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Alternatives get mixed review

I-75 traffic ideas outlined

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite arguments against "paving Oakland County" with additional lanes on existing roadways, a recent study shows it might be the best way to relieve traffic congestion along the I-75 corridor.

The ninth in a series of meetings to find solutions to traffic problems and other concerns along the corridor took place Jan. 27 at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. A group of at least 30 township officials and local residents came to hear the results of the most recent study of the situation.

The study, compiled by The Corradino Group in association with Rowe Inc. and Schutt & Company, featured a downsizing of 13 alternatives based on two factors: adequate solution and near-term possibility.

Joe Corradino of The Corradino Group said studies of the six-mile wide corridor have indicated the best solution may be to widen I-75, adding lane(s) in areas of heavy traffic congestion. At the same time, some "arterial" roads, or major roads which intersect I-75, would also be considered for widening.

Exactly which arterial roads would be widened has not yet been presented.

Other ideas which are still under consideration include rebuilding to improve interchanges on I-75 and adding an interchange at Clintonville Road. Preliminary alternatives deemed not efficient included building a "high-type" roadway in west Oakland County and construction of a "double-deck" freeway.

Corradino said the high-type roadway, in the form of a new boulevard or freeway, would be difficult to place without major impacts in the area. He added to "build more and put it up in the air" with a double-deck freeway south of 12 Mile Road would require a pier for support, resulting in no gain in capacity.

"We lose the capacity to add the capacity," he said.

Comments from the audience were mixed about widening I-75. Joe Figa, planning commissioner for Independence Township, said he hopes for other alternatives to adding onto roads.

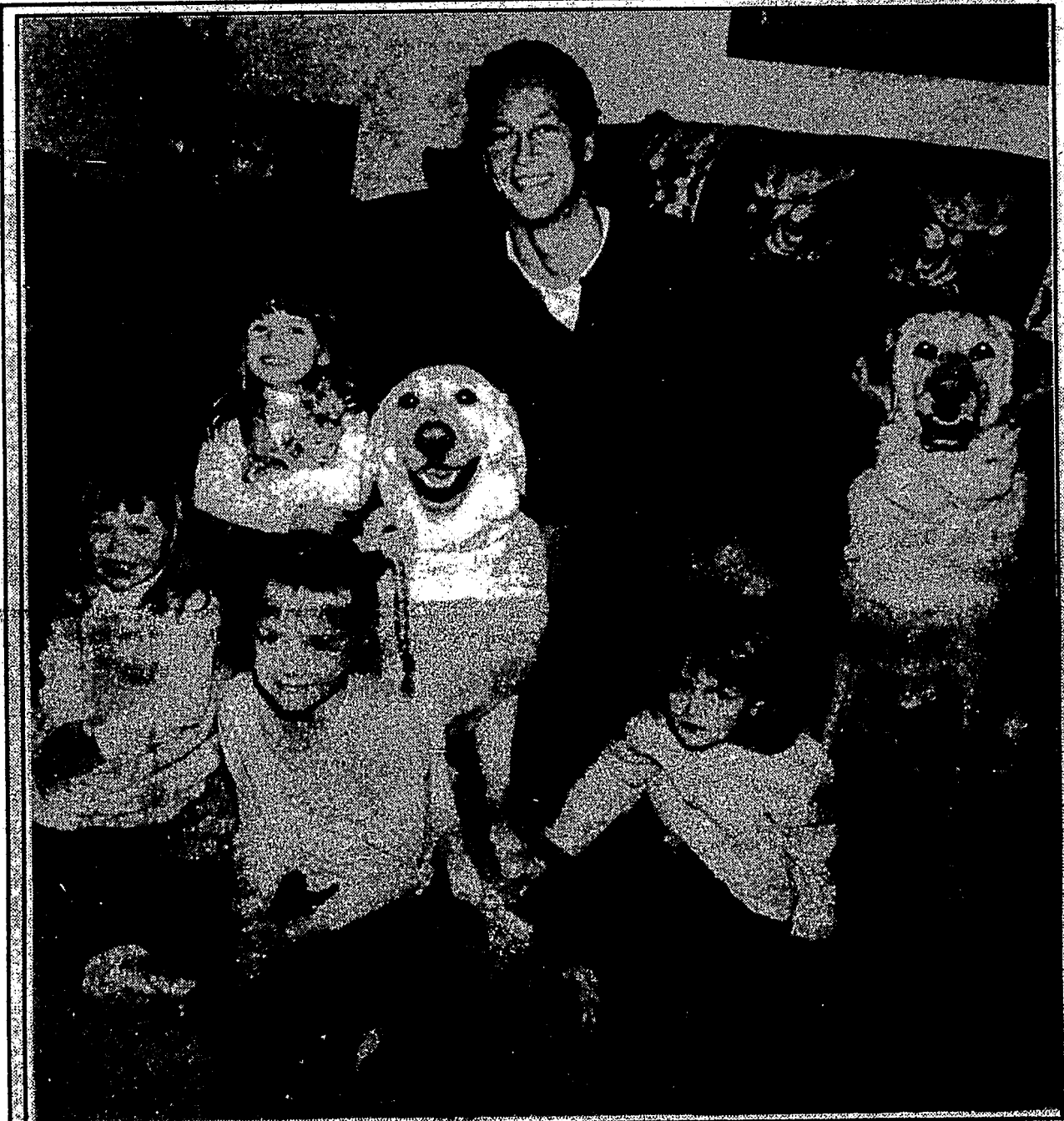
"When do we decide to look at an alternative to paving Oakland County?" Figa said.

Another planning commissioner, Jill Palulian, agreed. "We constantly add, add, add. . . Is that the solution?" she said.

Other comments centered on growth of the county with retail. George White, Clarkston resident, said the growth is obvious in the building of the Great Lakes Crossing "mega mall."

"You've got one mega mall on one side and another mega mall on the other," White said, referring to additional retail being constructed on the north side of

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From left, Dave poses with the two dogs, Irish and Rocky. He's surrounded by Tatum and Keagan (at left) and his own daughters, Krista and Sarah.

Man rescues dogs from icy waters

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two dogs may have been California dreamin' when they romped through Independence Township last week.

They weren't familiar with the area's cold temperatures, having just moved with their family to Michigan from the Golden Coast several weeks ago.

Out running, they evidently tested an icy canal on Lake Oakland. That's when they fell through. But thanks to the brave efforts of one of their new neighbors, they're safe and sound.

Dave Deo, who lives on Lake Oakland, had just stepped out of his house around 5 p.m. last Monday. "My dog was barking. That's when I heard the dogs crying in the water and they couldn't get out."

He spotted the two Golden Labs approximately

30 feet from shore, in a stretch of the canal Dave calls "mucky." He could see their heads and their paws, scratching the ice to get out.

Dave says that stretch of canal almost never freezes, but it had been colder than usual. He figured the ice would hold him, so he began crawling out. His wife suggested he take the family's paddle boat. But Dave says he knew that would take too long.

"I knew I could go out a little ways. The ice didn't crack, so I kept on going." Neighbors were already on a cellphone, calling 911.

When he reached the animals, they tried to help, and even though they were heavy (one weighs 100 pounds, the other 75), they managed to get their

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The News in Brief

Two CHS students may be expelled for bomb threat

Two 15-year-old Clarkston High School students have been recommended for expulsion for the remainder of the school year, following a Jan. 11 bomb threat the two allegedly made on a school bus.

Geri Moore, director of curriculum, research and evaluation for Clarkston Community Schools, served as the hearing officer at a due process discipline hearing for the students Jan. 21. Moore said the school board will make a decision at its Feb. 14 meeting whether or not to expel the students.

She said the students can make requests for reinstatement in the summer and would petition before an appointed committee.

Filming for educational commercial Feb. 4 at CHS

A date has been confirmed for filming of an educational commercial at Clarkston High School Friday, Feb. 4 in cooperation with Detroit's Channel 62.

In-Depth Detroit anchor Rich Mayk will be filmed alongside CHS students, teachers and parents for the 30-second commercial, said Dawnree Demrose, corporate marketing executive for Channel 62. A prior January filming with voice-overs by WOMC radio personality Dick Puritan was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts, she said.

The commercial's focus is on career preparation systems and the district's educational development plan. Demrose said upon touring the school last fall, the "state-of-the-art facility" prompted her to select CHS for the commercial.

Interviews for Year 2000 Census jobs start in February

Year 2000 Census interviews for jobs in north Oakland County begin this month at the Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway in Davisburg. Interviews start at 10 a.m. and are scheduled for Feb. 16, March 15 and March 29 at the center.

Those interested must bring their social security card and driver's license (or other form of photo ID, such as a passport). A 28-question multiple choice test will be given; 10 must be answered correctly to pass, said Cindy Bryars, assistant manager for recruiting.

Positions are open for census takers, clerks and crew leaders; hours are flexible but must be at least 20 hours a week, Bryars said. Those selected will begin paid training in March.

Census Day is April 1; work begins the last week of April and ends the first week of July. Census takers will be paid \$13.75/hour; clerks, \$10.50/hour; and crew leaders, \$15.25/hour. Census takers and crew leaders also receive mileage pay.

For more information, call (734) 632-0300.

Income tax preparation help available for seniors

Volunteer income tax preparers will be available this month to assist seniors with federal and state tax forms at Independence Township Senior Center. Services will be provided between 9 a.m. and noon each Tuesday in February.

There is no charge for the service; however, donations are welcome. To make an appointment, call the senior center at 625-8231. The senior center is located in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Rd.

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The Second Front

'Hearts' to Honduras

Church group prepares to visit Central American country for a third time

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Forget the flowers and candy. This year, members of Clarkston Community Church are celebrating Valentine's Day in a very special way.

They're giving their time, energy, hands and hearts to an ongoing mission in Honduras, through the national organization, "Heart to Honduras," based in Lake Wales, Florida.

The goal is to make Hondurans more self-sufficient and to help their church fulfill Christ's command to "go and make disciples," according to "Honduras Update," a publication from the organization.

This is the third time several church members, including Pastor Greg Henneman and parishioners Keith Woodman and Mark Whiting, have visited the country. Other visits occurred in 1996 and 1997. Dr. Dan Bielak will join them. This is his second trip. The four will be returning to the small village of Canchias, Feb. 14-21. This time, the mission will expand the ministry part of their work.

Henneman explains Heart to Honduras' initial goal in 1989: "to unify and support the isolated village churches in the rural, mountain regions of Honduras." It later was expanded to include programs serving needs of the poor — "to provide food, clothing, housing, healing and hope."

Henneman defines the purpose as sharing the gospel of Christ and "raising their standard of living." Hondurans won't learn to be self-sufficient if they're provided with handouts, he said. Teaching them to survive "instills a sense of dignity," he added.

The first trip, 1996: Church members help build a dam

In 1996, the first year of their mission, 16 parishioners, including Henneman, "went down with the primary purpose of helping them build a small dam and a river," Henneman said. Some of them were teenagers, among them his son Cory. The group worked to reroute a portion of the river "so engineers could come in and build a concrete dam," Bielak said.

The purpose was to provide Hondurans with their own hydroelectric power. "That's the only way they can get electricity," Woodman explained. Adults and teenagers from the church spent five days hauling stone and sand out of the waters, he added. There were 20 people involved in the project, which took about one week to complete. They also painted some cabins, designed to house volunteers like themselves.

While they were there, they noted the beauty of the country and simple, uncomplicated lifestyles of the Hondurans. Henneman said the Clarkston teens remarked that Honduran children seemed happier than American kids — proving it all goes back to the basics.

He explained two other goals of Hearts to Honduras are to provide con-



From left, Dr. Dan Bielak, Pastor Greg Henneman and Keith Woodman pose with a map of Honduras. Missing from the photo is Mark Whiting.



Members of Clarkston Community Church work to reroute a river so a dam can be built in Canchias. This was the church's first visit to Honduras.

crete floors for the crude dwellings and to establish running water. "And along with that, they teach them hygiene." He chuckled, saying it isn't unusual to see a woman washing dishes and the family donkey drinking out of the same basin. He has witnessed scenes like this.

"They have their animals — donkeys, chickens — running through the house." Until some of the "bathrooms" were built, families bathed in the lake and women washed clothes by beating them on rocks, he said.

Bielak, a medical doctor, also treated adults and children during the trip. He said Hondurans have a 50 percent infant mortality rate and most adults live to only their mid-'50s.

"Ninety percent of the kids are asthmatic because they don't have chimneys in their fireplaces," Bielak said.

He saw diseases "I never thought I'd see. Parasitic infections — you could see the tracks in the legs from worms — tuberculosis, and a pathetic nutritional status."

As with other volunteers, the group packed as many medical supplies and toiletry items as they could carry. Congregation members donated items like clothes, shoes, toothpaste and soap. "You see a lot of T-shirts and baseball caps on the kids," Woodman said. "Nike," added Bielak.

When they returned from the first trip, "we were so pumped," Henneman

said. A generous benefactor connected with the mission provided a one-month challenge to the church's congregation. He said he would double whatever they raised. The church raised \$25,000, which was matched by \$50,000.

"So we got \$75,000 — most of which went to build a discipleship center." This was to be a meeting place for Honduran pastors. Part of the purpose was to also provide education "for those aspiring to be pastors."

Pastor Bonnie Laudeman and students from the church's school also helped raise funds, Henneman said. The monies went to build a new tiled roof for the Honduran children's school. Before it was replaced, "they had a hot tin roof," Henneman said, which made lessons extremely uncomfortable.

Trip two, 1997: Helping to build a discipleship center

In 1997, 10 congregationalists traveled to Honduras, Henneman said. Seven of the group were women, including Henneman's daughter Cary. The center, called the Canchias School of Discipleship, was about 75 percent built.

"We had to do a lot of digging to level the floors. It was extremely hard work," Henneman said. "We were swinging picks and shovels. It was basically the kind of work you could do only for a morning. Our hands were raw."

In the afternoon, "we visited with the people. The ladies set up meetings." Evenings were devoted to worship services. It's still a "machismo" society, Henneman explained. The women sit on one side, the men on the other.

You saw Christianity in action, Henneman said, with a lot of singing and music. He provided a humorous example.

Most Hondurans have to build their own instruments, he said. During one service, a man was playing a string bass. The pegs to tune the strings were warped, so he simply stretched the bass through an open window. Another man poured a bucket of water on the bass "so the pegs wouldn't get stuck ...

"They just kept right on singing and playing," laughed Henneman, shaking his head. Needless to say, "their worship services are more lively than ours."

Bielak said he was touched — as all were — by a story shared at a men's breakfast. Miguel, the Honduran leader of Heart to Honduras, talked about how he had been captured and tortured in prison by the Sandanistas, a communist movement, in Nicaragua. "In the early '80s, they captured most of the Christian pastors," Henneman explained.

Miguel refused to renounce his faith, even though he was told he would be freed if he did so. "That experience gave Miguel such a depth," Henneman said. Fortunately, he was finally released, he added.

2000: Preparing for a return

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Clarkston man in Jan. 6 car crash dies

OCSD Sgt. says turn lane on Dixie could 'prevent a lot of fatal accidents'

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Clarkston man who was a passenger in a Jan. 6 two-car accident in Springfield Township died Jan. 20 from injuries sustained in the accident.

Charles William Mallett, 54, of Clarkston, died at a Detroit hospital while being treated further for internal injuries caused when a truck heading south on Dixie Highway ran a red light and struck the vehicle he was riding in at the intersection of Big Lake Road and Dixie.

Mallett was transferred to Detroit after first being sent to Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, where his wife also received treatment for her injuries. It was confirmed Jan. 28 the cause of death was accident-related by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office.

Sgt. Patrick Miles of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Springfield substation said the Oakland County Traffic Division has been notified of the death and charges will be filed against the 69-year-old Troy man ticketed for the accident. Miles said an amended file of the original police report will be sent to the Michigan State Police to notify them of a fatality from the accident.

Miles said recent arguments by staff at Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus to have a left-turn signal installed at the intersection show the problems increased traffic can bring. He said other intersections north of Big Lake on Dixie Highway show the need for not only a turn signal, but a turn lane.

"If we could get a left-turn lane on Dixie Highway, we'd prevent a lot of fatal accidents. With the growth we're having, we're going to need that."

Independence Twp. --

Planning commissioners approve two new residential projects

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two new developments are moving forward in Independence Township.

On Jan. 27 planning commissioners approved the final site plan for a 72-unit condominium project on Clintonville Road, as well as conceptual plans for an estate-type subdivision on the former Clarkston Golf Club property.

Both were approved following public hearings which drew only a handful of residents.

Possum Hollow

Developer Forrest Milzow's condominium project, Possum Hollow, is planned for over 32 acres zoned R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) on Clintonville Road near Maybee Road and I-75. The community includes 72 detached condos. Milzow's project also received wetland and natural feature impact approval Thursday.

Earlier, township engineers scrutinized plans because a road had to be developed to access the property — and it crossed a regulated wetland. A letter from engineer Randy Ford of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, dated Jan. 10, explained the crossing would require the placement of "approximately 2,000 cubic yards of fill material."

Plans identified 0.42 acres of wetlands to be impacted by the development, with 0.63 acres of mitigation (1.5 to 1 ratio) required to offset the impacts.

Due to "shared hydrology with the impacted wetland system, natural re-vegetation will occur within the mitigated areas," Ford said. Some mitigation plantings will also be done. He recommended a three-year monitoring program be established so that "if the mitigation fails to develop in kind with the wetland to be impacted, an appropriate restoration program should then be conducted to correct the problem."

Commissioners approved the plans, 7-0. Following the meeting, Milzow said each condo will feature three bedrooms, two full baths and a two-car garage. He described the design as "tri-levels and bi-levels." The project will begin late spring to early summer. "We're shooting for fall." Condos will be priced from \$180,000 to \$220,000, Milzow said.

Oakmont of Clarkston

Commissioners also unanimously approved conceptual site plans for a cluster option for Oakmont of Clarkston, a new residential community on 47 acres on the northwest corner of Eston and Algonquin roads, the site of the former Clarkston Golf Club.

The property was rezoned from Recreation to R-1C (Suburban Farm Residential) after the property owners sold it.

Andrew Milia of Franklin Properties told several concerned residents at the meeting he had been

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BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Matt Lumetta and his students at Kingsley Montgomery School in Waterford are determined to show recycling counts.

Lumetta, a teacher of severely and emotionally impaired 11 to 14-year olds at the school, has begun a joint effort with the staff at Real Estate One of Clarkston to promote recycling in their downtown office. Each week, Lumetta and one student will pick up a box of paper from the business and transport it to a recycling facility in Lake Orion, he said.

