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## Neighbors vow fight

*Holiday Inn will try  
and get the green light*

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Citizens who live near the site of a proposed Holiday Inn on M-15 haven't lost any zeal for fighting the proposal.

They plan to be out in force at an Independence Township Planning Commission public hearing Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarkston Middle School Auditorium (formerly the Clarkston High School), 6595 Middle Lake Rd.

Eagle Investments of Mid-Michigan is requesting a special land use approval for the Holiday Inn Express on Ortonville Road, north of I-75. Current zoning is OS-2, Office Service.

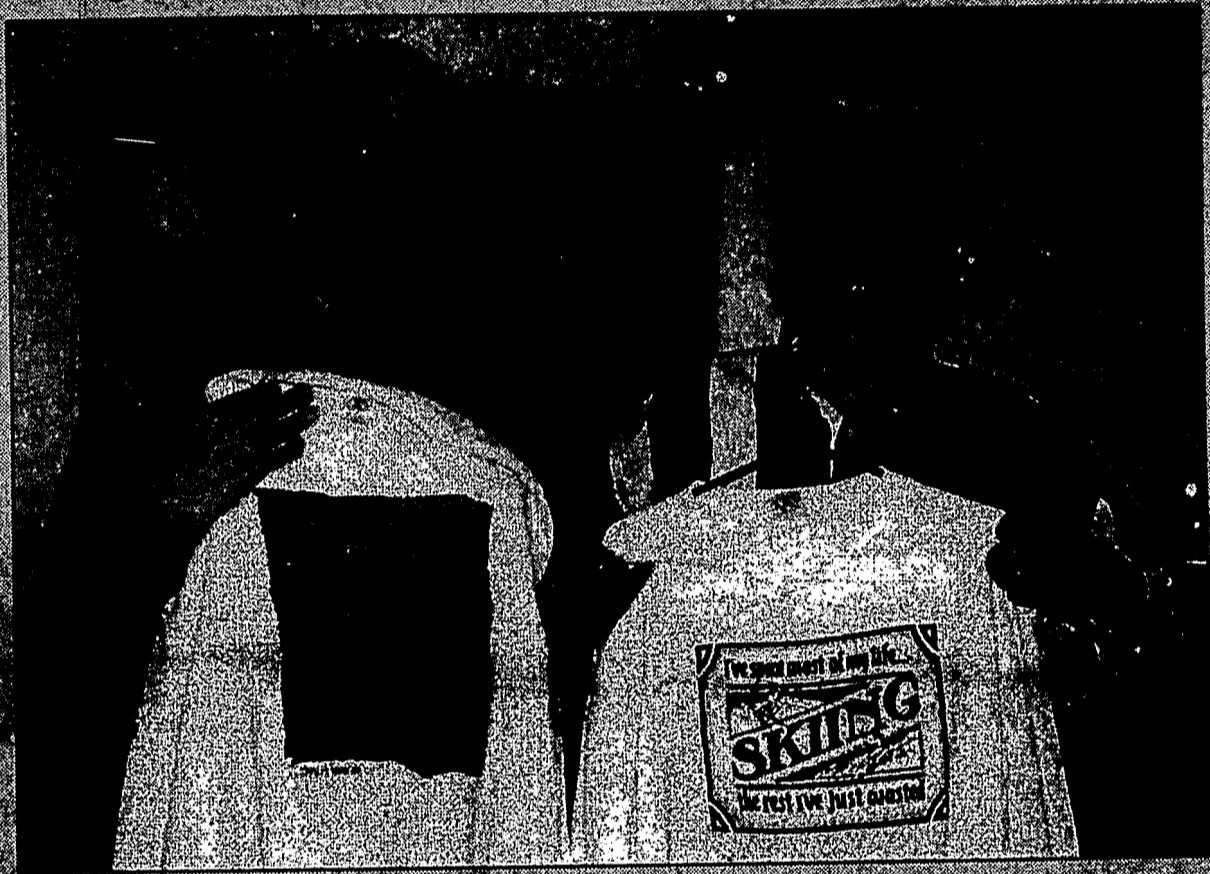
Neighboring residents were vocal about their oppositions when prior plans were presented to the board and it appears as if the controversy hasn't died down.

Resident Frank Rivers said people in the neighborhood are very upset. "The developers are trying to wear us down. All the reasons we oppose this type of development in this area are still there—the impact on the neighborhood, the environment, wetlands, and spill off onto the roads—needless to say, we're still upset," he said.

Rivers and local residents are concerned with the value of their land, he said, and if the hotel is built expect the area to grow commercially. "We don't want a commercial zoo on M-15," he added, "the egress and ingress from I-75 creates some awful safety concerns."

"Hopefully, we'll have the whole neighborhood (at the public hearing)," said Rivers.

*Long lives, fast slopes*



Bill Richard, left, and Jack Coletti proudly display T-shirts that demonstrate their love of skiing. The two seniors are members of the Mt. Holly Ski Club.

## Skiing when you're 80-something

BY JEFF PATRUS  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Ever since his grade school days, Bill Richard has enjoyed lacing up the boots and hitting the slopes.

At age 73, he sees no reason why that should change.

Richard and numerous other southeastern Michigan senior citizens get together at Mt. Holly

Ski Area in Holly to enjoy each other's company and ski to their heart's content.

How much does Richard, a 44-year resident of Clarkston, enjoy skiing? "I've got a shirt that says 'Will Ski For Food,'" he said.

Every week, the group heads over to Tom's Coney Island in Ortonville to grab a bite to eat before they hit the slopes. The idea was originated by

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## Clarkston News' Hazel Sherman passes away

By Dan Striner  
*Oxford Leader  
Editor*

The beloved matriarch of Sherman Publications, Hazel M. Sherman, has passed away.

A woman known for her business ac-



men, sense of humor and infectious laugh, Mrs. Sherman passed away on February 16, 2001. She was 75.

Sherman Publications owns and publishes The Oxford Leader, Lake Orion Review, The Clarkston News, The (Ortonville) Citizen, and The Advertiser.

Unofficially, Mrs. Sherman was  
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## Almond Lane, DPW and parks directors top special meeting agenda

Four big items have been set for a special Independence Township Board meeting Wednesday, February 28.

Solutions to flooding on Almond Lane will be discussed. Parks and Recreation director candidates will be interviewed, criteria will be set for a permanent Department of Public Works Director, and storm water regulations for a new ordinance will be discussed.

Joan McCrary, Independence Township clerk, said because DPW

operations have become so important, the board is considering the need for an engineer to run the department.

McCrary said the board will probably interview three or four candidates for director of parks and recreation. Mike Turk, who has filled in for former director Ann Conklin, since she left last June has applied for the job.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the Independence Township Fire Department on Citation Drive.

The Clarkston News Classifieds begin on page 24

## The News in Brief

### CHS Class of '51 to celebrate 50th

The Clarkston High School class of 1951 will celebrate its 50th reunion August 23 and 24 at Waterford Pontiac Elks Club.

The committee is looking for Leslie Boyne, George Mantyla, Eldon Mudge and Joyce Spooner.

Class members, teachers and other alumni with information about former classmates, or interested in attending the reunion should call: Frank Chaffee, 673-0881 or Zona Sommers, 625-1811.

### Basketball skills contest for kids

Boys and girls ages 8-13 are invited to the Tri-Star Basketball Skills Contest Thurs., Mar. 1 at Independence Elementary School.

Kids will compete in shooting, passing and dribbling. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in all boys' and girls' categories, and the winners move on to state competition. Free basketball jerseys are provided.

The event is free. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., and the competition begins at 7 p.m. Parents must accompany children to registration to sign a consent form. No pre-registration is required.

Participants must wear gym shoes.

Independence Elementary School is located at the corner of M-15 and Hubbard Rd. Call Craig Judd at 620-1112 for more information.

### 'Crazy For You' starts Thursday

The George and Ira Gershwin musical, "Crazy For You", performed by the Clarkston High School Drama Club is Feb. 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the CHS Performing Arts Center.

Some of the popular songs include, "I Got Rhythm", "Embracable You", "Someone To Watch Over Me", and "Nice Work If You Can Get It". The setting for the play is 1930's Nevada.

Tickets are \$8 adults; \$6 senior citizens. Ticket reservations may be made by phone by calling the box office at 623-4024. The box office opens at 6 p.m.

Tickets are also available for purchase during lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at the school.

The doors open at 7 p.m. CHS is located at 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

### Sashabaw Road widening planned for next year

Sashabaw Road from Maybee to I-75 is still on tap to receive \$4.5 million in construction funds for the year 2002, according to Craig Bryson of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). Bryson said the road will be widened from two lanes to a four-lane boulevard.

Call The Clarkston News with your News in Brief -- 625-3370.

### Clarkston High School

## Academic Achiever

Name: Chris Bolten GPA: 3.9

Parents: Richard and Marty Bolten Plans after graduation:

I will be attending either Michigan State University or the University of Michigan.

Extra-curricular activities: Spanish Club and volunteering at North Oakland Medical Center.

Honors, awards, and scholarships: I've received the Chenille letter award.

Favorite subjects: Math and science.

Outside interests or hobbies: I play bass guitar, skateboard, snowboard and golf.

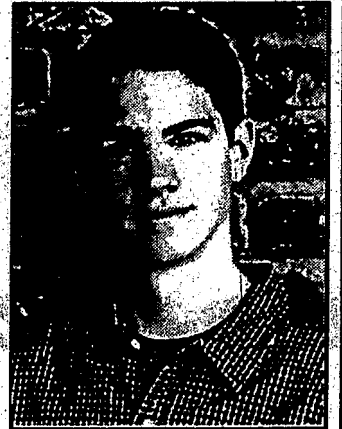
Best friends are people who: Are fun to be around and trustworthy.

When I think of the future I'm: Looking forward to going to college and studying to be an engineer.

What concerns me most about the world is: Terrorist countries having nuclear weapons.

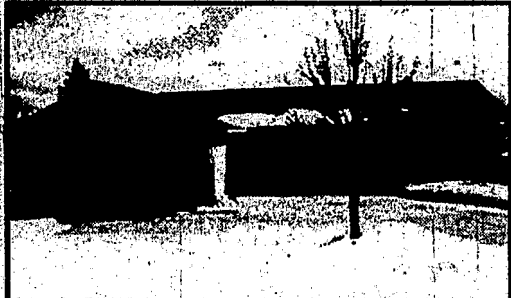
I'll try to make a contribution by: I hope I can make a positive contribution through my profession and volunteering in my community.

My best CHS memory is: Spending time with my friends on spring break.



Chris Bolten

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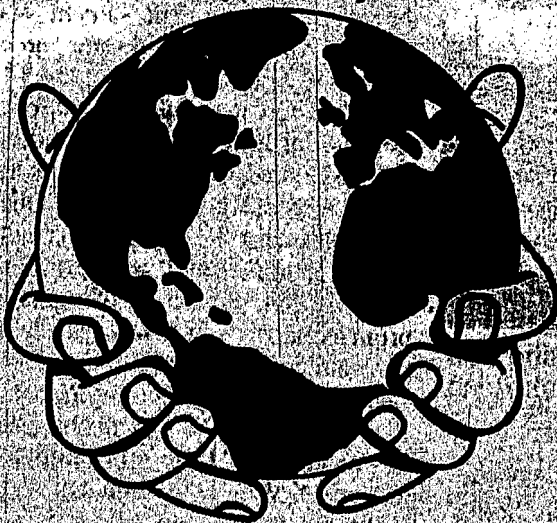


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# Second Front

## Around the world in a day

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The kids at Bailey Lake Elementary recently took a trip around the world without even leaving school grounds.

On February 13, the school celebrated diversity, in correlation with the Clarkston District Respect Code, with an International Day.

Students travelled with handcrafted passports from classroom to classroom, with each representing a different country. Over 25 different countries were featured and children earned a stamp for each country they visited.

The all-day, PTA sponsored event highlighted cultures and traditions in the form of informational and entertaining workshops. Kids learned about Chinese-based Tai Chi, ate an Italian dish known as Bruschetta, and learned how to greet one another in a variety of languages. There were games and crafts, and even an Indian dance and Scottish bagpipe serenade during an assembly.

Danny Davis, a third grader, enjoyed his quick trip to Japan and especially had fun creating a fish during craft time. When asked if he knew why the class was making fish to best represent the country, he said, "because the Japanese thought it was a tradition."

A number of volunteers including parents, teachers, and special guests from the countries conducted the workshops.

Bailey Lake and over 400 guests got the festivities rolling at an International feast Feb. 9. Guests enjoyed a potluck dinner and were asked to bring a dish from their favorite country. Proceeds are going towards playground improvements.

Also at Bailey Lake Elementary, students recently completed a week-long penny drive.

Pennies collected totaled \$11,000 and will go to the Autistic Impaired (AI) program.

Instructor Carrie DeBano said the program consists of six students. "Each day the kids spend half a day in a self-contained classroom and the rest of the day in general education."

Throughout the course of the year, DeBano explained, general elementary students volunteer their time to help in the AI program. Approximately, 120



Above, a guest speaker from Panama talks to Bailey Lake Elementary students. Below, Jackie Huse concentrates hard cutting out a fish during a Japanese workshop.

students help a year.

