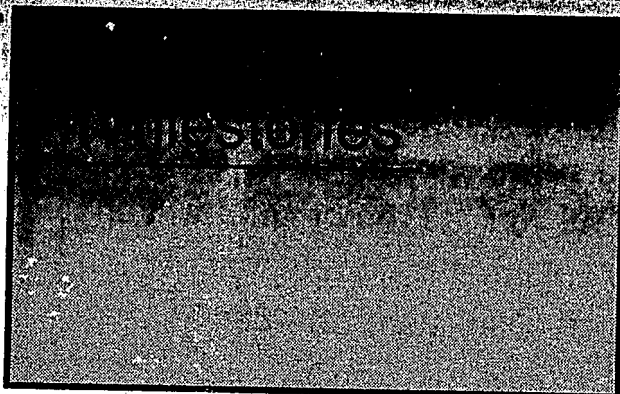
A few days later, Ormiston knocks on the door of Ruth Stanley's apartment, holding a familiar-looking package.

"Chow time?" says Stanley, brightly, with a twinkle in her eye. Her

small apartment is alive with Christmas splendor, right down to the candy canes poking out of a coffee mug on the table already set with Gloria Vanderbuilt placemats.

She and Ormiston dig into their Styrofoam containers. Stanley and the chief are even getting to know each other's food preferences. "I know you don't like those," she says, pointing to the side dish of mandarin oranges. "He knows I like KFC, all the greasy spoon stuff."

She smiles. "It's nice to have somebody to have lunch with, to catch up on all the gossip in town ... I think this is a wonderful program and I've met the nicest people. And Paul has been a real honey."



Dr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Wagner Jr.

## Wagner-Voreis wed in Chicago

Dr. Ronald G. Wagner Jr. and Kimberly S. Voreis were married July 29, 1995 at St. Clement's Catholic Church in Chicago, IL. A reception followed at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Matron of honor was Kristyn Doctor, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Stephanie Baker, Kristen Wagner, sister of the groom; Natalie Humphry; Lauren Kucera and Suzanne Wolff.

Best man was Greg Wagner, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jerry Murphy and Drs. Scott Dlugos, Bill Ranger, Lee Jenkins and Tom Urban.

Kimberly is the daughter of Pamela S. Borden of Indianapolis, IN and Richard D. Voreis of Atlanta, GA. She is a graduate of Riley High School in South Bend, IN, Indiana University in Bloomington, IN and Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy in Evanston, IL, where she received a master's in counseling psychology.

Ronald is the son of Elizabeth and Ronald Wagner of Clarkston. He is a 1982 graduate of Clarkston High School, The University of Notre Dame and The University of Michigan School of Medicine, where he is serving a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Europe. They reside in Ann Arbor.

## At school

● **Brad Stricklin** earned a 4.0 GPA for the fall term at Western Michigan University. A 1991 graduate of Clarkston High School, he is a mechanical engineering student in his senior year.

● **Lesley Allen, Danielle Brinn and Heather Walter**, all of Clarkston, made the Dean's List at Michigan State University's James Madison College for fall semester. The honor requires a full credit load and a 3.5 or better GPA.



## Holiday fun benefits Lighthouse

Bowen Brook, president and owner of Max Brook, Inc., Realtors, recently presented a check for \$3,128 to Lighthouse. The check represented the proceeds of a raffle and auction that took place during the company's annual holiday luncheon. Accepting the check was Noreen Keating, executive director of

Lighthouse. Over 100 raffle and auction items were donated by local businesses which do business with Brook. Several families were also adopted by the company for the holidays. "I am absolutely delighted with their efforts," Brook said. Pictured are, from left, Keating, Brook, Jane Kasapis, Sandy Bromley and Chuck Sower.



Left to right, cast members Rikki Schwartz, Verne Vackaro and Melissa Breckenridge

## Take a 'Wrong Turn at Lungfish'

Village players production debuts Jan. 13 at Depot Theatre

Before an ailing, retired university professor dies, he wants an answer to the big one: What is the meaning of life? But, because he's blind, a young woman must read his favorite passages of literature to him. Though he is learned and she is not, the two are taught by each other in a story that is marked with both humor and pathos.

"Wrong Turn at Lungfish," the next play by the Clarkston Village Players, opens Jan. 12 and continues with performances Jan. 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. Showtime is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Directed by Gordon Bardell and produced by Don Foster, the play stars Verne Vackarao

as Peter Ravenswaal, Rikki Schwartz as Anita Merendino, Melissa Breckenridge as the nurse and Chuck Diamond as Dominic De Caesar.

Bardell, a commercial artist, is enjoying his role as director. "I like to connect the scenes like paintings and tell a story that way." He says the play, penned by "Laverne and Shirley" writers Garry Marshall and Lowell Ganz, is relatively new to the theater. "It's a very strong comedy/drama... It's about the meaning of life but it's sprinkled with sit-com humor." Depot Theatre is located at 4861 White Lake Rd., one mile southwest of Dixie Highway at the railroad tracks. Call (810) 625-1826 or (810) 625-8811 for more information.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**, suspicious circumstances on Paramus. A screen door was found kicked in and the inside door open.

Failure to pay for \$11.26 in gas on Sashabaw. The license plate on the car turned out to be stolen.

Larceny of skis at Pine Knob.

Suspicious circumstances on I-75.

Car/deer accident on M-15 near I-75.

Non-injury accidents on Maybee and on Dixie.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**, A Lingor resident received a ticket under the host party ordinance after numerous warnings about loud parties which included live music.

A car window was broken while the owner skied at Pine Knob. A purse was stolen from the car containing \$200 cash and credit cards.

Harassing phone calls on Cramlane.

Car/deer accident on Sashabaw near Flemings Lake Rd.

A 37-year-old Clarkston woman was injured when the car she was driving slid on Waldon, became airborne and hit a stop sign and a tree. It came to rest against the bottom of the tree. She was ticketed for careless driving.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**, larceny of 30 personal checks on Delhi. Some were being cashed.

A skier at Pine Knob took a video camera along and left it hanging from a tree, where someone stole it.

A rear window on a 1994 Pontiac was smashed as it was parked on S. River.

Malicious destruction of lawns on Chestnut Hill and Mockingbird.

A garage door was dented on Wellesley Terrace, probably by a car which slid while turning in the driveway.

A mirror was torn off a car in a Sashabaw Rd. parking lot.

Non-injury accident on Sashabaw.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**, larceny of 24 cans of beer from a store on Maybee Rd. A white male juvenile grabbed the beer and ran, the clerk said.

Missing person on Maybee.

