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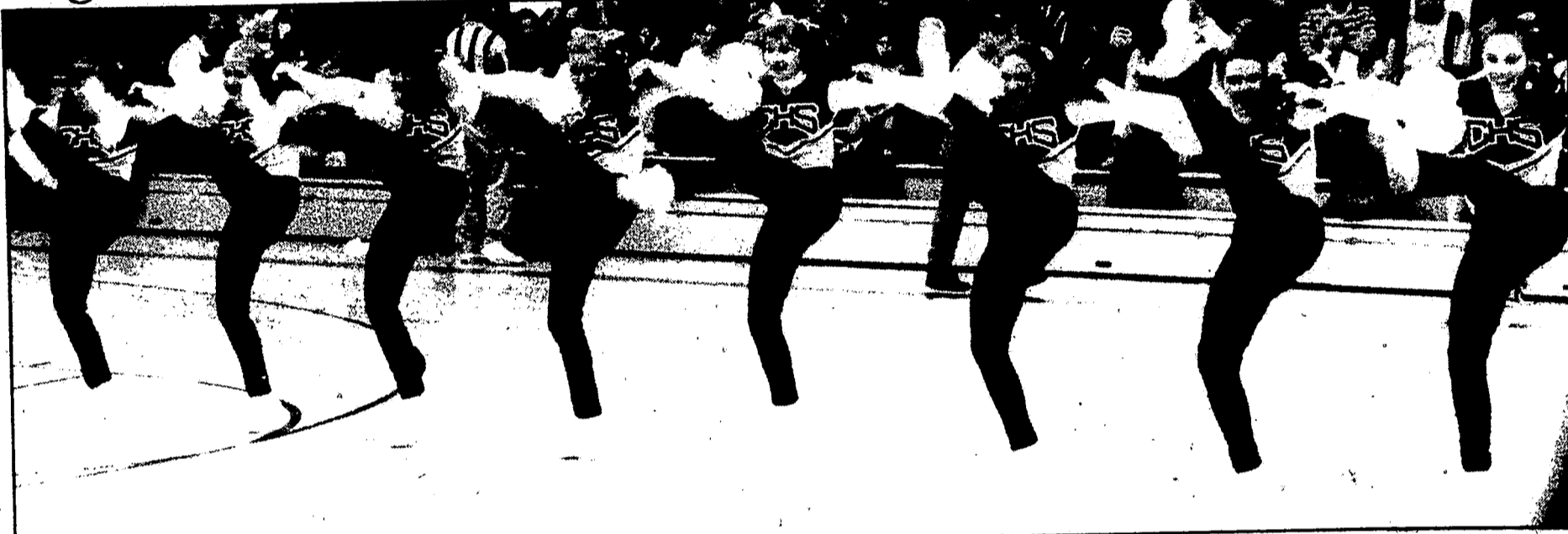
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High-kickin'



The varsity basketball team might get its share of attention, but as evidenced by the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd looking on, the varsity pom squad at Clarkston High School knows how to perform as well. Here, the girls put a little kick into their routine at halftime of the Clarkston - Chippewa Valley game Friday night.

Response has them scratchin' their heads

Iced-over Allen Road gets no attention

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

An accident. A police car stuck on an icy gravel road for an hour and a half trying to get there.

Those were the conditions New Year's Day on Allen Rd. at around 8 p.m. And according to a police report filed by an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy, the Road Commission for Oakland County refused to come out and even inspect the road, let alone do something about the dangerous conditions.

Dep. Steve Mellado wrote in his report that a supervisor in the Road Commission's Davisburg garage refused to send someone out to inspect the road's condition, even when it was pointed out to him that emergency vehicles could not make it down the road to respond to calls. Mellado and another deputy were trying to get to the scene of a non-injury accident on Allen Rd. where the car was left partially in the roadway, creating a hazard. Neither Mellado nor the Road Commission supervisor could be reached for comment.

RCOC spokesman Scott Kingan said conditions were bad that day due to rain and cold temperatures.

"We had had quite a few people out on the road at that time who hadn't had a lot of sleep," he said. "The gravel roads . . . in this area were quite bad. Ordinarily we do not do a great deal initially with back roads. Our first priority is paved roads . . . in order to move a lot of traffic."

Kingan said the Road Commission and law-enforcement agencies communicate regularly and he

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Fire chief Gar Wilson

thinks there is a good relationship. However, Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson said the normally good relations his department has had with the Road Commission in the past seem to have disappeared this year.

"I have called three days in a row, before the freeze came, and said something's got to be done," Wilson said Tuesday. His major complaint was about the gravel portion of Waldon Rd., but he also sees the big picture.

"We've got the worst roads in probably the nation and we're the second-richest county," he said. "Nobody is happy with the Road Commission."

Wilson said the lack of response on road problems translates to a slower response to emergency calls, not to mention expensive wear and tear on vehicles like fire trucks. He said he doesn't know why things have changed this year, but wondered what would happen if the fire department took a similar

approach.

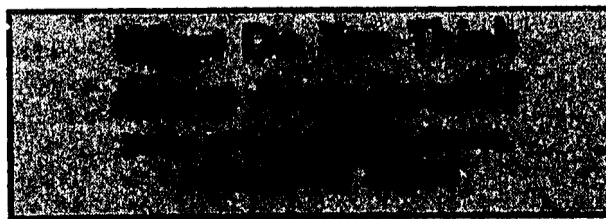
"What would happen if I did it—not pay overtime to fight a fire? . . . I don't know where the problem is but they need a lot of help."

Kingan said that with 2,500 miles of road, 1,000 of them gravel, the Road Commission has no choice but to prioritize.

"We operate on the basis of how many people we have available, what are the priorities," he said. "There is a policy that says we will not generally go out onto these gravel roads unless there is an accident. And it is possible in the course of relaying the message that somebody forgot to say there's an accident . . . One of the reasons is our own vehicles could get stuck . . . Nor do we provide towing services for police cars."

Eventually on New Year's Day, the stuck police car was towed out by a tow truck. Temperatures rose above freezing and Road Commission workers were sent home. Kingan said the incident does not illustrate any breakdown in the relationship between the various agencies involved.

"It would be a misrepresentation of reality to say we don't cooperate with law enforcement personnel. We do."



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The news in brief

New fire station expected to open this month

Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson said he blames the delay in the completion of the new fire station on the usual things — the holidays and fine-tuning the finishing touches.

Though everything's ready — even the furniture's there — construction details need to be checked and finalized before both the fire department and the Oakland County Sheriff's substation can move into their new digs on Citation Drive next to the courthouse. Oct. 1, the original move-in date, was next changed to Nov. 1 because of delays, Wilson said. He expects the station's doors to finally open Jan 15.

Mail theft solved

A mother who found a stack of mail on her daughter's bed may have solved a mystery for some residents in the Eston Rd. area.

The Clarkston woman brought her 14-year-old daughter into the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation Jan. 3. There the girl told deputies that she had gone to a group of mailboxes at Eston and Clearview to get her own mail and ran into three boys going through mailboxes looking for money. The girl said she and a 14-year-old girlfriend joined in and she eventually took some of the mail home. She said she didn't find any money.

At least one resident of the area notified the OCSD of missing mail, which was found the next day in a ditch on S. Eston near Clintonville. The case remains under investigation.

CHS Drama Club presents annual Theatre-A-Thon

Nine hours of music, drama and variety will be presented free of charge at Clarkston High School Friday.

The CHS drama club will present Theatre-A-Thon, a succession of short pieces including one-act plays and performances by the music department, in the school's auditorium from 3 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free but there will be a raffle and donations will be accepted as well.

Club member Rick Davies said the extravaganza will be family oriented so all ages are welcome. The club's Children's Theater will perform at 7 p.m. In addition, the CHS jazz band will perform at 3 p.m., followed by the Madrigal Singers. In all, about 100 students will participate.

Calling all brides and brides to be

On Feb. 12 The Clarkston News will publish a special bridal section, just in time for Valentine's Day. If you are planning a wedding or were recently married, your announcement can appear in this special edition. Send photos and announcements to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346 no later than Feb. 3. For more information call 625-3370.

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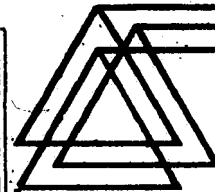
Dr. LePere continues to provide Ambulatory Care as well as Family Practice, as he has for the past 36 years.



Four generations of the Church family are patients of Dr. LePere, beginning with Davisburg resident Ora Diericks' first visit nearly 37 years ago. Pictured are (clockwise from top left): Mike Church of Clarkston, his daughter Jennifer Hertel of Pontiac, his mother Ora Diericks, Dr. LePere, and Bethany Hertel, sitting on her grandmother, Valerie Church's, lap. Dr. LePere is a proud sponsor of Bethany, 3, a state finalist in the Miss American Co-ed Princess Division contest.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Piper

Rush - Piper

Nancy C. Rush and Alexander J. Piper were married Friday, Sept. 6, 1996 at the Christ Lutheran Church.

The bride is the daughter of Shirley Rush of Clarkston and the late Donald Rush. She is a 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School. The groom is a 1989 graduate of Warren Woods Tower High School. He is the son of Helen Piper and the late Philip Piper.

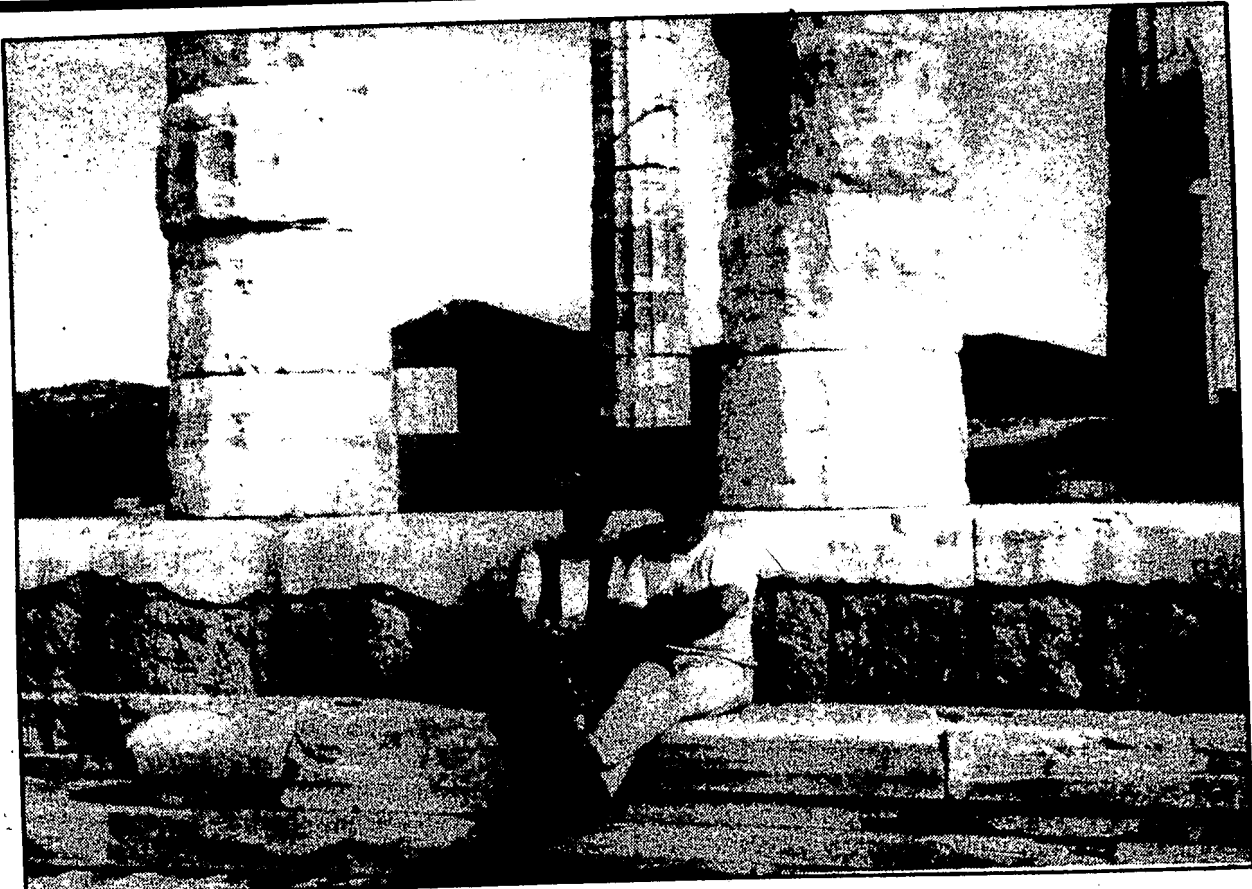
The maid of honor was Kelly Wittenburg, while the best man was Chris Piper. The reception was at Mitch's II in Waterford and the couple now resides in St. Clair Shores.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Misiak

Misiak - Pepino

Kyle Lynn Pepino and Matthew John Misiak were married Sept. 13 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. The reception was at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now resides in Holly.