At the end of each year, DeBano and her students hold a large banquet to show their appreciation to the volunteers, who are also presented with awards and t-shirts.

The money raised through the penny drive will go to the year-end banquet. "It's a really neat program with the general education kids," DeBano said, "that's why we try to thank them."

Oxford Bank has agreed to count the pennies-- "thank goodness," said DeBano, "most banks charge to do that. "We counted them but I'm sure we missed a few here and there."

Jennifer Lambouris's second grade class raised the most pennies, 17,077, which earned them an ice cream party.



## Teacher credits faith, others in reaching students

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

One of Clarkston's own teachers has been recognized by the state of Michigan for making a difference in the lives of students.

Sandra Blomquist, an eighth grade math and science teacher at Clarkston Middle School, was recently chosen as Region 7 Educator of the Year by the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators.

Blomquist will be honored at the annual conference of the MAMSE Thursday, March 15 in Walled Lake.

Even though she received the award, she said she doesn't really deserve the credit.

"It's not about me," said Blomquist. "It's not about drawing attention to myself. It's about figuring out where a child is, drawing them out, and changing their lives for the better."

According to Clarkston Middle School principal Linda Armstrong, Blomquist was nominated by Dr. Dyanne Tracy, a professor from Oakland University, who spent some time working with Blomquist at the middle school.

Blomquist is currently in her eighth year as a teacher at the middle school, and recently received her counseling degree from Oakland University.



CMS teacher Sandra Blomquist said she was "flabbergasted" when she found out she was chosen Region 7 Educator of the Year.

An Auburn Hills resident, Blomquist said she was "rather flabbergasted" when she found out she had won the award. She credits her faith in God as an

inspiration in carrying out her work.

"I have a very deep faith — what I do here is based on my faith," she said. "It's almost like science and algebra are the vehicle I reach them by...I don't do this alone. Everything that's good about what I do comes from God. The honor belongs to God and the people I work with."

She credits Tom Woodside, her physics teacher at Troy High School, for giving her the inspiration to become a teacher. She said he was a very positive influence in her life, and someone who made a difference in her life.

"I knew if I could do that for one child, I would be honoring him," Blomquist said.

She said she knows she is reaching a student when they look at her and say, "Oh, I get it," in recognition that what she is teaching is making sense to them.

She pointed with pride to the pictures in her classroom — pictures of former students at their senior prom, college, etc. She said she is thrilled when former students write back to her and tell her they have become successful "because you believed in me."

"They're people first and students second," Blomquist said. "They're beautiful kids, and I love them to death. I could not see myself doing anything else. I really enjoy what I do."

# Liberty Golf clubhouse okay'd

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Improvements to the former Clarkston Creek golf course are in full swing.

Now called Liberty Golf and Banquet, developers Joe Lotricchio and Manny Kniahynycky appeared before the Independence Township Planning Commission February 8. Conceptual plans for a clubhouse facility with pro shop and restaurant, on two acres on Maybee Road, were approved.

The current clubhouse and banquet facility "is dated architecturally," said Kniahynycky. But with renovations and other substantial improvements will make for a nicer environment for banquets, he said.

A total renovation is underway including the gutting the interior and adding a new roof and windows.

The developers said they would like to limit the banquet hall to a 250-person facility, though previous owners allowed 300.

Kniahynycky said a restaurant will be open to the public in the spring and a patio will allow visitors to sit outside for lunch. Nearby gardens and a gazebo are in the works and will enhance the outdoor dining environment.

The facility will soon be hooked up to water and sewer.

Storage for 72 golf carts will be improved to a circular loading system within an 11-foot tall building.

More parking will be provided and the lot will be improved for better circulation. The lot, as it is now, slopes up, but plans call for a four-foot lower grade, so as "visitors pull in they'll get a fantastic view of the lake," said Kniahynycky. Passersby on Maybee will even be able to get a view of the lake, he said.

The current entrance poses traffic concerns, specifically for left turns with no passing lane available. A

passing lane will not be added due to a curve in the road, so the entrance will be moved to a more central location. The driveway will have two exit lanes and one entrance lane.

Guardrails and fences will be removed, making a friendlier appearance for the community, said Kniahynycky. Substantial landscaping to the front of the site will give a pleasant feel for drivers on Maybee Road, he said.

Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle said the developers have done a very conscientious job of trying

to organize the site.

Before final site plan is approved, a parking lot lighting plan, sign location, and landscaping issues including a greenbelt will be addressed.

Board member David Lohmeier said previously the golf course and banquet facility never reached its potential and he's looking forward to a first class development.

Kniahynycky said plans for the 165-unit condo development northeast of the golf course will soon be before the board.

## T&C Credit Union, condo development approved

A conceptual plan was approved for a T&C Federal Credit Union on two acres at Dixie Highway and Deer Lake Road. T&C will vacate their current location in the shopping plaza on the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

The new, two-story brick building will be 807 square feet. All public activity will be reserved for the first floor. The second floor will mainly be used for storage, but will also have a lunchroom and restroom. There will be a drive-up ATM, but no drive-up windows.

The full-service facility will feature a new way of conducting teller/customer transactions with glass-walled kiosks. Petitioner Timothy Affolder said the kiosks are being installed for safety reasons, but will also allow for faster service to customers. Tellers will be able to handle two customers at a time with the kiosk, said Affolder. T&C will need fourteen employees.

Before final site plan can be approved, developers need to address drainage issues, parking space width, additional screening around the rear

of the lot, and ground sign and lighting in conformance with the township ordinance.

There are 16 directional signs in the parking lot, and board member Jill Palulian felt this was too much information for people to grasp in a small area.

Independence Township Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle said this is the third site plan for this lot in two years. Other plans included a health club, which was too intense of a development for this parcel, and another financial institution.

Final site plan approval was given to Windstone Park, a 15-lot, 18-acre condo development on Foster Road.

A portion of the site stubs into Springfield Township. Board members were torn on what to do regarding a Springfield subdivision ordinance that requires sidewalks. Independence Township does not have this ordinance, but still approved the plan subject to landscaping requirements, entrance and sign detail, and perc test approval.

The development received conceptual approval two months ago.



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## Springfield to get two more buildings in light industrial district

# Special land use ok'd for Andersonville project

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two new speculative buildings will soon make their way to Springfield Township's light industrial district on Andersonville Road.

The Springfield Township board approved the special land use and concept plan for the two buildings at their regular meeting Feb. 8.

According to Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole, a speculative building means the developer has not found a tenant or a buyer for the property yet.

The buildings are approximately 30,000 square feet in size apiece, and are located west of the Andersonville Road/White Lake Road intersection.

The 10-acre property is zoned M-1 and is owned by Carnwath Properties, L.L.C. of Davisburg.

Ken Carnwath, president of Carnwath Excavating Company (a separate entity), said his company will be one of the tenants in the new building. He said the other tenant will likely not be determined until after construction begins, and would likely not move in until October.

"I think with the type of building we have, it's hard to get a tenant before you get the building," he said.

In addition, the township board approved an earth balancing permit to Carnwath Properties. Strole said an earth balancing permit is needed when a developer has to move soil from one area another.

The special land use was required for outdoor storage that was proposed for the rear of the site -- "in this case, storage of contractors' equipment and materials," according to Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls.

The concept plan required both planning com-

mission and township board review because of its size and the storage proposal.

According to the concept plan review issued by township planners Carlisle Wortman Associates, there will be nine pedestrian access doors (modified from 10) at the front of each building, and five overhead and pedestrian doors (modified from 10) at the rear of each building.

In addition, the review recommended 127 parking spots be built for the site.

A report from Kieft Engineering, Inc. indicated the design meets the requirements and standards for surface drainage, and the construction plans will outline the capacities of proposed storm sewers.

In addition, the on-site detention basin has been designed in accordance with normal Oakland County

Drain Commission specifications. There are no existing wetlands or bodies of water on the site.

In other business, the board approved the following items for the forthcoming civic center:

- A construction administration services agreement with Minoru Yamasaki Associates of Farmington Hills for \$81,000.

- Charges for value engineering changes, also with Minoru Yamasaki.

- A guaranteed maximum price agreement with Kirco Construction Corp. in Troy.

- The expenditure authorization policy, also with Kirco Construction.

- A budget amendment to account for all the items listed above.

## Mariner's Cove pathway retained in narrow vote

A pathway in the Mariner's Cove subdivision off White Lake Road in Springfield Township will be allowed to stay where it is, despite objections from some local residents.

The Springfield Township Board, by a 4-3 vote, turned down a request from a group of Mariner's Cove Home Association co-owners to remove the pathway which is currently on the approved site plan for the development.

The pathway connects two sections of the subdivision.

Voting to retain the pathway were Clerk Nancy Strole, Treasurer Lois Stiles, and Trustees

Dave Hopper and Dennis Vallad. Voting to remove the pathway were Supervisor Collin Walls and Trustees Margaret Bloom and Elaine Field-Smith.

Residents Mark and Norma Hyduk wrote a Feb. 5 letter to the township board requesting the pathway be retained.

In their letter, they stated the pathway serves an access to a common area, which they said is the right of each co-owner, according to Mariner's Cove bylaws. They also stated the pathway could be used by children for walking as well as riding bikes.

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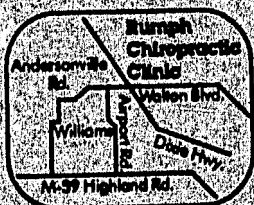
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## Letters To The Editor

### Independence procedure for Home Depot is correct

It might be interesting to review "developer" Mike Clark's track record to see if he really is, as he portrays himself, a citizen truly concerned about the development of our community. But, it is more important for us as a community to focus now on the so-called Home Depot proposal on Sashabaw Road.

There is nothing wrong with the procedure Independence Township is following. This proposal was not fully prepared for presentation to the Independence Township Planning Commission for review.

We should wonder what Mr. Clark's hurry is, inasmuch as this proposal has been lingering around the township for nearly a year when this developer previously tried a different cart-before-the-horse approach by first seeking a wetlands approval.

The planning commission will review the rezoning request at its regular meeting on March 8. There can be no genuine question that rezoning requests must come be-

fore site plan review. To have proper zoning is a fundamental requirement to any determination that a proposed concept is appropriate for any particular property.

At the March 8 planning commission meeting, I anticipate that folks will present many specific concerns that make this proposal troubling for our community. These are not new concerns or aimed solely at this proposal. Many aspects of it are directly contrary to what is the development constitution of Independence Township. The Vision 2020 Plans are the organized, agreed upon principles that are to govern what our community is and will become.

On March 8, the planning commission and the developer will again hear from the citizens of this community and they will present a compelling case to reject this proposal.

We live here too ... and we're not going away, either.

Neil Wallace

## She's strong enough, dedicated enough

One day about four years ago, while I was working for our sister paper, The Oxford Leader, I bought two 32-cent stamps from the office stamp stash to mail a personal letter. I thought it weighed too much for one stamp but I didn't take the time to weigh it. I just put two stamps on the envelope -- after all, if I was wrong, I was only out 32 cents.

Hazel Sherman, the wife of our company's president, watched me put the envelope in the outgoing mail basket. She said "I don't think that's going to need two stamps."

She took the letter out of the basket, weighed it, peeled off one of the stamps, gave me the extra stamp and put the letter back in the outgoing mail basket. And that was that.

She didn't chide me for being wasteful with my money or say anything else about it. She just took care of business.

For me, that was one of those little lessons that we come upon in life. It has been stamped in my brain ever since. It was also one of the many incidents over my five-year association with Mrs. Sherman that taught me to admire and respect her.

Sometime later, while her son, our publisher Jim Sherman Jr., and I were interviewing a prospective reporter, Jim explained that our company is family owned and run.

He told the reporter that one of his sisters ran the office, another ran the composition room and that Hazel came into the office every day, still kept the books, and worked harder than her three children combined.



Yes, that was an exaggeration, but a good illustration of her dedication.

While in Oxford, my desk was about six feet from Hazel's. I watched her no-nonsense approach to business on a daily basis and I was impressed.

I had returned to work in 1996 after a 16 year absence. Except for keeping the books for my husband's construction company and some free-lance writing, I was a stay-at-home, volunteer mom. It was about as low-key an existence as you could find.

I had no frame of reference for professional behavior. But I found one of my mentors in Hazel.

She concentrated on her work, didn't spend an ounce of time in idle chit-chat and never complained.

She was pleasant to everyone and asked about our families, but the only time I saw her take time away from her work at the office was when her grandchildren would come for a visit. Then her eyes would light up and she would laugh and visit with them.

I didn't grow up with many older women in my life, and since the death of my mother and grandmother 11 years ago, I have missed the lessons to be learned from older women.

I recognized right away that I was lucky to be able to work fairly closely with her and I quickly learned to appreciate her.

She was smart and sassy, had a great sense of humor, a wonderful spontaneous laugh, and obviously adored her family. Those are the reasons I liked her.

Someone has to be tough enough to set high standards and strong enough and disciplined enough to make sure they are followed as she did. Those are the reasons I respected Mrs. Sherman.

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# Just what is 'undetermined' fiber?

I'm a little worried.

