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At Bailey Lake



Natalie McGinnis (left) and Kirstin Roche exchange the Bailey Lake Bulldog paw pat with their principal, Chris Turner, at an assembly Friday. The girls dressed alike to mark Twins Day at the school, which celebrated the 100th day of school with several activities.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T It's more than just a song

It's become job 1 at Bailey Lake

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Kids today get bombarded with all kinds of messages. Be Like Mike. Just Do It. Have you had your break today.

Well, the staff at Bailey Lake Elementary School decided to mount its own advertising campaign this year. But they're not selling French fries or shoes. Rather, they're peddling good old-fashioned R-E-S-P-E-C-T—respect for self and others.

That's one of three main goals the staff has established for the school, and on Jan. 31 they donned some silly hats to get the point across in a form students are familiar with, a mock quiz show.

In this case it was called the Bailey Lake Bulldog Best Behavior Bowl. Contestants included Ken Kindheart (played by principal Chris Turner), Lady Lucy Listener (Ellen Buday), Sir Guy Goodman (Bob

Devereaux) and Miss Merry Manners (Sharon Thomas). The script was written by Laurie Eller, who acted as master of ceremonies.

The questions dealt with school behavior— demeanor in the hallways, listening to adults, how to address other students, what to do about things falling on the floor. But the underlying message was clear: showing respect for self and others at all times.

Eller said though there wasn't a big problem at the school, there was room for improvement.

"We were trying to give examples of some things I see that aren't quite what we were expecting," she said. "We didn't have a major problem. But the staff did a lot of talking. One of the concerns that came up was kids could be a little more respectful."

Rather than just set down a bunch of new rules, the staff, as part of the ongoing school improvement and accreditation process, set the respect goal and brainstormed ways to implement it. The goal goes along with two academic goals the staff also set.

"We wanted to improve upon what we had," Eller said. "It wasn't bad here."

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Schools find new bus provider

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The dispute over bussing services for Clarkston students was resolved Monday night when the board of education voted unanimously to lease school buses from Squire Commercial Equipment.

The action comes three weeks after the board terminated its contract with National School Bus Service in a dispute over the specifications of buses National was providing. School superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said National's buses did not provide adequate heating.

When National signed a contract to provide bus services beginning with the 1995-96 school year, it purchased the schools' existing bus fleet. The company was to provide buses comparable to the district's former fleet and save the district the cost of buying buses itself.

The cost of the contract for National's services was budgeted at \$745,848 for the current school year, including management, maintenance and repairs. National paid the district \$795,000 for its fleet and supplies at the start of the agreement.

The new agreement with Squire is a three-year lease at a cost of \$493,632 with the option to purchase some or all of the buses at the end of the lease. Transportation supervisor Kevin Bickerstaff said all options were explored in trying to find the best deal for the district this time around.

"It all started out just as a way we could get a better fleet with less money," he said. "These are more like the buses we used to buy."

Bickerstaff said that in addition to heating problems, the buses National provided did not meet the district's specifications on such items as suspension, flooring and weight. When he went out to see what else was available, he found "we can get all of our specs. on it and save dollars."

Though Squire was not the lowest bidder (Hoekstra came in \$13,000 lower), its bid was favored because the cost of purchasing the buses at the end of the lease was \$106,000 lower. Roberts favored Squire because it offered a needed flexibility, as well as unlimited mileage.

"It wouldn't be my recommendation to the board that we buy back the whole fleet at one time anyhow; we'd set up a cycle," he said. "It's not a question of reliability; it's a question of options down the line."

Lease payments will begin in September but the buses will be available by July 25. Roberts said he expects the board to continue to set aside the money it saves on this deal for an eventual bus purchase down the

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The news in brief

School board narrows search for architect

After devoting three nights to interviewing architects, the Clarkston board of education has apparently narrowed its search to two.

The board will begin its regular Monday meeting Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. to discuss more information requested from the two leading firms, Roy G. French and Associates and Kingscott Associates. The board also set a special meeting for 7 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14 for further discussion with representatives of the two firms.

It appeared from discussion Monday night at a special board meeting that French is the leading contender for Phase III, the plan to build a new elementary school and undertake renovations and additions at many of the existing buildings. The question will come before the voters for the second time in June. It was turned down in December.

The board would like to be ready to hire an architect for the project as soon as voters approve the bond issue.

The board also set a special meeting for Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 a.m. to talk about a proposed new strategic plan. All the meetings are scheduled for the administration building on Clarkston Rd.

Township taxes due

The 1996 winter property taxes payable to Independence Township are due by Feb. 14. After that date, a penalty will be added, according to treasurer Jim Wenger. After March 1, delinquent summer and winter taxes will be turned over to

Oakland County.

In addition, all township offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 in honor of Presidents Day.

Parent-To-Parent comes to TV

The popular parent-training series "Parent-to-Parent" featuring noted speaker Bill Oliver has been condensed into a 58-minute video version and will be shown on local cable TV.

See "It's a Parent!" on TCI Cable channel 65 at 8 p.m. every Friday in February. Oliver shares practical insights for parents on the topics of drug and alcohol prevention.

If you see the video and want more, the full four-part "Parent-To-Parent" series will be offered by local facilitators beginning in early April. To sign up or for more information, call Becky Kelly at 625-4402.

Red Cross schedules Clarkston blood banks

American Red Cross blood banks have been scheduled around the area on the following dates: Feb. 3: Oakland Technical Center, 8211 Big Lake Rd., 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 625-5202 for appointments. Feb. 7: Andersonville Elementary School, 10350 Andersonville Rd. Hours are 2-8 p.m.; call 625-5300 for appointments. Feb. 17: St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw, 3-9 p.m. Call 625-4644 for appointments.

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Something to shout about

Public Schools . . . Public Pride event a hit at Summit Place Mall

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Dressed in a dark blue sweatshirt and carrying a walkie-talkie, Oakland Schools Superintendent Dr. James Redmond strolled the halls of Summit Place Mall Sunday looking excited and happy.

It was only the mid-point of the six-hour event called "Public Schools . . . Public Pride" and already counts had shown over 35,000 people had entered the mall.

"We could hit 50,000," Redmond said, his eyes wide with disbelief. In fact, by the time it was over, 60,000 people visited the mall.

What everyone was there for was a public display, perhaps for the first time on this scale, of what's right about public schools. Students and staff from all 28 Oakland County school districts, Oakland University and Oakland Community College were crowded behind over 100 tables filled with computers, video cameras, science projects, artwork and much more to talk about the exciting things going on in their schools.

The event was sponsored by Oakland Schools, OU and OCC, among others, and was followed by a reception with county executive L. Brooks Patterson and 200 state legislators, county commissioners, business partners and school officials.

"Public Schools . . . Public Pride forcefully brought home the notion that the quality of our schools is a direct link to the quality of life for everyone in Oakland County," Redmond said.

Clarkston schools were well represented. Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts was in attendance, and Andersonville and Springfield Plains Elementary schools had tables, as did Clarkston High School, where students talked about the new EarthVision program. Musicians and drama students from CHS entertained the crowds.

Steve Hyer, a CHS senior in the EarthVision program, said there was a lot of interest. "Quite a few people have stopped. A lot of people we knew. A lot more people have showed interest than we thought. We're down to our last copies (of literature)." It was only 2:30 p.m. when he spoke, and the show still had a couple of hours to run.

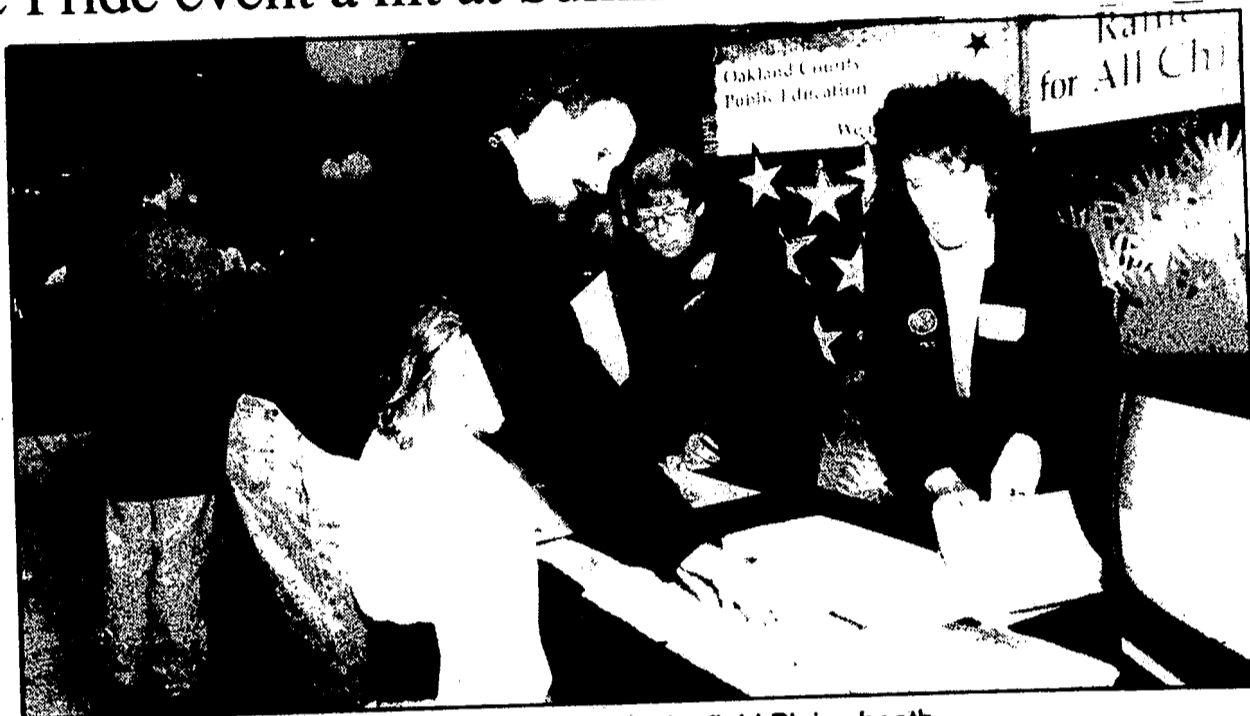
Summit Place Mall kicked in by donating a portion of its sales from the day to the schools. Free child care was also provided and senior citizens got free valet parking and coffee.

Roberts was enthusiastic about what he saw. "It's great. Every school system did an extraordinary job of getting out some of the best projects their school has to offer," he said. "The day really has lived up to its billing—public schools, public pride. Anyone who thinks public schools aren't doing their job should see it."

At the Andersonville Elementary booth, students Holly Ellsworth and Megan Monroe demonstrated their school's conflict resolution program with some role-playing as principal Bill Potvin looked on. Though it was hard to hear them over the din of the crowd, they received a nice round of applause after a presentation. "It's pretty fun," Holly said.

The Springfield Plains table, which included principal Dr. Sharon Devereaux, offered information on the "Rainbows for all Children" program while two young singers, Jessica and Carl Schulte, supported their effort in song.

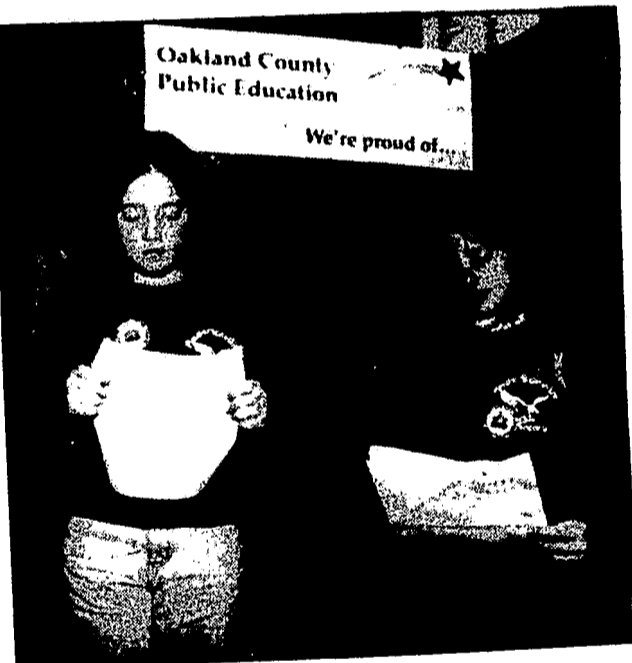
All in all, it was a loud, crowded, boisterous event that seemed to be a big hit with everyone who came.



Helen Vardon (left) and Pat Andrus man the Springfield Plains booth.



Above, Steve Hyer (left) and Nicholas McPherson of the CHS EarthVision program man their booth. Above right, Holly Ellsworth (left) and Megan Monroe read a skit about conflict resolution which ends with the two adversaries shaking hands. At right, "stuffed students" from Clarkston and other districts were on display.



"We're amazed," said Redmond. "I'm awestruck by the vitality, the creativity, the goodness" brought about by some 2,000 volunteers. "I've been walking around with a smile on my face for three hours."

School board starts work on budget

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Having input into how the school district's multi-million-dollar budget is produced has long been a sore spot for some members of the Clarkston board of education. Monday night, a process was begun to remedy the situation.

The board met in a workshop setting for over two hours to set some priorities and learn how previous budgets were prepared. With a new financial guy and new superintendent on board, it's safe to say things will be done somewhat differently in future.

Craig Kahler, the district's director of business services, reminded the board that he has only built one budget in his short tenure in Clarkston.

"The budget here has been a continuation budget," Kahler said. "Unless the board has approved a specific program, few other things are going to be added . . . My objective at minimum is to maintain the fund balance unless you tell me otherwise."

Board treasurer Kurt Shanks and others agreed that the district performs well once its budget is prepared. It's deciding priorities in advance—in effect driving the budget instead of it driving the district—where improvements can be made.

"It's easy to come up with a balanced budget, but is it going to give the maximum for the kids?" Shanks said.

Kahler said he intends to give the board more detailed reporting in the future. Instead of having to look at one huge document, he intends to prepare smaller documents that give a better picture of what's happening. However, he said, some rather large chunks of money are pretty much out of his hands—the amount of state aid, which now constitutes 84 percent of income; the amount of money consumed by labor

contracts and mandatory benefits, like retirement and FICA; and enrollments, which continue to grow in Clarkston.

"A teacher came up to me and say 'Why can't we have a lot more computers?'" said superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "I said you can have as many as you want. Which of your colleagues do you want to give up?"

Some people would like to essentially start from scratch in building future budgets—the so-called "zero-based budgeting." That would allow for greater flexibility and innovation but would require training so everyone would understand they're gaining something,

not losing.

