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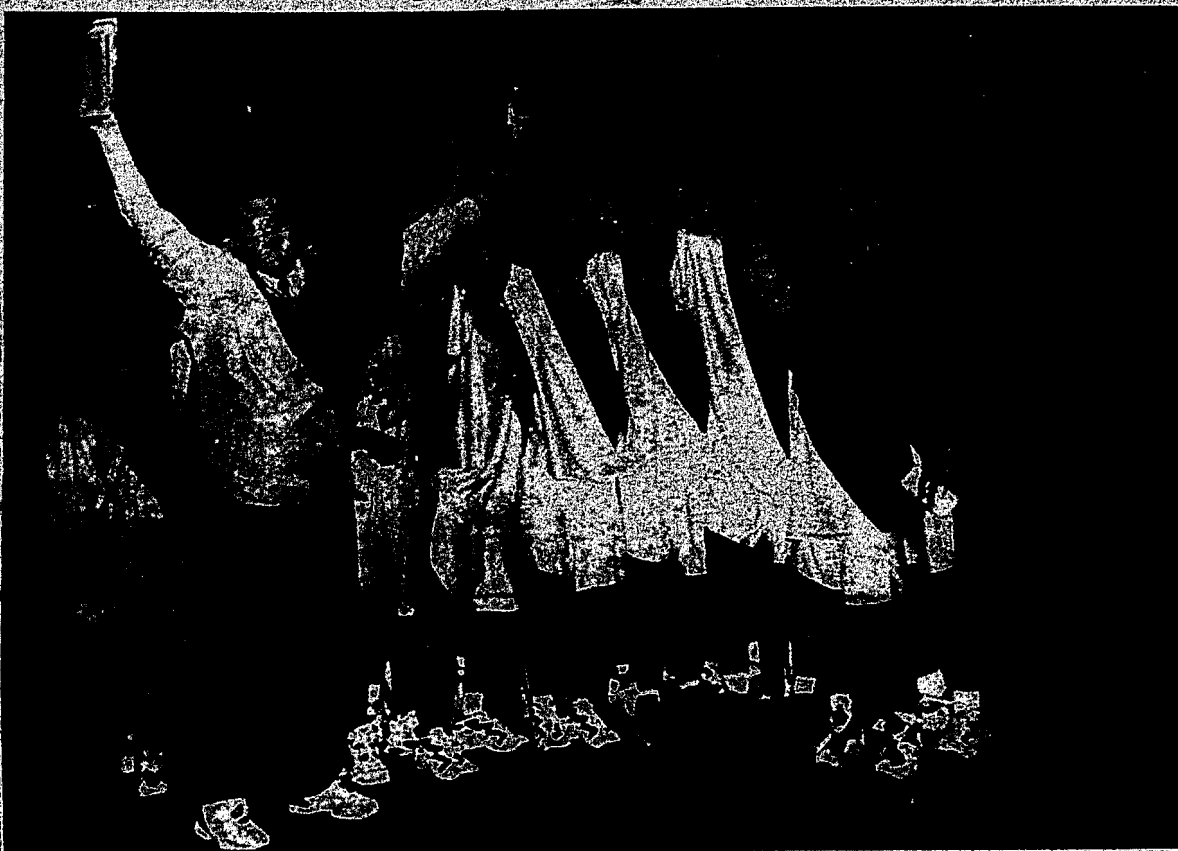
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District champs!



Members of the Clarkston High School varsity basketball team celebrate with their district trophy after beating Lapeer East at East Saturday. For the story, see page 1B.

Not enough seats

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

With a budget of over \$50 million, you'd think you could get all the bleacher seats you want in your new school. But that's not automatically the case, as members of the Clarkston board of education learned Monday night.

Bids for the new high school were brought to the board for just over \$5 million. Included in them was the bid covering bleachers, with a footnote stating it did not include north and south bleachers.

When asked about how many seats that would provide, a spokesman for construction manager A. J. Etkin said the bid would cover 2,360 seats, far short of the 3,500 minimum the board had earlier agreed were necessary. Trustee Sheila Hughes was angry.

"We were very specific about having minimum seating capacity in that gym of 3,500," she said. "That gym would hardly seat our entire student capacity. This is our building and we said we wanted 3,500 seats in the gym."

George Fadool of Etkin said extra bleachers in the two ends would cost an additional \$80,000, money that had been put into a contingency fund in case of future cost overruns. In addition, architect Chuck Olson of Greiner, Inc. said about 180 more seats could be

added on the floor by placing the basketball court off-center, bringing the total seating to around 3,400.

When questioned why the gym wasn't designed to hold 3,500, Olson pointed out that although it is larger than the Rockford gym it was modeled after, building codes have changed since Rockford was built and now require more exits. That cut down the seating capacity.

In the end, the board voted to approve the bids, with the addition of the \$80,000, by a vote of 5-2, with Hughes and trustee Mary Ellen McLean voting no. Afterwards, superintendent Dr. Al Roberts reassured the audience that the district would get the school it promised.

"What you're hearing here is some frustration. We have promised this community a certain school, and anything the architect brings that doesn't fit that will be turned back."

Roberts also pointed out that the more seats the gym holds, the more revenue can be generated by athletic events. "Anything put into this in a few years will be paid back," he said. "All this to-do over an \$80,000 project is not worth the misery it will cause in the newspapers. We have promised a certain building and we will deliver it and that's it, as far as I'm concerned."

Technology proposal presented

Also during Monday's meeting, the district's

Clarkston man drowns in Cass Lake

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The body of a Clarkston fisherman was found in Cass Lake's Gerundegut Bay in Waterford March 5 after the man didn't return home after ice fishing.

Billy Ray Cox, 57, had gone fishing at his regular spot Tuesday around 2 p.m. When he didn't return home, his son went looking for him and found his truck parked at the Dodge Park boat launch.

According to Lt. Donald McLellan of the Oakland County Sheriff's Marine Division, Cox's son called Waterford Police, who called in the Waterford Fire Department. At around 6:30 a.m. McLellan said he got a call at home that sheriff's marine officers were going to help in the search of the large lake. Then, at 6:45 he was told Cox's body had been found, but could not be reached due to ice conditions. That's when a dive team was sent in.

McLellan said that even though Cox was an experienced ice fisherman, he was not equipped to get himself out when he fell in. Water on top of ice is very slippery and impossible to grab onto to pull oneself out of the water.

"He could have been out there two days earlier and he could have walked across the same area," McLellan said. "The ice conditions are changing so quickly this time of year... there's not a conformity of ice there."

McLellan said the area where Cox was found is particularly treacherous because it is relatively shallow, is spring-fed and has the Clinton River feeding into it.

"Gerundegut Bay is probably one of the most treacherous pieces of water we have in the wintertime," he said. "We probably lose two to six vehicles in (there) each year."

McLellan noted warm temperatures which had occurred in the last few days prior to the drowning and said people are still taking chances to get out onto the ice, even though it is already melting along shore lines.

"What some people are doing is laying boards to get out to the ice," he said. "I had a report of people driving vehicles onto Pontiac Lake Wednesday. What would possess people to do that is beyond me."

An experienced diver, McLellan said he wouldn't go out on the ice now, at least not unless equipped with at least two screwdrivers which can be used to stick into the ice to pull oneself out.

"You wouldn't catch me out there—well, I went out yesterday (Wednesday) and I was in a dry suit, which is like a giant life jacket. You can't sink."

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The news in brief

Little Walters speed ordinance passes

An ordinance on slow-no wake speed of watercraft on Little Walters Lake passed 6-0 after receiving a second reading at the Independence Board of Trustees meeting March 4 (trustee Jeff McGee was absent).

Residents who live on Little Walters have been asking for restrictions on watercraft speeds. They will be required to bear the costs of buoys and signs marking the new rules as required by state law, assistant township attorney Steve Joppich said.

The state's Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Marine Division may be contacted if there are enforcement problems, he added.

McCrary holds office in state's Association of Clerks

Independence Township clerk Joan McCrary was recently named Third Vice President of the Michigan Association of Clerks for 1997. Several officers were elected during the association's 1997 annual meeting in January.

McCrary has been a member of the association since becoming Independence's clerk eight years ago. She was formerly the group's director. "Usually what happens, you move up through the chairs," she said.

There are approximately 600 members who come from villages, cities and counties all over Michigan, she said. "It's really an educational group for clerks. It's been very helpful to me as a

clerk... It's an honor. It's nice to be invited to be an officer," she said.

Food distribution planned

Free food for low-income residents will be distributed by Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency in March. Distribution will take place Wednesday, March 19 at the Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway, and at the Independence Township Senior Center inside Clintonwood Park. Hours are 10 a.m.-noon at both locations.

If you think you are eligible but are not already registered, bring Social Security cards for all household members, verification of household income and photo ID. For more information call OLHSA at 858-5126.

Businessman helps flood victims

A member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is helping flood victims in Ohio and asking other community members to do the same.

Ed Cornell of J&E Automotive is collecting emergency supplies at his business, located at 5534 Dixie in Waterford. Already, one truck load of blankets, water, food and other supplies has gone to Ohio. A second truck is scheduled to leave Friday. Anyone who would like to contribute emergency supplies can drop them off at the business. For more information call Cornell at 623-1400.

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String program piloted in two schools

Hope is it will soon be coming to more grades

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Outside the mid-day sun was shining and most of the students at North Sashabaw Elementary School were at recess.

But inside one classroom, eighteen fourth-graders picked up their new violins, bowed to their teacher, and began their exercises. They were giving up recess to do so.

The kids are part of a new pilot program at North Sash and Pine Knob elementaries, thanks to a district mini-grant and the brainstorm of vocal music teacher Lois Richardson. They are the nucleus of what it's hoped will someday soon become a full-fledged string program in the Clarkston schools.

Richardson is a former elementary band teacher who majored in instrumental music in college and was, as part of her coursework, required to take violin class. Since then, her three children have studied the Suzuki violin method, and as an involved parent she learned along with them. The method she's teaching is a sort-of hybrid combination of Suzuki and traditional music teaching, she said.

The students meet twice a week for a half-hour at a time during what would be their recess time. None of them seem to mind.

"This is better than recess," said Maegan Darbe, 9. "You can learn something from this... Plus, we like to be with our friends."

Katie Mosher, 10, agreed. "We're learning more than anybody else is because we have an opportunity to learn something."

The size of the class was limited by the number of violins the mini-grant would cover. The instruments were purchased by the district and are loaned out to the students for the duration of the class. They're allowed to take them home to practice, just like any other band instrument.

Richardson said it was hard to choose who got to be in class this time and who didn't from the many



Above, the class stands at the ready. At left, Lois Richardson demonstrates proper hand position.

This is better than recess.

Maegan Darbe, 9 North Sashabaw Elementary student



Star Steward listens while a student plays an exercise.

applicants. Some kids even went out and got violins of their own so as not to miss out on the opportunity.

"We were just really overwhelmed by the response," Richardson said. "Here I had about 40 kids; at Pine Knob I had 36. So it was very difficult to choose. I anticipated I would have more interest than violins."

The children filled out applications, were given a musical aptitude test and their teachers were consulted. "We weren't looking for gifted kids; we were looking for kids who would benefit from the opportunity. In a lot of cases it came down to pulling names out of a hat."

During class March 6, students sat on a rug and took turns, one at a time, demonstrating holding the violin for Richardson. Then, each played an exercise she gave them. After each one spent a few moments with Richardson, he or she moved on to a second station, where Star Steward, a North Sash. teacher and string player in the Rochester Symphony, went over the exercise with them again. Steward volunteered her time

on lunch hour to help.

Amanda Henderson, 10, said she doesn't play any other instrument but signed up for violin class because "I thought it would be a fun experience to play an instrument." Kerri Rupe, 9, likewise never played an instrument and thought it would be fun. Maegan Darbe already plays piano but said "I wanted to learn a new instrument." Stefanie Thomas, 9, said she wanted to learn something new but also "my grandfather takes violin."

According to Clarkston High School's director of bands Cliff Chapman, a proposal will soon be brought before the board of education to teach stringed instruments to sixth-graders.

Meanwhile, Richardson is already looking for ways to pay for more violins so her students will be able to keep going next year, in fifth grade.

"It's been real exciting," she said. "I just feel very positive about it."

2 candidates announce for school board

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

An excitement about what is going on in Clarkston schools and a desire to be a part of it is behind the decision of Barry Bomier to run for a seat on the board of education.

Bomier was a member of the board from 1994 to 1996, when he lost a bid for re-election in a race with a big field of candidates. Now, he and Richard Crigger, another unsuccessful candidate from last year, have decided to try again.

"This election really doesn't have a lot of controversy," Bomier said. "I think that's an exciting time to run. This board will bring us into the 21st century and we've got so many strategic and critical issues, one of which is the technology package at the new high school."

Bomier, 45, has a degree in engineering from West Point Military Academy and works as marketing manager at Atlas Technologies in Fenton.

Crigger, 44, could not be reached for comment as of presstime. He is a lieutenant on the Waterford Police Department.

A third unsuccessful candidate from last year, Robert Wyatt, is not planning to run again this year, his wife said. As of presstime, only Bomier and Crigger had pulled petitions for the June 9 election.

Bomier said he is looking forward to working with



Bomier



Crigger

superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. Bomier was on the board when Roberts was hired.

