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Fire damages Independence Twp. home

Fire starts in garage, spreads to home. 'Close the door behind you . . . any door will hold back the fire for quite a period of time.' -- Fire Marshal Olrich

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A gas fire caused by leaking snowmobile fuel did significant damage to a home in Independence Township Sunday night.

According to police reports, a Wood Lane Drive resident was working on his snowmobile in the family garage, but didn't notice a leak in the fuel line to the carburetor. When he tried to start the motor, it back-fired and the gas ignited.

Efforts to smother the fire with an old pair of coveralls failed, as did using a garden hose. Because the man was worried about the fuel tank exploding, he evacuated his wife and two children before going next-door to a neighbor's at 8:34 p.m. to call 911.

The Independence Township Fire Department arrived seven minutes later, followed by an Oakland County Sheriff's Department officer, who stated he found the garage and an upstairs bedroom "engulfed in flames." It took about 10 minutes to get the fire under control, said township Fire Marshal Greg Olrich.

Olrich said the blaze caused an estimated \$50,000 worth of smoke and flame damage to the home. When the resident evacuated his family, he left the door between the garage and house open, and the fire raced upstairs.

The blaze could have been slowed down significantly if the door had been closed, Olrich said, adding that gas fires are "hot and fast."

"We always push, 'close the door behind you' and that's why," he said. "Any kind of door will hold back the fire for quite a period of time."

State building codes require homes built within the last 15 years to include a fire-rated wood or metal door between the garage and house, which can halt a fire for about 20 minutes, he said.

Another lesson to be learned is never try to extinguish a flammable-liquid fire with water. "That just spreads it," Olrich said.

People should make sure their homes are equipped with chemical or "ABC" extinguishers — multipurpose extinguishers that fight the full spectrum of wood, paper, flammable-liquid and electrical fires. They're available at your local hardware store.

However, Olrich said the man did the right thing to get his family out — even before the smoke alarms went off. "No one was injured," Olrich said.



Heavenly voices

Adle Verla, Kathy Kopec, Beth Rutherford and Jenny Murphy, of the Clarkston High School Bell Canto Choir, lead a crowd of about 200 in Christmas Carols Friday night at the Tree of Caring tree lighting ceremony in downtown Clarkston. The event raised about \$4,000 for Lighthouse Clarkston, including \$2,000 which was donated by the Clarkston Rotary Club. More photos on page 12.

Palace/Pine Knob offers challenge grant

\$90,000 possible for library books

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township residents have been presented with a new challenge: to beef up book collections at their local library.

At the Nov. 17 township board meeting, Palace Sports & Entertainment executive director Hugh Lombardi presented a "check" for \$30,000 — targeted to buy new books for the Independence Township Library. The giant cardboard rectangle represented a match offer from the Auburn Hills-based corporation that owns and operates Pine Knob Music Theatre off Sashabaw Road.

The board then voted unanimously to donate another \$30,000 to the pot from the township's general fund coffers. The "challenge grant" means for every \$1 contributed by residents, \$2 will come from the Pine Knob fund, township supervisor Dale Stuart said.

Stuart suggested the opportunity be available through the year 2000, giving residents three full years to contribute and receive tax breaks.

"So, to the community, we have \$60,000 waiting to match your money," Stuart said. "If you give us a dollar, we'll put \$2 with it and buy books for the library to increase the library collection." The effort has the ability to reach \$90,000, he said.

Trustee Neil Wallace wanted to "say thanks" for

the Pine Knob contribution. "This is really special and it shows their dedication to the community," he said.

Township library director Mollie Lynch called the contribution "fabulous. It'll make a major impact on our collection," she said. Lynch estimates the full \$90,000 will buy 4,000 new books.

The library won't have to wait until all the money is collected. "We will be able to spend it as it comes in," she added.

Lynch said the money would most likely buy "a little bit of everything. Our youth area needs some work, both in fiction and non-fiction. (But) given that much money, we'll use it for all the general areas."

Last Wednesday, Lynch said the library had already received \$6,000: a combination of private donors and a sizable contribution (\$5,000) from Friends of the Library, a volunteer group that helps fund-raise and promote library activities. "We're about one-fifth of the way there," she said.

This year's library budget is estimated to be \$134,000, enough to buy approximately 5,000 new books. An average book costs about \$20, but some, like reference, business and certain kinds of non-fiction, cost more, Lynch said.

The Independence library is under-capacity when

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The News in Brief

Annual Band Boosters craft show in new location

The Clarkston Band Boosters will host their 20th annual antique and craft show on December 5 at a new location. The event has been moved to Springfield Oaks exclusively for this year. Springfield Oaks is located at 12451 Andersonville Road and is the home of the Oakland County 4-H Fair and Hot Air Balloon Festival.

Hopeful antique collectors will be able to bring one item for a free appraisal. In addition there will be crafters, antique dealers, raffles, baked goods and other foods for the enjoyment of all.

Times for the show are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa Claus is expected to arrive around 1 p.m. for pictures and presents for the children.

Parking is free, but there will be a general admission fee of \$2 dollars to help support the band.

For information or to reserve space call Marla McKee (248) 625-7067 or Sue Deevey (248) 625-8052.

Clarkston News a drop-off site for Lighthouse Clarkston donations

Non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys to be donated for Lighthouse Clarkston Christmas baskets may be dropped off at The Clarkston News office, 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through December 10.

All donations will be picked up from the News office Friday, December 11.

Girls AAU basketball tryouts coming up

The Clarkston Wolfpack girls AAU basketball team will conduct tryouts for interested players in grades five through eight on Sunday, December 6 at Clarkston Middle School, 6300 Church St., Clarkston.

The sessions run one hour each, and start with fifth graders at 1 p.m., sixth graders at 2 p.m., seventh graders at 3 p.m. and eighth graders at 4 p.m.

The tryout fee is \$10, and the season fee is \$250. For more information call Charlie Robinson at 625-9182.

Goodfellow newspaper sales this week

Read all about it! -- the Clarkston Rotary Club, that is. Rotary members will be selling copies of The Clarkston News in downtown Clarkston and at the corner of Dixie and Maybee Rd. Friday and Saturday beginning at daylight.

Additionally, members of Cub Scout Pack #314 and employees of Machine Engineering will help out with newspaper sales at Foodtown and Kroger.

Rotary raises about \$10,000 through the program which is used to purchase shoes and boots for the needy. Hats, gloves and scarves will be provided by members of two local churches.

Rotary member Don Ernst said this is the 58th year for the Goodfellows project. "It gives you a warm feeling to be helping folks out like this. We hope everyone will continue to be as generous as in the past."

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Interpreter brightens the holidays

Clarkston woman will sign Meadow Brook's 'A Christmas Carol' for the deaf

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A "cute boy" prompted Kim Willett to learn more about sign language.

When she was a teenager her church started a "deaf ministry" for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, and a young couple attended -- with a good-looking brother who was also deaf.

"At 18, God knew that was a major incentive for me. He said, 'I know how to hook the girl' and it worked," says the Clarkston resident with a laugh.

That inspiration -- which actually started much earlier, growing up with three deaf aunts and uncles -- led to a rewarding career. Willett, now 38, found she had not only an avid interest, but talent, and earned a bachelor's in sign language studies, graduating with honors from Madonna University in 1987.

Today, she's involved with the deaf community in numerous ways, including her work as a theater interpreter. On Dec. 22 she'll sign a performance of Meadow Brook Theatre's classic "A Christmas Carol." The production also includes special audio-interpreted dates for the sight-challenged.

The Oakland University-based theater is one of several that has enlisted the services of Willett, Dan McDougall and Michele Tocco. The three are members of "SignLines" an organization founded by Willett that provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting for several theaters across Southeastern Michigan.

They're under contract for seven Meadow Brook shows this season. After "Christmas Carol," four remain, including "Having Our Say" (Jan. 19), "A Gift of Glory" (Feb. 23), "Scotland Road" (March 24) and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (April 27). "They're very proactive for a theater group," says Willett of Meadow Brook.

The reason for interpreting shows for the deaf and sight-challenged is "to bring theater to more

Besides "Christmas Carol," SignLines will interpret several performances of "The Cricket in Times Square" for Wild Swan Theater, a professional children's theater touring group based in Ann Arbor. Several "Cricket" shows are planned for Henry Ford Museum (Greenfield Village) in Dearborn.

Past performances include shows for Michigan Opera Theatre, Attic Theatre, Masonic Temple, Towsley Auditorium in Ypsilanti and other venues. Musicals include "Rent," "Grease," "Phantom of the Opera," "Evita" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," starring Donny Osmond.

"Usually two of us do shows together," says Willett. "Except for 'Phantom.' We had three people which was a really neat experience. We divvied up the characters."

In theater, there are four different positions for interpreters: Placed, Zoned and Shadowed. "Placed" is off to the side; "Zoned" means on stage ("in the scene but you don't move") and "Shadowed" is where interpreters actually follow the actors around.

"Shadowing is the ideal," says Willett. "Then the deaf people follow the sight lines of the hearing people. They don't have to look back and forth (from actor to interpreter)."

Upcoming theater dates can be accessed through SignLines' web site: <http://dmcDougall.com/terptheatre/>. Their phone number is (248) 674-5018 V/TTY.

SignLines also offers sign language classes, life skills training for the deaf and hard-of-hearing and other services. Add workshops, free-lance interpreting and other activities -- and it's a wonder Willett has time for her family, which includes her husband Scott and two children, Madison, 2, and Nikole, 7, a second-grader at North Sashabaw Elementary. Her parents live with them as well.

Willett met the other "cute" guy at Madonna, where she also worked as an interpreter coordinator. A hard-of-hearing student, Scott needed a "notetaker."

"I kept coming in and talking to her," says Scott, a former interpreter for Brighton schools. "We met in

January and married in September."

"That was 10 years ago and two kids," adds Kim.

Both work as sign language narrators for the auto show circuit, touring with Pontiac Division's General Motors Corporation. They'll be at Detroit's North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall Jan. 9-18.

"Pontiac GMC is the only car company to provide interpreters for car shows," says Willett, praising the corporation. "They've made a six-year commitment."

Willett says the deaf don't like the words hearing-impaired and handicapped. "They say, 'I can work, I can do this, I just can't hear.' There are deaf lawyers, deaf pilots -- believe it or not -- and deaf engineers. They hear with their hands and their eyes."

Ironically, she just finished a performance of "The Miracle Worker" at Meadow Brook. The play chronicles the early life of Helen Keller, who could neither hear nor see.