"We need to change if we're going to survive," Roberts said. "There's pretty decent consensus in what the priorities are. Getting to them, and a budget for them, is the tricky part."

When the meeting wrapped up around 10 p.m., several board members agreed that the exercise had been useful but was just a first step in a larger process.

"This is a good start," said trustee Mary Ellen McLean. "I really didn't want to go to this meeting tonight but as a rookie I learned from this."

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The process has been underway for two years now, beginning with a staff retreat from which the school's three goals emerged. This fall, after devoting the first year to study, the implementation began, according to Ellen Buday, a media paraprofessional at the school.

"We did a beginning of the year assembly," she said. "We introduced all our rules so kids would know exactly what was expected of them." January was respect month, with daily messages.

In addition, the students have a Bulldog cheer and a pledge, which they recite every Friday. They also have the Bailey Lake paw pat, a friendly, low impact sort of high five that is exchanged as a greeting. Think of seals rubbing noses, or adults shaking hands. Here, the kids press their knuckles up against one another as they pass.

Staff and students also work together on charity events, such as the SCAMP walk, school announcements, spirit day, student council and a credit union.

It all seems to be working. "I think there's a better team spirit, better camaraderie," Eller said.



Third-graders Casey Brandenburg (left) and Caitlin Bennet mark Twins Day in matching teddy bear sweaters they already owned.

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Friedman: Be brave enough to ask your children what you don't want to hear

Noted psychologist comes to Orion, talks to parents about the troubles of teens

By Maralee Cook
Oxford Leader Reporter

Fellow parents, we are the enemy.

That was the message from Dr. Sonya Friedman, although it was delivered gently, firmly and with a sense of humor.

About 300 parents (mostly moms, Friedman noted) and a few teens met in the Lake Orion Middle School cafeteria to hear nationally known psychologist Dr. Sonya Friedman speak about positive parenting Jan. 28.

She was invited to present the program by the Orion/Oxford Community Advisory Council. The council has been seeking ways of helping parents deal with a growing number of teen problems.

To address the area's concern about teen suicide attempts, Friedman spoke about the topic and introduced Bonnie, a mother whose son recently committed suicide.

Although the boy killed himself shortly after his girlfriend broke off their relationship, Friedman said his parents' divorce years before and the diminished relationship with his father caused most of the pain. The breakup with his girlfriend was a catalyst.

"Nothing going on in Oxford and Lake Orion is not going on everywhere else," said Friedman. She urged parents to talk to children about teen pregnancy, alcohol and suicide. "Be an askable parent. Make sure there is nothing kids can't ask you," she said. "Learn to listen non-judgementally without preparing an an-

swer."

Echoing the words of school counselors, Friedman advised, "We need to help children develop coping skills, to help them deal with what life dishes out."

Bonnie shared her feelings of anger, pain and mostly guilt following the death of her son. She also spoke about missing the 'cues' of his depression, and the things she wished she had done differently.

Friedman said a lack of attachment or a sense of loss meeting a catalyst is usually the problem. "Pain is very important," she said. "We must teach kids to live up to and conquer it." But she added, "Unless you post a 24-hour guard, if a child really wants to commit suicide, he will."

"Be brave enough to ask your children what you don't want to hear — if they have suicidal thoughts. And ask them how they would do it," she said. Friedman told parents to beware if a teen all of a sudden swings out of a depression and seems happy, and not to leave guns around the house.

She also spoke about parenting skills, and where she sees American parents falling short.

"We are not bringing up our children today with a conscience," said Friedman. "We are not bringing them up in a way that lets them feel a tie to other people. We pressure them to grow up and to do better, and treat them with a 'Don't bother me, get lost.' attitude.

Friedman encouraged parents to stop and think how they talk to children. She also said she hears parents complain about their children doing the same things they do. "Why do we have higher standards for our children than we do for ourselves?" she asked.



Dr. Sonya Friedman

Friedman touched on specific topics and asked parents to consider their own behavior regarding each one.

Sex

Divorced, single women bring men into their homes and let them stay overnight (in front of their children), said Friedman. She asked all of the adult men in the audience who waited until they were 21 years old to have sex to stand up (none did). Then she questioned why parents are then upset when their own children expect to have casual, premarital sex.

Girls have sex not for the sexual experience, but because they want to be loved or because of peer pressure. Friedman said it is the job of the female in society to set the standard. If it's not done, males will accept the lowest common denominator.

She encouraged kids not to have sex because it distracts them from their personal goals.

"Grow up first," she said. "Don't let someone cast a spell on you and distract you."

Disrespect for authority

The disrespect for authority by adults is the model for that behavior in teens. Many adults brag to their kids about how they beat a traffic ticket, etc. Boys are growing up in a culture where there is an increasing lack of respect for authority. "We are a society that is breeding predators," said Friedman. "The crime rate will go up as the number of teens in our society rises."

There is a danger in having fewer males in the household, she said, adding society should place a greater value on males.

Smoking and substance abuse

Parents who smoke get upset when their children start, she said. "Stop smoking yourself," said Friedman. "Parents say to me 'My kids only drink,

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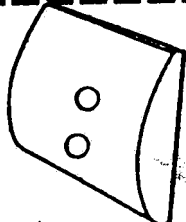


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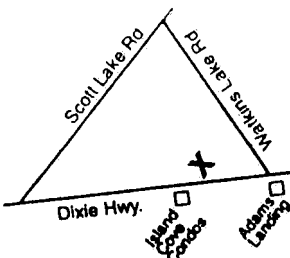
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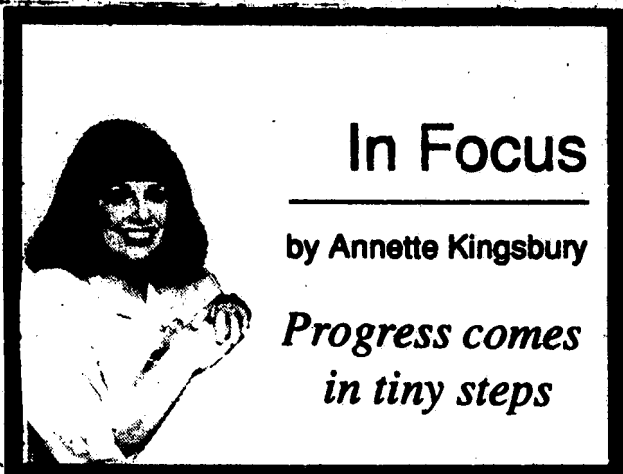
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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

*Progress comes
in tiny steps*

We could probably write something every week about roads, the road commission, gas taxes, etc.

Last week I wrote in this space about the problem of road funding. Gas taxes are dedicated to roads but are spread around by the state in the manner it sees fit. The fact that Oakland County doesn't get back what it puts in, combined with the condition of our roads, makes everyone I've ever talked to less than a fan of the road commission, which, to be fair, shouldn't shoulder all of the blame since it has no control over funding.

But, along comes a call from a reader who thinks maybe we've been a bit too easy on the RCO. The caller said he's called the road commission four times about potholes on I-75, but nothing's been done about it. He tried to reach the top guy on the totem pole, only to be derailed, he says, by a secretary who won't put him through.

Well, we've been focusing our energies here on the local road situation, but of course I-75 is the road commission's responsibility too. And with new, higher speed limits, think about the dangerous possibilities of hitting a big hole at 65 MPH or greater.

On the other hand, you want to punch somebody when you read in the papers that the State Transportation Commission is commenting--if only in jest, as they claim--that they want to withhold road money from districts whose state legislators don't support a hike in the gas tax.

It's been widely reported that the commission was plotting to "blackmail" legislators by cancelling road and bridge work in the districts of those who oppose a tax increase (which, by the way, the gov doesn't think we need, according to the State of the State address last week).

Whether the remarks were serious or not, you don't have to wonder any more why Oakland County roads are so bad. With that kind of leadership, things aren't likely to turn around any time soon.

What started all the hoopla in this newspaper about roads was a police report that expressed frustration with the road commission. And while some have regretted that the report was ever written, it may have done some good.

A road commission supervisor told me that instead of meeting regularly with township officials, as they have been doing, road commission representatives will now meet with road patrol officers, the guys who know the roads better than just about anyone. The meetings should foster better communications and a better understanding of just what everyone's job is--and isn't.

And just last week I received a copy of a letter sent from Brent Bair, managing director of the road commission, to Gar Wilson, Independence Township Fire Chief. Wilson, you may recall, was vocal in his unhappiness with the road commission.

The letter indicates Bair and Wilson have met since the article appeared. "I am convinced that with improved communications you will be better able to understand our capabilities, and we will be better able to understand what your needs and desires are..." the letter states.

Planning commissioner responds to remark

Dear editor,

This letter is in response to an article in the Clarkston News in the Jan 29 issue, page two, The News in Brief.

As the article stated I was appointed to a two-year term to the planning commission. The city council voted unanimously for this appointment; this included councilperson Aulgur. She is quoted as saying she gave Mayor Catallo two names for the planning commission but they were turned down because they never attended city council meetings. She goes on to say 'but the two we hired have not been to a council meeting since my election to council.'

There really should be differing opinions on the planning commission. We have some serious issues forthcoming on the commission and I strongly believe this. I'll tell you what I strongly believe, that you should not be making comments to the press without knowing your facts.

The facts are that on Dec. 10, 1996 I attended the city council meeting; in fact I was the only one there other than council members. You asked council if you could attend a seminar in Flint on parliamentary procedure. You also asked if you could attend Chamber of Commerce meetings on behalf of the city.

I recall it was a short meeting but I have in fact

attended many a council meeting since my wife and I bought a home here two year ago. Does any of this jog your memory?

I will guarantee you one thing, I will always have a differing opinion with someone whether it's you or the mayor or the planning commission. I will always speak my mind on all the issues.

Councilperson Aulgur had no right to bring me into her disagreement with Mayor Catallo on her choice not having been chosen to the planning commission; it smells like political jealousy to me. I have nothing to hide and no hidden agendas. Do you, councilperson Aulgur?

The very least you can do is set the record straight. I can not believe the Clarkston News printed this comment without trying to verify the facts. I look forward to working with city council and the planning commission to help our village move forward. Be very careful what you say about me in the press. You may very well see my name in the paper and on the ballot next to yours.

Sincerely,
Michael S. Kelley

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Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Gov's message a swan song?

I listened to Governor Engler's "State of the State" address last week. Actually, I only listened to the second half, tuning in just in time to hear his plan for improving Michigan roads.

With extra strength in his voice and added drama he announced: "I will not be asking for an increase in taxes for roads."

I take that statement to mean John Engler has decided to not seek re-election. My conclusion was reinforced when he promoted a program he would be working on with Secretary of State Candice Miller... a politician who has put herself in the public eye more than Visine.

There's no doubt in my mind, and that of many others called in a recent poll, Candice Miller wants to be this state's first woman governor. Her too-big signs on license plate offices, her hosting a WJR talk show at the recent Detroit Auto Show and her prominently displayed name on everything dealing with her office are proof to me she's got her state capital track shoes on.

A long time ago an outbound city manager told me his downfall was not paying enough attention to streets. Our bad roads gave U.S. Congressman Dale Kildee all the ammunition he needed to defeat his challenger in the last election, Pat Nowak, who was appointed by Engler to run our state roads.

He and Engler claim they spent more money than anyone, ever, on our roads. Trouble is, they can't

hear while they're talking. And they should and could have heard plenty.

Our roads are bad, and it isn't because of the freezing and thawing of 1996-97. As I've written before, state highway M-24 has been on two, five-year lists for improving and widening from Oxford to Lapeer. M-15 is nearly as bad, as is M-53.

The governor's way of getting more money for roads is to get the federal government to return more. No chance! Lay off more people. Small relief! Take \$70 million from the general fund. That might pay for the ramp from I-75 to the Ambassador Bridge he mentioned.

He proposed a few more cutbacks, all of which he said would be equivalent to an eight-cent a gallon tax on gasoline.

Right after the Governor's hour-long delivery four Democrats had their say on public tv. They agreed Engler came up with nothing new, talked too long, should keep his nose out of Detroit's schools and is guessing on the dollar value of cuts.

All politicians use figures loosely. President Clinton say his program put 100,000 police on the streets. The figure is more like 11,000. We accept their figures as normal untruths.

But, when Gov. Engler shouts, 'No new taxes!', it's President Bush all over again. The only difference, as I see it, is that President Bush ran for re-election.

I don't think Engler will make that mistake.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1982)

Township officials are in a quandry because the money's just not there to pay a proposed rate hike for contracting Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies. The township's bill for police protection could be upped by as much as \$63,984 this year. "We're living on our millage collection now," says supervisor James B. Smith.

Forrest Milzow, owner of Deer Lake Racquet Club, sells his interest in the Clarkston Mills Mall, leaving ownership to Ed Adler, co-owner and vice president of Food Town, and Dr. Gary Welch, chief of thoracic surgery at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The mall has been losing business, but Adler says he sees an end to the exodus of merchants which has plagued the mall for the past year. By the end of the month, he expects vacancies to be filled.

Clarkston High School's varsity volleyball team comes through in flying colors, losing the first battle in the Greater Oakland Activities League, but rallying to sweep the next two games and the match, 15-9 and 15-4. The victory places the spikers on the road to defending the league championship won by Clarkston last season.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

Clarkston's Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Leslie F. Greene, says he has his doubts that a recommendation to combine Clarkston and other suburban areas with the Pontiac School District will ever come to fruition. "Anyone who has ever investigated the transportation of large numbers of students knows that the project is expensive and difficult, if not impossible. It's incomprehensible that this would ever be brought about," he says.

Clarkston High School's Concert Band announces a winter concert to be presented in the school auditorium on Feb. 10. High school senior and saxophonist Lee Campbell will be the soloist, performing "Nightfall" by John Morrissey. Assembly concerts will also be presented for students at the two junior high schools.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

Local boys serving overseas say they appreciate getting the news from home. Johnny Ronk, who is

stationed in San Francisco, writes, "The paper is coming to me every week now and I enjoy it a lot." Glenn Arthur, who is stationed at Pearl Harbor, says thanks to the Service Mothers for sending him the Clarkston News. "Boy, when you are as far away from home as I am, it sure helps to be able to keep track of your friends," he writes.

Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Gilbert Roland in "The Beauty and the Bandit," Edward G. Robinson and Loretta Young in "The Stranger" and The Bowery Boys in "Spook Busters." Showing at the Holly Theatre are Gary Cooper, Robert Alda and Lilli Palmer in "Cloak and Dagger" and James Mason and Ann Todd in "The Seventh Veil."

