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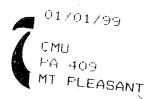
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Summer fun

State parks are promising a wide variety of hands-on, family oriented entertainment this summer, including a free adventure with a park naturalist, now through Labor Day. Special thematic programs are planned each Wednesday at 3 p.m. including state parks in Holly, Pontiac and Metamora. The Adventure Program is coordinated by the Kalamazoo Nature Center with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Call 517-373-9900 for park phone numbers or campground reservations.

New school budget to top \$44M

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

What to do about athletic funding has been put off until August, but the Clarkston board of education closed out its budget for the current year and approved one for 1997-98 Monday night.

Director of Business Services Craig Kahler said he expects state aid to rise about \$1.2 million for the coming year, with expenditures expected to rise as well in the \$44.5 million general fund. Kahler expects to start the year with a \$3.7 million fund balance, and end with \$3.5 million in the kitty.

The budget was approved one week after a workshop-style discussion by the board. Kahler said Monday he had incorporated two changes suggested last week, but otherwise the budget remained as the board had seen it.

Right now a \$144,000 operating deficit is projected, but Kahler said a similar projection last year turned into a surplus by the time the year was over.

"We have a lot of variables out there right now. It's very early in the year. So I'm not too worried about that," he said.

In the Special Revenue Fund, which includes sports, food service, the Oakland Technical Center and Community Education, Kahler budgeted a \$500,000 contribution from the general fund to support athletics, similar in size to this year's contribution. However, he said the board would further discuss athletic funding at its August meeting. Food service and Community Education are expected to report slight surpluses.

Summer tax bill to drop slightly

The board approved a temporary decrease in the amount of debt retirement millage it will collect this summer. That amount will drop to 5.2 mills from 5.64 due to the unexpectedly high rate of growth in the local tax base. However, the rate will rise to 7.0 mills on the winter tax bill due to approval of a new bond issue by the voters earlier this month.

"The debt retirement rate declined in July because the taxable value rose dramatically," Kahler said. "Their taxes will be lower in July."

As it does each year at this time, the board also approved an amendment to its current year budget to close it out for the fiscal year, which ends June 30.

The amendment shows an operating surplus of \$260,860, "essentially a balanced budget," Kahler stated in his written memo to the board. The expected

Trustee cleared from lawsuit

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE Clarkston News Staff Writer

A lawsuit filed by former Oakland County assistant prosecutor Larence Kozma against several county officials, including current county prosecutor Dave Gorcyca and Independence Township trustee Neil Wallace, was dismissed by Oakland County Circuit Judge Nanci Grant June 18.

Kozma, a top gun in former prosecutor Richard Thompson's regime who was chief of legal operations, filed the suit claiming Wallace, a Bloomfield Hills attorney, was part of a transition team that evaluated members of that former administration.

Kozma cited age discrimination as one issue, stating he was asked questions that included his "ability and willingness to work with 'younger' assistant prosecutors," according to the lawsuit.

He also blamed his involvement with the Jack Kevorkian prosecutions and a public corruption probe involving former Oakland County Sheriff's Department Captain Gerard Carlin, as unjust reasons for what he called termination. Kozma, a Clarkston resident who now operates a law office in Independence Township, claimed he was fired from his post after Gorcyca took office Jan. 1.

Wallace said last week Kozma was not fired, citing that as the "crux" of the matter. "Generally, what the court found was he was not discharged. Rather what the court found is that there is a statute that says an assistant prosecutor serves at the pleasure of the elected prosecutor," Wallace said. "Therefore, Mr. Kozma was not hired by Mr. Gorcyca."

Kozma's attorney Sam Morgan said he plans to make a motion asking Grant to reconsider her ruling. Morgan claims the judge did not base her decision on "factual content" but on "a matter of law."

Again, he will refer to the Whistleblowers' Protection Act, as he did in the lawsuit. "We're going to be asking (Grant) to reconsider her ruling because we believe the Whistleblowers' statute covers the denial of employment opportunities in the catch-all phrase, 'otherwise discriminated against,'" Morgan said.

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life news in brief

School board reschedules organizational meeting

Two new members of the Clarkston board of education will be swom in on Tuesday, July 1 as the board meets for its annual organizational meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the administration building on Clarkston Rd. The date is a change from the previously announced July 7 date.

Patterson vetoes latest well policy effort

As predicted, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson last week vetoed the latest attempt by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to get him to comply with board policy regarding residential wells.

As reported in last week's Clarkston News, the board threatened Patterson with a lawsuit if he failed to comply with board action to set up a well education policy. The original board action was vetoed by Patterson but overridden by the board.

The policy came about after knowledge of arsenic in some county wells was reported. The board's policy requires the county to draw up a map showing areas of suspected contamination.

Patterson said in a news conference June 18 that his administration favors a mandatory well inspection program but the board refused, calling such a move too invasive and too costly.

Patterson said he would ask the board to approve funding for five new sanitarians to perform well inspections.

Traffic light approved for Citation Dr.

A traffic light for the M-15/Citation Dr. intersection was unanimously approved at the Independence Board of Trustees meeting June 17.

The light will be activated from the new fire station for emergency exits onto M-15, as has been rumored over the last several weeks. Most of the time a yellow blinking light will alert motorists traveling north and south on M-15. It will turn red when the fire department makes its emergency exits.

Independence Township planner Dick Carlisle said earlier he's expecting it to become a full-fledged traffic light once Citation Dr. is completed. Citation will eventually continue across M-15 to exit on Dixie Highway, providing access to Mid-Oakland Medical Center and the new Clarkston Post Office, which is to be constructed on the old Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation site.

CVP Youth Theater play scheduled

The annual Youth Theater performance sponsored by Clarkston Village Players is scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, July 24, 25 and 26, at Depot Theater in Clarkston. Children from the ages 10-17 are tackling a production of "Wagon Wheels West" by Tim Kelly, with music and lyrics by Bill Srancoeur. Depot Theater is located on White Lake Rd. 1 1/4 miles southwest of Dixie Highway at the railroad tracks. For more information, call Donna Ellis at 620-2641 or the Players at 625-1826.

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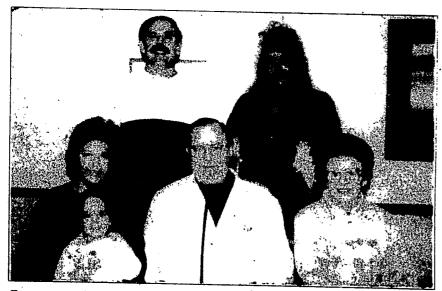
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Fly-in fishing on Goulais, Dolly Lakes

By James A. Sherman

It was right that Webster made the word fish both singular and plural.

No fishing trip begins by getting in a car and heading to the lake. Fishing trips begin in the dead of winter with weekly shows at various staging areas.

By March we had our June plans. Our threeday fly-in was recommended by Darlene Blunt of Air Dale Flying Service. Air Dale is the only such service out of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. (We couldn't find a fly-in out of Port Huron or Detroit.)

When Darlene heard our time frame she suggested Goulais Lake, about 30 minutes flying time north of the Soo.

Their 100-pounds per person limit (Up to 100 pounds over is \$250) is emphasized. We weighed in at 398. The "we" is son Jim, son-in-laws Bob Offer and Tim Speed and myself.

We flew in Friday, June 6 and came out the 9th. It cost \$540 Canadian, \$416 American for a deluxe cabin. In this case deluxe means propane refrigerator, outdoor grill and hot shower (in an out building, not far from the outhouse).

We were briefed at the airport (river?) by Merv Punkari, who is also the aircraft maintenance man. He marked every portion of Goulais Lake as great fishing spots.

In camp, caretaker Peter Perry narrowed the possibilities considerably.

When giving us our licenses (non-resident \$30) Darlene said the limit is three trout and six walleye a day. We all thought, "Is that all? Bummer!"

In our first five hours on Goulais none of the four of us had a bite. It mattered not the bait, we tried them all. And, had we caught any we couldn't



Bob Offer, left, and Tim Speed finish their lake trout fishing trip. The biggest was 1.7 pounds.

have a shore lunch because they hadn't had rain in three weeks and a no-fire rule was in effect.

The only fish caught were on Jim's hand-held electronic fishing game. Proper, prior planning gave

us steaks for dinner the first two nights, though we did have walleye for lunch the second day.

However, it is not my intent to down-play this trip. It was great. The weather was clear and in the 70s. The black flies bothered blond Bob a lot, but not the rest of us.

And the sons caught fish. Some fellow campers told Jim to fish the river for trout, and the next day he found some action, falling in only twice in the process.

Bob and Tim found a small hole in Goulais Lake and had some fun a couple evenings. The last night in camp Tim caught 16 walleye in that hole. Yes, we observed the limit. Big brother is watching.

This duo's most fun came after a lot of hard work. They took the motor boat to one spot, carried their gear 45 minutes through low lands to another lake, canoed across it, then carried that canoe several yards to Dolly Lake. There they limited on lake trout.

Goulais has the reputation, Dolly has the fish. For those who might ask, no, I wouldn't do it again, but it's an age thing with me. I'm sure the sons would.