"The whole thing says a lot. She didn't want people to pity her because pity causes a lot of 'handicapped' in itself. Deaf people don't want to be pitied. They want equal access to all things too ...

"God shows His wonder through disabilities," adds Willett with a smile. "And Helen Keller became this wonderful, fabulous person."



At right, Kim Willett interprets a performance with her partner Dan McDougall. Below, Scott, Kim and Madison Willett demonstrate some sign language.



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Kim Willett

people," says Mike Vigilant, public relations manager for Meadow Brook.

"They're all very caring and they obviously share a love for the theater. And they want to be able to bring this unique art form to those for whom this was previously not accessible."

December is a whirlwind month for the trio.

Springfield seeks input on new library, civic center

BY GENNA COTTRELL
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The ballots are cast, the votes are in, and Springfield Township residents have elected to finance a new library and civic center for their community. What next?

"That's what everybody wants to know," said Cathy Forst, head librarian at the Springfield Township Library. "Folks are so excited about the new facility they can't wait for groundbreaking to start."

"This is really something to be proud of. A new library will be a real asset for our community."

Forst expects circulation numbers to increase when the new library opens, both from the excitement in a new library, but also from residents who have been using Independence and Waterford Township libraries to come back to Springfield Township to meet their reading needs.

And meet it they will. In preliminary architectural layouts, the library will grow from its current 1,800 square foot home to almost 12,000 square feet, with 2,000 square feet reserved for a public meeting room.

Forst stated she and her staff hope to begin to greatly expand their reference section, and also begin to build on their budding music selection. The preliminary library/civic center budget currently allows \$100,000 for the acquisition of an opening day collection as well.

"Even for a small library, I think we have a good selection of fiction and children's material," she said. "But we still have books in storage off-site that need a permanent home, too. Our preliminary budget allows for the acquisition of an opening day collection."

Forst notes that patrons are particularly excited about the expansion of technology and internet ac-



Cathy Forst, head librarian at the Springfield Township Library, will soon be working in a much bigger space. The new library and civic center, recently approved by voters, could open in mid-2000.

cess through their library, and the new plans accommodate those wishes. "It will be great to have more than one terminal for people to look up information with," said Forst. "It's our goal to make our new home more accessible than ever before."

While staff and patrons alike look forward to a more user-friendly library, Forst assures that the new facility will retain much of the warmth and charm of

its predecessor. "This is a very service oriented staff here," she said. "It's our goal to make the new library as friendly and as open as our old one."

The current library, formerly a late 1800's one-room schoolhouse, was donated to the township in 1976 by Virginia King of Clarkston. Her only stipulation was that the structure be moved off of her Independence Township property to another location.

Forst said the township historical society accepted the challenge, and carefully moved the structure to its current location on Andersonville Road. Despite its age, the building sustained only minor damage, and cost approximately \$20,000 to renovate and remodel into a library.

"A lot of that material and labor was donated, that helped keep the cost down," said Forst. "But I think the township still got a pretty good deal -- 20 years worth of library for \$20,000 -- not bad at all."

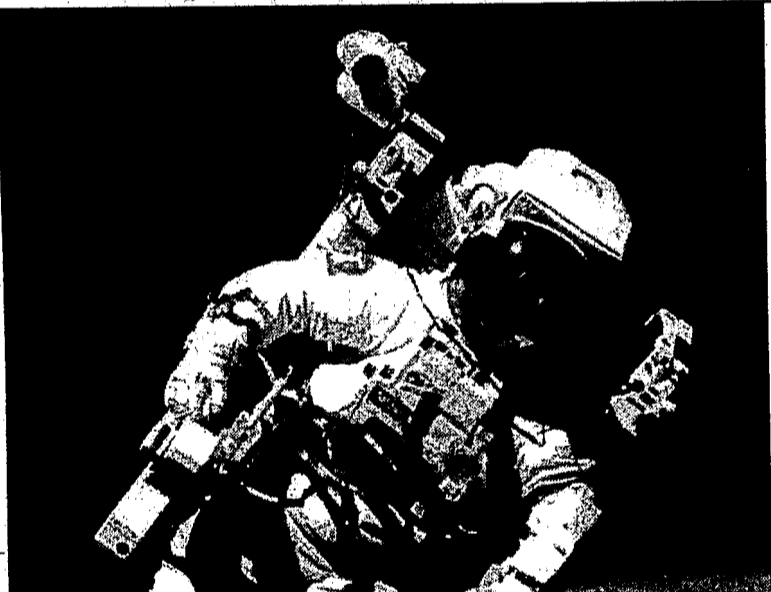
While there are no plans to keep the current building in operation as a satellite library, Forst says that the old library appears to be in popular demand. "Even before the bond was passed, the township received telephone calls asking when it would be for sale, and if it was to give them a call. It really surprised us at first, but this is a great old place and it will be nice to think it will be passed on to loving hands again in the future."

But for now, the librarians in Springfield Township are only looking ahead.

"We have a fun, busy, and exciting year ahead of us," said Forst. "The staff and I are up to the challenge and looking forward to it."

"While all of the technology and facility improvements are exciting, it still comes down to the fact that people love to read. And that they take the time to instill that love in their children. We're excited to be a part of that."

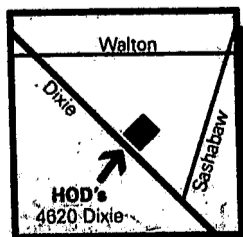
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compared to others in the state, she added. The state average is 2.8 to 2.9 books per capita (person). "We're about 1.4 books per person, based on our 30,000 population. We have about one-half as many books compared to communities our size," Lynch said.

Part of the problem is the Independence library is not self-governing, but falls under the township's jurisdiction. "We can't ask for additional millage increases (to buy more books). We're capped," Lynch explained. "We would have to re-form as a district or an Act 164 library."

Opportunities to form both a district library and Public Act 164 library, which operate with elected library boards, were rejected in the past by voters, she said.

According to Ellen Richardson, library law specialist from the Library of Michigan, most of the state's 387 libraries are either district or Act 164 libraries. "What it does, is it enables cities, villages and townships to have their own libraries," she said.

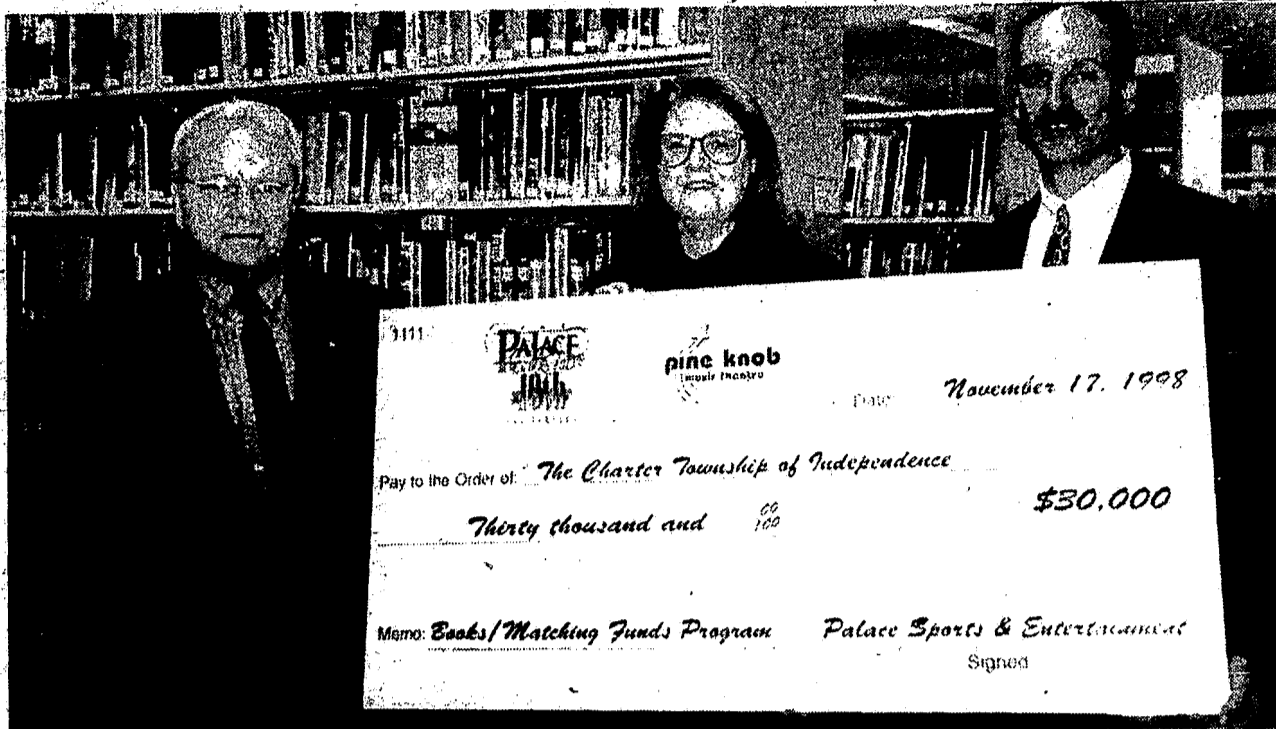
Act 164 library boards, for example, can set their own millage rates, up to 2 mills a year, with the municipality's OK.

A district library, formed under newer act P.A. 24, allows even greater autonomy. The board can put a district millage to the vote of the people -- without the municipality's OK.

The board can ask for up to two mills "in perpetuity" which means "forever," Richardson said. It may also add up to an additional 2 mills for up to 20 years for special needs such as expanding the building or book collections.

Establishing either kind of library "gives more freedom and support," Richardson said. A district library board can also place a bond issue before voters without municipality approval, she added.

The Independence Township Library is in the state's minority when it comes to types of libraries,



From left, supervisor Dale Stuart, library director Mollie Lynch and Palace executive di-

rector Hugh Lombardi pose with the "check" representing the match fund.

Richardson said. Independence was established under an old state statute (repealed in 1976) that limits its taxing authority.

"Most libraries are either district or P.A. 164 libraries. To find a library that isn't either of those is very unusual," she said.

Richardson said it would only take 50 registered township voters to sign a petition, calling for an Act 164 library. The petition would ask for a tax to be levied and be placed on the local, state or federal election ballot. It would not take board approval. "The township would have no say on that," Richardson said.

Lynch compared Independence to the Orion Township Library. Although Orion is comparable to Independence in demographics, economics and population, its library is an Act 164 institution. "Orion is very close to us. (But) they've got double the books we have," Lynch said.

Independence must rely on a combination of fund-raisers, memorials, donations and other methods to go beyond its capped operating expenses. But Lynch said she's making progress. Approximately \$417,000 has been fund-raised since she became director seven years ago. The pot registered \$3,800 then.