"We have a true educational leader in this community in Al Roberts and he's not afraid to speak up and share the issues," Bomier said. "I think we've got a lot to be very, very grateful for that's happened in the past year... We've got a superintendent and a board team that really has functioned very, very well."

Bomier bemoaned the loss of two experienced board members, Bill McGregor and Bill Craig, who have both said they will not seek re-election. "Anytime you lose two board members you've got the potential for a break in the knowledge base," he said. Bomier is already certified by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

St. Daniel's Church to participate in survey

For the first time in history, the Catholic churches of Oakland County's Vicariate of the Lakes will survey parishioners March 15-16 to help plan for the future of the community.

The survey will be conducted by a research unit from Georgetown University and 10 parishes will participate, including St. Daniel's in Clarkston. The information gathered will be shared with the churches and will help shape the development of each parish into the 21st century.

"This is the first time that clergy and lay members of multi-parishes in a Vicariate have ever joined forces and attempted to gather planning information," said Rev. Msgr. Robert Humitz, pastor of St. Daniel and Vicar for the Vicariate. "Increased growth, growing demands of ministry, scarce resources and concern about Catholics not practicing their faith are issues that parishes are seeking solutions for. We have found it helpful to work together on some of the problems."

The survey seeks to reach all Catholics—active or not. The majority of the surveys will be filled out at weekend masses, but some will be mailed to non-active Catholics. The survey will serve as a pilot study for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Correction

● In the March 5 issue of the Clarkston News some information was incorrectly reported in a story about rezoning land at Sashabaw and I-75 for a possible hotel project. The story said special approval is needed for any building more than two stories in the township. The correct information is that any building over two stories would require a height variance from the township's zoning board of appeals. A special land use would need to be approved for the entire project.

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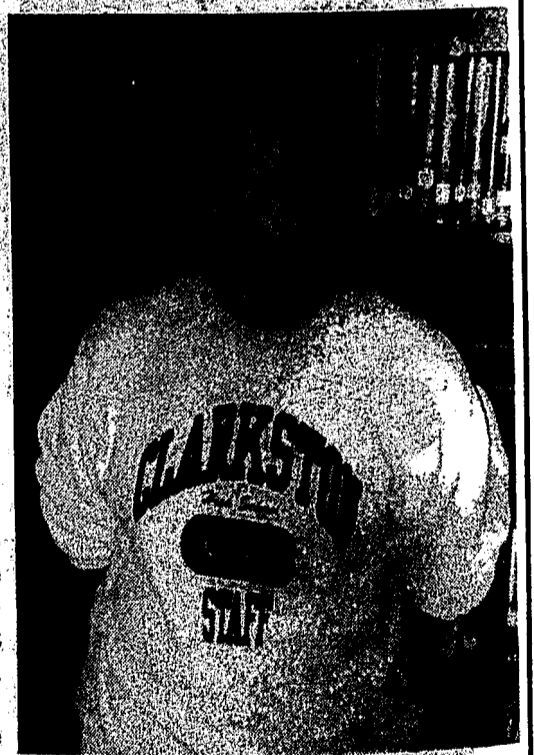
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During the past 8 years she has worked for 9 different principals. On a personal note, Cynthia has three children, Jim, Bridget, and Shaun. Jim has two sons D.J. (14) and Zak (12) whom Cynthia is very proud to have as grandchildren.

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Township ponders future investments

Forthcoming audit to report losses

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now that the controversial derivatives are behind them, Independence Township Board of Trustees members are pondering new ways in which to invest the township's money.

That was the gist of discussion between the board and two investment experts at the March 4 board meeting.

Ken Carroll, township investment advisor from Aileron LTD., recapped the sale of the four controversial derivatives and Lord Abbott mutual fund. All were liquidated by December, though in October the board gave investment manager Peter Root of Munder Capital Management permission to sell them within six months.

"The timing was excellent but it's not anything we foresaw," Carroll said, explaining how the market ironically worked in the township's favor to speed liquidation.

Next, Carroll presented the current portfolio, with nearly 80 percent of the township's money invested in "conservative" U.S. Treasury Notes.

But now the township needs to consider where it wants to go with future investments, he said. "The portfolio has outperformed the benchmark. Now we need to begin looking at some of the changes that need to be made."

Though Root said the township has a "squeaky-clean portfolio" he urged board members to consider investments that have "a little bit more risk and a little bit more yield."

Township treasurer Jim Wenger told the board he would be meeting with Carroll Thursday to look at

Mid-decade census funds invested

Recently, the balance of mid-decade census funds was received by the township, bringing the total to roughly \$267,000. Like many municipalities experiencing extreme growth, Independence was eligible for the state shared revenue.

"Those funds are invested," said township supervisor Dale Stuart Friday, meaning the funds are part of the \$3-\$4 million the township holds in cash and cash equivalents.

Earlier, the township's Board of Trustees discussed ways in which that money might be spent. At that time Stuart said it had been his recommendation to put some toward improvements at Independence Township Library, needs such as increased operational hours and books. Other "capital projects" considered are parks and recreation and senior citizens' needs and improvements to town-

ship hall, he said.

However, there was trouble in obtaining full funding, due to the state's shortage because so many municipalities had applied. Though the state finally appropriated more money, Independence received less than the \$300,000 it was eligible for.

Right now the spending is on hold. "I want to make sure this is continued by the legislature in a reasonable fashion. Then I can say, 'OK. We'll give \$100,000 for books,'" Stuart said. Any spending decisions would take board action. "If nothing else, it'll stay in the balance," he added.

Referring to financial losses suffered, due to the former bad investments, Stuart said, "It is very fortuitous for us to get that kind of money when we've lost money."

—By Eileen McCarville

some new ventures.

"We as a board will have to determine our risk threshold and figure out what we're comfortable with," he said.

During an interview Friday, Wenger said Munder Capital holds approximately \$9 million of the township's investments, which are "long-term (over 12 months)." As township treasurer, Wenger manages the balance, around \$3-\$4 million of "short-term" investments like certificates of deposit (CDs), commercial paper and pooled accounts with interest. Those are considered cash or cash equivalents because they can be liquidated

quickly when the township needs money.

Included in the \$3-\$4 million is over \$267,000 which the township recently received in state shared revenue from the mid-decade census.

Independence has adopted its own investment policy, which is more "stringent" than state policy, he said.

"We've been burned, so the idea is we're going to be very, very safe, very conservative," he said. The township must also consider whether it wants to keep the current 3 1/2 years duration or extend it. "The

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Ei-liners

By Eileen McCarville

The Sorcerer's apprentices



First a sheep, then two monkeys. Can the duplication of humans be far away? Every day there seems to be news-breaking information. As I write this, my editor tells me she read that "scraping" an embryo to aid fertilization could have cloned the first human. Boggles the mind, doesn't it?

What we once perceived as fantasy has become reality. In the '60s I enjoyed the thrill of "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley — safe outside the pages of something I never thought would be possible.

I have yet to watch "Multiplicity" with Michael Keaton but the people at the video store tell me it's a hoot. I'm sure it is. Any comedy where people are "twinned" brings endless possibilities for pranks and getting others in trouble. Remember "The Parent Trap" and "Trading Places"?

I always thought it would be fun to have a twin. For instance, if I were grounded, my sister could take my place while I went out for pizza.

But there's a scary side effect with that. What if there were people just like you, with the same crooked tooth and back problems? Would they have the same fingerprints as well? What if a crime were committed and you were framed?

There are traits in famous people we'd like to clone, like Grant Hill's talent and Mother Theresa's compassion. Morning WRIF radio hosts Drew and Mike wondered if Pamela Anderson Lee were cloned, would all the copies want breast implants? A cartoon of a ringed-dyed-tattooed Dennis Rodman had a caption that read "Human cloning is now technologically feasible... What wonders await?"

But, we forget cloning only splits the DNA; it doesn't shape the man. Environment plays a very important role.

As a child I loved being scared out of my wits by "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." The music alone was frightening, but there was morbid fascination when you visualized thousands of faceless brooms walking like "Night of the Living Dead" zombies.

Mickey Mouse made it less gruesome as the apprentice in Disney's "Fantasia." For those of you who don't know the story, a magician takes off, leaving his apprentice in charge. What a great chance to fool around with his master's wand — even though he's been warned of the dangers.

The apprentice soon finds waving the wand over a simple broom means he won't have to do the chores. The broom sprouts arms, carrying buckets of water to a large cistern. Overcome with power, the apprentice falls asleep, imagining himself controller of the universe. But when he awakens, he's horrified to see the broom hasn't stopped.

All efforts to break the spell prove futile. Angry, he chops the broom up into little pieces, only to find each splinter rises eerily, growing new arms with buckets — and an insatiable desire to deliver the goods. In the nick of time, the sorcerer arrives and, with one fell swoop of the wand, the brooms disappear and the apprentice is saved from drowning.

In the Disney version, lovable Mickey grins sheepishly, hanging his head. The sorcerer's stern face

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Athletes will miss Mahrle

To whom it may concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Larry Mahrle, who recently retired from coaching the women's varsity team at Clarkston High School.

I have known Coach Mahrle for over 20 years and consider him one of the strongest influences in my development as a young player.

As a former college and NBA performer, I can look back and appreciate the importance of developing discipline and fundamentals at a young age. Clarkston basketball will truly miss Coach Mahrle's ability to teach the basics and his dedication to his players.

As a father of two young children, I can only hope that one day have the opportunity to play for a coach as strong as Larry Mahrle.

Good Luck and Thanks, Coach!

Tim McCormick
CHS 1980

Christmas program bigger than ever

Dear Clarkston News,

We would like to thank you for your generous donation to our Christmas project. With your generous help we were able to collect approximately \$1700. With this we purchased 20 board games, 25 model kits, 10 footballs and basketballs, several pairs of gloves, underwear, socks, and hats, 15 sweat

suits, Meijer gift certificates, movie videos and we also donated \$150 in cash to Oakland County Children's Village.

We also purchased 25 movie videos, a Super Nintendo system with 5 games which we donated to the pediatrics floor at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. Both of these places were very appreciative of our donation. We also received many donations of hats, socks and gloves from the community.

We would like to send a very special thank you to Northwest Propane of Pontiac for their large donation, Pete's Coney of Clarkston, Clarkston Elementary School, Independence Township Library, Bonnie's Pet Parlor, Kieft Engineering, Clarkston Rotary Club, Country Cords Clothing and Club Pride at Clarkston Middle School. Also a special thank you to the kids who purchased several pairs of gloves with their own money; it really touched our hearts.

This was our most successful year ever. We truly hope to continue this next year with a larger collection. It is a great feeling to know that we are helping other children have a great Christmas and make their life a little easier at the village, and also to help keep children from getting bored while hospitalized.

We hope that you will be involved next year and that we can count on your generous donations so we may continue on in the memory of our grandfather, Delton Lohff.

Thank you for everything,
Derek & Danielle Weddle

P.S. We can still accept donations through the Clarkston Rotary (Children's Village Project), P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, MI 48347.



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Kids! Are you bored? Get an orange crate

We read stories these days about kids being bored. "I'm bored," they lament to anyone within earshot.

Bob MacDonald, like me, a retired publisher who still writes a column for the Gratiot County Herald in Ithaca, reviewed what Reminisce magazine had to say about how boredom was avoided in the "good ol' days."

He said Reminisce readers shared memories from simple years before fancy toys, pricey video games, America On Line and organized play stuff was overdone... the days when kids had so much "homemade fun" they didn't have time to be bored.

Inventive youngsters who grew up in the first half of this century, entertained themselves with things that didn't take a pocketful of money.

Reminisce readers tell about "inventive youngsters who made racers with thread spools, backyard biplanes out of butcher paper, beautiful dolls out of hollyhocks, burr baskets and clothespin pistols using old inner tubes and nails."

Or, how about racing the neighbor kids on a scooter made from an orange crate and old skate, or having spirited games of jump rope, jacks, marbles and mumblety peg?

Whether it was favorite old songs, matinee movies, thrilling radio programs or visits to the one-ring big top... all provided exciting entertainment with-

out costing big dollars.

Harking back to the simpler time, Contributing Editor Clancy Strock has plenty of his own memories to share. "Those of us who lived through the bleak decade of the '30s and the sparse wartime years are experts on having fun for little or no money," he writes.

Clancy relishes memories of the homespun fun that brought the family together. Before electric refrigerators, for example, nothing was finer on a hot July night than stopping with the entire family to enjoy some ice cream on the way home from the local band concert... or spending a Sunday evening gathered around the radio, shelling popcorn while dad made fudge.

Older folks are accused of always bringing back memories of the "good ol' days" but perhaps we should do more of it and give our present day kids a pleasant taste of "something new."

Now, where could we find an orange crate (or old roller skate) to build our scooter?

I commented a few columns ago... "I swear there are more people than ever peering through steering wheels as they direct their cars down the highway."

Oxfordite, Bob Lane, a Florida resident this time of year, says, "We call them half-heads!"

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A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1982)

When Clarkston Board of Education president Janet Thomas asks for audience comments on the proposed closing of South Sashabaw Elementary, not a single hand is raised from the 80 people present. So, with little fanfare, the decision to close S. Sashabaw Elementary is unanimously approved by the board Monday night.