Locals to Greece

Several Clarkston-area residents joined Tom and Carrie Wilford on a journey to Greece in September. The Wilfords, formerly of Clarkston, now lead travel groups abroad and have a loyal

following here. They are pictured at the Temple of Poseidon in the town of Sounion. The Greece trip included Athens, Santorini, Mykonos the island of Delos and many ancient ruins.

School news

● The following Clarkston students were fall 1996 degree candidates from Michigan State University: **Buffy Deuel**, BA, human resource management; **Andrea Dever**, BA, marketing; **Matthew Marsden**, BA, political theory and constitutional democracy; **Mary Ellen O'Rourke**, BA, communication; and **David Williams**, BA, advertising with high honors.

● **Denise Caston** of Clarkston is a member of the Oakland Dance Theatre of Oakland University and participated in "Breaking New Ground," an evening of dance works by OU faculty and students in November.

● The following students received degrees at Eastern Michigan University's winter commencement Dec. 15: from Clarkston, **Stacy Braun**, BS; **Michele Green**, BS; **Jason Martin**, BS; **Janice Pelath**, BS. From Davisburg, **Andrew Winogradsky**, BFA.

● Three local students graduated in May from Siena Heights College. **Susan Lovelace** received a BA in business administration and **Cynthia Matusko** received a BA in general studies, both from Adrian's Southfield program. **Christopher Reed** received a BFA in art from the main campus in Adrian.

● Three local students completed requirements for degrees from Ferris State University this summer. **Edward Everhard** received a bachelor of science in business in business administration and **Derek Marshall** received a bachelor of science in business in advertising. Both are from Clarkston. **Daniel Stuk** of Davisburg received a BS in industrial and environmental health management.

● Sixty years after his grandfather passed the Michigan bar, **Christian Gillis** did the same thing. A former Clarkston resident, Gillis recently passed the bar in New York State and is now working in White Plains. That makes him the fourth generation of lawyer in his family, including his grandfather, the late **Ronald A. Walker**, his father, **Ronald L. Walter**, and his great-grandfather. Gillis is the son of **Carol Walter** of Clarkston.

In service

● **Air Force Senior Airman Jason Blehm** has re-enlisted in the U. S. Air Force after three years of service. He is a crew chief with the 71st Rescue Squadron at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, Fla. and the son of **Fredrick and Sandra Blehm** of Holly. His wife **Becky** is the daughter of **Catherine Miner** of Davisburg.



Birdwell-Stover

Walt and Nancy Birdwell of Lapeer announce the engagement of their daughter **Michelle Lee Birdwell** to **David Lawrence Stover**. Parents of the groom-to-be are **Lawrence "Smokey" and Margie Stover** of Clarkston. The May, 1997 wedding will take place in Depot Park in Clarkston.

Eastsider takes helm at Clarkston Post Office

Former mailman rises to postmaster

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Though Clarkston's carriers make fewer stops than those in St. Clair Shores, new postmaster Gabe Viviano says he expects the same challenges.

At the St. Clair Shores post office, where he formerly worked, deliveries average 30,000 as compared to 15,000 here. But "Clarkston is a growing area with a wider delivery area," Viviano said Monday, his first official day at the M-15 location. The urban, largely developed St. Clair Shores is more compact, he said, but younger Independence Township is "more spread out" with large rural chunks.

Viviano began his career in St. Clair Shores 20 years ago after a postal-worker friend told him it was "a good job." He started as a clerk, where you were likely to meet his gaze over the counter, buying stamps or weighing packages. He rose through the ranks with successive jobs as a mail sorter, postal carrier and various management positions before becoming officer in charge. When he made a pitch for the post left vacant by former Clarkston postmaster Richard Neal, who relocated, he was hired.

"So now, I guess I am a full-fledged postmaster," he said with a chuckle.

Viviano has many goals for the township, but the primary focus will be on improving customer service. In fact, that's a nation-wide goal, as the U.S. Post Office moves into the wave of the future — postal stores.

Clarkston's plan, currently under scrutiny by the township's planning commission, is to tear down the Oakland County Sheriff's substation next to the M-15



New Clarkston postmaster Gabe Viviano shows off one item you won't have to buy at the new postal store because it's always free: Priority Mail packaging.

The changes being planned at the Clarkston Post Office are in keeping with the agency's vision to become more user-friendly.

Rite-Aid and build a new service center. The old postal building will be used strictly for processing and deliveries and eventually expand, although there's no target date.

The new store is slated to continue customer service needs like mailing letters and packages, but will feature a retail area which people can browse while waiting. Now customers will be able to pick out many things themselves, from stamps to packaging materials to postal souvenirs, Viviano said.

Customers will also be happy with increased parking, one of the complaints long dealt with at the Clarkston branch. Rows of parking stretch from the new site to M-15.

It's all in keeping with the U.S. Post Office's "vision:" to be more customer- and user-friendly, Viviano said.

"We want the people to know what we do here is geared toward providing them with the service they expect. We appreciate the public... We're going through a lot of changes in the postal service right now, things that will benefit customers," he said.

Ralph Messer, who has been officer in charge in Clarkston since Neal left, said there are also things folks can do to help — and Viviano couldn't agree more. Residents can make sure their names and addresses are clearly marked on mailboxes, Messer said, which especially aids substitute carriers. Traditionally, in rural areas, mailboxes are often clustered so definition helps.

A current resident of St. Clair Shores, where he lives with his wife and 5-year-old daughter, Viviano says plans for a full family move to Clarkston are definitely in the works. But first, he wants to familiarize himself with the area.

For now he makes the daily jog to Clarkston — a 42-mile, 45-minute ride each way.

It's long, he admits, but "it gives me time to unwind and think about what I want to do."

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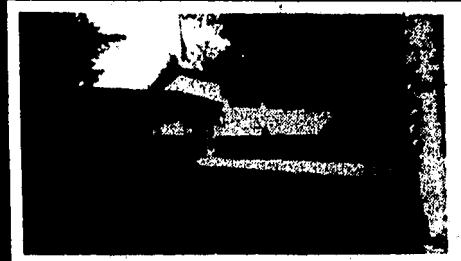
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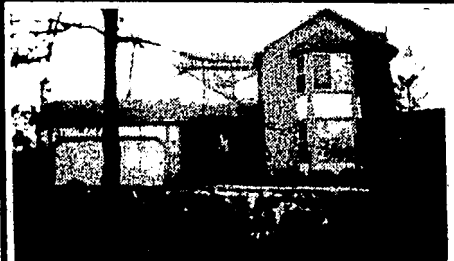
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DAR seeking patriots' relatives

2 Revolutionary War veterans' graves to be marked this spring; local chapter seeks Clark, Merrell descendants

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

There are 71 Clarks listed in the Clarkston phone book. The question is, are any of them related to Jeremiah Clark?

Jeremiah Clark (sometimes also spelled Clarke) was a member of the family for whom Clarkston was named. A Revolutionary War soldier, he came here late in his life, died here in 1845 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery. He is one of two Revolutionary War veterans whose graves will be marked by the Sashabaw Plains Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution this year, and the DAR is looking for descendants.

In addition to Clark, the grave of Caleb Merrell (also spelled Merrill) will also be marked, and the DAR is looking for Merrell's relatives also. Having relatives at the ceremony who can help fill in the gaps in the patriots' lives makes it so much more meaningful, said DAR treasurer Rae Anderson.

"There's not a whole lot of patriots who made it out this far (west)," Anderson said. "Some of them did when they were elderly. So there are a few and we want to make sure they are honored."

Anderson said the 35-member Sashabaw Plains Chapter uses its funds to place markers at the grave of such veterans. Funds are raised through a booth at the annual Crafts and Cider Festival each fall. Each marker costs \$750. "It's a lot of money for our group," she said.

Anderson said she would be shocked if there weren't relatives of Clark in the area since he had 14 children. As for Merrell, "That's the one we're not so sure (of)," she said. It's known he had one son and two grandchildren.

Pension records show Merrell was a commis-

sioned officer during the Revolution and participated in the battles of Bennington, Bemis Heights, Saratoga and Stillwater and participated in the surrender of British General John Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777. He was at one time taken prisoner and transported to Canada for confinement.

Born in Massachusetts, he came to Oakland County with his son John in 1833 and died in Springfield Township in 1842 at the age of 88. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, and his grave was marked in 1908 by a Pontiac Chapter of the DAR.

Clark was born in Connecticut and served just 60 days in the Revolutionary military. His father, also named Jeremiah, was a judge and member of the first convention of delegates from towns in July, 1776, according to the Vermont Historical Society. After the war he moved to New Jersey, then New York before coming to Michigan. He came to Clarkston, where his sons had already settled, and died here in 1845 at the age of 78.

His grave was marked by the Pontiac DAR chapter the same date as Merrell's was, according to Michigan military records. But Anderson's not so sure.

"Right now there's no markers," she said. "I believe what they did was graveside ceremonies." Clarkston has only had its own DAR chapter in recent years, and now the group is making up for lost time; it marked another grave last summer and a large contingent of relatives turned out. "It meant a lot to them and it made it a nicer day," she said. This year's ceremony is planned for spring, although no date has been set yet.

Anderson said anyone who can prove they descended from a Revolutionary War patriot is eligible to join the DAR.

If you are a relative of Clark or Merrell, call Anderson at 620-1888 or Georgina Miller at 627-4549.



The Parsonage's new location on Church St.

Planning commission OK's Parsonage plan for Church St.

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The first hurdle has been cleared for the Parsonage in its effort to change downtown locations.

On Monday night the Clarkston Planning Commission recommended approval of variances for the Parsonage's new location on Church St. across from Fire Station 1. According to planning commission chairman David Huttenlocher, the board gave the nod to the Parsonage subject to approval from other boards on the final site plan approval.

"We're done with it now," he said. "Now, they have to go to the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) to get the necessary variances because it's a non-conforming structure, then get final site plan approval from the (city) council."

Among the variances Parsonage owners Shirley Wilson and Diane Bilstein are seeking are a waiver of the required six-foot obscuring wall between a commercial and residential building. The Parsonage shares a driveway with a neighboring residential home, and the wall would have to intersect that driveway in order to go up. A variance is also being sought on a required 25-foot greenbelt setback which is required before parking can be added.

The ZBA will hear the Parsonage's case at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the village hall.

The floral business is moving from Main Street downtown to its new Church Street location.

Easing into New Year's resolution

"Lack of physical activity is detrimental to your health."

So said the U. S. Surgeon General in a May, 1996 report. And as the new year dawns, millions of Americans are probably thinking about doing something about it.

The Oakland Athletic Club says New Year's resolutions don't have to be difficult, and offers 10 ways to incorporate fitness and weight management into your daily routine:

- Always eat a healthy breakfast.
- Use the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator.
- Park in the furthest parking spot.
- Take a 10-minute stretch break at the office.

● Get up 20 minutes early and do some basic calisthenics.

- Take a 15-minute walk after dinner.
- Play an active physical game with your children when you get home from work.
- Do some abdominal exercise during commercials while watching TV.
- Go on a brisk walk at lunch.
- Drink eight to 10 glasses of water a day and limit caffeine.

Noting that an estimated 250,000 Americans die prematurely due to lack of physical activity, the Surgeon General's report compared sedentary living to smoking one pack of cigarettes a day.

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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

*Voting a
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some abuse*

Here's how it usually goes when I show up to vote: I wave my voter registration card under the election worker's nose—not interested. I sign a form, giving my name, address and birthdate; the clerk searches for my name in the big book, finds me, and sends me to the ballot box.

I guess these days in Michigan that's what passes for verifying your eligibility to vote. Of course, you had to be registered first, and presumably such technicalities as citizenship, etc. were checked then. Or are they?

Our state legislature recently enacted a law making a photo ID a requirement for voting. This is supposed to rule out voter fraud. It passed along straight party lines. The Democrats are furious, arguing that it will discourage voters, that the state isn't plagued with voter fraud and election workers already do a good job of verifying eligibility.

But do they?

A few years ago a Canadian woman got into hot water locally when it was revealed she was voting though not a US citizen. In the wake of that brouhaha, another Canadian I know revealed to me that she also votes, albeit selectively, knowing full well she's ineligible.

Somewhere along the line, verification of eligibility to vote is being shirked. While Governor Engler recently came under fire for his resistance to the Motor Voter law, our state has apparently been falling down on this job for years.

You can now register to vote at the Secretary of State's office. But does anyone verify your right to register? What about citizenship, felony conviction and other things that might make you ineligible?

I spoke with Rep. Tom Middleton (R., Brandon) about the problem, and he admitted not all loopholes have been closed, but he hopes the new law is a start and feels something needed to be done.

It used to be that you could only register at your local clerk's office. It used to be that your name was removed from the voting list if you didn't vote for six years. No more. And while none of us likes to think voter fraud goes on, Middleton cited an experience from the last election that made it apparent some people are knowingly voting illegally.