Her goal was to increase that figure 10 times by 1996, but she surpassed that with \$94,220. "My goal is now to double that by 2001," she said. "Basically, what I want to do is establish a solid foundation of giving -- \$100,000 a year in fund-raising efforts, excluding grants."

Donations to the match fund can either be dropped off at the library or mailed. The address is: Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. Checks should be made out to Independence Township Library.

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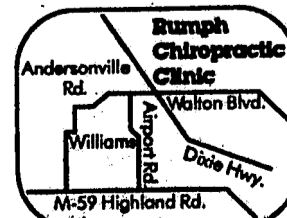
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Bring more books to Ind. Twp. Library

The Palace of Auburn Hills, which runs Pine Knob Music Theatre, has challenged Independence Township with a great incentive to buy library books.

The Palace pledged \$30,000 for a matching grant fund that was doubled with an equal contribution from the township. That means \$60,000 is waiting in the pot to be matched by residents.

For every \$1 contribution, the township will kick in \$2 — totaling \$3 for each contribution. The average library book costs \$20. Each \$7 donation would buy one new book.

Although the township budgets some monies every year, the library is understacked when compared with others in the state. Statistics show our library has 1.4 to 1.5 books per capita, based on an estimated 30,000 population.

The state average, however, is between 2.8 and 2.9 per capita, twice as many books. It's a sad fact — even more so when you consider the township is growing by leaps and bounds with new families.

The children in those families are or will be students in our schools. The teenage population is exploding too, as evidenced by the hiring of a new young adult librarian. All will need books for educational as well as personal needs.

The township has extended the match offer for the next three years. With the chance to capture tax credits through the year 2000, we think it's an opportunity too good to refuse.

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Letters To The Editor

Healthier attitudes needed about alcohol use

Dear Editor,

The following letter was recently sent to MSU President Peter McPherson, MSU Campus Police and East Lansing City police. Please reprint it for the benefit of the entire Clarkston community.

As our entire community mourns recent tragic events, we appreciate the work being done by you and the entire MSU Alcohol Action Team to help make your campus a safer place for our youth to make that important, yet dangerous, transition from adolescence to young adulthood.

As a community coalition focused for the past three years on substance abuse prevention, we know that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs is a serious risk not only to college students, but also to high school and middle school youth within our home

community. We are aware that, unfortunately many students have firmly established drinking patterns by the time they arrive on your campus. Together, we hope to begin to change this.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to enforce behavioral boundaries, impose consequences for underage alcohol and illegal drug violations, and to increase safe and drug-free alternative housing and social events for students on your campus. We can only hope that lives will be saved in the future, sparing other families the destruction in this "social vortex."

From our standpoint within the local community, there are three things needed to help our children learn healthier attitudes about alcohol use: 1) a strong drug and alcohol prevention program within our school cur-

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Clarkston shows how much it cares

Once again, Clarkston has rallied for a good cause. About 200 people attended Friday night's tree lighting ceremony downtown to benefit Lighthouse Clarkston.

The Tree of Caring project will raise funds for needy families in north Oakland County. Thanks to a \$2,000 donation from Clarkston Rotary members plus donations from others, \$4,000 has been raised so far, according to Lighthouse Clarkston branch manager Dory Edwards.

Lights on the tree or the star at the top can be purchased to honor special people. Dory said donations are still being accepted, and contribution envelopes are available at Lighthouse Clarkston, or here at The Clarkston News office, 5 S. Main Street.

You may also fill out the form below and mail a check made out to Lighthouse Emergency Services to Lighthouse

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The names of the persons honored by the donations will be published in the December 23 issue of The Clarkston News.

Seeing all of the people at the tree lighting ceremony Friday night was heart-warming and exciting. It seems the mix is right for continued participation in activities downtown and around the community.

The Clarkston High School girls Bell Canto Choir led us all in song. Well, they led everyone else in song. I kind of hummed along quietly for two reasons. The first is that I can't carry a tune. And secondly, there was a woman standing behind me with a beautiful voice singing harmony and I wanted to be able to hear her.

The group traveled to Rudy's following the Christmas Carols, where a beautiful table of cookies, cider, coffee and roasted chestnuts was waiting outside. What a treat! This is the first time I have had roasted chestnuts. They are sweet and chewy.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and Dory said plans are in the works to make next year's event even better.

Stay tuned.

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riculum; 2) a training program for parents on drug prevention; and 3) reinforcing the message from all sectors of our community that youth are valued, and that illegal drug and underage alcohol use are wrong and dangerous.

We pledge ourselves to continue our work at the local level in these three areas, aimed at bringing about a positive change in accepted community norms relating to alcohol use. We also pledge ourselves to support your efforts at the college level to do the same.

Sincerely,
Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth

1998 Thanksgiving one for the books

I do believe, dear readers, that this past holiday offered a couple of things to jaw about. While I didn't actually keep a written log of events, I surely kept a mental one. So, without further eloquence . . .

It sounded like a great idea. Sounded fun, a little exciting and heck, it's even healthy. So, I bought a charcoal and water smoker a number of months back. Ultimately, I presumed I would come to this point: be the hero for the Detroit Lions annual Thanksgiving Day game.

And, after months of preparation, of practice, perspiration and patience the big moment was at hand. The roar of the 80,000-plus fans packed into the Silverdome always exhilarates me. But this past Thursday, my heart pumped a little faster, my palms were a little more clammy. Today, would be my day to shine. I was ready for the Lions to match-up against the Pittsburgh Steelers in a good old fashioned, gridiron war.

At 5:04 of the first quarter, with the score still deadlocked at zeros, I made my play. I cut to the left, then I cut to the right.

I made my play. All the men, veterans of this Thanksgiving Day tradition reached out and grabbed hunks of smoked turkey and shoved the cuts of meat into their mouths.

All around the TV there were smiles of approval. I



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scored.

Before the big game we packed up and headed down the highway to Detroit. On the agenda, "America's Parade." The traffic on I-75 wasn't bad at all—wait a minute. When did Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade upstage New York City/Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade to become America's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

Where was I . . . traffic along I-75 wasn't distressing, I'm happy to report. However, one thing, rather a series of things, struck an off chord with me. Namely, those message boards along the highway. I presume they're there to prepare motorists for major traffic backups somewhere in front. Not that it'll do you any good knowing you'll soon be crawling along at 7.5 mph in a 70 mile an hour zone. You'll still have to pound the steering wheel and look at your watch, cause you're going to be late.

Maybe you can take your heart medication or blood pressure pills.

But who was the brainyack who decided to put these messages on the signs: *Low On Fuel, Fill Up . . . Keep A Safe Distance From The Vehicle In Front Of You . . . Use Your Turn Signals When Changing Lanes?*

I don't know about the rest of you drivers, but I get enough messages from road signs, billboards and the red-faced maniacs I occasionally cut off, to last the entire trip. I do not need to be told to fill up my fuel tank if I'm low on gas. I KNOW that.

By the way, we all enjoyed the parade.

Something just doesn't smell right

Sportsmen (I don't know about women) just gotta have whatever comes on the market that they believe will make them the world's greatest ball player, get them trophy fish/deer, make their golf ball go faster/further and make them comfortable under all conditions.

The hot-dog baseball players wear one set of gloves for hitting, another when they are on base and another in the dugout.

Just about every golfer I know has, in their garage, a Big Bertha, Condor, Cobra, Alien, Taylor Made Bubble, Killer Bee, Cleveland, Oriimar and a case of Tylenol.

And many carry Tight Lie knock-offs in their bag.

Fishermen's tackle boxes are filled with fluorescent colored, spotted spoons, surface plugs and plastic worms, bobbers that look like Snoopy, lures that wobble, dip and whistle and enough tools to fix a 747.

For many years deer hunters have used "scent" to lure the buck with the Earth's largest rack of horns into their blind . . . not just to within gun shot, but INTO their blinds.

The TV show Michigan Outdoors made a big deal a few years ago about scent . . . which is about as good a way to talk about urine as advertising writers have come up with.

As I recall that program had something to do with



Jim's
Jottings

Jim Sherman

counterfeiters substituting a cow's specimen for the "perfect scent," doe's urine. The show did not mention if scents changed when a bladder infection was involved.

Real deer hunters know deer are attracted to stink. But real deer hunters believe it is their stink that lures bucks. That's why you never see a clean shaven, well groomed deer hunter.

The badge of a real deer hunter is ugly and stink. Show me a man with unwashed clothes and body, a 36-day growth of whiskers and a breath that would make a goat barf and I'll show you a real deer hunter. These guys clean themselves with degreasers and S.O.S pads.

Of course, American advertising geniuses want that hunter. Scent manufacturers couldn't get him with "attractive smell of doe urine" appeal, so they've done the opposite.

Robinson Laboratories have come up with both a gel and a powder that kills human scent. The label says it, "kills human scent molecules on contact . . . put it on boots, hats and the groin area."

Robinson's stuff has to be extremely powerful to cover the stink of real deer hunters. These guys know scents. They can smell the difference between home brew and Bud Light and Kesslers from Canadian Club from a county away.

One guy in our deer camp, who hasn't gotten a deer in over 20 years, and will try anything, had a spray can. He not only didn't get a deer again this year, but didn't look like he enjoyed putting de-scent on either.

So much for truth in advertising.

Let us tell your holiday stories

Do you have a heart-warming or favorite holiday story you'd like to share with the community? Jot it down (under 300 words, please) and mail it or fax it to us. We'll help you edit your story, and if you have favorite photos, bring them in and we'll see which will reproduce the best.

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Questions? Call Maralee Cook at 625-3370.

Toys for Tots accepting donations

Indian Springs Metropark on White Lake Rd. south of Clarkston is a collection sponsor for the Toys For Tots program conducted annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. The program serves needy children in local communities by providing new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season.

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A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1983)

Oakland County's Department of Parks and Recreation is among the possible buyers for the financially troubled Pine Knob Investment Co., says county Executive Daniel Murphy. Minimum price for the Independence Township landmark -- which includes a golf course, music theater, ski lodge and two restaurants -- is \$12 million.

The Clarkston Chiefs end their football season with a blaze of glory. Four boxes of equipment burst into flames on a flatbed truck enroute to Colombiere Center for winter storage.

After 10 years of struggling with washouts, potholes and dust, 100 property owners in Thendara Park subdivision are petitioning the Independence Township Board for a special assessment to finance road paving.