In our kitchen, over the off-white tiles (why somebody put off-white tiles in the kitchen, I'll never know) and under our table is a carpet. The carpet catches stuff the falls off our plates (not that we're slobs, we just have two wee-lads who eat with the zest of pigs at the trough).

The carpet, of burgundy and browns, catches the crumbs and splotches so the afore mentioned edibles don't actually hit those smackin', frackin' off-white tiles.

We vacuum it and all, so it isn't disgusting to look at or repulsive to smell. But the reason I'm worried that my bare feet oft touch this carpet comes from a discovery dear wife Jen made. One day, while on all fours to pickup some sort of kiddie crap, she noticed the carpet's tag sticking out.

"Made in the USA," the label proudly proclaimed, "of 100 percent undetermined fiber."

Not just undetermined fiber mind you, but "100 percent undetermined fiber."

What is an undetermined fiber? Did I miss something back in high school biology? Are there some sort of four-legged, wooly Undetermines roaming the polar regions of our world? Or are they a domesticated critter, whose short-bristly coat is perfect for kitchen carpets?

I don't think so, bucko. The scenario in my mind harkens back to a day not too many years ago, when the news came out about Chinese made coats. Remember that? All those coats with fur lining — the nice, soft stuff was actually dog fur. I think the Chinese also exported to the US cute and cuddly stuffed animals — mostly cats. The cats felt so real, because — you guessed it — they were made of cat fur.

Yikes!

But those were Chinese products and once we Yanks discovered Fidos and Tabbies were lining our coats and stuffed critters we were outraged. Poor puppy dogs . . . We stopped buying those products.

The kitchen carpet where my boys crawl over, however, was made in the good ol' US of A. We

wouldn't use fibers from critters without saying it, would we? We have truth in advertising laws that protect us, don't we?

I mean, if a carpet was made of say pig-fiber, or road-kill fiber, the label would have to say that, wouldn't it?

What is an "undetermined fiber?" I cannot believe anybody in the United States would use an "undetermined" anything to make stuff. If I'm making something, I want to know what the hell I'm handling. Is it radioactive? Is it legal? What is it?!

Is "undetermined" a catchall phrase for . . . for . . . for what? And how can you have a 100 percent of something that is undetermined? Somebody somewhere has to have determined what those undetermined fibers are. But, where is that somebody? Is he or she hiding, fearing the fiber cartel?

How can you have a carpet made of "undetermined" fiber. Maybe the fiber folks just don't want to upset we, weak, lily-livered

Americans. Maybe they don't want us to be upset that the carpet is made of horse hides, bought from the glue factory. Maybe they don't want the People for The Ethical Treatment of Animals protesting outside their factory?

Are these undetermined fibers organic or synthetic? Are they earthly or alien?

What's the big stinkin' deal about what goes into making those fibers? I am obsessing here, I know, but "undetermined" is vague. Reporter-journalistic types don't like vagues.

If my rug is made of cut hair from the barber shop down the street, I want to know, dang it. I shouldn't lose any sleep over this, but I gotta' feeling I'm gonna.

E-mail Don at : dontrushmedon@aol.com



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# the People Poll

The Clarkston News asks:

## Which movie do you think will win Best Picture at this year's Academy Awards?

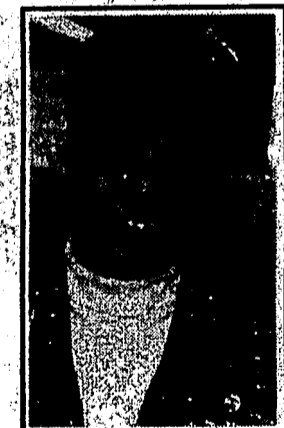
"Chocolat."  
— Ron Connon



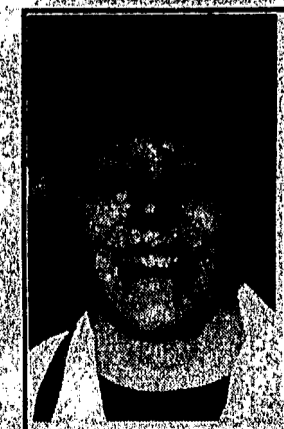
"Gladiator's going to win, because it's the closest thing to an epic this country's seen in quite some time"  
— Dave Drapinski



"I think the movie Traffic is going to win."  
— Nancy Salomensen



"Erin Brockovich."  
— Beth Reising



# Making the decision to let Hazel die

On Monday Hospice was mentioned, I thought casually, by Hazel's doctor.

The next day, the doctor's words came with different emphasis. "Have you and your family given thought to Hospice?"

Her (Dr. Malgorzata Sobibo) eyes had more meaning than her voice. Open, honest, revealing, sympathetic eyes.

"Yes, Hospice had passed through my mind," I said. "Now I'll talk to our family."

Hospice is another of those things we all hear and know about, yet don't know about.

Dr. Sobilo left no doubt that Hazel would not recover from the Multiple Myeloma (cancer) she's been fighting and treating since November 1994. Now Hazel was too weak for further, much stronger, chemo that would be required to extend her life. She was going in and out of realism, tearing at the numerous tubes attached to her body, crying, shaking and sedated.

Her condition tore the family. They, nor I wanted to see our loved one continue this way.

But, to actually make the decision to end her life? How does one do that? I've told our kids to not let treatments continue should I come to Hazel's condition. That was easy, at least to say.

With Hazel, the decision was to be only partly theirs. It was mostly mine. So, how do you reach this finality after over 50 years of total commitment we had for each other?



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

I tried to fill my mind with some of our many happy times while putting off the decision, but the dominance of the moment restricted other thoughts.

We're fortunate to have a doctor/friend of many years. I called Dr. David Jennings. This conversation was settling, though direct. That evening I also talked to God, but I found I didn't know what exactly to ask for: Live or let die?

At our usual bedtime, tiredness wasn't there. What should I do? What questions should I ask — from whom?

How informed should I keep the kids? The next morning I talked to Hazel's surgeon and Dr. Sobilo again. After digesting their words, I decided on Hospice.

But, I had to know more about it. I went to their offices in Pontiac. A soft spoken woman told me their commitment to the patient was to make them as comfortable as possible, either in a hospital, nursing home or at home.

I went home, read a couple Hospice brochures, which were informative, but not totally comforting.

It appeared to me all healing medication would be discontinued as would feeding. The latter didn't set well. Then I was told feeding could cause unnecessary suffering.

Crittenton Hospital, where Hazel was, has beds for Hospice, Hospice nurses and an overseeing doctor.

I questioned my courage, my options and how either decision would weigh on me later.

I called Dr. Sobilo and told her I had decided on Hospice.

In 18 hours Hazel was gone. God, please tell me I did the right thing.

# Growing up with developmental assets

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A growing number of healthcare providers in this community are taking steps to reduce risky behavior in children.

As more and more kids today dabble in truancy, violence, premarital sex, drugs, alcohol and tobacco use, concerns heighten.

What is wrong with kids today, one might ask. Is television, music, schools or parents to blame?

According to Dr. John Blanchard, a Clarkston family practice physician, it's growing up without developmental assets.

Blanchard spoke before fellow healthcare providers, law enforcement, faith leaders, parents and others who simply care about young people at the January 25 Clarkston Coalition for Youth meeting.

Developmental assets were identified by the Search Institute and provide a framework for pinpointing concerns and offering solutions in raising healthy, caring and responsible young people.

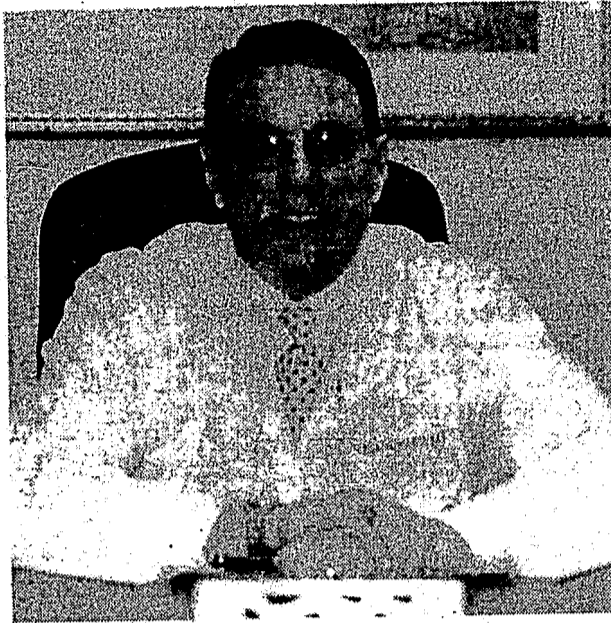
This framework is made up of 40 assets in eight categories like support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies, and positive identity.

A study The Search Institute conducted in 1999, involved 1, 2444 seventh, ninth and 11th grade Clarkston students. It reported area youth averaged only 17 of the 40 assets.

A lack of assets, Blanchard said, is a disease he's coined as Developmental Asset Deficiency Syndrome.

Awareness of this disease is partly its own treatment. Blanchard is currently developing a program that encourages parents, families and young people to cultivate developmental assets to enhance resistance to risky behaviors and promote a healthy and balanced development.

"Life Begins with 40" is the name of this pro-



Dr. John Blanchard has developed the "Life Begins with 40" developmental assets program which will be offered to parents through his office.

gram soon to be offered to parents through Blanchard's office. Folders with slide out brochures appointed to specific times in a child's life, will teach parents how and when to implement the 40 developmental assets during growth.

Blanchard said he hopes to see happy kids as an outcome of using these assets and hopes to offer this wellness program to other offices soon at no or little cost.

Other medical professionals are doing their part. Area orthodontist Steve Hershey works almost exclusively with kids. His office is making a commitment to do much more than straighten teeth. They've said, "they are in the business of helping young people

build their self-esteem."

Early in his practice, Hershey remembered "a neat little girl" who he encouraged to wear rubber bands and a headgear.

After one appointment, Hershey walked out of his office and saw the girl exit a child psychologist center nearby. Hershey said it was raining and she had no jacket. She waded in a puddle, lit a cigarette, and Hershey said, "where have I been? How can I inspire her to wear a headgear and rubber bands when there are bigger problems?"

In another instance, Hershey described going through a fast food drive-through. A young girl served him and smiled a mouth full of braces. Like Hershey typically does, he asked, "who's your orthodontist?" She replied, "you are."

Through this, Hershey and his office have learned to build strong trusting relationships with their patients.

Support is key to a strong relationship. Hershey's office supports his young patients by giving to their fundraisers and backing up their athletic teams. Newspaper clips of patients are also collected and highlighted on a "Look who's in the news" bulletin board as well as a "celebration bag" at a patients completion of treatment, and a "wall of fame" of photos of recent patients with "successful smiles."

Hershey also believes in creating a positive, caring environment to make visits fun. Positive reading material and nonviolent video games are offered and Hershey subscribes to "Muzak" to avoid inappropriate radio.

Hershey likes to be aware of birthdays and other special events and helps his patients become comfortable expressing themselves.

For more information regarding developmental assets, check out [www.search-institute.org](http://www.search-institute.org) or [www.clarkstonyouth.org](http://www.clarkstonyouth.org).



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# Realtor/cinema owner in jail on fraud charge

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A man with a history of fraud allegations is in trouble again.

Lawrence Sefa, former owner of Clarkston Cinema and Boardwalk Realty on Dixie Highway, was arrested after turning himself in Fri., Feb. 9. Sefa is lodged at Oakland County Jail and was arraigned on a \$5,000 cash bond.

This news comes after a couple reported Sefa withheld money from them. Detective Perry Dare said

the couple placed a \$2,800 deposit down on a house through Sefa's realty company and Sefa kept it.

Sefa is scheduled to appear before Judge Gerald E. McNally at the 52nd District Court, March 30 at 11 a.m. A preliminary exam Feb. 15 was postponed so Sefa's new court-appointed attorney can review the case.

Sefa's past financial problems and accusations are vast including former cinema employees filing complaints, in August, to the state Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor for backpay.

According to reports from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Sefa was fined \$1,000 for failing to account for money received which belonged to others through Boardwalk Realty in September 1999. He was also required to make a restitution to the complainant in the amount of \$3,000.

Sefa's businesses closed for good in December, but prior troubles included filing for chapter 13 bankruptcy, and a threat of foreclosure and temporary shut-down in 1999.

# Gun locks distributed by Oakland County Sheriffs recalled

A recall has been issued after 400,000 gun locks are found defective.

Through Project HomeSafe and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), law enforcement agencies distributed gun locks to the community, free of charge, from September 1999 through October 2000.

Since that time, it has been found that the locks can be opened with sufficient force, and without the use of a key.

The NSSF, of Newtown, Conn., and its lock supplier, Adstar Inc., of Merrick, N.Y., are unaware of any instances of unauthorized access by adults or children. To be safe, the NSSF and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are voluntarily

issuing the recall for replacement.

Replacements should arrive during the middle of the year, said Lt. Dale LaBair of the Independence Township substation.

Recipients of the Project HomeSafe gun locks are asked to call 1-800-726-6444 anytime to receive a free replacement gun lock. Until the replacement gun lock is received, the NSSF asks consumers to keep the original Project HomeSafe lock installed on the firearm. Consumers are also reminded to never put a gun lock on a loaded gun, and to take extra precautions to make sure the gun is secure to keep kids safe.