A population study conducted by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) shows independence and Springfield township residents will have a lot more company in the year 2000. According to the study, Independence, Springfield and Lyon townships will be the fastest growing of Oakland County's 25 townships between now and the end of the century. All three are projected to grow in excess of 10,000 or more residents.

There are a few damp eyes as the Sashabaw Junior High School Cougars slowly file into their dressing room after a 52-47 defeat at the hands of Rochester West Saturday. The result wraps up the basketball team's Invitational Tournament championship and leaves the Cougars with runner-up status.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

The employment of a financial consultant and a Department of Public Works director are two of eight goals presented within a report at the beginning of Tuesday night's Independence Township Board meeting. Independence is also looking to hire a bookkeeper, a building department superintendent and a general utilities man. The positions will be paid out of Federal Public Employment Program funds.

When Independence Township residents go to the polls March 20 to elect a new township clerk, they'll also have the chance to state their feelings on forced school busing. The township board has agreed with Edward Marley, chairman of the Clarkston chapter National Action Group, to include the question on the ballot.

The Pontiac Northern Huskies nip the Clarkston

Wolves 64-63 in the district tournament semi-finals at Waterford Mont Wednesday, which ends all Clarkston touney hopes. The Wolves lead during most of the game, but fall in the last few minutes.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

In preparation for the American Legion and Free Press oratorical contests in April, the English classes at Clarkston High School have been practicing speeches during the past few weeks. Some of the illustrated explanations that create much class interest include a demonstration by Ivan Rouse and Marilyn Kennedy on how to make an eggnog, Pat A. Watson's illustration of the correct technique for chewing bubble gum and Fran Dailey's demonstration on the art of brushing your teeth.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Monte Hale and Adrian Booth in "Out California Way." Showing at the Drayton Theatre are Judy Canova in "Singing in the Com" and Hopalong Cassidy in "The Devil's Playground."

Specials at Terry's Market include Birdseye Cod Fillets, 43 cents a pound; frozen apple sauce, a package for 27 cents; Dining Car Mince Meat, a 36-ounce jar for 32 cents; walnuts, 39 cents a pound; and Maxwell House Coffee, 48 cents a pound.

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

Mrs. Lionel Waterbury entertains in honor of her daughter Elaine's thirteenth birthday. It was formerly scheduled for Feb. 21, but postponed as Elaine had the measles. A group of young people has a good time from 4-9 p.m. with games, a birthday dinner and decorations in honor of George Washington. Guests include Betty Taylor, Betty Drake, Marion Chamberlain, Leda Miller, Dorothy Rouse, Marilyn Tucker, Ruth Belitz and Agnes Biggs.

Specials at Rudy's include beef roast, 14 cents a pound; smoked picnics, 21 cents a pound; veal stew, 14 cents a pound; store cheese, 19 cents a pound; 40 Fathom Fillets, 19 cents a pound; and peas, three cans for a quarter.

Write a letter to the editor!

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Happy St. Paddy's Day



A tradition started over a decade ago, I write something about the Irish for the week of St. Patrick's Day. As that blessed day is Monday, here it goes again.

A publisher friend of mine, Jerry Cosby, from Indiana sent me a letter back in January. I saved it for just this occasion. It's a little ditty I'm sure some of you have already read, but I think it sums up things rather nicely.

(Sidebar: as I type I'm listening to Bing Crosby sing his selection of Tinpan Alley Irish-American music - the heathens at work are getting upset with it.)

Don,
In reading this over again, I think it's a perfect fit for you. Keep the faith, brother - Jerry.

Irish... He is
What shall I say about the Irish?
The utterly impractical,
never predictable, sometimes
irascible quite inexplicable Irish?

A strange blend of shyness
pride and conceit,
and stubborn refusal to bow in defeat

He's spoiling and ready to argue
and fight, yet the smile of child
fills his soul with delight

His eyes are the quickest
to well up with tears,
yet his strength is the strongest
to banish your fears.

His hate is fierce
as his devotion is grand,
and there is no middle ground
on which he will stand.

He's wild and he's gentle,
he's good and he's bad,
He's proud and he's humble,
he's happy and sad.

He's in love with the ocean,
the earth and the skies,
He's enamored with beauty
where it lies.

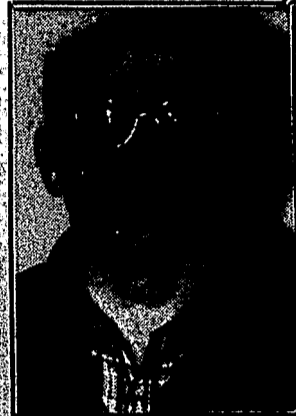
He's a victor and a victim,
a star and a clod,
But mostly he's Irish
in love with his God!

Thanks, Jerry, I hope you and all of you out there
have a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day, 1997
I know I plan to!

People poll

By Eileen McCarville

Who would you like, not like, to see cloned?



ANDY ANDRYCO, CLARKSTON: Dr. O'Neill. He always helps everybody. And my wife. I wouldn't want to see President Clinton cloned.



GRETA GEIGER, CLARKSTON: Debbie Reynolds. I like her acting in the shows and I liked her when I've seen her on television being questioned. I wouldn't like to see O.J. cloned. You hear so much about him and there's so much about him you don't want to hear about.



PHILLIP BAUMGRAS, DAVISBURG: That guy on the late night infomercials, Tony Robinson, because he thinks positively and he's trying to teach people positive ways. Not Bill Clinton.



SUE LAMPHER, HOLLY: Actually, I wouldn't like to see anybody cloned. I just think everybody needs to be unique and God decides whether we need to become twins, triplets or whatever.



BILL AUSTIN, DETROIT: Mike Behrens, my boyfriend. And Mother Theresa. I know who I wouldn't want to see cloned is John Engler.



CHS Life

By Meghann Smith

Have you ever thought of sneaking out? I'm sure we all have, I mean think about it. It's Friday night and your parents take away the car keys, your crush is leaving his house for a party in five minutes and earlier that day he said to you, in his actual voice that was really directed to you, "I'll see you there."

Are you going to sit at home and watch "Family Matters" with your little siblings, or are you going to test out your acrobatics on that tree that happens to be just in reach of your bedroom window? Most teenagers would choose the latter. But how do you go about it?

First of all, we all probably exercise the "out the window" idea. You know, you make sure your parents won't be checking on you in your bedroom; maybe even go as far as to stuff your covers with stuffed animals so that in the dark your teddy bears somewhat resemble a living body. Then we shut the door, turn out the lights, and open the old window. Once managing to break it out of its case of winter ice and slide it open, you remove the screen. Not quite so easy for those of us less technical people.

Now you've readied the escape route and you step out onto the roof. Ooops, be careful, it's a little bit icy. This is where most problems are encountered. A definite no-no is walking on snow; after all when someone looks out your window and sees footprints on the roof some suspicion might arise. In Michigan, this is almost impossible.

After dealing with the footprint issue, you have to find an escape route off of the roof. Maybe you're lucky and have a porch railing right below your window which you can climb down onto. Or maybe that infamous climbing tree is just a few feet away. If this is the case, you're home free; if not, there might be a problem. Could it be that only Superman can

reach that climbing tree, or maybe the drainpipe looks a little less sturdy, now that you're looking down on it, rather than up.

Once you get off the roof you have to slowly work your way around any motion-sensitive lights and any window that your lovely siblings could glance out and see you stealthily creeping by. Getting somewhere is another dilemma, but let's pretend that you've already thought this through and your friends are waiting a block down the street in the getaway vehicle. You're out!

Ok, you've been to the party and talked (sort of, if "Hey, what's up?" is considered a conversation) to Mr. Dreamy Eyes himself. Now your mind is fulfilled and it's time to go home. Easier said than done. You reach your house and realize that, yes your bedroom window is still open, but no, it is not humanly possible to get back in that way. Hmm...imagine that. Well, being the smart thinker you are you reach into your jeans pocket to find, da-da-da-dah, no house key. Ok, ok no problem; you'll just grab the spare one that's in the fake rock. The fake rock which looked so fake that your dad brought it back inside. Until further notification of the new spare-key hiding place, he who forgets his key is he who is locked out. So you break out the pebbles and start chucking them at your sibling's window. After all, she owes you one. Well, at two in the a.m. when she sees you outside of the house that you were grounded into just hours before, no little sister really cares about whether she owes you a thousand. With her helpful little smile, your little sister goes to find somebody to let you in. Isn't it a coincidence that the "somebody" happens to be your parents.

Next time, maybe you'll just use the front door.

Heritage Hunt II

By Virginia Block

Those who have been served by Jo Spencer, as she worked with the Holly Historical Society for 20 years, know her smiling face and her willingness to help anyone, is sadly missed since she retired. It was our honor and pleasure to be offered the precious collection of genealogical research data that she gave so generously to go into the archives of P.A.H.A.G.S.

Jo prepared a handbook for genealogists in 1976 that was published in the Kalamazoo Valley Family Newsletter.

As a member of the D.A.R. and a Colonial pre-Revolution Chapter of a National organization, much data is genealogically oriented.

To say that we are overwhelmed by this windfall puts it mildly, but we guarantee that it will be placed where all may benefit for research purposes.

Queries we need to share come from Wade B. Dick of Sarasota, FL seeking info on Pontiac ancestry. The names of his family lines are: Dick, Evans, Firman and Nash. Specifically he is looking (for a death record (that) states that Name Nash was to be buried in Perry Mount Pk Cemetery. She died 11 May 1948. Her husband, who preceded her in death in 1940, does not state place of burial. If your lines match any of Wade's, please help him by letting us know.

The renewal of membership for Rev. C. Corydon Randall, DelMar Calif., lists his surnames being searched as: Randall, Leggett, Pierce, Stewart, Packer, Tanner, Snow, Havens, Albertus, Ivey (sp?), Coleman, and Voight. Since we do not have a pedi-

gree chart or family group sheets, at this time, let us please hear from anyone interested.

What do you think will happen if we all start to gather for workshops that include young (7th & 8th grade level) people to encourage interest in family history workshops? the plan is under consideration as a result of our involvement with LAke Orion students.

Local history is coming to us through talking to Seniors who have done one surname only, so we can encourage them to do the "rest of the story."

Since Jo Spencer's late husband claimed relation to the English side of the family that followed connection with Winston Churchill, maybe there's hope for our Frances Peterson of Southfield who is still having difficulty with locating her "Spencer". Her work on the Eby line began when she chose to locate all the spousal lines connected to the Eby folks.

Lots of seminars in the next two months will offer lots of ideas for gift giving but our new supply of Family Tree kits and charts will solve a lot of your needs, whether you are giving a gift or treating yourself to more organized researching materials.

Please begin with us, soon, to get going on your family health history. Your life could depend on it.

In observance of National Make a Difference DAY, be sure you make a difference in your family circle by sharing your family stories with them now instead of waiting until the older members can't recall for you the precious stories only they can tell.

Happy Hunting!

Focus on the family

By Dr. James Dobson



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Question: I understand how society evaluates the worth of children on the basis of their physical attractiveness. But how do they learn about that assessment so early? By what mechanism does this cultural attitude get transmitted to preschool kids?

Dr. Dobson: They can hardly miss it in the world around them. It's a dull child who's failed to notice that the ugly do not become cheerleaders; the ugly seldom star in movies; the ugly may not get married; the ugly have fewer friends; and the ugly are less desirable!

Furthermore, in examining the traditional literature of childhood, I am amazed to see how many of the age-old stories center around physical attractiveness in one form or another. Consider these examples:

* **The Ugly Duckling.** Here is a familiar story about an unhappy little bird who was rejected by the better-looking ducks. The ugly duckling was disturbed by his grotesque appearance. Fortunately for him, however, he had a beautiful swan inside that surfaced in young adulthood. (The story does not mention the ugly duckling who grew up to be an ugly duck!) How many children wait patiently for their beautiful swan to appear, seeing things go from bad to worse during adolescence?

* **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.** Rudolph has a weird nose, which caused him to be rejected by his fellow reindeer. This story has nothing to do with reindeer; it has everything to do with children. This is how they treat the physically peculiar. They are rejected and ridiculed. The only way the world's "Rudolphs" can gain acceptance is to perform some miraculous feat, symbolized by the gallant sleigh ride in the snowstorm.

* **Dumbo the Elephant.** Dumbo was ridiculed for having big floppy ears, until he used them to fly. The theme is remarkably similar to the plight of poor Rudolph. It appears repeatedly in literature of the young because of its common occurrence in the lives of children themselves.

* **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.** The evil queen asked the fateful question, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" I am still awed by the crassness of her question, considering all of the possibilities to which a magic mirror might respond! Yet the motivation behind her request is clear: The fairest of them all was the most noble, worthy person in the land. Perhaps she still reigns.

* **Cinderella.** The primary difference between Cinderella and her two wicked stepsisters was a matter of beauty. Any illustrated story of Cinderella will reveal that fact. Sure Cinderella was ragged and uncombed, but the basic ingredient was there. It wasn't the pumpkin and the mice that shook up the prince when Cinderella arrived at the ball. You can bet she was a pretty little thing.

My point is that we are increasingly effective in teaching very young children the importance of personal beauty. All children learn it shortly after babyhood! We could do no better if the best educators convened to design a fool-proof instructional system.