25 YEARS AGO (1973)

Scholastic achievement, poise, appearance, talent and personality will determine the selection of Clarkston's new Junior Miss Nov. 24 at Clarkston High school. The theme "I Am Woman" titles the event which is sponsored by Clarkston Area Jaycees.

Although new Department of Public Works Director George (Andy) Anderson started his duties a month ago, he's moving fast with many new projects and improvements for Independence Township.

The battle for the All-Sports Trophy now stands even between Clarkston Junior High and Sashabaw Junior High school, with each school winning one of the last two games.

50 YEARS AGO (1948)

The Clarkston children who visit Santa Claus in the Kern's store in Detroit this year will find that this wise old man knows more about them than they would imagine. George Harris of Clarkston is on the job. He is having a grand time letting Santa know all about the Clarkston little folks and those who have been really good the past year.

Clarkston High School seniors have finally chosen their class play, a three act comedy entitled "Three Days of Gracie." It will be presented next month.

Movies at the Holly Theatre include Walt Disney's animated feature "Bambi" and William Holden, Jeanne Crain and Edmund Gwenn in "Apartment for Peggy."

Let us know what you think! Write a letter to the editor.

Clarkston School District begins diversity initiative

Diversity, according to one dictionary, is the "state or condition of being unlike or different." But I like the University of Maryland's definition better: "Diversity is *otherness*, or those human qualities that are different from our own and outside the groups to which we belong, yet are present in other individuals and groups."

Recognizing the importance of diversity issues in the classroom - and in life - our district formed a Diversity Task Force in September. Many would ask why we need such a committee - after all, on the surface our school district does not appear to be all that diverse. Statistics from a 1997-98 Michigan Department of Education survey showed the following *otherness* in a total student population of 6798: American Indian .1%, Asian 1%, Black .8%, Hispanic 1.6%, White 96.2%.

But diversity is not limited to racial differences. Primary dimensions of diversity also include age, ethnicity, gender, and physical abilities/qualities. The scope widens when we include secondary dimensions, which are those that can be changed. They include (but are not limited to): educational background, geographic location, income, marital status, military experience, parental status, religious beliefs, and work experiences.

I believe an understanding of diversity will be important if our students are to be successful. First, we need to prepare our children for a diverse world, not with a new curriculum, but within the curriculum we already deliver.

They must be prepared to live and work in a world where the demographics are changing. The

census already demonstrates an increase in the *otherness* of our student population. And we know our students may live someday in communities throughout the nation and the world where an understanding of diversity could be crucial.

Our children can succeed and be happy in a diverse world if they intellectually and emotionally understand why different groups of people have diverse beliefs and cultural behaviors. We need to help them recognize, work through, and eventually transform stereotypes of others.

We must not reinforce age-old prejudices. If our pupils can perceive their future co-workers or college roommates in a more favorable light, then inter-ethnic and inter-cultural tension will decrease. Furthermore, acceptance and open-mindedness to different practices, attitudes, and cultures does not have to mean agreement with the differences.

Second, I prefer an organization that is proactive in its attitudes and policies rather than reactive when a challenging issue is raised. Our Diversity Task Force can prepare the district to be proactive and make a difference for Clarkston Schools and its students.

Our Task Force is not designed to support any particular group and members are not expected to address personal likes, dislikes, or biases. The group's charge is to promote understanding, respect, and the rights that all American citizens enjoy; and to advocate the following ideals:

- People should not be harmed just because they are different.
- An environment where we can agree to disagree within legal and moral frameworks is in everyone's best interest.
- It is important to be able to work with people who are different or who have different views.

Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

- The issue of diversity is a societal concern, not a school problem. Therefore, parents, students, and other citizens must be part of any plan.

When I began this column I repeated a dictionary's definition of diversity. The same book noted that a synonym for diversity is the word "variety." If we could learn to see our world as full of variety instead of differences, wouldn't we have a more positive outlook toward other people? Let's help our children learn to enjoy the richness of the world's variety. After all, it is still the spice of life!

Family Holiday Fest scheduled

Are you looking for another great way to celebrate the holidays -- family-style?

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its annual "Family Holiday Fest," expanding to two days this year. It takes place Saturday, Dec. 12 from 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 from 2-5 p.m. at Bay Court Park, 6970 Andersonville Road.

Horse-drawn carriage rides, chestnut roasting, Santa, Candyland and Toyland (in the playscape), refreshments, entertainment, music and more are included in the festivities. And, who knows? There might even be snow.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at the parks and rec. office located at Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main Street. Prices are \$5 per person, resident; \$7 per person non-resident; \$20 families, resident; and \$25 families, non-resident. For more information, call recreation programmer Julia Groulx at (248) 625-8223. Groulx said the park will be lit up with "lots of lights" on Saturday.

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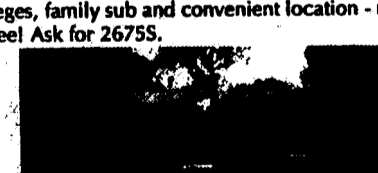
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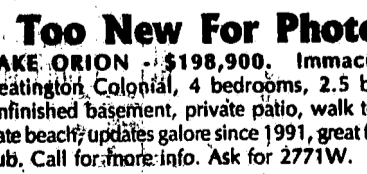
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CHS bands perform December 9

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Senior Dave Reinke brushes up on a trumpet solo.

Two of Clarkston High Schools four concert bands are tuning up for a December 9 performance.

The 9th grade Concert Band and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, composed mainly of seniors, have been rehearsing daily in anticipation of the event. The show gives the students a chance to display their instrumental skills and is tentatively scheduled to take place in the new auditorium.

There is no admission fee, but donations will be welcome to help support the band. Performance time is 7:30.



Freshman Caleb Borshers checks the pitch of his tuba.

-- by Jeff Ginn

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Obituaries

Raymond Decker

Raymond E. Decker, 86, of Pontiac, died Nov. 23, 1998.

Mr. Decker is survived by his wife Mary; son Gilbert R. (Martha) of Clarkston; grandchildren Gilbert R. Jr. (Paula), Jeffrey (Christina) Decker and Jana Crans; great-grandson Brandon; and brother Harmon.

A funeral service was held Friday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Marlene Potts

Marlene R. Potts, 55, of Clarkston, died Nov. 24, 1998.

Mrs. Potts is survived by her husband Bernard; sons Bernard Jr. of New York and Gregory of California; sister Arlene Bickert; and brother Timothy Kudlinski.

A memorial service took place Saturday at Sherman Wilk Funeral Home in Ortonville. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

James Sharland

James C. Sharland, 65, of Clarkston, died Nov. 23, 1998.

Mr. Sharland is survived by his wife Rosemary; sons J. Scott (Susan) of Troy and Timothy J. (Sharon) of Massachusetts; daughter Laurie (Chris) Pechilis of Massachusetts; and grandchildren James C. II, Kerri, Michelle, T.J., Alex and Laura.

A private family service was held. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to the Leukemia Foundation.

June Topolinski

June M. (Jakeway) Topolinski, 81, died suddenly Nov. 29, 1998.

Mrs. Topolinski retired in 1951 as a secretary at Fisher Body and at St. Benedicts as a school secretary.

She is survived by sons Thomas (Lisa) of Florida and David of Grosse Pointe Park; daughter Anne Marie (Andrew) Uston of Florida; grandchildren Aaron and Hannah; and brother William (Marcia) Jakeway of Flushing.

A memorial mass took place Friday at St. Daniel Catholic Church Parish Center in Clarkston with Rev. Msgr. Robert Humitz officiating. Memorials can be made to the church in lieu of flowers. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

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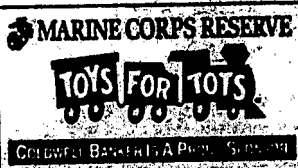
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Santa came to Clarkston on an Independence Township fire truck and turned on the lights decorating the evergreen tree at Washington and Main streets. He also passed out candy canes to children.



Above, Rotary president Jeff Lichy enjoys refreshments with Lighthouse Clarkston branch manager Dory Edwards, following the tree lighting ceremony. Left, Ernie Castillo of Clarkston put his daughter Erin on his shoulders so she could see the carolers.

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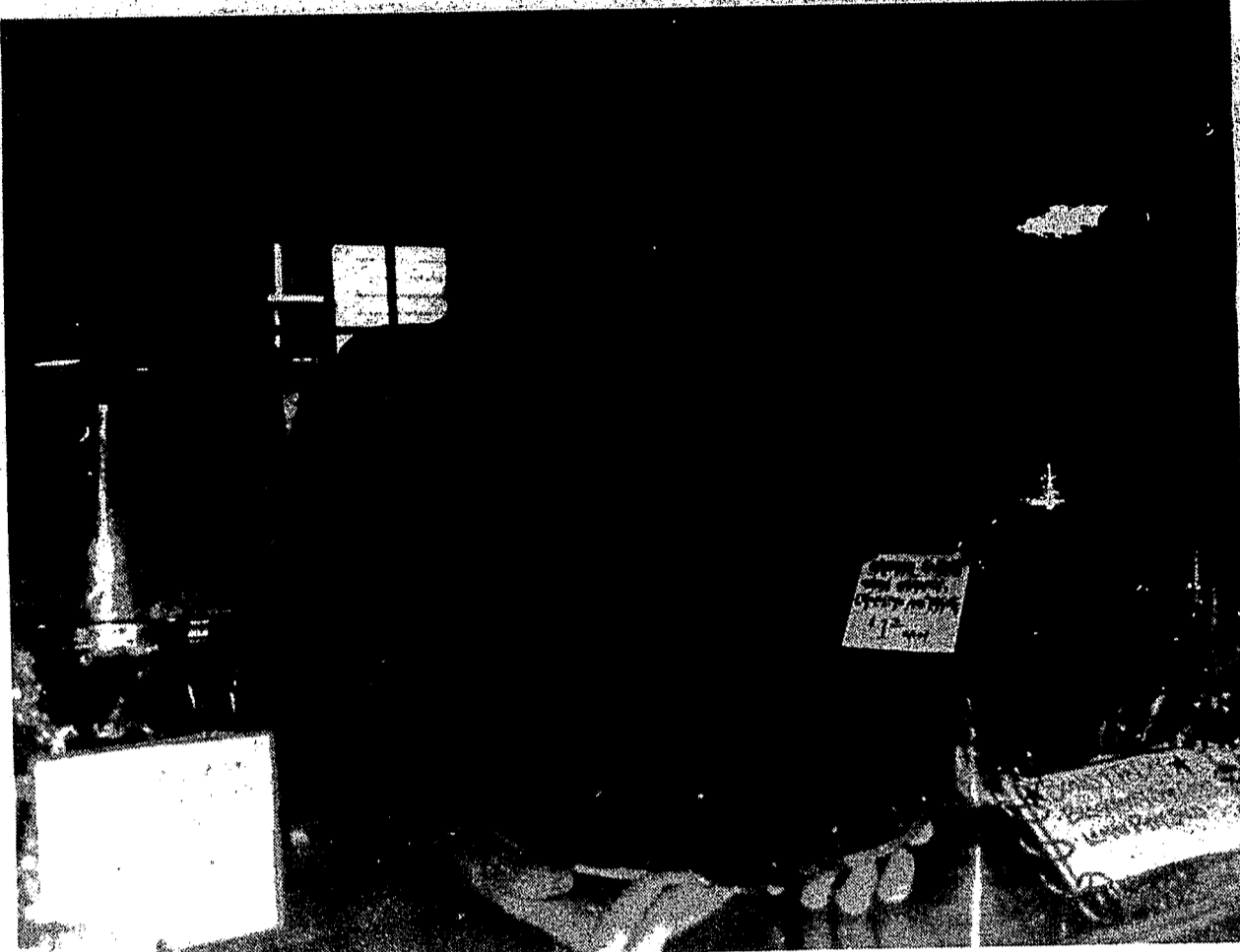
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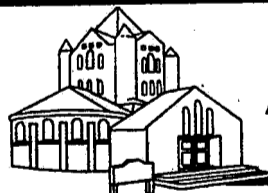
Tired of following the crowds to the mall? Looking for unique and personal gifts, something a little bit out of the ordinary? Look no further than your own neighborhood. Throughout the holiday season, The Clarkston News will spotlight local businesses and their picks for great gift giving ideas. The drive is short, the parking easy and you'll be pleasantly surprised with the hometown helpfulness of our area merchants.