The locks resemble a bicycle cable lock and have a red cable with a black padlock. Red vinyls band around the top and bottom of the locks read,

"PROJECT" and "HOMESAFE," "MADE IN CHINA," and "30mm" are imprinted on the bottom of the locks. The gun locks were distributed in clear plastic cylinders with Project HomeSafe literature.

The replacement lock has an improved locking mechanism and a thicker braided-steel cable. With the announcement of the recall, NSSF is resuming Project HomeSafe and encourages communities to enroll in the nationwide program by having a law enforcement official contact the NSSF.

NSSF urges consumers to comply with all state and local laws requiring the use of gun locking devices. For more information on the safe handling and storage of firearms, visit the Project HomeSafe website at [www.projecthomesafe.org](http://www.projecthomesafe.org).

## Oakland County Singstation group auditioning soon

Open auditions for the Oakland County Parks traveling music show, "Singstation," will be Tues., March 20 and Wed., March 21 from 5-9 p.m. at Waterford Oaks County Park, on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road

in Waterford. Performers should bring a resume, a headshot and a prepared piece of music that showcases their range. They should wear comfortable clothing for learning a short dance movement. "Singstation" members perform June through August at Oakland

County Parks, company picnics, church events, local festivals and more. "Singstation" entertains audiences with song and dance from popular Broadway tunes. New this year is a high-energy children's show. To schedule an audition, contact Derenda Howard, recreation specialist, at (248)858-0916. No walk-ins will be auditioned.

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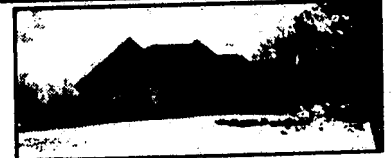
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# Skiing when you're 80-something

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Chuck Gosh, who runs the ski school desk at Mt. Holly.

According to Richard, most of the participants are between 60-65 years of age, while some of them are between 78-80.

Jack Coletti of Grand Blanc, another member of the club, said the daily meetings help to instill spirit in the group's members.

"It keeps you young -- it keeps you going," he said. "We go walking, then we go to breakfast, and then we go skiing."

He said the members of the group often ski until 2-3 in the afternoon, when school lets out for the day.

"When the ankle biters come, we go home," Coletti said.

The group makes it a point to welcome those people who are new to the club, according to Betty Richard, Bill's wife.

"If someone comes in that is new, Bill and Jack take them under their wing and take them for coffee," she said.

They relish the role, according to Coletti. "We're breaking in the young fellas, the ones in their 60s," he said.

Betty Richard also quipped that the spouses of the skiers are glad they are

so active, because it allows them the run of the house while their mates are out on the slopes.

"The women are glad to see them go skiing," she said.

Nancy Coletti, Jack's wife, said the fellowship is a vital part of the group staying together.

"They have such a great time out there," she said. "They're such good friends, all of them. They've been friends for many years."

She said when Mt. Holly opens at 10 in the morning, Richard and Coletti lead the way for the rest of the skiers.

"Jack and Bill are always the first ones on the hill," she said. "It's their job."

Jack Coletti said the group skis until about 11 in the morning, then sits down for coffee. Afterward, they ski again until going to lunch about 12-12:30 in the afternoon.

The group fellowship has been beneficial for others in addition to Richard and Coletti.

Jim Sitko, 54, of Clarkston, said in the early 1990's, he had season passes to Mt. Holly. During one of his trips, he ran into "a congenial group of skiers."

As the group got to know one another, they realized they had a lot in common, according to Sitko, especially since a lot

of them worked in the auto industry.

Sitko, who said the group has been meeting for about 12-13 years, said the camaraderie has been very rewarding.

"The group has grown and expanded," he said. "It's been a wonderful experience. We're dedicated to going out and taking care of ourselves."

Sitko said he has been skiing for about 35 years, and tries to make it to Mt. Holly five times a week. He retired from the auto supplier business in March 2000.

Although not a member of the club, Clarkston resident Cal Chase has interacted with its members as part of the Mt. Holly Ski Patrol, which is responsible for maintaining the safety and welfare of the skiers.

Chase said the group's members have been a pleasure to work with.

"I personally think they're doing a great job," he said. "I think it's great that these guys come out. I got to know them by meeting them on the slopes. They're well regarded by the people out there."

Richard's advice for those who may be interested in giving the club a try? Come join in -- the more the merrier.

"All you have to do is love skiing," he said.

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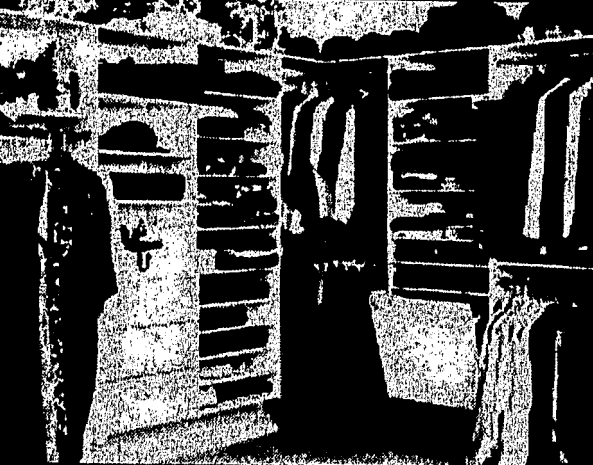
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# At the play, Kevin will be the old guy in the back

This is what I have learned from our musical, "Crazy for You," which (the Drama Club) will perform this week: I should be kept far away from anything involving music in any way. Singing, dancing, or whatever else you name it, I can't do it.

I began the show thinking my singing was far worse than my dancing. Then dance rehearsals started and I learned otherwise. Then we started singing the music, and I again had to revise my opinion. At this point, picking either dancing or singing to be my worst musical attribute is like deciding whether you'd rather amputate your right or left leg.

In the script, my character has a short song to sing and a line in another. The song was completely cut out



Kevin Kosbab

of the show before I had ever had to sing it, which came as a great relief to me and will make for a much more enjoyable show.

Grateful to my director for making the cut, I thought I would at least be able to do a fair job on the line remaining for me to sing. I really tried to sing it, but even on the times I

thought I had done a decent job I ended up with quizzical stares from the cast and directors.

It was eventually decided that I

should just yell the line out: if I couldn't sing it, I could at least belt it out with conviction. Yet somehow, this is causing trouble, too. I can't quite break away from the music enough to ignore the notes being played (but I don't understand music enough to sing along with them). I'll continue to work on it, and I'm sure the show will be free from any violent assaults on the ears.

Regardless of my cat-in-a-blender singing or cow-in-convulsions dancing, it will be a good show. The cast has worked since before Christmas on the acting and dancing and what have you (including gun-fights!). Everybody backstage has been working at least as hard as we have. The set is magnificent and I can barely believe how fast they can maneuver

nine-foot-high pieces of scenery. There are more costume changes than we've probably ever had before, which causes a lot of stress at our house, since my mom has been sewing costumes nonstop. Our theatre manager and technical director, Miss Seaman, deserves a lot of credit, more pay, and a long break.

When we started adding sets, costumes, and the orchestra into our run-throughs, I was amazed at the difference. I don't like to dance any more than I am capable of dancing, but I have to admit that I had some fun with it during dress rehearsals. I hope you'll come to see us on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. If you've seen any of our previous shows, you'll recognize me as the old man with the receding hairline.

## Around Town

Six week classes for **adult instructional volleyball** for those 15 and older will start Wed., Feb. 21 at Clarkston Elementary on Waldon. Beginners are from 6-7:30 p.m. and intermediates from 7:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$40. Call Clarkston Community Education to register at 623-4550.

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Frames-N-Art, 5889 Dixie Highway, presents local artist **Judith Hoddinott** Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hoddinott will be sketching

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Put the pink back in the cheeks of children ages three to six with "Tuning Your Tot into Winter." Enjoy stories,

songs, crafts, snacks and an outdoor hike, Sat., Feb. 24 from 2-3:45 p.m., Wed., Feb. 28 from 10-11:45 a.m., or Thurs., Mar. 1 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1:15-3 p.m. The event will be held at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center in Independence Oaks, 9501 Sashabaw. Cost is \$3 per tot. Pay in advance to register. Wear proper clothing for outdoors. Call 625-6473.

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Shake off winter doldrums at Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw at Independence Oaks County Park with

"Hoot In," Sat., March 3 from 5-6:30 p.m. After a presentation, discussion, slides and mounts, participants will venture outdoors to listen for the owl's call. The program is free. Preregistration is required. Call 625-6473.

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The Chamber Singers Choir from Maranatha Baptist Bible College of Watertown, Wisconsin will present a concert of sacred music at Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake Rd., off Sashabaw, on March 5 at 7 p.m.

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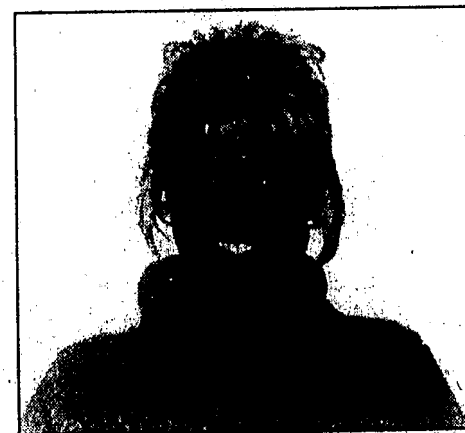


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## Hazel Sherman

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co-publisher of Sherman Publications.

Officially, as vice president, her work was clerical, book balancing, bill paying and receiving. She was a fixture in The Leader offices for more than 45 years.

When she and her husband, James Sherman, bought their first community newspaper -- The Oxford Leader -- in 1955, Mrs. Sherman automatically became part of management.

That's the way it is in community newspapering, husband and wife working together.

Her involvement stayed at the same high level as the company grew from one paper to six and from \$37,000 gross income to more than \$2.2 million.

Mrs. Sherman was involved in Oxford. She chaired the Oxford United Fund Drive one year and was a member of the Oxford Junior Women's Club and the Northeast Historical Society. She was very involved in local news and history and was an avid collector of antiques.

The Sherman family was named Business Family of the Year in 1998 by the Oxford Chamber of Commerce.

It was her family and Sherman Publications which received the majority of her attention. James and Hazel Sherman had three children, James Jr., Luan Offer and Susan Speed. They also have five grandchildren.

All of the children were brought to work by their mother at The Leader at young ages. They all worked at the paper as children and continue to this day.

James Sherman Jr. is publisher; Luan Offer handles payroll for the company and oversees front-office operations. Susan Speed oversees advertising makeup for the newspapers.

Hazel Sherman instilled the work ethic in her children at a young age and she, too, learned that solid work ethic as a young girl.

Born Hazel Luchenbill in Lennon on December 18, 1925, she was the youngest of seven children, three sisters and three brothers.

She attended a one-room school near the family farm. In her ninth year of school, Hazel had to quit in order to care for her mother, who was stricken with infantile paralysis.

She cooked and cared for the home, her father and two older brothers. One chore she often spoke of was taking cans of milk from the farm to town in a horse and buggy to trade for other food.

There was no electricity in rural Shiawassee County at that time, so cooking was done on a wood-range, water was pumped by hand and outdoor toilets were the norm.

One of the good parts of farm living, Mrs. Sherman would remind others, was as a youngster with her own horse, she could trade horseback riding for bicycle rides with kids in town.

Shortly after World War II started, her mother died and Hazel went to work at age 16 at a plant that manufactured small motors in Owosso.

In 1946, she met the man who was to become her husband of 51 years, James. They were married in 1949.

Mr. Sherman recalled his wife's tenacity and sense of humor even as a young girl before they were married.

Jim Sherman had been hospitalized in Lansing for an extended time before the couple married and every weekend, without fail, Hazel would take a bus to Lansing and stay in the local YWCA so they could visit.

She often would buy hotdogs and sneak them into the hospital through a

window. One time, Mr. Sherman recalled, he reached out to grab what he thought was a tasty hotdog, only to have a toad placed in his hand.

Randy Fox, president of Oxford Bank, recalled Mrs. Sherman's infectious laugh and professional approach to business.

"She was a person of principle and had a great laugh. She was just delightful socially," Fox said.

Like many who knew Mrs. Sherman, especially employees, she ran things in a professional manner.

"She had her routine and whenever we at the bank messed up, she would yell foul," Fox remembered. "She had her opinions and if I got out of line, she would tell me."

Fox said Oxford will miss her sense of humor and dedication to the community.

"She was a dear friend and someone you could always count on," he said.

Hazel Sherman is survived by children, James Sherman Jr. and wife, Linda, of Davison; Luann Offer and husband, Bob, of Oxford; Susan Speed and husband, Tim, of Oxford.

Mrs. Sherman had five grandchildren, Dan, Karen, Savannah, Trevor and Haley. She is survived by one sister, Ethel and husband, Ronald, Smith, of Durand.

Several hundred mourners attended funeral services for Mrs. Sherman at Oxford United Methodist Church on Sunday. The Rev. Jack Mannschreck officiated.