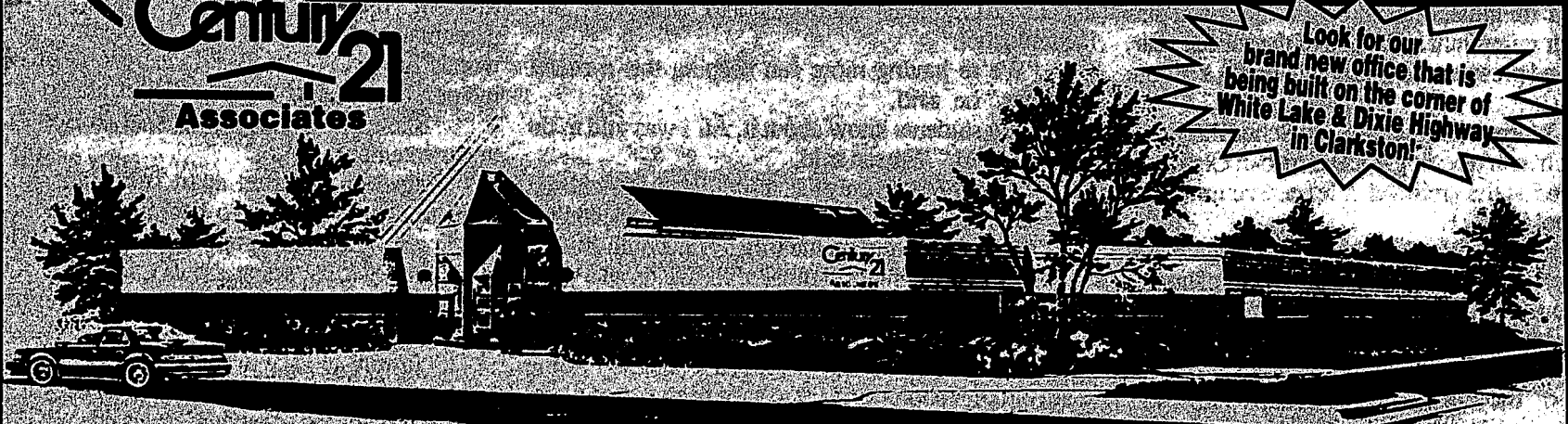
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eventually softens. But he gives Mickey an admonishing kick, just to let him know who's boss.

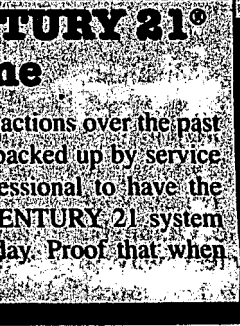
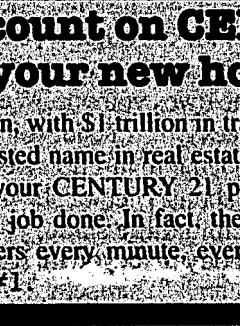
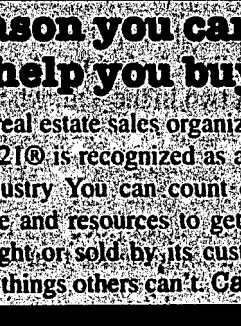
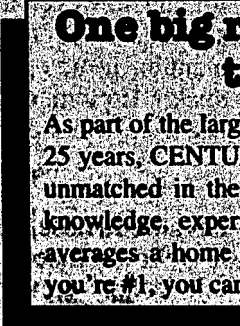
Some would argue this as a fitting allegory for cloning, with God the sorcerer and man his inexperienced servant. Some say "Only God can make a tree." Maybe only God can make a man. And maybe only God should. Maybe we should have the wand at all.



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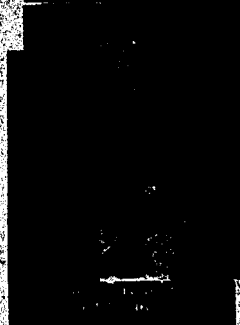


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Warren to be honored; choir alumni sought

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

An icon of music education in Clarkston has announced her retirement at the end of the school year, and her past and present students are planning a tribute to her.

Grayce Warren, Clarkston High School's Director of Choirs, began teaching vocal music in Clarkston schools in 1965 at the junior-high level. She moved to the high school in 1971.

Over the years, Warren has become known as a dedicated teacher with a well-developed sense of humor and a drive to instill an understanding of music in her students. She covers not only the technical aspect of her craft but also the historical, emotional and spiritual significance of the music. Vocal groups under her tutelage have earned honors at local, regional and state competitions and have been popular performers at local events.

According to Ric Huttenlocher, organizer of the tribute, Warren was important in her students' lives.

"Over 35 years, Grayce Warren has been totally dedicated to her students, not only as the director, but also as a friend, mentor, career counselor and confidante," he said. "We are certain that her former students, their parents, teaching colleagues and her friends will wish to join us in this tribute."

The tribute is planned for Memorial Day week-

end, May 24-25 in Clarkston. The highlight will be a mass concert featuring all returning students. Well over 300 singers are expected.

Meanwhile, Warren herself is being kept in the dark about the details of the celebration, which delights Huttenlocher.

"We're having more fun keeping this a secret from her," he said.

"My students know about it. All I was told to do was show up," Warren said.

Though Warren only recently officially announced her retirement, Huttenlocher said he was expecting it and has been working on the tribute since fall.

"We have contacted most of the Madrigal (singers)," he said. Since the Madrigals had reunions every five years, the last one in 1994, good records already exist of those students' whereabouts. That's not the case for other choirs, and there have been lots of them, according to Warren's former coworker, retired theater teacher Barb Gibson—mixed choir, Chorales, varsity concert choir, *bel canto* choir, barbershop ensemble, not to mention piano and musical theater students. The tribute committee is looking for these former students.

Gibson offered up some numbers that show just how many lives Warren has touched in her career: over 8,000 students, 1,000 in barbershop alone, 29 musicals, beginning with "Once upon a Mattress" in 1972 and ending with "Guys and Dolls" coming up this spring.

In between teaching, Warren was a summer music camp counselor for 17 years at Northern Michigan University, her *alma mater*, music director of SCAMP for 10 years, sewed many costumes for school productions and many of her own clothes, has an English perennial garden and, as if that's not enough, "she's a wonderful cook," Gibson said. Her favorite of Warren's recipes, she said, is her Upper Peninsula-style pasties. "She's been a busy girl," said Gibson in classic understatement.

What sets Warren apart from other teachers? "Her total commitment to her students, both from a music education standpoint and a total development standpoint, is what's neat about Grayce," Huttenlocher said. "Her students are her children... her life is the school."

Warren said she doesn't have specific plans for after retirement, but has other interests besides teaching. She plans to rest awhile, she said.

"I can watch David Letterman in the middle of the week if I want to," she laughed.

If you were a student or know the whereabouts of a former student, call Gerry Stevenson at 810-698-8717, Laura Sussex Normand at 810-625-7866 or Huttenlocher at 810-625-4221. The committee will send reservation forms to those former students in March.

"I think this is going to be a really neat event," Huttenlocher said.

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Around town

● A St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held at Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post on M-15 Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids under 10 also includes music.

● The Clarkston Parent Network will meet Tuesday, March 18, 7-9 p.m. at the Independence Library. Speaker will be health teacher Al Craven on why it is important to share your philosophy on sexual intimacy with your children. The Parent Network meets the third Tuesday of each month. Call 394-1835 or 625-4855 for more information.

● The Clarkston Community Women's Club will meet Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Library for a program on handwriting by Suzen Oliver. For more information call 625-3405.

● The fifth annual spring antique and craft show sponsored by the Clarkston High School band boosters will be held Saturday, March 22, 9-4. Accompanying this show will be antique appraiser Mark Hay and Dick Heppand of the Water Tower Antiques of Holly, who will appraise one item at no charge per customer. Admission to the show is free.

● A ham and yams supper will be served at Seymour Lake United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 20, 5-7 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Sashabaw and Seymour Lake Rd. in Brandon Township.

● The annual rummage and bake sale of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church will be held Saturday, March 22, 9:30-3 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake Rd. in Groveland Township.

● A St. Patrick's Day Mother/Son Dance will be held at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Rd., on Tuesday, March 11. Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance. Call 674-5441.

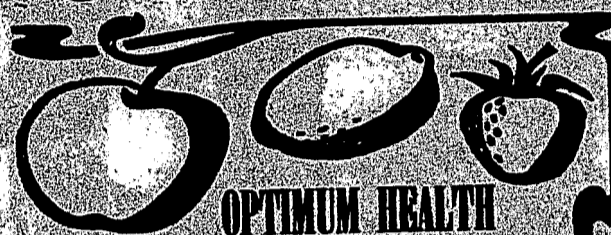
● Learn the latest country Western dances thanks to classes at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg. Class runs six weeks on Sunday evenings beginning March 23. Cost is \$24 per person. Call 634-0412 or 634-3382 to register by March 17.

● Organizing your family photos is the topic of a program at the Orion Township Library Saturday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. Learn how to be more creative in putting together albums. Pre-register by calling 693-3001.



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Carin Lloyd to gam.

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Carin chose OWU after visiting it and several other schools. "It's a small school," she said. "I chose it because I felt very comfortable there."

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, JV soccer, Shadows select soccer, French Club, marching and concert bands, where she plays clarinet, and Future Problem Solving.

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FAVORITE SUBJECT: "My favorite subject this year is psychology. I look forward to going there every day. It's so different from my other classes. We play games and it makes learning interesting and fun. I also like AP biology and chemistry. They're interesting and challenging. I've always liked my science classes."

JOB: "My job right now is a student. I also babysit to earn some extra cash."

PETS: A border terrier named Toby.

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The listing of the Clarkston High School Honor Roll two weeks ago inadvertently missed the names of some juniors in the 3.6-3.0 GPA category. Here is a list of those students:

- Groh, Jacob
- Groscurth, Christopher
- Guzek, Daniel
- Hammond, Michelle
- Hanna, Kelly
- Hard, Michael
- Harley, Gregory
- Haverstick, David
- Henry, Shawn
- Hensley, Misty
- Holman, Erica
- Hool, Sarah
- Hoppe, Jennifer
- Izydorek, Serena
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Township board gets update on new high school

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Soon, a new high school will open its doors to students and the entire Clarkston community.

Because of that, Clarkston schools superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and business manager Craig Kahler provided the Independence Township Board of Trustees with a construction update at its March 4 meeting.

"It's our goal to be even more communicative with the township than we have before," Roberts said. "We think there is a great opportunity for the township and school to work together for the common good of our community."

Roberts told the board the project is "on time and on budget." Plans call for the next building project, including a new elementary school, to be on the June ballot, he said.

Pointing to a large map, Kahler traced an overview of various buildings and concepts within the new Clarkston High School project, including a 5,000-seat stadium.

Roberts told board members they would be welcome in the new facility if additional space was ever needed for large meetings or presentations. Kahler asked board members to become acquainted with the new site. "I encourage you to go there," he said. Roberts also encouraged them to attend a special meeting on the proposed new elementary school a week later.

After the presentation, board members shared their comments. Though all who spoke said they were looking forward to the new high school, trustee Larry

Rosso, a member of the township's Safety Path Committee, expressed concerns about Flemings Lake Rd. which is currently unpaved. He also mentioned safety paths, sewer hookup and ingress and egress problems.

Roberts admitted those items were still being looked into.

"That's still a part of the study. We're working on it. That is a big tag," he said of the cost for paving. "We do realize it's a problem that needs to be dealt with" because it concerns "the health and safety of 2,000 kids."

Board members also addressed preservation of open space on the property, the transfer of Clarkston Middle School to the old high school and capacity concerns at the new one.

In response to the last item, Roberts said the state allows projections of only up to five years. He admitted there were problems when Springfield Plains Elementary opened three years ago under capacity for the students enrolled. However, he added, township planner Dick Carlisle had helped with projections for the new high school.

"We have projected... Our crystal ball says we're pretty much where we need to be. We see a little bubble in the first couple of years, but then we see it leveling off." However, he admitted, "It's a crapshoot."

During a phone interview, Rosso, like Roberts, said he'd been waiting to hear from the Oakland County Road Commission about their involvement with problems associated with Flemings Lake Rd., including egress and ingress. Rosso also mentioned environmen-

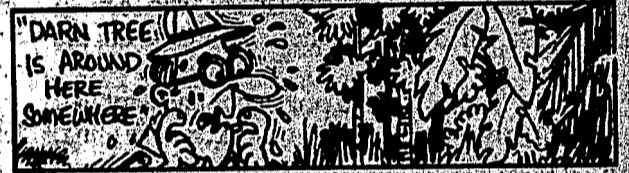
tal concerns like dust and traffic worries.

"It's going to be a wild and crazy scene if everything stays the same," he said, speaking of the Flemings Lake-Clarkston Rd. intersection and the students and staff who will enter and exit there. "It's already dangerous."

Township supervisor Dale Stuart said Friday he thought the presentation at the board meeting was beneficial. "We are on cable and people watch the cable," he said. Asked if the township would accept the invitation to hold large meetings at the new school, he said, "Sure. If we have some time that calls for that and they have the additional space, we'd do it."

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SKIN DEEP
by Scott Friedman, D.O.