Selected specials at Terry's Market include lamb shoulders, 37 cents a pound; bacon squares, 39 cents a pound; sauerkraut, two cans for 27 cents; Wheaties, two packages for 23 cents; and peanut butter, two pounds for 61 cents.

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

Plans for a Winter Carnival on the Mill Pond are taking shape. The Progressive Class of Clarkston Methodist Sunday School meets at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ronk. The group decides to hold the carnival on Feb. 20 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Included will be a fancy skating contest, a bicycle race, jumping contest and a hockey game. Refreshments will include hot dogs and hot drinks — and don't forget to cast your vote for the Winter Queen.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey in "Mummy's Boys," Freddie Bartholomew and Madeleine Carroll in "Lloyds of London" and Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea in "Banjo on My Knee." Mickey Mouse cartoons and news will be also be shown. Coming next Sunday is Robert Taylor in "Camille."

A Citizens' Caucus is posted in the Clarkston News, giving notice that nominations will be accepted for several village offices on Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. The caucus will be held in the Village of Clarkston's council room. Offices include president, clerk, treasurer, three trustees and one village assessor. The announcement is made by Percy Craven, village clerk.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Librarians strike back



All ye who dare, beware: Librarians are a feisty lot.

Write about them and their libraries' funding and they go on the offensive. No sitting back and letting whatever happen with this group. They mobilize and go.

I can testify this to be a true thing. If only I had known before (famous last words). Last week I wrote about libraries and penal fines -- wouldn't you know it librarians from both the Orion and Oxford libraries were on the phone, lickity-split talking to you know who -- yours truly.

"WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING!?" was the gist of their calls, albeit they stated their feelings in a nicer and more diplomatic way. Needless to say, I understood the subtle undertones.

"RUSH, YOU BETTER WRITE IT RIGHT OR YOU'RE A DEAD MAN."

Gulp.

When I read the chart that showed Oakland County libraries had collected over \$1.29 million in penal fines I made what I thought was a logical assumption. I figured penal meant penalty and fines meant fines. Which I concluded (in the convoluted way I have of concluding things), meant penalty

fines for late stuff at the libraries.

Tisk, tisk, Mr. Rush. Never assume, it always gets you in trouble.

Yep.

According to the library gals, penal fines are "those collected by the state for violations of the motor vehicle codes, assessed by the courts." Further, the state constitution says those fines can't be given to the court system, so it goes back to the public via libraries, dished out on a per capita basis. (How am I doin' gals?)

And, the reason library folks get a little excited about penal fines is because there're people in state government who would love the library's piece of the penal fine pie. So, they fight for what is theirs.

To put things in perspective, at the Orion library *they* (that would be them folks at the library -- how's that for proper English?) collected about \$10,000 in late fees. Oxford had about \$4,000 in overdue fees and lost book collections. Oxford charges a nickle a day for late fees up to \$4 for adult books and up to \$2 for kid-stuff.

Lesson for today: if you write about libraries and their funding expect somebody to throw a book at you -- duck.

People Poll

By Eileen McGarville

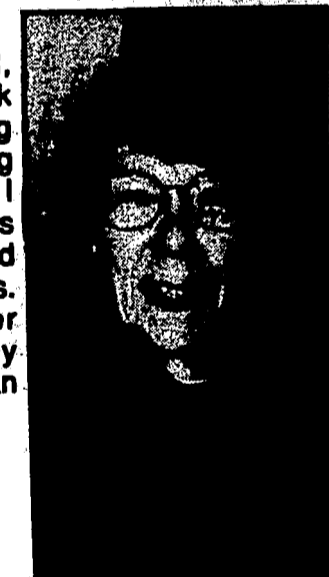
What do you think about requiring a photo ID to vote?



RUTH HINE, ORTONVILLE: I personally think any type of precaution they take is fine.



LEOTA DORST, CLARKSTON: It seemed like a good idea to me. I don't have a photo ID but I certainly would be glad to get one. Anything they do to help make things better we should be willing to cooperate with.



JERRY HUNTER, CLARKSTON: I work at the polls. My big concern is, is it going to hamper things ... I feel election workers are very well informed and handle the votes. There is proper identification; they check properly. It can be done.



BEV TERRITO, CLARKSTON: It doesn't bother me. I think eventually it's going to come down to where a fingerprint will be used for our identification.

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



CHS Life

By Meghann Smith

On parents

We have no other way of being on this planet if it weren't for our parents. Therefore I think they're a pretty important part in our lives, a pretty negative part in any teenager's eyes.

If your parents are anything like mine (which the chances are highly unlikely as my parents are very, um, unique) every one of their friends and relatives have heard the everyday horror stories of having a teenager under their roof. And every one of their friends and relatives are probably praying that their daughter does not grow up to be as awful a child as I am.

The thing is, I think parents secretly enjoy it when we teenagers perform radical stunts. After all it's one more daytime soap script to tell to all 90 of their closest friends. I mean where would their lives be if they didn't have us? They'd have to worry over Kelly and Jason on Beverly Hills 90210 rather than their own, real-live teen.

I also notice that in my house, everything I do has a reason and everything they do does not. For example: Do they have to drive me to the mall? No. Do I have to do the dishes? If I want to eat. This whole "your job, my job" thing is the part I definitely think they slept through in the course (required for all parents of teenagers), "How to Make Your Teen Child's Life Truly Awful."

Take into consideration that maybe they don't have a specific reason for driving me someplace, but if they do, they don't have to worry about my "hoodlum friends" getting into a car wreck and I'm out of their hair for a few hours. That's two definite benefits. On the other hand I do the dishes, basically because everyone should do their own part (though my sisters seem to do significantly less than their assigned part) in keeping our house running smoothly. But if I relate the argument I get every time I try to weasel out of doing the dishes ("But Mom, I have six hours of homework left to do for tomorrow!" "Do

you want to eat tomorrow?") I can find several faults.

Let's say the chore-doers of America go on strike and I just decide not to do the dishes. Who's worse off? I might have to fend for myself in the meal department and live off of Doritos and Coke, but my parents, on the other hand, have a sink full of dirty dishes.

Another thing I just love about parents is the infamous "We're not everybody else's parents" lecture. Now I'm positive every really bad, or good, teenager on the face of this earth has heard it, along with their parents and their parent's parents, and their parent's parent's parents and their... OK, you get the picture. Here's a tip. When you're trying to finagle your way into getting something that your parents aren't too keen on giving you, never, ever, ever use the phrase "Everybody else is..." or "Johnny's parents let him..." Because trust me (I'm a veteran when it comes to this argument) it will never, ever, ever work except for once in a blue moon or if your parents are incredibly cool. Most likely you'll be hit up with "If everybody else jumped of the Sears Tower would you do it too?" (Well Dad, did they have bungee cords?) or "Do I look like I'm everybody else's parent?" (Gosh Mom, I sure hope not!)

If you receive either one of these responses chances are the answer is going to be no, unless, of course, if you have some sort of magic potion that convinces parental units to answer yes to any given question. (By the way, if you do have that secret potion, would you mind manufacturing it? Trust me; it would be a great investment).

We all guarantee ourselves that we won't turn out to be our parents, but the truth is that everybody does, and it happens when you least expect it, too. Haven't you ever slipped and heard something come out of your mouth that, eerily, sounds like one of your parents' trademark sayings? Scary, huh?

Wagner Employee of the Quarter

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Paying your taxes isn't pleasant — but it helps to have someone who's just that behind the counter.

That's just one of the reasons why township treasurer's office secretary Susan Wagner was named Independence Township's "Employee of the Quarter."

Supervisor Dale Stuart announced the honor during the Jan. 21 township Board of Trustees meeting. The recognition, initially suggested by trustee Dan Travis, cites a township employee every three months. In order to be considered, he or she must receive at least one nomination. Wagner received four.

"Many of you who know Sue and have been around her know that couldn't be more appropriate," he said.

Other board members had high praise for Wagner, who has worked in the treasurer's office for 11 years (but was too shy to have her picture taken for this story).

Clerk Joan McCrary, who sees Wagner on a daily basis, called her "always helpful" and "always friendly, so she's very deserving." McCrary said Wagner often works long hours, including staying late at township elections.

Wagner was modest when interviewed a few days later. "I do a little bit of everything," she said. Among her duties are collecting and processing taxes and funds, including those from various township departments, handling special assessments, writing letters — even doling out dog licenses.

"We take all the money. It's a large volume of work and there's only two of us to do it," she said,

recognizing the person who works next to her, deputy treasurer Lil Jawlik.

Prior to her coming to the township, Wagner worked for Pontiac State Bank. Starting out as a treasurer's office part-timer, she swung into full-time when the position opened.

A Clarkston resident, Wagner has three grown children, Stephanie, Todd and Jennifer, and is married to Ron, a commercial artist.

"She says she's one of those employees who loves her job. "I enjoy it very much. The people here are very nice to work with. And I like working with the public — you do a lot of that," she said with a laugh.

Stuart says employees appreciate the awards program. "They like the suspense ... The nominations are sincere and thoughtful, wide-ranging and complimentary."



Death and taxes

Tax obligations do not end at death, according to the 1997 IRS information packet.

If you have enough income before dying, your family or executor must file an income-tax return for you and pay any taxes due. Depending on when a person dies, more than one form may have to be filed — someone who dies before April 15 without filing the previous year's return will owe two returns.

The good news? A surviving spouse does not have to file Form 1310, "Statement of a person claiming refund due a deceased taxpayer." Wonder if that's in lieu of a sympathy card?

Focus on the family

By Dr. James Dobson



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Q. How can I shape my 9-year-old son's will without damaging his spirit?

A. It is accomplished by establishing reasonable boundaries and enforcing them with love, but by avoiding any implication that the child is unwanted, unnecessary, foolish, ugly, dumb, a burden, an embarrassment or a disastrous mistake. Any accusation that assaults the worth of a child in this way can be costly, such as "You're so dumb!" or "Why can't you make decent grades in school like your sister?" or "You have been a pain in the neck ever since the day you were born!"

Rather, I would suggest that you respond decisively the next time your son behaves in a blatantly disruptive or defiant manner. There should be no screaming or derogatory accusations, although he should soon know that you mean what you say. He should probably be sent to bed an hour or two early. The following morning you should discuss the issue rationally, reassuring him of your continuing love — then start over. Most rebellious preteenagers respond beautifully to this one-two punch of love and consistent discipline. It's an unbeatable combination.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book *Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions*. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of *Focus on the Family*, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: *Focus on the Family*, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. (c) 1982, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Letters to the editor

Foundation thanks Wint

A Chinese proverb reads, "Behind an able man there are always other able men." In our hurried-up monthly meetings, it seems we rarely take the time to recognize and thank those responsible for our ongoing accomplishments as a foundation. So it is indeed fitting, as one year makes way for the next, to review and appreciate the contributions made by Mr. William Wint.

Bill has tirelessly chaired the Clarkston Foundation's Golf Classic for the past two years. His tremendous ability to organize such a massive event and his tenacity to see it through successfully have given us a benchmark for fund-raising. Who would have thought an afternoon of golf could bring \$30,000 to the Clarkston Foundation? Obviously, Bill knew it was possible, because he went out and did it.

We honor you today, Bill, not only for your past efforts, but also for your continued involvement and support. Your efforts are a true inspiration to us all. This foundation looks upon you with gratitude and pride as you help us move ever forward.

In appreciation,
James A. Evans, president
The Clarkston Foundation



● Tiffany Yarnall, 7, of Clarkston won second place in the youth division in the Focus on Michigan state-level photography competition sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

Tiffany was honored for her photo, "Girls on a Bridge," taken at Independence Oaks County Park.

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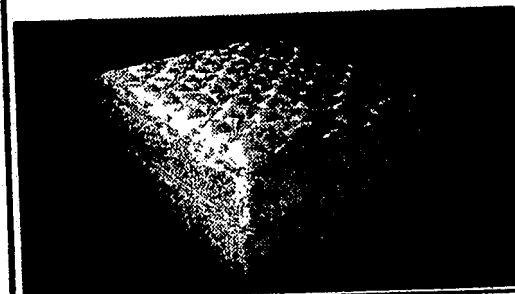
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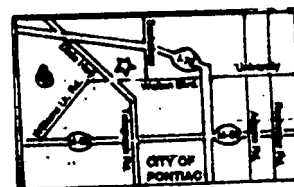
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Crafty lady opens sewing shop

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rosemarie De Boer is a stitch — in more ways than one.

The plucky owner of "Sew It Seams," a new shop at the corner of Oak Hill and M-15, De Boer weaves as much warmth and wit into her conversations as she threads through her tapestries.

That's just one of many fabrics De Boer, a Clarkston resident, works with in her custom sewing service, where she'll plunge into any textile fearlessly, both old and new. She'll create an entire bedroom ensemble, complete with spread, shams and throws. But, like Cinderella's fairy godmother, she can take an old, dull lampshade and bibbity-bobbin it into a beaded, lacy wonder.

"I like to use beading on pillows, old jewelry ... I think that's very interesting, don't you?" she asks.

De Boer's present repertoire includes custom window treatments, bedding, table linens, upholstering, pillows, lampshades, even floral arrangements.

A look around the mauve-hued walls of the 4,000-square-foot building she will share with her son's and husband's concrete business shows her versatility — a beautifully reupholstered loveseat where she'll serve tea, a cluster of ivory-and-lace wedding pillows, a basket filled with strawberries fashioned from dotted red fabric ...

"Having your own shop, you can really have your own independence," she says. "My shop is not a room,



Rosemarie De Boer with some of her handiwork.

but a place where the dreams of true personal fulfillment are realized."

That's very important for De Boer, who describes herself as "55 going on 16." A stay-at-home mom, she raised three children who are now all grown up. During that time she saved everything — bits of ribbon, lace and fur, scraps of fabric, beads, feathers and old jewelry.

"I've always been a collector. My husband says it's junk. I say it's wonderful," she says with a typical merry giggle. "My garage and attic are overflowing. But it's fun, it's so much fun."

A native upstate New Yorker, De Boer was 14 when the sewing bug bit her. "I had an elderly lady friend. She used to sew. I used to watch her. I grasped so much knowledge." Soon after, she received a sewing machine for her birthday.

Her country roots influenced her unique creations. "I used to go out into the woods, collect old mushrooms, twigs, bring flowers home to Mom."

De Boer found admirers, including Millpond Inn owners Buck and Joan Kopietz. De Boer's jade-green draperies grace their front window.

Home-based for years, De Boer was "itching" to open up her own shop. Buying the old building, which took a year and a half to restore, came at just the right juncture.