Car/deer accident on I-75 near M-15.

Non-injury accident on Maybee.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**, non-injury accident on Cranberry Lake Rd.

Car/deer accident on Maybee near Dixie.

Assault and battery on Dixie. Three men asked to leave a restaurant assaulted the manager. A ticket was issued to a Clarkston man, 25.

Harassing phone calls on Maplewood over a five-month span.

Obscene phone calls over the last two weeks on M-15.

Hang-up phone calls on Michigamme.

Larceny of gas on Dixie.

A firefighter working at Station 3 saw three juveniles damage his car so he gave chase. The three, all Clarkston boys ages 16 and 15, were turned over to their parents.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**, three windows were broken at a house under construction on Bridge Valley.

A large quantity of tools was stolen along with a 22 caliber rifle during the break-in of a barn on Mann.

Larceny of a commercial barbecue grill and trailer valued at \$4,000 from a club on Waterford Rd.

Non-injury accidents on Fawn Valley, on Sashabaw, on Dixie and on Parview.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**, larceny from an auto in a Dixie parking lot. Some Christmas gifts were stolen.

Two tires and wheels from a 1994 Blazer were stolen on Dixie.

Car/deer accident on I-75 near Clintonville.

A driver on Meyers swerved to avoid a dog, hit a mailbox and ran over some rocks, damaging the car. The driver was uninjured.

## Clarkston Police

**THURSDAY, DEC. 28**, a four-car collision on Main St. south of Washington occurred when the first driver stopped for a pedestrian. Minor damage.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 29**, a Main St. apartment resident called to complain about people parking in renters' spots behind a business block. The owners of the cars were contacted and asked to move.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 31**, police responded to family trouble on Surrey Lane.

**MONDAY, JAN. 1**, police responded to the death of an elderly man at a Clarkson Rd. residence.

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**, stabbing victim on Ortonville Rd. One to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Medical on Clintonville Rd.; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.

Medical s on Seneca and on Caribou Trail.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**, medical in a Dixie Highway parking lot; no transport.

Two injuries from skiing accidents at Pine Knob; both were taken to hospitals.

Assault victim in a Dixie parking lot; no transport.

Truck fire on Waterford Rd.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**, medical on N. Eston; one to Crittenton.

Medical on Heartwood Lane.

Medical on Cobden.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**, chimney fire on Ortonville Rd.

Medical on Maybee.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**, medical at the sheriff's substation.

Medical at fire station #1.

Auto accident with fuel leak on Meyers.

Medicals on Sashabaw, on Drayton, on South River, on Joy, on Tuson, on Hubbard and on Clintonville.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**, rollover accident on I-75.

Medical on Old Cove, on Maybee and on Oak Vista.

Carbon monoxide detector activated on Pelton.

Fire around a chimney on Simler.

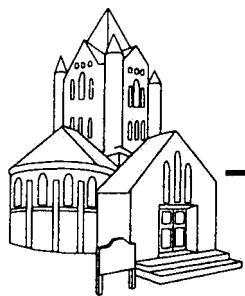
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**, medical at Pine Knob.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Clarkston Rd.

TOTAL CALLS THROUGH 3:10 P.M. DEC. 31: 1,700.



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11:15 2nd Worship Service  
6:00 pm Vespers  
Wednesday Family Program 7:00 pm

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Support Program Director: Don Kevern  
Music: Louise Angermeier  
Youth Education: John Leece

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## Dorothy Buell

Dorothy J. Buell, 75, of Clarkston, died Dec. 27, 1995.

Mrs. Buell was a member of Silvercrest Baptist Church in Waterford.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert.

She is survived by five sons, Rex (Karen) Loop of Silverwood, Roger (Marsha) Loop of Virginia, Milo Loop of Waterford, Michael (Monica) Loop of Holly and Timothy (Joyce) Buell of Maryland; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Leland Lloyd officiating. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

## Alvin Caverly

Alvin L. Caverly, 80, of Clarkston, died Dec. 25, 1995.

Mr. Caverly retired from Pontiac Motors Plant 5 after 36 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva May Sommers.

He is survived by four children, Cleo Solimine of California, Cecil of Clarkston, Kerry Garchow of Auburn Hills and Alan of Ortonville; and six grandchildren, Mark Eghigian, Adam Eghigian, Christopher Caverly, Alisa Caverly, Terry Solimine and Wilny H. Caverly.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Richard C. Nelson officiating. Interment was in Andersonville Cemetery.

## Joyce Dorman

Joyce E. (Jenks) Dorman, 67, of Clarkston, died Jan. 1, 1996.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Madeline Swayne, a brother, Ermon Jenks, and a sister-in-law, Elaine Jacobs.

She is survived by her husband, Louis Dorman Jr.; two sons, Donald (Lavonna) Dorman and Robert (Mary Beth) Dorman; four grandchildren, Andrew (JoAnn) Dorman, Zachary Jenks, Stephanie Cass and Lowell Jenks; three great-grandchildren, Sarah Dorman and Cleo and Barbara Cass; 10 brothers and sisters, Geraldine Eichbrecht, Dale Jenks, Lloyd Jenks, Janet Keelcan, Ruby Hutchinson, Charles Jenks, Norma Benjamin, Shirley Sposato, Robert Jenks and Edward Jenks; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy White and Margaret Lally; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were Wednesday (today) at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiating. Interment was in Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Waterford Township Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels.

## Correction

● In last week's People Poll the names and comments of Christopher Kato and Daryl Wenzel were reversed.

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## Catherine Johnson

Catherine D. Johnson, 49, of Holly, died Dec. 29, 1995 after an extended illness.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Shalom Baptist Church in Pontiac.

She is survived by her husband, Mike; five stepchildren, Randy (Debbie) Johnson of Pontiac, Randy Frack of Pontiac, Russ (Jean) Frack of Florida, Ron Frack of Pontiac and Jamie Frack of Madison Heights; 19 grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Dan (Jo) Miller of Ortonville, Neal Miller of Metamora, Donna Miller of Holly, Bonnie (Ed) Reid of Holly, Randee Schmidt of Holly and Alan Miller of Colorado.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Harry Carr officiating.

## Stephen Wesol

Stephen M. Wesol, 34, of Clarkston, died Dec. 30, 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Anne (Hoeksema); two children, Jason and Megan; his parents, Joan Wesol and Joe Wesol; two brothers, Joe of Clarkston and Ed of Texas; a sister, Judy of Texas; grandparents Anna Krolik of Harrison, Marian Wesol of Sterling Heights and Joseph Shumlanski of Wayne; and many family members and friends.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. Interment will be at All Saints Cemetery.