DOWN THE STRETCH
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'Virginia's' message still hard to 'Woolf' down

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Let's face it: Sitting down to watch "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" is not like getting comfy with a box of popcorn and a Neil Diamond tape.

It's not comfy at all. In fact comparisons could be sitting in the dentist's chair for three hours or waiting for your teenager to show up after curfew.

But that's the point. Playwright Edward Albee apparently wrote this scenario about adult dysfunction to keep us a little squeamish, a little on the edge of our seats, because so much of the dialogue hits home.

Currently running at Depot Theatre, the Clarkston Village Players production takes off with fury and never stops chugging till the last brief scene.

We know we're in for a rough ride immediately when George, a tired college professor, and his booze-guzzling, chain-smoking wife Martha spend the first few minutes bickering.

"What a dump" says Martha, looking around the living room with its gloomy bookshelves and threadbare furniture. Inebriated, she proceeds to needle George about which Bette Davis movie touted that famous line.

She, of course, is also referring to their relationship, which is far messier than anything on the surface. Enter a younger couple, Nick and Honey, who seem to have things a bit more together. Again — on the surface.

Nick is "firm," Martha notes, not paunchy like her husband. And Honey, though a meek, mousy thing, at least knows her place.

Through Albee's clever way of getting beneath the skin, real people are exposed. George loses his patience and Martha loses her venom. The tables are turned on her being the dumper and he the dumpee. Nick almost loses his fidelity and Honey loses her reticence.

"He's not a floozy. He can't be a floozy. YOU'RE the floozy!" she yells at Martha, who's dumping on George again.

The Players pull it off with strong direction by Don Foster and a well-cast quartet of characters.

At the top of the list is Dick Williams, a school



From left, Mary Beth Skinner as Martha, John McCaffrey as Nick, Missy Beckwith as Honey and Dick Williams as George in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" at Depot Theatre.

principal who taught drama at Waterford Mott for 25 years. It shows. He carries the play and saves it from being tedious, with that rare quality of being a team player. Humanizing his role in an understated performance, he doesn't hog the spotlight but shares it with his fellow cast members.

Also laudable is young Missy Beckwith, whose Honey is both frail and feisty.

Mary Beth Skinner brings the right touch of pathos to her "braying" Martha, and John McCaffrey, as Nick, does well in his first performance with the CVP.

Warning: Like the last Players offering, "P.S. Your Car is Dead," this is adult fare and definitely not for children.

In the playbill, director Don Foster notes that Albee was one vote shy of receiving a Pulitzer for "Woolf," although he did for two other plays. But this

is the one that's remembered, he says.

"I guess it's been controversial ... People have always bitched about it, labeled it dirty, even banned it in a city or two. But they flock in to see it."

Perhaps it's because the play has continued to push buttons.

By the end, Albee has peeled back layers to expose human dualities, frailties and insecurities. There's more to be afraid of than fearsome feminist Virginia Woolf, although the metaphors for womens' rights are certainly there.

Albee has also made us, the audience, aware of our own inner demons. That's why we're constantly battling fear and fascination. It's hard to look in the mirror — but also tempting.

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" continues its run with performances March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at the Depot Theatre on White Lake Rd., 1 1/4 miles southwest of Dixie Highway at the railroad tracks. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Because of current road construction, the theater should be accessed by traveling south on Dixie to west on Andersonville Rd., then northeast on White Lake Rd.

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New arrivals

David and Aimee (Yocum) DeSantis, both doctors in chiropractic medicine and residents of Sharon, PA, announce the birth of a daughter, Alexis Sierra, born Nov. 26, 1996. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces. She has a big brother, Dylan, 4. Grandmothers are Barbara Yocum of Clarkston and Brenda DeSantis of Pennsylvania. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Dee Campbell and Alta Bedford, all of Waterford.



Lori and Robert Auchterlonie of Clarkston announce the birth of a daughter, Josephine Ryan, born Feb. 24, 1997 at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Marilyn Auchterlonie of Franklin and Carol and Harry Goodell of Clarkston. Great-grandparents are Gertrude Goodell of Waterford and Rod and Nora Topham of Zepher Hills, FL.



● Annette Yocum, daughter of Barbara Yocum of Clarkston, received a master's in business and finance in June 1996 from Walsh College. During that time she also passed her CPA exam. She previously earned a bachelor's in business and finance from Western Michigan University. Ms. Yocum recently moved to Pasadena, TX where she continues to work as a financial analyst.

● Carol Zorza of Clarkston graduated from Siena Heights College in December with a bachelor of applied science in allied health: dental hygiene.

● Danette Stuart of Clarkston was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at Michigan State University in February. A 1993 Clarkston High School graduate, she will graduate in May with a BS in environmental geosciences through Lyman Briggs College at MSU. She is the daughter of Dale and Debby Stuart.

Lippincott-Jahn

Charles and Dorothy Lippincott of Goodrich announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Ann, to Derek Alen Jahn, son of Harry and Glenys Jahn of Ortonville. The bride-elect is a graduate of Holly High School and is attending Oakland Community College, where she is studying for a fine arts degree. She is employed as a senior manager at My Photographer in Summit Place Mall. The prospective groom is a resident of Clarkston and a graduate of Brandon High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed by Thyssen Production Systems in Auburn Hills as a controls engineer. A September wedding is planned.

Obituaries

Matt Hautamaki

Matt W. Hautamaki, 24, of Lake Orion formerly of Clarkston, died March 3, 1997.

He is survived by his parents Ronald and Linda, son Tyler of Ortonville, grandparents Florence and Walter Hautamaki of Bruce Crossing, sisters Tamara (Michael) Salain of Georgia and Amanda of Goodrich, and many other family members.

A funeral service took place Saturday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorial donations can be made to the family for Tyler's education.

Agnes Hesse

Agnes C. Hesse, 88, of Waterford, died Feb. 26, 1997.

She is survived by son Jerry (Judy) of Waterford, daughters Beatrice Hudson of Georgia and Gail Herr of Waterford, 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren, and brother Herbert (Erma) Leger of Colorado. She was preceded in death by her husband Alvin.

A funeral service will take place Saturday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor John Claire Ferris officiating. Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

Frederick Katus

Frederick "Pete" Katus, 80, of Clarkston, died March 3, 1997.

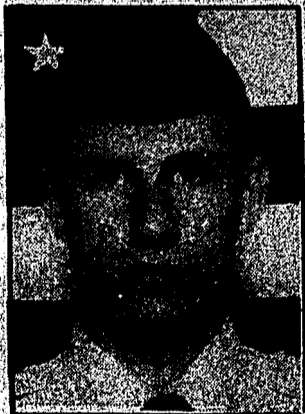
Mr. Katus was retired from General Motors Truck and Coach and belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 3373.

He is survived by daughters Mary Clay of Pontiac, Alice (Harold) Brown of Florida, Evelyn (Gil) Lawrence of Ortonville and Virginia (Gene) Curcio of Colorado; brother Agnes McConnell of Lake Orion; 23 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Lou.

A funeral service took place Friday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Rev. Bill D. Broekema officiating. The casket was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

In service

Air Force Airman Christopher Carr has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Thomas and Cindy Carr of Davisburg and a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School.



Business briefs

● Ray Wilson, former owner broker of Gateway Realty in Waterford, has joined Coldwell Banker Professionals of Clarkston as an associate broker.

● Susan Gahan of Pour Mary's Antiques Mall has successfully completed the course in personal property appraisal at the Certified Appraisers Guild of America in Indianapolis. Subjects covered include appraisal of antiques, farm, livestock and business properties and requirements for valuing estates, bankruptcy, insurance, divorce, and providing expert testimony in court.



Art and Donna Noreen of Clarkston are shown attending the Evening of Hope dinner/dance March 1 to benefit Leukemia Research, Life Inc. The event was held at Laurel Manor and reached its fund-raising goal of \$80,000 to benefit pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Honorary chairman was Terry Mills of the Detroit Pistons.

Township ponders investments

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longer your duration goes out the more risk goes with it," he said.

One new investment possibility is to buy commercial paper directly from companies like Ford Motor Credit Co. and GMAC, which eliminates the middleman, Wenger said. Another option is to go with U.S. Government Guaranteed Agencies, agencies of the federal government which guarantee mortgages will be paid.

Carroll advised the board to review its portfolio from time to time. "He said it should be done on a yearly basis," Wenger said. The township could then consider alternatives to meet existing needs. For example, if the cash flow looked good, some short-term items could be transferred to Root for long-term investing.

Both Wenger and township supervisor Dale Stuart confirmed that a report from township auditors Plante & Moran is on the agenda for the March 18 board meeting. An update on losses suffered from the controversial investments and their impact on township funds is expected. But Stuart said the board won't see the final picture until audits are completed by late spring.

"It is not going to have a detrimental effect because of the careful and prudent way the finances have been handled the last year," Stuart said, speaking of the earlier investments made by former treasurer John Lutz, which could have affected this year's budget.

Trustee Neil Wallace has also asked Wenger to provide regular updates to the board.

Wenger agrees that is necessary. "I would like to share financial information on a timely basis with the board members. I want them to know what we're doing and that the policy's being enforced," he said.

"I commend Jim for that," Wallace said, applauding Wenger's willingness to cooperate. "I think had the township done that four years ago, the township treasurer had provided updates, we wouldn't have gotten into the derivatives or (we would have) gotten out of them quite quickly. That former board wasn't as aggressive."

He agrees the township should not act hastily and provided an interesting analogy between last year's woes and the current status.

"The derivatives would be like tightrope walking over a pit of alligators." Today, the township "is walking over solid ground," he said.

In other board action:

- The board voted 6-0 to approve the lowest bid of \$7,582 for a pull-behind mower for grass-cutting in township parks. Trustee Jeff McGee was absent.

- Zoning ordinance amendment Section 3 (Definitions) and 7 (Parking) received a second reading and approval, 6-0 from the board.

- The board voted 6-0 to transfer an on-premise liquor license from Spring Lake Country Club to Clarkston Creek Golf Club, permitting dancing but no entertainment.



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New high school

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technology contractor, Childs Consulting, made its recommendation for the \$3.5 million technology portion of the new high school.

Jeff Wale of Childs said the proposal is the result of 10 months of intensive work with school staff, stays within the budget allocated for it, and fits the district's mission statement.

"If you're going to judge this plan we ask that you judge it against the mission statement," he said.

Briefly, the plan includes:

- networking of all computers at the new high school, and eventually the entire district;
- a video system including cable TV, VCRs, satellite hook-up and a TV in each classroom;
- new phones, two-way audio and a digital voice mail system for all staff;
- student ID to access technology services anywhere in the building;
- wiring of all areas of the school, including the gym;
- computer labs, including three in the media center, one for language arts and one for math;
- specialized computer areas including auto cad, graphics, yearbook, music, science and a media center reading room;
- hiring two technicians beginning with the 1997-98 school year;
- providing one networked computer per general classroom, plus one per staff person, for a total of two per classroom;
- a distance learning classroom;
- upgrading the circulation/catalogue system in the media center;
- video security surveillance;
- data projectors for large group rooms.

Wale admitted that staff training will be a large part of making the new system work. "There is a

massive build-up in professional development that is going to have to take place, no doubt about it," he said. He said ongoing operating costs will also be a factor the district has yet to deal with.

The board took no action on the proposal, having seen it for the first time Monday night. It will now be presented to administrators and teachers. Then, a series of committees will be formed, made up of staff and the public, to work on implementation of the massive plan.

Roberts said copies of the plan, which he called of a "very draft nature," will be available at the administration office for the public to view.

In other action

- Pat Brumback, the district's director of special services, gave an update on changes that are coming in PA 18, the law that funds special education.

- The old choice used to be if you had a child eligible for center programs you did that and Oakland Schools absorbed the cost," she said. The new distribution of funds will encourage students to stay in their home districts, something Clarkston has always done, she said. "What we've always done will now be supported by Oakland Schools."

- Changes in the elementary health curriculum were approved. However, assistant superintendent David Reschke said the changes do not incorporate DARE, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education training that is currently delivered to fifth-graders by a uniformed Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy. A decision has yet to be made on whether DARE-type curriculum will be added to health next year or continue to be taught by a deputy.

- The board agreed to meet in closed session March 24 at 7 p.m. for an evaluation of Roberts' first year in office.

- The board called a special meeting for Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. to approve the bond application for the June election.

Drowning

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McLellan pointed out that state law requires all fishing shanties to be pulled in at night beginning March 1. Though Cox wasn't using a shanty, the law should make it clear that conditions are uncertain after that date.

"That's kind of a good indication ice fishing is winding down. The reason they passed the law a couple of years ago is because people weren't taking them in in time and they were falling through the ice."

Cox was known to employees at Dodge Park as a regular visitor, McLellan said. "He would go out for the whole day, from what I understand. I talked to the park manager and she said 'I know this guy. He is always down here.'"

Cox was employed by General Motors for over 30 years and was a member of UAW local 594.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Wanda Lou Cox; his mother, Gracie Mae Cox; and children Billy D. Cox and Michael Cox of Clarkston and Sherry

(Ron) Carter of North Branch. Two grandchildren, Justin and Mitchell Carter, also survive, as do siblings Paul (Reba) Cox of Auburn Hills, Barbara (Harry) Lee of Clarkston, and Dorothy (Glen) Peace, Terry (Diane) Cox, Wanda (Harold) Bray, Sandra (Danny) Miller, Eddie (Lori) Cox and Jeff (Susan) Cox, all of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his father, Sylvanus Cox.