Burial was in Oxford Cemetery.

## Louise E. Wenzlaff

Louise E. Wenzlaff of Clarkston, formerly of Kingston, died Feb. 15, 2001 at the age of 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband Oscar and was the mother of Kathleen Boufford of Clarkston and Don (Liz) Jones of Oxford.

Mrs. Wenzlaff was the grandmother of Deborah (Jim) Woods, Diane Cover, Martin (Darlene) Jones, Laura (Jim) Murphy, Brad (Paula) Jones, Barbara Jones, Carol (Dan) Acton and Karen (Steve) Collier.

She is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of Ardell Traynor of Fla.



Mrs. Wenzlaff enjoyed playing bingo at the American Legion in Clarkston. She will be missed by her longtime friends.

Funeral mass was held Feb. 19 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. Interment at All Saints Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

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Students earning First Division (superior) ratings qualify for the State Solo and Ensemble Festival Saturday, March 24.

Clarkston High School student performances as soloists and chamber ensembles earned 55 First Division ratings and 25 Second Division (excellent) ratings. The student performers are evaluated by State MSBOA approved adjudicators and instrumental music specialists in the areas of tone, intonation, rhythm, technic, and interpretation.

**First Division Ratings:**

- Sarah Benson -- piccolo and flute solos
- Lissie Okopny -- piccolo and flute solos
- Laura Arpke -- alto flute and flute solo
- Erin Browe -- flute solo
- Liz Dushaw -- flute solo
- Lauren Kreager -- flute solo
- Sarah Napier -- flute solo
- Caitlin Ufer -- flute and piano solos
- Jessica Glover -- flute solo
- Jennifer Ballough -- clarinet solo
- Claudia Lara -- clarinet solo
- Tory Lauzun -- clarinet solo
- Debbie Vander Kolk -- clarinet solo
- Amanda Cummings -- clarinet solo
- Heather Carlile -- clarinet solo
- Kathleen Moniaci -- bassoon solo
- Eric Baer -- alto sax solo
- Jackie LaForge -- trumpet solo
- Paul Mueller -- trumpet solo
- Carl Schulte -- trumpet solo
- Christine Witkowski -- horn solo
- Emily Zarzycki -- trombone solo
- Peter Boissoneau -- snare drum solo
- Courtney Bollman -- snare drum and piano solos
- Matt Davenport -- snare drum solo
- Robert Koch -- snare drum solo
- Michael Fischer -- timpani solo
- Marja Kerney -- marimba solo
- David Fick -- violin solo
- Caitlin McLean -- cello solo
- Kendra Linenger -- string bass solo
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- Rachel Arndt, Jackie LaForge, Stacey Mercado, Kristen Harris -- trumpet quartet
- Chris Allen, Ben Kosbab, Ray Smith, Bryan Kolano -- trombone quartet
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- Amanda Walsh, Christina Bauer, Lauren Trager, Jeff Driscoll, Carrie Goebel -- woodwind quartet
- Erin Browe, Adam Duddles, Kate LaMonda, Jessica Arsenault, Emily Cushing -- woodwind quartet
- Emily Zarzycki, Paul Mueller, Jackie LaForge, Becky Hart, Keith Macjiewski -- brass quintet
- John Fitzgerald, Kyle Kobe, Peter Boissoneau, Lindsey Townsend, Andy Smith -- percussion quintet

**Second Division Ratings:**

- Kathleen Amor -- flute solo
- Emily Clark -- flute solo
- Laura Kovacic -- flute solo
- Amanda Walsh -- flute solo
- Jim Shanks -- clarinet solo
- Jenna Hart -- bassoon solo
- Kirsten Partyka -- bassoon solo
- Anthony Sorise -- alto sax solo
- Kevin Way -- trumpet solo
- Steve Coryell -- trumpet solo
- Mike Prunte -- trumpet solo
- Jennifer Baibak -- horn solo
- Jennifer Wheeler -- horn solo
- Ben Kosbab -- trombone solo
- Erin Wilke -- trombone solo
- Marissa Combs -- baritone solo
- Kayle Kobe -- snare drum solo
- John Fitzgerald -- snare drum solo
- Lisa Gauthier -- marimba solo
- Jessica Dezess -- string bass solo
- Steve Coryell -- piano solo
- Marley Brown and Amy Schwab -- flute duet
- Liz Dushaw and Sarah Napier -- flute duet
- Mary Wisniewski and Laura Richards -- clarinet duet
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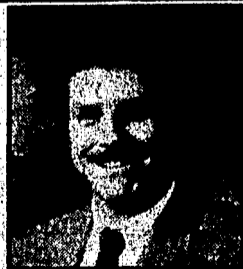
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## A Look Back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1986)

The Village of Clarkston has joined Independence Township in its quest to limit drug and alcohol abuse by minors. Members of the village council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance that will hold adults responsible for liquor served to minors in their homes. In the absence of parents, the ordinance could be applied against persons 16 years old or older who supply the substances.

With the advent of Independence Township's 150th birthday, plans are in the works to sponsor several sesquicentennial activities, including a birthday party at the Clarkston Mills Mall. The activities are being organized by a sesquicentennial board and three-member advisory committee comprised of Carol Balzarini, Connie Lektzian, and Rita Burdick.

A Birthday Kick-Off Sesqui-Celebration for Springfield Township's 150th anniversary is planned for Sunday, March 2 at the Springfield Oaks Activities Center on Andersonville at Hall roads. Included in activities are a fine art, collectibles, antiques and pictorial show and sale, musical programs, demonstrations by quilters, and food.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1976)

The issue of whether Clarkston Village funds should be spent for restoration of the Old Methodist Church has been revived. Village Council trustee Ruth Basinger asked that a special village council meeting be set up to discuss the matter. Basinger suggested sale of the present village hall on Main Street; revenue from the sale would be used to help restore the old church.

The Clarkston school district, which counted 7,015 students last year, was third largest in North Oakland County. It spent \$1,050.69 per pupil, considerably less than the countywide average of \$1,317.95 per pupil and less than all but Brandon or South Lyon districts. The figures come from Summaries and Surveys 75-75, put out by Oakland Schools.

The Business Association of Independence Township has decided to promote a candidate of its choosing for a seat now vacant on the Independence Township Planning Commission. The decision was made in an effort to make township officials more responsive to business people's needs in the community.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1951)

The All-League Band, consisting of band members from the music departments of the Wayne-Oakland League, presented an outstanding concert in the Clarkston school auditorium. The league includes the following schools: Clarenceville, Clarkston, Holly, Milford and Northville. Representing the Clarkston school were Glenna Webster, John Bennett, Robert Rose, Ann Barrows and George Mantyla.

At the meeting of the Clarkston Rotary Club, the following were elected to the Board of Directors for the ensuing year: Al Lee, Herbert Beach, Charles Robinson, Edward Rummings, Charles Rockwell, Rudy Schwarze, and William Sharpe.

This Friday Clarkston plays their last game of the regular season when they host Hartland. Clarkston, playing a much better brand of ball than they have displayed in some time, had a rather easy game in defeating Orion 56-27.



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# Business News

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## Investment strategies for uncertain times

BY MARALEE COOK  
Clarkston News Editor

As the saying goes, what goes up must come down, and boy, is it ever.

Locally, the automotive industry has seen well-publicized losses. Retail, communications and Internet companies are also suffering headline-making bankruptcies and slow-downs, and thousands of workers have been laid off.

These industries were big money makers in the stock market over the last 15 years -- so how will this affect the stock market and how do we plan for the future?

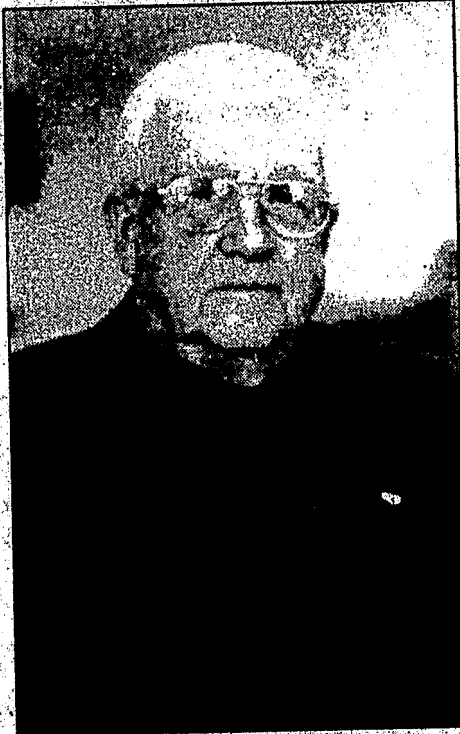
While some people find the downturn to be a surprise, one Independence Township resident says it was just a matter of time.

"We've been on a 10-year expansion," said financial planner Phil Dutton last week. "When business is good, corporations get careless, they get fat, and then it's time to make adjustments.

"What's happened is the economy goes in cycles. Now it's coming down, heading toward a trough. When it starts to happen, companies start tightening up their bottom line. It usually comes in the form of reducing employees," Dutton said.

"My philosophy and that of many people in the securities business is to invest for the long haul. But generally, the public's perception is for the short term, and the financial media does not help that," Dutton said.

"When (financial pundits) talk about the stock exchange, they usually only look at a three-month period. People looked for instant gratification and



Phil Dutton says Internet stocks are going through a shake out process, but companies which remain will be stronger.

plunged into the Internet stocks. But Internet stocks were not priced on good fundamentals like corporate profits, debt ratios or good management -- criteria that goes into a prudent selection of stock," said Dutton.

"Some made money -- it was a matter of knowing when to get in and when to get out. But a lot of day traders and e-traders went broke," said Dutton. "The market feeding day traders was not a normal market and a lot of people

were doing it on an accelerated basis. They quit their jobs, mortgaged their homes and made a job of it. They found out it didn't work out. It's not as lucrative as it once was."

"When high-risk investments crash like the Internet stocks have done, people panic and sell out. But people with only a portion of their investment in Internet stocks were not hurt as bad if their portfolio was diversified," Dutton said.

Dutton has personal experience with recessions and layoffs. At the age of 35 he was laid off from his job as a purchasing agent during the 1971 recession.

He was married to Ann, his wife of 45 years, and also had three children to support. The couple, who moved to Clarkston from Royal Oak 13 years ago, have seven grandchildren.

"I made a vow not to let someone else control my destiny. I made a career change, and with the help of some fine people along the way, went into business for myself. I haven't regretted it since," he said.

After he was laid off, Dutton took insurance industry classes through Connecticut General (now part of the Cigna group). He had three years of intensive training in estate and business planning, and gradually his career evolved until he went into business for himself 15 years ago as a financial counselor and plan-

ner. "We are required to take yearly classes with an exam in the insurance and financial industries on laws and ethics. There are more opportunities to scam people in the financial industry and we are being policed. It's a good thing," said Dutton.

What wisdom can the 65-year-old Dutton impart to young investors who've had losses or are skittish about what stocks to invest in?

"The inexperienced investor is affected by two emotions -- greed and fear. There is also a herd mentality. Greed sets in and investors want

to make it big. So they buy into high-risk investments because everybody's doing it. Fear causes them to sell at the worst possible time.

"What investors should do is develop financial goals and a game plan with a well-developed portfolio and stick to it. Those are the people who are not hurt by fluctuations in the market.

"In the Internet sector there's a winnowing process going on -- a shake out. But Internet stocks are here to stay. They're viable, and still the place to be invested. There are some survivors and they will be stronger. There will also be some consolidations and mergers."

Dutton said the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors have done very well,

-- Phil Dutton,  
financial planner

'The market feeding day traders was not a normal market.'

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## Workplace changes bring about new hiring practices

BY MARALEE COOK  
Clarkston News Editor

It's no surprise to people in the business world that the workplace has changed. Because of this, managers and business owners have had to change some hiring practices and the way they deal with employees.

According to Independence Township resident Diane Morrison, the skill most sought after by job recruiters and the cause of most failures of managers is interpersonal skills.

Morrison, who owns 2-Way Communications, is a trainer and consultant who specializes in developing leadership and team-building skills.

Morrison is a trainer/consultant who specializes in developing others in leadership and team building skills.

She has a masters degree in the science of management and teaches at Oakland University and Walsh College. She also has automotive related experience teaching in union and salaried employee environments.

Morrison said there can be as many as four generations working together. Each generation is driven by its own values and cultural events.

Culturally, the young generation has seen no bad times or a war to deal with. They have also been raised in a more participatory environment than

members of older generations. Young workers have more choices, opinions and are smarter, said Morrison.

This may be hard to understand for older workers, who were raised at a time when children were supposed to be "seen and not heard."

"When (young people) go to work they won't take the same stuff we did. They'll find another job," Morrison said.

Many employers complain that young workers change jobs too frequently and have no loyalty. As soon as they are trained and become productive, they leave the company.

Morrison doesn't expect that to change. Studies project that by 2025 as much as 70 percent of the workforce will be non-permanent, she said.

"If you remember, in the 1980s there were a lot of layoffs. The kids who saw mom and dad get laid off figured companies weren't loyal to their parents and decided, 'I've got to take care of myself,'" she said.

