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Independence OKs Almond Lane flooding solution

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

Flooding on Almond Lane after hard rains has gone on for three years. In spite of the ongoing conflict between Clarkston schools and Independence Township over the cause, the Independence Township Board voted on a plan and funding options to stop the flooding Tuesday night.

Township Treasurer Jim Wenger cautioned Wednesday morning that if special funding did not come through, the project may have to be revisited.

At a special meeting February 28, Tom Biehl, from the township's engineering firm, detailed the latest plan to end the problem.

Biehl recommended stormwater runoff from Clarkston High School be diverted through a gravity drain from retention ponds on the school's property at Flemings Lake and Clarkston roads west to the Orchards subdivision. From there the water would be routed south on Snowapple to wetlands west of Gulick Lake.

The cost of the project would be about \$312,000. So far, the schools have only committed \$58,000 to construct a pump station to route water west on Clarkston Road to Parke Lake wetlands on the school administration building property.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart

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Davisburg resident Tom DeLuca hand crafts violins in his workshop in his home.
Photo by Jeff Patrus

He makes sweet music

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After 15 years, the sounds of violin music come through as clear as ever from the home of Davisburg resident Tom DeLuca.

During that time, he has received acclaim for his efforts at hand-crafting violins out of his home. He started out applying his trade in Arizona before building his home in Davisburg 12 years ago.

DeLuca spoke about the nuances of violin crafting from his violin shop, which was designed to

have an optimal view of the outdoors. "Obviously, I put my shop in the most advantageous position," he said.

He said it is important to pick quality woods in building instruments, to ensure the best possible sound:

"I pick woods for their tonal characteristics," DeLuca said. "It's got to have good tonal characteristics. They sound good and they look good."

When someone comes to DeLuca seeking to
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Three in the hunt Independence Township eyes new parks and rec director

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

Who will lead the Independence Township Parks and Recreation department in the 21st century? That question should be answered this month.

The board interviewed candidates at a special township board meeting February 28. The field was whittled down from 10 applicants to current acting parks and rec director Mike Turk,

Clarkston High School social studies teacher Mike Stefanski, and current Orion Parks and Rec. Director Roche (pronounced rock) Blanchard.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart called the final candidates "top notch" and said he thought any of them would do a good job. He hopes the board will make a final decision March 20.

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Springfield Plains Elementary a 'Blue Ribbon' school

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Plains Elementary School received an award March 2 that was five years in the making.

Dr. Sharon Devereaux, principal at Springfield Plains, struggled to keep her emotions in check as she gladly accepted the Blue Ribbon award presented by the state Department of Education.

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Springfield Plains Principal Dr. Sharon Devereaux hugs two students during Blue Ribbon ceremonies at the school.

Damaged Paper

The News in Brief

Last call for Mystery Dinner tickets!

The popular annual Mystery Dinner hosted by the Friends of Independence Township Library goes corporate this year.

The mystery play is entitled "A Little Staff Meeting Never Killed Anyone" and was written by Linda VanNatta of the Clarkston Village Players. It promises to provide lots of intrigue for everyone.

Tickets are \$20 (\$14 is tax deductible) and are available at the circulation desk at the library through Friday, at 6495 Clarkston Road.

The event takes place at the American Legion Hall on M-15 at 6:30 p.m., but there are no ticket sales at the door.

Dixie Hwy. in Springfield widened this summer

Dixie Highway in Springfield Township is going to receive its much-needed center turn lane.

The Road Commission for Oakland County has announced approval of \$3.5 million in funds to widen Dixie Hwy. from four to five lanes. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin August 1.

Funding will come from Springfield Township and RCOC, according to public information officer Craig Bryson. Bryson said four-lane highways are no longer built because they're considered unsafe. He added recent fatal accidents on that stretch of Dixie pushed RCOC to seek alternate funding because federal funds were unavailable.

The project is part of \$60 million in road improvement projects announced for the 2001 construction season.

Student/parent seminar for college and careers

Clarkston High School will host a success seminar for freshman high school students and their parents on future planning for college and careers.

Topics include college admission requirements vs. high school graduation requirements; college Quest program; standardized tests -- ACT, PSAT, SAT, PLAN, MEAP; transcripts; grade point average; Bridges Career Planning program; ASVAB Career Planning inventory; Career Speakers Bureau.

The seminar begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22 in the Large Group Instruction Room at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. For more information, contact Assistant Principal Vince Licata at 623-3555.

Springfield to review Ingomar Farms site plan

After 18 months of preliminary reviews and changes, the final site plan review for the Ingomar Farms development at Davisburg and Dixie Hwy. comes before the Springfield Township Board at their regular meeting Thursday, Mar. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Also on the agenda under the Demolition of Dangerous Buildings topic are demolition bids and a request for a reconsideration.

The meeting takes place at the Springfield Township Hall, 650 Broadway in downtown Davisburg.

Clarkston High School Academic Achiever

Name: Scott McGregor
GPA: 3.95
Parents: William and Linda McGregor
Plans after graduation: To earn a law degree at University of Michigan.

Extra-curricular activities: Student Council, National Honor Society, varsity cross country, track.

Honors, awards, and scholarships:

Vice President, Student Council; President, NHS; all-league cross country; Chenille letter; Clarkston Optimist volunteer award.

Favorite subjects: Math.

Outside interests or hobbies: Sports, computers, working at Mulligan's Golf Center.

Best friends are people who: You can have a good time with and care about, but in the same respect, who care about you.

When I think of the future I'm: A corporate lawyer, happily married, living in a house on a lake.

I'll try to make a contribution by: Providing comfort and care to those in need.

What concerns me most about the world is: The lack of respect people have toward one another.

My best CHS memory is: The numerous nights of fun with all of my friends.



Scott McGregor

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The Second Front

Clarkston Elementary students open their own bank

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lindsay Viviano didn't know she would be making history when she walked into school Feb. 27.

Clarkston State Bank, in conjunction with Clarkston Elementary School, was unveiling a student-run branch that morning, and Viviano, a Clarkston Elementary student, was the first customer at the new branch.

Viviano's classmates, Lindsay Lipe, Samantha Cruz, and Kaili Johns, greeted their new customer as she opened up a savings account.

Before long, several Clarkston Elementary students in grades 3-5 were waiting in line, ready to deposit their savings with the student employees, who were assisted by employees from Clarkston State Bank.

Students in the third through fifth grades can open new accounts at CSB and make deposits for savings accounts between 8:15-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

In conjunction with the grand opening, Clarkston Elementary sponsored a "Name the Bank" contest to find a suitable name and logo for the new bank.

The winning entry was submitted by third grader Kaitlyn Peck, who won a \$25 savings bond from Clarkston State Bank. The bank henceforth will be known as Clarkston Elementary Dragon's Bank.

The student's accounts will be treated in the same manner as any others at the bank, according to Dawn Horner, vice-president at Clarkston State Bank.

"We sent letters home to the parents," said Horner. "If they wanted to open a savings account, they filled out a card. We'll have a copy of their account number here. They can't bring any more than \$50 to deposit in any one day."

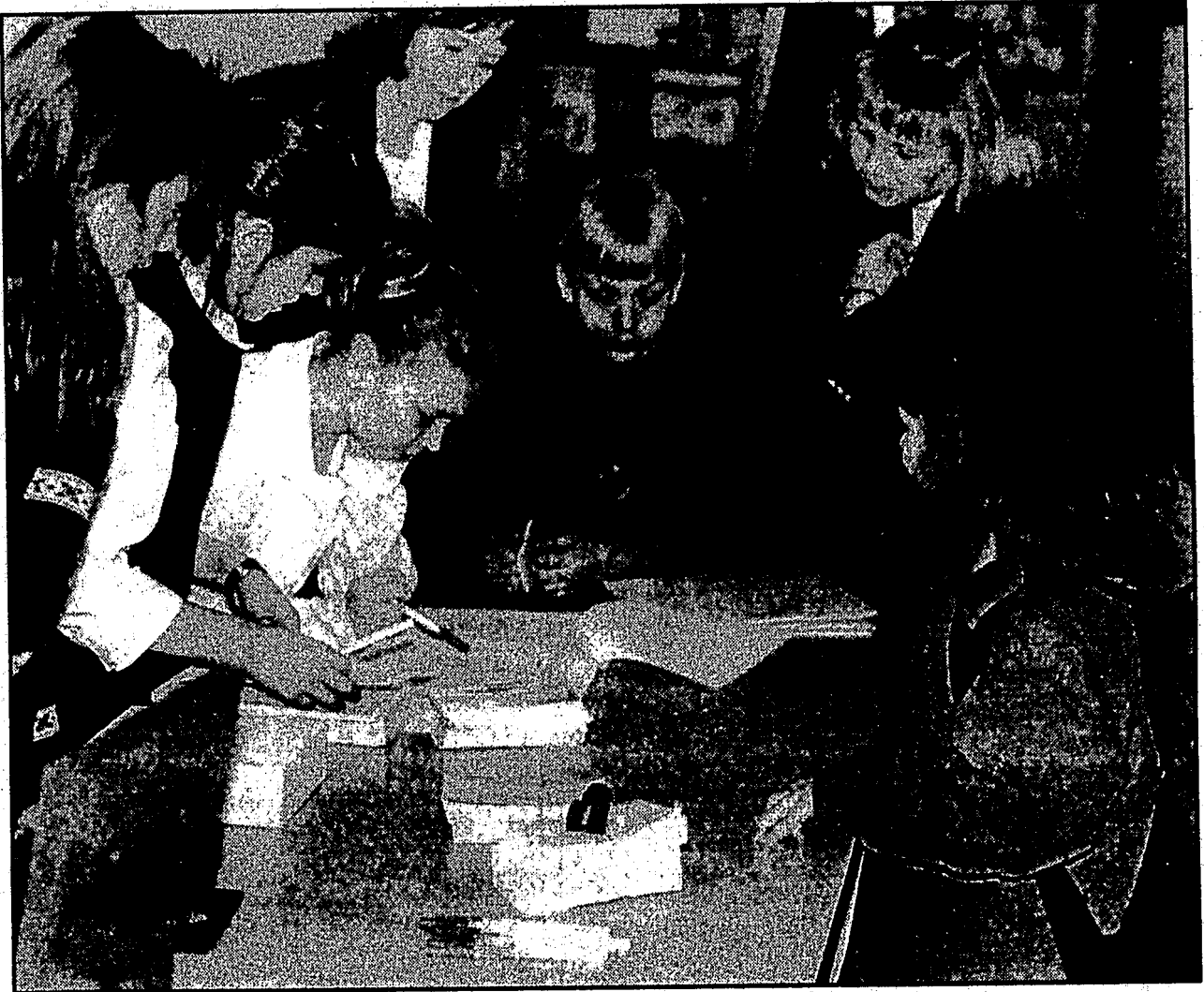
Principal Charles Rowland III and Pete Gallagher will be the faculty representatives for the project, while Stephanie Huber, a parent at Clarkston Elementary, is the parent volunteer.