De Boer envisions handmade birdhouses, constructed with the help of two talented grandchildren. Then, there's the garden she hopes to tend alongside the building, where she'll raise fragrant herbs and flowers.

"You know, I just love making beautiful things. I just can't wait to get up in the morning and say, 'Oh, what am I going to get my fingers into today?'"

Sew It Seams is located at 3994 Ortonville Rd. (M-15), at the corner of Oak Hill Rd. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays; and by appointment. Some articles are taken on consignment. Call (810) 620-6370 for more information.

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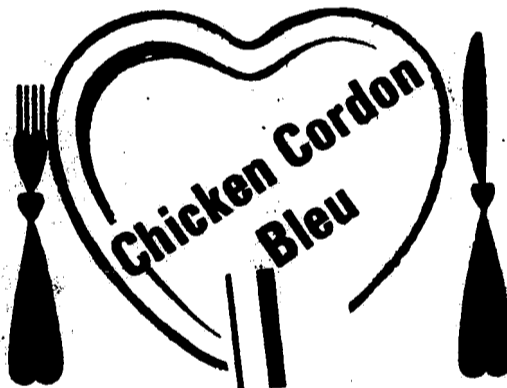
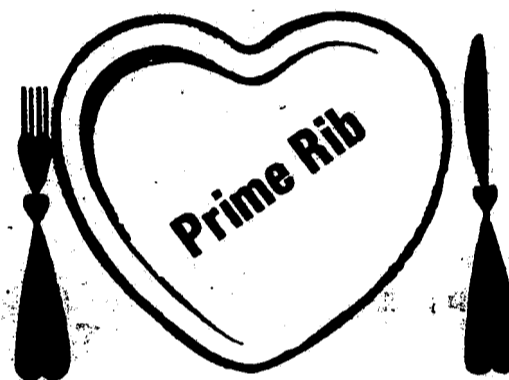
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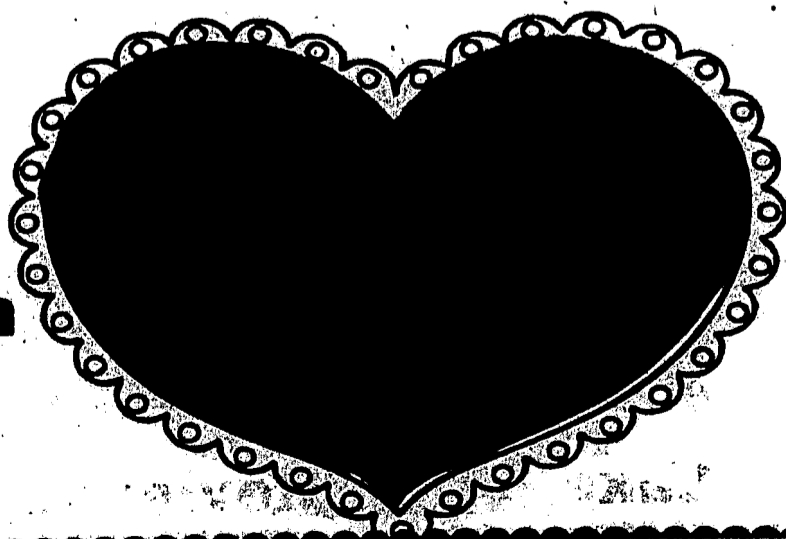
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Local Marine more than 'just a warrior'

He lends helping hand in communities he visits in Malaysia

BY RICH HENSON
Navy Public Affairs Center

After weeks at sea, a visit to a friendly port means a well-deserved rest for the crew of any naval vessel. Once the gangway is down, it's liberty call for most Sailors and Marines, but some have a different agenda in mind.

For one local Marine, a recent visit to Malaysia provided the opportunity for some community service.

Marine Sgt. Rodney L. Dunn II, a squad leader on the amphibious warfare ship USS Harpers Ferry, rolled up his sleeves with other Marines and Sailors on two projects. He helped put a new face on the Children's Society Building, a foster home in Singapore, and helped deliver tons of supplies to the St. Nicholas School for the Blind on the island of Penang.

"Volunteering my help in these countries does two things for me," Dunn said. "First, it helps me learn more about the culture, and second, it gives me great pride to represent the American people... I felt it is my duty to help other people and to give what I can to the less fortunate."

Dunn, 28, is the son of Rodney Dunn of Clarkston and Janet Wiegert of Davisburg and a 1986 graduate of Clarkston High School. He's a 10-year Marine veteran.

In Singapore, once the assessment of repairs was made at the foster home, Dunn and the others got to work. They fixed a roof, repaired a water main, chopped

down trees, cut grass, removed weeds and unwanted shrubbery and painted the interior and exterior of the building. Dunn also got to play with some local children.

On Penang, the Malaysian and US navies, along with the Marines, moved hundreds of pounds of library books, hygienic consumables and other supplies to the school for the blind, as well as completing repairs and upkeep.

Dunn's ship, the Harpers Ferry, is manned by 340 Sailors and 300 embarked Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Once an amphibious assault is launched, the ship can conduct command and control operations for Marine units ashore. The ship is currently deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch, enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

Dunn said it's important to be part of projects like those mentioned above and he was proud to be involved.

"It's important for the Navy and Marines to get involved in community relations projects because it

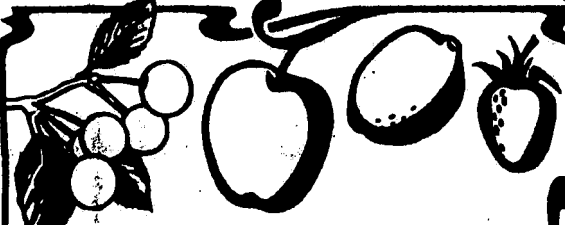
shows that we are not just warriors, but that we are caring people with families of our own," he said. "I was satisfied that I was able to lend a helping hand."

Dunn still had some time for some well-deserved liberty in Singapore. "Singapore was a very nice and very large city. We did a lot of walking," he said.

When the Harpers Ferry departed Malaysia it left behind some very special reminders of teamwork and caring by the ship's crew. Dunn and the Harpers Ferry are scheduled to return to the U. S. in April.

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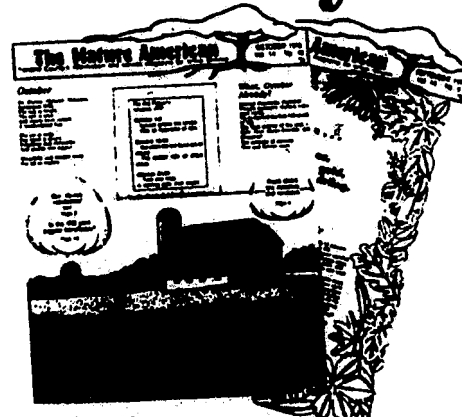


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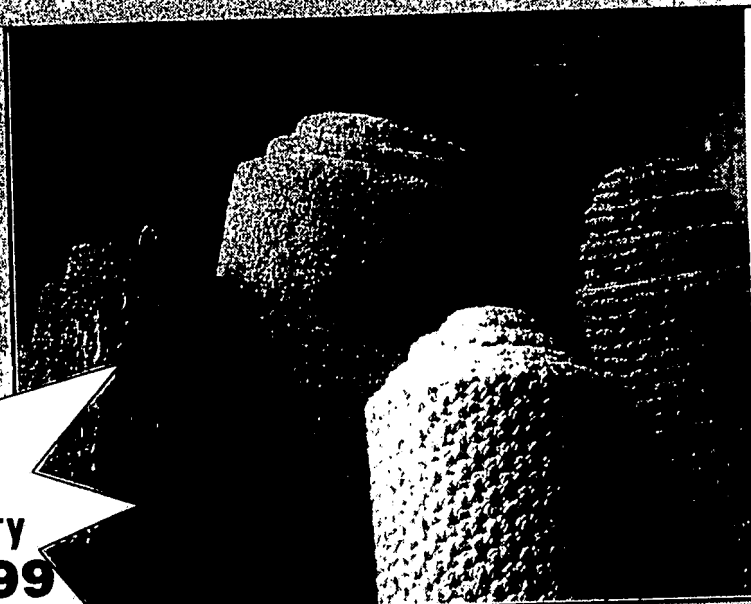


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● Indian Springs Metropark will offer the following programs in February: Feb. 14, 7 p.m.: "Cold stars astronomy." A slide show followed by an outdoor star show, weather permitting. Dress for the weather. Feb. 15, 10 a.m.: "Winter botany and wild teas."

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● MADD of Oakland County and the L. A. Cafe on Dixie Highway are joining together in some fund-raising. From Feb. 9-15 any cappuccino purchased at the cafe will benefit MADD. For more information call 623-4610.

● Two free home-buyer workshops will be offered by Oakland Community College in Auburn

Hills in February. Classes are Wednesdays, Feb. 12 and 19, 6-9 p.m. and are free, covering credit counseling, saving, budgeting, affordable mortgage products and the process of purchasing a home. For more information or to register, call 858-0147.

● An auction/dinner dance will be held to benefit Cedar Crest Educational Foundation on Saturday, March 1 at Deer Lake Racquet Club. Tickets start at \$60 per person for this black-tie-optional event. RSVP by Feb. 22. Call 625-7270 for more information.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, a video store on Sashabaw reported several customers for failure to return rented videos and games. The losses are put at nearly \$600.

Attempted home invasion on Pine Breeze. During the night someone tried to kick in a door while two residents were at home, but entry was not gained.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, a Holly woman is being investigated for writing a check for \$229 at a Sashabaw business on an account that was closed. The bank closed the account because the woman bounced so many checks.

A radio/CD player, CD changer, 12 CDs and a phone were stolen overnight from a 1985 Chevy parked on Pond View after someone popped the lock out.

Assault and battery on Joy.

A 24-year-old Highland man was arrested at the substation on charges he failed to appear for drunk driving sentencing. He was arrested just after being arraigned at 52-2 District Court on criminal charges from Holly.

A 17-year-old Waterford man was caught after driving off without paying for \$10 worth of gas on Sashabaw. An alert clerk got the license-plate number from his car and a deputy caught up with him on Maybee. He said he was low on gas and had no way to pay for it. He was ticketed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, a phone was stolen from an unlocked 1992 Dodge van parked on Mann.

A window was broken on an attached garage on Maybee but nothing was stolen.

Deputies were called to remove an unwanted person who was making threats on Clintonville.

A 28-year-old Columbiaville man stopped for driving without tail lights on Sashabaw ended up having his car impounded and receiving a ticket when he was found to be driving with a suspended license, an improper license plate and tab and no proof of insurance.

A phone was stolen from a 1992 Ford pick up parked in a Warbler driveway. The driver had left the vehicle running for 20 minutes and when he went back out, the phone was gone.

A 36-year-old Clarkston man fled a Sashabaw gas station with a case of beer he hadn't paid for. An employee gave chase and a passing motorist followed the car to a home on Mary Sue. The man admitted he'd stolen the beer, but said it was because it was after 2 a.m. and he wouldn't have been allowed to buy it. He was ticketed and promised to pay for the beer in the morning.

A \$300 microphone was stolen from a church on

Clintonville Rd.

A phone left in an unlocked 1990 Chevy van overnight on Staghorn was stolen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, a 1986 Buick Century stolen from a car dealer in Pontiac was found abandoned at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie.

Car/deer accident on Clarkston near Sashabaw. A deputy killed the injured deer.

Two women, a 53-year-old from Flint and a 41-year-old from Lapeer, were ticketed for urinating in public outside an Andersonville Rd. party store after a deputy observed the offense. They were also ticketed for having open beer in their car. Both intoxicated, they were given a ride home by a friend.

A leased 1995 Chevy Blazer parked for an hour and a half at a Dixie business was reported stolen.

A door was kicked in—for the second time in two weeks—at a house on Cecelia Ann.

A set of \$600 skis left unattended for five minutes at Pine Knob were stolen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, two prowlers were reported outside a home on Maplewood.

A 32-year-old N. Marshbank man was arrested on outstanding warrants after deputies went to investigate a case of domestic violence. The man allegedly beat his wife in front of their five minor children. A friend of the woman's reported it several days later, at which time the woman was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the beating.

A phone was stolen from a 1996 Toyota parked unlocked on Deerwood Dr. overnight. The resident reported that a week earlier, beer had been stolen from the garage at the same address.

A radial saw and a drill valued at a combined \$500 were stolen from a truck on Mann.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, a 1989 Chevy was broken into and extensively damaged on Perry

Lake Rd.

Ski equipment valued at over \$1,000 was stolen at Pine Knob after a school ski team left it outside the team bus. The equipment belonged to the team's coach.

Two windows were shot out of a 1993 GMC Safari parked overnight on Wellesley Terrace.

Four mailboxes were damaged on S. Eston.

A 26-year-old W. Bloomfield man is being investigated for writing a check for \$1,928 to a Dixie business on a closed business account.

A N. Marshbank man reported his 1981 VW convertible had been stolen. A short while later he called back to report it was a joke; his mechanic actually had the car.

A 28-year-old Waterford man was arrested on an outstanding warrant while deputies were investigating him for a possible violation of a personal protection order.

A phone was stolen from an unlocked 1996 Olds Cutlass parked on Tuscarora.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, an 18-year-old Ortonville woman was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital with minor injuries after she allegedly turned into the path of a car at the White Lake/Dixie intersection. She ran into a car driven by a 15-year-old on a learner's permit.

Computer parts were stolen from a home on Mesa Ct.

A 21-year-old Clarkston man fled a Sashabaw gas station with a case of beer he hadn't paid for. An employee gave chase and a passing motorist followed the car to a home on Mary Sue. The man admitted he'd stolen the beer, but said it was because it was after 2 a.m. and he wouldn't have been allowed to buy it. He was ticketed and promised to pay for the beer in the morning.

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New recruiter spreads Air Force message

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Sgt. Steve Sexton says the Air Force has been good to him. Now, he wants to talk to young people about what it can do for them.

Sexton is the new Air Force recruiter covering the Clarkston area. He works out of an office on Dixie Highway, where he arrived in December. A Florida native with a wife and two young sons, he's no stranger to Michigan, having served three years at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda.

At Wurtsmith he worked in the electrical field; this is his first gig as a recruiter, a job he volunteered for. He took the position because he likes to meet people and truly believes in the Air Force.

Sexton's recruiting efforts will focus on young adults ages 17-27, mostly through high school and college visits. "I've been introducing myself to counselors, establishing school visit schedules," he said.

And just what does the Air Force have to offer? According to Sexton, it's summed up in the acronym MATTRESS: money, advancement, training, travel,

education and service to country.