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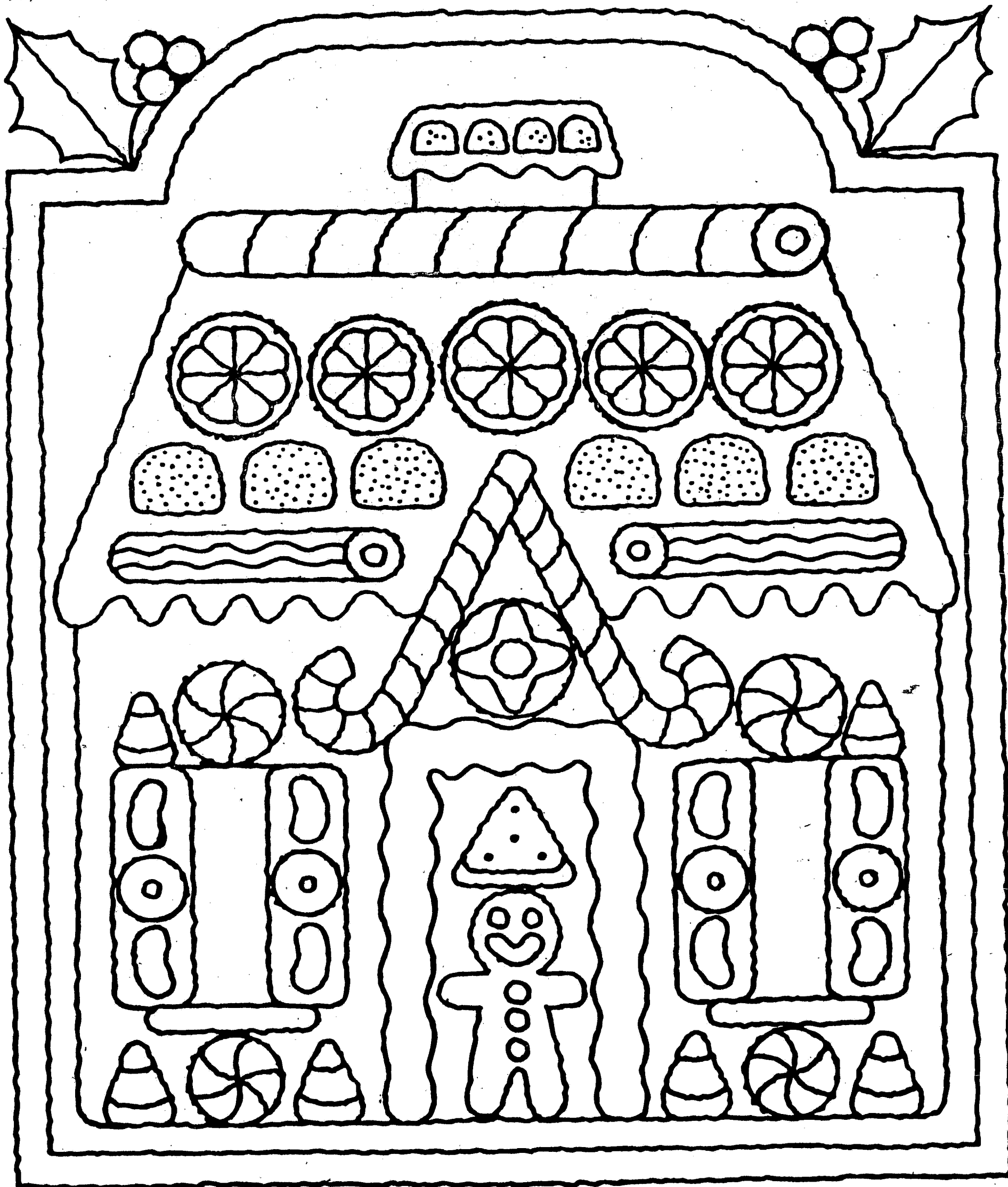
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Clarkston Community Band Annual Christmas Concert

Get into the festive spirit by attending Clarkston Community Band's Third Annual Family Christmas concert on Sunday, December 6 at 3 p.m. in the Sashabaw Middle School gym. There is no charge for admission.

Enjoy traditional family Christmas music, vocal and instrumental solos, a children's choir, sing alongs and maybe a visit from St. Nick. The concert will feature Leroy Anderson's famous rendition of *Sleigh Ride*, *White Christmas* and many other favorites. Refreshments will be provided after the concert.

Directed by Jeanne Pierce, the Clarkston Com-

munity Band has been delighting audiences since September 1996. The band is a non-profit organization and includes over 40-musicians ranging in age from 17 to 80. Several family members belong to the group, including husband and wife duos; mother and daughter teams; as well as grandfathers and grandsons.

The band is always seeking new members. If you're interested in joining the Clarkston Community Band or would like more information on how to become a sponsor, please contact Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 625-8223, or Jeanne Pierce at 625-3546.

Break-ins occur in downtown Clarkston

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, break-ins occurred to two downtown Clarkston businesses that police say may be related.

A window was broken at the Creekside Salon, located in the lower level of 31 S. Main. A safe was broken into and \$300-\$400 was found missing. Dentist Dr. Robert Bice's office at 55 S. Main was also entered through an unlocked window, but nothing was reported taken.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston estimated the incidents occurred between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. "It appears it's the same people because the businesses are nearly nextdoor to each other," he said.

Ormiston said there are no suspects. The incidents are under investigation.

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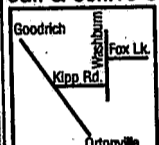
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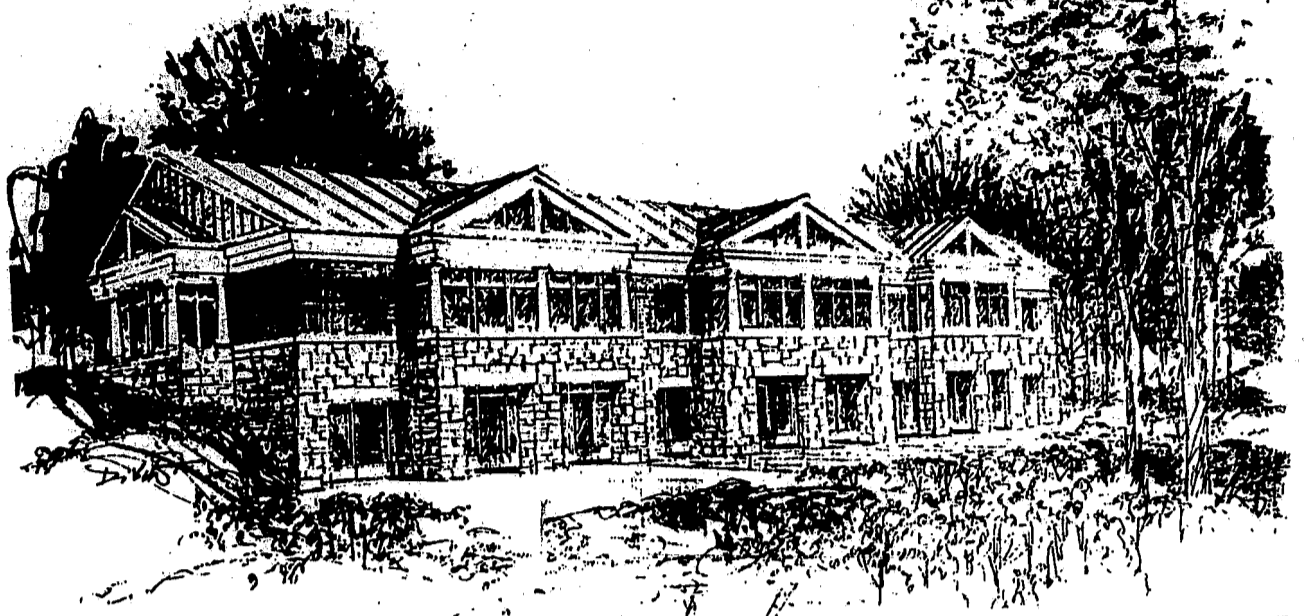
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The passing of the \$4.5 million bond proposal November 6 is just the first step in the joint facility. According to Forst, land must be acquired for the building, and then the first shovelful of dirt can fly early next spring.

"We're still looking at the land in the Shiawassee Basin," said Forst. "But there's a few hurdles to overcome at that site yet."

The parcel in the Basin is only approximately half of what the township would need to erect the new facility. The approximately eight to ten additional acres needed must be acquired from the State of Michigan through a land swap. If approved by the state legislature, the township could be granted use of the adjacent land if the township will give the state an equal number of acres from somewhere else in the township.

The issue was tabled by the state legislature during its last session, but Forst states the township hopes to have a decision by mid-December. Preliminary estimates put completion of the combined township facility in June of 2000.



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VIEW FROM WETLAND

Independence Township approves CDBG funds

The Independence Board of Trustees approved the 1999-2000 Community Development Block Grant budget at its Nov. 17 meeting. The estimated total is \$63,947.