So, in addition to requiring a photo ID, the legislature has made it a felony to vote illegally. Before, there were no penalties. Hopefully that will help.

Critics of the new law say it will discourage voting. Middleton admits he heard from local township clerks both before and after he voted for the measure, and they were unhappy about it.

The very fact that such a law had to be considered is a shame. Our voter turnout (see editorial, this page) is abysmal already; we don't need to do anything to discourage it further.

So I called the Secretary of State's office, hoping to reassure myself that they are doing all they can at their end to make sure people registering are indeed eligible.

Spokesperson Liz Boyd said basically it's up to the person to be honest. "By signing the application they certify they are a citizen" she said.

Gee, I feel better now.

Editorial

Poor voter turnout unworthy of Clarkston

Is a 16-percent turnout a valid measurement for an election?

There are very few elections in which you get more than one crack at winning. Whoever wins the presidential election, no matter how small the turnout, is the winner—period. School trustee elections traditionally have low turnout, but no one ever questions the results. Apathy is expected.

In last month's school millage election, only 16 percent of the registered voters participated and the proposal was defeated. As has become commonplace in Michigan, the board of education will try again.

Why? Because they say they are being bombarded with messages that voters want them to try again. Because they feel the low turnout may not have been indicative of the community's true feelings. And because they feel there is a real need for the money requested.

In rebuttal, several letters to the editor have been published in the last few weeks expressing outrage that the board doesn't understand that no means no. We feel these writers have a valid point too, and are providing the board of education with a point of view they might not otherwise be hearing.

But the real crux of the issue is this: Why aren't people voting?

Thousands and thousands of registered voters

skipped the election that, had it been successful, would have cost them real money at tax time. Whether you have children in school or not, if you are a property owner in the district, the bond issue affects you.

But it goes deeper than that: Why do Americans not feel the need to exercise their hard-won democratic right? Why should they have to be prodded to do the right thing?

Last fall Clarkston school children were educated about voting, went to the polls with their parents and voted in a mock election for president. They began learning what it means to vote, that they have important choices and a voice in determining the future of their country. They also learned that Americans have the poorest voting record in the free world. Some lesson.

No one is saying we always vote the smartest way; some would say we get the results we deserve. But that's really a flip way of saying if you don't vote, you can't complain about the results.

After the dismal turnout in December, you can't blame the board of education for being confused and wanting to try again. Their task will be to win a more sizeable turnout next time so the results can provide a more resounding answer—a bang, not a whimper.

Then, if voters say no again, the board will have to live with it. But meanwhile, we agree that they have good reasons to try again. AK



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Just jottin'

Every time I read of a politician promising something I feel like looking up an abortion clinic, 'cause I just know whatever is suggested I can live without.

Last November Secretary of Defense William Perry, since resigned, visited our troops in Bosnia. Among other things, he said, "You are doing the work of the Lord." Two questions have been recurring in my mind ever since. 1. Has Bill Clinton been elevated to this new height? 2. Who is Perry to determine that our Lord approves what the United States is doing in Bosnia?

I don't know why I write unanswerable questions when I dislike reading them from other columnists, but just one or two more. Who pays for summits? When heads of state come here, do we pick up the tab and vice versa? I'm sure it's another case of our tax dollars being at work.

It is my belief that producers of products that reduce odor, absorb, protect, make cycles more comfortable, relieve itching, reduce swelling and promote regularity are directly responsible for the decline in morals of an increasing number of people in our world. Then when these producers direct their promotions at family dinner time, a time of prayer and bonding, we can only conclude these masterminds of advertising messages deliberately intend to lower our morals even further. It's very demoralizing to have these industrialists assume every one of us have difficulties when using our private orifices. Our morals were so much higher when we whispered orders to our druggist and were handed the product wrapped in

brown paper.

Bill Matus was director of Camp Oakland for 30 years. Hundreds of boys and girls went through the "Ranches" in Oxford. Some of the longer staying residents kept in touch with Bill. On a recent trip to New Mexico Bill looked up one of 'boys.' We knew him, too. He's a good kid, graduated from Oxford High, but had maybe a little different attitude. Bill said the lad and his wife were having some difficulties and former Rancher suggested they see a marriage counselor. The wife said, "No, I need to find myself." He said, "Right! Go get yourself an apartment and find yourself."

Bill Patterson says he remembers when charity was virtue, not an organization.

Letter to the editor

New Year's bright for homebound

Thanks to Kroger's of Clarkston for donating a ham to Independence Senior Meals-on-Wheels for New Year's lunch. The Mark Frechette family prepared and delivered the meals to our homebound seniors. Many thanks to all our volunteers.

Sarah Brown
Hostess-Senior Center

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1982)

Developer Hugh Garner moves full-speed ahead with plans to build an \$18 million senior citizens' village on 30 acres near Dixie Highway and I-75. The project is to be built in phases, with groundbreaking planned this year. Garner says he envisions the development will be modeled after the Porter Hills village hailed by the Independence Township Task Force on Senior Citizens in its preliminary report to the board last week.

Clarkston schools superintendent Milford Mason says the expected loss of 250 to 300 pupils spells a drop in income for the district in the 1982-83 school year. Mason figures a "rough projection" of a \$611,000 loss in revenue if enrollment for the next school year declines by 300.

Following in the footsteps of his father Daniel Travis, Dan Travis, 13, tests the political waters by lobbying for recognition of a school committee composed of schoolmates to act as liaison between township government and the student body. The committee's goal would be to win a local community center.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

Independence Township appears to be headed toward a special election to fill the vacant post of township clerk, following the resignation of former clerk Howard Altman last fall. Township board interviews with 11 candidates Saturday fail to turn up one person that all four members of the township board can agree upon. The special election would probably be held in March.

An effort to rectify parking problems in the village is being undertaken by the Clarkston Village Council. Plans call for enforcement of Village Ordinance 67, which permits only parallel parking in the same direction as the street traffic, and adopting a new ordinance which would ban parking on all village streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The Clarkston varsity Wolves chalk up two vic-

ories in their 1971-72 season record, largely because of sophomore Gary Mason. Mason sparks the Wolves to a non-league 85-64 win over Warren Woods, scoring 17 points during his first game on the varsity squad.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

Clarkston, Waterford and Keego Harbor fire departments battle a blaze for four hours that levels the Community Activities Building in Waterford. Though the alarm comes in at 10:21 p.m., a strong wind fans the flames and a lack of water facilities causes the firemen to resort to pumping water from Huntoon Lake, about a half-mile away.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in "The Big Sleep" and Eleanor Parker, Alexis Smith and Paul Henreid in "Of Human Bondage." Showing at the Drayton Theatre are Bob Hope and Joan Caulfield in "Monsieur Beaucaire" and Richard Denning and Mona Freeman in "Black Beauty."

Specials at the Village Market include fresh dressed chickens, 46 cents a pound; peanuts, 29 cents a pound; gingerbread mix, 21 cents a box; Hunt Club Dog Food, a five-pound bag for 51 cents; and Roman Cleanser, 13 cents a half gallon.

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

Clarkston State Bank holds its annual stockholders meeting. Excellent earnings are reported for 1936 with a deposit increase of \$160,000. New directors J.H. Alger, T.J. Foley, G.H. Harris, G.D. King, G.A. Walter and C.G. Waterbury are elected.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone in "Love on the Run," Joan Bennett and Cary Grant in "Wedding Present" and Jane Withers and Slim Summerville in "Can This Be Dixie?"

Specials at Rudy's include short ribs, a dime a pound; veal stew, 16 cents a pound; fresh-packed figs, 10 cents a pound; corn flakes, two large boxes for 23 cents; and tissue, six for a quarter,

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Observations of the moment



It was with great joy I watched "America's Team," the Dallas Cowboys get trounced, this past Sunday. I reckon that wouldn't be the case were I resident of Texas, Pard'ner.

But, what a shame, Pilgrim, I live in northeast Oakland County, Michigan. There's just something about that team that cheeses me to no end. I even enjoy watching the San Francisco Forty-niners beat Dallas.

I guess money can't buy everything. And, sometimes, just sometimes the little guys do win. 1997 is looking better all the time.

Monday night, Fox 2 News televised a story about Oxford -- the little hamlet where Oakland County ends, and Lapeer County starts. They did a piece on suicide attempts by local students.

While I hate to hear of such news, a little sin entered my heart. I felt pride in the fact that our newspaper, The Oxford Leader, was the first to break that story to the community. Since, daily newspapers from our county, and even the Detroit Free Press have published articles. The television news cast was the last (that I know of).

Once again, to me, this shows the importance of a community newspaper. This story may have never come to light were it not for the newsstaff of our "little po-dunct" newspaper. This is a story that needs to be out in the public; this is a story communities need to come to grips with. One that can't rolled under a rock. And to say you didn't know about it is ignorance. There is no excuse.

To their credit Oxford Schools is not turning their

heads. They're meeting the problem head on -- so are the folks in the Orion school district. Nobody likes to read, or write about such a crisis, but we must. Does anybody doubt the value of community newspapers like ours?

The Leader, The Clarkston News, The Lake Orion Review and The Citizen (all sister papers) are vital to a well-connected community. While we may not have all the frills of larger, more affluent operations, we are still out in the trenches, sluggin' it out every day.

Ours is an important job -- one I feel no one else can duplicate.

Sorry for tooting our own horn here, but if I don't nobody else will (I know, get off the soapbox, Rush -- so, I'm getting off already, relax).

Speaking of community -- why do people like yourselves chose to live in our rural community? What is it? I've lived in the area all but eight years of my life. But, there is a large contingent of you relatively new to the area (one to five years).

Why did you chose to live in our remote area and subject yourselves to long, slow rush-hour commutes? Let me know, I think it'll be interesting. Write down your likes and dislikes -- things we in the community can do to better our life's quality.

Write 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Consumers Power Co. has a new name. As of Jan. 1, 1997 the company is now being referred to as Consumers Energy.

People Poll

By Eileen McCarville

Who should the Lions hire as their new coach?

JEFF DAVIS, CLARKSTON: I'd say Dan Reeves. I think the players would respect him because of his experience and personality. He doesn't have to be the center of attention. He's a basic coach and he knows football. Whether they'll spend any money or not to get him is another question.



DAVID GILLIKIN, CLARKSTON: I would say, I'd like to see somebody with a little bit of experience, not a college coach. Jim Mora. He used to coach the New Orleans Saints.



JON ANDERSON, GRAND BLANC: I would like to see Chris Spielman be the new head coach, but he won't come back as the coach. Why would he want to?

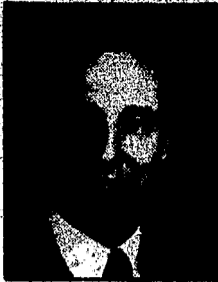


TRACI SENKOWSKI, WATERFORD: Pete Carroll, an assistant coach for the San Francisco 49'ers, because San Francisco's been in the playoffs for the last few years.



CHUCK RONDINONE, CLARKSTON: Dan Reeves. I think he's a good coach. I think he brings the maturity and the discipline the Lions need.





Superintendent's corner

By Al Roberts, Ed. D., Clarkston school superintendent

How do we assure safety in construction?

No one is more concerned about the safety of children than your public school system. That's why recent questions which implied we were building an unsafe high school seemed, at first glance, to be irrelevant. But we think the public needs to know it can trust us to do the job right.

There were two questions in particular which I believe should be addressed:

- Why can you build a school without an inspection from our local building department?
- Who is it that guarantees the safety of new school construction?

In Michigan, the construction of public buildings like schools, hospitals, and some medical facilities must follow building codes which are imposed as a standard across the state. These state-level codes supercede all local building codes because laws vary greatly from place to place and the state wishes to guarantee public safety and health in all municipalities.

When it comes to school buildings, the state imposes additional considerations unique to the safety of children. For example, ingress and egress must accommodate the need to evacuate youngsters from the building quickly in case of an emergency. Additionally, all buildings must have a "safe" area for protection should a natural disaster strike.

When our architects, who have considerable experience in the construction of schools, began the new high school project, they planned the building and site to satisfy Michigan's specific codes of safety, health and construction. In addition, the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act were taken into account as the building was designed.

Once building construction is underway, the Michigan State Police Department Fire Marshal's

Division takes on the responsibility for inspecting the work. The Fire Marshal inspections are the equivalent of an overall building inspection and ensure that all state codes are properly met. Safety is their primary concern. In addition to scrutiny by the State Fire Marshal, the State Department of Labor regularly inspects the installation of electrical, plumbing, heat, and ventilation systems. A weekly overview by the architect and the Soil Management Engineer are also part of the process which assures quality. The SME confirms safe construction by checking things like the strength of the concrete, soil-bearing capacities, the tightness of nuts on bolts, and the correctness of all work. Later in the process the county health department will inspect areas like the kitchen to ensure high sanitation standards.