"From my perspective it's what the Air Force has done for me, and that's a high-quality lifestyle, very nice facilities, and a normal, 40-hour work week that enables people to go to college," he said. "And of course the training experience you can use in civilian life."

Sexton said only about eight to 10 percent of Air Force jobs are combat-related; the rest support those jobs. Job certification programs in a variety of fields now include civilian certification. "So when they get out they can get a good job."

To join the Air Force, candidates must be a high school graduate, of good moral character, physically fit and they must take an entrance screening test.

"It can help students learn where their occupational strengths are, what job they would best be suited to," Sexton said of the test.

The Air Force is an equal opportunity employer. Office hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday, by appointment. For more information call Sexton at 623-6215.

Sexton's next scheduled date at Clarkston High School is Feb. 11. Students should see their counselors if they'd like to meet with him.



Sgt. Steve Sexton



Tom Sawyer cast features local actor

Meet your favorite characters from Mark Twain's classic "Tom Sawyer" when Pontiac Theater IV presents the production at Pontiac Northern High School. Performance dates are March 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. For group rates and more information call (810) 624-3187. Pictured, left to right, are cast members Danny Kukuk of Waterford, Jerod Fish of Clarkston and Rachel Hudak of Lake Orion.

THE LAW & YOU

by Kelley R. Kostin
Attorney at Law

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Does Youth Assistance work? Study says yes

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Youth Assistance just may be the best-kept secret in Oakland County.

While neighboring Wayne County struggles to find enough beds for its growing population of juvenile offenders, Oakland County has, since 1953, been committing funds from the probate court, local municipalities and volunteers to divert young people before their problems become so serious they wind up in court.

Youth Assistance is divided into two areas, casework counseling and primary prevention activities. Each community in the county houses social workers paid by the probate court to work with families on a one-to-one basis. In addition, committees are established, also local to each community, to provide broader based activities such as parenting classes, mentoring and fund-raising. A recent study shows the program is working.

A grant from the Skillman Foundation allowed Oakland County Youth Assistance to undertake an outside, independent study of the primary prevention phase of the program. The purpose was to determine whether the program has succeeded in mobilizing the communities to address the prevention of neglect and delinquency, and to reduce the incidence of them.

"One of the strengths of the Youth Assistance program is because it involves community volunteers," said Dr. Pamela Howitt, deputy administrator for Oakland County Probate Court. "They together decide what the local programs are. We're not set up in Pontiac in a central office saying 'Here are the problems, here are the programs.' On the contrary, we're saying you in the local communities devise the programs."

Howitt said Youth Assistance commissioned a similar study of its casework component four years ago "and found it to be very successful." The new study showed the community prevention side to be just as strong, county-wide.

Why? Because it is community based and targets the population most in need, such as single-parent families and those where parents haven't completed high school, as well as low-income families.

"A lot of times prevention programs are targeted as 'singing to the

choir," Howitt said. "Often people say 'Your kids wouldn't have been in trouble anyway' . . . (But) primary prevention does work. Ninety-two percent do not have subsequent contact with the court."

The study found that poverty is the single best predictor of who will end up being referred to court. It also found rates of alcohol and other drug use were higher in Oakland County than nationally. The study also noted that though more affluent communities are perceived as having fewer problems, they spend more money on prevention than high-poverty areas.

The study also found that the cost of these so-called "primary prevention" activities are less than one-third (29.4 percent) of total Youth Assistance costs.

The study did find some room for improvement, however. Currently the Youth Assistance program is divided by school-district boundaries. For example, the social worker and committee in Clarkston serve the population within the Clarkston school district boundaries. The study recommended Youth Assistance rely less on such divisions and consider more regionalization. But that doesn't mean local communities can expect a loss of services.

"There's no intent whatsoever of changing the way we configure caseworkers in each area," Howitt said. In fact, the county board of commissioners has already approved adding three caseworker positions, she said, based on the favorable results of the study.

In addition, the study recommended better record keeping, developing a more diverse volunteer base, and developing measuring devices of the local committee's effectiveness.

"This is one of the best-kept secrets, and it shouldn't be," Howitt said. "All too often, the good news doesn't seem to spread."

What happens when a community doesn't address prevention? Take Wayne County as an example. A recent issue in the Metro Times stated that county is locked in a battle with the state over whose responsibility juvenile offenders are. Meanwhile, overcrowding plagues the county youth home, the total number of juveniles being committed to the state set a record in 1996 and there's nowhere to put them.

When asked, Howitt said she doesn't know why other counties haven't adopted the Youth Assistance model, except for financial reasons. "The re-

source issue is a significant one," she said. In addition, "prevention has really not caught on until the last few years. Now it's a buzzword."

Recreation roundup

During winter break, February 17-21 kids grades K thru 5 may pre-register for fun planned activities such as swimming, tobogganing, ice skating and more! Call the Parks and Recreation Department to pre-register and for additional information.

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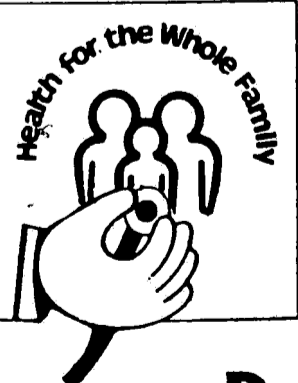
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Milestones

Natasha Kay Curtis, 16 and a junior at Clarkston High School, will represent Clarkston at the Miss Teen Michigan competition Feb. 8 at the Novi Hilton. She is the daughter of Kendra Curtis of Clarkston and Robert Curtis of Pontiac. Natasha is involved in singing, jazz dancing, mime, running, softball and tae kwon do, where she recently took two first-place medals at the KTAA Championships. She has been honored for her poetry and singing, having won top ratings at solo and ensemble festival. The winner of the state competition goes on to the Miss Junior America competition.



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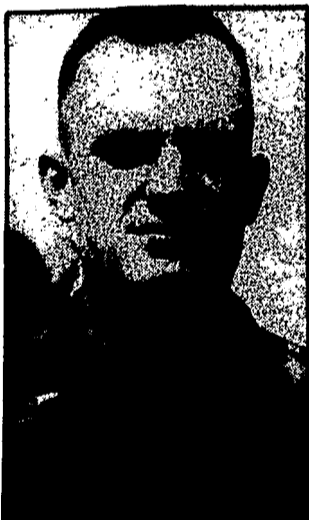
Bob Baetens of Clarkston (left), Sharon and Mel Walker of Bloomfield Hills and Roy Parrot of Clarkston enjoy the festivities at "A Grand Night," a black-tie benefit of the Women's Committee for Hospice. The event was held at the Ritz-Carlton Jan. 18. Nearly 500 guests enjoyed dinner, dancing and a live auction which included a Grammy awards package, the Kentucky Derby and a condo in Boca Grande, Fla. A total of over \$200,000 was raised for the hospice.

Reunions

● It's that time of the year, past grads. Anyone interested in planning or providing information for Clarkston High School's 20th Class Reunion should contact former Class of '77 president Jill Vedder. Call her at (312) 665-2721. Vedder is planning the get-together for this summer.

In service

Marine First Lieutenant Matthew P Cook, 24 and a Clarkston native, spent his holiday season supporting Operation Pacific Haven as part of the C Company, Third Battalion, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The operation, established in Guam Sept. 17, provides a safe haven for more than 4,300 Kurdish men, women and children seeking political asylum in the United States. Cook is the son of Robert and Mary Alice Cook and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. "It is wonderful to be participating in a humanitarian mission like this," he said.



● John C. Palmer has been promoted in the US Air Force to the rank of airman first class. He is a tactical aircraft maintenance apprentice with the 523rd Fighter Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, NM. He is the son of Kathy Creger of Waterford and John Palmer of Madison Heights.

● Marine Pvt. Kevin MacDormott, son of Gerry Andory of Clarkston, recently completed 11 weeks of basic training at Parris Island, SC. He is a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Watch next week for all the engagements and weddings in our special bridal section!

School news

● Melissa Wilkinson recently earned a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit-Mercy. She is the daughter of Charles and Caroline Wilkinson of Clarkston and a 1987 graduate of Clarkston High School, where she was class president. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1991 and a master's in 1994 from UDM. She now resides near Pittsburg where she is employed as a clinical psychologist with Health Psychology Center.

● The following Clarkston students made the Dean's List for fall semester at Western Michigan University: Amanda Armstead, Jill Attaman, Kelly Biegan, David Byrne, Stacy Galazin, Brian Gard, Brendan Kelly, Michael Kopec, Christopher Lewis, Jessica Miller, Erika Sagady, Stephanie Sanders, Abraham Savas, Stephanie Seltzer, Andrea Slavin, Kelly Terry, Allison Vallad, Lisa Vallad, Jayson Weatherington, Amy Weiler and Kimberly Wicklund.

● Karen Schlaff and Diane Whittington of Clarkston and Geralyn Via of Ortonville made the Academic Achievement List for fall at Madonna University. Schlaff and Whittington are both sophomores studying nursing; Via is a freshman studying social science.

● Jeremy Thompson of Clarkston, a student at Ferris State University's College of Technology, has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Students are nominated based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

● Senior Kristin Alkire of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for fall semester at St. Mary's college in Orchard Lake. The honor requires a 3.5 or better GPA.

● Siblings were recently named to the Dean's List at Alma College for the winter term. Staci and Scott Hill, both from Clarkston, were named for having a grade point average of at least 3.5. Staci is a senior majoring in English and biochemistry, while Scott is looking into biochemistry and business.

● Jennifer Baumann and Lisa Herron made the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for fall quarter. A senior, Jennifer is the daughter of Fred and Connie

Baumann of Clarkston. Lisa is a freshman and the daughter of Glenn and Judy Herron. Both students attended Clarkston High School.

● Ryan Seaman and Julianne Evans were named to the Dean's List at Albion College for fall semester. Both are sophomores who attended Clarkston High School. Ryan is the son of Gregory and Sara Seaman of Clarkston; Julianne is the daughter of Robert and Dianne Evans of Clarkston.

● Michelle Suzanne Pettit of Clarkston graduated from the University of North Texas during winter commencement ceremonies. She is the daughter of Gail Pettit and Julio Ceorgia of Clarkston and Paul Pettit of Cleveland, Ohio.

● Stephen James Harlton is on the Dean's List for fall semester at Syracuse University in New York. A grade point average of 3.5 or better is required. Stephen is a 1995 graduate of Clarkston High school and a 1996 graduate of Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton, Maine. He is the son of Bruce and Kathryn Harlton of Clarkston.

● Lisa Rotundo of Clarkston made the Dean's List at Saginaw Valley State University for fall, 1996.

● Jennifer Grieme and Andrea Vega, Hope College students from Clarkston, will spend spring semester studying in Chicago through the Chicago Metropolitan Center. The center allows students to work in the city and study issues of metropolitan life in a supervised setting.

Grieme is a junior psychology major and the daughter of Gary and Sandy Grieme. She is a 1994 Clarkston High School graduate.

Vega is a senior business administration major. The daughter of Pamela Smith of Oxford, she is a 1994 graduate of CHS.

New arrivals

● William S. and Sandra L. (Collins) McMorrان of Waterford announce the birth of a daughter. Sarah Elizabeth was born January 3, 1997. She weighed 8 pounds, 7.2 ounces and was 19 inches long. She has a sister, Katie, 2. Grandparents are William G. and Susan McMorrان of Waterford and James and Judy Collins of Clarkston. Great-grandparents include Ada and Kenneth Redden of Waterford.

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they don't use drugs.' Alcohol is a drug." She added that parents are setting a bad example if they spend time drinking in front of the TV.

Friedman also admonished our culture and television for the stress it places on teens and the family.

"Every client in my 30 year career has wanted to feel loved, needed, safe and important," she said. "We're not remembered for what we gave them (our children), but only that their parents loved and accepted them. Be careful lest you hurt people on your hurried journey."

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road.

Meanwhile, Dale Moser, district director for National/Laidlaw, said Tuesday morning he was under the impression negotiations were continuing. He said earlier he had tried to work with the district on the problems he inherited when Laidlaw purchased National last year.

"It's hard to believe that if the heaters were such an important issue they weren't spelled out to the letter (in the contract)," he said. "Our main concern has been and will continue to be the safe and reliable transportation of the children."

Fire log

The Independence Township fire log will temporarily be unavailable until the fire department moves to its new building.

A department spokesperson said the move is expected by Jan. 31 but until then, computers have been disconnected and the run information is not available.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, a 29-year-old Clarkston woman was cited for driving with a suspended license. She was stopped on E. Washington St. near Main for having expired tabs.

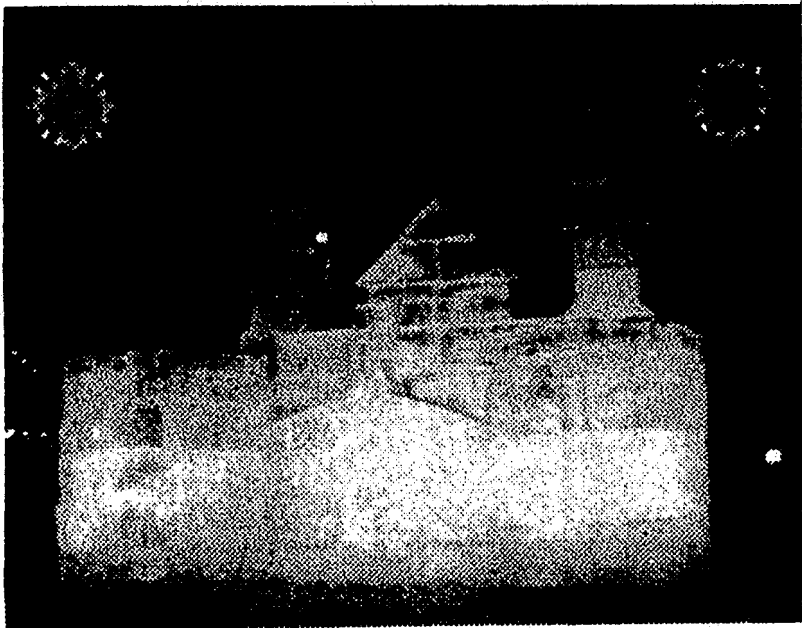
The police department assisted the Independence Township Fire Department on a medical run to a Robertson Court residence. A 71-year-old woman was complaining of chest pains and she was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy-Oakland Hospital.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, a 26-year-old Detroit man was stopped for speeding on Main Street when a computer check revealed he had a warrant for his arrest over failure to appear for another traffic violation. His \$54 bond was accepted and he was released.