Visitation is from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

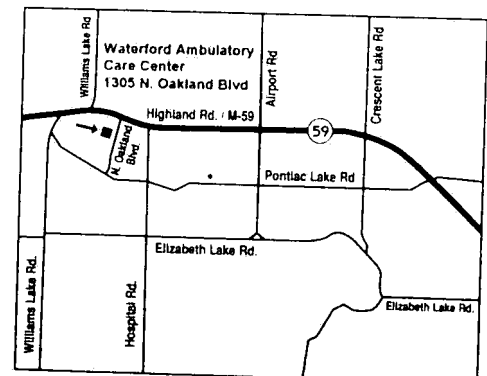


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# Growth

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2020 Regional Development Forecast is correct, the Clarkston area will continue to see growth even that far out.

SEMCOG expects the population of Independence Township to grow 73.8 percent between 1990 and 2020 to 41,229. The number of households is expected to grow 94 percent, and the number of jobs 116.7 percent.

In Springfield Township, SEMCOG predicts population growth of 123.2 percent to 22,161. House-

holds are expected to climb 133 percent, jobs 193 percent.

"Let's not minimize the influence of the auto industry in this area," Carlisle said. "And I don't just mean the Big Three. With downsizing and outsourcing it has spawned a large outpouring of companies moving near their customers."

Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said he knows of at least 500 to 600 potential residential units in the planning stages in the part of his township that is within the Clarkston school district for the next 10 years. Elementary redistricting is already expected for next year.

And beyond the issue of mere space is the issue

of equity, which is near and dear to many parents, especially when it comes to the district's two middle schools. That too is part of the mandate of the facilities committee.

"We're also looking at rooms for science, art, etc.," Shanks said. "The group has agreed those are highly desirable... Once the high school is occupied (by middle schoolers) they'll have things Sashabaw Middle School doesn't have."

Shanks said concerns include comparable science labs and auditoriums and just maintenance of SMS's structure.

"Overall the building's in great shape," he said. But "little things like that must be taken care of."

## RECORDS

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** Saturdays, 10 a.m., Mondays, 5:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Rd.

**MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS:** Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw. Call 625-4644.

**CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS (CODA):** Thursdays, 7 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Rd. Call 625-0839.

**WEIGHT WATCHERS:** Waterfall Plaza, 5651 Dixie Hwy. Mondays, 5:45 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursdays, 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9:30 a.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Handicap accessible. Call 1-800-487-4777.

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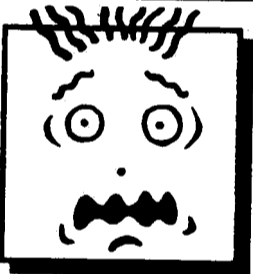
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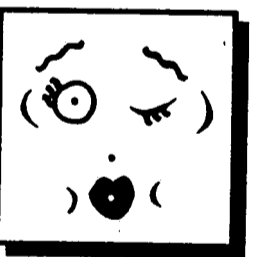
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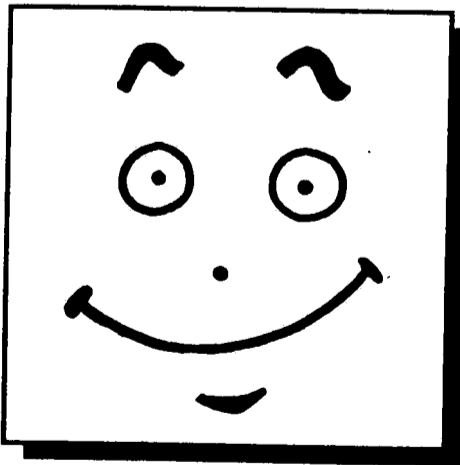
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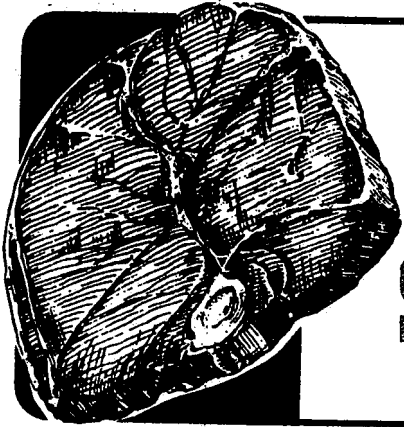
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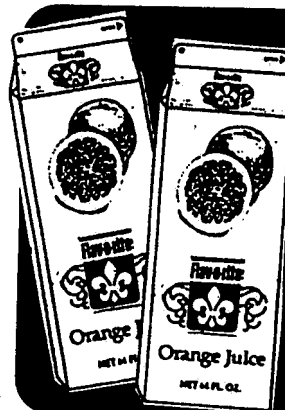


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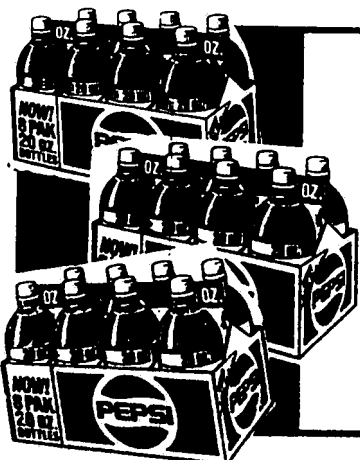
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# SPORTS

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Section B

## Wrestlers take 3rd in superstar tourney

*CHS can't defend Goodrich Tournament of Champions title but 10 wrestlers place, led by champions DeGain, Lafferty and Grant.*

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the toughest tournament in the state, the Clarkston wrestling team proved it belongs.

The Wolves finished third at the prestigious Goodrich Tournament of Champions Dec. 30, behind the #1 ranked teams (as selected by the Michigan Wrestling News) in the state's Division III and IV classes. In addition, Clarkston had more individual medalists (10) than any other team at the 17-team tournament.

Clarkston won the tournament last season, but Wolves coach Mike DeGain said he was just as happy about his team's finish this season.

"I'm happy with how we did because we had 10 medalists who wrestled against the best competition in the state," said DeGain. "You have to evaluate these tournaments by remembering the state tournament is based on a dual-match basis."

CHS finished with 153 points, behind first place Dundee (178 points), defending Class C-D champ and ranked #1 in Division IV (this season the state wrestling classes expanded from Class A, B and C-D to Divisions I, II, III and IV), and second-place Goodrich, ranked #1 in Division III.

Of the 17 teams at the tournament, 11 are ranked in the Michigan Wrestling News' top 10 in either Division I, II, III or IV, while 15 of the teams are rated in the top 15.