Our construction management firm, A.J. Etkin, represents our interests on the site on a full-time, daily basis. Their work is vastly different from that of a building contractor because they make sure that what is put into place meets the specifications of the designers as well as state safety codes. If portions of the process are not done correctly, they are replaced or repaired.

You can see in this brief overview that much of our time and effort is going to guarantee that our new high school will be safe, functional and beautiful. Neither the school district, the construction manager, nor the architect would want to build something that might hurt our children.

I have said it before and I'll say it again: in the final analysis the new Clarkston High School will be a gem, a first-rate and SAFE facility, the best building we can get at the cost predetermined by our voters. A source of community pride? You bet!

Clarkston Community Task Force

By Vickie Wilke

First year a success

The Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth has had a busy and successful first year. Many concerned individuals and organizations have come together in varying capacities with a common goal - to not only acknowledge the existing productive activities and assets of our youth, but to increase each individual's assets, thereby making the young person less likely to choose a troublesome lifestyle.

Young people in every kind of community are at risk for the very real epidemics of substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, violence, and educational failure. The Task Force began through a deep concern and many of these areas have been addressed this year.

Along with the establishment of by-laws, steering committee and subcommittees, the group has begun development of a resource directory. It has also compiled community surveys, distributed information about parenting and workshops, investigated and encouraged mentoring and youth activities (ie. youth center and parks and recreation) and pursued the acquisition of funding to assist in the goals of the Task Force. (A grant from the Governor's Discretionary Fund is currently being considered.)

The group has been meeting monthly at 7 a.m. at the Clintonwood Carriage House with the steering committee and subcommittees meeting in between. To allow more parents and community members to

attend, it has been requested that general task force meetings be held in the evening. This will be done beginning in January.

There will be a Steering Committee breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. on December 19, 1996 at the Clintonwood Carriage House. The next general meeting of the Task Force will be held at the Clintonwood Senior Center on Thursday, January 16, 1997, at 7 p.m.

Subsequent meetings will be as follows:

Steering Committee: (Clintonwood Carriage House, 7 a.m.) - Thur. February 20, Thur. April 17, Thur. June 19.

General Meetings: (Clintonwood Senior Center, 7 p.m.) - Thur. January 16, Thur. March 20, Thur. May 15.

Our young people are worth our time and sacrifice. They deserve strong guidance and leadership, and each of us can be instrumental in rebuilding a positive family and community foundation. You can make a difference. Please consider sharing your valuable time and insight, whether it be as parents, clergy, educators, professionals, senior citizens or young people.

All are welcome at steering committee and general meetings. For further information, please contact Diane St. Peter (625-0821) or Frieda Arpoika (625-1750).

CHS life

By Meghann Smith



Back to school! Well, sort of, we were only gone for two weeks but technically it only takes four days to be completely in vacation mode and not remember how to function in school.

First off is the waking up part. At 5:30 or 6 in the morning, instead of the usual 10:30, we are wrenched from a peaceful dream state into full awareness by an annoying beeping or an even more annoying radio broadcaster. It never fails that my wake-up calls are either a radio announcer's sugar-coated laugh in my ear or an awful song that shouldn't be allowed on the airwaves overpowering my brain, intending to be stuck in my head for the next 24 hours.

We somehow manage to lift our two-ton eyelids and open our eyes. In a sleep-like trance we slowly get out of bed, one body part at a time, and proceed to stumble into the bathroom where an always too-bright light blinds us.

Studies show that in the early morning hours you are ten times more likely to stub your toe. So, after your poor little toes say hello to your younger brother's step stool and you are done biting your lip, holding the damaged toe and hopping around on one foot, you can splash your face in freezing water in an attempt to awaken the nerve endings in your brain. With your luck, more than likely, you get soap in your eyes and the idea of home-schooling becomes more and more appealing as you search for your towel.

Then, after arriving at school you find yourself staring at a skinny metal door without a clue. Spinning the black dial you wonder how, in just two weeks, you managed to forget something you're required to know at least eight times a day. While numbers spin through your head (5-28-35? 37-16-0? 1-2-3?) you look down a few feet to see somebody kicking and punching his locker door in a sorry attempt to get in. Though the locker hasn't even a scratch, his knuckles are black and blue and he can't stand on his left foot. Thankfully, before you have a nervous breakdown, your locker partner, whom you usually hate for all the normal reasons (i.e. she has too many books or he's always leaving smelly gym clothes in the locker over the weekend), shows up and enters the combination without missing a beat. (So it was 5-16-3, well you would have come up with that eventually, right?) When you're rescuing your books that locker 801 was holding hostage the minute bell rings. You find yourself rushing to first hour, trying to remember if you were assigned homework two weeks ago.

Welcome back!

New school offers specialized training

A new charter school offering automotive and construction training in Oakland County will open Jan. 21.

New Directions Institute will host an orientation Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at its facility at 196 Oakland Ave., Pontiac. Enrollment is open to anyone who has earned enough credit to enter 10th or 11th grade. The school will offer the opportunity to earn a high-school diploma while training in either the automotive or construction trades. There is no tuition.

New Directions is chartered by Saginaw Valley State University and sponsored by the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency with management provided by the Leona Group. Many auto-industry businesses have made major donations of equipment, software and furniture.

For information on enrolling, call the admissions office at 810-452-9283.

Send your milestones to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346

Letters to the Editor

Throwing money at schools may make some residents feel better

As a homeowner for over 22 years in Independence Township and parent of a child who very successfully navigated the Clarkston public school system and has completed one master's degree, I have read many reasons for the defeat of a \$52.5 million bond proposal on December 9.

Trustee M. McLean expressed "disappointment" and "part apathy" for the defeat. Board President W. McGregor indicated, "...we need to take stock of what happened and get right back at it." Someone else mentioned "low voter turnout."

A certain part of me is disappointed, but whether 13% or 83% voter turnout, the proposal was defeated. Perhaps a potential reason for the defeat is township residents may just be fed up with taxation.

By a statewide vote, the State of Michigan recently took a major portion of our property taxes, destined for schools, and transferred these taxes into the state sales tax, increasing the sales tax from 4% to 6%. And property taxes went down. Life is good.

But enter our local school board!

With a stroke of the pen and reported "grueling" efforts, space has now become an issue and Clarkston needs a bond issue for expansion of our classrooms. Do you feel taxes creeping upwards?

But why did I vote "no" in this bond issue? This past year, a bond issue was presented and passed for a new high school - \$58 million. Wow, I thought. That will really build a neat high school with numerous amenities for our community.

The first thing that happened is several "adjustments" needed to be made in the new school plan in order to meet the budget. Wait! Adjustments on \$58 million?

I am not a construction, architectural or building expert. I thought voters approved a particular plan, a particular seating arrangement, a particular pool, for a particular dollar amount. But that isn't the case. Modifications have been made and made and made.

Has the school board heard of Guaranteed Maximum Price? This is another way of stating how much there is to spend. Build a school that the community voted on and have the general contractor bring the project to completion for the amount specified. Then, if the project runs above the \$58 million voted, the cost is out-of-pocket expense for the general contractor.

Who looks out for the Clarkston public schools on this project? Is there a "professional" on staff to oversee the project? An outside professional consultant to look out for the interests of Clarkston voters and the schools? There is a substantial amount of money for a project and no professional accountable for project completion. The school board members shouldn't be the project overseers; get a professional.

I don't object to school tax increases. I just want to know where my money is going. Throwing money at the school system is just like throwing money at a son or daughter when a parent doesn't make the time to spend with the child. The parent can feel good that "...they tried their hardest and gave little Billy everything he wanted."

Throwing money at the school board is very similar. It makes some home owners feel better, but does it improve the quality of education by spending money in the best way possible?

I would propose a different approach to any public issue and particularly, school issues.

As a business person for over 25 years, I have always worked with budgets. A budget is proposed, discussed, modified, wroth over, discussed again and then finalized. Once the budget is in place, my department and I live with that budget.

In no uncertain terms could I ever deliver LESS of a product than was expected. Business says, "here's your budget. Where is the expected product?"

I have some recommendations for the school board.

1. Hire a professional construction, architectural or building expert. Hire someone who is independent of the general contractor and the architect to advise the school board and community status and product deliverable.

2. Tell the public, via the newspaper, exactly how the budget is going to be spent. Pictures, explanations, built in percentages for inflation, and as much detail as possible. Use "G.M.P." and tell the public more than once.

3. Live by #1 and #2. Deliver the product that is budgeted. Planning is a key in this process.

4. Give a status of existing structures.

5. Just try being business persons and live to a contract. That is not much to request, but it is a lot for the public to expect.

The next bond issue may or may not pass. The proof will be in how well planning is executed for the requested funding.

Jim Carlson

Health department needs to cooperate

After many months of comprehensive review by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and a Residential Well Task Force, the board of commissioners addressed the crucial issue of well inspections when they passed resolution #96096 in May of 1996.

However, even after the board of commissioners addressed the issue of water well inspections, the Health Department failed to work with commissioners to implement the recommendations and refused to follow the directives of this resolution.

Concerned that people could be having wells installed without full knowledge of known contaminants, the board of commissioners, through its Educational Task Force, took it upon themselves to develop a comprehensive educational packet and submit it to the Oakland County Health Department director. However, the health department has not so much as reported to the board how it plans to distribute, or even if it intends to distribute this vital information, as well as the equally vital information of an alert map.

Instead, according to newspaper articles, the health department plans to unilaterally begin inspecting wells - at double the cost, when local municipalities can and do provide for these inspections.

One has to wonder if protecting people or getting more of taxpayers' money is what is driving this specific process.

I know most health department personnel are hard working and dedicated to preserving the health of Oakland County citizens. However, the Oakland County Health Department leadership has enormous subjective powers.

That is why we have a system of checks and balances - to help protect us from politicians or bureaucrats who want to force their will on the rest of us.

Our Oakland County commissioners should be commended for doing their homework on this very important issue and voting, even with the threat of a veto, to support a policy which will protect all involved. Great Job Commissioners and Thank-You.

Sincerely

Renee A. Crouch
Homeowner in Oakland County
who has experienced
a contaminated well

Member, Residential Well Task Force



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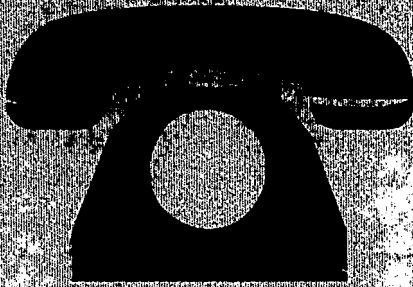
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Obituaries

William Knox

William L. "Bill" Knox, 95, died Dec. 29, 1996. Mr. Knox was retired from General Motors Plant 1 after 38 years of service. He was also a lifelong member of Cedar Lodge # 60 F & AM Clarkston.

He is survived by his wife Argolda "Goldie", sons Lloyd and Harry (Delores), daughters Virginia (George) Johnston, Marian (Vern) Kakau, and stepson Jim (Gladys) Kendall, brother Harry Knox and sister Mabel Poorman. He is also survived by five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service took place Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Rev. Richard C. Nelson officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Shriners - Crippled Children Burn Center.

Genevieve Fox Euler

Genevieve Fox Euler, 90, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 4, 1997.

Mrs. Euler was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pontiac and was very active in various community organizations.

She is survived by her husband Harold, son Richard (Nancy) of Illinois, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Diane Wint.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Dr. David Gellert officiating. A private family interment will take place at White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

Meredith Burke Fries

Meredith Burke Fries of Clarkston died Dec. 31, 1996.

She was the newborn daughter of Derrick and Katherine of Clarkston. She is also survived by sister Drew, grandparents Mary Joan Fries-Kampe of Waterford and Edward and Nanette Burke of Bloomfield Hills, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A graveside service will take place Friday at Ottawa Park Cemetery with Rev. Lloyd Thiel officiating. Memorial donations can be made to the University of Michigan Educational Studies Department.

Savilla M. Sloan

Savilla M. Sloan, 80, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 5, 1997.

Mrs. Sloan was a member of Episcopal Church of the Advent in West Bloomfield, a member of the Bloomfield Hills Village Women's Club and was a reporter for the Birmingham Eccentric.

She is survived by sons Richard (Linda) of Clarkston, Kenny (Darlene) of Commerce Township, daughter Savilla (James) Stokas of Bloomfield Hills, daughter-in-law Jeanette of Bloomfield Township, sister Mary Clayton Saunders of Tennessee, grandchildren Melissa, Richard III, Carrie, Katherine, Jacquelyn, Scott, Sloan, John and Andrew.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at the Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills with Rev. Maryann Lacey officiating. Visitation will be at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

Master Plan, Depot Road are priorities for city in '97

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Times are a-changing in the city of Clarkston, as the city council prepares for the coming year.

City manager Art Pappas said completion of a new master plan would be the primary issue facing the council in 1997.

"It will take a year or two for the whole process to be completed," he said. "The planner will meet with us, the ZBA and the planning commission to decide how best to move forward with this."