The following programs and percentages were approved unanimously:

■Purchase of Senior Citizens' van: \$15,000 (23.50 %)

■Emergency Rehabilitation: \$11,974 (18.75 %)
■Planning and management: \$5,000 (7.75 percent)

■Public service: Transportation for camp (\$3,037, 4.75 %); Abused spouses and children (\$4,955, 7.75 %); Summer camp (\$4,000, 6.25 %); Home-delivered meals (\$4,955, 7.75 %); Senior van driver wages

(\$7,033, 11%); and Library books (large print, audio, \$7,993, 12.50%)

Township supervisor Dale Stuart said specific agencies cannot be named this year, due to new federal rules. However, he added, "The township has every intention of dealing with the agencies we have dealt with before."

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Things to do in and around Clarkston

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club Christmas Greens Market is Sat. Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Rd. (across from the Independence Township Library). The market includes arrangements of fresh or dried greens for decorating, fresh wreaths and roping for outdoor use in three sizes of fresh balsam and concolor wreaths, in addition to roping of mixed cedar, fir and pine.

Coping with the holidays after the loss of a loved one is the topic of discussion at the next Widowed Support Group, Thur., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Rd. The holiday meeting is open to anyone coping with a loss, and is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. The facilitator is Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., director of bereavement services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. For more information call 625-5231.

An informational meeting for the Oakland County Parks Nordic Ski Patrol is Sat., Dec. 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park.

Select auditions for the second semester at Vocal Arts Academy are Sat., Dec. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 134 of Varner Hall at Oakland University by appointment only. Call 625-7057 for more information.




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Place: The gymnasium of Sashabaw Middle School

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They're loading up for a good cause

Helping the victims of Hurricane Mitch in the Honduras is a personal mission for members of St. Daniel Church. Fourteen members of the church's youth ministry spent two weeks in the Central American country last summer helping local citizens build a girls dormitory for a high school.

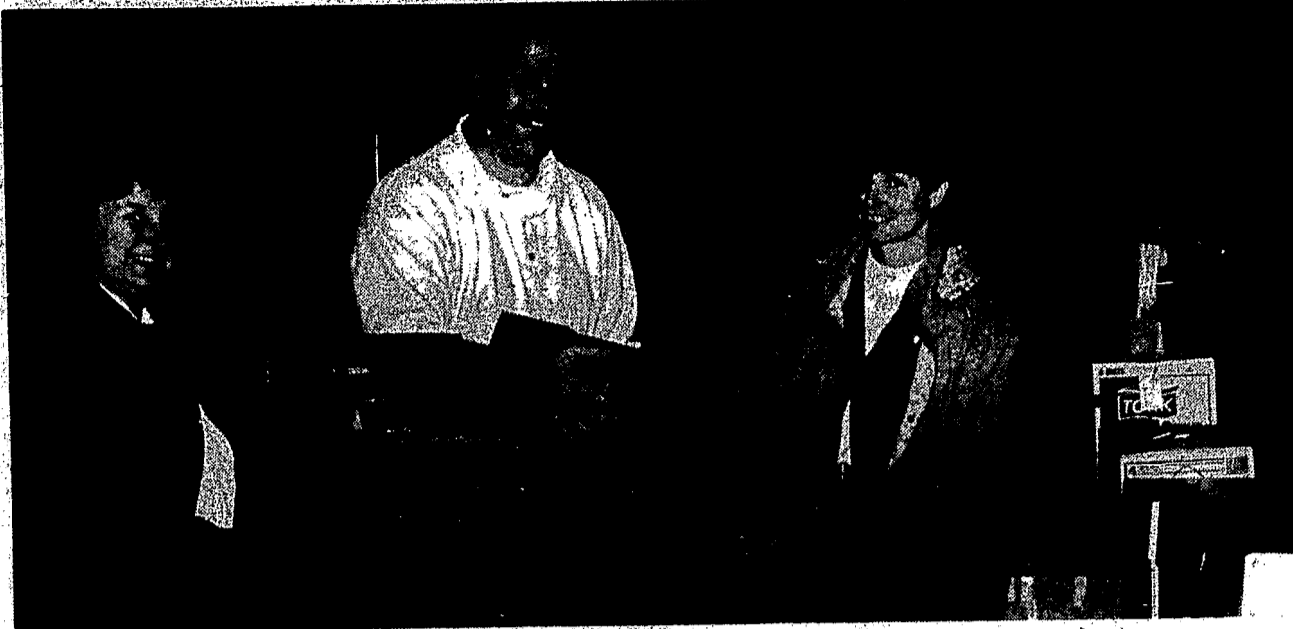
Members of St. Dan's are anxious to send supplies. "We're heartbroken," said Bob Hadden, youth ministry coordinator at St. Dan's, who helped organize last summer's excursion to Las Flores, near Guadeloupe.

There has been no loss of life in Las Flores, as far as Hadden knows, but the property damage is devastating, there is no potable water and residents are at risk of disease. "It's just a shame. It's such a beautiful country," he added.

Thanks to help from individual citizens and corporate America, help will be on the way from St. Dan's soon.

The Christian Service Department of St. Dan's is accepting clothing, non-perishable food items (no glass containers), shelter and construction items through December 5. The items should be packed in labeled boxes and delivered to the storage trailer in St. Dan's parking lot at 7010 Valley Park Dr. in Clarkston.

An empty semi-truck trailer from Florida used to deliver fresh flowers to floral shops in Michigan will pick up the donations and return to the World



Betty Haran, Bob Hadden and Karen Geno (from left), load boxes into a trailer for shipment to Honduras which was hit hard by hurricane Mitch earlier this year.

Relief Hangar at Miami International Airport. They will then be flown to Honduras.

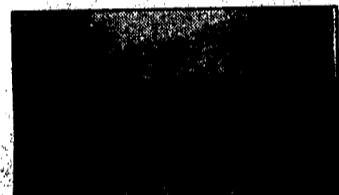
"It's interesting to see so many facets of industry working together to help out. It's a wonderful outreach," said Betty Haran.

Food items needed include: rice and pinto beans, refried beans; corn flour; coffee; sugar; water; purified water; pasta; cooking oil and baby food.

All sizes of lightweight clothing are needed including raincoats, waterproof footwear, summer shoes and infant clothes. Other items for infants include diapers; wipes; baby bottles and nipples and formula.

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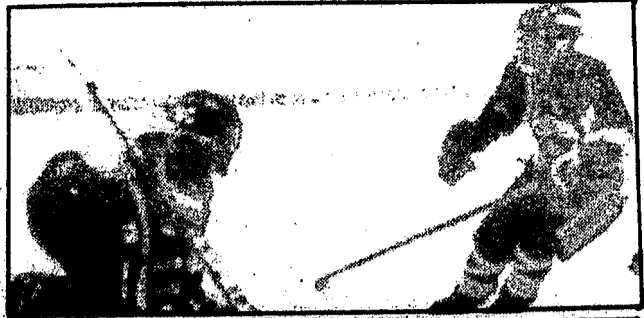
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Wish Grant-ed

A.J. Grant decides on Michigan for wrestling future

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The wrestling pipeline between Clarkston and Ann Arbor will soon welcome another traveler.

CHS senior A.J. Grant has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for the University of Michigan next year. Grant follows in the footsteps of his older brother Corey and former teammate Joe DeGain, who currently are on the Wolverine wrestling team.

Grant said Michigan was always his first choice mainly because of the comfort level he felt there and close distance it is from home.

"I wanted to go where I was comfortable," he said. "I've visited up there a lot and I like the program a lot. Michigan is somewhere I wanted to go since I was little, and now I have the opportunity."

Entering his senior season with Clarkston, Grant has established a reputation as one of the best wrestlers in the state regardless of weight class. He won the Division I state title last year at 112 lbs. with a 50-0 record. His only loss his sophomore year came to the eventual state champion from Charlotte.

With the incredible record comes confidence for Grant. He said he expects to step into the U-M lineup next year and start on the varsity team, probably in the 125-lb. weight class.

"I should walk right in and make varsity," Grant declared.

Considering his accomplishments, the confidence is well-founded. Grant is ranked third in the nation among seniors in the 125-lb. weight class entering the season. He is a six-time All-American and a two-time runner-up at the World Cadet Wrestling Trials. He got those marks by being the two-time Northeast Regional Champion, and he's been to Russia competing against some of the best wrestlers in the world.

Grant's style has helped him to rewrite the Clarkston wrestling record book in several categories. One of his favorite tactics is to perform a takedown on an opponent, let him back up only to take him down again. This results in Grant winning many of his matches on technical falls by scores like 17-2 and 18-3. He smashed the previous school record for takedowns in a match and a season each of the last two years.

This year, Grant moves up from 112 to 125 and is co-captain of a team that has a good chance to go far in the state tournament. Last year, the Wolves narrowly lost to state-champion Rochester Adams in the quarterfinals.

Clarkston wrestling coach Mike DeGain, who has seen A.J.'s brother Corey and his son Joe compete with the Wolverines, said A.J. will be going to a top-notch wrestling program.

"He had interest from Michigan State, Northwestern and Minnesota," he said. "In college wrestling, there's not a tougher conference in the nation. Michigan is usually the best team in the conference. Also, it's only 45 or 50 minutes away, and I think his adjustment to college will be easier because it is so close."

Corey Grant is entering his senior season at Michigan, while Joe DeGain will get a medical redshirt this year because he had shoulder surgery. He will have junior eligibility in the 1999-2000 season.

Grant may be better prepared for life away from home more than some of his peers. With all the travel-



Senior A.J. Grant poses with his wrestling past, present and future. Last year, he won an individual state title for Clarkston, and hopes to lead his team to a team state title this year. Come next year, Grant will follow his brother Corey to the University of Michigan wrestling program.

ing he's done on the national and international wrestling circuit, he feels ready for the different surroundings, in addition to the tough on-the-mat competition.

"There were times when I didn't know anyone around me when I was wrestling, and it's a little like that in college," Grant said. "There are a lot of kids who never wrestle without their parents or coaches there, and I've done that, so that could help me at Michigan a little bit."

"My mom wanted me to go there because it was so close," Grant admitted.

Grant is not receiving an athletic scholarship to go to Michigan, at least not right away. He said he's getting a good financial aid package that has incentives that could turn it into a full athletic scholarship. Those incentives include winning conference titles or being named All-American, among other things.

Grant said the prospect of competing for the maize and blue is exciting, but his focus remains with the Wolves right now, and their drive to win a team state championship this season.