It's a small start, but Lumetta said the kids are excited to begin the project. The idea came after he took the kids outside the school for a science lesson, and they became upset by the amount of trash not in receptacles.

"I promised them about getting the school involved with a clean up," he said. Lumetta, who is closing on a home in the Clarkston area, noticed paper waste is a problem in other places when he visited the Real Estate One office recently.

His agent, Carol Carpentier, "makes six copies of everything," Lumetta said. "The amount of copies that they make are amazing."

He asked Carpentier if the business would be interested in recycling, and after receiving permission, Carpentier OK'd a time each week for Lumetta and one student to drop by and pick up their excess paper.

Children from across Oakland County attend the Kingsley Montgomery School. He said the students' efforts to help the community benefit them as well.

"I think this has been a learning experience for me, to see them interested in doing something so positive," Lumetta said. "It's good for them."

Carpentier said she is excited to begin the recycling project and hopes other area businesses will follow by example.



Carol Carpentier, real estate agent at Real Estate One of Clarkston, along with Matt Lumetta, a teacher for severely and emotionally impaired kids at Waterford's Kingsley Montgomery School, are working together with the kids to recycle paper at the real estate office. Carpentier hopes other local businesses will follow suit. "I think everyone should try to help our environment, to help our kids," she said.

Photo by Renee Wightman

"I think it's fantastic," she said. "I think everyone should try to help our environment, to help our kids."

Lumetta said once the paper recycling project is

off the ground, he and his students may also start recycling other items, including aluminum cans and plastic bottles. "I keep telling them, if you believe strongly in something, you should pursue that."

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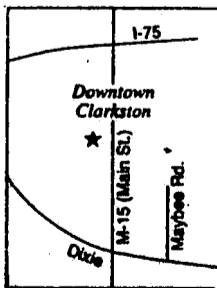
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Downtown businesses are jewels to be enjoyed

The owners of several downtown Clarkston businesses understandably bristled following reports of the "wish list" of items that should be sold locally. The comments were made late last year during research for the downtown revitalization program.

Toys, greeting cards, clothing, gifts, antiques and specialty items were all suggested. And they all currently exist in downtown Clarkston.

Local shop owners are selling sophisticated, quality merchandise that correctly reflects the image of the community, and with a friendly smile and good conversation.

Community members should take a second look at the shops downtown. There is enough going on to easily make a day of it, and enjoy lunch or dinner to boot. MKC

Freedom of Information Act

PUBLIC RECORDS

The Freedom of Information Act, 1976, PA 442; MCLA 15.231 et. seq. is effective on April 13, 1977.

Under the Act a person may inspect or receive copies of public records maintained by a public body. However, prisoners are excluded from the definition of those who may use the Act to obtain information. A public body may charge a fee for providing copies of records.

A request for a record may be made orally or in writing and a response must be given within five business days unless there are unusual circumstances that make it difficult to obtain the record. If there are unusual circumstances, an additional 10 business days is allowed.

The public body must respond to the request by either granting it or issuing a written notice explaining the reasons for denial.

The following records are exempt from disclosure: (1) records constituting a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy; (2) investigating records compiled for law enforcement purposes; (3) records that would prejudice the ability to maintain security at a penal institution; (4) records exempt by statute; (5) records exempt under the Federal Family Educational and Privacy Act; (6) exempt records furnished by one public body to another; (7) trade secrets or commercial information voluntarily provided upon a promise of confidentiality for the development of governmental policy; (8) attorney-client privilege; (9) other legally recognized privileges; (10) bid proposals; (11) real estate appraisals; (12) test questions and answers; (13) medical counseling and psychological facts or evaluations; (14) advisory communications within a public body or between public bodies; (15) law enforcement communication codes; (16) the location of archeological sites; (17) testing data to determine whether bidders' products meet specifications; (18) academic transcripts pertaining to a student who is delinquent in payment; (19) records of campaign committees; (20) records of a police agency that would interfere with law enforcement or endanger a law enforcement officer; (21) records pertaining to an investigation by the Department of Commerce of a licensed health professional until a formal complaint is issued.

The public body must separate exempt and non-exempt material and must furnish the non-exempt material upon request. A civil action to compel disclosure of records may only be brought by the requester. Actual attorney fees will be awarded to a prevailing plaintiff who sues to obtain documents.

Letters To The Editor

Left-turn arrow needed at intersection

Dear Editor,

We have heard from several parents regarding a potentially dangerous situation at the Dixie Hwy. and Big Lake Road intersection. Students must make this turn whether taking the bus or driving when coming to OTC. We have communicated to MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) that there needs to be a north-bound left-hand turn arrow installed and be operational between the hours of 7:15-7:45 a.m. and 11:00-11:30 a.m.

There are times when only one car can turn left before the light turns red. It has been so bad that at times some of the Waterford bus drivers actually drive beyond the intersection and turn around in a parking lot so they can enter the intersection southbound and avoid the left turn lane.

Recently there have been serious accidents at this intersection. In one of those accidents, the car was overturned when hit by a southbound car while making a left-hand turn. With a high school just up the road and the traffic volume on Dixie Hwy. increasing, we believe that a left-hand arrow is needed at this intersection.

If you agree, we encourage residents, business owners and home owners to write MDOT, at 18101 Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075. You can also call MDOT

at (248) 483-5116 to voice your concern.

Sincerely,
The Staff at OTC

Please send form to MDOT,
18101 W. Nine Mile Rd,
Southfield, MI 48075

I am concerned: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Move over, Wolfgang Puck, here comes my husband

There's a saying over the worn, wooden doorway of the family cabin up north. It reads:

*You can live without friends,
You can live without books,
But civilized man
Cannot live without cooks.*

It's part of the elegant, witty calligraphy my grandmother's friend scrolled over each and every entrance and exit in the historic structure — which is now the domain of my younger brother in Wisconsin.

In the days of yore, when I was merely a youngster, I remember the warm, homey smells of goulash, pot roast and other concoctions my grandma, mother and aunts whipped up in the kitchen.

It was a place no man had gone before. But, as the saying goes, the civilized men (who were prone to let their beards grow on vacation) expected a good, hot meal would always find its way to the dining room table.

Things have sure changed. Today, my husband considers the kitchen his final frontier as well.

This, I think, is due to the age of equality — the you-have-your-chores-I-have-mine law I passed when we were married.

He can now fling a mean spatula, turn over eggs without breaking the yolks — and have a steaming meat loaf on the table when I return home from a hard day's work.

The meat loaf — incidentally — is the high point of his culinary skills. It came with a simple title "Wood's Meat Loaf," passed down to him by someone named Mrs. Wood. Ironically, we have many recipes in our file that have been dubbed "Mrs." recipes also (some post-humously) — in honor of great chefs like Mrs. Snow's (Hamburger Noodle Dish) and Mrs. Ted Boss's (Casserole).

The Wood's Meat Loaf title, although not officially amended, is now known, offhandedly, as Dan's Meat Loaf. It contains the basic ingredients — 1 1/2 pounds ground beef; 1/2 pound ground pork; stuffing, etc. My husband, however, eliminated the soy sauce and onions ((he still finds them in the chili even when I've minced them. He accuses me of "hiding" them. He can't stand "the feeling" on his teeth). Instead, he lavishes the loaf with onion powder and lots of "special sauce." This is a

combination of Lea & Perrin's (only the best) Worcestershire Sauce and A-1 Steak Sauce.

I left the recipe on the counter on the day and, with a start, I realized we didn't have any Worcestershire's or A-1, so I dashed to the store. I found a generic brand for the latter, which is allowed.

However, I noticed later there were two more bottles of the A-1 sauce. To liven up the rice to go with the sauce, he explained.

The special sauce philosophy found its way into another recipe last week. By now, you can gather my husband is a picky eater. I have had to modify my mother's — er, Mrs. Cavanaugh's Chicken and Rice dish — since he gasps at the thought of smothering it with cream of mushroom soup. "It taints it," he scoffs.

He can, however, tolerate cream of chicken, so that goes on top with other substitutes.

Expecting to be greeted by the smell of a mouthwatering chicken dish when I returned home, I was instead struck by I an odor I can best describe as "pungent."

There was my husband — seated at the table, as he always is. A baseball cap plunked on his head, with a towel over his shoulder (that means he's been cooking — his Paul Bunyan/ maitre d' look).

With knife and fork poised, he was making primitive noises. "Mmmmmph ..." (This can also mean he's enjoying a good, televised sports game or pictures of Cindy Crawford.) He fairly lept from his chair. "Taste this!" he said, moving forward.

I took a bite of the puffed-up rice — swimming in special sauce. And promptly made a face. "Don't you like it?" he asked, incredulously, referring to my pained expression. "The secret sauce is what makes it!" he exclaimed. I discovered — this time — the sauce included half a bottle of (pungent) Italian dressing.

I smiled politely. But I will have to hide the recipe the next time guests come for dinner.



Ei-Liners

Eileen McCarville

Always a brainiack in the crowd

There are times in my oh-so-dull life, that I shake my head and inwardly say, "What a scam."
I then crank my head to the right and the left again and wish I were smart enough to come up with a "scam."

I put you through that very wordy intro because here before me I have an article, dated December 8, 1999. The Associated Press piece is headlined: **Research finds link in drinking, drugs, sex -- Teen-age substance abuse more likely to increase promiscuity, report finds.**

In a word, DUH!
No smackin' frackin' kidding, Sherlock. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out when your senses (good sense, too) are dulled by, hmmm, let's say alcohol and or other mind-bending drugs, you run more of the chance of foolin' around.

Why do you think frat boys throw frat parties?
A: So they can drink themselves to oblivion and then reverse parasitology all over the floor?
B: They're really nice and want all to know what swell guys they are.
C: Chicks, babes, or as the Elvis movie said, "Girls, Girls, Girls!"

If you answered anything but "C", check yourself into some sort of self-awareness clinic -- you're too gullible and may be swindled into buying part of the Ambassador Bridge.

I don't know about other mind-bending drugs, but I can testify that the consumption of too many adult beverages, will lead you to do things you normally wouldn't think of (hey, I was young and stupid once, too -- give me a break).

At any rate, good old, hard earned, taxpayer dollars went to Columbia University to study the connection between teens getting stoned and doing "it."

The study was a scam and I venture to say, the person who perpetrated that scam on the American public is probably getting ready for the next: adults getting stoned and doing "it."

There's a brainiack in every crowd that comes up with great ways to bulk the system out of money. And, for every brainiack scam artist, there's a government agency, official, bureaucrat sucker waiting to shell out more of other people's money.

Thinking about it, I think I should get paid for the adult study. I'm a writer. I can make my findings sound intellectual and worthwhile. Heck, I can write the findings almost without doing any research.

I ask: How many marriages have been broken? How many lives destroyed? How many children and faithful spouses have been ripped

apart, because one spouse got soused and was unfaithful?

Like I said, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure it out.

I answer: Too many.
It doesn't happen to the majority of people, I know, but it happens often enough to draw the conclusion I have come to. And, I ain't even smart. I suppose if I did have a firmer grasp on all things intellectual I would have gone to the government for a grant.

It's a scam, and it's too bad the smarter folks don't recognize it.

Comments for party-poopier Rush can be e-mailed to: Dontrushme@juno.com or dontrushmedon@aol.com



Don Rush

Ice skating the Shiawassee then, now

Watching some kids skating on the creek behind our house this week brought back some childhood skating memories.

What we'll tell you will also bring into sharp focus the difference in parental and do-gooder warnings of today and yesterday.

In 1938 we lived in a farm house north of Bancroft in Shiawassee county. A river by the county's name wound its way from Saginaw to Livingston County. It passed our place about a quarter mile to the north.

I used to say it was a mile, but I realize today how far a mile is when I walk it.

With mother's permission, though my much older sister says otherwise, we walked across the fields (checking our rabbit traps as we went) to the river.

There we'd put on our clamp-on skates. You know, the kind you see only in antique shops and even there the key is missing.

We'd tighten the screw until just before the shoe sole would bend, buckle the heal-ankle strap and skate away on wobbly ankles. They were always wobbly, even later when we had shoe skates.

The Shiawassee, though it had some 'holes' was not a deep river. Also, because it flowed continuously, it was

seldom entirely frozen. There would be open areas. And, there would be protruding rocks and branches.

Sometimes we'd skate behind the house and sometimes we'd skate to the next road crossing at Newburg, maybe a 'real' mile northwest. And, we'd pretend playing hockey with bent branches and chunks of ice.

I was 12. Though I did not skate alone, I don't recall who was with me. We never fell into open water. We never injured anything falling over rocks and branches.

We always got home in time for dinner, and if mother worried about us, we never realized it. That's how mothers are, I guess.

In today's world, first thing, the animal rights people would picket our farm carrying signs that read: Save The Rabbits, Don't Open That Trap, or Rabbits Have Rights, Too.

Then there'd be a lawsuit against the makers of skate keys because they caused carpal tunnel syndrome.

The Department of Natural Resources would be condemned for not posting all rocks, branches and open water with danger signs, security fence and signs that read: "Skaters must muffle their skates as to not disturb sleeping fish."

Oh, yeah, they'd also have to involve the zebra muscle and lamprey somehow.

We would also have to have helmets, padded everything, mouth guards and athletic supporter.

How in heck did we survive skating the Shiawassee?



Jim Sherman

OPINION

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the People Poll

By Eileen McCarville

The Clarkston News asks:

What's your favorite radio station and why?



"WSM-FM, Nashville, Tennessee. Because they play real country music, not like the station here that plays this modern country. They play real y'all music."

-- Bill Burke, Commerce Twp.



"97.5-FM, out of Lansing. It's oldies. They play more of the early sixties, even the fifties songs."

-- Dan Czuj, Brighton



"93-1-FM, 'cause they play a lot of music instead of talk shows. Pop music like Korn and Limp Biscuit."

-- Eric Bryan, Clarkston



"95.5-FM, because it's more popular music - just a variety of people like Celine Dion, even sometimes Shania Twain."

-- Betsy Ruple, Orion

Century-old education principles hold true today

Over a century ago, John Dewey expressed his viewpoint about American Public Education. He said, "What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children." While his logic holds true 101 years later, today there seems to be some confusion about the purpose of public education.

I hope this article will provide a perspective of public education that will invigorate our local efforts to create schools that are among the best anywhere. As most readers know, a significant amount of criticism has been directed toward America's public schools, and I would be the first to say that reform is necessary.

Yes, schools have been too slow to change. But the reality is, educators across this nation have taken on a formidable task. Preparing today's youth for life in a changing world is the most complex and awesome responsibility anyone could imagine. The social conditions that have become commonplace in towns and cities across the nation provide quite a challenge. For example, national statistics clearly demonstrate:

- Too many children are living in poverty and do not have the resources or support necessary to get off to a good start.
- The family unit, for many children, is changing, and too many youngsters believe that they are just a nuisance to the adults in their lives.
- Too many parents cannot, or in some cases will not, set aside the time necessary to work with their child's teacher to ensure success.

It is also important to keep in mind that the amount of information accessible now is far greater than that which was available to students long ago, and the types of skills necessary to thrive have expanded dramatically over time.

Communities in the year 2000 expect their educators to accept these challenges, to step up to the plate, and to offer no excuses! They demand a return on their investment; but they also understand that an inferior education is phenomenally expensive, financially and otherwise. Therefore, I think it is important for me to provide you with information that will clearly demonstrate that the Clarkston schools are worthy of your support.

Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

I have always found that the truth works best, so let's review some data that every citizen should know. First of all, the mission of the Clarkston Community Schools is

clear. We are working hard to provide each and every student with a rigorous curriculum that will enable them to thrive in the new century. The faculty and staff are laboring to create an environment where all students are challenged to reach for the stars. They are maximizing our financial resources so that we can utilize all available funds to offer youngsters the types of experiences that will truly prepare them for the future. In addition, our teachers are helping our children apply

technology in new and relevant ways.

Guiding the efforts of school personnel, while providing them with the freedom to be creative, and the boundaries necessary to be successful has been the hallmark of our administrative efforts; and it is paying off! There are many examples of how the aforementioned initiatives have been translated into action. Allow me to share a few:

- The use of cluster grouping to deliver instruction in a manner that permits our teachers to target the learning needs of all their children, and to provide instruction that is at an appropriate level of difficulty.
- The establishment of an All Day Kindergarten with the assistance of our Community Education Division.
- The offering of after school assistance programs at CHS and the extending of library/media center hours.
- The opening of Advanced Placement Courses to a wider range of our students.
- The use of grants to establish programs that would otherwise not be affordable to offer.
- The creation of a new, more rigorous program for middle school youngsters.

These are but a sample of what our schools are doing to help students succeed. We still have some serious issues to resolve, but we are well on the way. Your support, understanding, and patience are critical to our success. "What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children" – a logical statement then, no less important now.

Where have my cafeteria tables gone?

It seems strange to me that our school building can even still be considered new. With upwards of thirty hours there each week, it has become our home of sorts. But it's only been around for a year and a half – an infant in comparison with the operational life of the former high school.

I'm in the awkward position of having only attended the old building for one year. I don't have the attachment to it that might have built up had I spent more time there. On the other hand, I was there; the new building is not all I've known. And there are elements I miss: the only thing coming to mind now is the trees outside the main doors, under which we could eat our lunch at the old school. That's only a minor issue, though – the benefits of the current building certainly outweigh whatever feelings I have towards our previous space.

One of these benefits also had to do with lunch. Actually, a lot of the major changes we noticed had to do with lunch, since it's the only time we really have to ourselves. And there's only so much you can do to change a classroom. The benefit I'm talking about here, and there are several others, is the availability of round tables in the cafeteria.

Sure, a small thing. A table is a table, right? Well, no. The long, traditional cafeteria tables with attached lily-pad seats are fine, but it's hard to have a conversation with a large group of people when you're sitting in that sort of an arrangement.

So we welcomed the round tables in the new cafeteria and the flexibility presented by the detached chairs. Just having the choice between types of seating was welcomed, too – the long tables were still

present and used. We got used to the comfort.

We were shocked to come into the cafeteria for lunch last Monday. I stopped in my tracks, my mouth falling open, when I saw that no longer were we given the choice of sitting at a round table. Rows and rows of long tables, stretching as far as the eye could see, from one end of the banana-peel-yellow room to the other. What were we to do? Where were we to sit?

Those who had sat at the long tables to begin with did not have the same response. Many didn't even notice. But the rest of us were lost and couldn't understand what had happened. My lunch crew tried a long table and remembered why we sat at a round table: we couldn't see anyone two seats away, much less talk to them.

Where had the tables gone? Trying to give the benefit of the doubt, I thought maybe they were being used somewhere else temporarily. But it became clear the tables weren't coming back. I heard secondhand that a janitor had said he and the rest of the janitorial staff were tired of the daily stacking of two hundred chairs accompanying the round tables.