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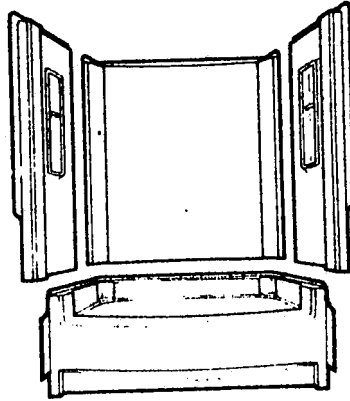
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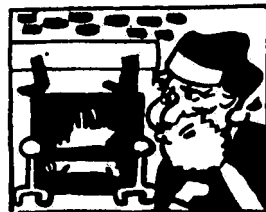
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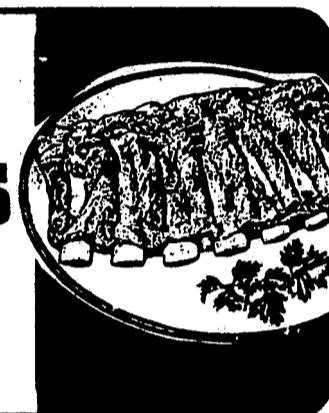


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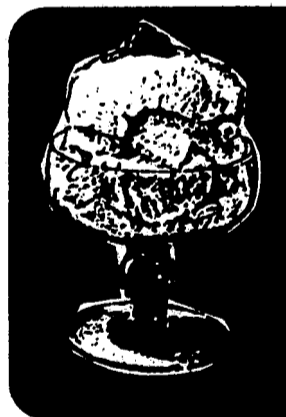
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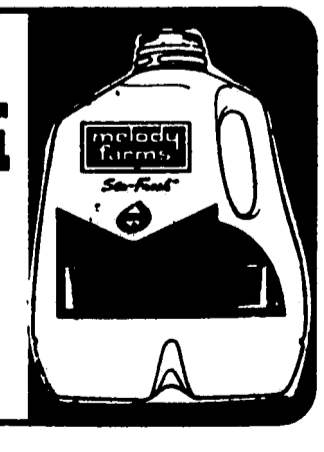
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Section B

The Clarkston News

Hockey team records its biggest win ever

5-3 win over 4th-ranked Port Huron Northern puts Wolves on the map

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Folks, we've got ourselves a hockey team.

If there was any doubt, a 5-3 win at fourth-ranked Port Huron Northern Thursday gave the Wolves some statewide credibility, something that's hard to come by for a first-year program without a conference affiliation.

"The kids never doubted we would lose that game," said an ecstatic coach Rick Rowden. "I played 10 kids that whole game and they left it all on the ice."

The Huskies jumped on Clarkston early, scoring two goals six minutes into the game. But a goal by freshman sensation Anthony Facione just 11 seconds later brought Clarkston back to 2-1.

The second period belonged to the Wolves, as freshman Andy Cote and sophomore Adam Leech scored to give the team a 3-2 lead.

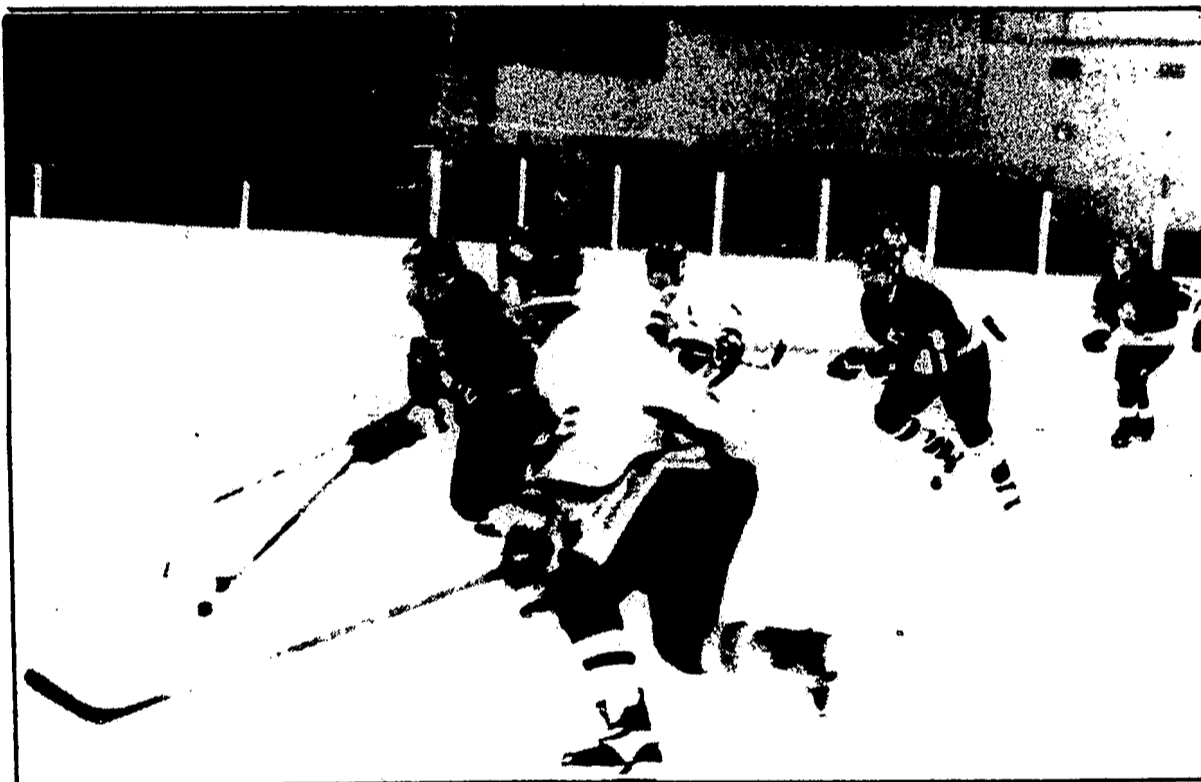
But Northern isn't a top-10 team for nothing, as it showed by tying the game up 6:13 into the third. That's when Facione took over.

The freshman forward blasted a goal into the top lefthand corner of the net right off the face off, thanks to the successful draw by freshman center Bill Kalush to give the Wolves a 4-3 lead. Facione put the icing on the cake with an empty net goal from beyond the center red line with 37 seconds left to send his team into celebration.

"We know we have a good team and that was our big chance to show it," Facione said. "After I scored, our whole team was really jacked up. It was great."

Clarkston also received a terrific performance in goal by junior Ryan Hogan, who made 20 saves in the game. But most importantly, he was able to settle down after a rough start and almost shut the Huskies out in the last 39 minutes of the game.

"The key for us was that we never let up," Rowden said. "After the game, I didn't say much to the kids. I just let them enjoy it because they earned it and deserved it."



Clarkston freshmen Sean Nicolson (6) and Bill Kalush (11) are in hot pursuit of a Davison player Sunday night. The Wolves won 6-3 to push their record to 11-2-1 in their inaugural season.

Clarkston 6 Davison 3

After an incredible win like Clarkston had a few days prior, a letdown was unavoidable. Luckily, the Wolves still pulled out a win over the Davison Cardinals Sunday.

Cote was the driving force in this game, as he scored Clarkston's last four goals to clinch a tougher-than-expected contest. He now has a team-high 23 goals on the season.

The game looked like it might be another blowout early on, as Kalush, Cote and junior Ryan Peters scored five minutes apart early in the first period to give the Wolves (11-2-1) a 3-0 lead.

The Cardinals came back to score three of the next

five goals, but Cote put the game out of reach with a one-timer from Facione with 7:45 remaining.

Kalush contributed two assists, while freshman Steve Badger recorded the win in goal.

The two games also saw Clarkston change its lineup, with captain Bret Postal now playing defense. Rowden made the move due to season-ending injuries to defensemen Lewis Lanway and Jay Manojlovich. Postal looked comfortable on defense against Davison, plus he gives the team the element of a defenseman who can play offense and is a hard checker.

Clarkston hits the rink this Thursday for a home game against Lakeland. Face off is at 3:45 p.m.

Riverdawk softball club tryouts coming up soon

Yes, that is still snow piled up along the streets outside, but it will end soon.

Evidence of that is the upcoming tryouts for the Riverdawks girls softball team.

For girls between the ages 11 and 14, tryouts are set for Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Sashabaw Middle School gym. The 13-14 year old team starts at 1 p.m., while the 11-12 year old team begins right after at 3 p.m.

Tryouts are free of charge, but for girls who make the team, there is a \$130 registration fee due before any participation is allowed.

Girls between the ages of 15-18 who are interested in playing on the team this summer should come out to Sashabaw at 5 p.m. Feb. 8 for a workout. This is a free session, intended just for the girls to express a desire to play this year.

Autorama

Several Clarkston residents will participate in the 45th annual Autoworks Detroit Autorama, which is held Feb. 14-16 at Cobo Center. They are Allen Farmer, with his 1939 Chevrolet custom coupe, and Derek Trimble, with a 1991 Chevy Caprice Wagon. Hours are 5-11 p.m. Feb. 14, 11-11 Feb. 15 and 11-9 Feb. 16. Tickets are \$10.50 for adults, \$3.50 for kids under 12. For more information call 810-650-5560.

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Busy week shows improvement for netters

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston varsity volleyball team played six games in the past week and started to show signs of improvement, especially at the Clarkston Invitational.

Although the Wolves failed to qualify for the semifinals at the 10-team tournament Saturday, they showed they belonged, with a 5-3 record in individual games with two of the three losses coming by the minimum of two points.

Clarkston started off the day with two resounding wins, 15-2, 15-9 over Centerline and 15-11 15-9 over Rochester, avenging an earlier defeat. In those matches, the Wolves passed and received as well as they have all season.

Then, the team split with a strong Flint Kearsley squad, 14-16 15-8. The Wolves had a 13-12 lead in the first match, but couldn't put it away.

Coach Gordie Richardson said the team still needs to work on closing out matches, but said he was happy with the improvement he saw throughout the day.

"We played as a team today," he said. "Our focus was a lot better, especially early in the day. We read things well and had good defensive positioning."

The first game of the fourth match proved to be the toughest for the team to stomach. Playing a Haslett team which hadn't lost a game up to that point, the Wolves built a 13-9 lead thanks to accurate serving and a patient attack. But a couple of defensive errors cost Clarkston as Haslett ripped off the last six points of the game to win 15-13.

The loss seemed to sap the spirit of the team, as it got down 4-0 to start the second game. By then, Haslett was full of confidence and the Wolves lost.

Clarkston still had a shot at making the semifinals if Haslett could sweep Kearsley in the final match of round-robin play. Haslett won the first game, but knowing its own place in the semifinals was clinched,

the team let up and Kearsley took the second game 15-7.

Here are some of the statistical leaders for the Wolves in each match of the tournament:

Match 1 vs. Centerline: Junior Jenny McCue - 9-for-9 serving 3 aces; Seniors Megan Bjurman and Kammy Powell - four kills each; Junior Georgia Senkyr - 4-for-5 attacks and two kills.

Match 2 vs. Rochester: Senior Amanda Worden - 9-for-11 on serve receptions; Senior Stephanie Vogler - 13 assists and 17-for-17 setting in game two, plus two aces; Bjurman with four solo blocks.

Match 3 vs. Flint Kearsley: Worden - 10-for-10 on serve receptions; Junior Aimee Giroux - 7-for-9 serving and four aces, plus a kill and one kill tip; Powell - four kills and 11-for-11 attacks.

Match 4 vs. Haslett: Senkyr - 9-for-10 on serve receptions; Sophomore Kara Bergkoetter - 3-for-3 on serve receptions; Junior Hope Manuel - two assists and 9-for-10 setting.

Richardson said he was happy with the contributions everyone made, but said some players have shown marked improvement from the start of the season.

"I think Georgia has gotten a lot better this year," Richardson said. "I thought Amber Mitchell came in and did a nice job by playing hard."

Troy 15-15 Clarkston 4-5

The promise shown by their weekend performance seemed miles away after the Wolves played one of their worst matches of the season Monday.

The first game looked promising after Clarkston tied the game at 4-4 but failed to score again as the Colts calmly won the game 15-4.

Game two wasn't much better, as the Wolves dug themselves a 9-2 hole before mounting a comeback that still fell short.

Richardson was at a loss for words in trying to explain his team's performance.

"I don't know if I wasn't ready for this," he said, referring to his work on the day-long National Girls and



Stephanie Vogler (21) sets the ball up for Megan Bjurman (6) during Saturday's Clarkston Invitational. The two seniors often team up for a play called "1", usually resulting in a quick point for the Wolves

Women in Sports Day in addition to substitute coaching the freshman team. "I tried to put people in different places, but that didn't help. I'm trying all combinations in the world, but nothing seems to work."

The Wolves (8-16-4 overall, 2-6 in OAA) seemed to have the toughest time with serve receptions and passing. Richardson called the team's serve reception performance "abysmal."

Vogler led the team with five assists and six digs, while going 17-for-17 on setting. She also was 4-for-4 on attacks and had two kills. Senkyr was 8-for-8 attacking with two kills.

"We talk about doing the right things, we just can't seem to do it on the court," a disappointed Richardson said. "Things are not well right now."

Clarkston gets its chance for redemption Thursday with a match at West Bloomfield, then heads up to Essexville-Garber for an invitational Saturday.

CHS grads make good for Grand Valley

A pair of alumni from the Clarkston boys varsity basketball team are making their mark for Grand Valley State University this season, and Ferris State was the latest victim.

Freshman guard Tim Wasilk poured in a career-high 17 points to help spark the Lakers to a 71-63 win on Jan. 13. Wasilk also grabbed six rebounds and made three 3-pointers.

Sophomore Jeremy Fife played a terrific defensive game from his point-guard position. He scored 1 and had two steals while helping to direct the offense to the win.

Wrestlers back on track after wins

Wolves to host OAA Divisionals Friday

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A couple weeks ago, the Clarkston varsity wrestling team went through some rare adversity, losing two dual matches in 24 hours, to Rochester Adams and Fowlerville.

But after some time to heal physically and mentally, the Wolves appear to be back on track, and at a great time after three dominating wins last week.

Clarkston rolled over Detroit Catholic Central 45-29 in a Monday night match. Last Thursday, the team took care of rival Troy 38-26, then steamrolled Hazel Park 57-15.

Individual winners against DCC include: sophomore A.J. Grant at 103 lbs., senior Dave Ziemann at 130 lbs., senior Ryan Mick at 135 lbs., Rich Galiskie at 160 lbs., junior Josh Lafferty at 171 lbs., senior Scott Labrie at 189 lbs., senior Tim Rebb at 215 lbs., and senior Gordie Golec at heavyweight.