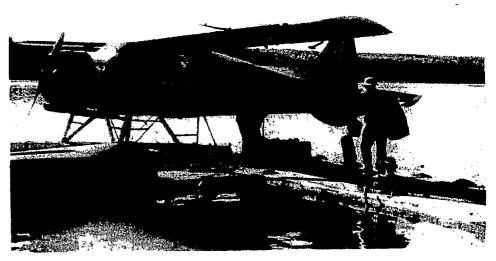




The "deluxe" kitchen, living room, family room, dining room, bedroom of our log cabin was better than just adequate. Note the frig in the add-on storing room.



Jim found "rising early" is for other fishermen.



Air Dale flies a Beaver and Cessna out of the Soo. They also fly out of Wawa to a total of 17 lakes. They've been doing it since 1945 when Bob Dale started the service.

Library at crux of mid-decade census allotments

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE Clarkston News Staff Writer

State-shared revenue from last year's mid-decade census has been stashed in Independence Township's general fund balance for several months. Finally, it's been earmarked for several projects.

The Board of Thistees unanimously approved

\$260,000 of the \$267,875 received for five major areas at its June 17 meeting. As recommended by township supervisor Dale Stuart, they include the following: \$25,000 for an automatic sprinkler system for Clintonwood Park soccer fields, \$10,000 toward historic preservation, \$60,000 for computer software improvements for the treasurer's and clerk's offices, \$135,000 for expanded hours at the Independence Township Library and \$30,000 to the road fund. The remaining \$7,875 will stay in the general fund, Stuart said.

In a memo to the board, Stuart included proposals from several township officials, citing some of the above items. Clerk Joan McCrary asked that \$9,830 be allocated for historic preservation, parks and recreation department director Ann Conklin estimated \$25,000 for the sprinkler system, and both trustee Neil Wallace and library director Mollie Lynch suggested additional library considerations.

Though the township anticipated receiving a total of \$300,000 from the 1996 mid-decade census, the first check was cut for only \$42,245 because so many Michigan communities applied for reimbursements. The Senate Appropriations Committee eventually allocated more funds and sent Independence an additional \$225,000 in January.

The mid-decade census allows communities ex-

periencing extreme growth to be reimbursed with more state-shared revenue if it's proven they have gained a 15-percent population increase since the 1990 federal

Though Stuart designated the library's \$135,000 toward expanded hours, Lynch's "wish list" also includes other items, like an endowment fund both she and Wallace would like to see established as well as more books, reference materials and other needs.

According to Lynch's proposal, census funds could be used to match donations from people contributing to the endowment fund at a ratio of two to one. Such an endowment fund would provide permanent ongoing funding and "addresses a critical need for additional library materials," Lynch says within her

proposal. "The match offers an opportunity to jumpstart the endowment, encourages people to donate and garners positive publicity for the township and the library," she said.

Lynch said members of Friends of the Library would help with fundraising activities for the endowment fund.

Swart said expanded library hours are "an expenditure we need to make now." But some board members, including Wallace — who paused before casting his vote — wanted to earmark the funds toward other library-related purposes, like more books, for example.

Wallace argued that the allocation was "too heavily weighted to the hours ... We are sort of shooting in the

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City approves outdoor dining, liquor service

BY BRAD MONASTIERE Clarkston News Staff Writer

Diners in downtown Clarkston will get to enjoy the great outdoors for another year.

That's because the Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously voted to allow the Clarkston Union and Clarkston Cafe to have additional seating outside each of their buildings. The Union currently seats people on an elevated deck, while the Cafe has a few tables set up along the sidewalk, just outside of its Main Street location.

In addition, the ZBA voted 5-2 to allow the Cafe to serve alcohol to its outdoor tables, with some concessions. The area must be roped off, a rule the state Liquor Control Commission has in such matters.

The ZBA also worded the approval such that it is subject to being revoked by the city council or Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston.

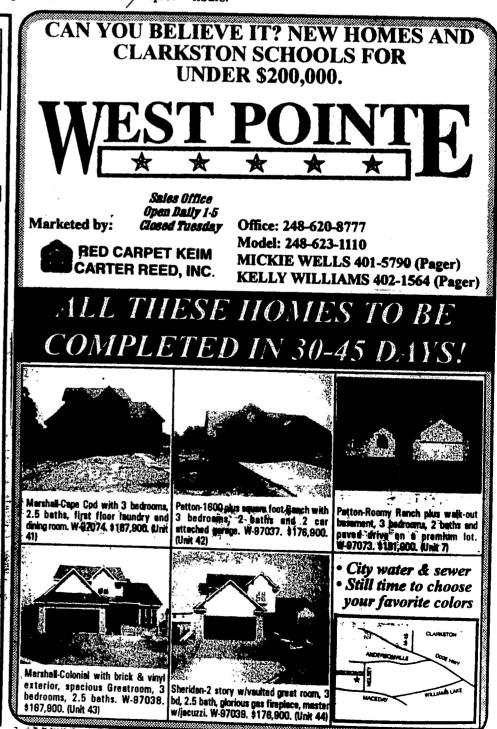
ZBA members James Schultz and James Huttenlocher voted against allowing the alcohol sales.

"I'm not happy with liquor being served on a right-of-way like that," Huttenlocher said. "It raises some questions."

Doug Roeser, who is also on the city council, said he had no problem with the alcohol service as long as there was adequate supervision and the deal was revokable.

The hours the Cafe will be allowed to serve alcohol outdoors are from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. and 5-10 p.m., the restaurant's approximate lunch and dinner





Council calls third strike on Birtsas plan

Rezoning request unanimously denied by city

BY BRAD MONASTIERE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Tim Birtsas, a former Major League Baseball pitcher, went into his background when he explained his loss to the Clarkston City Council Monday.

"If this is like a baseball game, which is nine innings, then I think we're in the bottom of the sixth right now," he said, sounding like if he was going down, he would go down swinging.

The council unanimously denied Birtsas' request to have a lot at the northeast corner of the city rezoned from single-family residential to multiple family. Birtsas said he planned to build a four-unit condominium on the

Although the council voted 6-0 (Laura Aulgur was absent) to turn his request down, the members did so with some reservations.

"This was a tough call forme," councilman David Savage said. "I have no problem with the project. It's not an unreasonable request, but we just got caught in the middle with the planner on this."

Savage, mayor Sharron Catallo and councilman Walt Gamble teamed up on a subcommittee to look into the request more carefully after the council's last meeting June 10. That group then reported back to the The circus is coming. council and submitted a written report with their deci-

"This was the most agonizing decision I've had to make while here," Gamble said. "The project itself has merit, but we can't look at that. We have to look at zoning as the only issue. There were certain guidelines

we had to follow. I was restrained by those.'

One of those guidelines which was a big factor in the decision was everything that a multiple family zone allowed. The subcommittee said theoretically, Birtsas or any future owner of the land could build anything

from a nursery school to a general hospital with a multiple family zoning on that lot.

"There is no way to discriminate against other uses of the property once it is rezoned," the report



Clintonwood Park will host the Kelly-Miller Circus on Tuesday, July 1 under the sponsorship of Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Showtimes are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12. If

you've seen this circus before, you can expect the same quality but with some new acts and a tent that debuted in 1995. For tickets or more information call 625-8223.





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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

Remembering summer of '67

Where were you during the riots?

I rediscovered Monday that I'm not the only one with vivid memories of the Detroit riots of 1967. Even though I was comfortably, safely ensconced in the suburbs, the memory is one of those JFK moments; you remember exactly where you were and what you were

Monday morning Detroit's Public Radio station, WDET, began a week-long look back at the riots as the 30th anniversary approaches. And as I drove in to work listening that day, it all came flooding back to me. I'm sure the reports will have the same effect on many others who lived either in the city or suburbs a the time.

I had just graduated from my all-white high school a few weeks before. During those years I had often spent a Saturday taking the bus downtown—what was it, about 50 cents? I never felt intimidated about going alone. Things wouldn't be the same afterwards.

During the riots I remember a certain siege mentality-that you were stuck, you couldn't go anywhere. It wouldn't be safe. Mind you, we were miles away, but it felt like you couldn't leave your street. I remember trying to learn to drive a stick shift on my grandmother's car, driving up and down our street, as if the edge of the earth loomed just beyond the corner.

We had close relatives who lived in Detroit who came to stay with my grandmother, on the advice of their black neighbors. I can remember everyone crowded around the kitchen table. Their freedom restricted, the women made homemade spaghetti, one noodle at a time. It was the last time I can remember seeing that

Why is the memory so vivid? Perhaps because, just like the Kennedy assassination, it changed forever the way we looked at the world. What used to be familiar and comfortable was no more. Now, we had things to think about we'd never imagined before. We grew up, in a hurry, as individuals and as Detroiters, for back then Detroit was still our core.

Things are a bit different today. Detroit has a black mayor and police chief, but we, at least here in Oakland County, don't think of Detroit as our hub any I see attirmations of that every day.

Oakland County's gain is often Detroit's loss. and people here seem to feel no reason to care about how Detroit kids do in school. Many think drugs and gangs and family disintegration are only big-city problems; that if they move further and further out they can keep escaping them.

By now we should all know that's not true. But the fear of that which is different from us persists.