That leaves me wondering what they're being paid for, if it isn't building maintenance. As I said, however, this is secondhand knowledge. So to get my own information from a primary source, I asked some assistant principals where the round tables had gone. Into a storeroom, they said. Not only are the tables not in

the cafeteria, they're not being used at all. Again, I wondered why money had been spent on them if they were going to end up collecting dust.

So what could we do to get them back? The only way to do that, suggested one of these administrators, would be to eliminate two hundred students. He said he would start by expelling me. He was joking, of course, but he continued with this attitude, saying maybe we could split the students into three groups and each could eat lunch three days per week. What it came down to was that the lunches were apparently overcrowded. I haven't seen overcrowding; granted, I only have one of the three lunch periods and don't really pay that much attention to my own. But the sarcastic response indicates to me they're tired of being asked for what seems, to them, like an obvious answer. Or perhaps their answer is only half the truth.

The implication is that the long tables make more efficient use of the space. Did we have a bunch of these tables locked away waiting for the day when we would finally get rid of those space-hogging round tables?

I have to emphasize that I do not have the full story here. All I know is what I have noticed and asked about, and I've come to find it's not as easy as I had thought to get a straight answer. One administrator said something about the appropriate channel being the student executive boards, so I guess a place I could start in order to find out more and work towards getting our beloved tables back. Until then, we've discovered we can still sit in a circle if we sit on the floor, and that's perfectly fine.



Kevin Kosbab

CHS Life

Lozano reappointed county road commission chairman

The Board of Road Commissioners for the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has unanimously re-appointed Rudy D. Lozano board chairman.

Lozano was chairman for the last year.

The board also re-appointed Larry P. Crake as vice-chairman.

Lozano, who is in his ninth year on the RCOC Board, noted that he is thrilled that his colleagues on the board selected him for the job. "It is an honor to again serve in this capacity," he stated. "I intend to ensure that we continue to place the needs of Oakland County motorists at the top of our priority list."

The chairman's term is for one year, and the po-

sition rotates among the three Board members.

Lozano is a Clarkston-area realtor and has served on the boards of directors of the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce, the North Oakland County Builders Association, Great Lakes Bankcorp and Guest House. He is a past president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors and currently chairs the Waterford Township Economic Development Corporation.

He was first appointed to the RCOC Board on Sept. 13, 1991.

Crake has served on the RCOC Board since 1997. A resident of Waterford Township, Crake is the

owner and operator of the 300 Bowl bowling alley in Waterford. He served for 10 years on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, including four years as chairman of the county board.

The third road commissioner is Richard G. Skarritt. A resident of Milford, Skarritt was appointed to the RCOC Board in 1996. He is a retired senior staff engineer with General Motors and served four terms on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. He also served on the Milford Village Council.

Road Commissioners serve for six-year terms and are appointed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

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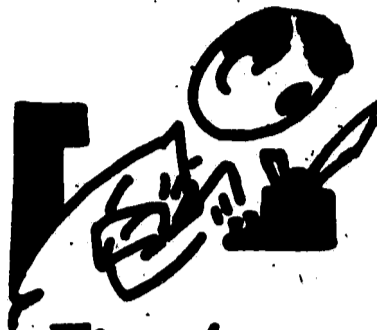
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Jim's Jottings

Did I tell you about buying a \$500 hot dog warmer? I didn't really buy it for that, it just turned out that that is what it does best. Actually, it's an Amana Radarange.

I bought it from Solley's while we were making do in the converted foaling barn. We were without range, cooking on a hot plate—that's one round, electric burner that did nothing for us, but sure made Edison happy.

We couldn't run the Radarange on the same line as the hot plate. It would blow fuses. Hazel blew 16 in one 4-day span. About the time we moved I checked with Edison and learned we had to have less than 2 100-watt bulbs on the same line as the range.

Besides not having anything to cook on or with, I was prompted to buy the Radarange because I wasn't paying rent. I thought I could afford it. Trouble is Hazel thought the same thing and spent the would-have-gone-for-rent money, too. Fact is I spent it a couple more times myself.

But this range, it's actually an oven, does some great things in a hurry. 4 strips of bacon in 4 minutes. Of course, if the bacon is fat and thin it's 2 and a half minutes, and if it is ranch sliced your time may double. I haven't got the time figured out yet, but it sure smells good, fast.

One potato, I don't know what size, cooks in 4 minutes. Eight potatoes never did get done, and they were in over 30 minutes. We asked an Edison expert to compare the cost of cooking with a Radarange to a conventional oven. She said, "I know what you mean, but I don't have the figures," avoiding the question.

Our own guess is that it takes more electricity to cook everything in the new range than on a regular range.

There is no browning power to this unit. If you put in a pie the crust will come out looking just like it went in, wet dough. We never put a steak in it. We figured it would come out blood red.

I'll tell you what this range is good for. Left-overs and hot dogs. Just leave the gravy, sliced meat, chicken pieces, baked potatoes, or vegetables in any dish, including most plastics, throw a napkin over

Free measles shots at clinics

The pediatricians of North Oakland County are sponsoring an "End Rubella Sunday" on February 8. Thirteen sites throughout the northern part of the county will be staffed with doctors and nurses who will donate their time to provide free immunizations to any child aged from 1 through 12, whose parents desire that he receive this protection.

The rubella vaccine is new and has only recently been made available to Public Health Departments by the Michigan State Department of Public Health. Legislators have provided the funds for the vaccine.

Rubella or German measles (three day) is thought to be spread mainly by children in the 1 to 12 age group. The disease is usually a mild one in children,

but doctors have been led to believe by statistics and research that it may maim or cause the death of an unborn child if it strikes an expectant mother.

According to health authorities, it is one of the contributors to multiple handicaps in surviving children, including: blindness, deafness, heart defects, mental retardation, brain diseases, bone diseases and liver defects.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and must have a registration form that is signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Area clinics will be located:

Clarkston, Clarkston Elementary School, 6595 Waldron Rd., 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Holly, Patterson Elementary School,

3231 Grange Hall Rd., 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Lake Orion/Oxford, St. Joseph's Elementary School, 703 N. Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion, 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Children who have received smallpox vaccinations, measles vaccine or gamma globulin after January 11 should not receive the vaccine. Other reasons for not being injected are: allergies to eggs or feathers, being sick and running a temperature in the preceding week, being subject to seizures or convulsions, taking cortisone medications, receiving irradiation treatments or having leukemia or cancer.

The clinics will be open from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Ex-governor to attend

Bud Guest at Ronk night

The Rotary Club plans for "Elizabeth Ronk Recognition Nite" are progressing. A banquet is scheduled at 7 p.m. on February 9 in the high school cafeteria.

Mrs. Ronk recently announced her plans to retire on February 6. She is being honored for her dedication and service to the community over the past 34 years, during which time she has served as postmaster.

Edgar A. (Bud) Guest, Jr., well known radio personality, will be the featured speaker of the evening. He is currently heard over WJR radio on 3 programs; Sunny Break, Sunny Side Club and Time Traveler.

Former Governor and Mrs. Murray VanWagoner have also accepted the committee's invitation to attend.

Tickets for the Recognition Nite banquet may be purchased from Dr. Ernest Denne, Wint Funeral Home, Hallman's Apothecary or the Pontiac State Bank.

Those wishing to make a contribution for the community gift should send it to Mr. Charles Robinson at the Pontiac State Bank.

Maybe multiples

More multiple dwelling space has been approved for Independence. The latest is a 28 acre parcel directly west of Food Town on Maybee road.

it to keep it from splattering, and set your timer. Quickly you will have warmed up, even hot left-overs. And, most of the original taste is retained.

However, the ultimate is hot dogs. 1 minute. Put the weiner in the bun, turn the dial to 60 seconds, and decorate to your taste. I do believe that Radarange puts extra flavor into franks. They're a little expensive, but they are good. It's one of the few things we do first class.



Bud Guest

To share interceptor capacity

Independence Township officials have signed a resolution agreeing to share capacity in the Clinton Oakland Interceptor, Paint Creek branch, with Oxford and Lake Orion villages and townships of Oxford, Orion, Oakland and Avon.

This leaves only one township, Pontiac, not signed of the six governmental units who first agreed to pay for building the

line.

Once Pontiac Township does pass the resolution the new communities will become participants in the cost of the sewer interceptor. It will mean a rebate to Independence Township of \$90,000 on their 10 percent share of the capacity.

Others who have signed with Independence are Waterford, Orion, Bloomfield, and Avon.

'Tuning tots into winter'



Danielle Eisenhardt, 4, of Bloomfield Hills, practices tossing "snow" balls made from foam into a basket as part of the "Tuning Your Tot into Winter" program at Independence Oaks County Park.



Lynn Conover, park naturalist for the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, shows her group of preschool and elementary-age kids how to tell if an animal had been on the hunt for food in snow. She spent a short time outside with the children teaching them how to identify animal tracks.



Lynn Conover, park naturalist for the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, explains the rules of "snow" ball games the kids played at the "Tuning Your Tot into Winter" program. More than a dozen kids from across the county participated.



(Right) Kate Colasanti, 5, of Grand Blanc, puts the finishing touches on a "Snowflake Catcher." The blue felt patch, to be worn around the neck, is used to catch snowflakes and observe them without melting.

Photos by Renee Wightman

How do you catch a falling snowflake and keep it from melting? What are the signs a rabbit has been on the hunt for food?

These and other nature questions were asked of preschool and elementary-aged kids Jan. 27 at Independence Oaks County Park's "Tuning Your Tot into Winter" program. Over a dozen kids from across the county spent the afternoon learning how animals sur-

vive in winter months and played games to familiarize them with the season.

Lynn Conover, park naturalist, hosted activities at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center. The kids made snowflake catchers, played "snowman" games with foam "snow" balls, and then ventured outside to look for animal tracks.

The program also was held Jan. 26 and Satur-

day afternoon; Conover said it is not uncommon for parents to bring their kids from other counties for the park's programs.

Upcoming nature programs include "Eco-Explorers -- Dig into Dinos and Soar into Space" from Feb. 16-17 and a Winter Detroit Zoo Tour Feb. 19. For more information or to pre-register for an event, call the nature center at 625-6473.

A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1985)

More than 100 people turn out to hear United States Congressman Bob Carr (D-6th district) and Michigan Department of Transportation reps discuss the latest strategies for widening Dixie Highway. Approximately \$12 million in federal funds has been secured.

Spring is on the way, according to Clarkston resident Roger Walstead. He calls *The Clarkston News* on Jan. 30 from his home on Sashabaw Road -- reporting a sighting of the first robin on his crab apple tree. "These little red apples, he thinks they're cherries," says Walstead. "I just think it's a mixed-up robin."

A 100-year-old structure on Clarkston Road, known as the Couture barn, is burned down by firefighters from the Independence Township Fire Department. Timothy Doyle, township Parks and Recreation director, petitioned the township board to destroy it because it was unsafe. Doyle said his foot went through the barn's floor.

25 YEARS AGO (1975)

Two children and their pet dog are alive today, thanks to Independence Township firefighters. According to Fire Chief Frank Ronk, Barry Parker, 12, and his brother Corey, 10, had been skating on the Upper Mill Pond when their dog strayed and broke through thin ice. Firemen, called to the scene by a neighbor, warned the children to back off the ice. They then stretched out ladders, which they crawled over, in order to reach the dog's collar with a hook.

The Independence Township Land Conservancy makes the down payment on more than 20 acres of shoreland on Greens Lake. The property is being purchased on a land contract for \$2,000 from Timberline Estates Inc.

This time of year things pick up for Barbara Wood, an Oak Vista resident. Wood is self-employed as a tax preparer in her home. "You never do two tax returns that are the same. That's what's interesting about this work," Wood says.

50 YEARS AGO (1950)

Clarkston and Springfield firefighters are hosts to the quarterly meeting of the Oakland County Fireman's Association in the Clarkston Rotary room. Visiting firemen are welcomed by Village President Robert C. Waters. The highlight of the evening is a talk by George Taack, regional superintendent of the State Conservation Department, who outlines new grass fire laws. Interesting movies are also shown of a western elk hunt by the Williams Gun Shop of Davison.

New machinery is being moved in to the Hawk Tool & Engineering Co. on West Washington Street. Sufficient machinery nearly fills the new building the company has erected since buying the property last summer. The plant is modern in every way, and should provide a pleasant working environment. Hiring is expected to begin within the next two weeks.

A new store is set to open in the Village of Clarkston. Blaine Smith and Raymond Reid have leased the store formerly occupied by the Taylor 5c to \$1.00.



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Independence Twp. Police and Fire

Sunday, Jan. 30, a building fire report on N. Marshbank turned out to be exterior steam from a dryer vent.

Family trouble on Clintonville.

A 21-year-old said he and several other men were fighting in a Dixie grocery store's parking lot. He suffered a bloody nose, which he said he had gotten from an unknown male who jumped into the fray. The man said he was assaulted by the other man after he called one of the men's mothers a name. He identified his alleged assailant as a white male, 6 feet tall, 155 pounds with short black hair and tatoos on both arms. He obtained the license plate number from a car he described as tannish green.

An officer responded to a report of four men intoxicated near Pine Knob and Clintonville. He saw a 19-year-old Clarkston man and told him to stop. The man kept running and the officer chased him three times around a barn until he was finally caught. The officer said he had to strike the man three times to get him to halt. He was taken to Oakland County Jail after breath tests revealed a blood alcohol level of .14 (.10 is legally drunk). He was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and for restricting and obstructing.

A snowmobile was missing from a garage on Berwick.

A S. Marshbank resident reported his 1987 white Mustang was missing from an apartment parking lot.

Saturday, Jan. 29, larceny of a cellphone on Mann.

A Waterford woman reported some money and credit cards missing from her locker while she was in a sauna at the Lancaster Lakes apartments clubhouse.

A lawn was damaged on Meadow.

Friday, Jan. 28, vehicle fire on Maybee.

A lawn was damaged on Maybee.

A Fenton contractor said he was threatened by a customer for installation of a pool. The customer said he did not threaten the contractor and would not pay for the pool until the work was completed.

Larceny of a snowboard from Pine Knob Ski Resort.

A 1998 black Chevy truck was reported stolen from a Dixie dealership.

A 16-year-old Rochester Hills girl at Pine Knob Ski Resort said she saw an 18-year-old boy wearing her fleece jacket and confronted him. The boy, also a Rochester Hills resident, admitted he took the jacket and also turned over her two-way radios.

Larceny of a license plate from a vehicle on Fay.

A 1994 Chevy Camero was broken into on Pine Knob. An amplifier and 12-inch kicker speakers were taken.

A lawn was damaged on Maybee.

Wednesday, Jan. 26, mail tampering on Southampton. Several pieces of mail were found scattered on another street and wet from the snow.

Tuesday, Jan. 25, family trouble on Lakeview.

A 31-year-old Tuson man fell against the wall in his home, causing a sever laceration to his head. He called 911, but his parents arrived to take him to the emergency room of a local hospital before police arrived.

A 19-year-old Clarkston woman was cited for larceny after a security officer saw her take several items from a Dixie grocery store.

Monday, Jan. 24, a car in the process of being hooked to a tow truck fell off and rolled into a garage door on Clarkston, damaging both in the process.

Sunday, Jan. 22, a 23-year-old Northview resident was cited for a host ordinance violation following a party which eight people attended. A 17-year-old girl and a 19-year-old woman were cited for minor in possession of alcohol. They said they had been drinking Captain Morgan's rum. The 17-year-old's blood alcohol level was .12.

A 52-year-old Waterford man stopped for a traffic violation on Dixie was found to have an outstanding warrant out of Lapeer. He was taken to Oakland County Jail and Lapeer police were contacted.

Springfield Twp. Police

Sunday, Jan. 23 — Larceny of a vehicle plate from a 1979 Pontiac Trans Am parked in a lot at Bluewater Apartments.

Monday, Jan. 21 — Larceny of construction equipment at a site near Gibbs and Kier. A reflector tripod transit estimated at \$1,000 was taken from the site.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 — Forced larceny from a vehicle on the 12000 block of Davisburg Road. Upon returning to her vehicle, the owner discovered the right front window had been smashed out and her purse, which contained credit cards, had been taken.

Springfield Twp. Fire

The week of Jan. 23-30, 2000, the Springfield Township Fire Department responded to seven calls for medical assistance, two personal injury accidents and two miscellaneous calls.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 — call for assistance in a rollover accident one-half mile east of Dilley Road on Davisburg Road. Assistance with traffic control and treatment of minor injuries.

Firefighters also responded Jan. 25 to a call at a Bridge Lake Road residence for a propane leak. The homeowner said a strong odor of propane was coming from his furnace.

Thursday, Jan. 27 — call for assistance to a home on the 1200 block of Andersonville Road. A child had accidentally locked himself in a bedroom.

Sunday, Jan. 30 — a woman lost control of her vehicle and hit a tree at the intersection of Neal and Eagle roads. She was sent to an area hospital for treatment of face lacerations caused by the vehicle's air bag, which deployed upon impact.

POH offers osteoporosis screenings

POH Medical Center - Clarkston is offering Bone Density Screenings on Feb. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Bone Density Screenings can identify those people who are at risk of osteoporosis, a disease which cause weakening of bones.

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'Hearts' to Honduras continued from page 3A

"This is not so much of a work camp this time," said Henneman of the Feb. 14-21 trip. "They're calling it a pastors and leaders trip." Hearts to Honduras works with more than 30 churches in Honduras, he added. "They want to take us around and share with us more of their ministry. We'll do some small projects, some painting ..."

The mission won't stop there. Next spring, in 2001, "we'll open this up to the whole church."

One of the goals is to have women teach Honduran women how to make their homes more attractive, perhaps using some simple crafts. None of the people own cameras, so they were enchanted with all the pictures taken. Their walls "are plastered with Polaroids," Henneman said with a laugh.

The men say the experiences have been a real eye-opener. With humor, they convey how they slept to the

sounds of the jungle — awakened by a crowing rooster and "that braying donkey," cracked Bielak.

The goal is to keep people in the villages — not to move them to the cities where alcoholism and crime would ruin their quaint, family-centered lifestyles, Henneman said.

Heart to Honduras hopes to make Hondurans "more than agrarian, with some cottage industries like shoe repair and woodworking," said Bielak. However, Hondurans need to learn how to take care of their crops. One goal is to help them build silos. "They want every family to build a silo to hold a supply of corn. If they don't, they'll lose it to vermin," Henneman explained.

Clarkston Community Church has participated in many missions, but this is one of the most rewarding, Henneman said. "And we plan to keep doing it ..."