"I know I'll be there next year, so that makes me want to do well this year," he said. "I always wanted to go Big Ten, but I know I still have a lot of work to do for this team, because we're going to have a successful season."

The Grant Files

Clarkston's A.J. Grant has signed to wrestle for the University of Michigan next year. Here are some of his accomplishments:

- ♦ won two Northeast Regional Wrestling championships
- ♦ 1997-98 Division I individual state champion at 112 pounds with a 50-0 record
- ♦ CHS record-holder for takedowns in a season
- ♦ ranked third in the nation at 125 lbs. among high school seniors
- ♦ brother Corey Grant wrestles at Michigan, as does former teammate Joe DeGain

Power play goals give Wolves win

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BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The best part of Saturday's hockey game between Clarkston and Allen Park came in the final nine minutes.

That's when the Allen park Jaguars rallied from a 3-0 deficit to pull to within one with two goals in two minutes.

But in a mark of just how far the Wolves have progressed from last year, they hung on for a well-earned 3-2 win in front of a rowdy crowd at the Allen park Civic Arena.

Clarkston improves to 2-1 on the season, and will hit the ice at 4 p.m. Wednesday for a big league game against Birmingham.

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier praised his team's defensive play after the game.

"We played a hundred percent better than against West Bloomfield," Krygier said. "We executed our forecheck and played pretty solid defense except for those two minutes. Our power play worked well and we got some good shots."

The Jaguars pressed the Wolves after getting down by three, but Clarkston did a good job of clearing the puck out of the defensive zone.

With 40 seconds left in the game, Allen Park pulled its goaltender, giving it six attackers. The move didn't pay off, as the Wolves held the Jaguars off. An intercepted pass at center ice by junior Bill Kalush ended the final threat.

Kalush, who notched a goal and an assist in the win, said this was the team's best game in recent memory.

"We stuck to the game plan and won a lot of battles," he said. "We knew Allen Park was a good team right off the bat, but we had some guys step up tonight."

Backing up the strong defensive performance by the team was the play of junior goaltender Steve Badger, who also played his best game of the season. He turned away 23 of 25 Allen Park shots, including all 13 in the first period.

"Badger played pretty well tonight," Krygier said. "The goals they scored on him weren't his fault."

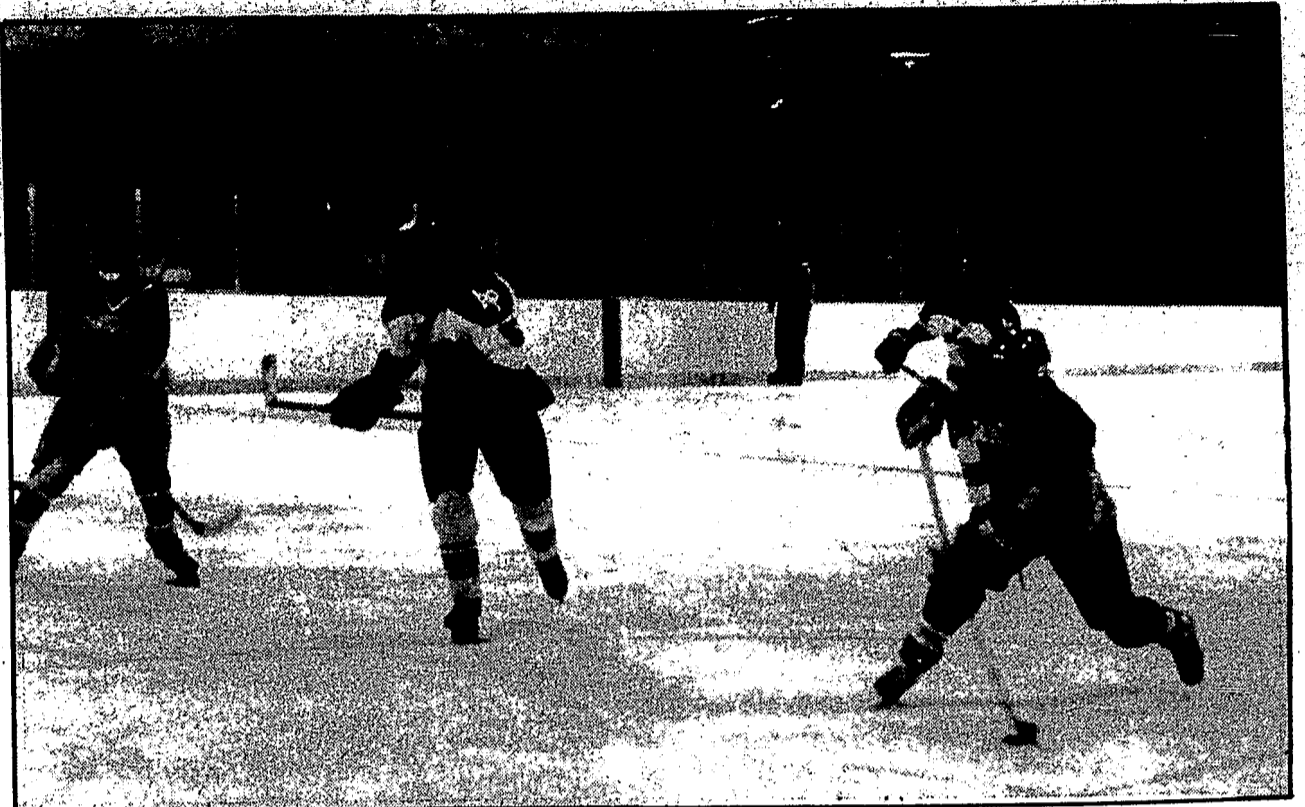
"Kalush got the scoring started with his first goal of the year just 16 seconds into the game. He one-timed in a shot off a pass from behind the net by sophomore Jon Bemis to give Clarkston a 1-0 lead. Bemis has scored at least one point in all three of the team's games this year and leads the club with six points.

Clarkston's power play took over from there. Senior Adam Leech tipped in a shot at the 11:18 mark of the second period with the man advantage for a 2-0 lead. Senior defenseman Ronnie Wells delivered the original shot, and picked up the assist in his first game back after missing the first two with an ankle injury.

The game-winning goal was scored by sophomore Steve Janowiak with 8:36 left in the game. He scooped up a loose puck and scored through several players battling in front of the net. Freshman Adam Postal and junior Anthony Facione picked up their first points of the season.

The Wolves' power play converted on two out of four opportunities, while the team killed off both penalties against it. The team only committed three penalties in the game, another sign that the team's new disciplined, defensive system is starting to take hold.

"When you play within the system, you don't get as tired and don't take some penalties," Krygier said.



Sophomore Ryan MacKinnon lets go of a slap shot during the second period of Saturday's hockey game at Allen Park. MacKinnon and his teammates host Birmingham Wednesday afternoon and travel to River Rouge for a Saturday night game.

Hockey team making positive strides

It's a new feeling around the Clarkston hockey team this year, and we're just getting started.

Only three games into the regular season, there is a big difference in this team both in how they play, and the attitude of everyone involved.

The Wolves beat a tough Allen Park team 3-2 Saturday night because they won as a team. The three goals didn't come off individual efforts, but on set plays where a shooter was wide open off some nice passes. The team was excited to get the win, and I get the feeling they are taking a more positive approach to hockey this year.

Much of this can be attributed to the new coaching staff, Bryan Krygier and Ralph Humphlett. They have come in and demanded respect from everyone and have gotten it. For right or wrong, there was a lot of disrespect going on between coaches, players and parents in this program the past two years. Now, that's all in the past.

That made this the unhappiest team I've ever seen that advanced to the state quarterfinals. It seemed like every win was just expected, and every loss was catastrophic. That all seems like a long time ago, now.

Krygier has come in and made his mark immediately. After each game I've covered this season, he has used the phrase "playing the system" several times. He is a big believer in players being in the right spots on the ice and playing as a five-man unit. The players have embraced this philosophy, and the difference is showing.

In the first two years of this program, Clarkston won 34 games and lost 15. That record is more of an

In The Penalty Box



Brad Monastiere

indication of the team's individual talent than its ability to outplay opposing teams. In last year's state quarterfinal game against Grosse Pointe South, Clarkston appeared to be handcuffed by an opponent with equal raw talent, but with the addition of playing well within a system.

Don't expect the team - still rich in talented players - to win every game now that it's playing in a structured offense and defense. Implementation of these kinds of systems take time for players to adjust to. Right now, the team is still thinking through the plays on the ice. But with practice, those plays will become habit, and that's when you will see this team play to its full potential for the first time. Funny, but that might just happen right around the end of February, just in time for the playoffs.

■ Congratulations go out to two members of the Clarkston athletic community who have had notable achievements this week.

Senior A.J. Grant has signed his letter of intent to wrestle for the University of Michigan. Grant is following former Clarkston wrestlers Corey Grant and Joe DeGain to Ann Arbor, and I feel A.J. has great success in front of him.

Few athletes I've met are as intense and focused on game day as A.J. is. He paces back and forth in the few minutes before his match starts in a way that makes almost everyone afraid to even wish him good luck. Of course, not that he needs luck. He is ranked third in the nation for wrestlers his age and weight class, and he truly believes he is supposed to win every match he enters. Look for another outstanding season from A.J. this year before stepping into the toughest college wrestling conference in the country.

More congratulations go out to JV volleyball coach Missy Macaulay, who had her first child just before Thanksgiving. I'm sure the new baby's first task will be to help retrieve balls during practice!

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Life after the Fifes

Boys basketball program enters new era with Fife boys gone

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Last year's varsity boys basketball team was one for the ages.

The Wolves went 22-3 in the 1997-98 season, and boasted the state's Mr. Basketball award winner Dane Fife, now a freshman at Indiana University.

The 1998-99 team returns only four players from last year's team, none of whom were starters. So are the expectations any lower for this team according to coach Dan Fife?

"My expectations are the same for every team: that they play hard and play smart," he said. "Hopefully, their expectations of themselves won't diminish. For the most part, our kids have always had high expectations for themselves."

The team opens its season Tuesday night with a game at Oak Park. The team plays its first game in the new high school gym Friday night when it plays the Berkley Bears. The JV games start at 6 p.m., and the varsity games start at around 7:30.

This is the first Clarkston team that does not have one of Fife's three boys on it since the 1987-88 season. Dugan played from 1988-89 to 1991-92, Jeremy was a standout point guard from 1991-92 to 1994-95, while Dane played from 1994-95 to 1997-98.

What this year's team lacks in varsity playing experience it makes up for in depth. Fife said many different players will have a shot at starting positions, it just depends on how they practice.