Funeral services were Saturday at Coats Funeral Home in Waterford. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

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Sheriff's log for Independence Township

MONDAY, MARCH 3, a Dodge Stealth parked on Cottonwood Ct. was scratched.

A Clarkston woman learned via a phone call that someone had opened nine credit card accounts in her name, using a Detroit address. So far, over \$8,000 has been charged.

A mailbox was stolen on Indianwood.

A credit card and a check for \$334 were stolen from a house on Clintonville while the owner slept.

Four tires were punctured on a 1990 Chevy parked on Lancaster Lakes.

A deputy called to Clintonville Rd. for gunshots ended up ticketing a 21-year-old Clarkston man on some driving-related offense. However, shooting skeet in the neighborhood turned out not to be illegal. The three shooters were asked to go elsewhere since it was bothering the neighbors.

Three people were taken to St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland with minor injuries after a four-car accident on Waldon.

Car/deer accident on Sashabaw near Clarkston.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, harassing phone call on Autumnwood.

A 23-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on an outstanding warrant at a gas station on M-15 after a deputy observed him pull into a handicapped parking space. He was also ticketed for driving with a suspended license.

An alarm at a bar on Dixie revealed someone had tried to break in by cutting a hole in the building.

A Greenview homeowner found eight holes ap-

parently drilled into her home.

A phone which fell out of a car on Maybee was reported missing when it could not be located.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, a woman's wallet was found on Wellesley and papers from it were strewn about a lawn.

A clarinet and case reported stolen earlier were recovered on Mann next to a swamp.

A 10-speed girls bicycle was found on Deerfill propped up against a tree. The serial number had been filed off.

Larceny of four guns on S. River. The guns were reported missing after two children in the home held a party when the parents were gone. The parents gave the party-goers a chance to return the guns. When they didn't, police were called.

A 26-year-old Flint woman stopped on I-75 for a traffic infraction was ticketed for possession of marijuana.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, threats/harassment on Parkwood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, breaking and entering at a gas station on Sashabaw. Nothing was missing but about \$1,000 in damage was done to the building.

Malicious destruction of a lawn on Ranch Estates.

Truck fire on Rockcroft.

A 1985 Mustang that had just had its carburetor replaced caught fire on Dixie.

A 1990 Mitsubishi was stolen from the Kroger parking lot on Dixie.

An 18-year-old Clarkston man was assaulted

with an ice scraper and kicked in the head on Horncliff. Two other Clarkston youths are being investigated in a dispute that started over a stolen stereo speaker.

A lock was pried at a home on Riverview while the resident slept. Some personal belongings were stolen from the garage. A week earlier, in another break-in, jewelry, money and an ATM card were stolen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, a 19-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on an outstanding warrant after being stopped on Dixie for driving without a license plate.

Felony assault and racial intimidation on Caribou Trail. A 14-year-old Clarkston boy out walking his dog said he was nearly knocked down by a car and someone in a second car made a racial slur at him. In all, he said, nine people were in the two cars.

Four hubcaps were stolen from a 1995 GMC pickup parked on Dixie.

A window was smashed on a 1991 Buick parked on M-15 and a phone was stolen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, a 17-year-old Clarkston boy was ticketed for contributing to the delinquency of a minor after he was stopped while driving on M-15 with two runaway girls in his car. One girl, a 15-year-old from Kalamazoo, had fled a rehab center in Indiana. The other, a 16-year-old from Grand Ledge, drove to Indiana with the boy to pick up the other girl.

A lock was pried on a storage unit on Parview and a fan stolen.

A 1992 Ford Ranger reported stolen in St. Clair County on Nov. 16 was found in the Park and Ride lot at Sashabaw and I-75. Its steering column had been broken and a tire was flat.

Something was poured on a Chevy van parked on Parview after the owner had a dispute over money.

Fire log

MONDAY, MARCH 3, three people were injured in an auto accident on Waldon.

Medicals (two) on M-15, one on Clintonville and one on Brandies Circle.

Investigation on Clarkston Rd.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, carbon monoxide investigation on Rattek.

Report of a gas leak at a home on Timber Ridge; nothing was found.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, injury accident when a car struck a guard rail on I-75.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, medical on Tappon.

Injury accident on Dixie at I-75.

Vehicle fire on Dixie.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, medical on M-15. Medicals on Kingfisher and on M-15.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, medicals on Indianwood, on Parview and on M-15.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, medical on S. Hampton; one to St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland.

TOTAL CALLS THIS YEAR THROUGH 7:11 A.M. MARCH 10: 298.

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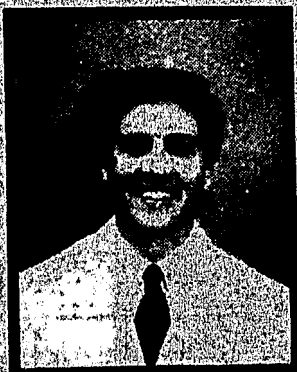
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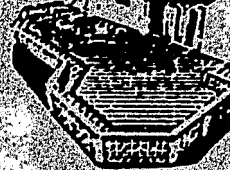
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March of the 'droids

Odyssey of the Mind brings out creativity in kids

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The "droids" came in every size, shape and color. Some looked rather like traditional, science-fiction robots. One was made of *papier mache* and dubbed Andrew "Oid" Webber. And one, made by a group of girls from Clarkston Middle School, was a rabbit-eared puppet.

The 'droids were all taking part in Saturday's Odyssey of the Mind competition at Rochester Adams High School, and were representative of only one of half a dozen categories students could enter. OM brings students together and teaches them to work as a team while encouraging their creative problem-solving skills by giving them specific "problems" to solve within certain parameters.

For example, for the so-called "OMerdroid" problem, students had to create an android with human features and present a humorous skit around it. The 'droid had to raise its hands, walk five feet, sit, move its head and talk.

Other problems student teams could choose to compete in involved building small vehicles that could perform certain feats; creating team-made artifacts in depicting archeology; creating a character with one or more out-of-proportion characteristics and showing what the character can do better because of its oddity; and creating a TV newscast presenting showing the good in something that is normally bad.

Students compete against other teams in their own age bracket, and the top two teams in each age group and problem goes on to state competition.

OM was created by Dr. Sam Micklus, professor emeritus at Rowan College of New Jersey and is structured as a private, non-profit corporation which charters local associations to run the competitions.

Students work in teams of five to seven and are judged on the effectiveness of their solution to the "problem" they have chosen, the style and effectiveness of their presentation, and their solution to a spontaneous problem handled separately.

This year Clarkston schools sent 23 teams to the regional OM competition; one from the high school, eight from the middle schools and the rest from the elementaries.

The sixth-graders from Clarkston Middle School—Katy Manojlovich, Melanie Lauer, Lauren Trager, Lizzie Hunter, Beth Trapp, Jessi Jennings and Alexis Roberts—entered the "OMerdroid" problem. Taking a cue from the fact that Easter would be shortly after the competition, they made their presentation all about rabbits decorating eggs in Bunnyville. The bad guy, Dr. Dreadful, was the 'droid, and the girls made all the rabbits themselves.

In their purple Clarkston OM T-shirts, the girls watched from the sidelines as the team before them, from West Middle School, performed the "OMerdroid" problem in a "Mission Impossible" theme. The two performances were totally different. The West kids had their evil 'droid make people eat too many chocolate chip cookies by playing "It's a small world, after all" over the phone. Action in the CMS presentation surrounded the egg-decorating factory, where again, the 'droid was the bad guy. In a later skit put on by Fletcher Intermediate School in Ortonville, the 'droid (Andrew Oid Webber) was perhaps a good guy to some, a bad guy to others, the setting was musical and he appeared to be made of *papier mache*.

And that's the beauty of OM. It presents kids a problem, then lets them find solutions that are theirs and theirs alone. They are kept on task by having limitations on the length of their presentation and money spent to assemble it. And, though there are adult coaches, the students are on their own at crunch time.

After the prepared performance, the team is quizzed by the judges for a few moments. The judges, who often wear funny hats, asked the CMS team about whether they made their own puppets (they did), who made the backdrop (they did) and more. Later in the day, they would move on to the "spontaneous" phase of the competition, in which they would present solutions to a problem on the spot, without advance preparation.

"I think we did really good," Jessi said after the performance. Loli Hunter (who co-coached with Dawn Trapp), agreed.

"I think they did great. If you could have seen us a week ago, they really pulled it together. We're really proud of them. There was lots of teamwork."

Lizzie said Friday night she wasn't able to sleep due to her excitement, so she and a teammate who were spending the night together practiced spontaneous problem-solving. Spontaneous counted for about one-third



A judge wearing a big smile questions team members after their presentation.

of the total score.

"You can get a pretty high score and still bomb at spontaneous," Hunter said.

In Clarkston, OM is supported by the school district using funds set aside for programs for gifted and talented students. Some individual PTA/PTO organizations also contribute.

Veteran OM coach Mary Ellen McLean said the turnout was great, especially considering Clarkston has only been participating the last couple of years. This is the first year CHS has had a team, and it placed third.

"We just had a terrific turnout from Clarkston," McLean said. "You could just see purple shirts all over."

One Clarkston team scored high enough to move to the state finals, the "Classics" team from Sashabaw Middle School. Two other teams from SMS placed third, earning medals—"OMerdroid" and "Balloonacy." The CMS girls did not place high enough for a medal.

When it was all over, awards were presented at what was the end of a very long day for some. But McLean said, no one was down, no matter how their team had finished. Everyone said they'd be coming back next year.

"It was just a nice celebration for Clarkston."



From left, the Clarkston Middle School "OMerdroid" team consisted of Katy Manojlovich, Melanie Lauer, Lauren Trager, Lizzie Hunter, Beth Trapp, Jessi Jennings and Alexis Roberts. They're holding the rabbit puppets they made themselves; guess which was the evil Dr. Dreadful.



Beth Trapp (left) and Lizzie Hunter during their performance Saturday.

Pontiac Northern 59--Clarkston 47

In playoff competition Tuesday night at Dakota High School, the Wolves ended a great season with a tough loss to Northern. Dane Fife scored 18 points and after the game, his dad, coach Dan Fife, took the blame for the loss. For all the details and pictures, come back to next week's Clarkston News.

SPORTS

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

Section B

The Clarkston News

Netters fall to Lapeer East at regionals

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Perhaps the day's biggest understatement came from coach Gordie Richardson.

"We lost to a very good team today."

Indeed, the Clarkston varsity volleyball team ran into a buzzsaw Saturday afternoon in the first round of regional play, when it lost 15-3, 15-4 to the Lapeer East Eagles. The Eagles went on to upset eighth-ranked Walled Lake Central 4-15, 16-14, 15-11 to capture the regional championship.

"They kept attacking us and we couldn't respond," Richardson said. "We weren't good enough to play against a team with that kind of intensity. I was impressed."

The Eagles stormed out to a 12-0 lead in the first game against Clarkston before it seemed five minutes had passed. The Wolves had only served twice to this point, each time resulting in a side out and the Eagles taking the serve right back.

Clarkston ripped off three straight points, highlighted by a kill by senior Kammy Powell, to give the team some signs of life. But East quickly squelched the rally, using excellent defensive coverage and accurate attacking to end the game at 15-3.

Game two started off on a much more promising note, as Clarkston returned to the form that won it the district title a week earlier. Thanks to some timely hitting by junior Georgia Senkyr and the accurate serving of senior Amanda Worden, the Wolves took an early 4-2 lead.

But East just had that "look" of a team that had everything going right for it. A kill attempt by senior Stephanie Vogler appeared to be a sure fifth point, but the East players flung themselves all over the court and managed to preserve the volley. The Eagles were able to reclaim the serve and almost instantly, took the lead for good.

Juniors Amber Mitchell and Aimee Giroux led a solid defensive effort for the Wolves, going a combined 11-for-13 on serve receptions. Powell was also 4-of-4 on attack receptions while Vogler registered a dig.

"Our defense was good today," Richardson said. "Last year when we played them in regionals, they were a younger team and we were older. This year, they had seven seniors and all played smashingly."

Clarkston finished the season with a .15-24-4 overall mark, a number that Richardson said was not indicative of the improvement the team as a whole made over the season.

"Our team made significant improvement in all areas of the game," he said. "Next year we won't be nearly as tall without Megan and Kammy. We'll have to be better athletically and faster."

Senkyr will likely be one of the team's leaders next year. She improved greatly in many areas through



Senior Stephanie Vogler sets the ball in perfect position for a hard-charging Kammy Powell at regional play Saturday. The Wolves lost to Lapeer East, who went on to upend Walled Lake Central to win the regional championship.

the season and was perhaps the team's best player during districts. Juniors Kelly Hanna and Hope Manuel will be back at the setter position, while Jenny McCue is expected to be recovered from a back injury that sidelined her for the last month of the season.

Richardson also took time to recognize the team's seniors for their contributions.