"We're so used to thinking separation of church and state. Heart to Honduras is the whole person, sharing the

good news of Christ, aid to families ... that's all a part of it."

All the men said they have truly learned to be grateful. Honduras is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Woodman said. "How poor is poor? You don't understand it till you see it. You have no idea."

"You look at a lot of things differently — the U.S., your family ...," Henneman said.

For more information on Hearts to Honduras, write to the organization at P.O. Box 3836, Lake Wales, Florida, 33859-3836. Phone: (941) 638-2027. E-mail them at hrt2hond@gate.net. The Web page is www.hth.org. Material donations may be sent to Heart to Honduras, 355 First Avenue North, Lake Wales, Florida, 33853. Phone: (941) 638-2027.

Clothes and other items may be dropped off for the February trip at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. The deadline for these items is Feb. 10. Please call the church at 625-1323 for more information.

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At School...

■ **Emily Brown** of Clarkston was awarded a bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 18, 1999. Brown was awarded a bachelor of science degree in arts - dental hygiene.

A graduate of E.C. Glass High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Brown of Clarkston.

■ The following Clarkston students were named to the president's list for fall semester 1999 at Baker College of Auburn Hills:

James Brendel, Deborah Elbing, Roger Gillespie, Gary Horn, Jimmy Johnson, Ann Marie Miller, Karen Riemer, Paul Rosko, Tamara Ruff, Dale Sleep, Kim Tharrett, and David Veit.

■ **Tiffany L. Honey**, daughter of William and Tammy Honey, was named to the president's list for the fall 1999 term at Northwood University in Midland. Honey, a sophomore, had to earn a 3.85 grade point average to receive president's list status.

■ The following Clarkston students were named to the dean's list for fall term 1999 at Northwood University in Midland:

Jonathan Burklow, a sophomore and son of Michael and Carolyn Burklow; **Antonio K. Cotton**, senior and son of Maria Garcia; **Brad D. Holtz**, a senior and son of Bill Holtz; **Stephanie M. Marino**, a sophomore and daughter of Lee and Marcia Marino; **Jacqueline N. Puroll**, a sophomore and daughter of Martin and Judith Puroll; and **Georgia R. Senkyr**, a sophomore and daughter of Charles and Jody Senkyr.

■ **Marie Perkins**, daughter of Thomas and Sharon Perkins of Clarkston, achieved President' List status for the fall 1999 semester from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. To be named to the list, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Preservationist opens local office

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years old.

Radcliff explains that most historic resources are a part of "collections" such as historic neighborhoods. There are 56 historic districts across the state of Michigan — "more growing because of the tax credits."

That's why Historic District Commissions are set up locally, she explains — to save those collections from demolition. Whole "collections" can be destroyed with the swing of a wrecking ball. Being part of an historic district protects them from extinction.

The group works to convince communities not to tear up their towns — "because, later somebody says, how could we let this happen?"

Clarkston is a true success story — an historic gem nestled within the more modern region of Independence Township. "We worked hard to save this old town and get it on the National Register," Radcliff explains. Clarkston has only "lost" one historic structure so far — a Greek Revival house on E. Washington, on the banks of Parke Lake. "They demolished part of it and wrapped (a new structure) around it."

Asked why it's so important to retain old structures, Radcliff says, for one thing, it provides a sense of identity and belonging. "Most of us recognize the value of history and spend millions of dollars, traveling to places like Jamestown, etc. These are things we remember from our childhood.

"But mostly, they're very human places to live. Our neighbors are known to us, we share yards and sidewalks. And people realize building something big and boxy is not economically wise."

And may be architecturally inferior. Radcliff stresses many modern structures aren't as sound as the old ones. "Maintain the superior product," she advocates. "Live and work in that ..."

"I think the thing about historic homes is, the bones are so good and so old, that you get a heck of a house when you're done."

The new address for Michigan Historic Preservation Network is 20 W. Washington, Suite 4. Call 625-8181 for more information. Written requests can be mailed to P.O. Box 720, Clarkston, MI, 48347.



Pasta dinner and basket raffle Feb. 11

On Feb. 11, you can have your pasta and eat it too.

A pasta dinner and basket raffle will take place Feb. 11 as a fundraiser for fourth-graders at North Sashabaw Elementary School. Proceeds from the event will help send the kids to Mackinac Island June 7-9.

The all-you-can-eat pasta dinner is from 6-8 p.m. at the school, located at 5290 Maybee Road in Clarkston. The dinner also includes bread, salad and dessert. Basket raffle drawings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Children 4 and under are free to the dinner. Advance tickets cost \$5 and will be available through Feb. 7, or can be purchased for \$6 at the door.

Baskets were donated by parent volunteers and are themed. Ticket colors correspond to each colored

basket. Types of baskets are: Garden basket -- green; Rainy Day basket -- orange; Cat basket -- peach; Baby basket -- lavender; Cleaning basket -- goldenrod; Valentine basket with two movie passes -- hot pink; Pokemon basket -- bright yellow; Dog basket -- cream; Aromatherapy basket -- pink; Baking basket -- lime green; and Stationery basket -- mint green.

Other baskets are a foot and body care basket, Clarkston Chiefs Football item basket, and desserts basket.

The students will travel to Mackinac Island to learn about Michigan history, tour Fort Michilimackinac and will make a stop at Hartwick Pines. For more information or for dinner and raffle tickets, call 674-3139 or 623-9636.

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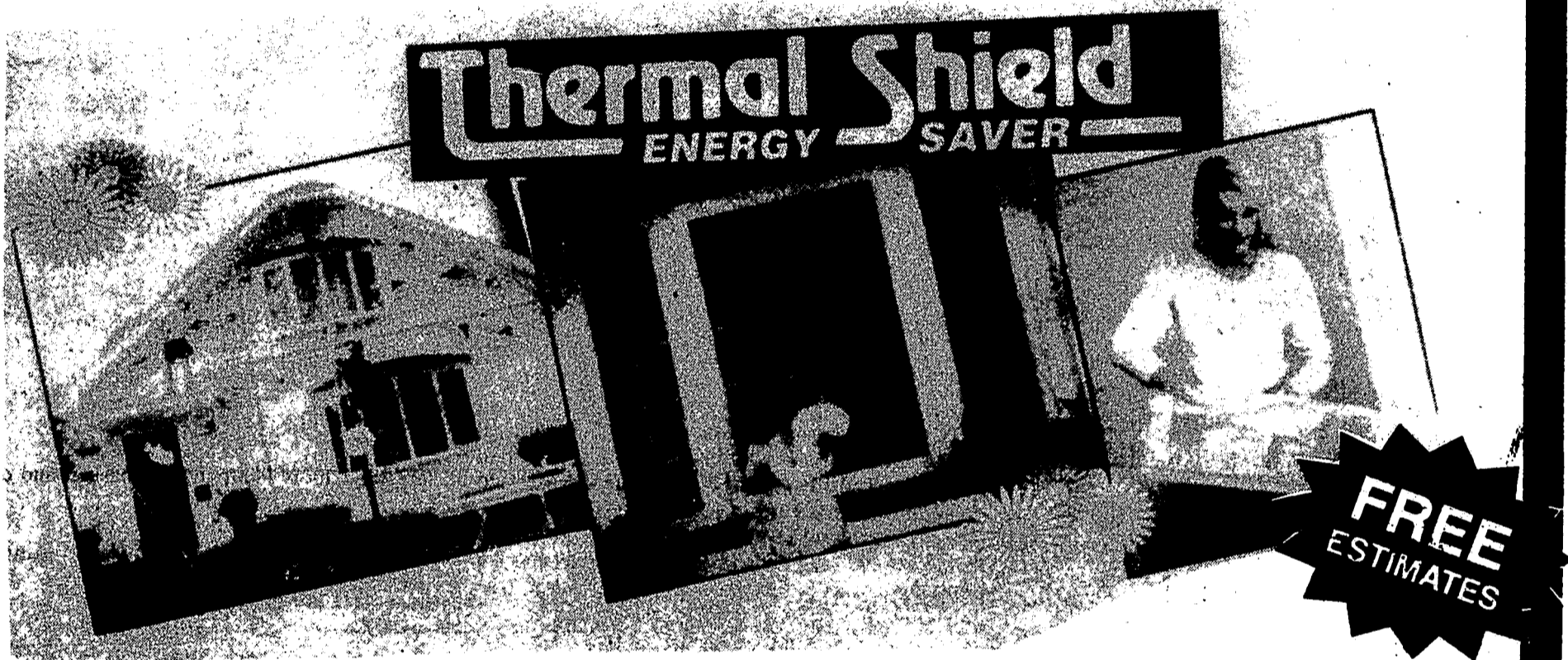
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SIDING - TRIM

Taking the offensive

County says, go after those bad checks

By Don Rush
Assistant Publisher

Sooner or later, if you're in business, you're bound to get one -- a bad check that is.

Oakland County's Prosecuting Attorney David Goryca is trying to cut area businesses' losses and the cost involved in law enforcement and prosecution. Last March the county launched its Bad Check Restitution Program. Since then, the county has retrieved and remitted over \$80,000.

Davisburg resident Una Hepburn is spreading the word about the program, throughout the county. Recently she spoke to the Oxford Area Chamber.

"This is in lieu of prosecution," Hepburn told the audience after lunch at Oxford Hills Golf and Country Club. "This is not for the true criminal. This program is for those people who know it's a bad check, but need to put food on the table, so they go out and write it anyway -- for the people who can't seem to get the budgeting skills down pat."

The program is designed for those people who write bad checks when their accounts won't cover them or when their accounts are closed. Those people make restitution on the bad check and must attend an eight-hour class on money management and balancing a check book.

Oakland County is copying a program started in California six years ago. "Less than two percent of those that have gone through the class have gone out and written more bad checks," she said.

There is no minimum on bad checks for this program, Hepburn said. "But it must be \$1,000 or less. Anything over \$1,000 is a felony."

Writing a bad check under \$1,000 is a misdemeanor,

she said. There is a one year statute of limitations on misdemeanors, so Hepburn suggests if you get a bad check to contact the prosecutor's office within 90 days.

Hepburn advises businesses or individuals who get bad checks to take the following steps.

■ Make personal contact with the check writer. "First make a phone call. It may just be a mistake. Many times that person will come in and pay and be embarrassed."

If they don't come in and pay, go to step 2:

■ Send them a letter, via certified mail. "You should have proof of correspondence. Add the prosecuting attorney's name to it. That might just be

— Una Hepburn

enough of a threat to get them to pay. Allow five to 10 days grace period for restitution."

If they still ignore you, go with the big guns, step 3:

■ Fill out a complaint form, attach originals (you retain photocopies) of all checks and notification documents, such as return receipts and bank returned check notices and send them to the prosecutor's office. If you do not have a form, contact the chamber's office at 628-0410 or the Bad Check Restitution Program office at 800-225-7133.

"Once we are involved, allow 60 days," Hepburn said. "If you have not heard from us, call and we'll give you the status."

Hepburn said the program doesn't cost taxpayer money, as the people who go through the program pick up the cost with a \$125 fee. Once restitution is made to the county, the county turns that



Una Hepburn says \$80,000 in bad check restitution has been made since Oakland County started program last March.

money over to the victim, plus certified mail fees and up to \$10 in bank fees.

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Orion Oaks to host mountain bike races

Competitors will take their bikes out of storage and brave the elements for the Michigan Cyclist's Paul Bunyan 2000 Winter Mountain Bike Series.

Orion Oaks County Park in Orion Township is hosting one of the races -- Sunday, Feb. 13. Bloomer Park in Rochester is host of the other two races.

Racing starts at noon with registration from 10-11:45 a.m. Riders will tackle a two-four mile loop on trails from the park's Baldwin Road entrance. There are three categories: Beginners, Sport and Expert/Elite.

"This is the first time Orion Oaks has hosted a mountain bike race. The park has a good trail system and this is an opportunity to use it on a year around basis," Jim Dunleavy, recreation supervisor, said.

Having a race outdoors in the winter months breaks up the long indoor training period, he added.

The course and distances raced may be modified to suit weather and trail conditions on race day. Helmets are required for participation.

Race day registration is \$25. For the February 13 race, the fee is \$20 if rider is registered by February 9. Awards will be given to the top three finishers and a prize drawing will be held.

Orion Oaks County Park is bordered by Baldwin, Clarkston and Joslyn roads in Orion Township.

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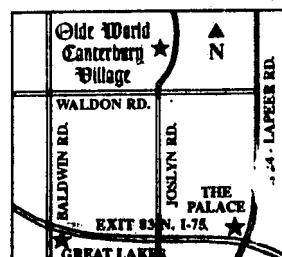
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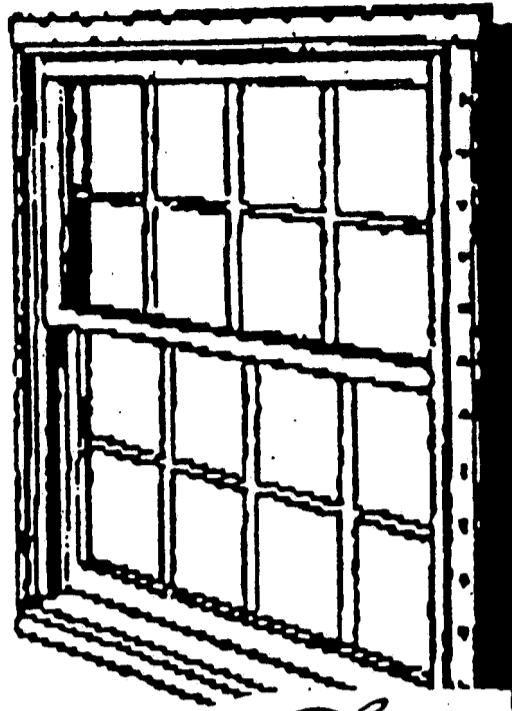
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And downtown Clarkston shop owners expect 2000 to be even better

It was a very good year . . .

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

There has been a lot of focus on the retail businesses in downtown Clarkston lately, especially with the recent unveiling of the downtown revitalization program.

How to make the downtown area more vital was the focus of the Decem-

Friendship and conversation are free here.

"Excellent."

That's Shirley Wilson's description of the flower business last year at the Parsonage, on E. Church Street. "We were up 18 percent (over 1998) in sales of fresh flowers," she said.

She attributes the good year to the store's stock of unusual flowers, the good economy and the rapid growth in the area.

"We don't use common flowers. Instead we stock a larger variety and people are starting to recognize that. Our business is word of mouth — we've just counted on that, and it's hard because we're off the beaten path.

"The area's growing by leaps and bounds. If the economy stays the same, we expect 2000 to be even better. Flowers are a luxury. (In good times) people buy for themselves and others," she said.

On a recent buying trip, Wilson said she purchased a better line of containers for delivered flower orders that customers may reuse. She said she also is purchasing a better line of silk flowers.

The Country Woodshed, owned by Wilson's ex-sister-in-law, Dianne Bildstein, is housed in the same building as the Parsonage. The women, who say they are like sisters, bought the building in 1997.

Bildstein said while sales of antiques, furniture and accessories at The Country Woodshed were the same in 1999 as in 1998, it was a good year.

Bildstein said she does the buying and Wilson decorates, and there are several new lines planned for The Country Woodshed.

"We've ordered new gift lines and a new line of Keystone primitive reproduction furniture, like wood jelly or molasses cupboards. Anything considered old — they're patterned after that," she said.

A new quilt line, berber throws, pictures, pottery and unusual lamps have also been ordered. The store will also sell Keepers of the Light candles by Warmglow. "They smell good and burn good, and people keep coming back for more," said Bildstein.

A new partnership means big plans for Rudy's

The owners of Rudy's Quality Market say 1999 was a great year at the store.

"Last year was far and away our best year ever," said Robert Eshaki, who's co-owned Rudy's with Chris Thomas since 1990.

But the pair expects 1999 sales figures to pale in comparison to the future. "We've purchased the Market Basket of Franklin, and will have Chef Carl Hakim as our partner in that store and here," said Eshaki.

ber 7 presentation by the city planning firm of Hyatt Palma, Inc. of Virginia.

The focus is on the commercial district on Main Street, from Waldon Rd. to just north of Washington Street.

Residents and community officials are concerned about how to increase retail businesses.

The Downtown Clarkston Part-

nership was formed by area leaders to help oversee the implementation of the program. The group's administrator, Jack Shubitowski, who is also vice president of Clarkston State Bank, said the group's first meeting of the year is scheduled for next week.

"We're going to go through the action agenda and review the main

points," he said. "Then we'll start the process of implementation." Shubitowski added the Clarkston city council still needs to formally adopt the revitalization program.

So how was business for these stores last year? Most owners say it was great, and expect an even better year in 2000.



Parsonage owner Shirley Wilson, center, says customers often come in just to visit with her and partner Dianne Bildstein, left, who owns The Country Woodshed, and clerk Cricket Bishop.

There is not room for one more item in this store

Although she declined to give specifics, Clarkston Country Store and Main Street Antiques owner Ginny Schultz said 1999 was better than 1998. She's preparing now for a buying trip to Chicago.

The store, in its 29th year, has long been known for its mix of antique furniture and collectibles, country items and custom lampshades.

Vintage clothing, decorator pillows, wooden toys, unusual cards, bird houses, Fragrant Hill Farm soup herbs and herb butter mixtures, and a year-round Christmas section don't even begin to put a dent in the variety of Schultz's selection.

Some of the more unusual items include copper candlesticks which come apart to spear and hold fruit, and large, stuffed-animal footstools with a wooden frame which are sturdy enough to sit on.

Schultz said she'll look for items on her buying trip that customers won't find at other stores. She added she has her eye on a special pottery line.

The new partnership will add up to changes at both locations. "We're going to promote our catering business and add high-end and specialty prepared foods to take home, heat up and have a gourmet dinner. We'll also do wine tasting parties for donating to local charities beginning in the fall," he said.

Eshaki said the lunch, dinner and catering menus will be redone at both locations. There will be a variety of new sandwiches and hors d'oeuvres. "We've developed an astronomical business on our lunchtime soups, and last



Ander (top) and Ariel Gruenberg, both Clarkston Elementary School students stop almost every day at Clarkston Country Store and Main Street Antiques to visit and buy penny candy, said store owner Ginny Schultz. The boys are kept company by large, stuffed-animal footstools.

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Dedicated preservationist opens local office

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

No one would ever call Jennifer Radcliff a relic. Yet, that's kind of the way she sees herself — which makes sense, given she's president of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Radcliff, a Clarkston resident and local historian, uses a humorous metaphor to compare her physical self to a structure — like the old barns and lighthouses she so lovingly seeks to preserve.