Together with Horner, the three interviewed fifth grade students for the positions of Bank Manager, Assistant Manager, and Teller.

After the interview process, the students were chosen and divided into two teams:

■ Team 1: Manager -- Samantha Cruz; Assistant Manager -- Kaili Johns; Tellers -- Megan McIsaac, Lauren Moore.

■ Team 2: Manager -- Lindsay Lipe; Assistant Manager -- Kyle Hebda; Tellers -- Johnathan Guest, Amber Benschoter, Erika Lafnear.



Clarkston Elementary student Lindsey Viviano (near right, with backpack) opens a new account at the grand opening of Clarkston Elementary Dragon's Bank Feb. 27. Helping her out are student employees (l-r) Lindsay Lipe, Samantha Cruz, and Kaili Johns. Clarkston State Bank employees Kris Ehke and Dawn Horner (background) offer assistance to the youngsters.

Each team will staff the bank on alternate Tuesday mornings from 8:15-8:30 a.m. Their responsibilities will be opening new accounts, taking deposits, balancing a daily ledger, and marketing the bank to their classmates.

As the parent volunteer, Huber said she will work with student employees to sell the bank to their classmates through posters, announcements, and incentives.

"I've worked with them on the marketing part of

it...It's been interesting to see how much they have in them. It's been a genuine learning experience," she said.

Huber is also responsible for taking the student deposits to CSB's main branch on 15 South Main in Clarkston.

According to Huber, Tuesday's opening was a great success.

"We had 10 new accounts," she said. "Our deposits ranged from \$1-60. It was fabulous."

Around Town

The Clarkston Village Players presents "I'll Be Back Before Midnight" by Peter Colley. Due to Jan's battle with a nervous illness, she and her husband have left town for the peace and quiet of country life. Just as they seem to settle in, the gruesome stories told of time past and the appearance and disappearance of bodies, begin to make town living seem more attractive after all. This renowned thriller will keep you guessing until the end. Show dates are March 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. Thursday showtime is 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$9. Friday and Saturday showtime is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$11. Tickets can be bought over the phone at 625-8811 or through Tierra Fine Jewelry, 64 S. Main, at 625-2511. Shows are at the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake.

The beautiful face of the Alaskan Iditerod dog will be on local display. Huskies will strut their stuff at the Siberian Husky Dog Show at Springfield Oaks County Park. The show is set for Sat., March 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 150 huskies will parade in front of judges for ribbons and prizes with obedience and confirmation trials held in two rings. Dogs will be judged in ten categories including puppy stud, rescue and parade of titleholders. The coveted "Best of Breed" will also be chosen. The show is

sponsored by the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Detroit. A sale of breed related items will take place. The show is free to the public. Concessions are not available. Springfield Oaks County Park is on Andersonville Road, near Hall Road, in Davisburg. For more information, call Springfield Oaks at 625-8133 or organizer Sue Haase at (248)585-7810.

The annual Mystery Dinner put on by the Friends of Independence Library will be March 10 at Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post #63 on M-15, just north of I-75. This is a great way to beat the "winter blahs." Call your friends and get a table together or come by yourself and meet others, as each table figures out "whodunit!" Tickets are \$20 per person (\$14 is tax deductible) and includes hors d'oeuvres, a delicious dinner and mystery skit entitled "A Little Staff Meeting Never Killed Anyone" by Linda VanNatta. Tickets are now on sale at the circulation desk at the Independence Library on Clarkston Road, but are limited to 130. They sell out fast, so get yours today!

"Maple Magle" at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw at Independence Oaks County Park, is Sat., March 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3

p.m. Learn about the process of maple trees giving sap and venture outdoors to tap a live tree and watch the sap flow. The program is \$2 per person. Preregistration is required. Call 625-6473.

The musical group Axis will perform at the Orion Township Library, 825 Joslyn Rd., Sun., March 11 at 2 p.m. as part of the library's continuing Sunday Concert series sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Vocalist Reggie Harrison and pianist Phyllis Bengry, together with special guests, will perform an array of contemporary and traditional styles of both original music and popular favorites. Call (248)693-3001.

Fourth graders at Pine Knob Elementary have their hearts set on a three day, two night trip to Mackinac Island this June. But they need your help! A fundraiser will be held on Sun., March 18. The students will travel through surrounding Pine Knob neighborhoods looking for your empty pop cans and bottles. Just set your cans in a sack by the road and the elementary kids will pick them up. For questions, contact Colleen Zuker, of the fundraising committee, at 674-1312.

Parks and rec finalists square off for board

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According to the job posting, the position pays between \$55,000 to \$57,000 depending on qualifications, plus a comprehensive benefit package. The director is responsible for the administration of the department, which includes 220 acres of park land, a senior center, park planning and community networking for a community with a population of 32,000.

The township requested applicants have a minimum of five years experience "of a progressively responsible and varied nature in a related field. Minimum requirements preferred include a bachelor's degree with a major in municipal parks and recreation or a related field", or an equivalent combination of experience and training.

Turk has been filling in since June, when former director Ann Conklin left to run Canton's parks and recreation department.

Turk, who has worked for the township since 1976, told the board what he may lack in experience and administrative skills, he makes up for with experience in running the operations of the department. "I started as a CETA employee in 1976 at \$3.90 an hour, worked my way up through the ranks and enjoyed every minute of it."

Turk said his immediate department goals include "getting all the staff on the

same page, and collect their goals and objective for 2001. We have a good foundation . . . but we need to expand a bit and do better." He said the department needs to replace Rich Ashley who recently left as aquatics director.

Turk said building a senior center is at the top of his list for new projects. In his five-year-plan, Turk said programs should be expanded as the township grows, and Bay Court Park should be refurbished.

Stefanski has been the parks and rec department's summer camp director since 1998, and is responsible for 35 seasonal employees. He's implemented after school programs with Clarkston schools and has experience in other township departments, according to his resume.

His vision for the future of the department includes analyzing current parks conditions and continuing to build relationships with other organizations in the community. He said the bathrooms at Clintonwood Park need attention, and he would improve the senior center and a variety of programs. A long term goal would be construction of a community center.

Stefanski said he would like to continue his duties as offensive coordinator for the Clarkston High School football team and offered to do so through vacation time, he said.

Blanchard has 20 years experience



The Independence Township board interviewed the three final candidates for parks and recreation director at a special meeting February 28. At top left is CHS teacher Mike Stefanski. Mike Turk, acting director is at top right, and Orion Township Parks and Rec Director Roche Blanchard is at right.



in the parks and rec field. As Orion's director he oversees management of 225 acres of parkland and 27 miles of bike paths. He received a bachelor of science in education with a major in recreation administration. He's been parks and rec director in Orion since 1996. Before that he was special programs coordinator for the City of Evanston in Illinois. According to his resume, he directed the development of a 5-year recreation master plan that was recognized as the "State's Best for 1999".

His plans for the department include "programs and facilities that meet the needs of the community but not duplicate

services provided elsewhere in the township unless the need isn't being fully met." He said the first year he would familiarize himself with Independence Township, and set goals with the staff to improve facilities and maintenance. Where he could, he would stretch dollars with sponsorships and donations and work with other groups, which he said has worked in Orion.

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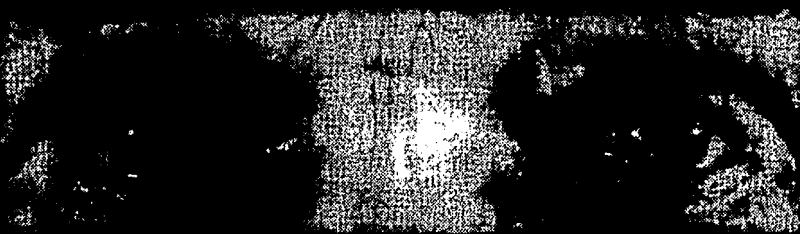
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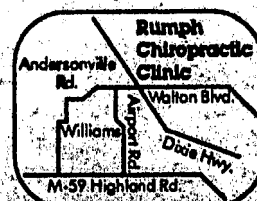
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Boards of Review hear tax appeals this month

Have a beef about the tax assessment of your home or business? If you do, now's the time to appeal.

The City of Clarkston, and Independence and Springfield townships' Boards of Review will meet next week, to hear appeals on property assessments.

Remember you should make an appointment with your local assessing office before appearing before the review board. You should also bring your parcel identification number when referring to your property for easier access of your records.

■The City of Clarkston Board of Review will meet Mondays, March 12 and 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at the city offices, 375 Depot Rd., in Clarkston. Arrangements for an appointment may be made through the Oakland County Equalization Division. Call (888)350-0900 ext. 80773. Questions about your assessment can be answered at this extension.