"Where would we be without Megan and Kammy?" he said. "I thanked Sue (Naboychik) for her improvement and attitude. Amanda came a long way for us. Her serving and passing improved greatly. Stephanie was very steady for us all year. Never flashy, but very effective."

"Lapeer East is a very good team and they had all the answers for us today."

District champs again

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston 67 Lapeer East 40

Just call the Clarkston varsity basketball team the Lapeer City Champions.

That's because after defeating Lapeer West in the first round of districts, the Wolves blew away the Lapeer East Eagles 67-40 Saturday afternoon in their home gym to capture yet another district championship.

Once again, the Wolves were sparked by the state's top junior Dane Fife, who shredded the Eagles for 38 points on deadeye 15-for-22 shooting. The 38 ties his career-high.

Coach Dan Fife complimented his players on their mental approach to the game and the way they went about winning.

"We came right out and took care of business," he said. "Our kids had an outstanding mindset and we didn't look past Lapeer East. We took nothing for granted."

The Wolves (19-3 overall) came right out and took care of business, taking a 38-20 lead at halftime. Clarkston scorched the nets for 75 percent field goal shooting in the half and never looked back from there.

"We were really clicking mentally out there," coach Fife said. "We shot so well, our rebounds and shots attempted were down, but that's OK."

Senior center Marc Mazur also made a heavy contribution with nine points and five rebounds in the game.

The basketball team also gained some revenge for its counterparts on the varsity volleyball team, who lost to Lapeer East in regional semifinal action also Saturday afternoon.

With the win, Clarkston moved on to regional play Tuesday night at Macomb Dakota High School against a familiar foe - Pontiac Northern.

The Wolves and Huskies split their two regular season meetings with each team winning on its own home court. The teams also shared the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship. Northern finished 20-2 overall on the season and defeated Pontiac Central (69-65) and Rochester Adams (66-56) in the districts.

"All Pontiac Northern games are the same, regardless if it's regular season or playoffs," coach Fife said. "They are extremely quick and always rebound well against us. It will be a very exciting, physical game."

If Clarkston wins, it advances to the regional final at 7 p.m. Friday also at Dakota against the winner of the L'Anse-au-Loup North - Walled Lake Western game.

Clarkston 68 Lapeer West 49

In the 1970s "Incredible Hulk" TV series, mild-mannered David Banner warned all not to make him angry.

The same can be said for Dane Fife, who after hearing chants of "Over-rated" from the crowd, went off for 32 points to lead the Wolves to a 68-49 district win March 5.

The chants started early in the second period when the Panthers drew to within one point and Fife was struggling with his shooting, only having scored two points.

But in the second period, he personally outscored West 14-12 to push Clarkston to a 38-21 halftime lead.

Coach Dan Fife said the Wolves turned the game around thanks to their defensive intensity.

"When we've talked, we know we will score points. We don't worry about that," he said. "When we



Junior Dan Neubeck drives the baseline against two defenders from Lapeer East at the district finals Saturday. Neubeck has become a defensive spark for the Wolves late in the regular season and into the playoffs.



Why is Dane Fife smiling? It's because he just scorched Lapeer East for 38 points to lead Clarkston to an easy 67-40 win Saturday. After another basket, he chest-bumped with senior Brad Conley in celebration of the team's performance.



Senior Chad Bailey overcomes the clothesline defense by the Eagles to attack the basket at the district finals Saturday.

come out intense on defense like we did, that's what will make the difference for this team."

For the second straight game, junior Dan Neubeck helped to turn the game around with his defense. He stole a cross court pass and took it in for a clean layup that gave the Wolves a 21-13 lead and the all-important momentum.

"He (Neubeck) gave us a lift defensively," coach Fife said. "He played very, very well for us."

Senior forward Chad Bailey also stepped up to deliver a 14-point performance, including a pair of three-pointers. He was in the middle of a number of key plays in the first half, including a layup off a Fife pass

that helped end a four-minute team scoring drought. His three with 3:37 left in the half started a 9-3 run that gave the Wolves a comfortable halftime lead.

Defensively, center Marc Mazur was a force, especially in the second period when he blocked three shots and changed West's entire offensive game plan. Before Mazur came into the game, West was able to get into the interior of Clarkston's defense for high percentage shots. But after the 6-foot-10 senior entered the game, he took away most of the Panthers' inside scoring opportunities.

"I thought Marc came in and did a tremendous job," coach Fife said. "We got an outstanding effort from all the kids out there."

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Grant finishes third at states

Labrie takes sixth at ind. wrestling finals

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Things didn't go quite as planned for the five individuals representing Clarkston at the state individual wrestling finals at Battle Creek March 7 and 8.

The highest finisher for the Wolves was sophomore A.J. Grant, who took third place overall in the 103-lb. weight class. Senior Scott Labrie also placed, taking sixth at 171 lbs.

"Scott hurt himself in the consolation round, so that's why he lost," DeGain explained. "But he also lost to the eventual state champion, and he gave him a better match, losing only 7-5. The guy won his final 8-3 pretty easily."

Senior Ryan Mick, who was a favorite to take at least a fourth, was knocked out during his first round match when he was accidentally kneeed in the forehead. Coach Mike DeGain, along with Mick's parents, decided it best he not continue.

"He knew it was something beyond his control," DeGain said. "He was out cold for about a minute and a half."

DeGain said the frustrating aspect of that match was that it came to a wrestler Mick beat in districts.

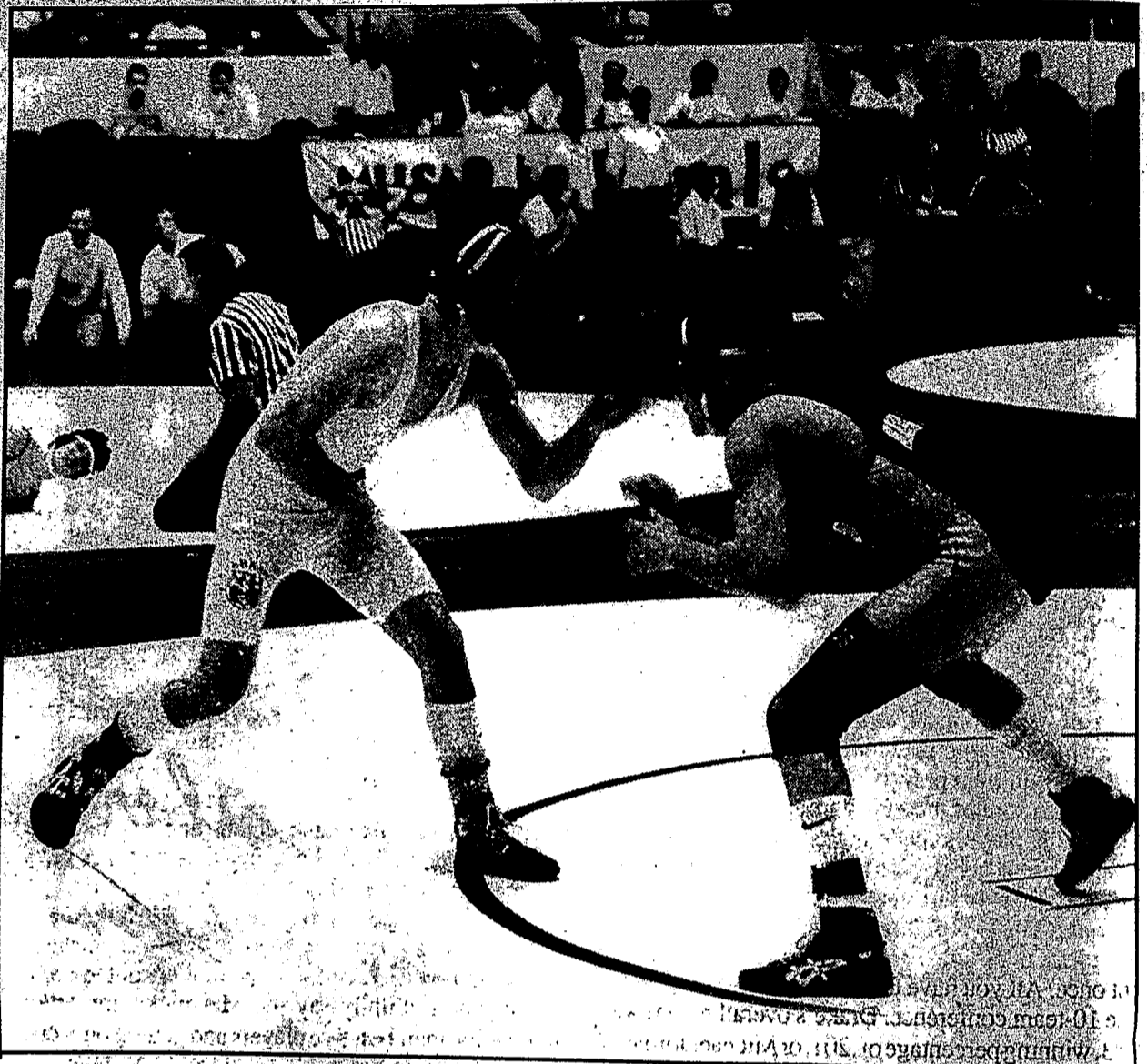
Grant was 45-0 heading into the competition, but dropped a one-point decision to Charlotte's Toby Dickson.

"It was a very close match and he was very disappointed," DeGain said of Grant. "But give him credit, he came right back to take third."

Senior Gordie Golec won his first round match at 215 lbs., but lost his next two. Sophomore Ryan L'Amoreaux, participating in his first individual state final, lost his first two matches.

DeGain said people might look back at this season as a disappointment by Clarkston's high standards. The team did not have an individual state champion and finished with a 21-3 dual meet record. But DeGain begs to differ with anyone who calls 1996-97 a disappointment.

"We won the league, the district and the region," he said. "It might not add up to the past two seasons, but I believe this was one of the best teams in school history, including the state champion team."



Sport short

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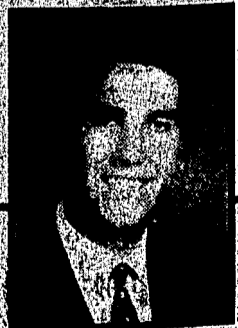
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In the penalty box

with Brad Monastiere



This week, we're taking a little different slant with the penalty box. Normally, we single out individuals to be honored or shamed. But this week, we are looking at groups of individuals - administration. Recently, we've seen examples of good and bad management in the sports world and it's time these folks had their shot in the spotlight.

Pour Some Sugar On Me: The Athletic Department at Central Michigan University.

My alma mater finally had the good sense to fire men's basketball coach Leonard Drake after possibly the worst four seasons any coach ever had at any school in any sport.

Drake came on board right after the infamous Keith Dambrot situation. Dambrot was a popular coach with his players, but during a halftime pep talk during the 1992-93 season, he used a racial slur to the team in the locker room.

Now this incident took place in January. The use of the word wasn't brought forward until a white player did so in early April of that year. Dambrot was fired April 16, 1993.

In his place was Leonard Drake, an African-American who promised to turn the program around. Less than a year into his tenure, he had more players transfer or quit than players who stuck around.

It was more of the same through the next couple years, as his players made more appearances on the Mount Pleasant police blotter than in the Mid-American Conference top 10 statistical leaders.

From 1993-94 through the end of this season, the Chippewas didn't make the MAC post-season tournament once. All you have to do is finish eighth or better in the 10-team conference. Drake's overall record was 21-83, winning percentage of .201, or Michael Jordan's batting average during his stay with the Birmingham Bulls.

Drake's squads were not usually lacking in talent, as a win over Michigan State and a one-point loss to Purdue in 1995-96 indicate. He just had no control over his team and apparently had no desire to help it improve. After a heartbreaking loss to Eastern Michigan last season, a brawl broke out among his players in the locker room that left the team's most improved player

out for the season with a broken jaw.

Fellow CMU alums should give a tip of the hat to the administration up there for finally realizing the only road Drake was taking them on was the road to nowhere.

Foolin'! The front offices of the Boston Bruins and Dallas Mavericks.

Both of these franchises recently made bold trades that changed the face of a couple of seasons lost.

The Bruins dealt three of their four best players - Adam Oates, Rick Tocchet and Bill Ranford - to the Washington Capitals for backup goaltender Jim Carey and two players who are tagged with the label "potential."

Gee, why didn't Boston just throw in veteran Ray Bourque too? That way Washington could have Boston's best players without having to give up any of their own.

Then in Dallas, where the soap opera never ends, new GM Don Nelson traded his entire starting five (Sam Cassell, Jim Jackson, George McCloud, Chris Gatling and Eric Montross) to New Jersey for a grand total of one starter, Shawn Bradley, Robert Pack and two benchwarmers.

What these trades show is management panicking in the wake of miserable seasons and making change for change's sake.

If I were a fan in either of these two cities, I would be cringing, because management appears to trade anyone they don't like to bring in a bunch of nice guys who may or may not bring equal value in a trade.

Making a trade just so you can say "Hey, we made changes!" isn't good enough. Anytime you make a change, you want it to be for the betterment of the team. Can anyone truthfully say the Mavericks are better after trading their best five players and getting only one who can pick up the slack in return? And how can Boston trade the guy - Oates - who has the second-most assists in the NHL this decade and get nothing more than another team's backups in return?