"Over the last five to 10 years we've seen an increase in non-permanent employees. The temp and contract agencies are huge," she added. "I have no statistics, but I guess it's because large companies have more non-permanent employees because the volume of work is fluctuating. Non-permanent workers help them through peaks and



According to Diane Morrison, managers with good interpersonal skills are the most sought after by job recruiters.

valleys, and it's better than laying them off."

For small businesses that's a problem, said Morrison. She said one way to address it is to train them faster.

In a small business, the workplace

is more intimate, said Morrison. "There's a different dynamic when the boss is always in the room. There are more opportunities to get to know one another.

"Employees also have more opportunities to do more because you're doing all aspects of the business. In a large corporation employees are usually focused on one to three things. That can be good or bad depending on what your interests are," she said.

Interpersonal skills are just as critical for good leadership in small businesses. "It's still important to pay attention to the relationship (with employees) because when you lose an employee in a small company you have a hard row to hoe if half of the knowledge leaves."

Morrison also said small business owners must be careful not to become stagnant and resistant to change.

"Often the leader started the company from nothing. They must try not to be closed-minded to ideas from employees. They need to watch what's happening in the marketplace. Look at things in the community. Keep fresh."

Morrison said when hiring the most important thing is to "hire correctly. Make sure it's a good job fit and that the employee is challenged with meaningful work."

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# Commemorate Clarkston in a colorful postcard

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Your photograph could become a postcard. The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has announced a photo contest in search of that perfect representation of Clarkston to be printed as a postcard.

Up until now, if you've been looking for a postcard of Clarkston, you may have had to resort to Ebay. But not any more! The Chamber of Commerce is creating a new line of Clarkston area postcards with up to four new cards each year.

The first card, a collage of Clarkston points of architectural interest, is available free at local businesses. This promotional postcard is preprinted with information on how to get your favorite Clarkston photograph published as the next postcard.

"We're very excited about the postcard project," said Kurt Miller, RDM Associates and chairman of the chamber's Community Promotions Committee. "It is a great opportunity for all of us to look around and see the beauty of Clarkston."

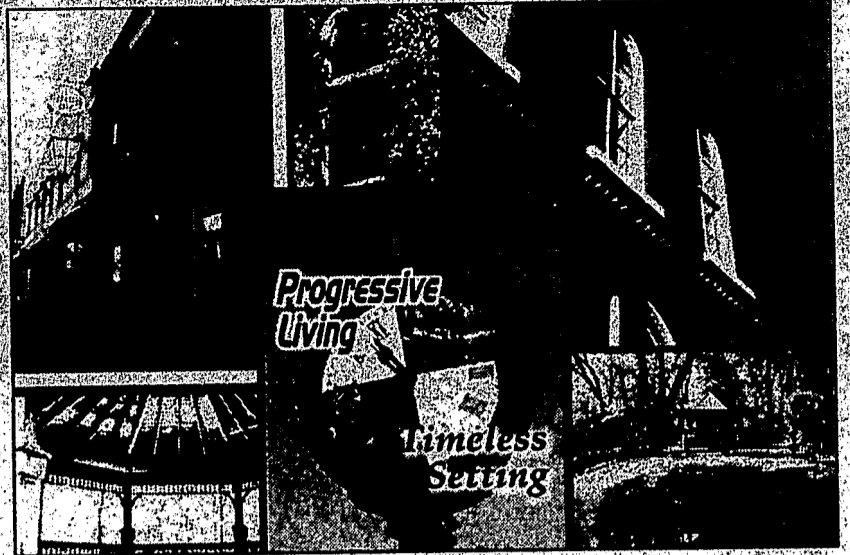
Penny Shanks, executive director of the Clark-

ston Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "We are excited about the postcard, because we've not had a Clarkston postcard available for many years." The chamber receives numerous phone calls from those requesting a postcard and everyone has the same question, Shanks said, "how come we don't have one?"

If you have a favorite photo that represents your personal vision of the community town, or as Shanks put it, "what makes it cool to live in Clarkston," submit it. There is a limit of one photograph entry per person.

First prize in the photo contest includes an entertainment package donated by Palace Sports and Entertainment: tickets, shirts and hats for four plus VIP parking for an upcoming Shock or Fury game.

Include your name and phone number on the entry. Photographs may be submitted in color or black and white. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope



**Pick up the latest postcard at local businesses and enter to have your favorite Clarkston photograph on the next one!**

along with your entry if you would like to have your photograph returned after the contest.

Deadline for photo entries is March 30, 2001. Submit photos to: Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.

Call the chamber for more information at 625-8055 or visit [www.clarkston.org](http://www.clarkston.org).

## Dutton

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even over the last three months. Energy stocks -- gas and oil exploration "the whole energy field" are also coming back.

Dutton said instead of buying individual stocks, he prefers investing in mutual funds. "It gives the investor an opportunity to invest broadly without several thousands of dollars.

"If you invest on a regular basis through mutual funds when the market falls it's to your advantage because you're buying shares in a down market. You're paying less, and when the market comes up again you have a lot of growth. Rather than abandon the market, that's the time to buy in because you get more for your money," said Dutton.

"The IRS doesn't recognize a gain or loss in stocks until you sell them, so you haven't lost or made money until you sell. If you don't have to sell, you probably shouldn't at this time.

"I have no clients who have been in mutual funds over any 5-year period in the last 20 years who have lost money -- without exception. The key is to have been in the fund for over 5 years. This doesn't mean they couldn't, but they haven't and I've been doing this for 25 years. People who invested in mutual funds during the crash of 1987 recovered their losses in 1988," he said.

Dutton said he thinks corporate consolidations will continue as well as the layoffs of high-priced employees.

"There seems to be an evolution going on in corporations today. There is not the rigid organizational and management structure that there used to be. There will

be more worker ants. I think we'll also see more involvement by stockholders. The (Kirk) Kerkorian lawsuit (against Daimler-Chrysler) is a good example," Dutton said.

He also thinks the size and frequency of bank and communications company mergers are problematic. It creates an over-concentration of wealth and the formation of public opinion in too few areas.

"I think we're beginning to admit that bigger is not necessarily better. There are a number of mergers that are not successful. Daimler Chrysler could be bought out by somebody else," he said.

Dutton is very optimistic about the future, however. "Changes may be hard for some of us to deal with but the younger generation will embrace them. The older generation may be out of its element and has to accept change. I have a lot of confidence in the future."

## Morrison

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Employees also need a supportive work environment. Flexibility is also a key. This works for senior citizens and young people, she added.

"It's not about the worker or employer taking

advantage of the other. It's about getting to a balance where you don't work to live. You can have a hood personal life and have a good work experience with time for family and community service," said Morrison.

Morrison will present a series of workshops titled: The Leadership Difference: Making the World a Better Place To Work.

The workshops will cover leadership, coaching, delegation, conflict management, motivation, change leadership and building a collaborative environment.

The workshops will be presented at the Independence Township Library Community Meeting Room on Monday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning February 26. Call 625-2212 to register.

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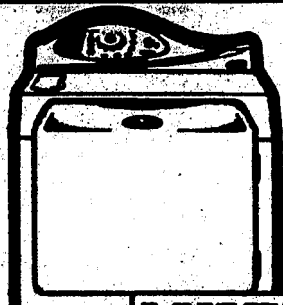
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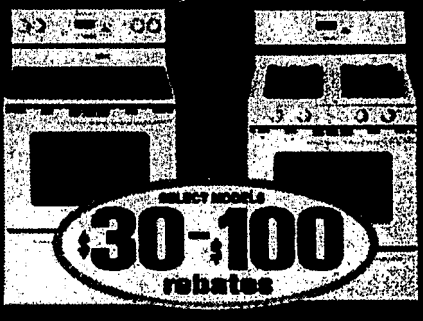


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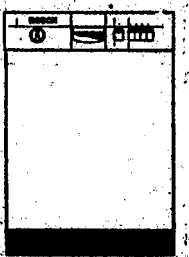


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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Sunday, Feb. 18,** a vehicle driving southbound on Sashabaw crossed the center line and nearly hit a police car northbound. The police officer stopped the vehicle in a nearby parking lot. The driver and passengers were intoxicated and underage. The driver had never obtained a license. He was cited for operating under the influence, having open intoxicants in the vehicle, no license, no proof of registration or insurance.

Medicals on Flemings Lake, Waldon and Ellis. Personal injury accident on Sashabaw at Clarkston.

**Saturday, Feb. 17,** a business on Clarkston Road reported a man attempted to cash stolen checks. It was admitted that the man broke into a resident's home and stole numerous checks and forged them. He was arrested. At the time of his arrest, he was found with a knife and a large sum of cash. Both were turned in as evidence.

A vehicle was stopped on Sashabaw and a driver and passengers were found intoxicated with open intoxicants. The underage drinkers were cited.

A domestic assault was reported on Eastlawn. A male resident was arrested.

Medical on Glenwood Creek.

**Friday, Feb. 16,** the driver of a vehicle on Dixie Hwy. near White Lake was stopped for not wearing a seatbelt. The driver was cited for using marijuana.

An assault and battery was reported out of Clarkston High School. Four male students fought on school grounds and were suspended.

A business on Sashabaw reported \$1,100 missing. The money was to be taken to the bank for deposit. The money was in envelopes in a briefcase and stored in a backroom.

Investigation on Bridge Valley.

**Thursday, Feb. 15,** a number of parents of Clarkston High School students reported they had found their children in possession of marijuana.

A Clarkston High School teacher reported a student had stolen his CD case and CDs, worth \$75. The CDs were found in the student's bag.

A vehicle was southbound on Sashabaw when it was hit by a vehicle, failing to yield, and turned left from Major. Alcohol was involved. No injuries were reported.

A suspicious vehicle was stopped on Dixie Hwy and the driver was found to be driving on an expired license. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was cited.

Automatic alarm on Dixie Hwy.

Building fire on Forest Valley.

Investigation on Maybee.

Medicals on Pine Knob and Flemings Lake. **Wednesday, Feb. 14,** police responded to a breaking and entering alarm at a bank on Sashabaw. Upon arrival, the back door of the ATM was found cut and pried open. Footprints were found and a wallet of the suspect was found in a nearby yard.

Carbon monoxide investigation at Lingor apartments.

Public service on Hubbard.

Vehicle fire on Rattalee west of Ortonville.

**Tuesday, Feb. 13,** an assault and battery was reported out of Sashabaw Middle School. Four girls were caught fighting in the hallway. All were suspended and picked up by parents.

A home invasion occurred on South River. A woman resident reported her bedroom had been ransacked and miscellaneous jewelry, worth nearly \$1,600 was stolen. A 1997 Pontiac convertible was also taken.

Investigation on Olde Sturbridge.

Medicals on Sashabaw and at Parview apartments.

**Monday, Feb. 12,** a man on Cobden Lane reported three bottles of medication that were mailed to him were missing. The package had been ripped into and the bottles taken.

Fuel spill on Sashabaw and Waldon.

**Sunday, Feb. 11,** automatic alarm on Elk Run Court.

Medicals on Flemings Lake, Heath, and Joy.

**Saturday, Feb. 10,** the driver of a vehicle was northbound on Waterford near Pelton when he lost control and hit a snowbank. Minor damage was done to the front end of the car and the passenger tire was blown. No injuries were reported, but alcohol was involved.

An unknown male attempted to take an old salad bar from outside a restaurant on Dixie Hwy and put it into his car. When asked to leave, the man became rude. He threw empty beer cans on the ground and refused to pick them up.

A vehicle on Sashabaw had a window smashed out, its dash damaged, radio stolen and the lid to the center console broken off. Damage is estimated at \$700. The radio is worth \$200.

Medical on Old Cove.

Personal injury accident on northbound I-75 north off Clarkston.

Public service on Oakstone.

**Friday, Feb. 9,** after making a bank deposit of several \$100 bills, the bank informed Independence Township Treasurer Jim Wenger that one bill was counterfeit. Wenger then reported the incident to authorities.

A seven-year-old boy from North Sashabaw El-

ementary said he was assaulted by another school boy when waiting for the bus. There were noticeable injuries.

An unlocked vehicle on Willowpark was entered and a CD player valued at \$100 was stolen. Damage to dash was reported.

The driver of a vehicle on Sashabaw was stopped for a traffic violation and found to be driving on a restricted license. The driver was cited.

The driver of a vehicle on Dixie Hwy was stopped for erratic driving and found to be under the influence of alcohol as well as having an expired license. This was a first offense.

**Thursday, Feb. 8,** a teacher at Sashabaw Middle School reported \$30 in fundraiser cash was taken from a desk drawer.

A vehicle parked in the lot of the Fox Creek apart-

## City of Clarkston

No major reports.

## Springfield Township

**Wednesday, Feb. 14,** a malicious destruction of a mailbox was reported at Mistyridge and Bridgelake. The responding officer spoke to the victim, who reported that sometime between Feb. 13-14, someone ran into the mailbox with a vehicle or hit it with an object.

**Tuesday, Feb. 13,** an illegal dumping and driving with a suspended license was reported at Dixie and White Lake. While driving through the parking lot, the responding officer observed the suspect driving a vehicle, then pulling off White Lake and speeding behind a building. The officer followed, and observed the person getting out of the vehicle and throwing three tires into a dumpster.