Clarkston, rated #6 by the MWN, was the top Division I finisher at Goodrich. The Wolves finished ahead of three teams ranked ahead of them in the MWN Div. I poll.

The rest of the team finishes at Goodrich, from 4th to 17th place, are as follows: Bay City Western, #3



Senior Jeremy Lafferty goes for the pin at the Goodrich Tournament of Champions Dec. 30. Lafferty ended up winning the 160-pound

weight class, leading the Wolves to a 3rd-place finish at the 17-team tourney.

in Div. I by the MWN, 144 points; Eaton Rapids, #1 in Div. II and last season's Class B runner-up, 137 points; Temperance-Bedford, #4 in Div. I, 117 points; Durand, #8 in Div. III, 95 points; Traverse City, #11 in Div. I, 91 points; New Lothrop, #3 in Div. IV, 77 points; Adrian, #13 in Div. I, 76 points; Flint Northern, #5 in Div. I and last season's Class A champ, 74 points; Roseville, 72 points; Warren Lincoln, #9 in Div. II, and Howell, #10 in Div. I, tied with 70 points; Constantine, #12 in Div. III, 61 points; Troy, #12 in Div. I, 46 points; and, Goodrich's "B" team was last with 11 points.

And while the caliber of teams was impressive, so were the individual competitors. Five of the top 10 individual wrestlers in the state, according to the MWN poll, were at the meet. The Wolves got three first-place finishes from freshman A.J. Grant (103 pounds), senior Jeremy Lafferty (160 pounds) and senior Joe DeGain (189), who remains undefeated so far this season. Lafferty lost his only match to

Millington's Jason Holmes, the top-ranked wrestler at 160 pounds in the state, in the first match of the season.

Also earning medals for the Wolves were Joe Roy (145 lbs), 2nd place; Chad Auten (140), 3rd place; Scott LaBrie (171), 4th place; Jason Tiefenback (130) and Gordie Golec (215), 6th place; and, Tim Rebb (275) and Adam Hott (112), 8th place.

Junior Ryan Mick (125) was battling the flu all week and didn't place, while Dave Zieman (119), coming off an injury, saw his first action of the season.

"Ryan was sick but wrestled anyway and lost to a Class A medalist (Traverse City's Jeremy Gonzalez, who was 8th last season at 112 lbs) in the first round by one point in a close match," said coach DeGain.

Despite his team's strong finish, coach DeGain said there are still some technical aspects that could improve. While he doesn't want his wrestlers to peak yet, he said it's important they remain focused and continue to work hard.

## VB ready for '96; happy with '95

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While the Clarkston varsity volleyball team prepares for the new year, they feel pretty good about the old one.

The Wolves went 6-1 before 1995 ended, including a Dec. 19 decision over rival Lake Orion, 15-11, 15-9.

Over the holiday break, coach Gordie Richardson said he's been pleased with his team's progress in practices and scrimmages.

"We practiced four times and had two scrimmages, including one with alumni," he said. "We've been playing well together and we're showing improvement."

On a sad note, Richardson said senior Nicole Bauer is lost for the season after suffering a broken arm while skating. "It's too bad for us and her because she's a senior and was really coming on. We'll have to get kids to step up in her spot."

With one match this week against Brandon, and

a tournament at Walled Lake Western Jan. 6, Richardson hopes his team can continue to stay focused, like they did in 1995.

Against Orion, the Wolves may not have performed their best, but did come through when they needed plays.

They were up 9-0 in the first set and had to hold on for the victory as Orion mounted a comeback. An 87 percent team serve percentage hurt the Wolves early in both sets.

"We don't get flustered very easily and we seem to be able to rise to the occasion when we need to," said Richardson.

Leading the Wolves in hitting was senior Nickie Winn, going 8-for-8 with 2 kills. Junior Megan Bjurman was 9-for-11 with 5 kills and senior Stephanie Giroux was 6-for-7 with 3 kills.

Senior Nicki Hard was 5-for-5 serving with one ace, while senior Mary Brewer was on fire, serving 15-for-17 with 2 aces.

Nicole Bauer, in her last match for the Wolves, was 8-for-8 in serve receptions, while senior Lisa Herron was 7-for-7 and Brewer 5-for-5.



Listen and learn

Detroit Tiger legend Kirk Gibson gives some instructions to a batter at Tim Birtsas' Holiday Baseball Camp, held at Deer Lake Athletic Club. See story on Page 3B.

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# The News' top sports stories of 1995

---Two teams were among the state's best and others had the heart of champions ---  
--- While teams sparkled in 1995, individuals also proved exemplary on and off the field ---  
--- Baseball clubs and organizations kept the community talking and moving forward ---

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's tough to choose the best of anything. But rather than wimp out and say all Clarkston sports teams and other events were wonderful in 1995, The Clarkston News has picked its top stories.

The criteria for selecting the top stories are based on a number of factors, including: Was it a surprise; did this team or person overcome odds; was the team or person good and hard working, both in class and on the field of play; Was the accomplishment something no one else has done before, something that doesn't happen every year; Was the story a topic of conversation amongst the community; and, was it a positive for the community or school.

Here are the top stories for 1995:

1) CHS girls cross country team takes 4th in Class A finals. This crew of girls and coaches deserves the top spot for several reasons. They continually got better during the season and reached their potential at the finals, the highest Clarkston finish ever. They beat five other teams in the finals that finished ahead of them earlier in the season. They were totally dedicated and worked hard from the first day. And, maybe most impressive of all, the team's combined grade point average was 3.78.

While the team's finish may not have been the talk of the town (except for a core group of cross-country junkies) the 1995 girls CC squad proved that being the best doesn't always mean finishing first.

2) Last season's CHS wrestling team finished as Class A runners-up and set several school records in the process. This dedicated team's wonderful season is enough to earn them the second spot, despite the



Brad Agar and J.R. Kirk embrace after the boys hoops team won a regional title last season, the first under coach Dan Fife.



Junior Kristen Maine, left, and sophomore Liz Cook, right, helped lead the Wolves' CC team to the state finals, and the top sports story for 1995.

fact their GPA's needed improvement.

From the first day, the team and Class A Coach of the Year Mike DeGain had a goal: the state finals. They were led by a strong senior cast and remained focused, winning almost every tournament entered, while displaying good sportsmanship and class. They set school records for most regional qualifiers (11) and most state qualifiers (7) and finished at 24-2.

3) Continued excellence has to count for something, even in a sport as unappreciated as track. Coach Gordie Richardson's CHS girls track teams have an 11-year division/league dual meet win streak going.