■The Independence Township

Board of Review will hear appeals at Fire Station #1 Training Room, 6500 Citation Dr., March 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 14 from 1 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Appointments for appeals should be made by calling 625-8114 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

■The Springfield Township Board of Review will meet Monday, March 12 and Monday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The board will also meet Wednesday, March 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

You may appeal by letter to the Board of Review, Springfield Charter Township, 650 Broadway, P.O. Box 1038, Davisburg, MI 48350-1038. All letters must be received before 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 19.

To make an appointment, contact the Assessor's Office, at least two business days prior to the meeting at (248)634-6873 or 625-4802.

Almond Lane

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said he's hopeful a grant will cover 50 to 75 percent of the costs for the township. The township is also eligible for Road Commission for Oakland County funds. Stuart said they can also use \$110,000 of the township's share of Oakland County Infrastructure funds.

However, at the February 28 meeting, board members expressed caution at using county infrastructure funds because there are many sewer and water repair projects planned across the township that would have to be delayed until next year.

Stuart said overall this solution is the most attractive to the township because it solves problems in other areas.

Gulick Lake residents have complained for three years about low lake levels. Diverting water regularly into wetlands emptying into Gulick Lake may alleviate this problem.

This solution would also create 26 storm water catch basins in the Orchards sub. Stuart said now, "open water goes wherever it wants to. (With the catch basins) the water wouldn't be standing. It makes for better groundwater conditions."

A gravity drain would also

eliminate the need for a pump station and its upkeep, which may be attractive to the schools, said Stuart.

The solution is also attractive, said Biehl, because the work could be completed by fall of this year if a decision is made by mid-March.

Independence Township is anticipating that the schools will agree to contribute the \$58,000 to this solution — but the board hopes they will add to it.

Almond Lane resident Mark Petterson said he would continue to pursue holding the schools responsible for not taking appropriate action because the wetlands behind his home are being destroyed. "A crime is being committed. If I did this I'd be in jail," he said.

Trustee Dan Kelly said, "I don't disagree with Petterson (that the schools are at fault and should be held more financially accountable for the solution). He said it "would be to (the schools') benefit" to contribute more funding, and suggested Stuart request the schools increase funding for this solution, which Stuart agreed to do.

The issue is tentatively scheduled for the school board's March 12 meeting which will be at Springfield Plains Elementary School, 8650 Holcomb Road at 7 p.m.

Class reunions coming up this year

Planning has begun for the CHS Class of 1985 16 year reunion for the summer of 2001. If you are interested in helping, please call Robert Hahn at (248)332-9300, or e-mail CHS1985@aol.com

The Clarkston High School 35-year reunion for the Class of 1966 will be Sat., June 30, 2001 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. Call Elaine Keeley Schultz (248)673-6542 if you have not been contacted or for more information.

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

The committee is looks for Leslie Boyne, George Mantyla, Eldon Mudge

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Opinion

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The Clarkston (MI) News

Editorial

Schools have reasons to celebrate

Congratulations to Clarkston schools.

They have two recent honors to celebrate. Last week Springfield Plains Elementary School was recognized by the Michigan Department of Education as a "Blue Ribbon" school.

It's especially important because it was received for five continuous years of education. The application process is arduous, and shows the dedication and respect staff members have for one another.

Principal Dr. Sharon Devereaux and the Springfield Plains Elementary School community deserve to be very proud of themselves.

The school district was also recognized by the annual Detroit News School Report Card in the Sunday, March 4 edition.

Last year, Clarkston earned a respectable B+. This year, the district earned an A-.

Clarkston was the 12th of 12 Oakland County school districts earning As this year.

A second round of applause for the school community!

(Note: The Detroit News article incorrectly lists the dropout rate as 8.7 percent. It's actually 2.5 percent, according to Anita Banach, of the schools community relations office.)

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Rich Ashley, Aquatics Director of the swim program for Independence Parks and Recreation and supervisor of the rental program at Pine Knob, has been our boys' boss and mentor for several years. Our boys have also worked for Independence Township in the soccer program and Don Brose of Brose Electric. These people of our community have given so much more to our sons than jobs.

Rich has taught our boys responsibility as lifeguards. They are to be responsible for showing up to work as required. Lifeguarding is a serious job with a responsibility to fulfill the education requirements with high standards. If you fail to fulfill those responsibilities then you do not work as a lifeguard. The rules are clear.

As swimming instructors they are taught to be alert using their life guarding skills. Rich has a loving touch with children that is mentored to the teens. If you ever get a chance to go to Deer Lake while Rich is teaching, you will see the magic he holds with chil-

dren. He holds professionalism while keeping the children laughing and the teen instructors in tow. He has a gift that not all of us hold. The teens grow in their interpersonal relationships with the young child, their peers, and adults, holding Rich as their mentor.

Team Reptile is a program that Rich does on the side that the teens working for him can choose to help with. They collect reptiles to display to the children in the swim program. Rich spends his own valuable time with the teens collecting specimens. Because Rich does not drink or smoke he has shown the teens how adults can have fun, maybe horsing around a little bit, without drugs and be productive at the same time. The kids love the time together.

During the winter months most of the teens follow Rich to Pine Knob. They respect him and trust him. They know where they stand with him. The teens have become friends and enjoy their time together in a productive setting. The job does pay financially, but it is the growth of self-esteem and fun times that are the real payoffs.

Thank you, community, for supporting our children. These jobs have helped us to raise our boys, keeping them away from video games and Internet trash. People like Rich Ashley and Don Brose are doing more than providing jobs for teens; they are providing a service that strengthens our future.

Janice and Tom Parrott

Good news, bad news for Dr. Baker's dental practice

At approximately 10 p.m. Saturday, February 24, a power line cable broke from the weight of ice and wind and fell onto the roof of Dr. Richard Baker's dental office at 6021 Williams Lake Road, Waterford.

The live line set fire to the building resulting in a total loss of the office. Firemen were unable to fight the fire until the power was turned off, by which time the building was fully engulfed in fire.

The good news is that Dr. Baker's dental team was able to salvage all the patients' records and had made a backup computer copy of all the business data before they had left the office at the end of the week.

His team has set up an administrative office at Dr. Baker's home, transferred the phone numbers, loaded a new computer with the business data and is in

the process of contacting patients.

Dr. Baker is locating temporary treatment space so that by sometime next week he and his team will be able to treat their patients.

Dr. Baker said, "The most important task my team and I have is to ensure that we begin treating those people who have put their trust in us at the earliest possible time."

Please call Dr. Baker's "home" office at 625-2225.

Thank you to the wonderful Waterford Fire Department, and to the continued support of our awesome patients. We look forward to being of service to you in the very near future.

From an "on fire" dental team
Dr. Richard J. Baker and staff

Take pride, get involved, take action in the community

There is a lot happening in Independence Township and the greater Clarkston community! We have great schools that do us all proud by graduating hundreds of top-notch students who represent our future. They will go out into the world and represent us well as solid citizens and productive members of society. We have a vibrant business community that enjoys reciprocity with the citizens it serves. They serve us well and we support them well. We have many, many ordinary people who care, who take time out of their busy lives to ensure the protection and orderly growth of our town. We should be proud of all of these fine people; young, old, business-person, consumer, educator or student.

PLEASE take an interest in what happens in our community! Each and every citizen has the right to express an opinion about what happens here. We live here, we pay our taxes here and we should all have a voice in decisions made in our name and in the development that will come. It's a great learning experience

to become active in civic matters. I know I've learned a great deal about my township and how things work simply by becoming involved and reading our fine local papers.

Give some thought to this passage. It's patterned after the Preamble to the United States Constitution. I was amazed at how well this Preamble from over 200 years ago spoke to me in the terms of today's issues:

We the People (of Independence Township), in order to remain a more perfect hometown, establish guidelines, ensure consistent zoning setbacks; provide for orderly growth, promote responsible development, and ensure the protection of wetlands conservation for ourselves and our rural community; do ordain and establish this Master Plan/Vision 2020 for the Michigan Charter Township of Independence.

This is our community. We should and will take part in deciding its future.

Michael Phillips
Independence Township

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Can anyone explain the Krebs Cycle?

Dear Wife Jen is going back to school. She wants to be a nurse. She's hitting the road, hitting the books, hitting home-runs on her tests and she does all this while two monsters named Shamus and Sean scramble at her feet and her husband sits and thinks of witty (?) things to write.

It's a wonder she hasn't started hitting us, but I guess clobbering her husband or walloping her kids wouldn't be very Florence Nightingalish of her, now would it? One thing is certain -- when Jen does something she wants to do it the best. Move over Florence, Jen wants to leave her footprints in the sand, too.

That said, she has run into a minor roadblock at school. It's called Krebs's Cycle. She came forward with this dirty little secret last week.

"I didn't understand it in high school. I didn't get it in college (Round One, 10 years ago at Michigan State University. She went into some sort of beef management line of studies) and I don't get it now," she said, sorely disappointed in herself. "This is stupid. I'm a fairly intelligent person, why can't I get that stupid Krebs's Cycle?"

I was of little or no use to her, in this her time of need. In college, I went into journalism, so I wouldn't be taxed with such mundane things like mathematical formulas or scientific theories. Having to remember what the Hades Pi is or all those danged elements was not then, nor is it now, my idea of a fun time.

Studying journalism allowed me to pursue my study of people -- which meant meeting as many as possible in all sort of situations and places. A good reporter isn't afraid to get down and get dirty. He rolls up his sleeves. He takes risks. He adapts. He blends in.

If he wants to study people, he goes to the places

people gather. At college that meant places like The Cabin, The Wayside, Tavern on The Green, The Brass Monkey, The Bird, Tom Foolery's or Sir Richard's Pub.

Looking back to those college years, even if I would have had to study Krebs's Cycle, it wouldn't have made it past the haze inside my head.

During my high school studies at good old Clarkston High School, science teacher Holly Stephens was in charge of explaining Krebs's Cycle. I don't know how many in the class understood the cycle. I do know out of that chapter and lecture all I was able to pull off was a cartoon of Dr. Krebs and his cycle -- a mad scientist riding a tricycle. I drew it on an 8 1/2 by 11-inch piece of paper and turned it in, in-lieu of a test on the subject.