Maybe men will always oppress other men. Maybe there's some kind of biological imperative. The older I get, the more I believe that you can change the surface manifestation, but it's much harder to change a man's

Ruth Fulton Benedict wrote, "Racism is the dogma that one ethnic group is condemned by nature to congenital inferiority and another group is destined to congenital superiority." If you believe that, real change will not come, even after 30 years.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Don't write 'em like that anymore



I like the feel of the page. I enjoy the style of writing. Get a load of some

of these headlines. "DEATH'S HARVEST. Grim Reaper Makes Unwelcome Visits Hereabouts." How would you like to read headlines like that in our obituary section today?

Or this one: "HAGGLED HIS THROAT WITH RAZOR AND DULL JACK-KNIFE. John Hammond of Orion Tried to Cut Throat.' This headline was from Nov. 15, 1907. How many phone calls and letters would we receive today if we ran that on page one?

Even the stories were written in a more colorful, hometown style. I can just see the writer smiling as he/she jotted down some of these stories. Here are some interesting clips:

Oct. 20, 1899

Beer Instead of Tea: The new method of teaching employed — in theory at least — at the present time is to bring out by questioning what teachers formerly told the student out right. The attempt to do so sometimes leads to ludicrous incidents. Jay Case is teaching at Goodison (near Rochester). He has a little German girl who is in the primer class, learning to spell the first words. She had for a lesson the word "Cat."

"How do you spell Cat?" asked the teacher. C-

a-" hesitated the little girl. Here was a chance to use the new method. "Think hard," said the pedagogic mind-moulder. "Now, what is it you drink at supper every evening?'

He involuntarily smiled — to think how aptly he had brought out the letter "T," but what was his astonishment when the child quickly replied, "Oh, beer!" They had recess then.

And, from the first part of this century:

BITTEN BY RATTLER - Frace Dernberger's Horse Doped With Snake Cure: One of Frace Dernberger's horses was bitten by a rattle snake, Saturday and the farmers of that section of Addison Township are said to have been very enthusiastic in their endeavor to secure a sufficient quantity of snake cure to relieve that suffering horse. It is related that not only was the horse loaded to the gunwale with snake cure but that some of the spectators took doses themselves, doubtless trying mental telepathy upon the injured equine. The horse will live. So will the men.

In a 1947 paper I saw an ad for the predecessor of my mode of transportation — a Jeep. Right there it was in big bold letters: America's Most Versatile Farm Tool — The Universal Jeep.

No wonder I can't get a date: how romantic is it to pick up a girl in farm equipment?

Write a letter to the editor!



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

A non-fish-catcher's views of fishing

Last week these Jottings told of our preparations for a fly-in Ontario fishing trip. The "our" is son Jim, son-in-laws Bob Offer and Tim Speed, and my-

This week I'm bringing you some observations. written in camp, when the fish were avoiding my fures which was most of the time.

Elsewhere in this issue is a page of our experiences and pictures.

First, here's what fishing is:

It's sitting on a river bank watching the water rush over the rapids, watching butterflies flitting and seeing water spiders skitting atop the water.

Fishing is watching the shadows made by branches overhanging the water, twigs twitching in the stream, searching the lake shores for wildlife while trolling and looking at rock formations.

Fishing is watching sunsets (not sunrises).

It is also fighting black flies, tripping over tree roots and stones and nursing multiple holes in your fingers from fish hooks.

And, it's learning the major feeding phase, boasted in calendars and almanacs, is from 6:00 a.m. to 6:01 a.m.

Here's what fishing isn't:

It isn't catching things with fins.

There are two schools of thought when it comes to fishing. The fisherman's and the fish. For this column, fisherman is 1, fish 2.

- 1. Fishing should be done on my terms.
- 2. Fishing should be done on my terms.
- 1. 9:30 a.m. is a good time to fish.
- 2. 7:30 a.m. is a good time to eat.
- 1. I'll fish the shoreline.
- 2. I'm going in the deep water today.
- 1. I'm fishing deep today.
- 2. I think I'll wallow in the shallows today. 1. They should be hitting chartreuse lures.
- 2. Of all the colors I hate, chartreuse tops the

list. And so goes my thinking about fishing. I can't out-think 'em as proven by my numerous experiences

in the U.S. and Canada. In our three days on Lake and River Goulais !

caught one lake trout and one walleye. But that's not important. It's important that the boys caught fish. It's important that there were no emergencies.

that enough fish were caught to have a couple meals in camp and bring some home and that everyone enjoyed the trip.

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15 YEARS AGO (1982)

The Clarkston Board of Education OK's a series of administration shake-ups recommended by superintendent Milford Mason at a special meeting Monday night. Changes include central office administrators William Potvin and William Neff, who have been reassigned to building positions. The lone point in Mason's plan that the board hedges on is the status of Potvin and Clarkston Junior High Principal Duane Lewis. Mason recommends that Potvin, currently director of building and planning, return to Clarkston Junior High as principal, while Lewis assumes the assistant principal's job. On the other hand, both Sashabaw Juniorhigh assistant principal George White and Pine Knob principal John Riebe will keep their current positions.

The search is on for "White's Army" as former Clarkston High School varsity football coach Rob White, who coached the Wolves for six seasons during the 1970s, attempts to organize a reunion. A party is scheduled for July 24 at the Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Center. White led the Clarkston gridders to a perfect 9-0 record and state playoff berth in 1977.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

Larry Rosso is elected president of the Clarkston Education Association (CEA) for a one-year term. Assisting him will be Tim Kaul, vice president; Neil Granlund, treasurer, and Jan Kirchgessner, secretary. Bill Rathburg is named Region 7 delegate.

Bruce Rogers, a teacher at Clarkston Elementary School, is appointed village clerk, replacing Artemus Pappas who retired after ten years on the job. Rogers is also a member of the Independence Township Building Authority. Pappas will assume the treasurer's duties previously handled by his wife, Mary Ann, during the changeover. Both appointments are effective until the next village election this spring.

Mel Vaara is the new curriculum coordinator for the Glarkston school district. Formerly principal of both Sashabaw and Clarkston junior high schools, he is now part of the district administrative staff with offices in the administration building on Clarkston Rd.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

Patterson Brothers will present a circus on the lot north of Edward D. Whipple's garage on July 3, under the auspices of the Campbell Richmond Post No. 63 of the American Legion. Among the acts to be featured are whip popping, roping, trained dogs and horses, aerial acts, clowns and a muscle-control weight lifter. And don't miss Cindy and her mule "Jitterbug," an event which is worth the price of admission alone.

Showing at the Holly Theatre are Monte Hale and Adrian Booth in "Last Frontier Uprising" and Ann Sheridan, Kent Smith and Bruce Bennett in "Nora Prentiss." Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake in "Blondie's Holiday" and Betty Grable and Dick Haymes in "The Shocking Miss Pilgrim."

Specials at The Village Market include green beans, 9 cents a can; Brookeman's Chocolate pudding, a nickel a package; chickens for frying or roasting, 49 cents a pound; Bliss Coffee, drip or regular, 39 cents a pound; and orange jelly, a quarter a jar.

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

The children and adults of Clarkston and the immediate vicinity will have the opportunity to receive free swimming instructions at Deer Lake every Tuesday afternoon. Under the direction of Miss Dorothea Lawrence, lifesaving and swimming will be taught. Miss Lawrence is being sent out by the Red Cross to give the free lessons to all who desire to learn to swim. This is part of a project to stop the large number of deaths from drowning in the area.

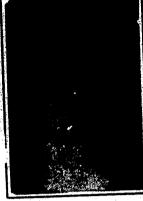
Featured at the Holly Theatre are Don Ameche and Ann Sothern in "50 Roads to Town," Robert Taylor, Barbara Stanwyck and Victor McLaglen in "This is My Affair" and Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard in "Romeo and Juliei."

Specials at Rudy's include pork steak, 28 cents a pound; veal roast, 19 cents a pound; hamburger, two pounds for 29 cents; catsup, a large bottle for a dime; Trilby Soap, four bars for 15 cents; and oleo, two pounds for a quarter.

By Eleen Wederlie

Should you be able to get a ticket just for not wearing your seat belt?

BENJAMIN KOYL CLARKSTON: Oh, no, definitely not. I don't wear mine. don't like them. I think I'd rather not be wearing one if I got in an accident.



RHOND BODENMILLER, CLARKSTON: Yes. Pull 'em over. It's a stupid reason to die.



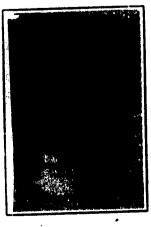
MARIE STRAITH, CLARKSTON: Yes, for the safety reasons I feel it would be all right.



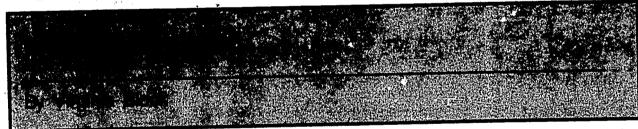
FENTON, CLARKSTON: Yes I do because it saves lives. It's a little inconvenience but it does save lives.



ALICIA SIMONS, CLARKSTON: Yes, because a lot of people get hurt when they don't wear their seat belts.