But in 1995 he surprised everyone by taking a team of young athletes, many of whom were freshmen,

to another undefeated league season. In honor of Richardson's coaching effort, he was awarded regional track coach of the year.

4) The girls varsity basketball team and the varsity football team tie for fourth because they overachieved with the talent they had.

The hoops squad, loaded with excellent students as well, finished 15-6, thanks to 100 percent effort in each practice and game from every player. The Wolves could have beaten Lapeer East in the district finals and maybe could have won two or three more games during the regular season. Could have, would have and should have don't matter however, because if points were given for effort, this team would have never lost.

The football team finished 7-3 and made the state playoffs for a school-record second straight time.

They did so with only two returning starters and a soft defense. But thanks to lots of hard work the players got better, executed what the coaches wanted and believed in themselves. In addition, the team's starters had an average GPA above 3.2.

5) Finally, after 14 seasons, Dan Fife's boys varsity hoops team won a regional championship. Fife and his teams have always been good, sometimes great. But never before did they win a regional title, until last season.

Fife demands his players conduct themselves with class on and off the court, get good grades and always work hard. That alone is enough to earn them a top five spot.

6) Perseverance paid off for the varsity boys soccer team. After starting the season 0-7-1 in the brutal OAA Division I, the Wolves finished the season relatively strong and wound up winning a district championship.

It doesn't matter that the district teams weren't very tough. Winning a title at any level is difficult and Clarkston, with an overall team GPA of 3.3, showed determination, focus and mental toughness in the tournament.

7) The boys cross-county team struggled during the season, except for the OAA Div. II meet when they came from nowhere to take second, and finished second in the overall standings.

That one effort, when all the runners were at their

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The 1994-95 CHS wrestling team poses with its Class A runners-up trophy in March. The

Wolves lost a tough match to champion Flint Northern.

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# Pros return for baseball camp

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A last-minute decision turned out to be a different way to spend the holidays for baseball lovers.

Tim Birtsas, the retired Major League Baseball player and 1978 Clarkston High graduate, came back home to hold a 4-day camp for youths at the Deer Lake Athletic Club, Dec. 26-29. The decision to have the camp came about three weeks prior, but thanks to Deer Lake and some local baseball junkies, Birtsas said everything went great.

"We didn't expect a lot of kids but it really filled up," said Birtsas, who lives in Arizona. "This has been great because we have all areas of this community represented."

The former pitcher with the Cincinnati Reds, Oakland A's and New York Yankees said he's held his Holiday Baseball Camp in other cities, but this is the first time in Clarkston. He said it will be an annual event.

Despite the short notice, Birtsas was able to round up a few camp coaches who know quite a bit about the game. Detroit Tiger legend and Waterford native Kirk Gibson was on hand to teach the kids and give some talks.

Mike Stefanski, a Triple A pro with the St. Louis Cardinals and a Redford Union High School and University of Detroit graduate, also coached.

What most pleased Birtsas, however, was the variety of local baseball organizations represented. George Drallos was on hand from the Clarkston Baseball Club Riverdaws, while long-time CHS varsity baseball coach Roy "Pop" Warner also helped coach.

Also helping, by donating equipment, were the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department and Dunham's.

Other coaches with local ties were Tom Ruelle,



CHS varsity baseball coach Roy "Pop" Warner instructs some youngsters at Tim Birtsas' Holiday Baseball Camp last week. Warner was

one of many local coaches at the camp, run by Birtsas, the former Major League pitcher and CHS graduate.

a 1986 CHS grad and a letterwinner at Saginaw Valley State University in football, baseball and track, who is a part-time trainer at Deer Lake, and Craig Czinder, a 1978 CHS grad who played baseball at Lansing Community College.

The tie for almost all the coaches is Warner, a CHS coach for over 20 years. He coached Birtsas, Ruelle and Czinder in high school and coached against Gibson when he played for Waterford Kettering.

## Wolves can't catch Cass Tech

In a defensive struggle, the Clarkston varsity hoops team, now 1-2 on the season, couldn't overtake favored Detroit Cass Tech Dec. 26.

The Wolves took state-ranked Tech, with a 3-0 record, into overtime before losing 50-46.

In a game played at Cobo Hall in Detroit, the Wolves were down 21-15 after the first half before mounting a comeback. Clarkston came back to tie the game at the end of regulation by outscoring Tech 10-

8 in the third quarter and 15-11 in the fourth. The effort fell short, however, as Tech outscored the Wolves 10-6 in overtime.

With 6-foot-3 sophomore Dane Fife moving to point guard, 5-foot-11 senior Tim Wasilk moved to shooting guard and led the team with 17 points. Fife scored 16 points while senior forward Ryan Schapman was next with seven points.

### Parks and Rec. offers teens a night out

A teen night out at the Waterford Oaks Fridge will be sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation on Friday, Jan. 12. Cost is \$10 per person; departure is at 5:30 p.m. from the township hall. Register by Jan. 5; call Dave Tinkis at 625-8223.

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# Wrestling News back for another year

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The locally produced Michigan Wrestling News is back for its third season covering the state's high school wrestling scene.

While some changes have been made, the MWN is as jam-packed with information as before. Scott Strickler, the editor and former Wolves wrestling coach who is also a wrestling referee, said the newsletter decided not to publish in the off-season, meaning only four issues will come out during the wrestling season, rather than the previous nine issues.

The MWN has also changed from the 11x17 tabloid format to an 8x11 newsletter. But the goal of providing the best coverage of the state's high school wrestling scene remains, although some attention is given to intercollegiate teams as well.

Strickler, who left coaching the season after winning a state title at CHS in 1991, has always been involved in the wrestling arena. In a story about Strickler and the MWN published by The Clarkston News in February 1995, Strickler said because he has so many connections, it was just a matter of putting it all on paper.

While Strickler does the bulk of the work, the volunteer staff of Brent and Adamine Michelsen and Nanette Davis also contributes. Dave Davis picks up the costs of publishing the newsletter.

Strickler lives in Waterford but the others are all



## Top Honors Shared in MWN Poll

Included in the five year, with two votes to be made (overall record: 148-23). Brandon Cheshier has an opportunity to be the first Class A wrestler to win four Michigan titles in Class B (overall record: 138-4). Both have won all state titles in Class B (overall record: 138-4). Both have won all state titles in Class B (overall record: 138-4). Both have won all state titles in Class B (overall record: 138-4).

## MHSAA State Final Ticket Info

LANSING, Mich. — Tickets are priced at \$12.00 for each Division two-day event. Individual day tickets will be available on a "first come, first served" basis at the box office for Saturday, March 9, 1996, starting at 10 a.m.