"These things, well cared for, are so valuable," says Radcliff, firmly. "They stay valuable and protect your personal financial investment so well. When they're not cared for, you see this ugly, old house."

She laughs. "But if they could see me with my hair done and makeup on, they say I clean up pretty good." It's the same with historic buildings, she muses. "They need a coat of paint."

Actually, they need more than a few strokes of latex. It's Radcliff's job to guide, direct — even fight for — preservation projects.

Radcliff has been moving into her new location in the Clarkston Mills Mall on W. Washington Street. She points out her busy office at the back, "cluttered" like the former office in her home on Main Street. Carrie Scupholm, a Birmingham resident, works a couple of days a week with her, as Michigan Lighthouse Project manager. Both also spend time at the State Historic Preservation Office in Lansing.

"Carrie's responsible for putting together what we know about the lighthouses — all 126 of them," says Radcliff. "She decides which ones need better documentation."

Some of the light houses, or light stations (which can be either a complex of buildings or an individual light) are under federal ownership. The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for making sure those stations are maintained, Radcliff explains. Others are cared for by the communities in which they reside. Some are also actual dwellings, including two that have been turned into bed and breakfasts in the U.P.

There are plenty of lighthouses across the state, being it's surrounded by the Great Lakes. A map from the Secretary of State's office pinpoints all 126 of them — from "Big Red" in Holland to the Isle Royale light station off Michigan's northernmost coast.

Radcliff calls the project — to transfer all the light stations to the proper hands — a 10-year mission. Scupholm keeps track of the progress on a graph. In 10 years, they hope to "turn over all the lighthouses

to the proper hands — and get the job done." The restoration process will go on for years, she adds.

Last year, seed grants from the state of Michigan donated \$110,000. They provide planning and "actual construction dollars," says Radcliff. This was the first year the Network received those dollars. Next year, they plan to lobby for their renewal.

Radcliff outlines the Network's goals:

- To protect historic resources like old barns, light stations and houses. "We put together strategies."

- To change laws and policies at both the state and national levels, and to provide guidance for funding sources.

For example, "we managed to pass a 25 percent income tax credit and single-business tax credit (for owners of historic structures). Those were two very important pieces of legislation."

- To provide an annual state conference and workshops.

- The Network also educates banks and appraisers to learn the economic value of historic structures.

Radcliff says the Network was born in 1979, based primarily of volunteers. In 1988 she became its "volunteer president" and in 1995, its staff director.

In 1979, the organization started out as Michigan Historic District Network, Radcliff said. "That was the focus ... because our goal was to link together the people who live in historic districts," she said. "Most historic structures are residential, not commercial."

Radcliff uses Clarkston as an example. She estimates there are four times as many historic residences as there are historic commercial buildings in the city. The workshops, held several times a year, are geared to homeowners. Radcliff says six workshops are set to train historic district commissioners. Two other workshops, held Fridays, are for small communities or farms.



Radcliff and Scupholm in their new office

Each of the six workshops offers two tracks. Track one is "basic preservation," says Radcliff. "Do I have a historic house and how do I protect it, restore it ..." People also have questions like "how do you get a district preserved. But also, how do you care for your (historic home). I have files on roofs, windows, gutters ..."

Track two, during the workshop, deals with larger matters, "political realities," Radcliff explains. Although people like architects and planners attend these sessions, homeowners who've mastered track one also benefit. Issues like urban sprawl and traffic control are discussed.

She is also the founding chairman of the Clarkston Historic District Commission and past president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society. In addition, she established the "Sweetwater Trail," a map that identifies historic places to visit along the coasts of Michigan.

Radcliff says the Network "partners" with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A structure can be listed on the national registry if it is at least 50

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CHS Class of 1960 reunion planned

The committee for the 1960 Clarkston High School 40th class reunion is still searching for some of our students. We have spent many hours searching many places to locate the ones we went to school with. Here is a list of names we still need to find. If anyone is reading this article, and knows the whereabouts of any of these people, please contact one of these names:

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Shopping in downtown Clarkston . . .

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year we almost doubled our pizza sales for the previous year. There will also be more of a specialty food approach to our grocery items, like exotic foods and cheeses."

Remodeling at the Franklin location will begin this summer and in 2001 at Rudy's. "Chris and I travel all over the country looking at other stores, and we're modeling (the Market Basket and Rudy's) after stores we saw in New York. We'll be putting up real European and New York style food operations, unlike anything else in Michigan," he said.

Changing with the times

Last year saw big changes for the former Coach's Corner, and it showed up in the profits.

After 25 years, the name was changed to Village Apparel and Gifts, and new clothing and gift lines were added. Owner David McNeven and store manager Diane Brozovich also remodeled the inside and added a new awning out front.

"Sales were definitely way up due to the name change and adding the gift shop," said Brozovich. "Womens' and mens' Woolrich sweaters were very popular. We also put a big Woolrich sign (above the awning on the front of the store). It attracted a lot of attention and it reflected in sales."

The store's standing Santas dressed in different outfits were so popular Brozovich said she had to reorder them. And Christmas decorations were also big sellers.

She plans to add additional gift and casual clothing lines this spring for men, women and children.

Brozovich has also ordered "gorgeous greeting cards and pretty wrapping tissues." And another remodeling program should begin soon. "We want the main part of the store to match the gift shop (which was remodeled last fall). We also want it to flow better," she said.

Fitness is focusing on comfort

While business at Kinetic Systems was "a little better in '99 than in '98," things look great for the beginning of 2000.

Owner Louise Kasl said there was more interest in biking than in previous Januarys, with more people looking for a comfortable ride.

"The biggest growth now is in the comfort category. It's an upright riding position, but with more support in the seat and handlebar area."

A new type of bike, called a recumbent, "is like sitting in a lounge chair and peddling," she said. The bikes come in a single or double style.

Kasl has chosen several lines and will have test bikes for customers to take home. "We always have test rides available or demo bikes to use as rental or to take for the weekend. We've been doing more with demos, especially with recumbents because they're so new. It's tricky to learn how to start and stop and gives the rider a chance to get a feel for one or the another."

A demo is also available for another style bike which has dual suspension for more aggressive off-road riding



Top left, Union General Store owner Ann Stevenson displays girls' dresses that are new for Valentine's Day. Top right, Donna, a clerk at Village Apparel shows spring casual wear for women. Right, Kinetic Systems owner Louise Kasl sits on a new recumbent bike, known for its comfort.



— also for the comfort factor.

"People who need extra support for back, wrist and neck problems are coming to us for recumbents — which are designed for cross-country tours. In the store's 11th annual New Year's Day Polar Tour this year, a couple rode recumbents — "even on a gravel road in winter."

Other comfort-oriented bikes include an electronic auto-shifting bike—the Auto-Milano by Bianchi.

Kinetic also has trailers which can convert to joggers or walkers for a child who can sit up to about five years of age.

We also carry trailer cycles for family trail rides. It has a rear wheel and pedals and fastens on the back of a lead bike to make an instant tandem. It is suitable for family riding on light trails, gravel or paved roads.

Kinetic Systems also offers BMX bikes for kids with a focus on dirt bikes for trails and gravel, not ramps, Kasl said. She also said the store has regular

Mid-winter pick-me-ups sold here

Union General Store owner Ann Stevenson returned from a buying trip to New York last week, and can't wait to share her new finds with customers.

She ordered a line of whimsical pottery with heart-shaped tea pots. "There are also ceramic hearts which can be tied with a ribbon to hang from door knobs for Valentine's Day," she said.

New from Australia are shimmering cosmetics. And she also has unusual fragrances "not perfumes -- little scents, like rain and a spring soil scent, a cinnamon toast scent and Earl Grey Tea. I

children's bikes for 12-inch wheels and up.

Kinetic Systems has "wonderful" choices in helmets with colorful graphics which start at \$30 for kids and adults. The store's clothing line is technically designed for comfort and protection,

spent (last) Monday going over 100 scents and will order 10. It was a hoot," she said.

Ann also said she placed her biggest order yet for spring clothes for children. Here in time for Valentine's Day are kettle-cloth print dresses with an overlay bib with heart prints with cupid in the middle. She also has newborn cotton long-sleeve t-shirts with the word "Love."

Also in time for Valentine's Day are "fun, vegetable-based soft emollient valentine soaps," and Lake Champlain and Gayle's chocolates. "We also have edible heart boxes filled with chocolates

Kasl added. Body Geometry gloves have an anatomical design to relieve pressure on nerves. Highzoot racing gear is also available.

Rental bikes will also be available in the spring for casual riding around town.

inside," she said.

Business at Union General, which opened in 1997, has been better every year, she said.

Best sellers for 1999 included aromatherapy candles, children's clothing, bath and body items and gifts.

The store has L'Occitane hand cremes in rose and black currant fragrances, among others. She also sells Shea butter. "They usually sell to their own shops, but I talked them into letting me sell their products here.

"In mid-winter you need to pamper yourself and we have great pick-me-ups here," said Ann.

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Milestones

In Service. . .

■ **Marine Pfc. Jason D. Martin**, son of Frank D. Martin of Clarkston, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, home ported at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Martin participated in Exercise Bright Star '99 -- important to United States relations with the Egyptian military -- which anchors the Middle East peace process. He is a 1998 graduate of Waterford Mott High School and joined the Marine Corps in September 1998.

■ **Marine Corps Cpl. Scot A. Trowbridge**, son of Shelia R. and Arthur W. Trowbridge of Clarkston, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, Marine Air Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan.

Trowbridge, a 1994 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School, joined the Marine Corps in October 1994.

At School. . .

■ **Shawn Michael Verlinden** of Clarkston was named to the University of Mississippi Chancellor's Honor Roll for the fall 1999 semester. A 3.75 grade point average is required to be placed on the chancellor's roll.

■ **Kristy Barefoot** and **Richard K. Davies**, both of Clarkston, were named to the dean's list for spring term 1999 for the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

■ **Holly P. Carr**, a freshman international business major at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, was named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester. She is the daughter of Andrew and Emily Carr of Clarkston and is a 1999 graduate of Hazel Park High School, where she was valedictorian.

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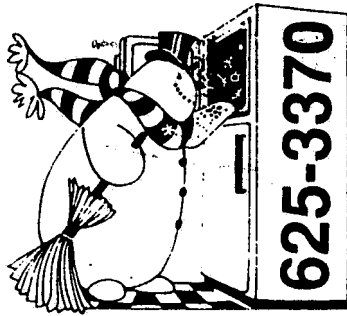


Dave and Michelle Stover of Clarkston are the proud parents of Danielle Marie, born Jan. 18, 2000 at Huron Valley - Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township.

Danielle weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by her brother, David, 13 months.

Excited grandparents are Lawrence and Margie Stover of Clarkston, and Walt and Nancy Birdwell of Lapeer. Proud great-grandparents are Marie Gaddis of Nashville, Tenn.; Steve and Virginia George of Riverview; and Gladys McAlpin of Green Cove Springs, Fl.

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Spin a few yarns while you knit

Business is about to pick up for Basketful of Yarn owner Carol West.

West, who has owned the knitting shop in the back of The Clarkston News building on Main Street for two and one-half years, said she is busiest in early spring and late summer to early fall.

Opening a specialty business in a small town is a challenge, but the last two years have been good, she said. West has been busy stocking new winter yarns, especially colorful variegated Kureyon yarns often used for children's clothing. She also has mohair/acrylic blends for adults and kids. "The wools are real nice. Some of my customers have made real nice skirts with them," she added.

West also stocks exclusive Taki, Berroco, Ironstone and Unique Colors brands.

Knitting classes at her shop have become more popular, and West has four classes starting up soon. A Socks class begins the end of January and a Beaded Purse class is planned for the second week in February.

"Our beaded purse class was real popular in November. It was a one-day Saturday class, and we made a small pendant bag that you could put around your neck or pin on a coat. Next we plan to do an evening bag which will take about two days, two hours at a time," she said.

A Beginning Knitting class is continuously ongoing, West said. It costs \$40 for four weeks.

Do you have a couple of projects started that you haven't been able to finish? You might consider signing up for West's six-week Finishing Projects class. It costs \$40 and you can attend each week in sequence or off and on, she said.

West also carries Phildar and Plymouth Encore acrylic yarns for afghans. Interested in knitting a sweater? West's sweater kits can be special ordered as are the afghan kits, which come in too many colors to stock, she said, adding they arrive at the store within a week.

Diamonds were the girls' best friends in 1999

The good economy, promotions and advertising helped put sales up 70 percent in December compared to last year, at Tierra-The Gallery of Fine Jewelry Design.

Buck Kopietz, who co-owns the store with his wife Joan, said the store had several months where business was better than in 1998.

He added November's Lost Galleon attraction with original treasures and replicas of finds from shipwrecks, tripled business in November for the store. In December, diamonds were the best sellers.

Like other local business owners, Buck and Joan have big plans for 2000.

They are currently in Tucson, Ariz., on a gemstone buying trip. Buck said the couple will be purchasing rubies, emeralds, sapphires and unusual gemstones direct from mine owners.

"Everybody in the gem world shows up in Tucson during a two-week period. You see red emeralds, green garnets, all colors of sapphires -- things people aren't use to seeing," Buck said.

Joan will be in Antwerp, Belgium in April to buy diamonds. Buck said customers may place orders before she leaves.

Other plans include a grand re-opening to celebrate the end of the store's remodeling program. Buck said it's planned for the last week in March. He said the store is also planning gem, re-mount and watch shows this year.

Buck added he's still looking for a tenant for a portion of the building. The ideal shop would sell books, women's clothing or shoes. "There must be somebody in the community who wants to start a business," he said.

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Basketful of Yarn owner Carol West, center, enjoys knitting with a customer, and employee Karen Even.

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I-75 between Joslyn and Baldwin roads.

Another audience member said "road rage" has become a familiar word in recent years with more traffic congestion and accidents. He asked Corradino look into increased driver education efforts.

"The education factor can't be ignored," Corradino agreed.

The public meeting was the third round of analysis since June, looking ahead to 2025 for the best solution to traffic concerns. Prior meetings have taken place in Auburn Hills, Hazel Park and Pontiac.

Corradino said a recommendation should be made to MDOT, Road Commission for Oakland County, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County by late summer/early fall, depending on continued feedback from meetings in May and August.

Corradino said in April, cost estimates for the suggestions made will be presented in a draft plan in April and fine-tuned in July and August. He will return to



Joe Corradino of The Corradino Group discusses his study of the I-75 corridor following a presentation with a concerned resident Jan. 27 at Independence Township Library.

Independence Township in May for further analysis.

Those who could not attend the Jan. 26 meeting and wish to express their views on this matter can call 1-877-GOFIX75.

Man saves pooches from peril

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legs up on the ice when he grabbed the scruffs of their necks. "They were strong enough to help me out. I give them credit," he chuckles.

After being freed, the dogs ran to the shore and expressed their joy by "rolling in the snow, like they were real excited." Deo, his wife Heidi, and their girls Krista, 6, and Sarah, 3, towed them off, and they spent the night after they were fed. They even snuggled up to Shelby, the Deos' Golden Retriever. The next morning, a friend who works at a local animal shelter, took them there. Their owners, the Andersons, claimed them the next day. They were told the dogs had almost drowned.

"My heart just stopped," said Mary Beth Anderson. She and her husband Dan had been looking for the dogs — Rocky, 8, and Irish, 6, — ever since they disappeared Monday. The dogs weren't familiar with the area, Mary Beth said.

In the midst of remodeling their new home and picking up her daughter, Mary Beth said the dogs took off through an opening in the gate.

Her husband feared they might have gone over to Lake Oakland and a frantic search began. "We called the humane society, animal control, the newspapers. Nobody had seen them."

She is still stunned that someone would risk his life to save two dogs, "Not many people would do something like that. Most people would turn their heads. What a wonderful guy he is. I just don't know how to thank him."

The Andersons called Dave twice to express their thanks. The second time their daughters, Keagan, 5, and Tatum, 3, also got on the phone. Dave has requested a picture of the dogs for a keepsake. "My kids don't want to forget them," he chuckled.

He remains modest about the rescue, saying he never feared for his safety. "It all happened so fast. I figured there was no way they'd make it if I waited till the fire department got there. If those were my dogs, I'd hope someone would try to do the same thing ..."

"They were nice dogs. You could tell they were somebody's good pets."

Possum Hollow and Oakmont

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working — and would continue to work — to address their concerns. Milia plans to heavily buffer the new sub from existing neighborhoods, near Algonquin and Eston, by saving as many "mature" trees as possible.

Tim Downing, who owns over two acres on Algonquin, said he is worried about a significant deer herd that visits his property.

Ben Rybicki of Eston said he is worried about escalating traffic with the project, which falls in a 25 mph speed limit zone. He wanted a stop sign placed at the new intersection.

"I have five young children playing across the street from there ... it is a concern," Rybicki said. He didn't like the fact that deceleration and acceleration lanes would be placed there. "(That's) telling me you're going to expect cars to be going that fast," he said.

Ford said those lanes would have to go in, but one possibility could include "tapers," which are more narrow than acceleration and deceleration lanes. The tapers would also minimize impact to existing trees along the roadside.

Township Planner Dick Carlisle said approval for a stop sign would have to come from Road Commission for Oakland County.

Milia said homes will be priced from \$425,000 to \$700,000 — "so they're very high-quality homes." Although another company will be building them, "we will have architectural control. I think the community will be very pleased with this," he said.

It is sweet to let the mind unbend on occasion.