**Monday, Feb. 12,** a 40-year old Holly man was arrested at 3:45 a.m. at Davisburg and Andersonville for a first offense of operating under the influence. The suspect was stopped for an expired license plate, and the responding officer found him smelling of intoxicants. A PBT reported a blood alcohol content of .200 percent. The suspect was arrested and lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

A 51-year-old Holly man was arrested at 6:39 p.m. at Dixie Highway for operating under the influence. Upon arrival, the responding officer observed the listed subject sitting in the driver's seat of his vehicle. The officer could smell a heavy odor of intoxication. After failing a PBT, the suspect was placed in the patrol vehicle and transported to the Oakland County Jail.



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**Basketball:**  
2/23 at winner of Pontiac Central vs. Rochester Adams 7:30 p.m.

**Volleyball:**  
2/22 vs. Seaholm 6:30 p.m. (varsity only)

**Swimming:**  
2/21-2/23 at OAA II league meet at Lake Orion TBA

**Skiing:**  
2/26 state finals at Nubs Nob 9 a.m.

Questions about upcoming games? Call the CHS Athletic Office for times and locations - 623-4050.

## Horstman, Blicher power cagers

**Wolves improve to 8-8 overall, compete in league tourney**

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Sports Editor

Clarkston varsity basketball coach Dan Fife said his team is learning how to win the close games. They're also learning how to win big.

The Wolves most recent win (at press time) was a 58-44 win over league rival Southfield Feb. 15 at Clarkston High School. The win improved Clarkston's record to 8-8 overall and 6-6 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

"Our effort has been there physically all year," Fife said. "With the exception of the first Rochester game I think we've given a strong physical effort. Somewhere we lost the confidence, but these kids never got down on themselves and now they're starting to win the close games."

Clarkston jumped out early on Southfield as the Wolves grabbed a 23-12 first quarter lead and led 31-25 at the half. The Wolves outscored Southfield 16-7 on their way to the win.

Clarkston's leading scorer was Mike Blicher who had 13 points. Ben Horstman came off the bench and added 12 for the Wolves.

Fife said his team had a lot of players contribute in the win.

"Blicher was very good for us tonight. Ben (Horstman) gave us a good boost off the bench. He scored all his points in the first half and we never played him in the second half. We knew if it got close again we'd put him back in, but that's just the way it worked out," Fife said.

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Senior forward Bryan Endreszl has given Clarkston a strong presence in the paint this season.

## Atkinson, Whisner help ski team qualify for states

**Strong giant slalom sends team to finals for fifth time in six years**

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Sports Editor

Last year the Clarkston ski team sent two boys to the state finals. This year the whole team is on its way up north.

For the fifth time in six years Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren's crew will be competing in the state finals. Finals take place Feb. 26 at Nubs Nob at 9 a.m.

The Wolves qualified for the state finals thanks to a second place finish at regionals Feb. 15 at Pine Knob. Clarkston finished with 94 points, five

Rochester Adams took third with 119 points.

The Wolves strong performance in the giant slalom helped them advance to the state finals. The Wolves had only 20 points in the event, and took first place. Clarkston was in fourth place after the giant slalom where they scored 74 points.

"We had two d.q.'s in the slalom," Rosengren said. "If we had any more d.q.'s or hikes we would have been out of the running."



Ryan Whisner

Clarkston's best times in the giant slalom went to Brandon Rosengren who finished second (35.13). He was followed by John McNew who finished third (35.19), Matt Evans fifth (35.91) and Ryan Parrott 10th at 36.27.

Clarkston's best times in the slalom belonged to Brandon Rosengren, who finished second overall (44.75), Mike Atkinson who finished 13th (47.12), Matt Evans finished 24th (49.1) and who finished 35th (50.67).

"Mike Atkinson and Ryan Whisner were the real

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# Miller, Driscoll set records in swim team win

Wolves compete in OAA II league meet Feb. 21-23 at Lake Orion

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

The Clarkston varsity swim team picked up some added confidence on its way to tonight's league meet.

The Wolves will compete in the Oakland Activities Association Division II meet Feb. 21-23 at Lake Orion High School. Swimming prelims take place tonight, diving prelims take place Feb. 22 and finals in both events will be held Feb. 23. Action begins at 5:30 p.m. tonight, 6 p.m. Feb. 22 and 6:30 p.m. Feb. 23.



Joe Kraut

The Wolves will be compete against Royal Oak Dondero, who they defeated 99-87 Feb. 15. The win improved Clarkston to 6-5 overall and 3-3 in the OAA II.

Clarkston coach Kenwyn Chock said she expects big things from her team over the next three days.

"We've got seven seniors on this team and I think our kids are a lot more experienced now that they've been through this before. I'm expecting all of our swimmers to swim personal bests and that's all I can ask for. For some of these kids it's their last swim. They want to make it their best," Chock said.

The Wolves set three more school records in the win over Dondero. The 200 medley relay team of Ryan Wheaton, Kevin Miller, Joe Kraut and Paul O'Connor made record time finishing at 1:52.58. Miller set another Clarkston record later in the night in the 100 yard



Nick Oldenburg swims in the 500 freestyle in the Wolves win over Dondero Feb. 15. Oldenburg dropped 11 seconds off his time for a personal best of 6:06.

butterfly finishing at 59.95. The final Wolves record was set by Jeff Driscoll who swam the 100 yard breaststroke in 1:11.09.

The Wolves also had several other first place finishes including Miller in the diving competition who ended with a score of 1:99.15. In addition, O'Connor

finished first in the 50 freestyle (23.48) and the 400 yard freestyle team of Miller, Nick Riegal, Dan Reed and O'Connor finished with a time of 3:38.66. Ryan Wheaton won the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.46.

## Spinweber, Villiere power ski team to state

Girls-ski team ranked no. 2 in state, headed to state finals

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren summed up the Clarkston girls ski team performance by saying, "There were lots of blue jackets on the podium."

The Wolves won the regional at Pine Knob Feb. 15 which advances the team to the state finals for the sixth straight year. The finals take place Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. at Nubs Nob.

Rosengren said his team put forth its best effort of the year at the regional.

"Nobody was going to beat the girls on that day," Rosengren said. "They were all so pumped up out there. We have every opportunity to be right there at the state finals."

The Wolves blew away their competition by scoring 43 points in the meet. Second place went to Grand Blanc who had 84 and third place went to Rochester Adams with 146 points.

The Wolves had only 17 points in the slalom. Clarkston's best times in the event went to Allison Spinweber, who finished second overall (50.42), Becky Schermerhorn 4th (51.08), Nicole Villiere 5th (51.43) and Kelli Morton 6th (51.66).

"Our girls did very well in the slalom," Rosengren said. "There was only about a second between our first and fourth place finishers."

The Wolves didn't let up in the giant slalom as they scored 26 points in the event. Clarkston's top spot went to Villiere, who finished 5th overall (38.56), Schermerhorn 6th (38.74), Morton 7th (38.89) and Spinweber 8th (38.93).

In addition, Clarkston assistant coach Tami Mitchell was named girls Class A region 2 coach of the year.

Last year the Wolves finished fourth at the state finals. Their best showing in school history was in 1997 when they finished third.

The girls team set a record for dual meet wins with seven, won their divisional and their regional and finished third at the Traverse City Invitational this year. They are currently ranked second in the state.



Allison Spinweber

**The rundown**  
 The meet: The Wolves dominated the meet, beating out second place Grand Blanc by 41 points. Allison Spinweber was Clarkston's top slalom racer and Nicole Villiere was the team's top giant slalom finisher.  
 Where they stand: The girls team finished the regular season with a 7-1 dual meet record.  
 • Up next: The Wolves head to Nubs Nob Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. for the state finals.

## Chism, Miller take first at individual districts

Six grapplers advance to regional

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

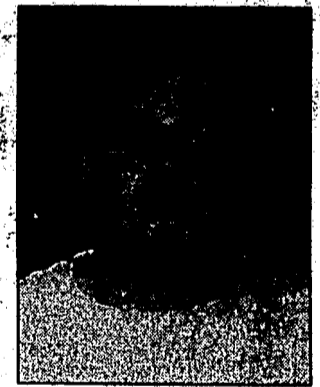
Last year the Clarkston varsity wrestling team only had one state finalist in freshman Clint DeGain.

This year, the Wolves are hoping to send a half dozen wrestlers to the Joe Louis Arena.

Six Wolves advanced to the individual regionals by placing fourth or higher at individual districts Feb. 17. Brian Chism and Shawn Miller won their respective weight classes. In addition, John Langdon and Tony Lajoie took second. Chris Jaroneski finished third and Kyle Hester took fourth.

Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said his team has a good chance to have several state finalists.

"I think all of the kids we have left have a good chance to make it to the Joe," DeGain said. "Sure, we had hoped for a few others to make it, but we had a pretty tough schedule and that's just the way the brackets went. Some of our younger kids had a tough time overcoming that type of thing."



Shawn Miller

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# Netters take second at Coldwater Tourney

## Can clinch sole possession of second place with win over league champion Thursday

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Sports Editor

Gordie Richardson's team can't win the league, but they can take second place with a win Feb. 22.

That's when the Clarkston varsity volleyball team will host Birmingham Seaholm, who clinched the division title with a win over Troy last week. The Maples are currently 27-10-2 overall and 10-1 in the league. The Wolves will head into the match boasting 28-10-2 overall record and are 8-3 in the league.

The Wolves picked up their latest wins thanks to a strong effort at the Coldwater Tournament Feb. 17 which saw them take second place.

Clarkston tied its first round opponent, Homer, 9-15, 15-3.

Coach Gordie Richardson said his team got off to a bit of a slow start in the tournament.

"We didn't have a lot of warm up time. We only had about five minutes before the game. But we knew that coming in," he said. "But our girls responded well in their next match."

Clarkston then handily defeated Battle Creek Harper Creek 15-8, 15-9. From there, the Wolves defeated A... 15-6, 15-8 and Vicksburg 15-4, 15-2. The Wolves continued to roll in the semifinals downing Jackson... Christy in two games, 15-6, 15-5. In the semifinals the Wolves had to go three games before defeating defending tournament champions Coldwater 11-15, 15-12, 15-9.

However, the Wolves winning ways eventually came to end in the finals against Sturgis when Clarkston dropped two straight 9-15, 4-15.

"Sturgis is a very good team and they don't make a lot of mistakes," Richardson said. "I think our legs gave out on us a little bit and we lost some of our intensity. But it was a great experience to play some teams we don't usually see. And there were some college scouts there which helped our girls get a little more exposure from that side of the state."

If the Wolves beat Seaholm Feb. 22, they'll pick up their 29th victory of the season and secure sole possession of the OAA I.

Clarkston will then compete in the league meet Feb. 24 at Bloomfield Hills Lahser beginning at 8 p.m.

### Wrestling

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Regional finals take place Feb. 24 at Davison High School at 10 a.m. Championship matches should occur around 4 p.m.

As a team, the Wolves finished 2-2-1 in the Oakland Activities Association and finished third in the OAA league meet.

### The rundown

**The tourney:** The Wolves defeated host and defending tournament champion Coldwater before falling in the championship round in three games.

**Where they stand:** Clarkston is currently 28-10-2 overall and 8-3 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

**Up next:** The Wolves host league champion Seaholm in a varsity only matchup Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.



Gordie Richardson

# Athlete of the week: Ramzy Dasuqi

Ramzy Dasuqi does not score a lot of points, but because of his efforts in the paint his teammates are lighting it up.

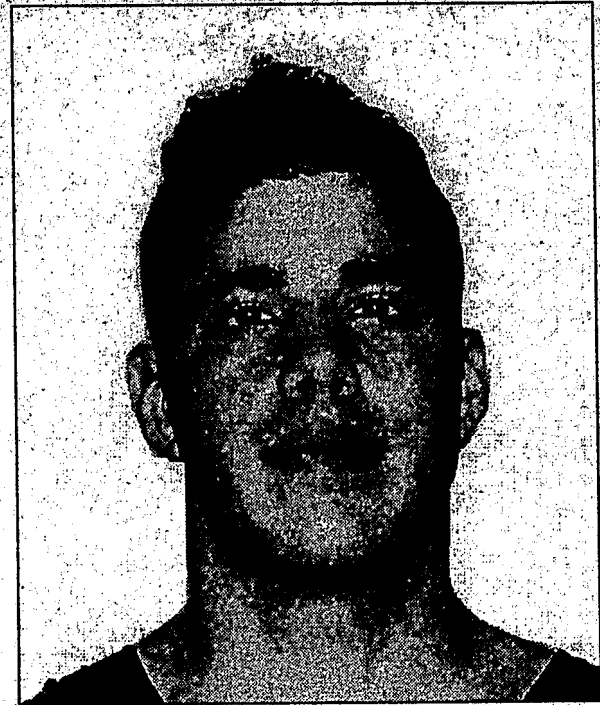
The senior forward has been on the Clarkston varsity basketball team for two years, but Dasuqi has not seen serious playing time until this year. Last year, Dasuqi was coming off an injured shoulder which he hurt during football and by playing AAU basketball. But this year, Dasuqi has been a solid presence on the boards coach Dan Fife said.