The city's planning consultant, McKenna and Associates, has presented a timetable for when the master plan should be completed, and a new zoning ordinance can then be drawn up. McKenna estimates it will take until April to come up with a first draft of the master Land Use Plan. The final draft of the plan is estimated to be ready for approval by October.

The zoning ordinance however, should get its wheels turning sometime in August, with a final draft to follow three months later.

At that time, public hearings on the issue will take place, with any changes resulting to be made accordingly.

Newly re-elected Mayor Sharron Catallo said she hopes to complete all the projects that have already

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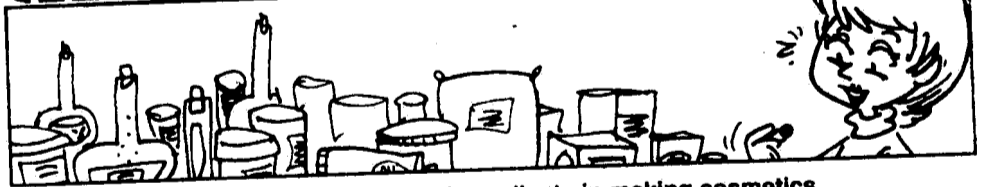
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Sheriff's log for Independence Township

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, Windows and lights were broken but nothing was stolen from a car parked at a Dixie business.

Non-injury accidents on I-75, Dixie and Sashabaw (two).

A power saw was reported stolen from a house under construction on Mesa Ct. over the weekend.

A purse was stolen at a restaurant on Dixie after a woman left it unattended at a table.

Mail tampering on Morning Mist. An Elk Run resident found her neighbor's open mail on the street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, a safe that appeared to have been cut open was found along Allen Rd.

All four tires and wheels were stolen from a 1996 Ford Explorer parked on Deepwood Ct. A Hidden Lakes Apartments security guard made the discovery around midnight when he found the vehicle sitting on bricks and wood. Deputies found a hole cut in a fence behind the complex and a pile of bricks next to it.

A 21-year-old Waterford man was arrested during a traffic stop on Maybee on an outstanding warrant.

A 31-year-old Indianwood Rd. man was arrested after allegedly assaulting his wife by pushing her into a wall. The incident was witnessed by the couple's 4-year-old son.

Peeping Tom on Birchway Lane. A female resident said she saw a man looking in her doorwall. He fled but deputies found fresh footprints.

Hang-up phone calls on Princes.

An unlocked 1988 Chevy was stolen on Lancaster Hill Dr.

A stolen car (make and year were not disclosed) was found on Reese Rd. with glass and body damage. The car was registered to a Deerwood resident.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, a Clarkston woman allegedly began damaging her boyfriend's trailer with her car after an accident. When deputies arrived at her house they found her Blazer damaged. A relative was later called to look after her.

A Cramlane man heard a loud noise and looked outside and saw a vehicle drive over his neighbor's lawn, hit a split-rail fence and flee. Deputies found the car, a 1994 Jeep, stalled nearby with a flat tire and other damage. The driver, a 26-year-old Clarkston man, was arrested after he failed roadside sobriety tests. Two lawns were extensively damaged and the driver had a bloody nose when found.

A Southampton family came home to find their home had been broken into but nothing appeared missing.

A 35-year-old Clarkston man was arrested after

a New Year's Eve party for allegedly assaulting his wife. A deputy who came to the home on Windward Ct. heard the man threaten to kill his wife.

Two leather coats and a purse containing \$100 were stolen from a car parked on Lancaster Hill Dr. A second vehicle was entered but nothing appeared missing.

A Rochester Hills woman said someone stole her purse from a home on Sunmydale while she was there watching her grandchildren. She later learned there had been an attempt to use one of her credit cards.

Non-injury accidents on Dixie, Waldon, Cramlane and White Lake Rd.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, non-injury accident on Sashabaw.

Car/deer accident on Sashabaw near Oak Hill.

A phone was stolen from a 1995 Thunderbird parked, unlocked, in an E. Northcrest Way driveway overnight.

A phone was found on Deer Lake Rd.; another was found on Waldon Glenn Ct.

A rock was thrown through the window of a 1995 Chevy parked on St. Andrew but nothing appeared missing.

A 40-year-old Davisburg assaulted another man, possibly with a screwdriver, on Tuson. The suspect had allegedly been stalking his ex-girlfriend at the time of the incident.

Some ladders were stolen from a construction site off Maybee. Two weeks earlier, two nail guns were taken from a 1994 Chevy pick up parked at the same site.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, a phone and CD player were stolen from a 1997 Pontiac van parked on Lake Waldon Rd.

A briefcase, glasses and Christmas gifts were stolen from a 1993 Chevy parked on Clarkston Rd.

A woman reported that a friend was arrested while driving her car, the car was impounded and then the license plate came up missing.

A 27-year-old Clarkston man wanted on three outstanding warrants was arrested during a traffic stop on Dixie, where he was driving without license plates.

Threatening or harassing phone calls were reported on Hillcrest and on Tiohero.

A radio and a crossbow were stolen during the break-in of a 1993 Ford Ranger on Eastview Dr.

Non-injury accident on Boyne Highland Trail. **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4,** threats on Westview.

A 40-year-old Pontiac man was arrested on two outstanding Friend of the Court warrants after being caught shoplifting cigarettes inside a Dixie Highway store. After he was taken to jail, a records check showed he had previous convictions for shoplifting so his ticket was revoked and a warrant requested on the new charge.

Malicious destruction of a window on Chanto. Larceny of 15 beers from a garage cooler on Deerwood.

A 14-year-old boy rode his bike to a club on Clintonville Rd. around 10:40 p.m. to play pool. When he came out at 1 a.m. the bike was gone.

A purse stolen Jan. 1 was found in a Dumpster at a church on Paramus. The owner said \$80-\$100 was missing.

A 22-year-old woman was arrested on an outstanding warrant after being treated at an M-15 clinic.

Car/deer accident on Sashabaw near Clarkston Rd.

Non-injury accident on Maybee. **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5,** malicious destruction of three street lights on Deerwood Dr. in a new construction area.

Fifteen lawns were damaged on Hubbard Hills and on Canterbury, perhaps after a party in the neighborhood.

A lock was cut off a shed on Waldon Rd. during a break-in.

A house was egged on Glenburnie. **MONDAY, JANUARY 6,** a dog was killed on Clintonville Rd. after it darted in front of a car.

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by Kelley R. Kostin
Attorney at Law

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● Indian Springs Metropark will feature "Fire-side Fables and Night Hike" Saturday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Pre-register by calling 1-800-477-3192. On Jan. 12 the park will offer "Star Stories" at 1 p.m. Bring a shirt to paint constellations on. On Jan. 19 the park will feature "Le Travois," including knot-tying, building a Native American sled and cultural history.

● An art exhibition featuring painter Helen Cunniff and jewelry maker Michael Siewert will be held at Tierra Fine Jewelers Jan. 5-11 with an opening reception Jan. 5, noon-4 p.m.

● A free seminar on "surefire presentation skills" will be held at the Independence Township Library Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Diane Morrison, past chapter president of Toastmasters International, will share the secrets of public speaking success, including nerves. To RSVP call the library at 625-2212.

● "Macbeth" is the next presentation in Independence Township Library's free Shakespeare on Sunday series. The video series presents British Broadcasting Company productions. Starring Nicol Williamson and Jane Lapotaire, "Macbeth" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19. A brief background introduction sets the stage, and refreshments and comfortable chairs are provided.

● CHADD of the Oxford Area (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7-9 p.m. at the Oxford Public Library, 20 W. Burdick. Topic is Oppositional Defiant Disorder. Anyone interested in learning about attention deficit is welcome; call 391-0113 for more information.

● Learn to handle negative emotions. The Hubbard Dianetics Foundation in Holly is presenting a free Dianetics workshop Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Lunch is included; reservations are required. Call 810-634-5281 to RSVP.

● The Detroit Super Camera Show and Sale will be held Jan. 11-12 at the Van Dyke Place Hotel and Conference Center, 31800 Van Dyke in Warren. Hours are 11-5 Saturday, 10-3 Sunday; admission is \$5. The show will feature new, used and hard-to-find photo equipment and antique and collectible photography. Clean out your closets and get a free appraisal at the show. For more information call the hotline at 313-884-2243.

● Several young actors from Clarkston are participating in the upcoming production from the new Rising Stars theater troupe. The company will present "Little Women" Jan. 15-18 at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$2 per person. Danielle Paccione, also of Clarkston, is one of the directors. For ticket information call 810-433-0885.

● An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held at Davisburg United Methodist Church on Saturday, Jan. 25, 5-7 p.m. Proceeds go to church and community projects. Call 634-3373 for more information.

● Independence Oaks Nature Center offers the following programs in January: Jan. 18—Snowshoe Exploration, 10 a.m. Snowshoes are provided for a quiet walk through the park. Cost is \$2 per person. Jan. 25—Cross Country Nature Trek. Bring your own equipment or rent it at the park for this brain-busting route. Instructions and prizes for the best scores. Cost is \$1 per person. Pre-registration is required; call 625-6473 (TDD 858-1684).

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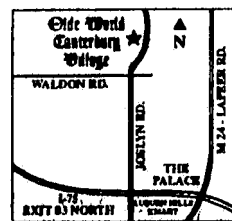
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Searching for eagles

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A national count of bald eagles is taking place now through Jan. 15. In Michigan, the count is being coordinated by the state Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division Natural Heritage Program in conjunction with the U. S. Department of the Interior.

Participants will identify the number and location of bald eagles. The grand birds can be spotted feeding in open areas along ice-free lakes and rivers and foraging for road kill. Motorists should be careful when approaching eagles; they may not leave their food source. Several are killed each winter by vehicles.

Last year the winter count recorded 541 sightings in 66 counties, including 412 birds in the Lower Peninsula. Eagle sightings can be reported on a postcard to Winter Bald Eagle Survey, DNR Natural Heritage Program, Wildlife Division, PO Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909-7680. Include the following information: date and time of spotting, county and specific location of sighting, number of eagles seen at each location and time, activity or any other pertinent information.

Eagles are listed as threatened in Michigan under both state and federal endangered species legislation. They nest near lakes with adequate fish populations, large supercanopy trees nearby and relative solitude from human disturbance. They feed mainly on fish but in winter will also eat waterfowl and dead animals such as road-killed deer and other wildlife. Eagles do not regularly migrate like other birds and a large number winter in Michigan.

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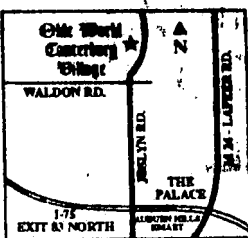
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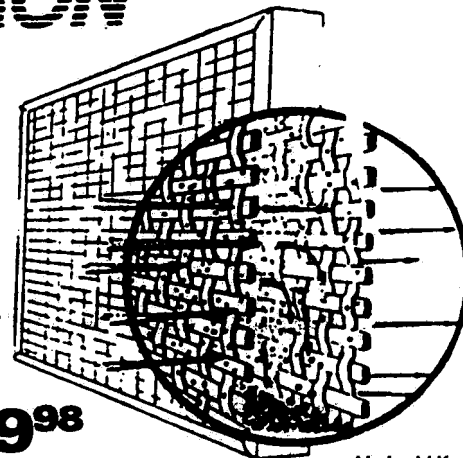
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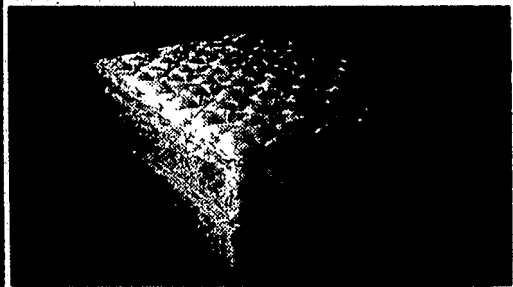
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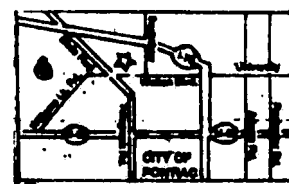
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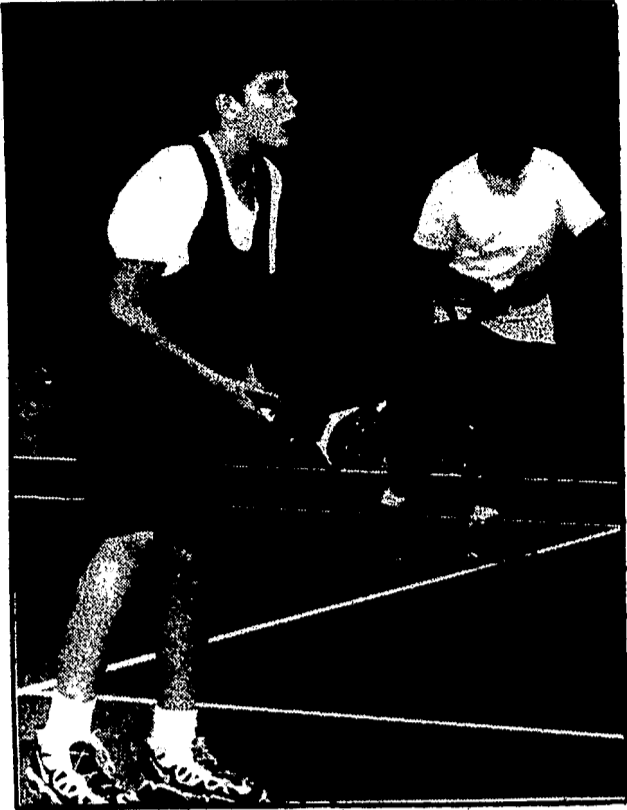
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Eighth-graders Matt Mikola (left) and Dan Newman watch the ball.