—Horace

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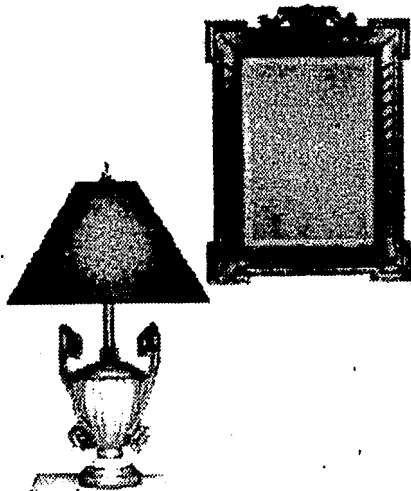
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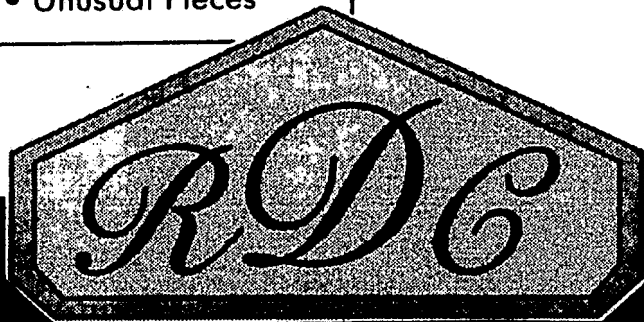
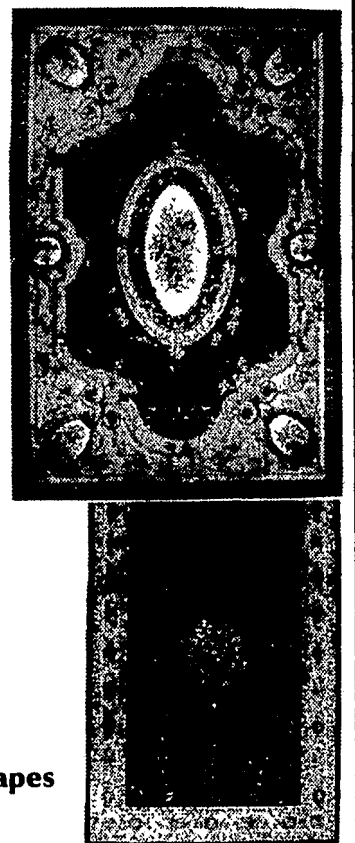
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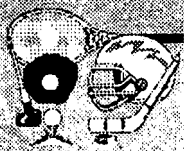
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Sweet on the slopes

Clarkston ski teams beat Andover, compete at Traverse City Invitational to remain undefeated

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News staff writer

The boys and girls Clarkston ski teams are boasting perfect 4-0 records after a win over Bloomfield Hills Andover.

The Wolves pulled out a 13-24 win over the Barons Jan. 25 at Pine Knob.

Taking first place was Clarkston's Brandon Rosengren. He was followed by Matt Evans. Taking fourth place for Clarkston was Brent Schermerhorn and sixth place went to Ryan Whisner.

The girls team had a perfect night, beating the Barons 10-34.

Megan Whipp took first place, Nichole Villiere placed second, followed by Kelli Morton and Katie Kennedy.

Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren said his girls had an easy night, but the boys made things interesting.

"We had a boy lose equipment from falling and had one kid have to hike. We had to get our last four kids to stand up and finish to pull the meet out," Rosengren said. "Our girls are so deep, they really didn't have any problems at that meet."

While the Wolves rolled over the Barons on Tuesday, Monday's competition at the Traverse City Invitational gave Clarkston a lot more trouble.

Eleven schools competed at the invitational, which is one of the strongest in the state Rosengren said. "A lot of the tougher ski schools from northern Michigan are there, which makes for some tough competition."

The Clarkston girls took sixth place and the boys took seventh place.

"This is a very tough competition, and I'd say this was our best effort in three years," Rosengren said.

Petoskey won the boys division, while defending champion Traverse City Central won the girls division.

Clarkston's Megan Whipp took

JV teams stay undefeated as well following largest JV ski meet in the U.S.

The varsity ski team isn't the only group of Wolves enjoying success on the slopes this season. The JV boys and girls teams are also undefeated.

The two teams competed at the Don Thomas meet in Holly. The meet is the largest JV ski meet in the nation with over 350 athletes participating from 22 different schools.

"This is a big meet and we've had

good success there," Rosengren said. "We've had both our boys and girls win this meet for at least the last six years."

Six Wolves finished in the top 20. Taking first place overall was David Pierce. Third place went to Ryan Parrott. He was followed by Mark Sitko. 18th place went to Aaron Waterbury. He was followed by Joe Gorz, who took 19th and Brian Lichty took 20th.

Parrott, Sitko, Gorz and Lichty are all freshmen.

Four of the Clarkston girls placed in the top 10.

Taking first place overall for the Wolves was Jenny Halaclik. Taking second was Chrissy Jackson. Louren Welbourn took fifth place and Jamie Collier, a freshman, took ninth.



The Clarkston ski team is seen here at the Traverse City Invitational. Both the boys and girls teams are undefeated so far this season.

"This was a very tough competition, and I'd say this was our best effort in three years."

Bruce Rosengren - Ski coach

15th place in the girls' slalom. Kelli Morton took 24th.

In the girls' giant slalom Whipp took 14th while Becky Schermerhorn ended up 20th.

In the boys' slalom Mike Atkinson took ninth place while Brandon Rosengren took 10th place.



Brandon Rosengren, left, and Michael Atkinson, participated in the Traverse City Invitational. Rosengren took sixth place in the slalom and Atkinson tied for ninth in the giant slalom.

Basketball team falls to undefeated Davison, rebounds against Troy

Davison 57, Clarkston 56

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News staff writer

They had their chances, but couldn't seal the deal.

The Clarkston basketball team fell to a perfect 9-0 Davison club 57-56 Jan. 25. The loss dropped the Wolves to 7-4 on the season.

Clarkston coach Dan Fife said his team's physical effort wasn't the problem, it was their mental effort.

"I've had trouble with their mental preparation all season long," Fife said. "That means I may not be saying the right things. I'm not getting it done as a coach."

The Wolves were tied at 16 after the first quarter and trailed by five at the half.

The Wolves got within one with 6:50 to play in the third quarter as Kevin Stalker hit one of six Clarkston three-pointers.

The end of the third quarter saw the Wolves trailing by four.

Ryan Marino's 15-foot jumper with 4:45 to play put the Wolves back within one, but again Clarkston couldn't get the lead.

"You need to learn from losses, it makes you take a look at yourself," Fife said. "These kinds of things drive me nuts."

Two free throws by Zachary Lackey extended the Cardinal lead back to three and a Matt Crabtree layup a minute later gave Davison a five-point lead.

Schapman hit two late-game free throws, which cut the Davison lead back to three.

Davison was called for traveling, and the Wolves got the ball back with 44 seconds to play. On the ensuing possession, Schapman's basket put Clarkston back within one with 25 seconds left.

Forced to foul, Ryan Thomas sent Thompson to the free throw line, where Thomas missed his attempt, but the Cardinals got the rebound and Clarkston was forced to foul again. This time, the Cardinals had Crabtree at the line, where he missed both free throws.

The Wolves had one last chance, but a Schapman jumper sailed wide and the game ended.

"They only shot 10-25 from the line and gave nity to win," Fife said. "That team is 9-0 and you don't get to be 9-0 without making plays. They made good shots when they had to."

Clarkston 71, Troy 44

The difference was almost as drastic as night and day.

After the loss to Davison on Tuesday night, Clarkston hit the road to take on Troy Friday night.

The Wolves improved their overall record to 8-4 with a decisive 71-44 win over the Colts.

"The effort was there physically, and more importantly it was there mentally," Fife said. "We competed on defense. We played the way we're capable of playing."

Fife said he met with his seniors on Thursday to discuss his team's effort.

"People that watch us play don't mind if we win or lose, but they want to see us put forth the effort that Clarkston teams put forth," Fife said.

The effort was indeed there, as the Wolves jumped out to an 18-11 first quarter lead and were never seriously threatened the rest of the night.

Clarkston started the second quarter with a 7-0 scoring run, as the Wolves held Troy without a second quarter point until the 5:26 mark.

The Wolves led by 12 at the half.

"Sometimes we get foggy at times and the kids lose their concentration, but we played well tonight. If we're going to lose we're going to lose playing hard."



Clarkston's Mike Blicher drives to the basket.

The kids really responded after our meeting."

Fife said Schapman has really improved his game.

"Once he loses some of those football muscles and gets started working on his shot more it would come to him. It's usually a transition until about Christmas to change your body from brute

"People that watch us play don't mind if we win or lose, but they want to see us put forth the effort that Clarkston teams put forth."

Dan Fife — Basketball coach

force and get some fitness back in it."

Clarkston's balanced offense was led by senior Ryan Marino who scored 18 points. Schapman added 13 points, grabbed nine rebounds and three steals. 7-foot-2 senior Pete Ritzma also had a strong game for the Wolves finishing up with 10 points and three rebounds.

Clarkston will visit Ferndale on Friday night. The win improved Clarkston's record to 8-4 overall.

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Swim team enjoying success this season

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News staff writer

Even though they're a first-year team, the Clarkston swimmers are looking more like a group of experienced veterans.

After coming off a record setting performance against Lamphere Jan. 20, the Wolves took on Ferndale and picked up their fourth victory of the season, beating the Eagles 99-81 last Thursday. Clarkston's record is now 4-2.

"I'm very happy with the way the boys are coming along," coach Kenwyn Chock said. "For a first year team, they're doing a lot better than I expected."

After setting several school records in their win over Lamphere, the Wolves set even more records Thursday night.

Rob Bryan set the 50 freestyle record with a time of 23:88. Bryan also set the 200 individual medley record with a time of 2:30:69.

Paul O'Connor also set a Wolf record in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:59.95. O'Connor also won the diving competition with a score of 211.95. The Wolves led 46-31 after the diving competition.

Ferndale won the next two events, the 100 butterfly and the 100 freestyle before O'Connor got the Wolves back on track with his record setting 500 freestyle performance.

Clarkston's team of Andrew Breen, Chris Kopietz, Nick Oldenburg and Rob Bryan combined to win the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:47.93.

Clarkston's Bob Masterson won the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:13.79. Joe Kraut took second place.

Clarkston's 400 freestyle relay team of Jeff Driscoll, Kopietz, Masterson and Ryan Wheaton took first with a time of 4:12.86.

"The kids really put forth a good effort tonight," Chock said.

"I'm very happy with how the boys are coming along. For a first year team, they're doing a lot better than expected. The kids really put forth a good effort tonight."

Kenwyn Chock - Swimming coach

Wrestling team prepares for Lake Orion

Clarkston 3-1 in the OAA

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News staff writer

The Clarkston wrestling team has compiled a 10-5 overall record this season and is 3-1 in the Oakland Activities Association for one reason coach Mike DeGaion said - hard work.

"There's really nothing fancy about it, the kids just work hard and we've got a lot of strong kids in the

upper weights and the lower weight kids are keeping us close in a lot of meets," DeGain said.

DeGain said his standout wrestlers so far this season have been Pat DeGain, who wrestles at the 215 pound weight limit and will be attending Indiana University. DeGain is currently ranked first in the state.

Another solid wrestler on this year's Clarkston team is Clint DeGain, who competes at the 152 or 160 pound weight classes. He only has one loss so far this season.

Clarkston's Jon Robinson was ranked no. 1 in the state in the heavyweight division, but had his season

cut short by a broken leg.

"Jon's being recruited by the University of Michigan, but that doesn't necessarily mean he's going there, just that they're looking at him," DeGain said.

Tonight the Wolves will host Lake Orion who are 2-2 in the OAA. DeGain said the Dragons feature 130 pounder Rich Kallis.

Saturday Clarkston will visit Goodrich and then head to Detroit Catholic Central next Saturday.

Clarkston will host the OAA league meet Feb. 11.

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- Cook bell pepper in large saucepan coated with cooking spray over medium heat, stirring constantly, until tender. Remove from heat.
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Volleyball team rolls in Invitational

After falling to Brandon, Wolves get back on track

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News staff writer

Things didn't go the way Clarkston volleyball coach Gordie Richardson would've liked last Thursday.

His team dropped two straight, 15-12, 15-6 to Brandon. Clarkston's record dropped to 13-9-1 overall and 3-4 in the Oakland Activities Association.

"We're in a real slump," Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said.

Clarkston's Brittani Brewer had a solid night for the Wolves. Brewer had three service points, six kills, one assist, five digs and one block.

Jennie Winn also had a strong night for Clarkston with two service points, two kills, 13 assists and two digs.

Angela Humphreys racked up two points, one ace, three kills, seven digs and one block.

The Wolves got back on the winning track last Saturday, as Clarkston hosted the Clarkston Invitational.

Clarkston was one of 16 schools which took part in the tournament. The Wolves improved their record from 13-9-1 to 17-10-2, by going 4-1-1 Saturday.

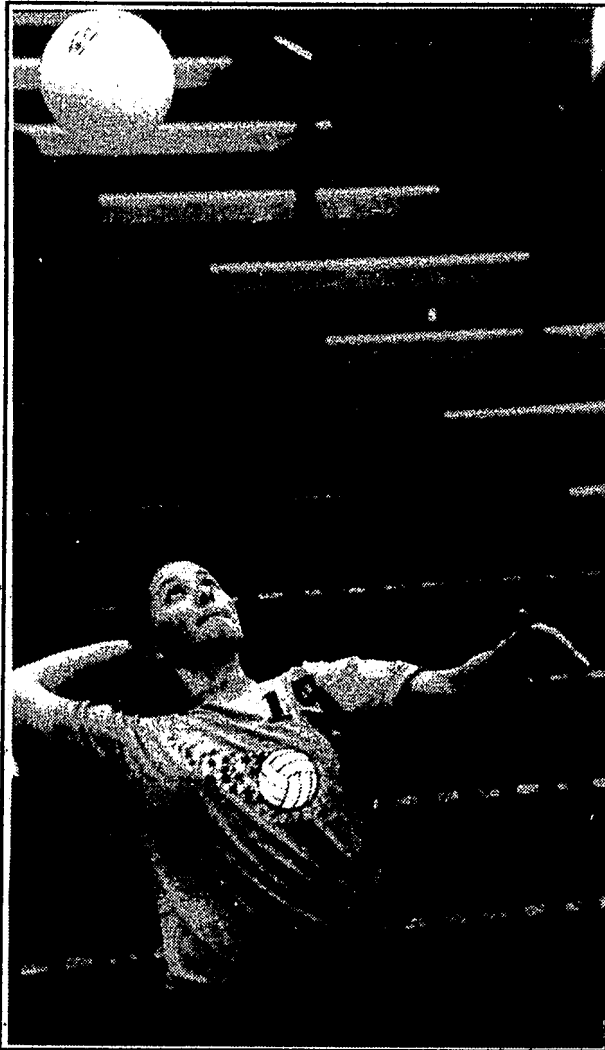
The Gold division winner was Marysville, who beat Frankenmuth in the finals, while Clarkston got the better of Rochester Adams.

Clarkston took on Clio in its first match, 15-12, 15-5. The Mustangs went on to win the pool.

Next up for the Wolves was Kimball. Clarkston won the first game 15-2.

"They were pretty confused. They were out of service order and they were kind of messy," Richardson said.

The second game went to Kimball by the mark of 16-14. Brittani Brewer had 10 service points, six kills, an assist, three aces and three digs for Clarkston. Tracy Honey also had a strong game with two ser-



Clarkston's Jennie serves in Saturday's opening match against Clio.

vice points, two kills, three digs and a block.

The next team Clarkston faced was Lapeer East, who forced Clarkston out of the gold division bracket, by losing 6-15, 14-16.

"We played a mediocre first game and were very competitive in the second game," Richardson said. Brewer had another strong game with five service points, two kills, two aces and seven digs. Kristin Falck added six service points for the Wolves.

After losing to Lapeer East, Clarkston received the top spot in the blue division. Their first opponent was Andover, who the Wolves played strong against winning 15-3, 15-8.

"Everybody played in that one and we played reasonably well," Richardson said.

Shannon Sadowski gave the Wolves a good amount of offense by picking up five service points, two aces, and added seven digs and one block.

The Wolves continued to play well in their next match, which saw Clarkston take on Groves. Clarkston won in two games, 15-11, 15-8. The win put Clarkston in the finals against Rochester Adams.

Clarkston dropped the first game 12-15, but came back to win the next two 15-6, 15-12.

"We played a good first game, and came back and played a better second game and we got behind in the third game. But Brittani Brewer served outstanding for us in the end. It was a real good day for us. The girls got their confidence back and things are looking up. We're probably out of the league championship, but we can make a mess of the standings and do ourselves some favors by beating some people that beat us. It should be a lot of fun," Richardson said.

Clarkston continued to stay on the winning track Monday night, as the Wolves hosted Waterford Mott.

Clarkston won the match in two straight

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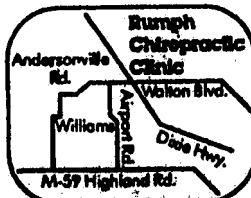
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Detroit Catholic Central edges out Clarkston

BY TY COOK

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Scoring the winning goal with only a few seconds remaining, number one ranked Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks narrowly edged the Wolves 3-2 in Sunday's battle at the Michigan State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

Handicapped without the play of senior co-captain Bill Kalush -- injured in Saturday evening's 5-2 victory over Birmingham United -- Clarkston came from behind twice in a hard fought contest.

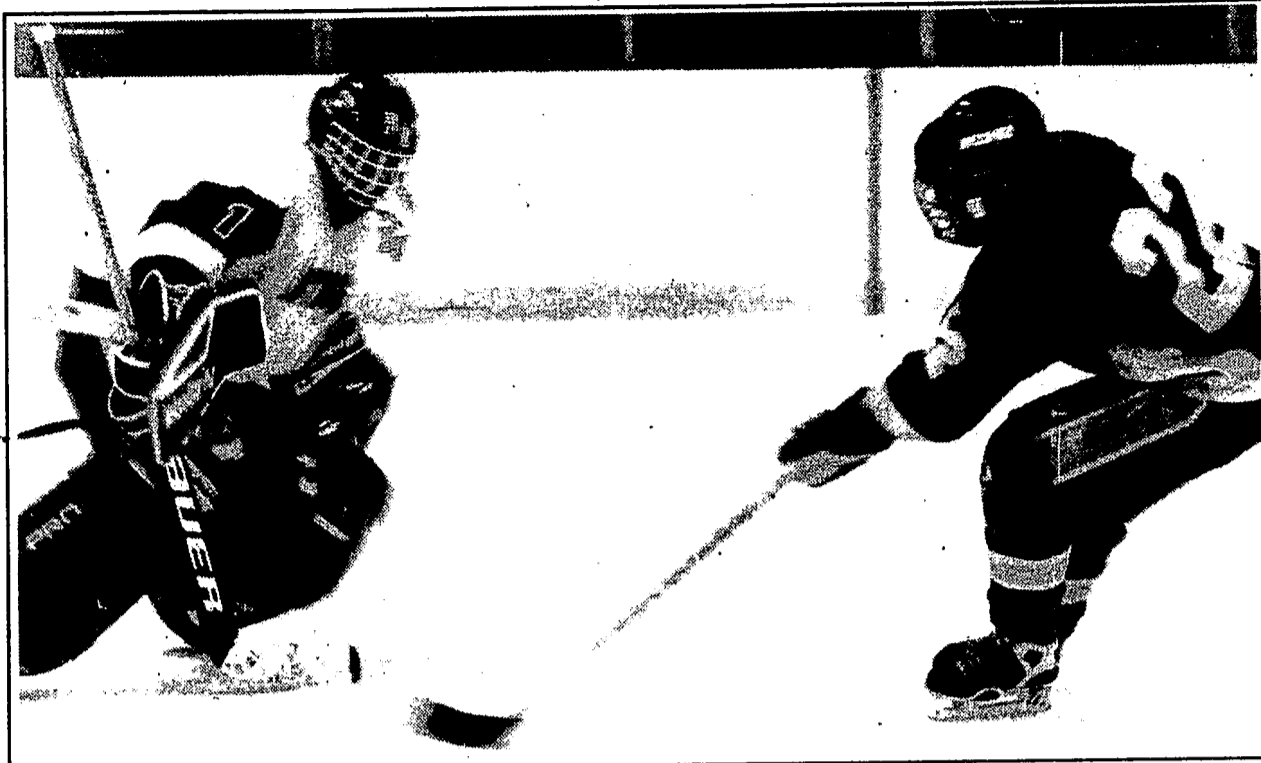
Trailing 1-0 in a first period which saw play controlled by Central Senior co-captain Anthony Facione tied it up on a short handed breakaway. Working to kill an elbowing minor to Nick Turner, Facione picked up a loose puck at his own blue line and beat Central's All State netminder Ben Dunne low left with a wrist shot from the slot.