"He does a lot of things that don't show up on the stat sheet," Fife said. "But he's been great for us on the offensive glass. He makes very few mistakes and I think with him it was just a case of him getting his confidence up there. He's been playing very well for us lately."

Dasuqi feels his play has gotten better as the season has progressed.

"I started the season pretty low," Dasuqi said. "But (Ryan) Briceland and I had a talk about how I needed to concentrate on rebounding and defense. That's where I think I help the team the most. I know I'm not going to lead this team in scoring. I just try to rebound and kick it back out to (Ryan) Kaul and the other guys."

Dasuqi, who also played varsity football for the Wolves this fall, will be attending Central Michigan University after graduation. He said he plans to study either business law or marketing.



"He's been great for us on the offensive glass. He makes very few mistakes."

Dan Fife — Varsity basketball coach

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### Basketball

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Horstman, Fife said Mike Loveless continues to play well defensively for the Wolves.

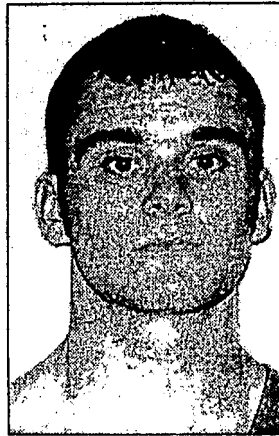
"Mike (Loveless) contained their best player and their press," Fife said. "You can't measure a lot of the things he does for our team. I think he's a throwback to some of our old players."

Fife said one of the reasons the Wolves have improved since their 2-6 start has been a change in the lineup.

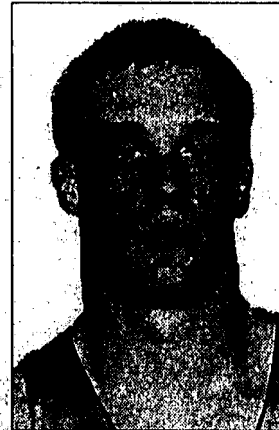
"Now with Ramzy (Dasuqi), Blicher and Loveless playing more I think our team has improved in a few ways. I think we're quicker and our inside play has gotten stronger," Fife said.

Fife also said has improved its inside play because of Matt Pearsall.

"He's got an outstanding vertical jump. He's not that big, but he can snag a lot of rebounds and that's what we need from him. He plays a lot bigger than he is," Fife said.



Ben Horstman



Mike Loveless

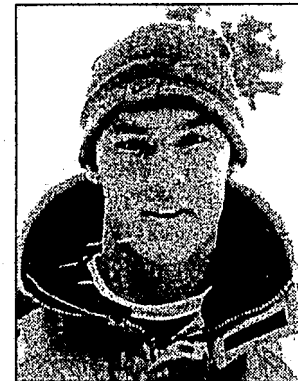
### Boys skiing

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heroes for us," Rosengren said. "They had all the pressure on them. Our entire trip to states basically rested on their shoulders, but they came through for us."

Last year the boys team was represented by Rosengren and Evans. The Wolves made it to the state finals every year from 1996-1999. Their best effort in school history was in 1983 when they finished fourth.

Clarkston has had an astounding season going undefeated in dual meets, winning the divisional meet, taking second at the regional and winning the SEMSL meet. They are currently ranked third in the state.



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# Icers down Gross Pointe North, finish second in league

Turner, Purdy, MacKinnon score in win over no. 1 ranked team

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

The third time wasn't the charm for Bryan Krygier's club. For the first time in three years the Clarkston varsity ice hockey team will not be named league champions.

The Wolves had an opportunity to clinch their third straight Oakland Activities Association Division I league title, but a 3-2 loss to West Bloomfield Feb. 14 at Wallace Ice Arena hurt their chances. West Bloomfield is now 8-2 in the OAA I and are league champions. The Wolves finished second in the league with a 7-2-1 league record.

### The rundown

**The game:** Clarkston defeated the no. 1 ranked team in division 2 3-2.

**Where they stand:** Clarkston is currently 15-7-1 overall and finished second in the league with a 7-2-1 league record.

**• Up next:** The Wolves host Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice at the Polar Ice Palace in Lapeer Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. The Warriors are ranked no. 4 in division 2.



Jeremy Gabriel looks to score in recent action at the Polar Ice Palace in Lapeer.

Clarkston's goals in the loss came from Ryan MacKinnon and Brad Passmore.

However, the Wolves rebounded with a winning effort Feb. 17 when they defeated Gross Pointe North 3-2. The Norsemen were ranked no. 1 in division 2.

Clarkston's goals came from Nick Turner, Miles Purdy and MacKinnon. Jordan Conley picked up the win in net stopping 26 shots.

Krygier said he has seen good things from several of his players lately.

"Miles Purdy has been playing very well for us," Krygier said. "He's scored in each of our last three or

four games. He's doing good things at both ends of the ice. Jimmy Lattanzi has been real solid defensively and Jon Bemis is putting the puck in the net. We need him to jump it up a notch in the playoffs."

The Wolves close out regular season action tonight when they host Brother Rice at the Polar Ice Palace in Lapeer at 7 p.m. The Warriors are currently ranked no. 4 in division 2.

The Wolves will then prepare for the post season. Their opening regional game will take place Feb.

26 against Milford at Flint's IMA Arena at 6:15 p.m.

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said his team will have its hands full with the Redskins.

"They've been playing pretty good hockey lately," Krygier said. "They beat Novi who is a very good team."

Last year the Wolves defeated Port Huron and Port Huron Northern on their way to the regional final. There, they fell to Waterford Mott.

"Anything can happen in our region," Krygier said. "Port Huron Northern, Mott and Grand Blanc are all good teams."

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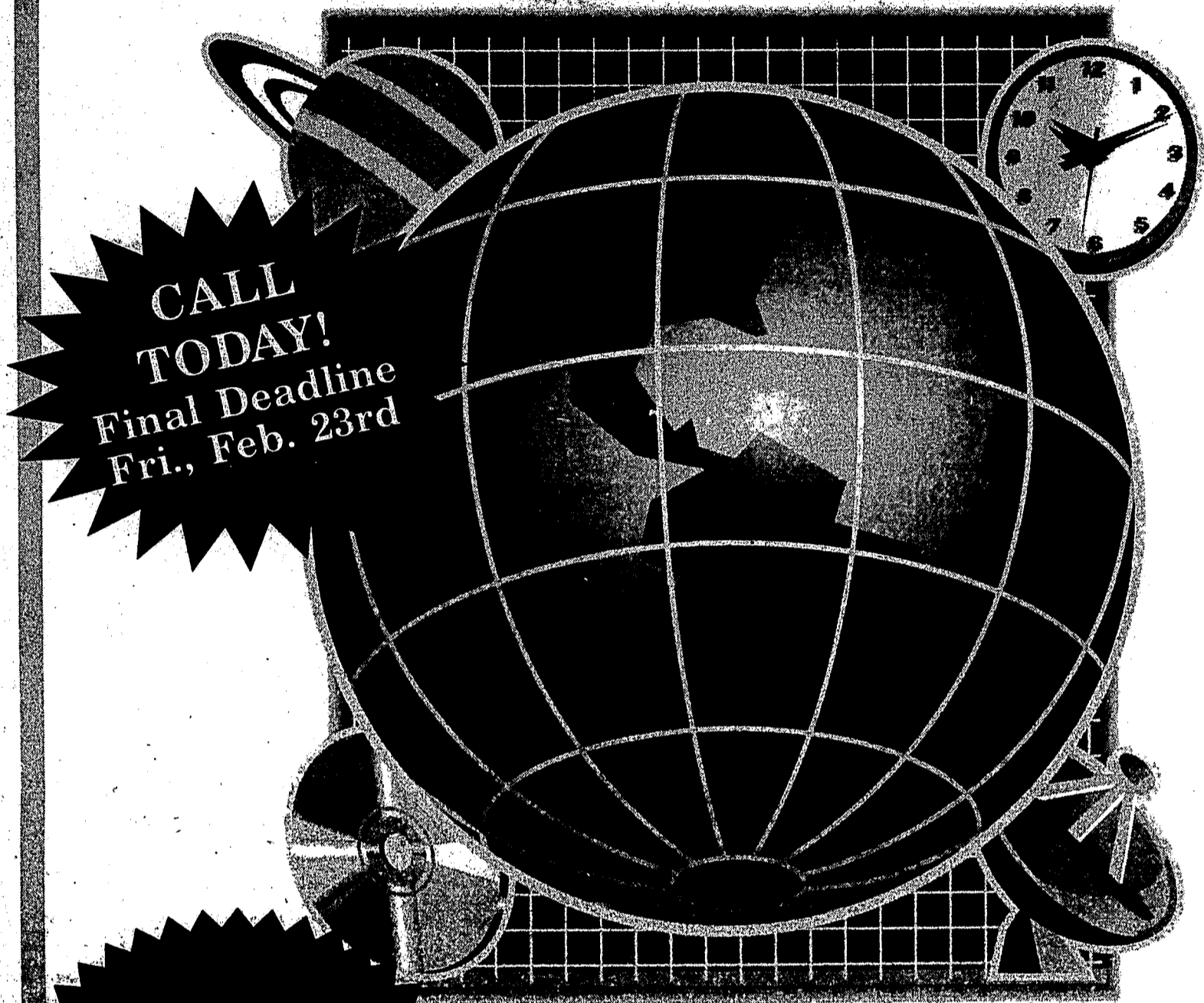
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Pictured above, from left, are coach Jaime Labrosse, and eighth grade runners Liz Mengyan, Gillian Nordquist and Anna Kerr. Labrosse said all three girls should be strong contributors on the varsity team next season.

## Middle and high school runners burn up the track

*Mengyan, Nordquist, Kerr power middle school efforts*

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's not quite track season, but that hasn't stopped several Clarkston High School and Clarkston Middle School students from putting together some solid times on the track.

The Pine Knob Track club, which is composed of students from the two schools, competed in an indoor track meet at Saginaw Valley State University Feb. 14.

Head coach Jaime Labrosse said his runners put forth a strong showing at the meet.

"Our girls ran well. We have a number of middle school runners who are really going to do well at the varsity level next year," Labrosse said.

Eighth graders Liz Mengyan took second place in the half mile, finishing with a time of 2:33. Gillian Nordquist finished fifth in same event at 2:35, a per-

sonal best for her. Anna Kerr finished 9th in the mile with a time of 5:55.

Labrosse said he expects Mengyan to compete in the state meet March 14 at the University of Michigan. In addition, Nordquist and Kerr may qualify for their efforts in the 800, but if they don't make the cut, Labrosse said they will be part of a Clarkston distance medley relay team. The relay will be broken down into an 800 meter, 400 meter, 1200 meter and 1600 meter sections.

Two Clarkston High School varsity track and cross country standouts also made a splash at the meet. Carla DelVecchio finished second in the two mile with a time of 12.05 while Megan Pocs finished fourth at 12.08.

Labrosse said Pine Knob Track Club members have been running for two years and interested students may join by contacting him or Marilyn Allen at Community Education at 623-4550. Students from CHS and Sashabaw Middle School and CMS are eligible, Labrosse said.

## CHS Pom Pon Tryouts

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**SUMMARY**

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:07 p.m.  
Roll: Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Sanderson. Absent: Savage.  
Minutes of January 22, 2001 accepted as presented.  
Agenda accepted as presented.  
Bills in the amount of \$223,649.67 approved for payment.

Meyland reported that the water system agreement with Independence Township had not yet been completed. Mayor Catallo, City Attorney Tom Ryan, Engineer Gary Tressel, Meyland and Pappas met with Township officials on Wednesday, January 31, and the second draft was being prepared by Township officials.

City Attorney Ryan reported that bids were received on the total project on Friday, February 2, and the Township officials were working with the Township attorney on a new agreement.

Resolved that funds be transferred from police wages to vehicle reserves for the purchase of a used sheriff department vehicle.

Resolved that the City Council authorize payment of \$150,000 from the Water Construction Funds to Michigan Department of Transportation per their Invoice No. AD 231108 for the construction deposit as required by MDOT.

Resolved that the City Council authorized payment of the 2001-2002 insurance premium of \$28,086.

Moved that the March 12, 2001, meeting be moved to March 14, 2001, due to the Board of Review meeting on March 12, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas  
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Case #01-0010 Gary Korleski, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VARIANCE GRANTED ON 8/16/00 (FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD)  
Marmora Rd., Lots 30 & 44, R-1A  
Round Lake Resort Sub.  
08-02-404-027

Case #01-0011 Stephen Secatch, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (NON CONFORMING, INSUFFICIENT WIDTH AT THE SETBACK LINE)  
Waldon Rd., R-1A  
08-28-102-002 and 003

Case #01-0012 Amy Wilmot, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (NON CONFORMING, INSUFFICIENT WIDTH AT THE SETBACK LINE AND WIDTH TO DEPTH RATIO)  
Perry Lake Rd., R-1A  
08-21-151-036 & 037

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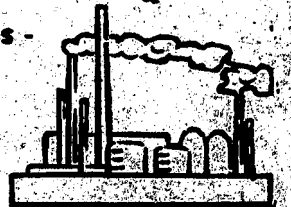
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