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## The season's first issue (December)

The Wolves, last season's Class A runners-up, lost some dominating wrestlers to graduation, but the MWN still picks them as the #6 team in the state's Division I (formerly Class A). Last season they were picked #4.

## Recreation roundup

Oakland County Parks are offering lots of activities this winter, including the following events at Independence Oaks:

**LEARN TO SKI DAY** Jan. 20. A cross-country ski lesson will be held 1-4 p.m. The Twin Chimneys shelter will offer a fireplace and complimentary beverages. Door prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$3 per person, \$9 with ski rental, plus vehicle entry fee of \$5 for county residents.

**CROOKED LAKE ICE FISHING CONTEST** will be held Jan. 20. Hours are 8 a.m.-noon and prizes will be awarded for the largest fish and most fish caught. Cost is \$5; no vehicle entry fee will be charged. The contest is co-sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

**SKISCHOOL** will be offered Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb. 10, weather permitting. Class times are 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. each day. Cost is \$7, \$13 with ski rental, including vehicle entry fee.

**STARLIGHT SKIING** will be offered Saturday, Jan. 13, 7-9 p.m. The program features use of a star map, a roaring campfire, hot cocoa and more. Fee is \$2 per person; you must have prior experience and provide your own equipment.

**EXPLORING ON SNOWSHOES** will be held Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$2 and snowshoes are provided, but sizes and quantities are limited.

**NIGHT SKI ADVENTURE** will be held Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. You must have previous ski experience and provide your own skis. Cost is \$2.

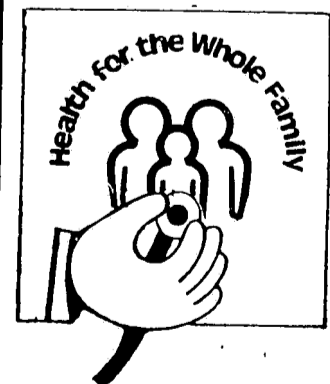
**MIND ON THE MOON** will explore lunar stories and include telescope viewing Friday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. A campfire and snack are included in the \$2 cost. The program is not designed for pre-schoolers.

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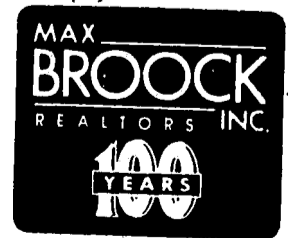
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# 1995: A year of stellar efforts by teams, athletes

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determined best, deserves some mention on a best story list.

8) Two actions by the Clarkston administration and school board rate as some of 1995's best stories. The school cut pay-to-participate fees because of extra funds and added middle school football and volleyball teams.

Both efforts will strengthen the school's varsity sports programs and should be seen as a sign that Clarkston sports is supported by the administration and the school board, in a time when many schools are being forced to cut various sports or raise pay-to-participate fees.

9) The Clarkston Riverdaws Baseball Club was formed in the summer and looks like it will remain forever. Not only will this club help keep local players here, it is bound to help the high school baseball program.

So many people, including the township's parks and recreation department, helped organize this club. It's a credit to people wanting the best for their kids and their community. Plus, they have a real cool logo.

10) When the word got out that a minor league baseball organization (Central Baseball League) might want a franchise in Clarkston, everyone wanted to help that become reality. Now the talk has died and no one's quite sure where it stands.

11) Stephanie Giroux, Stefanie Burklow, Leah Scharl, Jeremy Fife, Dane Fife and Tim Wasilk are special CHS student-athletes who deserve recognition for outstanding accomplishments in the athletic arena and classroom. They have three things in common: They are All-State caliber athletes who work hard, excel in school, and, are real good kids.

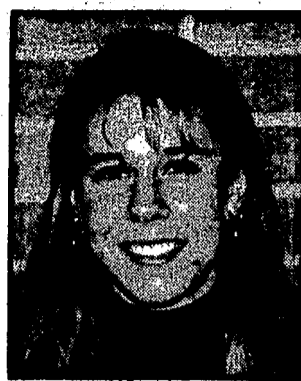
\* Giroux was All-State and All-State Academic in softball. She batted .508, stole 52 of 53 bases and could dominate a game. She carries a 3.97 GPA and has signed to play for Michigan State University on a full athletic scholarship, after her senior season of softball is over.

\* Burklow set the school record in cross country, twice, and finished fourth in the Class A finals. She was also 8th in the 800 run at the Class A track finals, and was Academic All-State in cross country and track with a 3.98 GPA. She has yet to finish her final season of track.

\* Leah Scharl is currently on the University of



S. Giroux



S. Burklow



L. Scharl



J. Fife



D. Fife



T. Wasilk

Michigan track and cross-country teams after a stellar career in both sports at CHS. During the 1995 track season, Scharl did it all for the Wolves and led the 3200 relay team (along with Burklow) to a 2nd-place finish at the Class A finals. She qualified to run at the Midwest Meet of Champions, representing the state of Michigan on the 3200 relay team and clocked a blazing 2:15 split time. She was also All-State Academic in track with a 3.8 GPA.

\* Jeremy Fife led his Wolves hoops team to a final eight appearance last season. Now, he's playing basketball for NCAA Division I Niagara University on a full scholarship. His all-out effort made the undersized Wolves a force in every game. And while he averaged 11 points, 10 assists and seven steals, his best quality was that he was the consummate leader. Jeremy carried a 3.8 GPA while at CHS.

\* Dane Fife, the younger brother, is only a sophomore at CHS but already he's in a class by himself. As a freshman on the varsity team last season, he led the Wolves in scoring and rebounding. On the football team as a sophomore, he played like a veteran at quarterback. Heading into the current boys basketball season, Dane is considered one of the state's top ten players.

To top it off, he carries a 3.4 GPA.

\* Tim Wasilk, despite not being voted to any All-State teams, put up better numbers than most receivers in the state during the football season with 57 catches for 802 yards. His numbers weren't a fluke either. He made more spectacular catches than he had drops. He also carries a 3.4 GPA.

12) Gymnastics is a CHS sport, almost. While the school isn't paying a dime for it, girls gymnastics are competing under Clarkston's name and they have an official team.

Thanks to continual pushing by senior Courtney Pema, school administrators worked out a way for a team to be formed.