What we've seen here are the good and bad sides to change. In CMU's case, it was addition by subtraction (subtract Drake, add anyone with a clue). But in Dallas and Boston, it was well, subtraction by subtraction (subtract talent, add no one with a clue).

Sports shorts

Wolfpack hockey tryouts coming up

Tryouts for the Spring 1997 Clarkston Wolfpack hockey team will start March 23 at the Lakeland Arena on M-59 in Waterford.

The Wolfpack Hockey Club will have three different teams this year, all in the Bantam A and high school divisions.

A tryout schedule is as follows: March 23 - Bantams, 8-9:30 p.m., High School, 9:30-11 p.m.; March 26 - Bantams, 5-6:30 p.m., High School, 6:30-8 p.m.; March 27 - Bantams, 5-6:30 p.m., High School, 6:30-8 p.m.; March 29 - Bantams, 9-10:30 a.m., High School, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Eligible players for the Bantam teams must be born between July 1, 1984 and June 30, 1985. For the high school teams, players must be freshmen to start the 1997-98 school year.

There will be two high school teams. The A-Team will travel to tournaments all over, while the B-Team will play in the Midget Open/ High School League at Lakeland.

McCormick hoop camp to run this summer

Mark your calendars for July 21-25. That's when Clarkston native and former NBA player Tim McCormick will have his annual basketball camp at Clarkston High School.

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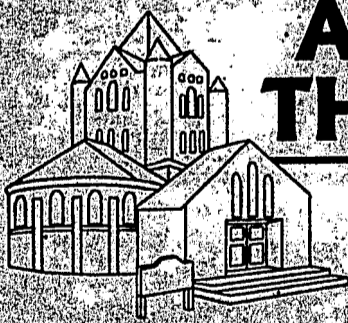
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065-AUCTIONS

AUCTION: 1007 BROWN RD, 10am, March 25th, #93, Karen VanDoele, Apartment furnishings, personal items. IILX48-2

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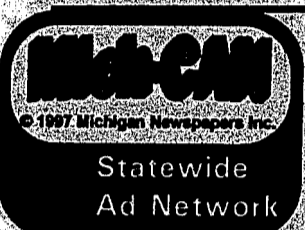
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC NOTICE The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.20(1), at the Township Hall on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 9:00 am.

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT At a regular meeting of the Township Board on March 4, 1997, the Board authorized a Second Reading and Adoption of "Slow-no Wake Speed" Regulation on Little Walters Lake.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on March 4, 1997, the Board authorized a Second Reading and Adoption of Text Revisions Article III, Definitions and Article VII, Parking & Loading Requirements as follows:

The motion to approve this amendment was offered by Travis, supported by Wallace, the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Nays: None, Absent: McGee. The motion carried.

This ordinance amendment is effective immediately upon publication.

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE (Parking Restrictions for Restaurants and Illumination for Parking Areas)

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 83, as amended, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, as amended, for the purpose of amending Article III, Section 3.01, Article VII, Sections 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 and 7.04, all for the purpose of revising the parking regulations applicable to restaurants, and illumination for parking areas in general.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 of Ordinance Article III, Section 3.01, shall be amended by adding the following definition in alphabetical order:

ARTICLE III. DEFINITIONS

Section 3.01. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms are herewith defined:

Restaurant. A restaurant is any establishment whose principal business is the sale of food and beverages to the customer in a ready-to-consume state, and whose method of operation is characteristic of a fast food, standard restaurant, or bar/lounge, or combination thereof, as defined below.

1. **Restaurant, Drive-through:** A drive-through restaurant is a restaurant whose method of operation includes the delivery of the prepared food to the customer in a motor vehicle, typically through a drive-through window, for consumption off of the premises.

2. **Restaurant, Fast Food:** A fast-food restaurant whose method of operation involves minimum waiting for delivery of ready-to-consume food to the customer at a counter or cashier line for consumption at the counter where it is intended to be served, or at tables, booths, or stands inside or outside of the structure, or for consumption off of the premises, but not intended to be consumed in a motor vehicle at the site.

3. **Restaurant, Standard:** A standard restaurant is a restaurant whose method of operation involves either:

a. The delivery of prepared food by waiters and waitresses to customers seated at tables within a completely enclosed building; or

b. The preparation of food to be delivered to customers at a cashier line and subsequently consumed by the customers at tables within a completely enclosed building.

4. **Bar/Lounge:** A bar or lounge is a type of restaurant which is operated primarily for the dispensing of alcoholic beverages, with the ancillary sale of prepared food or snacks. If a bar or lounge is part of a larger dining facility, it shall be defined as that part of the structure so designated or operated.

Section 2 of Ordinance

Article VII, Section 7.01, paragraph 13, shall be amended by deleting the current text of paragraph 13 and inserting the following:

ARTICLE VII. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

Section 7.01. Parking Requirements:

Off street parking facilities for the storage and parking of self-propelled motor vehicles for the use of occupants, employees and patrons of the uses and buildings hereinafter utilized, erected, altered or extended after the effective date of this ordinance, shall be provided as herein prescribed. Such space shall be maintained and shall not be encroached upon so long as the main use, building or structure remains, unless an equivalent number of such spaces are provided elsewhere in conformance with this ordinance.

13. Flexibility in Application:

The Township recognizes that, due to the specific requirements of any given development, inflexible application of the parking standards set forth in Section 7.02 may result in development with inadequate parking or parking in excess of that which is needed. The former situation may lead to traffic congestion or unauthorized parking on adjacent streets or neighboring sites. The latter situation may result in excessive paving and stormwater runoff and the hard surfacing of space which would be left as open space. Accordingly, the Planning Commission may, in the reasonable exercise of discretion, permit deviations from the requirements of Section 7.02 and may require more or allow less parking upon a finding that such deviations are likely to provide a sufficient number of parking spaces to accommodate the specific characteristics of the use in question. Such finding shall take into consideration the following standards and shall be based upon specific facts and information provided by the applicant, and other such information the Planning Commission shall determine relevant:

(1) Nature of Use: The nature of the particular use or combination of uses (as the case may be), relying upon accepted planning principles with regard to the anticipation of parking demand.

(2) Allocation of Square Footage: The allocation of square footage to and among uses, including the anticipation of long-term parking (e.g., grocery or movie theater uses), short-term parking (e.g., dry-cleaner use), and the absence of parking for some portion of the use (e.g., drive-through use)

(3) Impact:

(a) The reasonably anticipated circumstance in the event there is excess parking demand where the number of parking spaces is reduced, e.g., consideration should be given to alternate parking spaces available and/or the likelihood that parking would occur on major thoroughfares or within residential neighborhoods.

(b) The need for and benefit of additional open space or landscaped area on the area, which would not be feasible if the full number of required spaces were provided in the face of an apparent lack of need for all of such spaces, taking into consideration accepted planning principles.

(4) Other specific reasons which are identified in the official minutes of the Planning Commission.

b. The Planning Commission may attach conditions to the approval of a deviation from the requirements of Section 7.02 that bind such approval to the specific use in question. Where a deviation results in a reduction of parking, the Planning Commission may further impose conditions which ensure that adequate reserve area is set aside for future parking, if needed.

Section 3 of Ordinance Article VII, Section 7.02, subparagraph 3.d, shall be amended by deleting the current text of subparagraph 3.d and inserting the following:

ARTICLE VII. OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Section 7.02. Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements:

The amount of required off-street parking space for new uses or buildings, additions thereto, and additions to existing buildings as specified above, shall be determined in accordance with the following table, and the space so required shall be stated in the application for a building permit.

3. Business and Commercial

Use	Number of Minimum Parking spaces Per Unit of Measure
Restaurant, Fast Food	One (1) space for each sixty (60) square feet of gross floor area.
Restaurant, Standard	One (1) space for each two (2) seats, plus one (1) space for every ten (10) seats, based on maximum seating capacity as determined by the current Building Code adopted by the Township.
Bar/Lounge	One (1) space for each two (2) seats based on maximum seating capacity established by Fire and/or Building codes.

Section 4 of Ordinance

Article VII, Subsection 7.03, paragraph 3, shall be amended by deleting the current text in such paragraph and inserting the following:

ARTICLE VII. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

Section 7.03. Off-Street Parking Layout, Standards, Construction and Maintenance:

Wherever the off street parking requirements in Section 7.02 require the building of an off-street parking facility, such off-street parking lots shall be laid out, constructed and maintained in accordance with the following standards and regulations:

3. For regulations relating to the illumination of parking areas, see Section 5.18.

Section 5 of Ordinance

Article VII, Section 7.04, shall be amended by deleting the current text of such section and inserting the following:

ARTICLE VII. OFF-STREET DRIVE-THROUGH AND WAITING SPACE

Section 7.04. Off-Street Drive-Through and Waiting Space:

1. Drive-through Facilities: In addition to meeting off-street parking requirements, all uses which provide drive-through facilities for serving customers within their automobile shall provide adequate off-street stacking space within a defined stacking line which meets the following requirements:

- a. Each stacking lane shall be one-way, and each stacking lane space shall be a minimum of twelve (12) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in length.
- b. Clear identification and delineation between the drive-through facility and parking lot shall be provided. Drive-through facilities shall be designed in a manner which promotes pedestrian and vehicular safety.
- c. Each drive-through facility shall have an escape lane to allow other vehicles to pass those waiting to be served.
- d. For car wash uses, a sufficient additional lane shall be provided for the active or passive drying of the vehicle after the wash. Where the drying process is to be passive, greater lane space shall be required in the discretion of the Planning Commission, applying accepted planning principles.
- e. The number of stacking spaces per service lane shall be provided for the uses listed below. Each stacking space shall be computed on the basis of twenty (20) feet in length. When a use is not specifically mentioned, the requirements for off-street stacking space for the use with similar needs, as determined in the discretion of the Planning Commission, shall apply.

Use	Stacking Space Per Service Lane
Banks	4
Photo Service	4
Dry-Cleaning	4
Restaurants with drive through	10
Auto Washes (self service)	4
Entry	4
Exit	1%
Auto Washes (automatic)	10
Entry	10
Exit	2%

2. Off-Street Waiting Space: Uses such as day cares, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and churches shall provide safe and efficient means for passengers to be dropped off and picked up. Such off-street waiting spaces shall be clearly delineated so as to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Section 6 of Ordinance

All other regulations of the zoning ordinance, except those set forth above, shall remain in effect, amended only as provided above.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the March 4, 1997 meeting to order at the Independence Township Hall Annex.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger.

Absent: McGee.

There is a quorum.

1. Approval of agenda with the following deletions, Final Preliminary Plat Approval - Wedgewood of Clarkston and Second Reading R1A & O to PUD, 08-27-100-014, 015, 028, 038, 047.
2. Approval of the issuance of purchase orders in the amount of \$389,764.95, as presented.
3. Approval awarding the bid to Rosseel's Farm and Garden for the pull behind rotary mower.
4. Approval of the Second Reading and Adoption of the Little Walkers Lake Watercraft Control Ordinance.
5. Approval of the Second Reading and Adoption for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Section 3 (Definitions) and 7 (Parking).
6. Approval of the requested liquor license transfer from Spring Lake Country Club No. 2 Inc., to Clarkston Creek Golf Club Inc. without entertainment.
7. Approval of motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

TOWNSHIP BOARD

AGENDA

7:30 p.m. DATE March 18, 1997

- Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Opening Statements and Correspondence
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - List of Bills
 - Approval of Purchase Orders
 - Public Forum
 - Presentation - Plants & Moran
 - Old Business
 - 1. Final Preliminary Plat Approval - Wedgewood of Clarkston.
 - 2. Discussion of Effectiveness of Derivative Sale.
 - 3. Discussion of Domestic Well Responsibility.
 - New Business
 - 1. Approval of Consent Judgement, Independence Township vs. Dixon.
 - 2. Request to Purchase Tax Software - Treasurer.
 - 3. 1997 Road Closures
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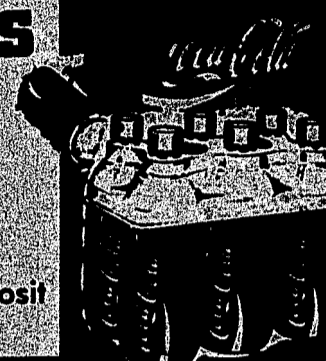
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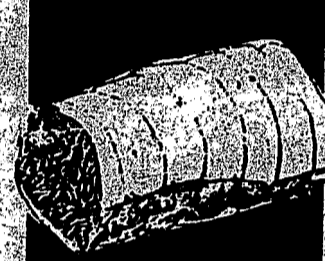
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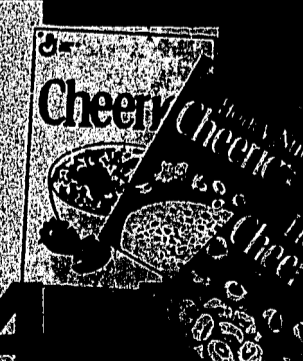
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Clarkston
6555 Sashabaw Rd.
Corner of Sash. & Weldon
625-9289
OPEN 24 Hours

Oxford
999 Lapeer Rd.
Corner of M-24 & Drajner
628-7265
OPEN 24 Hours

Auburn Hills
3900 Joslyn Rd.
Next to K-Mart
340-1750
OPEN 4am-12am