Middle-schoolers learn to stay physically fit all year through

Just because it's winter doesn't mean you have to let yourself go. Ever.

That's why Clarkston Middle School physical education teacher Janet Thomas is instructing her eighth-graders about the kinds of fitness that will keep them healthy for life.

On Dec. 17 her students visited Deer Lake Racquet Club where, for a full three hours, they played tennis, racquetball and wally ball. They also participated in step aerobics and learned how to use exercise equipment.

"We also walked over here because walking is an aerobic exercise," Thomas said, explaining that the students would return that way as well. The kids worked hard. After aerobics, she said, "they were sweating."

Besides learning to establish good health habits, Thomas said she wanted the kids to experience the fun side of physical activity and "introduce them to a facility right in our own community."

--by Eileen McCarville

SKIN DEEP

by Scott Friedman, D.O.

PART OF THE AGING PROCESS

As we pass into middle age, there are a number of small changes that take place on the skin. Common among these are seborrheic keratoses, which are small, warty, slightly scaly, raised, brown areas above the skin's surface. These harmless marks appear most frequently on the trunk of the body and are neither precursors to skin cancer nor skin cancer itself. They are minor and unimportant overgrowths of the more superficial part of the skin, the epidermis. And, although one of their names is seborrheic wart, they are not presently thought to be caused by the wart virus. Because they may be unsightly and can give rise to cosmetic embarrass-

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P.S. Yet another name for seborrheic keratoses is basal cell papillomas.

Academic achiever

NAME: Ashley Halleran

GPA: 3.992

PARENTS: John and Lisa Halleran of Independence Township.

PLANS: "I'm going to college in the fall. I haven't decided where; it's between University of Michigan, Duke and Northwestern (if I'm accepted at the last two). I want to major in the sciences, probably biology. I really like working with animals. I've considered med school...vet school I've considered also."

Ashley said she likes the idea of going out of state to a smaller, liberal arts school where she will meet a new mix of people. "You can learn so much from the people too."

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Marching band, two years on trumpet and two years in the color guard, including this year; secretary of National Honor Society; Environmental Concerns club; Interact; WOL-F; plays piano.

FAVORITE CLASS: "Physics with Mr. Burdick. It is the most challenging course I've taken but it's also the most interesting. It's a lot of hard work, but is well worth the effort when I understand the physics and do well."

JOB: "School."

PETS: A Dalmation named Kashmir and a cat, Shadow.



Ashley Halleran

BEST SCHOOL MEMORY: "Last spring break I went to Spain with Spanish Club. We travelled all over the beautiful country and experienced the wonderful culture." She's also been to England with the band.

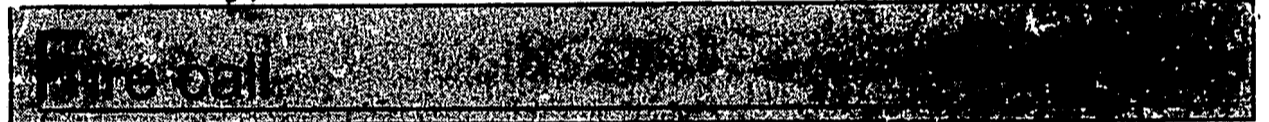
MAJOR CONCERNS FOR HER GENERATION: "One of my major concerns is single teenage pregnancy. I think it's important that children be brought up by a mother and a father. Teenage parents have to give up so many of their aspirations for the future, and their children don't always get the best possible opportunities in life. The future of our country depends on our

future children and the quality of our children."

PROUDEST LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENT: "There have been several, but recently I received a 96 percent on a physics test that I thought I had failed. I went home and put it up on my refrigerator, when I haven't done since elementary school..."

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A wire fell off its insulator and charged a tree and a fence on Ascension. Edison was notified and the fire department stood by until Edison arrived.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, medical on Center; one to an area hospital.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, medical on Lake-wood; one to an area hospital.

A report of a jet ski was found on fire in the middle of White Lake Rd. was found to be a false alarm.

Medical on Eastlawn.

Medical on Clintonville; one to an area hospital.

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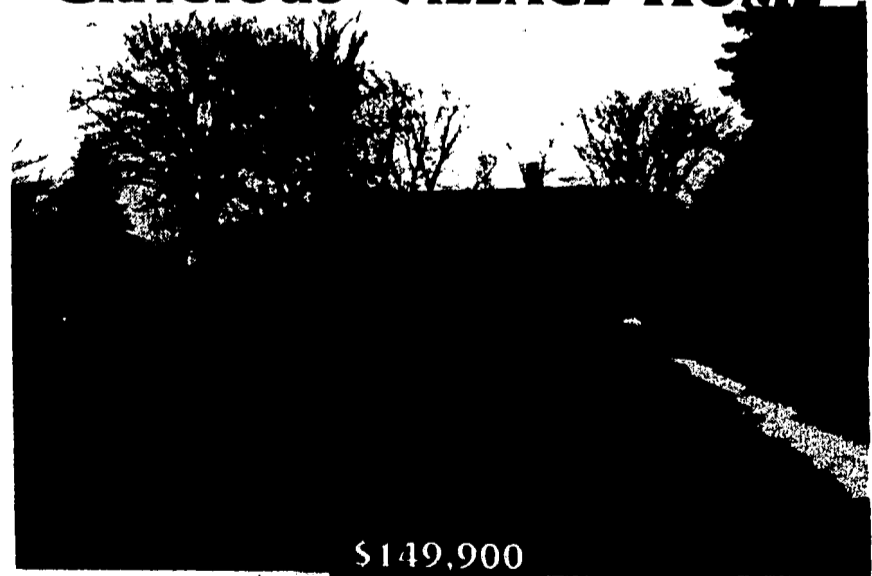
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Snowmobilers: Observe safety and know the law

Another snowmobile season is fast approaching and the Department of Natural Resources is encouraging snowmobilers to get this season off to a smooth, safe start.

There were 45 snowmobile fatalities last winter in Michigan. To prevent that from happening again, the DNR is urging snowmobilers to think about safety even before fueling up. Tops on the safe rider list should be a pledge to leave the alcohol alone until riding is done for the day, along with a resolve to ride prudently. This means slowing down and saving the racing for the track.

Also be sure your registration is up to date, and that you have your snowmobile trail permit. Three things have changed with the trail permit this year.

1. The Snowmobile Law (Act 451, Part 821) was amended to exempt snowmobilers from purchasing a permit if they are using their snowmobile solely for transportation on the frozen surface of public waters for the purpose of ice fishing. If you are just joy riding on the ice, you must still have the permit.

2. Snowmobile Trail permits can now be purchased wherever fishing or hunting licenses are

sold. Snowmobile Trail permits can still be obtained at all the various outlets as previous years.

3. A Trail Permit Application, including identification information, must be provided to purchase a Trail Permit. However, when purchasing permits through the electronic licensing system, the Trail Permit Application is not required.

Make sure your snowmobile is in top working condition before taking to the trails, and let someone know where you are going, your planned route, and when you expect to return. Drive carefully and enjoy the great Michigan out-of-doors.

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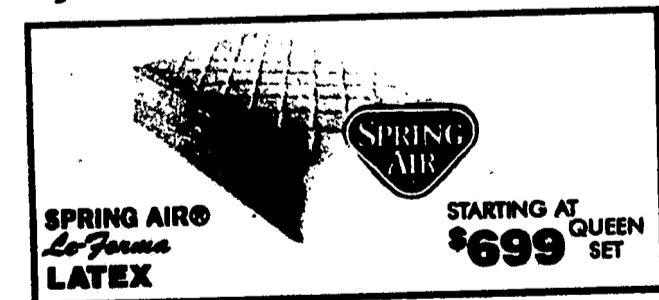


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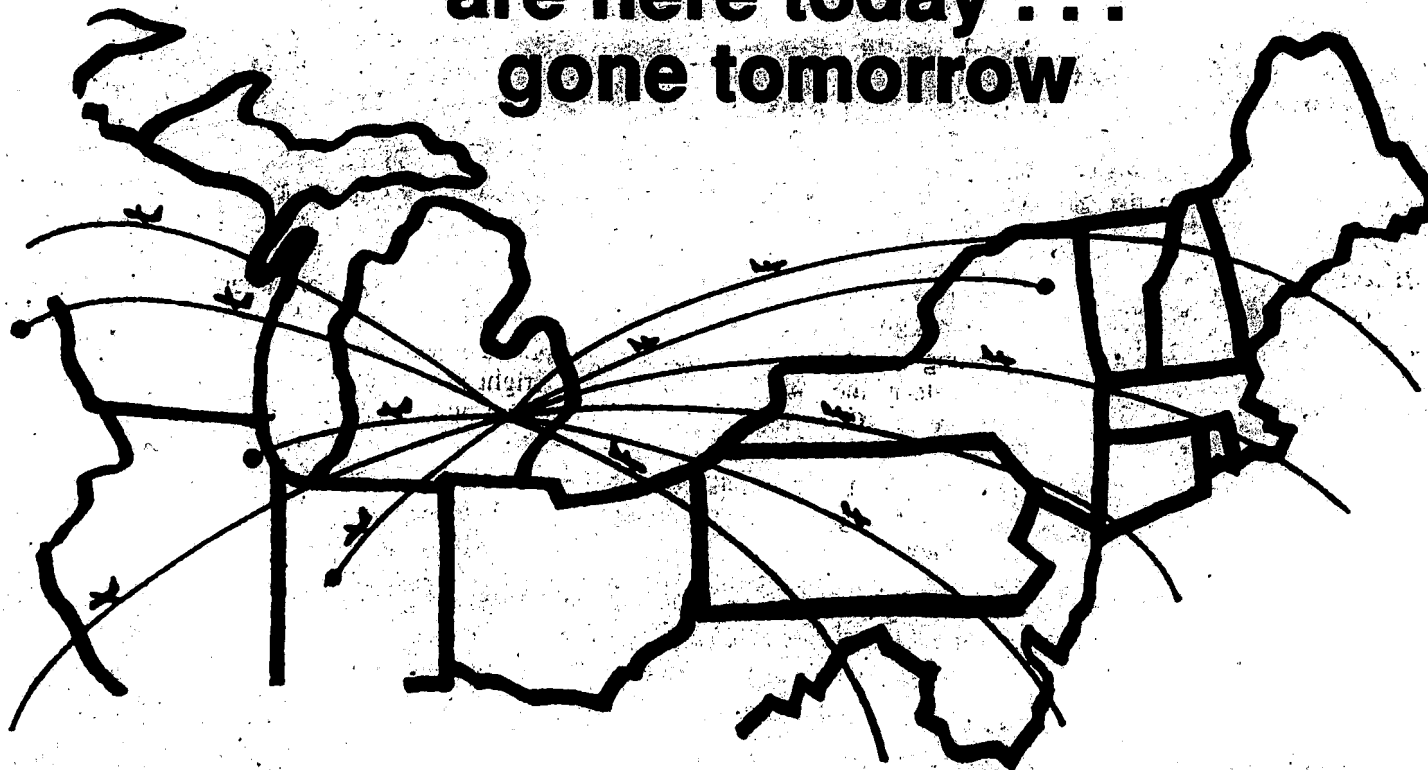
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Township officials look ahead to '97

Beach, safety paths, water and planning are major issues

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At this time of year, many of us vow to lose pounds or gain credit.

But did you ever stop to think about the bigger picture facing local government officials? Several movers and shakers in Independence Township government were asked to gaze into the crystal ball and give their predictions and resolutions for 1997.

For some, it's putting those bad investments to bed for good. For others, it's wrapping up projects like Vision 2020 and the safety paths. Here's a list of priorities from four township officials.

Supervisor Dale Stuart

Of all four polled, Stuart's list was the longest. His concerns for the new year, not necessarily in order of importance, follow:

- The completion of Vision 2020 and the beginning of its implementation.
 - How to account for and handle the township's investment losses.
 - Major safety path construction. "We're seeking bids on a number of different sites," he said.
 - Completion of the long-awaited realignment of White Lake Rd. with Nelsey Rd.
 - Completion of the Bay Court Park beach house.
 - The occupancy of the new fire station on Citation Drive.
 - Implementation of the new computer system in the township offices.
- "Of course, always in our situation there are many ongoing situations," Stuart said. "I'm sure there

are plenty of others, but these are some of the top priorities."