Sports every week in The Clarkston News!



Warnings from the world of computer genealogy need your immediate attention, if you are sharing your data via the Internet. Spies are picking up information from the website (Homepages, etc.) that lead to scams that hit you where you live.

Information posted about your family and dren or other living members can show up on other people's Web Page, without your permission, an invasion of privacy. Take caution in revealing names of living descendants, especially printing lineages of your family surnames.

We found one gentleman seeking informa-tion regarding the "Your Family (Surname) Book" offered by Halbert's of Bath Ohio. If you have ever received the post card offer via your mailbox (of many years ago) from Beatrice Bailey and others, you readily know that newcomers to genealogical research could easily be taken in by accepting the "book" about "your" family. These books have little or no information of value to you and certainly should not cost \$30 to find out.

On the plus side, we are finally able to "dig" into the fabulous collection given us by Josephine

Spencer.

Two volumes of the History of Crawford Co. PA. contain biographical histories of many families that built the foundation, by pioneers, of this country.

Of further interest, research on Josephine's

materials gathered to entitle her to membership in D.A.R. and other patriotic societies will provide information on many family lines prior to the 18th century.

Graduation, weddings, family reunions, vacations or any family gathering that affords all the memorable occasions to happen (seemingly all at once) right now.

Each one deserves a scrap book to be created from all the photographs and mementos marking the special celebration, to become an "heirloom."

The family circle, stretched out of shape by hectic lifestyles, can begin a new trend by taking Polaroid shots of any daily event that reconnects a family's unity. Capturing the highlights (and even the low) can reestablish communication, heal wounded feelings, or even win a prize!

Documentation of research is a vital part of proving your "findings" with photographic methods, be it Xerox, video camera (for oral history interviews), or your reprinting those snapshots glued to black pages in an old album.

Every one of those old photos needs special "archival" treatment, and can be shared with future generations by utilizing "laser copies" in your scrapbooks. Negatives of old snapshots taken by a Kodak "Brownie" still exist among our holdings, and won't last much longer. We urge you to be alerted to preserving yours.

Happy Hunting!

School psychologist

By Richard Brozovich, Ph. D. Reading problem may be dyslexia

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a new column which will be running during the summer months while school superintendent Dr. Al Roberts ' isn't writing.

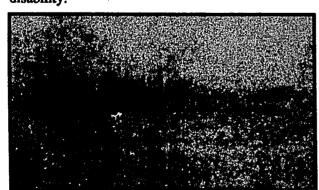
Richard Brozovich is a practicing school psychologist with Oakland Schools who has over 30 years experience.

Becky is in the second grade. Despite our efforts and her teacher's extra help, she hasn't learned to read. Her teacher thinks she may be dyslexic. What is dyslexia? How can I find out if Becky is dyslexic?

The meaning of dyslexia has changed over the years. Dyslexia is a condition by which people are unable to read despite good instruction and strong effort by the student. Years ago dyslexia was associated with "word blindness" - a rare condition in which the person affected has such severe visual perceptual difficulty that they are unable to visualize letters and words consistently. Such individuals would continue to confuse letters such as p,b and d well beyond the age (five to six) when such confusion is common.

Recent research has shown that people with severe reading delay ("dyslexics") most often have this problem because of deficits in their ability to perceive, form and blend sounds. These problems recognizing, producing and combining sounds are referred to as phonological deficits. Phonological deficits are a much more common cause of poor reading skills than visual-perception deficits. Phonological deficits make it very difficult to learn the sound-symbol (phonic) associations that promote the development of reading skills.

Becky's severe reading problem despite her hard work suggests that she may have a learning disability that is hindering her progress. Ask her teacher to request an evaluation by school personnel. The school system has qualified specialists who can determine the nature of Becky's learning problem and what will be required to help her make progress. Take action now since early diagnosis and intervention will be helpful if Becky does have a learning



How quickly does technology change?

With apologies to Mary Ellen Bell, a Clarkston High School English teacher, we couldn't resist passing along this tidbit from a recent CHS faculty bulletin.

Bell said in an effort to help her students doing research on cultures who couldn't find appropriate music, Bell went to the school's media center and gathered up some records—on vinyl—and a turntable. One student had apparently never seen such dinosaurs before.

"Does the needle go from the outside of the record toward the middle, or from the middle to the outside?" the student wanted to know.

Maybe somebody ought to write the instructions down so future students doing research on the birth of technology will be able to figure out how the phonograph worked.



Andersonville second-graders involved in the ERIC program grin ear-to-ear at the Davisburg

Senior Center.

Kids, seniors connect

An end-of-the-year outing for 18 second-graders from Andersonville Elementary School turned out to be not only educational and fun, but a first-time intergenerational experience for some of them as well.

Andersonville instructional support specialist Kay Robertson had talked to Davisburg Parks and Recreation director Sherry Austin about some of her students who have been involved in a new reading problem called ERIC (Early Reading Intervention Corps). Austin suggested the students visit the Davisburg Senior Center and read to the seniors who enjoy lunch there on Thursday.

On June 5 Robertson and her aide, Marilyn Lash, drove the children to Hart Community Center where the senior center is based. There the second-graders shared stories on everything from animals and family to spaghetti and ice cream.

The results were even better than expected. The audience clapped, cheered and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the young visitors. After being treated to chocolate chip ice cream, the second-graders returned to Andersonville.

Back at the school, one youngster was heard to comment that they better not wait until next spring to return. Fall would be better.

Thanks to 14 wonderful and dedicated parent volunteers, the ERIC program has had an extremely Second-grader Freddy Hipp reads his story to a successful first year, Robertson said. "These volunteers see the children once or twice a week. They are trained and work with students one-on-one, within a supportive reading format."



senior.

About the "other" graduation:

Congratulations, graduates of Clarkston High School Class of 1997!

As proud parents of a Clarkston Renaissance High School student, not enough is said of this program-very dedicated staff and students who would not otherwise have direction about the importance of an education.

Not all took longer than normal to graduate. In fact, most students were just regular students, teenage seniors.

Keep up the good work, to all who helped make our son's road to his goal a reality.

Teachers rate A+

Dear editor,

RE: CHS Teachers: Ms. A. Serra, Mr. D. Bihl, Mr. W. Samuel & Mr. Ray

I must write concerning the above outstanding teachers that my daughter has had the pleasure of being taught by at Clarkston High School. They have gone beyond the call of duty!

Each of them has spent many hours during and after school with her. They have worked with her in so many wonderful and creative ways. They saw her desire and didn't give up on her. In turn, she didn't give up on herself. They have not only taught her, but they have cared for her. These Teachers deserve an

With thanks, raph worked.

| John and Chris Moore | Carol Kerney (Jenny's Mon Carol Kerney (Jenny's Mom)

Major election reforms proposed

Secretary of State releases report

Secretary of State Candice Miller has released a report that recommends reforms to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Michigan's elections

The report of the Special Advisory Committee on Elections follows more than 12 months of deliberations by the committee, which was appointed by Miller to review the laws and rules that govern the conduct of elections. Included in the committee's deliberations were four public hearings held in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Gaylord and Marquette.

The committee's recommendations range from changes that would make the procedures used for gaining access to the ballot more equitable to consolidating elections and lifting restrictions on absentee

'I am pleased with the committee's work and believe it will serve as an excellent resource as state lawmakers consider changes in election law," said Miller, Michigan's chief election officer. "Our top priority has been, and will continue to be, the integrity of the elections process. The committee has offered reforms that are consistent with that goal."

Miller said the report is being presented to members of the state legislature who are now deliberating on some of the issues identified by the advisory committee.

Among the reforms recommended by the committee are the following:

Michigan should take the first steps toward consolidating its elections system by limiting regularly scheduled and special elections, held on all levels of government, to four fixed dates in February, May, August and November.

Provide state funding for the establishment and implementation of a statewide voting system to reduce election costs, ballot printing errors, facilitate voter instruction programs and eliminate the need for voters who move to become acquainted with different voting systems. In the absence of such a sweeping transition, the committee recommends legislation that will promote the uniformity of voting

Ine change would allow local candidates to file a fee instead of petitions.

systems within counties.

In response to a petition system that is not fully consistent, the committee offered its most comprehensive list of recommendations designed to eliminate anomalies in the petition requirements and correct current inequities by:

- Basing signature requirements on graduated

scales tied to total population.

- Extending partisan and nonpartisan candidates the opportunity to file a non-refundable fee in lieu of a petition in all races except for governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative or Court of Appeals

- Giving all candidates the option of using a countywide nominating petition form and county-

wide qualifying form to any candidate who wants to use them as a convenience.

 Mandating the use of uniform petition signature validity standards.

- Moving the filing deadline to the 14th Tuesday prior to the primary to allow an additional week for challenging petitions and another week for processing those challenges.

- Providing a statutory provision that clearly specifies the residency requirements a candidate must meet to qualify for the ballot.

To promote the consistent and efficient handling of functions handled by canvassing boards, the committee is calling for a change in law to clearly delineate the canvassing functions that must be handled by the county clerk's staff and those handled by county canvassing board members.

Eliminating restrictions on who can vote by

absentee ballot.