Needless to say, I wasn't one of Holly's brighter students. I was able to occupy my chair and doodle and that was about it.

Holly, why didn't I listen to you, oh those so many years ago? Who would have thunk Krebs's Cycle would come back to bite me on the butt two decades after I forgot there even was a Krebs and a cycle?

Which brings me to this conclusion: besides science teachers and brainiacs, does anybody understand Krebs's Cycle? Is there a chance for mere mortals to grasp what Krebs offered humanity? Jen surfed the 'net' in search of something like, "Krebs's Cycle For Dummies," and found 4,300 sites dedicated to Krebs. The first hundred or so were all for the intellectual elite. Dogged she is, fanatical she is not. She has since abandoned her search and starting to accept she'll never "get it."

Is there anybody out there who can help me out? Holly -- if you're out there -- what is the secret to Krebs? What key do I need to turn? What light do I need to shine? Now that your retired, do you accept bribes?

Those in the know can e-mail the intellectually challenged Rush at his very own e-mail address: dontrushmedon@aol.

If you have the answers he seeks, he promises not to take all the credit when he triumphantly tells his wife.



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Remember your second grade teacher?

Do second grade teachers make more of an impression on students than teachers of other grades?

From time to time you hear someone of note say, "I'm going to track down my second grade teacher and thank her."

Of late, and with growing skepticism of people of note, I'm bordering on the conclusion that the speakers of these words were schooled as I was.

From grades 1st through 8, my second grade teacher was the same person who taught all the other seven grades. If our 1-room school had had a kindergarten, she (always a she, never a he) would have taught that, too.

Too, there is no reason to assume that people of note necessarily have a better memory than we normal people who remember most things about as long as it takes to inhale - once.

Thus, the selection of a second grade teacher as the person to attribute all your knowledge, wealth and goodness, may have the 'dart-board' significance.

On to other thoughts. Have you heard that raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree?

Or, how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt?

Or, that today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that has held its ground?

It's easy to get exasperated with writers of newspaper headlines when they state the obvious.

Like this one from a recent Freep . . . "Indian casinos run by outsiders."

Out east some place, one lone Indian decided he wanted to go into the gambling business. He searched the world and found seven other people who had at least 16 percent of his tribe's blood.

With that he applied for, and got, a license to start a casino. Then he found a managing company and, Bingo, my how the money rolled in.

What started as a low-budget industry in Michigan in 1985 (we've gone from 7,000 slot machines to over 21,000 in 2 years) is now a huge money magnet industry.

And, how did it get that way? Each new operation in Michigan can get the backing of a professional management firm, which gets to run it for five years.

Have the poor, impoverished Indian tribes of Michigan suddenly become financial development wizards or have the professional gambling managers found a way into the tribal circle and made both the persuadee and persuader financially more secure?

You should know more about your pentagon. That's the odd-shaped building in D. C. that cost \$70 million to build in 1942 and now costs that much a minute to keep running inefficiently.

It has 230 toilets, 17.5 miles of hallways, 150 stairways, 4,200 clocks (imagine turning them back and forth twice a year), two hospitals and 22,500 telephones.

There are a lot of companies merging these days. I'd like to see Xerox and Wurlitzer merge and make reproductive organs.

And, if Grey Poupon and Docker Pants were to merge, the company could be named Poupon Pants.



Jim's
Jottings

Jim Sherman

A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1986)

Sharron Catallo was elected president of the Village of Clarkston Monday in the biggest election to hit town in eight years. She ran unopposed. Clerk Norma Goyette maintained her seat over write-in candidate Carol Eberhardt, who is vacating the president's position. In addition, Treasurer Artemus Pappas maintained his post, and William Basinger, Eric Haven, and Frank Millard were elected trustees.

A safety path of debatable safety is scheduled for Clarkston Road. In a 4-3 vote, members of the Independence Township Board approved the path. The vote for the path, which would run from the Village of Clarkston to the township library and could cost some \$22,000, was made after the board listened to nearly two hours of public opinion on the subject.

A 107-acre parcel of land in Springfield Township is on a current list of potential sites for a new state prison. The property is owned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which was asked to make a list of all its vacant land in Oakland County that was not purchased by federal money, said Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls.

25 YEARS AGO (1976)

Write-in Democratic candidate Ruth Basinger lost her bid for reelection as trustee in a close Clarkston Village Council race. Winning trustee seats were Republicans H. Neal Sage, with 112 votes, Fontie ApMadoc with 108 votes and incumbent Neil Granlund with 99 votes. Mrs. Basinger received 90 official votes for trustee.

A one-mill levy for police protection will be requested of Springfield residents in the May presidential primary. At the same time, the Springfield Township Board will request a 10-year renewal of one mill for fire protection. Escalating costs for contracting with Oakland County Sheriff's deputies precipitated the police millage request.

A meeting to discuss the 1976 Pine Knob season was to be held in Independence Township, but the Oakland County Sheriff's Department declined to take part in it. According to Lt. Carl Matheny, the sheriff's department will not do any further policing at the theatre/resort this summer until all of last year's and a portion of 1974's bill to the sheriff's department is paid.

50 YEARS AGO (1951)

The citizens of Clarkston will gather at the polls to vote for the officials to rule the village for the coming year. Candidates for the offices are as follows: president, Robert Waters; village clerk, Russell Coltson; village treasurer, Mary Baldwin; trustee, Lloyd Megee, Edward O'Roark and Charles Rockwell; and assessor, Lloyd Sibley.

Clarkston's Saturday Night Dance Club held a dinner dance on their third annual guest night. During the dinner, Melvin Staebler played many beautiful selections on his Hammond organ. The square dance callers were Bill Parker, Bill Spaulding and Jack Jyleen. Fred Kendall of WJR favored the crowd with a song or two and Don Large, also of WJR, played his piano accompaniment.

"Work Responsibility of Children" will be the topic of Mrs. Belle Farley Murray, lecturer and family consultant with the University of Michigan Extension Service, when she speaks to the Sashabaw P.T.A. The program chairman, Mrs. August J. Antilla, will introduce the speaker. Election of officers will also be held.

More Letters to the Editor

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Writer off the mark on Home Depot

In response to Mr. Neumark's Feb. 28 letter, I'd like to clarify several points that he clearly misrepresented to your readers.

While I am sure he CAN understand township residents' concerns over traffic, he cannot without qualifying his opinion suppose what any given resident's concerns are, let alone judge them as misplaced. Increased traffic in the proposed Home Depot development on Sashabaw and Maybee roads is a huge concern to the residents who live in the surrounding neighborhoods, and is often voiced in discussions I've had with residents from that area.

I have the same concerns - I drive the same roads.

Also, irrespective of whether a Home Depot/Kroger complex is built on this particular parcel of land or not, Sashabaw and Maybee roads are slated for improvement with added lanes. This does not mean these upcoming road improvements will solve the traffic problems that currently plague that corridor, nor insure safe, smooth traffic patterns for any given development built in that area of the "town center" as proposed by our township. New roads with additional lanes are not a guaranteed prevention of breakdown in traffic flow. Any driver, driving anywhere in this township with dense traffic flow can experience this seven days a week.

Secondly, Mr. Neumark misrepresents the traffic concerns of residents as "scare tactics" in trying to keep unwanted shoppers from coming to the area. Home Depot is a regional commercial facility. Its intention is to draw patrons from other areas. Is it really fair of him to ask the residents in this area to bear the burden of living at the base of this regional facility, when they already contend daily with severe traffic issues? I think not.

Mr. Neumark also spoke of Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and how it addresses business growth. The

Vision 2020 Strategic Plan describes a "town center" concept in the development of the Sashabaw/Maybee corridor. A "town center" type with mixed uses; saying specifically "uses such as office, commercial are allowed to co-exist by mixing uses vertically (for example residential above commercial) horizontally (residential adjacent to commercial), or both. Among other effects, this mixing of uses encourages pedestrian use." A very large strictly commercial development is not in agreement with the thoughtful, sound plan described above.

Lastly, a community the size of our township cannot alone support a complex as large as this proposed development. It is a warehouse store as they describe themselves, who rely on a regional draw of customers. We in this township who do not support this proposed development, are not trying to keep "outsiders" out as Mr. Neumark described, but expect development consistent with the township Vision 2020 and Master Plans. They are the frameworks by which our township defines our zoning ordinances, and we support them.

Very sincerely,

Therese Bickford-Laub

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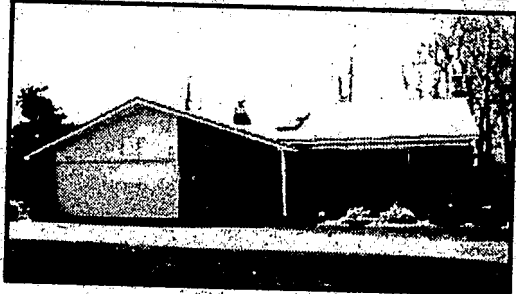
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purchase an instrument, they have the option of either purchasing an instrument off the shelf or custom ordering a violin.

"When someone comes in to commission an instrument, I let them choose the type of wood," he said.

DeLuca orders his wood from a supplier who specializes in cutting tone wood. "There are specialty mills that cater to that market," he said.

He said he starts constructing a violin by putting together a pattern for the mold, and making the mold from that. Once the mold is created, then the end blocks need to be glued in, which will stay with the instrument.

DeLuca said once the plates are

outlined for the violin, then the arch needs to be carved and hollowed out.

"That's the key to making a good violin — thick in the center, thin on the edges," he said. "That is what distinguishes a quality handmade instrument. The student instrument is machine-made; no consideration is given to the individual characteristics of the wood."

After the violin is all put together, DeLuca said the instrument has to be varnished an appropriate number of times. He said the usual amount is 6-10 times, depending on the color.

He said it takes a great deal of time to put together a hand-crafted violin. "Everything in violin-making has to be done absolutely precision," he said.