Ann Conklin

Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin's priorities are "to continue to offer programs and provide services" and to "keep pace with all our growth." An industrious department head, Conklin works diligently to keep up with the population increase in Independence Township which results in additional recreational and senior citizen needs.

Her two top concerns are as follows:

- The fruition of the Bay Court Park beach house and opening up the beach this year.
- Improvements at the Senior Center which include remodeling portions of both the center (carpeting, furniture, the handicapped ramp) and the Carriage House (new flooring).

Conklin is also planning day trips for seniors, providing for the growing number of seniors who participate in the weekly lunch program (right now there are 30-40) and brainstorming numerous other ideas.

She'd also like to wrap up an intensive evaluation of the center, begun last year. Conklin's not only talked with seniors, but other residents. Results will be developed into a master plan for the center's future.

Of course, she's excited about the beach opening. "The beach is done. It's beautiful," she said. The new 3,000-square-foot beach house will feature "flush toilets," she laughed, and a "family room" that can hold 75-100 people. It will be available for special events and community activities.

Like Stuart, Conklin added, "These are a couple of things that are hot on the table today. There may be more as 1997 progresses. We're doing a lot of safety

path construction. That's another neat thing."

Trustee Jeff McGee

A seasoned board member who was re-elected for his second term this year, McGee has several top priorities for 1997.

● Resolving the issue of well inspections. Though McGee voted against drawing up an interim program for the township until the county resolves its differences, he agrees, "Safe drinking water is important.

"I think it's something we have to take a stand on. It's not going to be easy because it's a case of the township taking it over instead of the county ... That is going to be a major issue. It's not that I don't think it's important. We're in the information-gathering stage, not a creating-ordinance stage."

● Following through with the liquidation of the bad investments and its impact on departments and funds. Areas like sewer and water are affected, but the township is still sorting out the financial fallout. Another related concern is whether the township should continue to retain its hired investment experts.

● Planning for "controlled growth" and the importance of looking at long-term ramifications. McGee points to Vision 2020 as a laudable example "because we're running out of land and we don't want to do stupid stuff."

● The completion of township safety paths, which will make the township safer for travelers. McGee says he's been concerned about the "pretty precarious" area around Clarkston Rd. with all its twists and turns. He's also concerned about connections because "I've been an advocate of doing paths that go somewhere, not just sections."

He points to one development, Strawberry Hills

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SPORTS

Cagers stay unbeaten in 63-46 win

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In a rematch of last season's regional final, the Chippewa Valley varsity basketball team was looking for a little revenge against Clarkston Friday night.

But none was to be found, as the Wolves improved to 6-0 on the season with a 63-46 win over the Big Reds.

Clarkston maintained control of the game throughout, outscoring Chippewa Valley (3-3) in all four quarters en route to the win.

But this hard and physical contest was highlighted by another spectacular all-around performance by junior guard Dane Fife, who scored 37 points, added 11 rebounds and dished out six assists. Fife scored baskets in almost every conceivable way, as he made three 3-pointers, 12 free throws and converted spot-up jumpers and driving layups all night long.

Early on, the Big Red defense was geared to try to stop Fife and his drives in the lane. They tried to bang him, foul him and pressure him full court, but nothing Chippewa Valley coach Kevin Voss did seemed to work.

Fife spent much of the first half on the free throw line, as he drove to the paint and was fouled every time, usually by a host of defenders. For the game, Fife made 12 of 13 free throws, a percentage that pleased coach Dan Fife.

"Last year, Dane was having some trouble with his foul shooting," coach Dan Fife said. "But now, you can see he's got it down hard. I'm very happy with how he's improved in that area."

The younger Fife said the physical play and the vocal barbs he took from Chippewa Valley fans only pumped him up even more.

"When their crowd gets on me, well, they just can't do that," he said. "Hopefully, I am well prepared for a game anyway, but when their crowd gets going like that, it does turn me up."

Dane Fife has also turned up the scoreboard recently. Including Friday's game, he has averaged 36



Clarkston junior Dane Fife (12) hangs in the air just before scoring two of his 37 points against Chippewa Valley Friday. He and the 6-0 Wolves face their biggest test of the season this Friday when arch-rival Pontiac Northern comes calling.

points per game in the last four contests. Despite the astronomical scoring, he was quick to credit his teammates for making contributions as well.

"Our big guys did a great job down low tonight," he said. "(Marc) Mazur, (Chad) Bailey and Justin (Dionne) were huge in the paint. Those big guys are getting better and better every game."

Coach Fife also said he was very pleased with the improvement several players have shown during the season.

"I thought our subs did a great job in this game," he said. "I've been trying to use them a little more and now, when they come in, it's not a negative for us. They all gave us some positive minutes."

Bailey and senior guard Brad Conley each scored eight points in the win. Mazur scored four and continued his solid play around the basket, grabbing key rebounds and blocking shots. But he got the biggest

reaction when he dislodged a stuck ball from the top of the basket by throwing another ball at it to knock it loose. The "Maa-zur" chants started shortly thereafter.

But the big test comes up this Friday, as the Wolves face off against arch rival Pontiac Northern. The junior varsity game starts at 6 p.m.

"They want us. It's no secret," Dane Fife said about the Huskies. "We've beaten them five out of six times, but they've got four starters back, so it will be a tough game."

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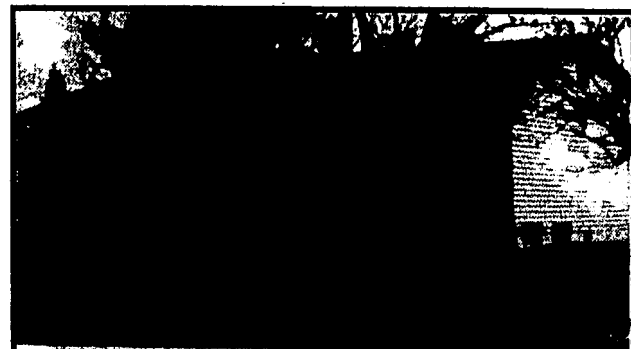
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Ladies rebound to down W. Bloomfield

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After a frustrating weekend tournament and a blown lead in the first game of its match Monday, the outlook was bleak for the Clarkston varsity volleyball team.

But as the Wolves got their game together, their confidence swelled, propelling them to a win over West Bloomfield in an Oakland Activities Association Division I match.

The 12-15, 15-9, 15-5 win moved the Wolves up to 2-1 in the league and 2-6-3 overall. Both of Clarkston's wins have come at home against a league opponent.

In the first game, Clarkston battled to a 12-11 lead, then watched the Lakers reel off the last four points to win.

But from then on, Clarkston played much crisper, making accurate passes and playing with more confidence. The Wolves stormed out to a 10-4 lead on the way to the win in the second game.

The third game seemed an extension of the second, as the Wolves were all over the court. The team scored nine of the game's first 10 points en route to the easy win.

Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said once the team started playing with confidence, that's when things began to fall into place.

"When we've got the momentum, we play with confidence, we get more aggressive and we are able to relax," he said. "When you can relax, other good things

will happen for you, and we saw that out there tonight."

The Wolves received excellent performances from all their seniors - Kammy Powell, Amanda Worden, Megan Bjurman and Stephanie Vogler, who said the team knew it could win, it just took some time to get there.

"The first game, we didn't pass at all and we didn't serve very well," Vogler said. "We knew we could win, then when we started doing well, we just got excited and went from there."

Worden was the team's top server in the match, going 18-for-18 and also had a team-high eight kills. Bjurman, Powell and Vogler each had seven kills.

Vogler also had a superb night at her setter position with 16 assists while going 14-for-14 on serves.

Powell and Bjurman - the team's two six-footers - each were strong defensively, as Bjurman had four solo blocks while Powell was 8-for-8 on serve receptions.

"All our seniors played pretty well," Richardson said. "As long as we can get the ball to the kids at the point where they can let loose, we'll be fine."

"They were just ripping the ball tonight," he said of Bjurman and Powell, who were both strong around the net. "We were able to get our confidence back from those plays and we went from there."

The Wolves also found success with the serve block, where a frontline player jumps up to block an opponent's serve just as the ball comes over the net. Richardson said it's a technique the team practices often, but was never as successful as it was Monday.

Walled Lake Central Inv.

It was a new year, but many of the old-year struggles followed the Wolves into the Walled Lake Central Invitational Saturday, as the team went 0-3-1 at the tournament.

But lost in the record was the fact that the Wolves made several comebacks from large deficits in some of the matches. In the team's first contest of the day against Rochester, the Wolves were losing 12-5 before taking a 15-14 lead. Clarkston lost the game 18-16, but Richardson said the team had its chances.

"We could've won it, but we fell just a bit short," he said. "Our inexperience hurt us, and our serve percentage was under 90 percent. That's tough to overcome."

Vogler led the team in this match with six kills, six digs and eight assists. Junior Aimee Giroux led the team with seven kills, while junior Jenny McCue was 10-for-10 on serves.

The second match wasn't quite as dramatic, as a strong Brighton team steamrolled the Wolves, 15-2, 15-2.

"We didn't really do anything to speak of," Richardson quipped. "We had five kills the whole match."

Clarkston won its only game of the tournament in the next match against Westland John Glenn, 15-8, after losing another close one 16-14 in the opener.

"We played pretty well in this one," Richardson said. "We had some nice performances, but our 13 service errors killed us."

In the penalty box

with Brad Monastiere

In: Dallas ;Out: Expansion Teams



Now that the holidays have passed (finally) and all the Tickle-Me-Elmos have been sold (they'll be giving them away in April), it's time to open up the penalty box again. My thanks to Tom Petty for his inspirational songs this week.

Learning to Fly: The Carolina Panthers and the Jacksonville Jaguars.

In this case, the song title seems to perfectly fit the two parties invited to stay out of the box this week. The incredible success these two teams have had should be the NFL's big story of the decade. I mean two years ago, neither one of these teams had laundry baskets, never mind Super Bowl aspirations. Let's examine each to see why they are so close to the promise land so quickly.

Carolina - This team has done everything right in building a quality team. It was put together by sound football people, stressing defense, reliable special teams and an unspectacular, but effective offense. Coach Dom Capers doesn't let his ego stand in the way of his team (hear that Jimmy Johnson?). As a result, he has the players' respect and they are willing to follow through with his game plan. The defense is awesome, with Pro Bowl performers at every position. More importantly, it's a collection of veterans who know how to win. And on offense, quarterback Kerry Collins has that "look" of a future top-level quarterback in the league, very similar to Troy Aikman in 1991 and Brett Favre in 1992. Look for the Panthers to stick around the NFL's elite for a while.

Jacksonville - If the Panthers' success is a snowball, then the Jags' has to be an avalanche. But really, this is a team that has every right to be in the AFC title game. It has a big-play quarterback in Mark Brunell, a grind-it-out running game with Natrone Means, a beefy offensive line and athletic and reliable receivers. Defensively, Jacksonville employs the bend-don't-break philosophy that is very young, but improving quickly. The Jaguars actually might have more young talent playing now than Carolina. This is a team solid in all areas of the game and is a fun team to watch thanks to its exciting style. The Jags do have a legiti-

mate chance of beating New England Sunday, so here's hoping for the first all-expansion Super Bowl.

Free Fallin': The Dallas Cowboys.

Again, doesn't the song title seem terribly appropriate? The 26-17 loss the Cowboys suffered against Carolina was probably a blessing not in disguise. Now, players won't have to deal with all the off-the-field problems while trying to prepare for a game. It was pretty obvious that the Cowboys' heads and hearts were not in this game. They seemed to be a step slower than the Panthers and didn't play with any emotion to speak of.

What struck me the hardest Sunday evening was seeing the big smile on the face of coach Barry Switzer at the end of the game. He had the look of a man whose desire to win the game was overridden by a sense of relief at having the circus of a season finished thanks to the loss. And it's no wonder he was relieved. He must have spent just as much time last week talking about the allegations against Erik Williams and Michael Irvin as how to combat Carolina's zone blitz defense.

This is a franchise that has spun out of control. The reverence with which the Cowboys are viewed in Dallas and nationwide has given the players a false sense of invincibility, a feeling that they are above accountability and wrongdoing. It all starts from the top, where owner Jerry Jones has confessed in the past to late-night carousing and living the hard and fast lifestyle. Unfortunately, that habit seems to have trickled down to some of his players. Seven of the 13 suspensions the NFL has handed down in the past 12 months were to Cowboys. With 30 teams in the league, doesn't that seem too disproportionate to be a coincidence?

Maybe the Cowboys could learn something from Carolina. Not only did the Panthers outclass them on the field, but the week before the game, the Panthers suspended a player for being late to meetings on several occasions. Through all the problems the Cowboys have had, not once did the team itself suspend anybody. Hopefully for their own sake, the Dallas Cowboys learned a lesson, on and off the field.