A limited vote-by-mail program should be implemented, but restricted to the county, city, township and village level with oversight by the Bureau of Elections to assess its impact on cost, voter fraud and voter participation.

The Special Advisory Committee on Elections was chaired by Ottawa County Clerk Dan Krueger and included committee vice-chair and former state elections director Bernard Apol, State Representative Bob Brackenridge, Farmington Hills City Clerk Kathy Doman, Marquette City Clerk Norm Gruber, Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter, Jackson County Clerk Mickey Mortimer, Macomb County Clerk Carmella Sabaugh, Kalamazoo County Clerk Tim Snow, and Meridian Township Clerk Virginia White. The committee was supported in its efforts by State Elections Director Christopher Thomas and



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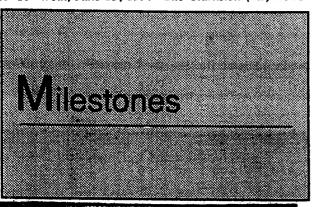
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Leach-Clark

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Teague of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Craig Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark of Pontiac. The bride-to-be is a 1994 Clarkston High School graduate and attends Oakland Community College part-time. She works in the imagining department for Flagstar Bank in Bloomfield Hills. The prospective groom is employed by the Atlas grocery store in Pontiac and works in the produce department. An August 1997 wedding is planned at First Congregational Church of Clarkston.

McKeever honored by ABWA

Barbara McKeever will be honored July 22 by the American Business Women's Association, Inde-Spring Charter Chapter, for her 14 years of dedication to ABWA.

During that time, she held every office more than once and chaired many events, according to ABWA chapter president Karen Thibodeau. "Her leadership and commitment have helped the Inde-Spring Chapter enjoy the success it has earned since 1979," Thibodeau said.

McKeever was employed by Waterford Schools for 14 years before her recent retirement. She and her husband plan to move to Arizona in August.

A celebration will be held July 22 at 6 p.m. at Silver Lake Golf Course on Walton Blvd. in Waterford. Dinner is \$12; RSVP by calling Ellen Warden at 673-0909 by July 17. For more information call Ginny Beardsley at 620-2956, Ruth Legault at 628-7112, Toni Miller at 623-0438 or Thibodeau at 666-1894.



● The 17th annual Pontiac St. Frederick's memorial mass and all-class reunion will be held September 14. Mass begins at 11:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul church on Wide Track Dr. Lunch will follow at the Waterford Elks Club on Scott Lake Rd. Tickets are available at the Madonna Shop in Pontiac (681-3964) or by calling Marilyn Williams at 682-6069. RSVP by Sept. 3.

● The Clarkston High School Class of 1982 will be celebrating its 15-year reunion Saturday, July 15 at the Waterford Concorde Inn. Invitations have been mailed but about 45 classmembers have not been located. If you or someone you know has not received an invitation, call Karin at 620-0796 to get your address in the data base, whether you plan to attend or not.



● Marine Sgt. Simon Garcia recently was promoted to that rank while serving with Marine Attack Squadron 223, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC. He was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. A 1992 graduate of Lake Orion High School, he is the nephew of Lorenzo Rivera of Clarkston.

Russel Vernan, son of Kay Workman of Waterford and Robert Vernan of Clarkston, enlisted in the Air Force May 28, 1997. He will attend basic training in San Antonio, TX, then receive technical training as a cryptologic linguist apprentice. He is a 1995 graduate of Kettering High School.

Air National Guard Airman Larry Loree Jr. has graduated from the chaplain service support apprentice course at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. His wife, Teresa, is the daughter of Robert and Marjorie Brownell of Clarkston.

◆ Army Pvt. April D. Wolfenbarger graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, Tex. During the six weeks of training, she studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and she received special training in human relations. Airmen who complete this training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

April is the daughter of Peggy S. Wolfenbarger of Clarkston and Herbert L. Wolfenbarger Jr. of Pontiac. She is a 1996 graduate of Waterford Mott High School.



It's a boy for Steve and Nancy (Weir) Luchenbach of Waterford. Andrew Steven Luchenbach was born May 20, 1997 at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland at 12:43 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.



Grandparents are Larry and Shirley Weir of Waterford and Mike and Carole Luchenbach of Clarkston.

● Kevin Kopec, Meghan Sitar and Mindi Thompson, all of Clarkston, are among prospective freshmen selected to receive academic scholarships from Western Michigan University. Kopec has been

selected for the University Excellence Award, worth \$8,000; Sitar and Thompson for WMU Academic

Scholarships, worth \$4,800.

● Dona Distel, Tara Green, Christel Nash and Julie Romzek, all of Clarkston, have been awarded \$1,500 merit scholarships from Oakland Community College for the 1997-98 school year.

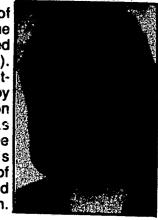


Oakley-Callan

Jan and Steve Oakley of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenelle Kristen, to Anthony Lee Callan, son of Robert and Carol Callan of Traverse City. The bride-to-be will graduate from Central Michigan University in December with a BSBA in management. She is employed as an assistant manager for Hit or Miss in Clarkston. The prospective groom received a BS in geology and earth science from CMU and is employed as assistant manager at Budget Rent-a-Car in Traverse City. A March 14, 1998 wedding is planned at Clarkston Community Church of God.



Nicola Pavelka, RN of Clarkston has earned the designation of Certified Case Manager (CCM). She is director of the Flint-based Physical Therapy Dynamics, a rehabilitation clinic. The CCM was issued by Learning Tree University, which is approved by the Board of Registered Nursing and the US Dept. of Education.



● Marty Nowak of Coldwell Banker Professionals of Clarkston has been chosen as a member of the company's Sterling Society, an honor bestowed upon the top 20 percent of sales associates in firm. Nowak received the award at the company's International Business Conference in Dallas.

Nowak has been a licensed Realtor since 1976. He is a director with the North Oakland Board of Realtors.

● Siglinde Miotke has joined the Coldwell Banker Professionals as a full-time sales associate. She has four years experience in residential real estate and has earned the designation of million dollar producer for 1996. She also recently completed relocation specialist courses.

Miotke, who lives in Ortonville, is a board member of Habitat for Humanity of North Oakland County. Call her at 625-1000.

Larry J. Baylis, president of the M-15 Family Medical Center in Clarkston, was recently named to the Oakland University Alumni Board of Directors.



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Save a life--learn to swi

In an effort to reduce the number of drownings and water-related injuries and save lives this summer, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross strongly urges people to learn to swim and to be safe in, on and around the water when in home pools, at the lake, or enjoying a multitude of water sports.

Drowning is the second leading cause of death from unintentional injuries for youth aged 5-24, according to the National Safety Council's 1996

Accident Facts Report.

"Lives can be saved this summer if people learn to swim, use caution in, on and around the water and learn how to perform CPR if an emergency does occur," says Kevin Killeen, director of Emergency Prevention Education for the chapter.

Urging people to learn water safety is part of the Red Cross launch of "Save-A-Life Summer." This initiative is designed to reach out to families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties with important messages about saving lives through learning how to perform CPR and first aid, how to be safe in the water and other lifesaving information.

American Red Cross "Water Safety Tips" highlight the need to know your swimming limits, how to avoid a back and neck injury when diving into the water, and signs to look for indicating an emergency.

Drownings can occur in home pools, community pools, lakes, water parks, bathtubs or even large buckets. "People need to know the dangers involved in aquatic environments and how to prevent emergencies and handle an emergency should one arise," Killeen adds.

To enroll in a learn to swim class or to improve your swimming ability, contact the Southeastern Michigan Chapter at (313) 546-4101.

Water Safety Tips to Live By

· Always swim with a buddy; never swim alone. · Know your swimming limits and stay within them. Don't try to keep up with a stronger skilled swimmer or encourage others to keep up with you. Keep an eye on weaker swimmers—if they appear tired, encourage them to rest on land.

· Alcohol and swimming don't mix. Alcohol impairs your judgement, balance and coordination. It affects your swimming and diving skills and reduces

your body's ability to stay warm.

 Obey "No Diving" signs which indicate the area is in safe for headfirst entries. Enter feet first into water rather than headfirst if you don't know the depth. In addition, learn from a qualified instructor the correct

· Watch out for the "dangerous too's" — too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.

· Swim in supervised areas only.

· Do not chew gum or eat while you swim; you could easily choke.

• Use common sense about swimming after eating. In general, you do not have to wait an hour after eating before you may safely swim. However, if you have had a large meal, it is wise to let digestion get started before doing strenuous activity such as

 Always wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating and fishing.

 Know local weather conditions and prepare for electrical storms. Because water conducts electricity, it is wise to stop swimming or boating as soon as you see or hear a storm.

 Know how to prevent, recognize and respond to emergencies. Remember CHECK-CALL-CARE:

CHECK the scene to ensure it's safe and CHECK the victim, CALL 9-1-1, and CARE for the person until help arrives.

In the event of a drowning

• Remove the victim from the water, have someone call 911 or your local emergency number.

Check consciousness and breathing.

 If not breathing, open the airway and attempt rescue breathing. If breaths do not go in, re-tilt the head and attempt rescue breathing again.