To further support his claim, DeLuca said he constructs about four violins per year, and added the quickest amount of time he has put a violin together was three months.

DeLuca is one of the founding members of the Michigan Violin Makers Association, and a past president of the Violin Makers Association of Arizona.

DeLuca's wife, Kay, also has a long history of making music. She recently retired from teaching in the Farmington Public Schools after 34 years, and currently provides private instruction.

She received an award for her efforts from the String Teachers Association May 12, 1999, and currently teaches string teachers how to read music during a class offered every other year at Oakland University.

DeLuca retired from the Michigan

Department of Education, where he was a vocational administrator. Prior to that, he worked for six years as a tool and die designer.

"That's what gives me the craftsman's eye, the mechanical ability," he said. "My background is what gave me the leg up on doing this stuff. I was always a woodworker. That gave me the skill to carry over into the violin world."

People seeking more information on DeLuca's violins may visit his Web site at www.delucaviolins.com.

"I don't do any other advertising," he said. "Everything is word of mouth. I do sessions with schools and universities. I've done sessions ranging from first graders to master's degree performance arts students."

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Obituaries

Kenneth D. Leslie

Kenneth D. Leslie of Clarkston died Feb. 28, 2001 at the age of 68.

He was the loving husband of Pat and the beloved father of Linda (Paul) Mass of Clarkston and Cary (Miriam) of TX. He was the grandfather of Leslie (Chris) Dernoff, Sophia and William Leslie.

He was the brother of William Leslie of NV and Kay (John) Harrison of Fla. He was the beloved brother-in-law of Connie Archer of Pontiac.

Mr. Leslie was a very active member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Full Gospel Businessman's Fellowship.

Funeral service was held March 3 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church with Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiating. Interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston United Methodist Church (www.legacy.com).

Michael E. Jacques

Michael E. Jacques of Davisburg died March 3, 2001. He was 56.

He was the husband of Gerri and the father of Kelli of Clarkston and Brian of Fla. He was the son-in-law of Betty O'Donagan of Irons. He is also survived by seven brothers and sisters.

Mr. Jacques was the vice president of sales for Market Share, Direct Mail in Troy. He enjoyed golfing, scuba diving, playing pool and traveling.

Funeral service was held March 6 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

Eiflyn Penmaen 'Bob' Roberts

Eiflyn Penmaen 'Bob' Roberts of Waterford, formerly of Maine, died March 2, 2001 at the age of 82.

He was the husband of Louise for 53 years and was the father of Theresa 'Teri' (Perry) Smith of Dearborn, Gail (Curt) Olson of Clarkston and Dave (Janet) Roberts of White Lake. He was the grandfather of Carolyn, Carol, Michael, Shane and Jason. He is also survived by his cousins Sydney Smith, Richard Johnson and his long time friends Chet and Judy Babb and family and Jean Harrington and family.

Mr. Roberts was retired from General Motors Local 594. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and served in the army during WWII. He was also a member of Motor Home Club and loved bowling, golf, sports and travel.

Funeral mass was held March 7 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford with Father James Kean officiating. Rite of committal at Christian Memorials Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Rita Catherine Tippen

Rita Catherine Tippen of Holly died March 2, 2001 at the age of 74.

She was the mother of Kathleen (Martin) Romberger, Margret (David Hoffman), Maureen (Andrew Kerr) all of Clarkston and Elizabeth (Stephen) Napier of Waterford. She was the grandmother of Stephen, Emily, Matthew, Erin, Anna, Kathleen, Colleen and Shannon.

Mrs. Tippen retired as a sales person from J.L. Hudson in Waterford. She completed her bachelor degree in education and enjoyed playing bridge.

Funeral mass was held March 5 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. Rite of committal at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made the Greater Oakland Visiting Nurse Association. (www.legacy.com)

Ruben Edwin Fischer

Ruben Edwin Fischer of Clarkston died Feb. 15, 2001 after a long bout with cancer. He was 67.

He was born in Owensboro, KY March 14. After graduation he served in active duty in the United States Navy for 18 months. Then he moved to Detroit and worked for the Chevrolet company.

He married Joan Culver in 1958 and they had a family of four. They lived in West Bloomfield for 32 years. He worked in sales with Allen Anderson Co. and Swan Rubber Co., then Dayco. He retired in 1967.

He is survived by his wife Joan, Michael Fischer and Kathleen of Minot AFB N.D., Carla and Bryan Fletcher of Lodi, Calif, Shari and Dwayne Combs of Jasper Ga., and Jeffrey and Lisa Fischer of Phoenix, Ariz. and eight grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brothers, Rev. Charles Fischer, Frank and Kay of Cedar Rapids, and Jean and Harry Wilhelm of TX and Bernard Fischer of TX.

Memorial mass will be held March 10 at 1 p.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston.

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Clarkston schools celebrate 'blue ribbon moments'

Last Friday, over 750 students and adults gathered at Springfield Plains Elementary School to commemorate its designation as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School. This prestigious award was given to only 22 elementary schools throughout Michigan and is certainly an accomplishment worth celebrating!

Among those in attendance were representatives of Michigan Department of Education, the State Board of Education, and the Michigan Legislature. Also present were local dignitaries such as municipal officials, school board members, the county superintendent and members of our faith community. The ceremony even brought out former staff members, previous school administrators, and the design and construction team who planned and built this beautiful facility. I truly wish every member of the community could have joined us as we witnessed the glorious direction this school has taken in just seven years!

The stars of the show on Friday were, no doubt, the students. As they entered the gym they were greeted by a standing ovation from the adult guests. The ceremony began with the principal, Dr. Sharon Devereaux, and members of the Blue Ribbon writing team accepting an impressive trophy. After a few words on behalf of the staff, the audience viewed a video titled Blue Ribbon Moments. This video highlighted the day-to-day activities at Springfield Plains, and showcased stu-



Clarkston Schools
Dr. Al Roberts

dents from every grade level as they shared their personal "blue ribbon moments." Following the video clip, four students performed a cheer in honor of the event, and the entire student body serenaded the audience to a song they wrote titled, "What a Wonderful School."

Yes, the program was impressive. But it is the realization that there are so many "blue ribbon" moments here in Clarkston that brings a smile to my face, and I believe to the faces of so many parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors. Certainly this event highlights the kind of people that make up our school family. We have faculty and staff members who truly place children first, parents and community members who believe that a quality education is the gateway to success, and a school board that has child-centered vision! Our people obviously support the efforts we are making to become a world class school district.

While Springfield Plains Elementary is a shining example of success, I am pleased to report that there is more good news to share from all of our buildings. So many of our youngsters provide us with so many reasons to be proud. So allow me to share some "blue ribbon moments" from around the district:

- Three Clarkston Middle School students were named local winners in the statewide America & Me Essay contest.
- A fourth grade student from Independence Elementary initiated a penny drive and raised over \$800 dollars to give to a family of eight children who lost their home due to a fire.
- There were 330 students in grades 10, 11, and 12 with a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher. Forty-seven percent of these students are involved in at least one

athletic program.

- CMS teacher Sandra Blomquist received the Region 7 Educator of the Year award from the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators.
- Our Boys' and Girls' Ski teams received the All Academic award from the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association. Both teams maintained a cumulative grade point average above 3.5.
- Over 130 CHS students participated in bringing the musical, "Crazy For You" to the Clarkston Community.
- Clarkston High School received the Governor's Cup for student academic achievement.
- Every one of our schools has received accreditation by the North Central Association and Bailey Lake Elementary completed its North Central Accreditation School Improvement Cycle with a perfect score on their written report.

There is no doubt we are proud of the achievement of Springfield Plains Elementary. The award signifies a great deal of work by the entire school family. But equally as important, this award gives us the occasion to celebrate the work that occurs each and every day in virtually every school in the district. Too often we find ourselves setting the next goal, implementing new curriculum or teaching strategy, or striving to reach a new level on the latest standardized test. I do believe it is time to take a moment to reflect. And so, I write this column as a reflection of a special activity that occurred at a special school, but it should also serve as a reminder of the good things that occur each and every day in your schools.

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Police were dispatched to a fight at a party on Cornell. Witnesses stated four males crashed the party with the intent to injure another. Two victims were taken to POH medical center for injuries sustained from a baseball bat. One victim was bleeding from

the face and back of head, while the other had minor cuts and three large swollen lumps on his face. While responding to the call, police stopped a vehicle on Michigamme which contained party-goers including three males and one female. The driver was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and for driving with four people in a truck designed for only three. His license was confiscated. Another passenger was given a ticket for underage consumption. Another passenger was bleeding and said he was assaulted at the party, but didn't know who hit him. Names of the suspects were given by several witnesses. Status is pending.

A 19-year-old driver, stopped on Pine Knob Road for speeding, was found to be intoxicated and was given a breath test with a .19 result. The driver was cited for speeding, violating a restricted license and operating under the influence of liquor. He was arrested.

and Clintonville.

Saturday, March 3, a domestic assault was reported from an apartment on Upland Drive. A woman involved in the incident received abrasions to her neck and a babysitter was a witness. The suspect fled the scene and was later contacted by the police by phone. The man hung up on the officer. The status is pending.

An unlocked vehicle, valued at \$10,000, was stolen from a residence on Princess Lane.

A driver on Maybee was stopped for reckless driving and tried to flee from police on foot, but later returned to the scene. He was cited for disorderly conduct, speeding and reckless driving. A passenger was also cited for disorderly conduct.

Friday, March 2, embezzlement was reported from a medical facility on Dixie Hwy. A former employee is suspected of keeping \$335, meant for a bank deposit.

A stalking and restraining order violation was reported on Maybee.

Thursday, March 1, police were dispatched to Sashabaw where a woman was found crying and walking alone on the side of the road. She said a verbal dispute with her significant other caused her to leave her home in her current state.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, grass fire on White Lake at the railroad tracks.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, a former employee of an excavating company is suspected of forgery and fraud in the amount of \$5,116. Checks were cashed in various locations and processed at a bank on Dixie Hwy.