The Clarkston News

Athlete of the Week

Athlete of Week:
Bret Postal - sophomore
Sport: hockey
Position: forward
Accomplishments:

Scored a goal and assisted on another in the Wolves' 11-0 romp over Flint Southwestern Academy Dec. 20. He is the team's captain and is third on the team in scoring for the season with four goals and seven assists for 11 points.

Coach's Comment: "His awareness on the ice is unbelievable," said coach Rick Rowden. "He does everything for us. He plays as hard in practice as he does in the game and he's very aware of all game situations."

Player's Comment: "We've got a good group of guys who work hard and expect to win. I try to be a leader on the bench, to help get the guys going. I feel we can go all the way this year. When we play well, we can beat anybody."

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Grapplers win first tourney of year at South Lyon

Grant, Mick, Tiefenback take top individual honors

By BRAD MONASTIERE
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After three top-five finishes and no wins, the Clarkston varsity wrestling team was getting a little tired of coming up just short.

The Wolves took care of that itch Saturday in a big way by capturing the South Lyon Invitational championship by 35.5 points over the host second-place Lions.

Clarkston finished with 167.5 points, aided by nine top-four finishers out of 12 weight classes.

Tournament champions were sophomore A.J. Grant (103 lbs.), senior Ryan Mick (130 lbs.) and senior Jason Tiefenback (135 lbs.). For Grant, it was his fourth tournament championship on the season, as he is still unbeaten.

Second-place finishers for the Wolves were junior Josh Lafferty (160 lbs.), junior Rean Turner (171 lbs.) and senior Gordie Golec (215 lbs.).

Coach Mike DeGain said the first-place trophy

was good for the team in terms of evidence that it is progressing.

"You can see the character of the kids coming along as the season moves on," he said. "They have been able to overcome problems this season, and that has been a big plus for us."

DeGain said he was impressed with the wide margin of victory, but even more so because the team was still minus two starters due to injury.

"Hopefully, we can get healthy this week," he said. "We've got a tough tournament this weekend at (Detroit) Catholic Central, so we'll have to be ready."

But before that, the Wolves open the Oakland Activities Association schedule with a three-team meet at home today (Wednesday) against Lake Orion and Troy Athens. The whistle blows at 5:30 p.m.

"That is an important meet because we don't want to dig ourselves a hole in the conference this early," DeGain said. "Hopefully we'll win there and get ready for Rochester Adams in a couple weeks. They have really been rattling some cages around the state." The showdown with Adams comes Jan. 22.

Jv sports

By Marc Wisniewski



The JV basketball team still remains undefeated, winning its past three games.

On December 17, the Wolves overwhelmed Lake Orion 41-24. Nick Holland gave the team a big boost with 12 points. Erich Poley followed with 8.

"We controlled pretty much the whole game, outscoring Lake Orion by 10 points in the first quarter. We held the lead after that and just built on it," said Coach Tim Kaul.

On December 19 the Wolves beat Waterford Mott 46-41. Mark Whiteman led the team with 12 points; Scott Davis and Kevin Stalker each had 10.

"We led most of the game, although Mott made a run at us late in the game. We hit important free-throws to secure the victory," said Coach Kaul.

January 3, the Wolves opened the new year with another victory, beating Chippewa Valley 56-47. Mark Whiteman played an outstanding game, leading the team with 23 points.

"This was a good win for us. Chippewa was fast and they shot well. We played a good fourth quarter and outscored them 13 to 6," said Coach Kaul.

CHS grads, brothers gain college soccer awards

Christopher and Derrick Spires, both Clarkston High School graduates, were recognized as the top players on the 1996 Anderson University men's soccer team.

Christopher, a 1993 CHS grad, was named the team's Most Valuable Player on defense, while being named all-conference at the Division-III Indiana school.

Derrick had a terrific freshman campaign, leading the squad in goals (9) and assists (14) while also netting all-conference honors. He was one of five freshmen ever to be named all-conference.

Both players were also nominated for All-America honors this year. The team finished the season with a 10-7-2 record.

The players' parents, Jeff and Sharon, live in Clarkston.

320 turn out for Polar Rhino Ride

The Independence Township Library benefited from some bike riders venturing out into the cold New Year's Day.

More than 320 cyclists turned out for the eighth annual Polar Rhino Ride that started at the library, went through the city of Clarkston to gravel roads in north-west Oakland County.

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Clarkston kids take home four medals

In their first action of the new season, four members of the Clarkston Youth Wrestling Club got off to a good start at the Oxford Wrestling Tournament Sunday.

Steve Smiley and Jordan May took the top two places in the 9- 10-year-old age group. Jimmy Popp and Colton Tweed finished second and third respectively in the 8-and-under group at the competition.

Sports shorts



Members of the Lakeland Hawks hockey team pose with their opponents from Belarus, part of the former Soviet Union.

Pee Wee hockey team goes international over Christmas Break

Three Clarkston ice hockey players had some international experience over Christmas break as they played teams from Canada and the former Soviet Union.

Eric Plante, Mike Cholette and Bret Litra, all members of the Lakeland Hawks Pee Wee A team, lost a 7-5 decision to a team called the Khemiks from Novopolotsk, Belarus, part of the former Soviet Union on Dec. 27. The friendship scrimmage game resulted in more than a loss for the Hawks, however, as they were invited to Belarus for a tournament sometime in 1997 to play the Khemiks again.

The Hawks then headed to Stratford, Ontario for a three-day tournament against four different Canadian teams. The Hawks started off quickly, winning their first three games by scores of 2-1, 1-0 and 3-1. But the team from Chatham proved to be too much, as the Hawks were grounded 6-3 in the semifinals and 4-1 in the tournament finals.

The Hawks now return to Little Caesar's League action, where they are 17-0 overall. Plante and Cholette are seventh-graders at Sashabaw Middle School, while Litra is a seventh-grader at Clarkston Middle School. All three are honor roll students.

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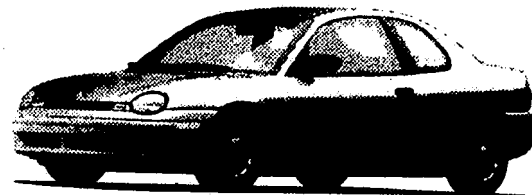
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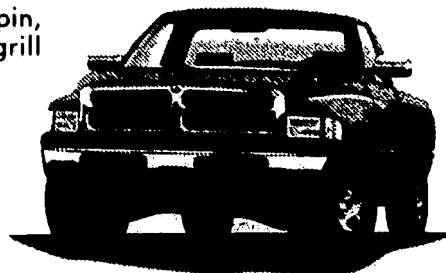


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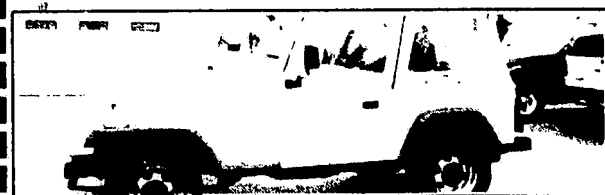
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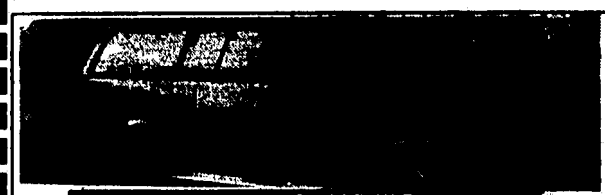
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NBA, township team up for hoop contest

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Commission is hoping to score a lot of points with area youths, thanks to a brand new competition sponsored by the NBA and McDonald's.

The McDonald's 2-Ball Classic is the basketball equivalent of the NFL's Punt, Pass and Kick contest, where kids ages 9-17 compete using real basketball skills.

The competition will make its way to Clarkston for the local round of play starting at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at Sashabaw Middle School.

The game is made up of two players acting as a team. The players alternate turns shooting from various spots on the floor, with each having a different point value for a made basket. A layup is worth two points, while a college three-point shot is worth eight.

The players must follow regular basketball rules during the competition; that is, no traveling, double dribbling or palming.

The two players must alternate shot attempts and the team must try shots from at least three different designated spots during the competition. Point totals are determined by adding the total number of points each player scores in one minute.

Mike Cowdrey, athletic events coordinator for the department, said a mascot from the Pistons could be making an appearance at the contest.

Winners at the Clarkston level move on to the regionals, to be held at Troy. The winners there advance to the city level, in this case, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The national finals will be played at an NBA Playoff game in May.

Each participant receives a full color certificate with a picture of Detroit Pistons All Star Grant Hill on it.

Boys and girls are welcome to play in one of three age categories: ages 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17.

Registration can be done at Sashabaw Middle School the day of the event. All participants must present either a birth certificate or baptismal paper before participating. For more information, contact Cowdrey at 625-8223.

This is the first time this competition is taking place in Michigan and 42 communities are participating. Every NBA city in the U.S. is also having a similar contest.

City priorities

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been started, including the master plan and zoning ordinance, in 1997. But she would also like to see parking in the city get restructured.

"This is already in the works, so I just hope we can get it done and get additional spaces out of it," she said. "I just want to see it through to completion."

New council member Laura Augur mentioned city sidewalk improvement, with money coming from Community Development Block Grants, as something that excited her in the coming year.

"Those funds are normally reserved for low-income areas, but we were able to use the money to improve our sidewalks and help with the planning," she said. "We should have around \$15,000 for the sidewalks and around \$9,000 for planning."

Augur also said she hopes to represent the city council on the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce in the coming year.

"I think it would be a great way to tell the community that we care," she said.

Volunteers needed for ski patrol

Spent the summer jogging, running and cycling to keep in shape? With weather conditions worsening, will that muscle turn to flab? This winter stay dedicated to fitness and help others by volunteering for the Oakland County Parks Nordic Ski Patrol.

Those who ski at an intermediate level and have first aid training are eligible. Oakland County Parks will offer the National Ski Patrol's Winter Outdoor Emergency Care class for those without first aid training.

"As a first step, we can put you to work as our eyes and ears - keeping a lookout for skiers in distress," Jim Meloche, a 16-year Nordic Ski Patrol veteran from Clarkston, said.

In exchange for 40 hours of service, volunteers receive an Oakland County Parks' annual vehicle sticker good for entry to five parks.

"Last year we ended the season with 22 volunteers," Meloche said. "We need 20 at Independence Oaks, then hopefully we can add a patrol to Addison Oaks."

Both parks have nearly 12 miles of ski trails. Independence Oaks is located on Sashabaw Road, 2½ miles north of I-75 near Clarkston. Addison Oaks is 9 miles north of Rochester on West Romeo Road.

If interested, call Meloche at (810) 641-0044 or (810) 625-8205.

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on M-15, where a section of sidewalk just starts and stops. McGee supports having developers contribute to the safety path fund so walkways can be connected. The township's been working with some developers to do that "in lieu of putting a safety path to nowhere."

Sizing up '97, McGee said it will be a combination of regular "housekeeping stuff" and larger items. "I think we need to approach the new year with vigor and do what's best for the people and make some key decisions."

Trustee Larry Rosso

As a new trustee this year, Rosso is eager to work and brings some fresh perspectives to the table. His four top priorities are as follows:

- Plans for a new township center, a complex complete with offices and a community center. "I would venture to say (it would be) on Sashabaw Rd. We have property there."

- Fruition of the Vision 2020 plan. "Right now the committee's putting on the finishing touches to present to the public."

- ⇒ Increasing pressure for commercial development. Rosso predicts a slowdown for residential and an

emphasis on commercial. "The economy will slow down and people won't be building more and bigger houses," he said. He points to the recent Outback Steakhouse controversy as a good example of commercial pressure. "That's just the beginning. That's just the tip of the iceberg," he said.

- Finally, Rosso says the township has to step back and take a long, hard look at environmental issues which will be impacted by growth, not only in 1997, but throughout the years to come.

It's not only the tearing down of trees that's a worry, it's other areas like "the concern of contamination which has crept up during some of the meetings," he said.

A self-described preservationist, Rosso added, "I'm all out to preserve air, water, land ... We have to start taking a more activist role. The less impact on the environment, the better."

That's why he supported fellow trustee Neil Wallace's idea to create a proposal for mandatory well inspections.

"I could be naive, I could be engaging in some wishful thinking, but I don't want to lose that hopefulness, that optimism to tackle these issues," he said.

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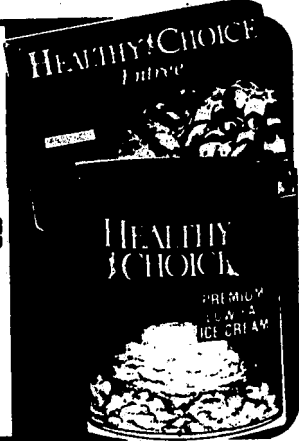


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