· If air still does not go in, give abdominal thrusts (Heimlich maneuver) for children and adults to clear the airway.

 Once the airway is clear, provide rescue breathing or CPR as needed.

Youth Assistance wins grant

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeastern Michigan has awarded a \$1,500 grant to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance to send needy kids to summer

Ten local low-income children will spend a week at Camp Wathana in Holly thanks to the grant.

Youth Assistance is an arm of Oakland County Probate Court working locally with a social worker and a committee of volunteers to strengthen youth and their families by preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, child neglect and child abuse through community involvement.

"To help our young people now is to help mold the future of our community later," said Marian Emery, chairman of the board of CAYA.

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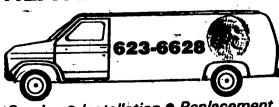
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A lone guard defends a building in the village.

Chris Geregyk (left) and Eric Kozuch lay low for an ambush.

Paint ball offers fast and furious battle action

BY PHIL STAYHUE Oxford Leader Staff Writer

At first glance, the scene appears like an homage to the World War II films of legend, with a motley group of G.I.s advancing on an unknown enemy position.

A group of drab figures march in a ragged line along a forest trail, trading worried looks. The enemy is indeed out there, but location is a mystery.

Suddenly, from far off to the right, a lone shot

"Hit!"

No attention is given to the wounded man, however. Instead, a mad dash is underway by every soldier on the field to find cover.

A massive firefight quickly follows, with a blur of shots ripping through the trees as soldiers fight for position.

As for the wounded man, he places a brightly colored barrel plug in his gun barrel, and forlornly leaves the field of battle.

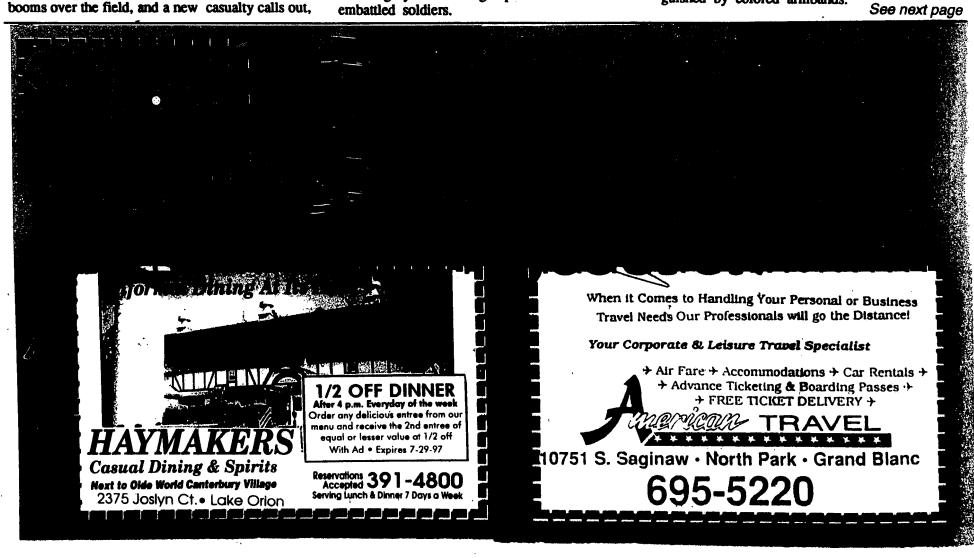
Here the comparisons to a vintage war movie end. No black and white or Technicolor here; instead, a vivid array of woodland, tigerstripe, and urban gray camouflage patterns conceal the embattled soldiers The sport is called paintball, and the battles are waged weekly just north of Oxford, at Lone Wolf Paintball.

The field sits directly behind the Cascaddan Lounge on Lapeer Road (M-24), just south of Dryden Road.

"Paintball is a stress-relieving, highly adrenaline pumping sport," said Ron Hopp, co-owner of Lone Wolf Paintball.

Featuring rolling hills, heavy tree cover, a river, bunkers, trenches, and a small village, the field covers roughly 40 acres.

Paintball players split into two teams, distinguished by colored armbands.



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A normal game goal is to capture and move a flag to another position on the field, while removing enemy players.

Participants are out of the game when a paintball, about the size of a bath bead, hits and breaks. Hits below the player's neck or on the player's gun are ruled as kills by referees on the field.

Players tote .68 caliber guns using compressed carbon dioxide or nitrogen, firing paint-filled gelatin capsules in an effort to eliminate the opposition.

All players are required to wear masks. Gun speed is checked often as players enter the field, to guarantee safe play.

Maximum gun speed at the field is 300 feet per

second.

"We are a player-oriented field, where safety and fair play is stressed; safety is the number one rule," Ron Hopp said.

The history of paintball is elusive, with many players offering different stories. One tale has the sport beginning with ranchers needing a way to mark cattle, while another rumor mentions ranchers needing a method to mark trees for cutting.

In any event, an enterprising person suggested turning the guns against his friends, and the rest is

Paintball is now a fast-growing sport all over the world, and tournament games are televised on ESPN. Ron Hopp said.

Size, shape, and gender aren't important on the field, with a variety of players contributing to the team efforts.

"You don't have to be a six-foot-four basketball star or a track athlete to excel at the game," said Ken Hopp, co-owner of the field.

Rental equipment is available at Lone Wolf Paintball, or players can use their own approved equipment. Paintballs must be purchased at the field, however.

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DDA extended to widen White Lake Rd.

Road commission kicks in \$200,000 for million-dollar project

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE Clarkston News Staff Writer

Like the Energizer Rabbit, the DDA keeps going ... and going ... and going.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees narrowly approved an amendment, 4-3, to extend its existing Downtown Development Authority another three years at the June 17 board meeting. The action targeted the money solely for completing a three-lanewidening project on White Lake Rd. that will add a left-turn lane from Andersonville Rd. all the way to Dixie Highway.

Clerk Joan McCrary and trustees Dan Travis, Jeff McGee and Larry Rosso voted in favor of the amendment, while supervisor Dale Stuart, treasurer Jim Wenger and trustee Neil Wallace voted against it.

Since correcting a million-dollar mistake, where the township collected 10-years worth of tax revenue from several entities for only a nine-year capturing period, the board has been pondering whether it should extend or end its DDA plan.

Disagreement has centered over the fact that a whopping 55 percent of that revenue now comes from the township's own police, fire, library and safety path funds, while the remaining 45 percent is captured from Oakland County and Oakland Community College tax revenues. The DDA lost significant funding from several area schools due to Proposal A.

Though various White Lake Rd. projects were recommended by the DDA board at a previous meeting, the board of trustees bucked a previous \$2.4 five-year extension plan Tuesday in favor of a more-stringent three years to complete the road-widening project only.

Currently under construction, White Lake is being widened from two to three lanes from Mustang to Andersonville roads. That portion, funded by a federal grant, is being realigned with Nelsey Rd. to make the area safer, said Stuart, referring to a significant carcrash record at the former White Lake-Andersonville road intersection.

The estimated \$1.4 million of tax revenues to be captured through the extended plan will complete the road widening from two to three lanes from Mustang east to North Crest Condos, just west of the White Lake Commons (Farmer Jack) shopping center.

he pie has been slightly sweetened by the road commission's \$200,00 gesture.

Trustee Jeff McGee

With the amendment, the township would be eligible for a timely \$200,000 pledge from the Road Commission for Oakland County to complete the road widening, OCRC vice chairman Rudy Lozano told board members before the motion was made.

He said the township would be "silly" to turn down such an opportunity for county-maintained White Lake Rd., with the possibility of a Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital facility being built on the northwest comer of White Lake and Dixie. He also referred to coming industrial development and increased traffic, other factors which will soon turn itintoa major corridor.

"Once we open up that total White Lake corridor and bring it down to Andersonville, I'm going to show you traffic you wouldn't believe. You think Dixie Highway is bad," said Lozano, who is also a township resident. With the "unlikelihood of future federal grants ... we won't live long enough to find the additional funding to complete that project," he added.

Asked Monday why the RCOC is kicking in the pledge, Lozano said there is no more federal funding to complete the project. The road commission originally hoped to have the lanes widened from two to three along the whole corridor, but the grant only took care of Mustang to Andersonville. He believes White Lake Rd. "is going to be a definite safety issue." Lozano says he has the project "on the fast track" and expects construction to begin and be completed in 1998.

Out of the road commission's contribution, an estimated \$80,000 will go toward paving, with the remaining \$120,000 used for engineering costs.

Wallace has been urging the board to end the DDA because he wants to see other "priorities" like police and library addressed. The amount of revenue those township funds and others have to kick in has increased because of the lost DDA school revenue.

"Now we have to put back 55 (percent) to get 45 (percent)," he said.

"It's not going to get any better than that," said

The DDA board recently recommended extending the DDA plan, and some members were sitting in the audience at the board meeting. Member Forrest Milzow supported the road commission offer. "We're just throwing away five-hundred-thousand bucks. As a business person, I would think that's a pretty good deal," he said.

But Wallace reminded the board the DDA was established for overall road-related improvements like streetlighting and safety paths. "The DDA is not a substitute for a road program," he said.