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Springfield Plains celebrated as a 'blue ribbon' school

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In her address, she said staff members, parents, administrators, and students, past and present, are all responsible for the school's success.

"You're a part of what we're celebrating," she said.

The ceremony kicked off with the focus on the reason behind the school — the students. As Louis Armstrong's "What A Wonderful World" played in the background, the Springfield Plains students, with their teachers alongside them, marched into the auditorium to the applause of the audience.

Dr. Arthur Vrettas of the Michigan Department of Education said the school put a lot of hard work into their application, and their achievement is a result of many years of excellence.

"They won it for five continuous years of education," he said.

Devereaux took time during her speech to pay tribute to the six Springfield Plains staff members that put the nomination together: Jayne Bannister, Claudia Hughes, Sianne Kovalchuk, Debbie Shotwell and Heather Smith.

Several members of the Clarkston Board of Education were at the ceremony. Addressing the audience on their behalf was President Karen Foyteck, who congratulated Devereaux, the staff, parents and students at Springfield Plains.

"Dr. Devereaux is a strong leader who encourages creativity," Foyteck said.

A video presentation highlighted the achievements of the school, and a reception afterward offered guests a chance to look through the history the school has made since it opened in 1994.

Parents at Springfield Plains were originally notified in a Dec. 5 letter from Devereaux that their children's school was selected for the Blue Ribbon award.

According to Devereaux, over 400 hours were devoted to putting the nomination together. She said the application process began in October 1999, when the Springfield Plains staff began brainstorming on areas and questions.

She said the rough draft on the proposal was finished by June. After that, the staff reviewed the proposal and did some revisions on the application with the assistance of Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for the Clarkston school district.

Devereaux said the topics covered within the application were student focus and support, challenging standards/curriculum, active teaching/learning, professional community, leadership/educational vitality, school/family/community partnership, and indicators of success.

She said she is fortunate to be a part of the Spring-

field Plains community and the Clarkston school district. She said the theme throughout the application was 'in the spirit of excellence.'

"The strength of Springfield Plains is the high level of commitment and professional competency of our staff," she said. "We're really blessed. We're part of an outstanding school district. We're really able to offer children an outstanding academic program."

She said she is especially proud of the "top notch" special education programs both at Springfield Plains and within the Clarkston school district.

"The special education in Clarkston is exemplary," Devereaux said. "We're particularly proud at Springfield Plains. That's our area of special emphasis, and we're real proud of that."

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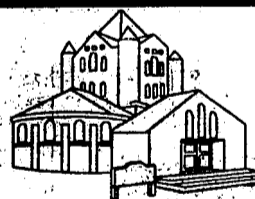
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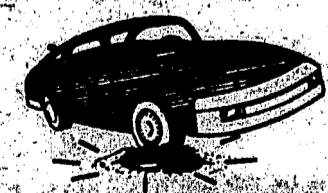
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3/10 Regionals at Okemos High School. Clarkston begins play at 11:30 a.m.

Wolves, Panthers collide tonight

Clarkston's perimeter shooting is Lapeer East's main concern

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

The Clarkston varsity basketball team may feel like it's looking in a mirror tonight when the Wolves take on Lapeer West in the district semifinal.

Both Clarkston varsity basketball coach Dan Fife and Lapeer West varsity basketball coach Dave Kirkpatrick agree their teams are similar. The Panthers head into the game posting a 13-7 overall record and finished tied for first in the Flint Metro League with Holly with a 12-2 league record. However, it may be the differences between the leagues that gives Clarkston the advantage.

Kirkpatrick credited the Wolves with playing some of the toughest competition in the state in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

"I think that may make them a better prepared team heading into the districts," Kirkpatrick said. "This is the best team we've had here since 1997 and our kids have a lot of heart and hustle. They're very similar to Clarkston in that we're both very hard-nosed teams."

The Wolves head into the game with a 9-11 overall record and are coming off consecutive losses to Southfield and Rochester. However, Fife said just play-



Matt Pearsall has been one of Clarkston's premier rebounders this season.

ing in the OAA I doesn't make his team the favorite to win the tournament.

"I wouldn't say we're the favorite, not at all," Fife said. "Playing in the OAA helps in that we're used to quickness, athleticism, but lately we're not used to winning. Winning is contagious, but so is losing."

Kirkpatrick said one his main concerns about

Clarkston was its strong perimeter shooting.

"They've got about for or five kids

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Skiers finish fourth, sixth at state

Rosengren, Schermerhorn power Wolves at Nubs Nob

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

The Clarkston boys and girls varsity ski teams capped off tremendous seasons with strong showings at the state meet Feb. 26 at Nub's Nob.

The girls team finished fourth overall while the boys finished sixth in the state meet. Marquette won state titles in both boys and girls divisions. Second place in the girls went to Cadillac while Traverse City West finished in second place in the boys division.

Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren said his boys team had a great season,

but was not as sharp as it had to be at the state championship level.

"We were in third place after the giant slalom," Rosengren said. "I thought we had a chance to be right in it," he said. "But we had some problems in the slalom. We had to be perfect, especially at that level."

The Wolves had two top 10 racers in the giant slalom. Brandon Rosengren finished fourth overall (49.62) and John McNew finished seventh overall (50.35). Clarkston's top finisher in the slalom was Mike Atkinson who finished 19th overall.

"This boys team has a lot to be proud of," Rosengren said. "They won their division, won the



Brandon Rosengren

SEMSL, went undefeated in duals and finished second at their regional. These kids had a great season."

On the girls' side, the Wolves took the fourth place spot for the second consecutive year. Clarkston was tied for third in the giant slalom with Cadillac and finished fifth in the slalom.

Clarkston's top slalom racers were Becky Schermerhorn who finished 21st overall (1:23.33) and Nicole

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Falck, Warchuck help netters claim district title

Wolves compete in regional final Saturday at Okemos

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Editor

The Clarkston girls varsity volleyball team has put together a pretty impressive resume this season. But coach Gordie Richardson wants to add a few more things to it before the season's end.

The Wolves were crowned district champions March 3 at Swartz Creek High School. Clarkston defeated Waterford Kettering 15-4, 15-9 in the opening round and rallied to beat Holly 15-12, 15-7.

"Against Holly we were down 6-0 and 7-1, but the kids kept their composure and fought back hard. We pulled off 14 straight points against them," Richardson said.

Clarkston also defeated Grand Blanc 15-6, 15-2 and Madison 15-5, 15-8 during the course of the afternoon.

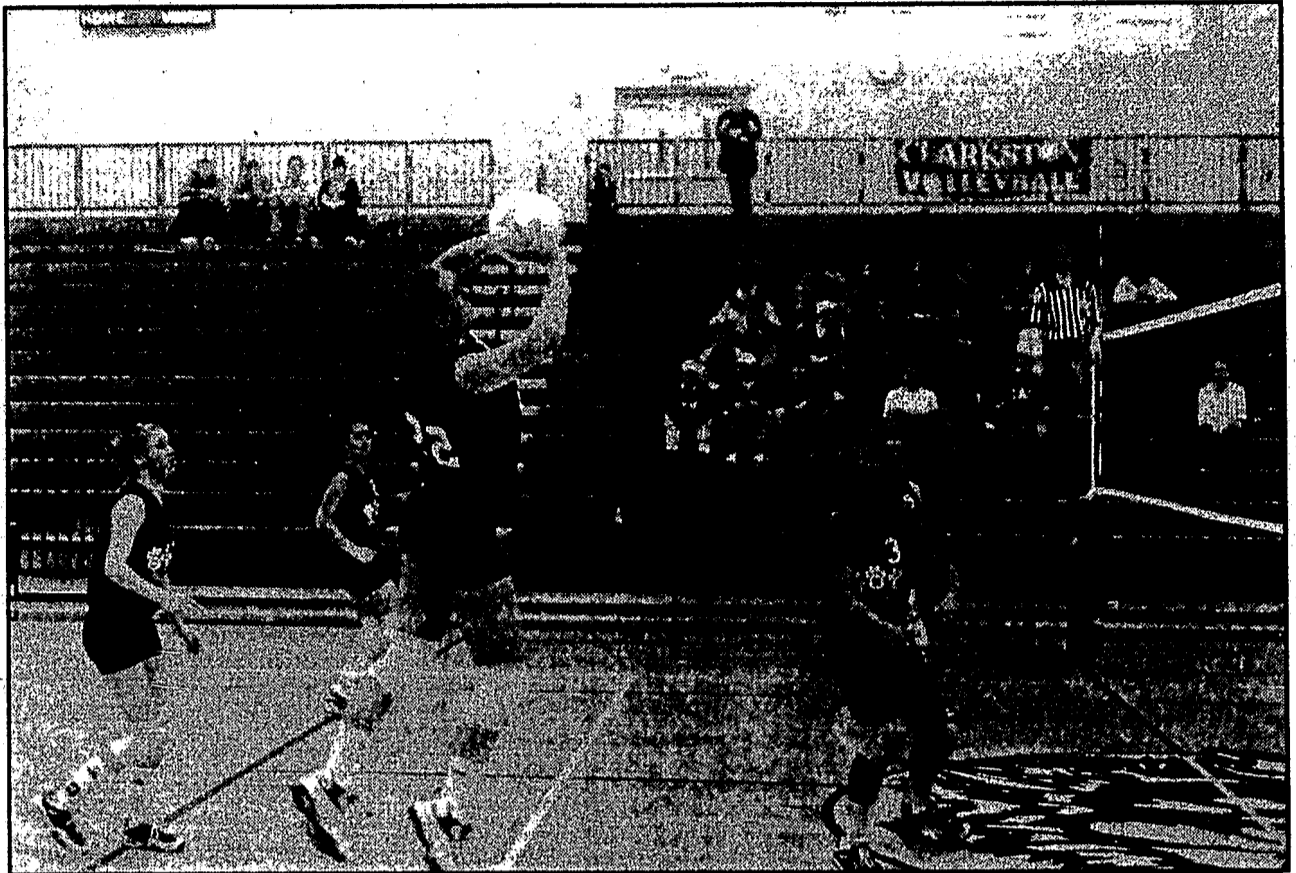
The win advances Clarkston to the regional final March 10 at Okemos High School. The Wolves begin play at 11:30 a.m. against Brighton who was a state quarterfinalist last year. The other two teams in Clarkston's region are East Lan-

The rundown

The tournament: The Wolves downed Madison, Waterford Kettering, Holly and Grand Blanc on their way to the district championship. They will compete in the regional final March 10 at Okemos High School with Clarkston action beginning at 11:30 a.m. against Brighton.