Coach Mike DeGain said his team is peaking, which couldn't have come at a better time with the OAA Divisionals coming up Friday.

"We've been able to bounce back nicely, especially with the Troy win," he said. "They almost beat Adams, so we know they are very good and we beat a very good team."

The Wolves suffered a blow when they lost to Adams 31-24 on Jan. 23, but it went down as one of those meets that could have taken any number of turns; they just all happened to go Adams' way.

But DeGain and the Wolves appear to have turned the corner and are now looking at Friday's action with confidence.

"The OAA Divisionals carry the same weight as the dual meet season," DeGain said. "If we win there, we can split the (regular season) title with Adams."

DeGain said another factor in his optimism was that the experience many kids needed is starting to pay off in the win-loss column.

"We have a few kids who are benefitting from the number of matches they've had," he said. "Rich is one of them. He's wrestled real well and has a record well over .500."

After the Divisionals, the Wolves move on to the team districts Feb. 12, with individual competition starting after that.

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Bailey, Mazur have good 'Knights' at Ferndale

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston 61 Ferndale 50

The General wasn't directing this battle, but the war is only half over.

With Indiana University coach Bobby "The General" Knight looking on, the Clarkston varsity basketball team played perhaps its best team game of the season in a 61-50 road win over Ferndale Friday night.

Knight, presumably at the game to scout junior guard Dane Fife, was treated to outstanding performances by some of the Wolves' other players, most notably seniors Chad Bailey and Marc Mazur, and junior Mike Maitrott.

Bailey led the team with 18 points - a season-high - while Mazur also hit his high mark with 15 including an impressive 7-of-7 free throw shooting.

Maitrott, one of the team's most improved players, continued his solid play with 14 points, nine coming from three 3-pointers.

Fife was held to a season-low 11, but his 10 assists and ballhandling were just as valuable in this game as his normal 29-point outbursts.

The game also proved to future opponents that they need to worry about players other than Dane Fife.

Coach Dan Fife said this game marked another upturn in the team's confidence level.

"A game like that can help the kids to know they

can compete at this high level," he said. "To be able to go into that atmosphere and beat a quality team with quality kids is a great booster."

Fife said Bailey used his speed to get himself into good scoring position, which was the key to his game.

"He had a lot of good looks and he had the opportunities to score."

The Wolves (13-0 overall, 6-0 in the OAA Division I) broke open a tight game in the fourth quarter with an early 7-0 run, sparked by a Maitrott 3, a Dane Fife finger roll and a driving layup by Bailey. Clarkston outscored the Eagles 19-9 in the fourth quarter.

Coach Fife also complimented Mazur's play, saying he's improving and getting more aggressive each game.

"He got the ball in good position and positive things came out of it," he said. "I said before the game he would have to play well for us to win and he came through."

After having Tuesday off, the second half of the OAA schedule starts off with a bang, as Clarkston travels to Pontiac Northern Friday for a key OAA game. The Huskies' only loss this season came against the Wolves, 68-55 on Jan. 10.

Clarkston 58 Rochester 29

Before the Jan. 28 home contest, coach Fife was careful not to overlook the 3-7 Falcons.

His team followed suit, putting the game away early while turning in its best defensive performance of

the season in terms of points allowed.

Dane Fife grounded the Falcons more from his defensive play than scoring. He did toss in 22, but his 11 rebounds and 12 assists helped him register his first triple double-of the season. This is where a player achieves double figures in three offensive categories.

Fife was also a force on the defensive end, getting a season-best eight steals.

Coach Fife called the win easier than expected, but that didn't mean it was pretty.

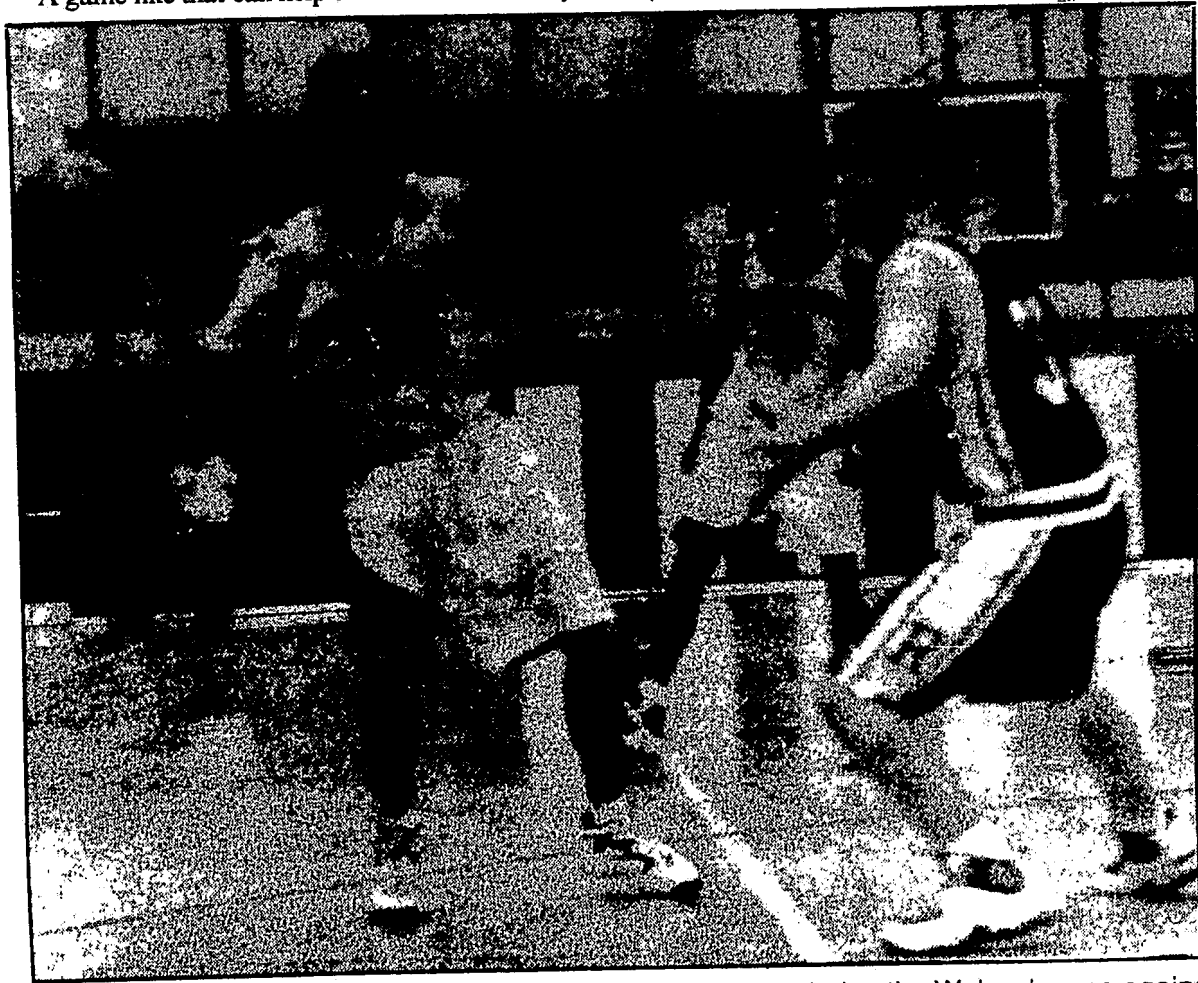
"It was an ugly win by an ugly team," he said after the game. "They had a tough time because one of their better players was out and they had a tough time scoring."

Coach Fife was pleased with the contributions from the team's bench, who played as well and under control as they have all season. Junior Marc Venegoni scored a season-high seven points, while senior Matt Brown contributed five, and played some key first-half minutes when starting point guard Mike Maitrott got in foul trouble.

"I thought Matt and Marc both came in and did a nice job," Coach Fife said. "It was a good win for the whole team to get tonight."

Junior Ahdi Dasuqi got a big reaction when he came in for seven fourth-quarter minutes. He grabbed two rebounds almost immediately, then had a spectacular shot block. The crowd responded in kind with chants of "Ah-di! Ah-di!"

Bailey was second on the team with 11 points.



Senior Brad Conley (23) swings the ball around the perimeter during the Wolves' game against Rochester Jan. 28. The Wolves won 58-29 and carry a perfect 13-0 record and No. 6 state ranking into Pontiac Northern Friday night.

The Clarkston News Athlete of the Week

Athlete of the Week: Ryan Mick - senior

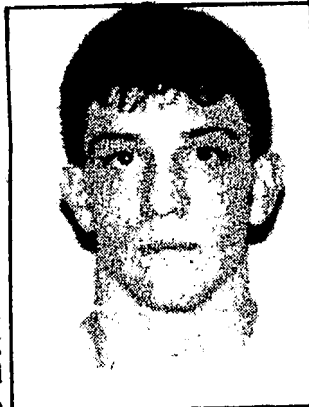
Sport: Wrestling
Weight Class: 135 lbs.

Accomplishments: Ryan has rung up a 32-3 overall record this season, including winning the Oakland County Championship

and numerous first places in invitationals this season. He is also the top-ranked wrestler in the county at his weight class.

Coach's Comments: "He's been solid ever since the Goodrich tournament," coach Mike DeGain said. "No-one has come close to beating him. He's just very consistent."

Player's Comments: "I went to some summer camps last year and I think that's helped me a lot. The state championship is my main goal and I have the confidence in myself that I can do it."



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The Jungle not so welcome for visiting cagers

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Fee lata vista!"
"Yes that is the referee!"
"Maa-zur! Maa-zur!"

These are cuts from just some of the chants you are bound to hear out of the Clarkston student cheering section at basketball games. This group has another name - The Jungle.

The Jungle has become synonymous with Clarkston basketball. Not only do opposing teams have to come in and play one of the top teams in the state, boasting of one of the top players his age in the country, but a rowdy, energetic contingent of fans awaits to dissect their every move.

"We'll always be loud and rowdy," proclaims one of the Jungle "ringleaders," senior Dennis Busch.

The Jungle is estimated to have gotten its beginning around five years ago. CHS grad Mark White is credited with starting it, bringing a group of loosely organized students together to help them support the boys basketball team.

Soon, the fan base swelled. Certain cheers became staples of Clarkston home games. The Wolves kept winning, and the opposition would sometimes appear rattled by the near-painful noise the group generated.

by then the Jungle could no longer be bound by sheer noise and abstract support. No, this group needed something tangible. Enter T-shirts.

Jungle T-shirts can be found on sale in front of the trophy case near the gym entrance at most home games. These shirts are the dress code for Jungle membership.

The Jungle also has its own spinoff - the Swamp People. This group of parents and adult supporters of Clarkston basketball, who are welcomed in by the Jungle. Often, the Jungle and Swamp People will

collaborate on chants and cheers during games.

Then there are the signs. Jungle members search feverishly before every game looking to put up messages of encouragement to the home team, or discouragement to the visitors.

"Chippewa Valley - thanks for the regional," is one of the gems to grace the gym this year. The sign was put up for the Chippewa Valley game Jan. 3 in reference to the 1996 regional finals, where Clarkston defeated the Big Reds.

Other schools have tried to use some of the Jungle magic for themselves. Rochester Adams has "The Pit." Lake Orion has the Dragon Flies. Rochester has the Soldiers of Fortune. But none have been able to stack up to Clarkston's Jungle.

But a couple years ago, reality started to set in. The Oakland Activities Association banned all noise-makers from basketball games. This included a Jungle favorite--pennies inside empty gallon jugs.

Then last year, Busch and fellow senior Chris Evans said more changes started to take place.

"We've been censored a lot this year," Evans said. "We have been told what we can say, what kind of signs we should have up and things we can and can't do."

Evans cited the Jan. 17 home game against Southfield Lathrup as an example. A Jungle member wore a miniature basketball hoop strapped to a backpack, while another would toss a soft mini-basketball into the stands. Fans who catch the ball can toss it at the hoop in hopes of making a "basket."

Evans said the Junglers were told they couldn't do that, even though it was going on well before the varsity game started.

"We weren't in the way and the teams weren't out yet," Evans explained.

Busch said the removal of the mini-hoop was part of a year-long process to tame the Jungle, something he doesn't like.

"It's not that big a deal," he said. "We are in the

public, we don't yell obscenities anymore. No one has been kicked out of a game this year, so what's the big deal?"

No big deal, at least according to CHS principal Brent Cooley.

"The Jungle is alive and well and will always be there," he said. "We have too many great kids and too much support for it ever to go away. All those kids are top notch."

Assistant principal Melissa Kentner White, who is the advisor for the Blue and Gold Club which now lists the Jungle as an official part of its group, said certain rules have been set down about where students can be and what they can chant during games.

"We've been working on cleaning up some of the chants that aren't appropriate for a school setting," she said. "We encourage them to be creative, and they test us that way, but they are very supportive of the school."

Busch said the Jungle used to be much more active in the games, running relay races and performing dances at halftime of games.

"No one has complained to the administration about us," he said. "We've heard kids from other schools ask why they don't have the same kind of support."

"That's all we do. We have spirit and support our teams," Busch continued. "There's nothing illegal going on."

"Students are not allowed on the gym floor," White said. "They know they need permission. We just don't want any bad surprises."

Busch and Evans are co-chairs of the Pep Club, which is part of the Blue and Gold Club.

But despite these external details, Busch and Evans said they love being part of the Jungle and hope future students can carry the tradition on.

"We have eight guys who are really into it now," Evans said. "We would like more involved, but we've got a big group waiting to take over when we leave."

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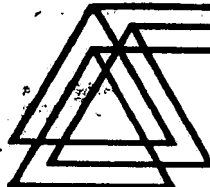
Donna Rudolph is a paraprofessional working with special needs students at Pine Knob Elementary. For the first ten years in Clarkston she worked in the Adjusted Studies Program in grades 3-6 for the Emotionally Impaired students. Through the past nine years she has worked in the Basic classroom with all the different disabilities. Paraprofessionals are an active part of the educational team that provide instruction and other direct services to students and their parents.

Donna is working her 19th year with Clarkston Schools. She is married and has 2 children, Rebecca 27 and Kristine 24. Rebecca graduated from Clarkston's Sp. Ed. Program with Linc Smith. She works part-time at the Greenery & Lighthouse North. Kristine graduated from Northern Michigan University with a degree in social work and is presently employed by a county program as a social worker.