An earlier motion made by Wallace to not amend the DDA died for lack of support.

McCrary called the RCOC contribution "a golden opportunity ... "We will be so sorry when, in three years, we'll see this gridlock, and then we'll have to start this engineering." Extending the DDA and taking advantage of the road commission's offer is "not a cure" to solve the project's funding woes, "but it relieves," she said.

Before casting his vote in favor of the extension, McGee admitted the township was "at a crossroads" and reiterated various arguments for and against extending the DDA. But, he ageed, "The pie has been slightly sweetened by the road commission's \$200,000 gesture."

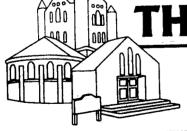
After the meeting DDA chairman Dick Ayers said he was happy about the road-widening, a top priority on his board's recommendation list. "The (township) board has given us the three years and funds to do that," he said.



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Library gets funds thanks to census grant

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dark and it could come in at a much lower number," he said of the \$135,000 figure.

While trustee Larry Rosso supported Stuart's recommendation, he referred to the expanded hours as "a baby first step. But it's a necessary step. You gotta get this library open."

Stuart said restoring the hours is top priority. Other library-related issues will be discussed at a future date, he said, indicating his recommendation isn't carved in stone. The expansion means Saturday library hours will increase from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to 10 a.m.-5 p.m. year round, according to Lynch's proposal.

Stuart feels the City of Clarkston should share in library funding and plans to write a letter to Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo. "We're providing all of the dedicated millage. And we have yet to see a contribution from them." he said.

On Monday Lynch said the library looks at "a balanced approach" when dealing with the two major issues — the lack of convenient hours and the need for more materials.

"It's a question of chicken or egg, quality versus quantity," she said. "Believe me, I want to expand the hours but I'm not happy with people leaving with their requests unfulfilled ... 'Cause it really doesn't do any good if you come in and you can't find what you're looking for."

According to Lynch, the state average for materials is 2.8 items per capita. "And we have half of that, 1.4. Basically we don't have the selection, the depth." It's hard to keep up with technology and other areas, like science and computers, she admits. "It really stretches the budget."

But, she added, "I'm really glad (the township) contributed that amount of money. We're thrilled they had the opportunity to help us."

In other board action:

● The board unanimously approved a \$37,000 bid for underground storage tank repairs at Fire Station 2 at Sashabaw and Clarkston roads. According to acting fire marshall Greg Olrich, thelaws have changed to improve leak detection.

Birtsas strikes out with city council

From page 5A stated.

The property, a .82 acre lot along M-15, is the last buildable parcel of less than an acre in the city limits. Birtsas made his first pitch to the council in January to request the rezoning because his condo project doesn't conform to a single family zoning, which is what the lot currently allows.

McKenna and Associates, the city's planning firm, recommended to the planning commission that it turn down his request for, among other reasons, it's inconsistency with the intent of a proposed new master plan the planner and city have been hashing out the last few months. This despite the fact Birtsas' request went before the council before the plan was proposed.

But then the planning commission voted to recommend approval of the Birtsas project to the city council in April. He then had to stand in the on deck circle for two more city meetings while the council made up its mind.

At the June 10 council meeting, Birtsas presented 16 reasons why the council should approve the rezoning, which would pave the way for his project. The subcommittee gave responses to each of those reasons in its report.

Birtsas' first reason was the planning commission's approval, a sure home run in Birtsas' favor. The report countered that point by stating "In later unofficial action, the planning commission was reconsidering this action."

When asked what unofficial action meant, the subcommittee members threw a curveball.

"I think it was just based on rumors and innuendo," Savage said.

"At later meetings, they were talking like they wouldn't have voted that way again," Gamble said. "I think they took a straw vote on it again."

Another reason for the denial was the discovery of a city master plan that was approved back in 1978. No one on the council had knowledge such a plan existed until the subcommittee did its research. It turns out the

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plan was first discussed by city government officials in 1973, with a formal plan adopted by the planning commission in 1978. In the 19 years since, only three changes have been made from that Vilican-Leman plan. The Birtsas parcel is zoned single family residential in that 19-year-old plan.

When Birtsas wound up and made his June 10 pitch, one of his points was that no master plan existed for the city. A premise for the city's proposed master plan all along was that it never had one to start with. Apparently, it already has one.

"We believed that plan was adopted by the city council," Catallo said. "But we couldn't find a mention of it in any minutes. Then, we looked in past planning commission minutes and there it was."

Catallo said the planning commission formally adopted the 1978 master plan.

Birtsas said his next course of action might be to go to the zoning board of appeals for one more at bat. In other business:

 The council got all its financial matters in place for the 1997-98 fiscal year Monday by approving the new budget, salaries for officials and the millage

The budget was approved at \$784,246. This figure includes a \$250,000 cash reserve the city has.

The millage rate was also approved at 12.1 mills. This is unchanged from the 1996-97 rate. The rate is divided into 6.15 in the July and December tax bills.

Each public offical received a 3 percent raise. standard among state government officials this year, according to city manager Art Pappas Each planning commission member will get \$15 per meeting, with the secretary and chairman to get \$25 oer meeting. A total of \$1,255 was approved for planning commission salaries. A total of \$6,400 was approved for city council salaries for the coming year.







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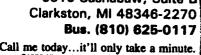
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All meetings are held 7-8 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg and require at least five participants. Registration at least a week in advance is requested.

The schedule is as follows:

July 10: "Teen dating violence," for ages 13 and up with speaker Randee Carp, MSW.

July 17: "Teen suicide prevention," for ages 13 and up, with Carp and Samantha Savas, MSW. Teens are invited to a 7-8 p.m. session entitled "Keeping secrets." Adults are invited to an 8-9 p.m. session entitled "Not in my family."

August 7: "Face to face crisis intervention," with speaker Ismail Sendi, MD, MS: Open to adults.

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● "Sonrise Balloon Adventure - A High-Flying Adventure in Faith" is the theme of the vacation Bible school hosted by the First Congregational Church in Clarkston. The school runs Aug. 3-7 from 6-8:30 p.mr. each day. For more information, call 394-0200.

 A new support group for adult children of aging parents will meet, beginning this month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass, Clarkston. The free group will meet 7:30-9 p.m. and will offer speakers approximately once a month. For more information call 625-4051.

 Bobby Michael will bring his ministry experience to Clarkston's Depot Park July 13 at 6 p.m. His concert is sponsored by the Waterford Community Church. In the event if rain, the event will take place at the church.

■ The Summer Tyme Art & Craft Show will hit downtown Holly the weekend of July 26-27. Many wood-crafted accessories for the home and lawn will be on display, including dolls, wall hangings, pillows and paintings. Proceeds will go to the Holly Chamber of Commerce.

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County is looking for foster parents in the tri-county Detroit area. Foster families must be strong and dedicated to the child's well-being. Anyone interested in being a foster family should call the CSSOC at 248-333-3700,

Learn how you can help to protect the area's wetlands by attending a wetlands protection training session from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Saturday at the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford. Bill Collins, a wetlands consultant, will show things people can do to help preserve the wetlands. The session is free and open to the public.

 In the mood for outdoor musical entertainment? Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus is presenting summer concerts on the lawn with six dates in July and August. The free performances start July 8 with Robert Noll and Bluesday. All contents will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Waterford campus at 360-3186.

Blood bank scheduled

A Red Cross bloodmobile will visit the American Legion Hall on Mary Sue in Clarkston July 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome but for an appointment call 674-1253.

2 students to study abroad

Two Clarkston High School students will be spending some time abroad this year through the Youth For Understanding International Exchange organization.

Courtney Bates, who will be a sophomore at CHS this fall, is spending the summer in Japan as part of YFU's Japan-America Friendship Scholars Program. Funding for the program comes from the Japanese Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, the United States Information Agency and others. It requires students to have had at least one year of Japanese before they go and a 3.0 grade point average. Finalists were selected on the basis of written essays, teacher recommendations and personal interviews.

Courtney is the daughter of Susan Bates of Clarkston.

In addition, Sarah Butzine will be travelling to Freising, Germany (in the former West Germany) for the coming academic year through YFU: A junior, she is the daughter of Jim and Sherry Butzine of Clarkston.

Sarah will leave in July and return next June. An avid writer, she is planning to write a regular column about her adventure for The Clarkston News.

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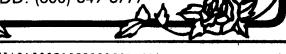
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SUNDAY, JUNE 15, larceny from a vehicle on Andersonville. A portable CD player, valued at \$125, a purse with \$200 in cash, 20 CDs and a credit card were stolen from a 1994 Honda four door.'A window was smashed to gain access.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, larceny from a car on Foy. Tools, darts, cassette tapes, sunglasses and earrings were taken from a locked 1969 Chevy.

Malicious destruction of property on Ranch Rd. Two Chevy pickups were driving across new greens at a golf course. The manager asked that the area be patrolled more carefully by deputies.

A 1996 Chevy Monte Carlo was scratched and walked over when parked at Pine Knob.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, suspicious behavior on Gulfview. The resident spotted a middle-aged woman coming out of a truck and approaching the house with what appeared to be a camera in her hand. The woman then left and was not spotted again.