Tickets: Available at the door for \$4. No passes will be accepted.

Directions: Take on I-96 West and get off at the Okemos exit (no. 110). Turn right. Turn left at Jolly Road. Turn right at Hulett Road. Parking will be off Hulett Road.



Mary Warchuck (22) sets the ball in recent action at Clarkston High School. Warchuck, Lyndsay Vincent (3) and Kristen Falck, left, have had a great senior season on the court.

sing and Battle Creek Lakeview, who is ranked fifth in the state in Class A. Brighton is an All-State honorable mention. Regional finals should take place around 4 p.m.

Clarkston is now 33-12-3 overall.

"There are 32 teams left in class A. We know there aren't going to be any shabby teams left. But our kids executed well and did a good job of exploiting our opponents' weaknesses in the district tournament. It was one of our best efforts this season. The girls are

playing together, having more fun and everybody came out really focused and ready to go," Richardson said.

Standout performances from Clarkston came from Lyndsay Vincent who had 19 kills and five blocks. Also playing well were Tricia Brewer who added eight assists, Andrea Gower who had six aces, 10 digs and nine blocks, Kristen Falck who had 46 assists and 12 digs, Shannon Sadowski who had 11 digs and Mary Warchuck who contributed 13 kills.

Basketball

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'We're not afraid of them at all, but there's no doubt in my mind that they're capable of beating us.'

Dan Fife — Varsity basketball coach



Mike Loveless has been a solid defender and rebounder for Clarkston this season.

they're capable of beating us," Fife said.

Clarkston won the district last year and if they advance, the Wolves will take on the winner of Oxford vs. Romeo Friday night at Lapeer East at 7 p.m. Romeo defeated Lapeer East 59-56 March 5 in the district's opening round.

The rundown

The game: Clarkston (9-11) vs. Lapeer West (13-7) tonight at Lapeer East High School at 6 p.m. Clarkston won the district championship last season.

Tickets: Available at the door for \$4. No passes will be accepted.

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Tournament madness reigns in March

Alright, so not every Clarkston winter sports program continues. But hey, some of them are, and for the sports that are over what a season they had.

Skiing — Perhaps Clarkston's strongest winter sports program. Coaches Bruce Rosengren and Tami Mitchell along with the boys and girls teams deserve big praise for what they've accomplished. Fourth and sixth place showings at state capped off a great season. Congrats to all on what you've accomplished on the slopes!

Volleyball — Gordie Richardson has his 30-plus win season, a second place league finish and a district title. Now all he needs is a stellar Saturday at Okemos to wrap up the regional title.

He's got a very talented core group of seniors on this team. Good luck on Saturday, girls!

Wrestling — Five Wolves head to the Joe on Saturday. That's four more than made the trip last year. And if Clarkston had a healthy Sean Turner or Clint DeGain they may have been a team state finalist and most likely would have won their league. But still, sending five guys down to J.L.A.

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Ed Davis



The Bottom Line

Athlete of the week: Kevin Miller

For the second year in a row senior Kevin Miller has a chance to be a state finalist in diving.

Miller qualified for the regional diving competition at Lake Orion High School and is hoping to be one of the top 12 finishers. Only the top 12 make the trip to the state finals.

"I'd say I put in about 10 hours a week practicing my dives," Miller said. "This is where I thought I'd be coming into the season."

Miller, who is also one of Clarkston's strongest swimmers, made regionals last season, despite breaking his arm, wrist and collar bone while snowboarding. Even after coming back from the injury, Miller's bad luck continued as he cut his feet open on the diving board during the first round of last year's regionals.

"I think I'm stronger mentally now," he said. "One of the things with diving is just getting used to all the repetition. It's a tough mental sport."

However, he has had some great help along the way thanks to Clarkston diving coach Kevin Brock, who said of Miller, "He's been a reliable performer for us all season."

"He's been more a friend than a coach to me over the years," Miller said. "You can tell he really cares about what we do on, and off the diving board."

Miller said his marquee dive is the front two-and-a-half somersault which has a degree of difficulty of a 2.4. He maintains a 3.0 grade point average.



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Pack of wolves invade the Joe

Chism, Jaroneski, Miller, Langdon, Lajoie aim for all-state honors

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

A pretty strong showing.

That's what Clarkston varsity wrestling coach Mike DeGain said about his team sending five wrestlers to the state finals this weekend at Joe Louis Arena.

Clarkston will be represented by three seniors in Chris Jaroneski, Brian Chism and Shawn Miller. In addition, the Wolves are sending two underclassmen in sophomore John Langdon and freshman Tony Lajoie.

"For those two younger kids to advance this far I think speaks volumes about what they've done this year," DeGain said. "I think it's important for them to get this experience under their belt early, that way when they go back to the state finals in the future they won't be as awestruck."

As experienced as his three seniors are, none of them have ever advanced to the state finals. How that plays out is all up to the wrestlers themselves, DeGain said.

The rundown

The tournament: Clarkston will be represented by three seniors and two underclassmen. **Tickets:** \$5 and \$6 seats are available on a per session basis, or fans can purchase seats for the entire weekend for \$25 and \$30. Call Ticket Master at 248-645-6666 or log on to www.ticketmaster.com for more information.



Tony Lajoie has the chance to become an all-state wrestler in his freshman year.

"These kids have done a great job for me this season. It's important for them just to wrestle as well as they can and get those early nerves out of them. I think all of our kids have a good, legitimate chance of becoming all-staters," DeGain said.

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Krygier: 'We have a lot to be proud of'

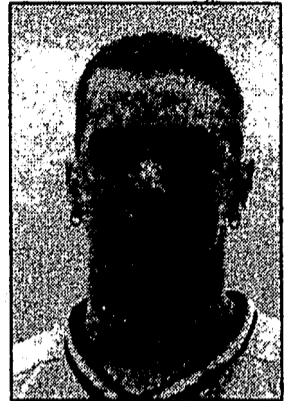
BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Sports Editor

The Clarkston varsity ice hockey season ended sooner than Bryan Krygier and his team would have liked, but they put together a solid season along the way.

Port Huron Northern defeated Clarkston 3-1 in the division 1 region 6 semifinal March 3.

"We came out flat. They just took it to us physically and put everything on net," Krygier said. "We had a lot of early pressure on them, but they scored first and I think that kind of took the wind out of our sails."



Steve Janowiak

The lone Clarkston goal came from Jeremy Gabriel in the second period on an assist from Andrew Florkey. The Wolves were outshot 33-18 in the game. It marks the second straight year the Wolves were eliminated in region. Last year Clarkston fell to Waterford Mott in the regional final.

"Jordan (Conley) played well for us in net," Krygier said. "He kept us in the game. We just didn't play that well and didn't get any lucky bounces."

Clarkston ended the season second in the Oakland Activities Association Division I with a 7-2-1 league record and were 17-8-1 overall.

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Moving forward by going sideways

Schenck hopes to become professional snowboarder

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Sports Editor

From the moment he first stepped on a snowboard, he loved it. Now he's hoping he can make his love of snow boarding into a career.

Clarkston resident Travis Schenck, 21, has been snowboarding since he was 14 years old. But had he never moved to Clarkston from New Jersey, he may not have developed the dream he has now.

Schenck used to surf in the Atlantic Ocean off the Jersey shore, but when his family moved to Clarkston, he traded in his surf board for a snowboard and hasn't been on the water since.

Schenck hopped on a friend's snowboard over seven years ago at Pine Knob. Once he set foot on the board, he knew he had found something, he said.

"The first time out I took a few bumps, but I liked it," he said. "By the second day I was turning and going down all the hills."

It wasn't long after those first few bumps that Schenck gained confidence and recognition at Pine Knob. He competed in a mogul contest when he was 15 and took first place out of a field of about 10 other snowboarders. Since that day at Pine Knob his skills have improved dramatically. Now Schenck competes at the Pro-Amateur level.

He takes part in snowboarding competitions around the country including California, Utah, the East coast and Colorado. But travel expenses aren't too much of a problem, Schenck said.

He has numerous sponsors including Forum Snowboards, Foursquare Clothing and Poor Boy Wax, who help him with costs. Nearly every weekend he flies to a different competition, but his entry fees, equipment and gear are usually provided by sponsors.

"I have a ton of frequent flier miles, but I'm not making money right now," he said. "Basically I'm doing it for fun, for exposure and for product."

Pro-Am competitions help him gain national exposure. He finished fourth out of roughly 150 in a national competition at Waterville Valley, N.H. in March of 2000. He also took third place at another national competition in Telluride, Colo. in 1999. Not bad considering he never has had a lesson in his life.