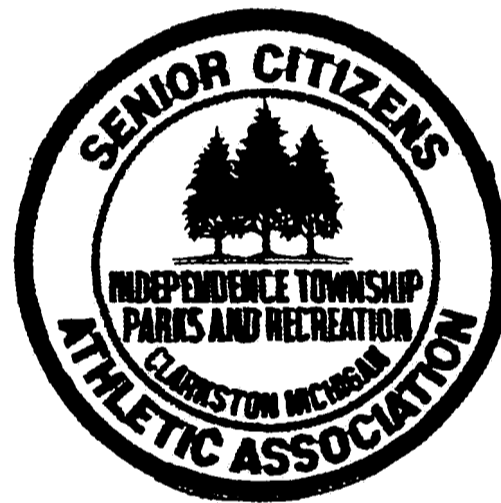
13) This Best Stories list would be incomplete without mentioning senior Ryan Schapman's team-first attitude during the football season.

He began the football season as the starting tailback, but halfway through was replaced as a starter by sophomore Brad Phelan. For most, it would have been an ego blow, but Schapman, who excelled at defensive back, never complained and volunteered to do whatever else it took to help his team to victory.

His unselfishness is a perfect example to every younger player about what a team player is.

Some other neat stories that merit consideration:

\* The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department's Senior Citizens Athletic Association



tion, which has several softball teams and a few volleyball teams, drawing participants from all over the north-Oakland area.

\* The boys tennis team, with a new coach, finished at 8-4 with a young, enthusiastic bunch.

\* The boys golf team didn't qualify for the state finals but still ended up with the third-best team scoring average in CHS history, and went undefeated in OAA Division I dual matches.

\* The CHS cheer team not only roots for school teams, but the community as well. Under the direction of coach Debi Hool the team is actively involved in community service, such as volunteering at The Greenery, Lighthouse etc.



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● **Role models are needed by Oakland County Youth Assistance.** Volunteer orientation is scheduled for Jan. 8, 1-5 p.m. and Jan 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 858-0041.

● **The World's Toughest Rodeo** comes to Joe Louis Arena Jan. 10-21 and will include a visit from John Payne, a one-armed cowboy. Tickets are \$15-\$10 (under 12 half price) and are available at Ticketmaster.

● **"The Sounds of the Cinema"** will be the topic of the Brown Bag Lecture Jan. 18. Brian Murphy, a professor at Oakland University, will trace the evolution of cinematic music from the silents on. The series

is held in the county Information Technology Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Call 858-0415.

● **The Art Gallery** will hold a weekend of meet-the-artists receptions in January. On Saturday, Jan. 20, meet Ruth Allen 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Allen is known for dried botanical and fabric creations. Then on Sunday, Jan. 21, meet Patty Auerbach noon-5 p.m. She paints in watercolors and oils. Both artists' work will be on display through January at the gallery, located inside Great Oaks Mall in Rochester. Call 651-1579.

● **The annual Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show** is scheduled for Feb. 14-18. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$3 for kids 6-14.

● **A support group meeting for women with breast cancer** will be held Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass, Clarkston. Kathy Honorowski will present a program on diet and nutrition and the impact on cancer. Call 625-3841 for more information.

● **The Plymouth Ice Spectacular** will be held Jan. 10-15 in downtown Plymouth. Ice carvers from around the world are expected and displays are open to

the public. Half a million people are expected to attend. For more information call Mike Watts at (313) 459-6969.

● **A five-week grief recovery program** will be offered through Genesys Home Health and Hospice beginning Tuesday, Jan. 16. For more information or to register, call 1-800-922-5220.

● **Flint Youth Theatre** will offer drama classes for grades 1-12 beginning Saturday, Feb. 3 at Bower Theatre in Flint. Classes run for eight weeks and are divided by grade. Fee is \$45; some scholarships are available. For more information call (810) 760-1018.

● **Mothers Against Drunk Driving** will offer free victim advocate training for interested volunteers Jan. 26-28 at 5395 Dixie Highway in Waterford. For more information call 1-800-323-MADD.

● **A new year's dance and orientation** will be held by the Rochester Parents Without Partners Jan. 4 at the RiverCrest in Rochester. Orientation is at 9 p.m.; the dance follows. Call Pat at 693-5233.

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● Longway Planetarium in Flint will present new programs in the new year. "In My Backyard" follows Nickelodeon star Fred Penner as he explores the colors of the rainbow, ladybugs on a rose and the reasons for the seasons. This program for children is offered Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. through January.

"Laser Motown" features the music of Diana Ross and the Supremes, Stevie Wonder and more with laser graphics. This show is shown Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through Jan. 21.

"Laser Hendrix" begins its visual flashback Jan. 5, with shows at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. On Fridays-Saturdays at 9:15 p.m. is "Laser Seattle." At 10:30 the same nights is "Lasers Edge," featuring modern rock from REM and more. At midnight Pink Floyd is featured in "Vision Bell."

The planetarium is located in the Flint Cultural Center at 1310 E. Kearsley St. Call (810) 760-1181 for 24-hour information.

● Free Transitions seminars will be offered at

Oakland Community College beginning in mid-February. The six-week sessions offer advice to adults thinking about their futures. The classes will be offered at the Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford and the Auburn Hills Campus. Admission is free but you must pre-register. Call (810) 340-6802.

● Barbie Doll enthusiasts, mark your calendars for Sunday, March 31. That's when the public is invited to the biggest little Barbie Doll convention in the country, at the Detroit Marriott Hotel in Livonia. The event will benefit the Rainbow Connection. Admission is \$3; bring your Barbie. Call (810) 783-9777 for more information.

● The Clarkston Community Women's Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Independence Township Library at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature Robert and Deanna Olsen and Kyle Satterlee of Planned Financial Services, Inc. of Clarkston speaking on wills versus trusts and how to protect your assets. Women of the community are invited. For more information about the program or the club, call 625-

● A support group for parents of children with asthma is offered at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Call (810) 551-6027 for more information.

● "Caring for Aging Parents" is a support group for adults caring for parents while managing a family of their own. The group meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Mercy Medical Group, 1812 Rochester Rd. north of M-59. Call Cindy at 651-6950 for more information.

● Beaumont Hospital in Troy is now offering a service that gives cancer patients a single resource to coordinate all aspects of their care.

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Some of the most popular adult offerings include aerobics, computers, dog obedience, business training and craft classes, says Dorothy Frank, adult enrichment project coordinator. Although fall and winter programs are composed from evaluation forms filled out at the end of each semester, Frank says if two or three requests are made for a particular class, she will do her best to find an instructor.