Trespassing on Maybee.

Larceny from two vehicles on Sheffield. A 1997 Dodge Ram truck had a \$250 cellphone, a pager and a \$100 pair of sunglasses taken from it. It was unlocked and parked in the driveway. Then, a 1997 Aurora had a pager and a briefcase taken from it. This car was also unlocked and parked in the driveway.

Larceny from a vehicle on Maybee. Fifty dollars in cash, credit cards and a \$350 cellphone were taken.

Larceny from a vehicle on Adderstone. A \$200 cellphone was taken from an unlocked 1989 Honda.

Larceny from a vehicle on Sylvan View. A \$350 cellphone was taken from a 1986 Dodge Daytona.

Tools worth \$4,500 were taken from Cranberry Ct.

Larceny of a case of beer from a Sashabaw

A Clarkston boy was ticketed for possession of marijuana at Sashabaw Plains Park. A deputy pulled up and smelled marijuana. Pipes, scales and a baggie full of marijuana were found.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18, a 25-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for possession of marijuana and intent to distribute on Pine Ridge. As a deputy approached a 1978 tan Chevy van, he smelled burning intoxicants and burning marujuana. A search of the

vehicle yielded 4 oz. of marijuana, scales and \$400 in cash. The man was taken to Oakland County Jail and the vehicle was impounded.

Assault and battery on White Lake Road. There was a pushing match and a Clarkston man was threatened with a screwdriver.

Larceny from a vehicle on Sashabaw. A \$300 cellphone and \$200 in cash were taken from a locked

1995 Saturn. The window was smashed to gain access. Larceny of a license plate on Mann off a 1995 Saturn.

A 27-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on a felony outstanding warrant on Clintonville. He was wanted for assault and battery with a hockey stick. He was taken to the Oakland County Jail without incident.

Larceny of scaffolding on Fenwich.

An OUIL arrest was made on Maybee. A Clarkston man in a 1993 Ford was going 67 mph in a 45mph zone. He failed sobriety tests and was taken to the Oakland County Jail.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, domestic assault and battery on Sashabaw. A 19-year-old Waterford woman said she was grabbed and choked by her 58-year-old uncle, also from Waterford. The woman alleged assaults at her uncle's hands had happened before, but she never reported it. There was a visible bruise on her wrist where she said he grabbed her.

Larceny from a vehicle on Ancroft. A Chevy Corsica had a cellphone taken from a glovebox. The car was unlocked.

Credit card fraud on Snowapple. A 32-year-old Clarkston woman said a Marathon gas card was opened in her name with her Social Security number in 1994, with a Detroit address listed. She did not know the card was opened.

Failure to pay for gas on Dixie.

A 1990 Chevy Astro van that had been stolen was recovered on Blue Spruce.

Family trouble on Oak Park. A man and a woman were reported to be arguing over her flirtatious behav-

Failure to pay for \$15.01 of gas on Sashabaw. The driver of a 1991 Jeep Wranger said he simply forgot to pay. He returned to the station and paid.

Illegal dumping at a Sashabaw business. A store owner found six 55-gallon drums with stickers that read "non-hazardous waste," next to her garbage dump. The substance appeared to be contaminated soil.

FRIDAY JUNE 20, a 21-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Deputies responded to a woman screaming at a cemetery on Big Lake. She told police that she and the Clarkston man were having sex and "got a little carried away." A computer check of the man's license revealed warrants for contempt of court stemming from a criminal

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charge of domestic abuse in Eastpointe.

Larceny of \$100 cash on Clintonville.

Larceny from a vehicle at Clarkston Creek. A cellphone was taken from a Ford Explorer parked in the parking lot.

Larceny of a \$400 trolling motor on Parview. The item was taken from a locked storage shed.

Larceny of jewelry on Boyne Highland Trail. An antique wedding ring worth \$2,000 and another ring worth \$1,000 was taken from a house.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, failure to pay for a taxi on Drayton. The fare came to \$78.

A 1996 Ford Mustang was stolen on Lancaster. The car was parked in an apartment building lot there when it was last seen.

A domestic assault and arrest on S. River. A Clarkston man was arrested for pushing his wife out of the house. She told deputies there had been assaults in the past.

A 1979 Trans Am was stolen from a storage area. A South Bend, Ind. man said a friend was watching over the car until he passed away in May. The man called his friend's daughter, who said the car had been towed away and chopped up by the state police in Pontiac. The investigation is open.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, larceny from a vehicle on Campfire Circle. A cellphone and golf clubs were taken from a locked 1996 Chevy Blazer.

Larceny of a \$50 gas grill on Upland.

Malicious destruction of a vehicle on Pine Knob Lane. A 1985 Mercedes was keyed and had a tire slashed while parked in the VIP section at Pine Knob.

A \$500 cellphone and battery were taken from a 1994 Plymouth on Berwick.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, stalking on Parview.

A 1989 Chevy pickup truck caught fire on Meadowbrook.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, medical on Guyette,

Keys locked in a vehicle on Deer Park Trail. THURSDAY, JUNE 19, smoke investigation on Maybee.

Medical on Tuscon. Smoke investigation on Sashabaw. Injury accident on Sashabaw.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, Down power wires on Old Cove.

Medical on W. Harvard. Personal injury accident on Maybee. Injury accident on Dixie. Medical on M-15. Injury accident on I-75 at Sashabaw. Injured ballplayer at Clintonwood Park. SATURDAY, JUNE 21, medical on Lake

Injury accident on Dixie. Medical at Dixie and I-75. Slip and fall at Cickadee Ct. Downed power wires at Waterford Hill. SUNDAY, JUNE 22, injury accident on Dixie.

A 36-year-old male sustained a possible broken collarbone when he crashed while bicycling. He was transported to Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills. Complaint on Princeton.



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A car/ tree crash on Clarkston Rd. A 19-year-old male sustained minor injuries and was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy - Oakland Hospital for further evalu-

Car fire on Meadowbrook Ct.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, a 39-year-old Clarkston man was arrested for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released.

School budget tops \$44 million

New administrators named for Sashabaw Middle School

From page 1A

fund balance of \$3.7 million is "near average for school districts across the state."

In other action

 A new administrative team was hired for Sashabaw Middle School. John Diliegghio is the new principal, and Charles Rowland is the new assistant principal. In addition, 11 new teachers were hired to fill vacancies or meet new enrollment levels.

Deputy superintendent Dr. Mike LaBay also said former SMS assistant principal Mike Krystyniak will become an assistant principal at the high school, replacing Melissa Kentner White, who is returning voluntarily to the classroom.

 The board approved a part-time contract for Duane Lewis, who has retired from full-time duties as assistant superintendent. Lewis will average 20 hours a week, as allowed under his state retirement plan, at a rate of \$40 an hour. Salary will be negotiated annually. Lewis' title becomes Director of Professional Personnel Services.

The board approved the low bid of \$23,772 of Bowman Chevrolet for a three-fourth ton pick-up truck. Funding comes from the maintenance budget, where it was already budgeted.

 Non-union employees will receive a 2.38 percent pay increase for 1997-98, thanks to unanimous board action (treasurer Kurt Shanks was absent). The raise matches that received by the CLASP unit recently and is equal to the state foundation grant increase, Lewis said.

 Pay rates were increased for substitute teachers and substitute support staff. Support staff received a two-percent hike. Substitute teachers will receive a \$2 a day increase, putting them at the county average, Lewis said.

"Our primary reason for bringing this is to stay competitive in the job market, especially with substitutes," Lewis said. "We had a very difficult time at the high school in particular the last two years."



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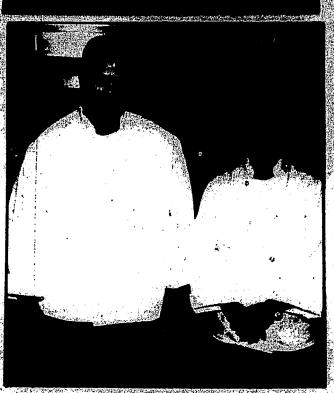
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Students in the Oakland Technical Center Northwest culinary program were instructed by two chels of the year this year, John McCormick and Deborah Trudeau.

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Two members of the culinary faculty at Oakland Technical Center Northwest have been honored as "Chef of the Year" by different organizations.

Chef Deborah Trudeau received the honor from the Flint-Saginaw Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. Chef John McCormick was similarly honored by the Michigan Chef de Cuisine Salon Professional Chef Association. Trudeau received her award in January; McCormick got his in April.

Both teach at the OTCNW on Big Lake Rd., where their students run the Northwest Inn, which is open to the public for lunch and several special events.

Students from a number of Oakland County high schools, including Clarkston, participate in a two-year program where they learn how to run a restaurant, including everything from food preparation to presentation, staffing and service. OTCNW is funded by Oakland Schools and managed by the Clarkston school district under principal Daniel Manthei.

"It's kind of cool," said Trudeau of the dual awards. "It's extremely rare; like lightning striking the same place twice," McCormick added.

Each chefhad to be nominated for the honor by his or her peers and the winner was selected by a vote of each professional organization involved. Some of the factors considered were community service and activity level within the organization. Both have served as officers within their respective organizations, Trudeau said.