It was Clarkston's first real scoring opportunity, coming with less than a minute of play remaining in a period in which most of the play was at Clarkston's end of the ice -- and the Wolves were heavily out shot.

"It's difficult playing a team that's so well-rounded and highly skilled," said coach Bryan Krygier. "They have four good lines, are well-coached, well-disciplined, and take advantage of their opponents."

Senior goalie Steve Badger was consistently screened by one and sometimes two Shamrocks stationed in front of Clarkston's goal, and his aggressive play was critical to keeping the Wolves in the game. Badger made numerous clutch saves, frequently diving out of his crease into a tangle of sticks and skates to cover loose pucks in goal-mouth scrambles.

Early in the second period with the Wolves caught in a line change, Badger stopped the Shamrocks on a two-on-one rush and made still another crucial save on a shot coming off the rebound. But, midway through the period, Central regained the lead as Shamrock Eric Giosa, left alone in front of the net,



Clarkston's Ryan MacKinnon goes in on a breakaway in recent action.

took a pass from behind and put it past Badger.

Play became more wide-open as the period progressed and the Wolves gained confidence. Playing four-on-four, Jon Bemis had a chance to tie it up going in all alone on a breakaway, but he was stoned by Dunne. Nick Turner, playing back on a Central two-on-one break-out, took the shooter off the puck to break up the Shamrocks' chance to score.

End-to-end play continued through the third period with both teams playing hard, disciplined hockey but failing to capitalize on the scoring opportunities. Krygier pulled Badger to add an extra skater in the final minute of play and the Wolves mounted a blistering attack. In a mele in front of the Central goal, Ja-

son Stoecker, assisted by Andy Florkey, tied the score with 36 seconds remaining.

Clarkston fans erupted in celebration, but it was premature. With only 13 seconds left on the clock, Central again took the lead. Taking a centering pass from the right corner, Joe Morgan, who was all alone in front of Badger, chipped in his own rebound off Badger's left shoulder to secure the victory for the Shamrocks.

Recognizing the effort and intensity with which the Wolves played, the fans gave them a standing ovation as they left the ice.

In spite of the loss, Krygier was impressed by

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Wolves come close in loss to Detroit Catholic Central

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the Wolves' effort. "I was happy to see the guys get a chance to play the number one ranked team. Tying the game at the end of the third period was a high moment.

"It was unfortunate they had to let them get the last goal. The Shamrocks play hard to the last buzzer. That's something we can learn from."

The game marked the return of senior Jay Manojlovich to the line-up and the first appearance of junior forward Florkey. With an impressive resume which includes play at the Junior level, Florkey will be expected to step into a spot on the first line with Bemis and Facione as Kalush recovers from ligament damage in his ankle. The Kalush-Facione-Bemis line is the top scoring line in the state.

Currently, the line has combined for 47 goals and 53 assists. Bemis has 17 goals, Facione has 16 and Kalush has 14 on the season.

Kalush was injured in the third period of Saturday win over Birmingham United at Cranbrook arena. After driving to the Birmingham net, Kalush and a Birmingham defenseman careened at high speed into the boards. Krygier said Kalush could be sidelined for two to three weeks.

Wolves controlled play throughout the game. Once again, Badger was steady in goal. Turner, Kalush, Bemis,



Clarkston goalie Steve Badger had a great game against Catholic Central on Sunday.

Stoeker and Freshman Adam Postal scored for Clarkston. Senior Derek Hool had two assists. Other assists were recorded by Alan Marchio, Ron Knoebel, Postal, Bemis and Badger. Clarkston received eight of the game's 17 penal-

ties.

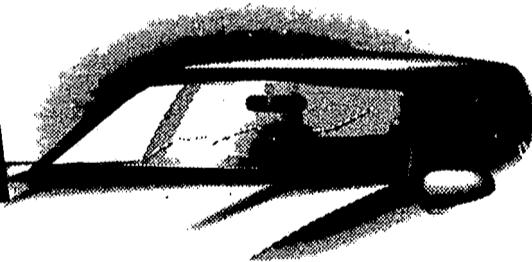
The Wolves are now 8-2-0 in the league and 13-4-0 overall. Krygier added he doesn't think the loss to Catholic Central will affect the team's ranking of fifth in the state.

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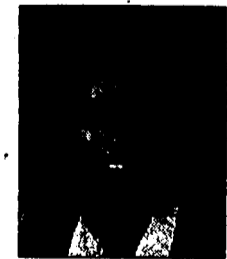
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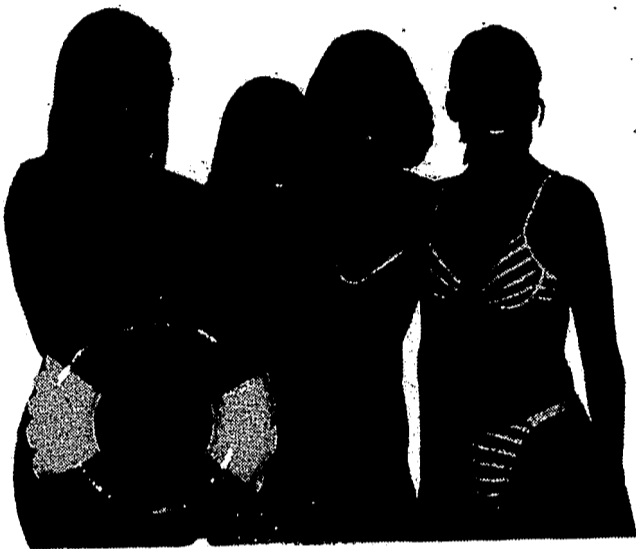


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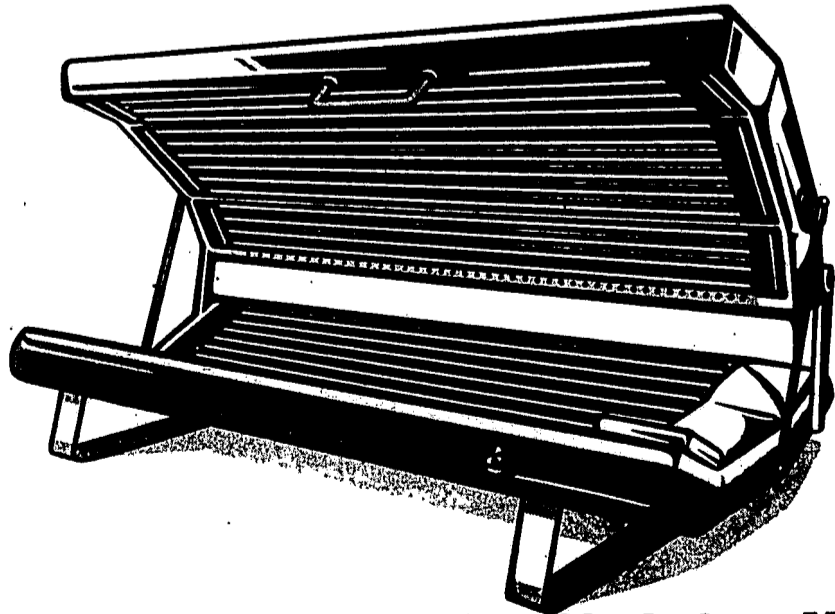
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Time to reflect on week no. 2 in Clarkston

Well, it's been a week since I started here and what a change it has been from my old stomping grounds of Greenville.

Change no. 1: The Attitude: I've never heard so much trash talking as I heard during Friday's Clarkston vs. Troy basketball game. Now I didn't hear it by the players themselves, but by the student bodies of both schools. Nothing serious, just both student bodies poking fun at each other for the majority of the game. The fun came to an end at about the end of the third quarter when the Wolves were up by about 20 points. Still, that was a change from the student bodies from rural Michigan. I'm not saying one style of student body is better than the other. What I am saying is student bodies down here are a lot more vocal and seem to have a great time supporting their respective teams.

Change no. 2: Clarkston High School: The place needs its own area code. Don't get me wrong, it's a beautiful facility, but I'm still learning my way around that place. But it's because of the size that Clarkston can do things like host the Clarkston Volleyball Invitational. It was a big event this past Saturday, and the Wolves played host to 16 schools. No school in the Greenville area could even come close to hosting such a tournament.

I guess those are the two major differences I've noticed so far. By and large, my job is fairly similar to when I worked in Greenville, only this is on a bigger scale. All the coaches and players I've had a chance to meet so far have been very helpful and welcoming, and a thank you goes out to all of them.

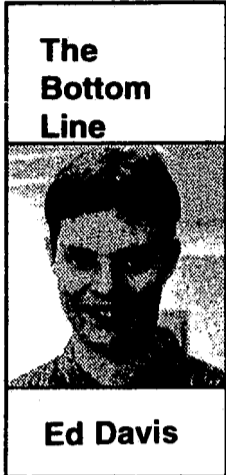
The Super Bowl: Even though my favorite NFL team has long been done for the year (The Detroit Lions in case you missed my first column) I, like millions and millions of Americans tuned into the big game on Super Bowl Sunday. I rooted for Tennessee because I ended up trading St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner in my fantasy football league. It's a long story, so I won't get into that here.

Anyway, I was rooting for Tennessee and left the television once the Rams went up 16-0. I listened to the rest of the game on the radio on the drive home.

What started out to be a pretty boring Super Bowl with missed field goals, and no Oiler offense, ended up being one of the best in recent memory. I still can't believe the Lions beat the Super Bowl Champs.

Wings game: Did anybody catch the Red Wings game on Saturday night? They took on my favorites, the New Jersey Devils. Most Red Wings fans haven't forgotten about the 1995 Stanley Cup Finals, when the Devils swept the Wings to win their first ever Stanley Cup.

Five years later, the only meeting between the two teams this regular season had playoff-like intensity. Blood, fights; hard checking, a bench thrown on the ice by Devils coach Robbie Ftorek and Claude Lemieux. Even though the Devils have fallen short in the playoffs since winning the cup back in 1995, if New Jersey and Detroit end up in this year's finals it should be a very interesting series.



The Bottom Line

Ed Davis

Volleyball ball team gains momentum at invitational

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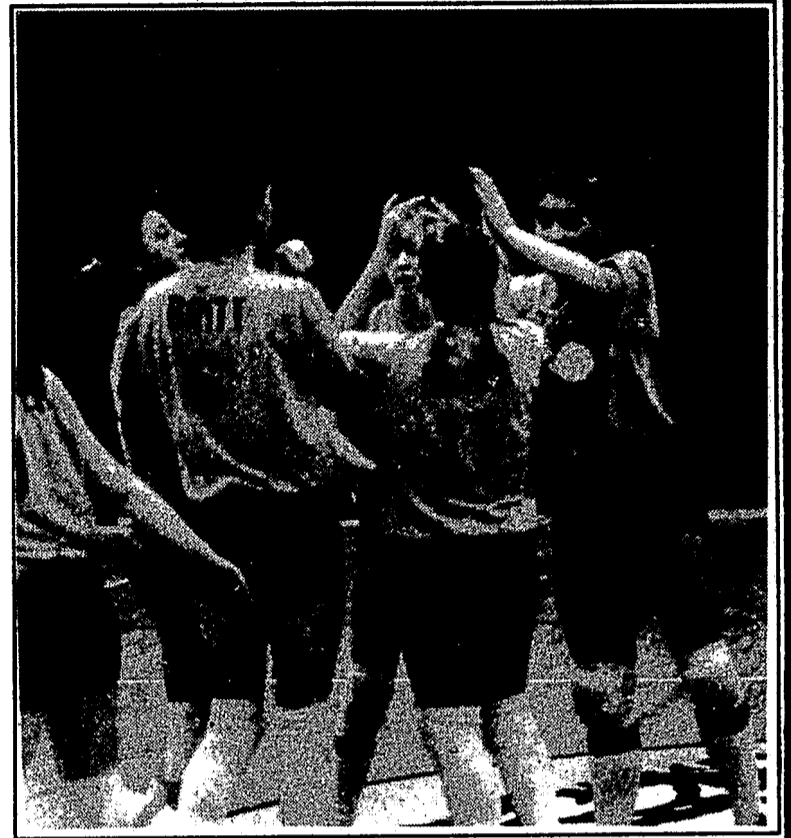
"It was a good day for us. The girls got their confidence back and things are looking up."

Gordie Richardson -- volleyball coach

games 15-4, 15-5. Standout Wolves performances included Brewer and Honey, who combined for 10 service points. Jennie Winn added six assists. Brewer and Lindsay Simko each had three digs.

The Wolves improved their record to 18-10-2 with the win.

Clarkston's next volleyball action will be Saturday at the Garber Invitational.



The Clarkston volleyball team celebrates during Saturday's Clarkston Invitational.

Academic Achiever

Name: Andrew Szykula

GPA: 3.87

Parents: Bill and Pennie Szykula

Plans after graduation: I'll be attending either University of Michigan at Ann Arbor or Purdue to study engineering. I'm not sure yet which field of engineering interests me the most.

Extracurricular activities: I've been in Drama Club for four years now. Within the club I have been in five major productions and three Theatre-A-Thons. My next task will be to take on the role of Moonface Martin, the mob boss, in this year's musical *Anything Goes*. I'm also head of tickets and ushering for the new 1000-seat Performing Arts Center. I'm heavily involved in the CHS Madrigals, National Honor Society, and Barbershop.

Honors, awards and scholarships: Michigan Merit Award Scholarship (thank you Gov. Engler), Honor Roll every quarter, member of the International Thespian Society, and if good luck is on my side, perfect attendance through middle and high school.

Favorite subjects: I enjoy physics and Madrigals the most. I look forward to going to those classes every day.

Outside interests or hobbies: I like playing a round of disc golf or a game of bowling now and then. I also like playing classic board games like Risk and Monopoly, or firing up some videogames on my Sega Dreamcast. I love listening to all different kinds of music.

Best friends are people who: Understand you no matter what you say. They are always willing to listen. Best friends can always tell what the other is thinking. They are plain fun to be around.

When I think of the future I'm: Livin' la vida loca!

What concerns me about the world is: Ignorance.



Andrew Szykula

It bugs me when people don't seem to care about anything.

I'll try to make a contribution by: Making anyone feel welcome when coming into a group situation.

My best CHS memory is: (Was) after the curtain closed on the first performance of *The Matchmaker*. I remember seeing the rest of the cast smiling and it was the first time at CHS when I really felt a part of something.

Additional comments: GO WOLVES!

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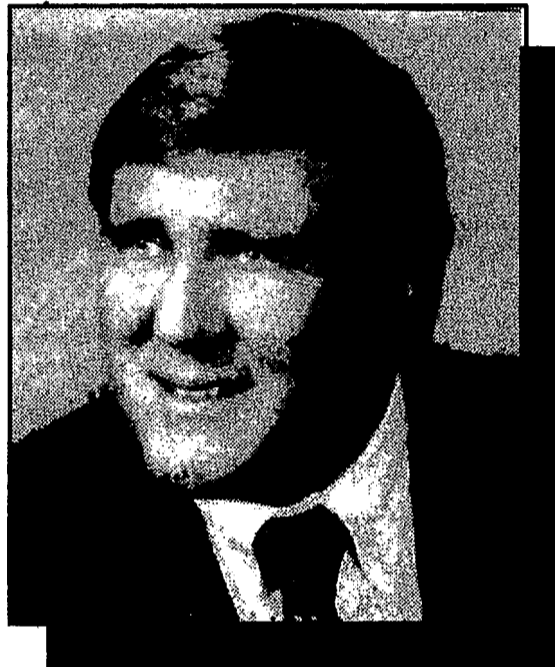
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The Fourth Commandment: Keep the Sabbath holy Time to enjoy our relationship with God

By Youth Pastor Kevin Kuehne
Clarkston Community Church

If I were given a dollar for every time I heard one of the following questions or phrases, I wouldn't have to get an allowance from my wife.

■ My teenager doesn't want to go to church. Should I make him?

■ I can't believe my parents insist I go to church. Going to church or not going to church should be up to me to decide.

■ If my parents make me go to church, I'm not going to listen!

How important it is to keep the Sabbath holy, or how important it is for your family to attend church, is what all of us as parents or individuals, including teenagers need to ask ourselves.

Responding to the above questions or phrases by both parents and teenagers, we as parents have a responsibility to our children to learn the importance of all Ten Commandments.

Parents would agree a teenager needs an academic education by sending them to school or some form of educational learning. Most teenagers would agree because it's the LAW. My question would be, isn't Christian Education just as important as an academic education? Yes it is, if not more important.

As parents or individuals, it should come across

to children not that we have to go to church, but we get to go to church. Do we show enthusiasm as we as families have an opportunity to come together with other families to praise or worship our Lord? Not a time to be entertained, but a time to enjoy our relationship with God and with other families.

We as parents need to truly share with our children how attending church or keeping the Sabbath holy has changed our lives for the good.

Teenagers today need to realize God would like a relationship with every one at every age. God feels teenagers are as important as any adult. The next time teenagers try to "make a deal" with their parents on why they shouldn't have to go to church, I would like for them to think of these thoughts as God talking to teenagers.