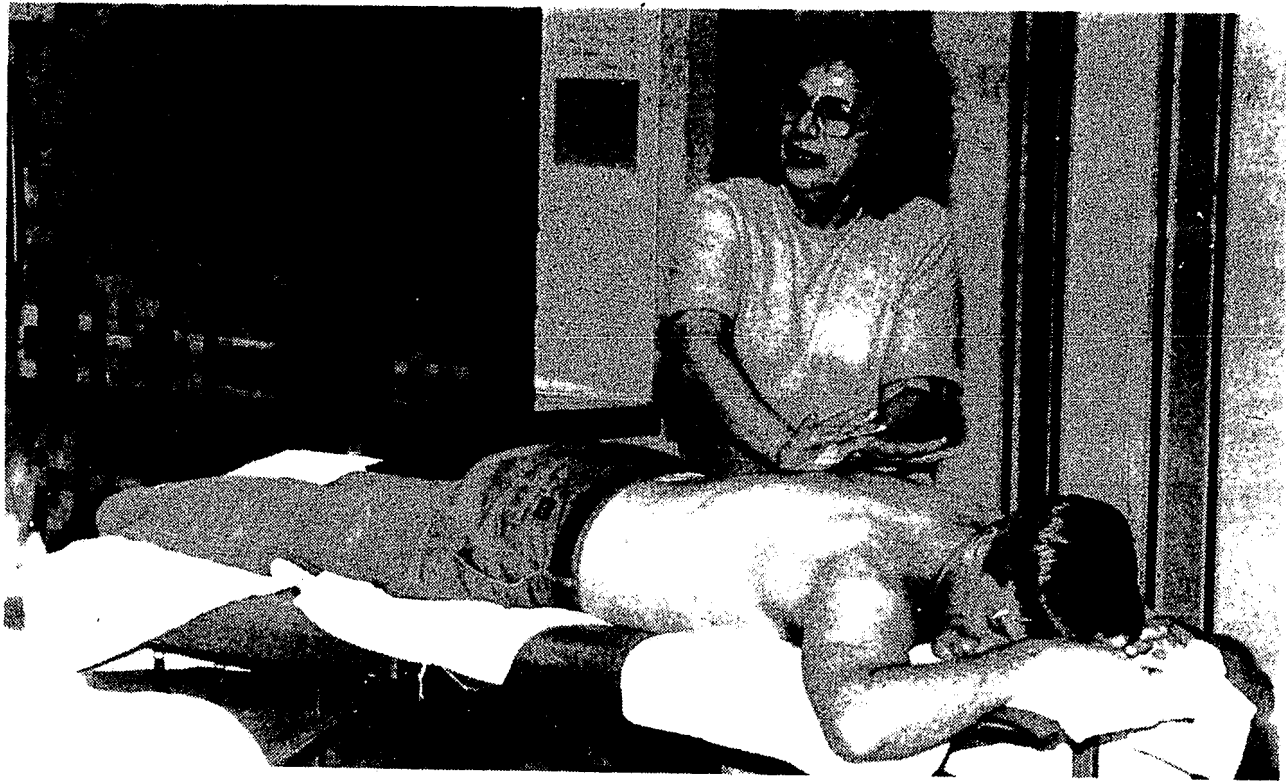
Coming up this winter are cross-country skiing lessons at Independence Oaks Park, a workshop on hospice, "strength" training to tone up muscles for endurance-related tasks like snow shoveling, and light cooking classes. A day trip to the Amish country in Shipshewana, Indiana is planned for May 15.

Registration is ongoing, but if you want a certain class, you need to sign up as soon as possible, Frank says.

Young people from kindergarten through middle-school age will also find plenty to do this winter, says Jeanne Molzon, youth enrichment coordinator. Basketball, cheerleading, dance, karate and tumbling are all popular, as well as Dad/Daughter dances held around Valentine's Day.

Molzon is excited about the new Lego Technic class that will teach kids about movement using simple machines like levers and pulleys.

Adult classes are offered at various school buildings in your area, at night and on weekends. Youth classes are held immediately after school from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Youngsters may register with their school building facilitator the week of Jan. 15 after they are sent home with brochures. Call Clarkston Community Education at 674-0993 for more information about both programs.



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Want to learn to relax and keep your body in shape? Try a hatha yoga class. During the fall semester a session was taught by Sue Zanotti (right).



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The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, January 17, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

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APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY Ortonville Rd & Citation Dr, C-2 Clarkston Pharmacy 08-29-401-010
- Case #96-0007 Stephen Linseman, Petitioner  
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For more information call (810) 625-8111.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary,  
Township Clerk  
Katherine A. Poole  
Secretary

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### CLARKSTON

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING HOURS

Beginning with the January 8, 1996, Council Meeting, the time has been changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

From now on, the City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Artemus M. Pappas  
City Manager

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on January 25, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #95-1-049  
REZONING REQUEST  
John & Julie Burt, Petitioners  
From: R-1R (Rural Residential)  
To: R-1C (Suburban Farm Residential)  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-12-200-001 & 002  
Common Description: 10 Acres, Eston Road at Whipple Lake Road.

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

JOAN E. MCCRARY, CLERK



# Bicyclists start new year off right

## Polar Rhino ride draws 344 on warm Jan. 1

Some were in shape, some weren't. Still others came to pedal off the pounds of Christmas cookies that had accumulated over the holidays.

But most of the 344 bicyclists who took part in the Polar Rhino Ride New Year's Day were smiling when they returned from biking at their own pace down Clarkston's back roads.

The annual event, now in its seventh year, is sponsored by the Kinetic Systems bike shop and Satum North, both of Clarkston. Some who came belong to Kinetic Systems' Flying Rhino Cycling Club, although you didn't have to be a member or city resident to participate.

"People come from all over... We've definitely got all ages," said Louise Kasl, co-owner of Kinetic Systems, who said the store sponsors other tours and races throughout the year.

The event, which kicked off promptly at 1 p.m. from Independence Township Library's parking lot, offered folks two routes: a 17-mile path that varied from flat to rolling and a shorter, 8-mile trip that was considerably tamer. Both looped back to the library where bicyclists recovered with hot drinks, bagels and muffins. A portion of the proceeds went to the library.

The mild, foggy weather didn't draw many complaints.

"There was lots of hard-packed snow. It was gorgeous," said Rosita White of Rochester.

"Very tranquil. The scenery was breathtaking," echoed Mike Postek of Sterling Heights.

*Photostory by Eileen Oxley*



After one or two hours on the road, bicyclists earn the right to snack a little: left to right, Rosita White, Gary Campo and Chris and Mike Loveday.



Ready for the challenge, left to right, are Jeff Diegel, Mike Powers, Hank Brykalski and Heather Lockwood.



Most aren't as mud-splattered as Gary Pearce of Rochester Hills when they return.



It's a first-time experience for West Bloomfield ninth-graders Blake McCann (left) and James Tyler who admit the ride was "fun."

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