"For the first ten years in the Adjusted Studies Program, we were in a self-contained classroom. It was a very interesting and demanding job I really enjoyed working with the students. In the past nine years in the Basic classroom, I continue to find it interesting. I enjoy working with all the children and I especially like being able to go into general education rooms to help the children become successful in that environment.

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● John Gilbert of Clarkston has put himself among the better runners for the indoor men's track team at Heidelberg College in Ohio.

Gilbert was part of the first-place team in the 1600-meter relay at the team's first meet of the season Jan. 16. Gilbert also took a second place in the 500 meter run with a time of 1:09.1, and third in the 800 meter run at 2:01.23.



In the penalty box

With Brad Monastiere

After putting the penalty box on sabbatical (college professor term!) for a week, we're back ready to strike.

Before doling out my assignments, I would like to say a special thank you to Gordie Richardson and the varsity volleyball team. I arrived to the CHS gym at 9:30 Saturday morning after three hours of sleep the night before to cover the Clarkston Invitational. I had a terrific time and enjoyed getting to know some of the players on the team, who by the way, played some of their best volleyball of the season. Everyone was very accomodating and considerate, which I very much appreciate. I had such a good time, I didn't even realize how tired I was until the games were over.

Again, my thanks to the girls on the team and coach Richardson for making my job so much fun.

Now, onto the box, with tune intros coming from Van (insert lead singer name here) Halen.

Best of Both Worlds: The Star Wars Universe.

I know, it's not a sports topic, but it's my column and I can choose anyone to stay out of the box. The reason I got the aforementioned three hours of sleep Friday was that I was in Mount Pleasant visiting some college friends to watch the much-anticipated rerelease of Star Wars.

For me, Star Wars was my childhood. I vividly

remember being 4 years old and seeing it for the first time at the Americana Theater in Southfield. I remember a packed theater cheering Luke Skywalker as he destroyed the Death Star and preserved freedom for the galaxy. I remember saving the universe in my own way in my friend's Farmington Hills backyard after school every day. I remember my biggest source of stress being whether Darth Vader really was Luke's father or not.

Last Friday, I was taken back to those childhood days. With the famous music blasting in the modern digital sound theater and the new computer-generated scenes, it felt like I was seeing the movie for the first time again.

One thing I've noticed about people is that they always seem to like the things that take them away from reality. Some find it in their families. Some find it in a bottle of booze. Well I found it a long time ago, in a galaxy far far away. And you can bet I will be first in line when the Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi come out Feb. 21 and March 7.

Runnin With the Devil: Michael Jordan.

I've been waiting a long time for this to come up. Jordan has driven me nuts for years, culminating in his smug, arrogant remarks about the Pistons as his Bulls won their first championship.

who played for the Generals who was one of two women ever to play in an NHL exhibition game.

"Erin was just as fast and strong as most of the men on the team," Kaczmarek said. "She was an unbelievable athlete."

Doriean talked about how far women's sports have come in the last 90 years, going all the way back to 1907 to demonstrate her point.

"Girls sports was treated more like play time from 1907 to around 1950," she said. "Before 1972, female athletes only made up seven percent of the total number of athletes. Today, it's up to 49 percent."

Changes were slow in coming to Clarkston as well when it came to female athletics. As recent as 20 years ago, girls basketball was the only varsity sport. Today, the school boasts of 12 girls teams, ranging from skiing to volleyball to cross country.

Doriean added that the total number of female athletes nationwide has jumped from 300,000 to more than 2 million in the last 25 years.

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Ski teams are breezin' along

Boys, girls teams beat Rochester, take 7 of top 8 spots

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston varsity ski teams faced one of their biggest tests Monday when a pair of 6-1 Rochester teams challenged the Wolves at Pine Knob.

But when it was over, all that was left was more proof that Clarkston fields two of the best teams in the state. The Wolves nearly pulled off a double sweep of the Falcons.

The girls team stayed on the winning track with a 10-26 win over Rochester. The 10 points represent a sweep of the top four places in the race, the widest margin a team can win a dual race by in high school skiing.

Once again, sophomore Kristen Atkinson blew away everyone to take first place with a time of 39.53, more than a second better than second-place Jennifer Trepte. Seniors Katie Atkinson and Natalie Vaughn rounded out the scorers for Clarkston.

On the boy's side, everything held to form as the team beat Rochester, 12-29. Jason Callahan and Kyle Russell finished in first and second respectively, as they have at many races this season. Gary Pochmara and Dave Brown were also top-five finishers.

Trepte was also recently named as a finalist for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award. She was the only athlete from Clarkston, and one of 111 statewide to be a finalist. More than 2,600 athletes were nominated. She was also

See Skiing page 19-B



Clarkston super sophomore Kristen Atkinson shows off the form that's made her unbeatable so far this season. Here against Lake Orion on Jan. 30, Atkinson is in the home stretch of another first place finish.

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Virginia Trevino

Virginia M. ("Ginny") Trevino loved life. An active little girl with a big, bright smile, she enjoyed many things: painting, drawing, swinging, boating, electronics, computers, television — and playing doctor with her astute medical knowledge.

The latter was acquired from spending most of her three years of life in the hospital. Born with Hirschsprungs Disease, a condition that leaves its victims with undeveloped intestinal tracts, Ginny received a full intestinal transplant in 1995.

The youngster, whom her parents described as sunny and "a real trouper," died Feb. 1, 1996 in a Miami hospital from lymphoma and complications from Hirschsprungs. The complications had forced doctors to remove the transplant a few months ago. Recently, Ginny had been in and out of a coma, said her uncle, Joe Garza of Clarkston.

Before problems arose, Ginny had been learning to eat and swallow solids for the first time in her young life, Garza said.

"She was a doll," he said, adding that Ginny had been learning how to master a lap-top computer. "She was a very smart little girl, even at 3-and-a-half years. We're all going to miss her."

A Novi resident, Ginny is also survived by her parents, Ray and Stacey Trevino; her great-great-grandmother, Mildred M. Cole of Novi; great-grandparents Ralph and Virginia Brangan of Waterford and Elodia and Louie Vela of McAllen, TX; a great-grandmother, Doris J. McNabb of Bloomfield Hills; grandparents Reynaldo and Marie Trevino of Goodrich and Robert and Angelita Gomez of Ortonville; a grandfather, Douglas S. McNabb of Highland; a grandmother, Diana S. McNabb of Beverly Hills; and an aunt, Dianna DePauw (David) of Orion.

Visitation is tonight (Wednesday) from 2-9 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak. A funeral liturgy will be held Thursday at 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home with procession to St. Hugo of the Hills (Stone Chapel), 2215 Opdyke in Bloomfield Hills, where a Funeral Mass begins at 10 a.m. Officiating is the Rev. Jack Baker.

Memorials may be sent to the Transplantation Foundation of South Florida, 1150 NW 14th St., Suite 209B, Miami, FL, 33136. Donations for the family's numerous medical expenses may be arranged by calling Joe Garza at (810) 620-8945.

Earl Thompson

Earl E. Thompson of Clarkston died February 2, 1997 at the age of 60.

He is survived by four children: Steven of Royal Oak, Keith of Pontiac, Theresa (Jeff) Stocker of Clarkston and Colin of Holly; four grandchildren; a sister, Evette Troschinetz of Texas; and two brothers, Neal Thompson of KS and Raymond Thompson of Hazel Park.

Funeral services were Feb. 4 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

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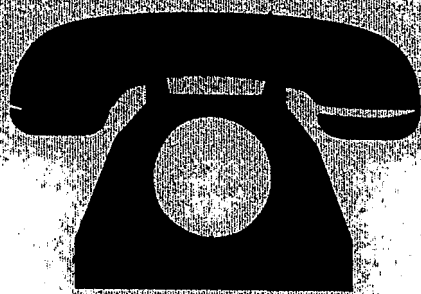
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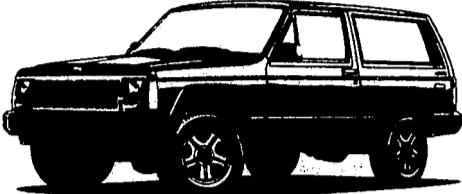
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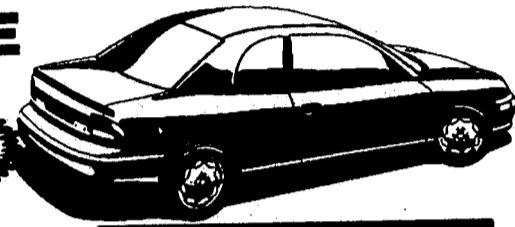
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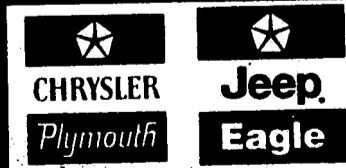
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Skiing

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named as WDIV Channel 4's Female Athlete of the Week recently.

Coach Thom Halsey said Trepte is an excellent student and is one of the best skiers around.

"She's a solid number two for us," he said. "She would be our superstar if it wasn't for Kristen (Atkinson)."

The two teams are now looking ahead to post-season tournaments, starting with the Pine Knob Varsity Divisionals Friday.

Halsey also noted the junior varsity teams made a very good account of themselves at the Don Thomas Cup Friday, each placing five racers in the top 10 overall.

"It's one of the biggest meets held anywhere," he said. "Over 400 athletes from 39 schools participated and our teams dominated."

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catalo at 7:06 p.m.

Roll: Present: Arlwright, Autgur, Basinger, Catalo, Gamble, Sanderson, Savage.

Minutes of January 13, 1997, approved as presented.

Agenda approved as presented with the deletion of the Hyatt-Palma Report and the change of Dave Carter to Jeff Harrell representing the rezoning request for 69 South Main.

City Council approved the site plan as presented by representatives of the Clarkston Mills property.

Thomas Goldner and Michael Kelley appointed to the Planning Commission to fill vacancies.

City Attorney instructed City Manager to have application for rezoning of 69 South Main submitted by the City Planner.

Walter Gamble appointed Street Administrator for the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Walter Gamble appointed representative from the City Council to attend Mill Pond Association meetings.

Resolved that the City pay directly to the contractor at the completion of the work the amount of \$80 contributing towards the cost of weed control on the Mill Pond.

City Attorney Ryan is to contract the Township attorney to renew the Deer Lake Beach Lease.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:
February 27, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #97-1-005

REZONING REQUEST

Etkin Equities, Inc., Petitioner

From: C-1 (Local Commercial)

To: OS-2 (Office Service Two)

Intended Use: Limited service lodging facilities
Sit down theme restaurant &
possible office use

Parcel Identification Number: 06-22-400-005
Common Description: NE corner of Sashabaw & I-75
18.65 Acres

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

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

Kids can test their basketball skills

Boys and girls ages 8-13 are invited to a free basketball skills clinic, sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club.

Semifinal events will continue Feb. 13 at North Sashabaw Elementary School, with the top three finishers advancing to the finals Feb. 27.

Registration for the semifinals will begin at 6:30 p.m., with competition starting at 7. For more information, call Mel Vaara at 625-3841 or Dan Stencil at 858-4944.

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FILE #97-1-002

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL

Article VIII Section 8.04.

Thomas W. McCloskey, Petitioner
Consideration of Special Use for
Home Occupations in R-1A Zone

Parcel Identification Number: 08-21-176-024
Common Description: Snowapple Drive
Lot 21, Chapelview Estates

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FILE #97-1-007

REZONING REQUEST

Silverman Development Co, Petitioner

From: R-1R (Rural Residential)

To: R-1A (Single Family Residential)

Intended Use: Single Family Residential

Parcel Identification Number: 08-26-101-001 &
08-27-226-001

Common Description: Waldon Road, East of Sashabaw
33.15 Acres

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Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION
The Independence Township Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, February 13, 1997 at 7:30 pm, at the INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP ANNEX BOARD ROOM, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to hear the following petition:

FILE #W-97-001

Silverman Building Co., Petitioner
WALDON PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT
REQUEST WETLAND IMPACT APPROVAL WITH
NATURAL FEATURE CONSIDERATION FOR
Road and utility crossings, Storm discharge
inlets, outlets and connecting culverts.
Waldon Road, East of Sashabaw
08-26-101-001, 08-26-126-001 &
08-26-126-001

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the above request may be examined at the Township Building Department during regular business hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
Flora Yingling
Administrative Assistant

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Clarkstonites get extreme

It wasn't the Winter X-Games, but it was the next best thing for some Clarkston teenagers, as the city made its presence felt at the Shanty Creek Open Snowboard Competition Jan. 25.

Travis Schenck took home a pair of first place finishes at the competition, in the half pipe and boardercross competitions in the age 14-17 bracket.

Sarah Schenck also placed twice, second in the 14-17 age bracket in the half pipe, while taking a first in the giant slalom competition.

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE TO BID

Baseball and Softball Uniforms

The Charter Township of Independence Parks and Recreation Department is accepting bids for youth baseball and softball uniforms for the 1997 season. Specifications may be picked up at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department located at 90 N. Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 1997 at the Clerks office located at the address listed above. Bids will be awarded at the Tuesday, February 18, 1997 Township Board meeting.

The Charter Township of Independence maintains the right to refuse or reject any or all bids and to act in the best interest of the Township at all times. For further information, please contact Ann Conklin at 810-625-8223.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS will meet Wednesday, February 19, 1997 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #97-008 Frank V. Strother, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUEST VARIANCE TO
CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON
CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Sagamore Drive, Lots 62 & 63
Deer Lake Hills, R-1A Zone
08-30-227-008

Case #97-007 Randy Hoelzer, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUEST SECOND FRONT
SETBACK VARIANCE FOR COMMERCIAL
ADDITION
6565 Dixie Hwy,
06-32-201-011

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For further information call (810) 625-8111.

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

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February 27, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #97-1-008

REZONING REQUEST

AAC Acquisitions, Petitioner

From: R-2 (Multi-Family Residential)

To: REC (Recreation)

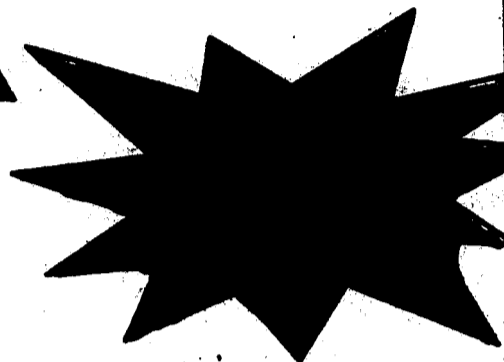
Intended Use: Add additional nine holes
to existing eighteen hole Golf Course

Parcel Identification Number: 06-22-200-008 &
06-22-400-009

Common Description: Sashabaw Rd N of I-75
Approx. 90 Acres

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

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