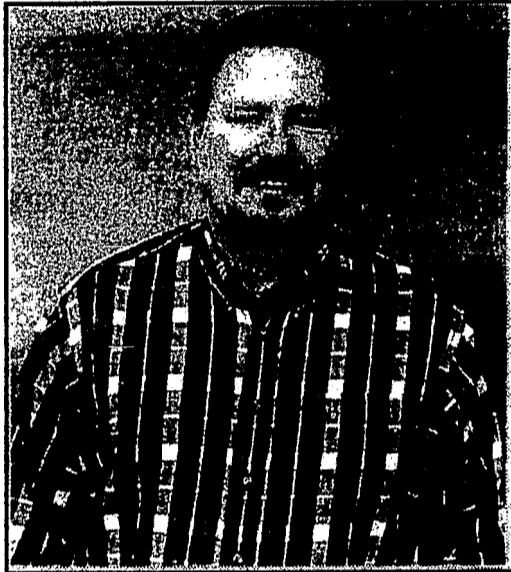
■ God personally would like to see you in church. He loves you just as much as anyone else.

■ Don't look at going to church as mom's and dad's RULE, but God's hope to strengthen his relationship with you.

■ Come to church expecting to learn something.

God has something for each of us to learn each week if only we would LISTEN.

My hope is for everyone to be in church this upcoming week, not because you have to, but because you want to.



Youth Pastor Kevin Kuehne
Clarkston Community Church

Kevin Kuehne joins Clarkston Community Church

Clarkston Community Church recently called Kevin Kuehne as its youth pastor. Kevin and his wife Sandy, and their boys Kyle, 15, and Aaron, 13, previously lived in Greenville, where Kevin was youth pastor.

Greg Henneman, senior pastor at Clarkston Community Church, is excited to work with Kevin. The two worked together in youth ministry at East Ashman Church of God in Midland. Greg was the youth pastor and Kevin and Sandy were volunteer youth counselors.

Greg said, "We already know that we work well together and have a common vision. I enjoyed being a youth pastor for three years, but I knew I wanted to eventually be a senior pastor."

"Kevin, on the other hand, feels called by God specifically to do youth ministry. That's what we're looking for -- someone who not only loves the young people and has the ability to draw them and grow them spiritually, but who is called by God to do it over the long run."

Kevin was a youth pastor at two other churches before coming to Clarkston. Clarkston Community Church is averaging 300 people in Sunday worship and has plans to build a new sanctuary and additional wings in the next two years.

Pastor Bonita Laudeman directs Clarkston Christian School and Childcare Center, as well as the Christian Education Ministry of the church. They hope to call a music and worship minister in the next two years.

Community Prayer and Fellowship

Join neighbors for singing, prayer, and sharing hosted by Clarkston resident Marquis Harris. Learn how powerful we can all be when we call on the promises of God provided through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Transforming Power of Christ: Feb. 4 and 18, and March 3 at 7 p.m. is at the Independence Township Library, 6475 Clarkston Rd. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend -- no charge.

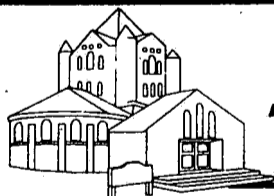
Three one-act plays coming to Mount Zion

Character-driven plays that deal with relationships and their ability to change us are the focus of three one-act plays entitled The Celestial Helix to be performed by the Mt. Zion Theatre Company.

Performances are Fri. and Sat., Feb. 4, 5, 11 and 12 at the Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts,

4453 Clintonville Rd., Waterford.

Box office opens at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Reserved seating, \$8 each in advance; \$10 at the door; \$7 each for students, seniors and groups of 20 or more.



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Wednesday: Children's Ministries 5:30-7:45 pm
Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm

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Monday: AWANA 6:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible study & Prayer
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11:15 2nd Worship Service
6:00 pm Evening Praise & Worship
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(810) 625-7557
Pastor: Bob Galey
Located between Sashabaw & Clintonville Rd.
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9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
4:30 pm Adult Choir
6:00 pm Worship
Wednesday: 5:45 pm Preschool Choir
5:45 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer
7:00 pm Mission Organizations for Preschool & Children
7:00 pm Youth Activities

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Coffee, Cookies & Conversation: 10:30 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:
February 10, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.
at the Independence Township Senior Center-Carriage House, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48348, to consider the following:

FILE #2000-001
Ronald & Darlene Cobb, Petitioners
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL, Section 11.05.2
HORSE TRAINING FACILITY in R-1R ZONING DISTRICT on
29+ Acres
Parcel Identification Number: 08-01-200-024
Common Description: **West Side of BALDWIN ROAD, North of Indianwood**

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

JOAN E. McCRARY, CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

375 DEPOT ROAD

CLARKSTON, MI 48346

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2000

The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on Thursday, February 10, 2000, for the February 22, 2000 Presidential Primary Election.

This testing will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan. Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk
City of the Village of Clarkston

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Clarkston Mill Ponds held a Public Hearing on January 20, 2000, and subsequently confirmed a One Year Special Assessment Roll for the year 2000, for the purpose of implementing an Engineering Feasibility Study for the improvement of the Clarkston Mill Ponds. This Notice of Confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 30913 of Part 309 of Public Act No. 59 of 1995.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

DEERWOOD VII & VIII STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: February 15, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Township Library
6495 Clarkston Road
Clarkston, MI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 15, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Library of the Charter Township of Independence, located at 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, the Township Board shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the question of creating a district and defraying the expenses of installation, maintenance and operation of street lighting in the Deerwood VII & VIII Subdivisions by special assessment, with the Special Assessment District including all of the lots within the Deerwood VII & VIII Subdivisions.

The cost estimate for the improvement, and associated costs, is in the amount of \$24,303.00.

The Township Board is proceeding with this hearing based upon petitions received from the record owners of not less than 10 percent of the number of lots in the proposed District.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter on or before the hearing, and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

JOAN MCCRARY, CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

DATED: 1/18/00

PUBLISHED: 2/2/00

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625-3370

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
6th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION/POSTING AND
NOTICE OF ACTION

Robert S. Potts
5427 Guyette
Clarkston, MI 48346

Bernace Peters
300 Summit Street
Sarasota, MI 48861

J. Rick Schmidt
2748 Pontiac Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328
TO: Bernace Peters
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to Quiet Title in Plaintiff to property in Lyon Township, Oakland County, MI. Parcel ID NO. 21-04-251-006. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before February 7, 2000. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Clarkston News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. A copy of this order shall be sent to Bernace Peters at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. Date: JAN 05, 2000
Judge: RICHARD D. KUHN
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/
POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
In the Matter of the Estate of:
WALTER HERBERT VAN DEBERG, a/k/a
WALTER H. VAN DEBERG, Deceased
98-254,188-2E

RUSSELL C. ANDERSON (P48728)
Attorney for Personal Representative
2748 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, MI 48328
(248) 682-8800

Last known address: 3829 Springer,
Royal Oak, MI
Social Security No. 376-01-7493

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE That on July 14, 1998, A.D., at 12:00 noon, in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, before Honorable BARRY M. GRANT, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the Petition of Victor B. Van Deberg requesting that he be appointed personal representative of Walter Herbert Van Deberg, who lived at 3829 Springer, Royal Oak, MI 48073, and who died on October 28, 1997, or some other suitable person as Personal Representative and for a determination of heirs. The Deceased did not leave a Last Will and Testament. Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate must be presented to said Personal Representative at the office of the Estate's attorney, RUSSELL C. ANDERSON, 2748 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan 48328, and proof thereof with copies of claims filed with the Court within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that a determination of legal heirs of said Deceased will be made on said date at 8:30 a.m.

Notice is further given that the Estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.
Dated:
Victor B. Van Deberg
8807 Lucille
White Lake, MI 48399
(248) 682-8800

RUSSELL C. ANDERSON (P48728)
Attorney for Personal Representative
2748 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, Michigan 48328
Telephone: (313) 682-8800

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Obituaries

Sherman L. Lucas

Sherman L. Lucas of Clarkston died Jan. 25, 2000 at age 64.

He was the husband of Ruth and father of Terri (Joe) Salvador, Randy (Wendy), Sheri (Dave) Teeter, Darlene (Rob) Barker, Myles (Lea) and Brian. Lucas is also survived by his siblings Gene, Jane, Larry and Richard and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He owned and operated Waterford Sewer and Construction.

A funeral service was held Jan. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home, with Rev. Cliff McDermott officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

Marian M. Eichner

Marian M. Eichner died Jan. 26, 2000. She was 82.

Eichner was a former school bus driver for Waterford Schools. She retired and moved to Florida, before returning to Michigan in 1992 to live with her daughter in Clarkston.

Eichner was preceded in death by her husband Martin. She was the mother of Sandra L. Wood of White Lake and Carol (Robert) Bennett of Clarkston. She is survived by her sister Elsie (Andy) Anderson of Waterford and by six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Jan. 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Rod Phillips officiating. Interment was at the Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

February 24, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township Clintonwood Park/Carriage House, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #2000-002

Redland Inc., Petitioner

REQUEST REZONING

FROM: R-1A (Single Family Residential)

TO: C-3 (Highway Commercial District)

Lot 9 & Part Lot 10, Moon Valley Subdivision

Parcel Identification Number: **08-32-277-006**

Common Description: **Maple Drive, behind 6465 Dixie Highway**
Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

JOAN E. McCrARY, CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP - OAKLAND COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that a PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

Ward	Precinct	Location/Address
00	001	CALVARY LUTH CHURCH 6805 BLUEGRASS CLARKSTON 48346
00	002	N SASH ELEMENTARY 5290 MAYBEE ROAD CLARKSTON 48346
00	003	CALVARY LUTH CHURCH 6805 BLUEGRASS CLARKSTON 48346
00	004	FREE METH. CHURCH 5482 WINELL CLARKSTON 48346
00	005	PINE KNOB ELEMEN 6020 SASHABAW RD CLARKSTON 48346
00	006	BAILEY LK ELEMEN 8051 PINE KNOB RD CLARKSTON 48348
00	007	INDEPENDENCE ELEMENT 6850 HUBBARD RD CLARKSTON 48348
00	008	CLARKSTON ELEMENTARY 6595 WALDON ROAD CLARKSTON 48346
00	009	CLARKSTON ELEMENTARY 6595 WALDON ROAD CLARKSTON 48346
00	010	TOWNSHIP LIBRARY 6495 CLARKSTON RD CLARKSTON 48346
00	011	N SASH ELEMENTARY 5290 MAYBEE ROAD CLARKSTON 48346
00	012	BAILEY LAKE ELEMENTARY 8051 PINE KNOB RD CLARKSTON 48348
00	013	FIRST CONGREG. CHURCH 5449 CLARKSTON ROAD CLARKSTON 48348
00	014	PINE KNOB ELEMENTARY 6020 SASHABAW RD CLARKSTON 48346

Oscar M. Stabley

Oscar M. Stabley of Davisburg died Jan. 28, 2000 at the age of 82.

He was the husband of Queenie and the father of Joyce Thompson of Pontiac, Gail (Everett) Stockwell, John (Paulette) of Linden, Judy (Jerome) Bradford of Pontiac, Frank of Davisburg and Kristine (Bill) Holmes of Davisburg.

Stabley is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 15 siblings. He was preceded

in death by granddaughters Ashley and Tammy.

Stabley retired from Pontiac Motors after 17 years of service and was a member of the American Legion Chief Post 377. Oscar served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

A funeral service was held Feb. 1 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home with Don Kevern officiating.

Interment was at Andersonville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Michigan Heart Association.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know
CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF PRACTICABILITY

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

Notice is hereby given that at a Public Hearing held on January 20, 2000, the Lake Improvement Board for Clarkston Mill Ponds, by resolution, determined that a proposed one year project consisting of an Engineering Feasibility Study was practical and approved the project's estimated cost of \$11,500.00.

Notice of this Resolution is published pursuant to the provisions of Part 309 (Section 30913) of Public Act No. 59 of 1995.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center (Carriage House), Clintonwood Park, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48348 to hear the following cases:

Case #00-0010 Carl Roberts, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT PRIVATE ROAD
Pine Knob Road, Parcel A, R-1C
08-15-426-006

Case #00-0011 Dewart Silva, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 2' TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSORY STRUCTURE
Rattalee Lake Road, R-1R
08-06-300-022

Case #00-0012 Dolores Schenk, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 5', PLUS VARIANCE FROM BODY OF WATER OF 5' TO CONSTRUCT SCREENED PORCH
Sunnyside Drive & Lakeview Blvd., Lot 64, R-1A
Sunny Beach Country Club
08-12-377-008

Case #00-0013 St. Dennis Development, Inc., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 5' AND REAR YARD SETBACK OF 5' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Marenpo Dr., Lots 9-15, R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club
08-12-158-011

Case #00-0014 St. Dennis Development, Inc., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 5' AND REAR YARD SETBACK OF 5' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Marenpo Dr., Lots 16-22, R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club
08-12-158-012

Case #00-0015 St. Dennis Development, Inc., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 15' AND REAR YARD SETBACK OF 15' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME
Muskoday Rd. & Shawnee Dr., Lots 1-4, R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club
08-12-163-009 & 014

Case #00-0016 Robert Spooner, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCES AS LISTED BELOW FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION
1) FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 67' (FROM FUTURE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY)
2) SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 6'
3) SEPTIC FROM BODY OF WATER, VARIANCE OF 33'
4) PRINCIPAL DWELLING FROM BODY OF WATER, VARIANCE OF 2'
Hadley Rd., Lot 1, R-1R
Independence Farms
08-2008-008

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

February 10, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

at the INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP CLINTONWOOD PARK SENIOR CENTER, CARRIAGE HOUSE, 5980 CLARKSTON ROAD, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #2000-003

Scott Quality Homes II, Petitioner

REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE - CLUSTER OPTION, SECTION 5.24 PROPOSED SASHABAW CREEK PRESERVE, R-1B Zone 38 UNIT SITE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT
Maybee Road, East of Clintonville, 50+ Acres
08-25-328-007

Intended Use: **Single Family Residential Homes**

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.

JOAN E. McCRARY, CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346

SUMMARY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

January 24, 2000

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:05 p.m.

Roll. Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Sanderson, Savage.

Absent: None.

Minutes of January 10, 2000, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented.

Meyland reported that the Water Subcommittee was originally going to request an election date for the water question; however, further details are needed. Meyland stated that it is hoped that an election date will be requested at the next Council meeting.

Savage reported that there will be a Process Committee meeting for the Downtown Revitalization program in early February.

Gamble reported on the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board's public hearing of January 20. The hearing was held to hire an engineer and pass the assessment roll which would levy \$169.12 for each resident on the Mill Pond. There will be no weed control next summer. All further assessments must be voted on and the next weed control assessment will be determined in the fall.

Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark discussed the public hearings that should be held with home owners and business owners as soon as it is practical regarding the MDOT improvements on M-15.

Moved That the City Manager be instructed to formally request a delay by letter to MDOT and to inform MDOT that an election for the water issue will be held sometime between April 12 and May 1.

Resolved That Artemus M. Pappas, City Manager, is hereby authorized to make application to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on behalf of the City of the Village of Clarkston in the County of Oakland, Michigan, for the necessary permits to close roads for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day Parades as follows:

May 28, 2000: Memorial Day Parade. To commence at the Clarkston Junior High School, West on Church Street to South Main, North on Main Street to Washington and West on Washington Street to South Holcomb, and South to Lakeview Cemetery on White Lake Road. Parade begins at approximately 10:00 a.m. and ends at approximately 11:00 a.m.

July 4, 2000: Fourth of July Parade. To commence at the Clarkston Junior High School, West on Church Street to South Main, North on Main Street to Miller Road and West on Miller Road, its final destination. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m., ends approximately 12:00 noon or sooner.

Sept. 4, 2000: Labor Day Parade. (Same route and times as Fourth of July Parade).

Oct., 2000: High School Homecoming Parade (Dates and Routes to be determined).

Oct. 7, 2000: (Tentative Date) FUN DAZE Activities, Main Street and Washington Street.

"And, the City of the Village of Clarkston in the County of Oakland, Michigan, will faithfully fulfill all permit requirements, and shall save harmless, indemnify, defend, and represent RCOC and MDOT against any and all claims to bodily injury or property damage, or any other claim arising out of or related to operations authorized by such permit(s) as issued."

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

033-REAL ESTATE

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FOR SALE BY OWNER 6.8 wooded acres, Addison TWP, possible walk-out. \$90,000. 628-9501. IILX6-2

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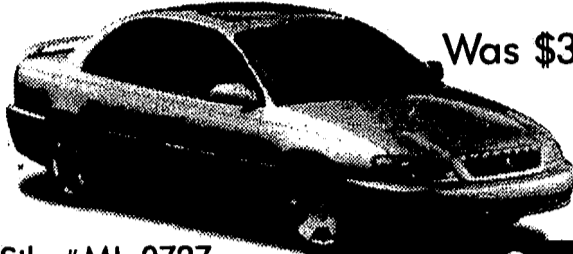
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36 Mo. Lease For
\$498*

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New 2000 CADILLAC CATERA

Was \$34,688



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24 Mo. Lease For
\$419*

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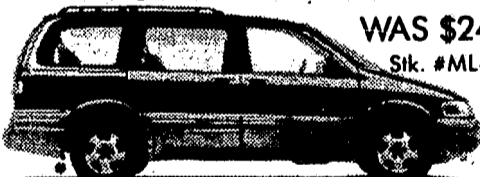


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Stk. #ML-0325



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36 Mo. Lease For
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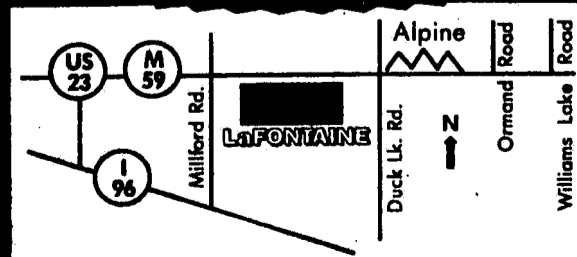
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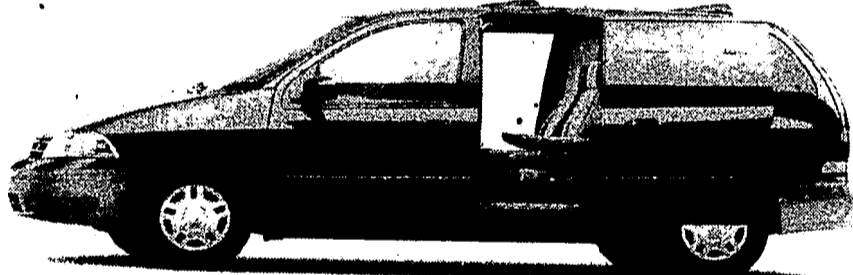
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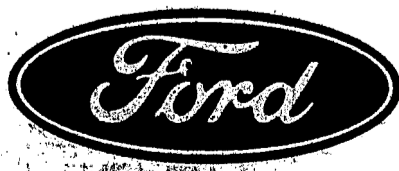
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