"Coach (Bob) Knight has always said that coaches don't decide who plays, players do," Fife said. "All the starting jobs are still open. There's been no time in my 17 years that it's been like this, where I honestly don't know who will be starting for us."

Fife mentioned three of the returning varsity players who have performed well in practice. Senior point guard Tim Loveless, senior forward Mark Whiteman and junior forward Andy North. Loveless is one of the team's vocal leaders and knows how to run the offense. Whiteman saw the most playing time last year out of any of the returning players, and figures to start at power forward. North is a versatile player who can score and defend from the small forward position.

Senior Scott Davis, the other returning player, is still fighting a knee injury, and has not been 100 percent so far this season.

Among the eight first-year players, four have something in common: their first names. Sophomore Ryan Kaul is a skilled but inexperienced point guard who is one of the team's best passers. Ryan Briceland



The 1998-99 Clarkston varsity boys basketball team.

is an excellent all-around athlete who could play inside or outside. Ryan Thomas and Ryan Marino are both streaky shooters who can light it up from behind the 3-point arc.

The other players are headlined by 7-foot-1 center Pete Ritzema. He moved to Clarkston from the Grand Rapids area last year, and according to Fife, has made some improvements since arriving.

"Pete has improved for Pete," he said. "He has to realize how hard he needs to work to get to the next level. He will get to the next level, but his work ethic over the next two years will determine what that level is."

Junior Rocky Lund is an athletic, slashing type of player who has range on his shot.

Junior Chad Booker has been a workhorse in the

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The Monster's prediction of the OAA Division I in boys basketball

- 1 - Southfield Lathrup
- 2 - Pontiac Northern
- 3 - Clarkston
- 4 - Ferndale
- 5 - Troy
- 6 - Pontiac Central
- 7 - Rochester Adams

1998-99 Clarkston boys basketball schedule

Tue. Dec. 8	at Oak Park
Fri. Dec. 11	Berkley
Tue. Dec. 15	Pontiac Northern
Fri. Dec. 18	at Ferndale
Wed. Dec. 30	at Cobo Hall Tournament
Wed. Jan. 6	at Troy Athens
Fri. Jan. 8	Pontiac Central
Mon. Jan. 11	at Rochester Adams
Fri. Jan. 15	at Southfield Lathrup
Tue. Jan. 19	Sterling Heights
Tue. Jan. 26	at Davison
Fri. Jan. 29	at Troy
Tue. Feb. 2	at Pontiac Northern
Fri. Feb. 5	Ferndale
Tue. Feb. 9	at Pontiac Central
Fri. Feb. 12	Rochester Adams
Tue. Feb. 16	Flint Northern
Tue. Feb. 23	Rochester
Fri. Feb. 26	Southfield Lathrup
Fri. March 5	Troy

-- varsity games start around 7:30 p.m. except for: Cobo Hall game (6 p.m.), Athens game (7 p.m.), game at Troy (8 p.m.), game at Pontiac Northern (7 p.m.), game at Pontiac Central (7 p.m.).

Get your first look at the 1998-99 Clarkston varsity boys basketball team when it scrimmages defending Class A state champion Detroit Central at 5 p.m. Friday at the CHS gym



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Basketball team has 10 first-year players

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frontcourt in practice, according to Fife, and is a player who needs a good chunk of playing time.

"I could lose 20 games with a kid like Chad Booker and not be upset," Fife said. "He just gives you all he's got."

Six-footers Adam Schapman and Steve Schornak round out the frontcourt.

Fife said this is a team that needs to establish how physically and mentally tough it's going to be to get ready for the tough competition of the OAA Division I.

"There's nothing we do really well right now," Fife said. "Our kids have to be physically and mentally tough, and some aren't sure they're there yet. This team has to decide if it wants to get after it or just go out and play. Our teams in the past have made that decision. You've got to be tough as nails to play the schedule we play."

The OAA I is as wide open as ever this year, with almost every team making a case for it to be a contender for the league title.

Pontiac Central joins the league after two years in Division II, but the Chiefs graduated all five starters from last year's juggernaut. Troy returns a solid backcourt of Tim Fralick and Bryan O'Keefe, and could have one of its best teams in recent memory.

Pontiac Northern returns three-year starter Nucleus Smith, and always seems to have a big, athletic team. Ferndale might be the best team in the league by the end of the season, and features all-around threat Randy Royal. Southfield Lathrup returns a ton of talent, including guards Solomon Edwards, Brandon Edwards and Antoine Johnson.

Ora Foster

Ora A. Foster, 78, of Lake Orion, died November 25, 1998.

Mr. Foster retired in 1972 after 30 years of service as an inspector for Fisher Body. He served in World War II as a member of the Paratrooper Infantry No. 509.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; sons Gari (Albert) Monroe of Clarkston and Ronald of Southfield; grandchildren Shelley, Julie, Carrie, Gwyneth, and Edward; four great-grandchildren; and siblings John (Daisy), George (Anna) and Reta (Dave) Patton, all of Florida.

Mr. Foster was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Rettie, and siblings Rosie, Charles Edgar, Herman, Andrew and Paul.

A graveside service was Saturday, November 28 at Ottawa Park Cemetery with Rev. Roger Allen officiating. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Juanita Van Dyke

Juanita J. Van Dyke, 64, of Madison Heights, died November 25, 1998.

Mrs. Van Dyke attended the First Congregational Church of Clarkston and was retired from the Days Inn Motel in Holland, Michigan. She enjoyed sewing, reading and crafts.

She was the loving mother of sons, Robert III of Waterford and Richard (Joyce) of Holland; daughters Carol (Dan) Matthews of Clarkston and Jane (Jeff) John of Rochester. She is also survived by her grandchildren Madie, Richie, Jami, and Joshua; siblings Rolland (Kay) West of Wayland and Robert (Toni) West of Ohio.

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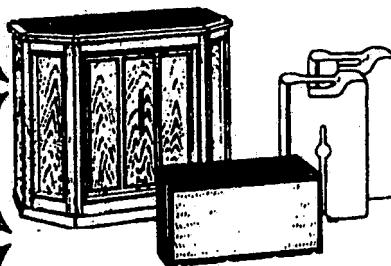
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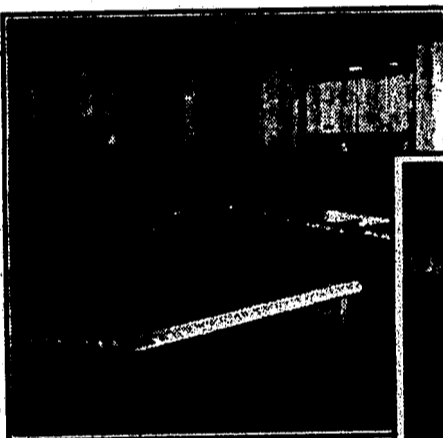
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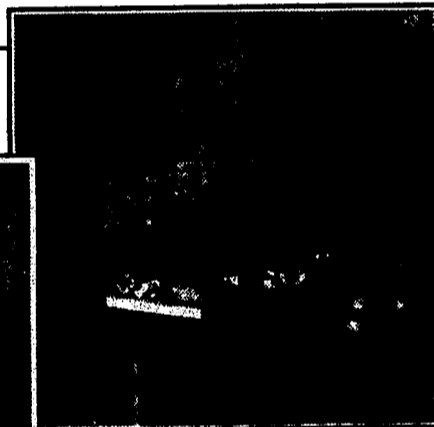
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CLARKSTON
 CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
 OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
 ORDINANCE NO. 108-1
 TO INCORPORATE THEREIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS WHICH ARE BINDING UPON THE CITY AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 108 BY AMENDING SECTIONS 108-1 TO INCORPORATE THEREIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS WHICH ARE BINDING UPON THE CITY, TO STREAMLINE NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED FEDERAL AMENDMENTS AND FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE EFFICIENCY, OPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY OF DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL PRE-TREATMENT PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTRALIZED WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY DISCHARGERS AND FOR GROUND-WATER DISCHARGERS; TO PLACE NEW RESPONSIBILITY UPON INDUSTRIAL USERS FOR CONDUCTING SELF-MONITORING AND WASTE MINIMIZATION ACTIVITIES, AND TO MODIFY THE APPEAL AND RECONSIDERATION PROCESS AVAILABLE TO INDUSTRIAL USERS FOR REDRESS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS BY THE CITY OF DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT AND CITY.
 Made and passed by the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston, this twenty-third day of November, 1998.

Sharon Catalo, Mayor
 Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

(This Ordinance in its entirety is on file in the City Hall Ordinance File).

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 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, December 16, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #98-0134 Stephen Crosby, Petitioner
 APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY Cranberry Lake Rd., R-1A 08-17-151-025

Case #98-0135 Peggy Kurz, Petitioner
 APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW SECOND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE Snowapple, Lot 12 Clarkston Garden Sub., R-1A Zone 08-21-326-012


NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Joan E. McCrary
 Township Clerk

Beverly A. McElmeel
 Director

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 CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
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 CLARKSTON MI 48346
 SUMMARY
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
 NOVEMBER 23, 1998
 Meeting called to order by Mayor Catalo at 7:03 p.m.
 Present: Catalo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Kelley, Sanderson, Savage. Absent: None.
 Minutes of November 9, 1998, accepted as presented.
 Agenda accepted as presented.
 ORDINANCE NO. 108-1: AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS WHICH ARE BINDING UPON THE CITY (AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 108).
 City Attorney Ryan conducted the second reading on Ordinance No. 108-1 which incorporated Federal regulations regarding waste water into the sewer system. Ryan explained that this does not involve the City as it refers to industrial users only, but it is necessary to make the City's ordinance compatible with the City of Detroit's ordinance.
 Council resolved to adopt above ordinance.
 City Attorney Ryan conducted the first reading on the following ordinances:
 Ordinance No. 119-1: Adopting by Reference the Building Officials and Code Administrators International Inc., (BOCA), Basic Building Code, 1996 Edition.
 Ordinance No. 120-1: An Ordinance Adopting the 1996 National Electrical Code.
 Ordinance No. 121-1: An Ordinance Adopting the 1996 National Plumbing Code.
 Ordinance No. 122-1: An Ordinance Adopting Certain Changes in the Fire Prevention Code.
 Ordinance No. 123-1: An Ordinance Adopting the 1996 BOCA National Property Maintenance Code.
 Ordinance No. 124-1: An Ordinance Adopting the 1996 BOCA National Mechanical Code.
 Resolved to adopt the annual resolution (copy attached to Minutes) for use of the State Trunkline Right of Way (M-15).
 Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk



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