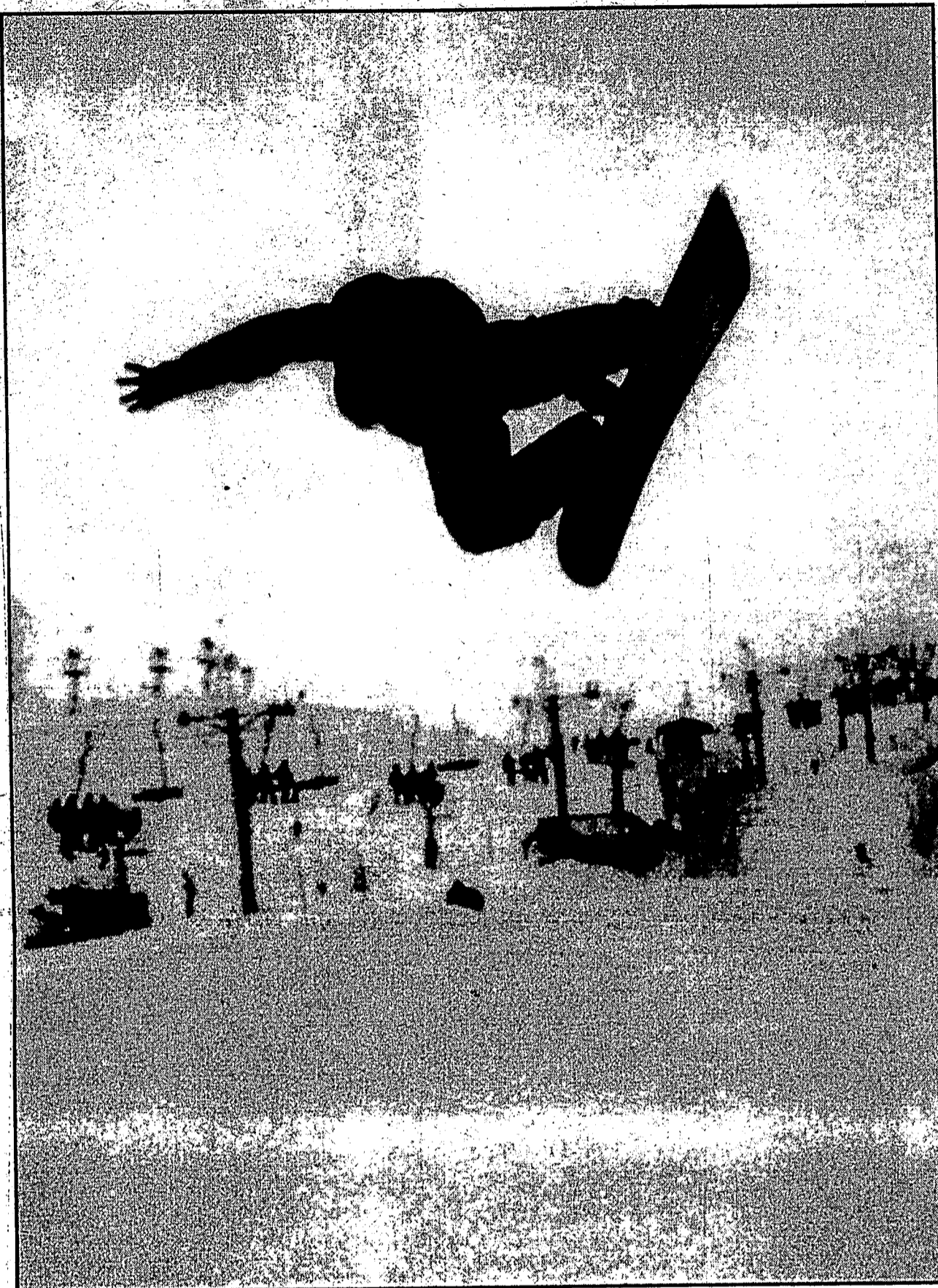
But it's his ultimate goal to become a professional snowboarder, where Schenck said the best in the world can make close to \$1 million per year.

"I wouldn't make that, that's what the real, real big guys would make. But it's big money, it's a big sport," he said.

Schenck already has some national exposure. Some of his efforts on the slopes have been taped and shown on ESPN, a sign of how far the sport has come from his first try at Pine Knob nearly a decade ago.



Travis Schenck



Travis Schenck gets some serious air during a snowboarding competition. Photo courtesy Travis Schenck.

The next challenge for Schenck is to make the transition from the Pro-Amateur level into the big leagues. He just hopes that change doesn't mean that he will have to leave Clarkston.

"I'm happy here with my family and girlfriend and I don't really want to move out west. But I'm hoping I don't have to. The sport is getting bigger and it's not like it used to be in that all the big stars only compete out west. Moving out there would help with my exposure, but I don't think it's a necessity," he

said.

Whether or not he makes it as a professional remains to be seen. But Schenck keeps it all in perspective and reminds himself why he started snowboarding in the first place.

"I just do it for fun," he said. "Just do it for yourself. I use snowboarding as a way to express myself. I just want to thank everybody who has helped me along the way. When I'm not snowboarding, I'm skateboarding. I'm always going sideways."

Davis

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is something special. Good luck in front of the thousands of fans expected to watch this weekend, fellas.

Hockey — The only way to get better is to play against quality programs. Nobody knows that philosophy better than Bryan Krygier. Even though his team had an early exit in the regionals again, his club went 5-3 against top 10 teams and won the Alpena Christmas Classic Tourney. Congrats on a solid season guys.

Basketball — Season number two starts tonight in Lapeer. I can already picture who will be crowded around the district trophy this Saturday — and I don't think it's going to be Romeo!

Diving — At press time, Paul O'Connor and Kevin Miller had not competed at diving regionals at Lake Orion. So here's a belated good luck to you guys.

Turning towards the college and pro ranks now

MSU Hoops — I think a no. 1 seed is a pretty safe bet and I think another final four is also pretty safe. But anything can happen in the tourney, that's why they call it March Madness, right?

Pistons — I can't remember the last time I watched four quarters of an NBA game. Oh wait, it was back when Isiah Thomas and company walked off the court before the game ended in Chicago. But that wasn't really a full four quarters then was it?

Lions — So now they've signed Jim Harbaugh to a two-year deal to back up Charlie Batch. I'm not sure he's the kind of backup I had in mind, but I suppose anything's an upgrade when you get away from Stoney Case.

Wings — Coming off their best month in franchise history, these guys look like they're ready to make another run at Lord Stanley's Cup. Let's just hope it doesn't end with an all too familiar second round loss to Colorado.

XFL — I must be one of 357 people left who watches this thing. With ratings declining rapidly every week since its opening, it may only be a matter of time before XFL stands for X-tinct Football League.

E-mail Ed your take on sports to aedavis11@aol.com or clarkstonnews@adni.net

Hockey

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However the Wolves did things over the course of the season a lot of other hockey programs have not done. They went 5-3 against top 10 teams and won the Alpena Christmas Classic Tournament.

But Clarkston did not win its league. It was the first time in three seasons Clarkston did not clinch the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

"I think not winning the league was the biggest disappointment this season. When you do so well against solid programs there's no reason not to take care of business in your own league," Krygier said.

"Overall I think we had a good season. We have a lot to be proud of and next year it will show up more. Our younger kids learned a lot from our seniors. I think all of our seniors did well this year. Andrew Florkey was hurt a lot this year, but he gave us a good boost in the locker room. Jeremy Gabriel, Jon Bemis and Stephen Janowiak all played very well this season. Bemis gave us a big goal in the Milford game. And Ryan MacKinnon has had a great career here at Clarkston. I've enjoyed having him here," Krygier said.

What do you think? E-mail us at clarkstonnews@adni.net

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE CITY COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for March 12, 2001, will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, due to the Board of Review Meeting on March 12.

Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #01-0013 Andrew Kimball, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Ennismore Drive, Lots 21, R-1A
Woodhull Lake Sub
08-34-386-006
- Case #01-0014 Nancy Peter, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 29' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION
Snow Apple Drive, Lot 69, R-1A
Stem & Seligman Sub
08-28-103-001
- Case #01-0015 Everest Academy/Legion of Christ, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOUR (4) TEMPORARY TRAILERS FOR CLASSROOMS
Clarkston Rd., R-1R
08-16-476-004
- Case #01-0016 Victor International, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VARIANCE GRANTED ON 12/15/99 FOR TEMPORARY SALES TRAILER
Stonewood Drive, Commons Area, PUD
The Parks at Stonewood
08-30-401-006
- Case #01-0017 Robert Semaan, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO ALLOW TEMPORARY SALES/OFFICE TRAILER
Golf Pointe Drive, Unit 1, PRD
The Ridge at Morgan Lake Golf Classic
08-25-401-009
- Case #01-0018 Mark Dean, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 9' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
East Washington Ave., Lot 68, R-1A
Clarkston Park Sub
08-20-477-006

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel
Director

Wrestling

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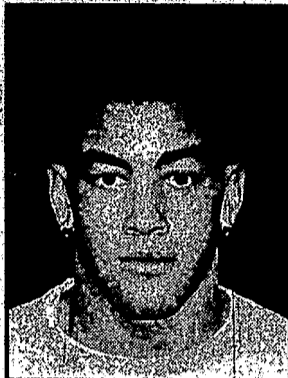
Only the top eight wrestlers in each weight class will be named All-State. Last year, Clarkston was only represented by one wrestler at the state meet, freshman Clint DeGain. But because of injuries, he and Sean Turner did not qualify this year.

"I think we could have had two more qualifiers and if even one of those two would have been healthy this season we would have won our league. But still, to get five kids out there is pretty good. We're sending more kids than a lot of the other area schools," DeGain said.

DeGain said he expects well over 10,000 fans to be at the Joe Louis Arena for the tournament this weekend.

"I think it will hit some of our kids differently once they step out there. For our seniors they know this is their last chance, for some of our other kids, they may be like deer looking into headlights. But at this point you try as a coach not to change too much. These kids got here because they do a lot of things well. My philosophy now is if it isn't broke don't fix it. You don't want to overcoach the kids," DeGain said.

"They got here because they do a lot of things well. All I can ask of them is for them to give it their all," he said.



Brian Chism

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BOARD OF REVIEW
MARCH 12, 2001
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THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET ON FOLLOWING DATES:
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001 1:00-4:00 P.M. AND 6:00-9:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001 1:00-4:00 P.M. AND 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Any questions regarding the value placed on your property can be reviewed by the Assessing Department. After reviewing, if you wish to appeal the assessments further, arrangements will be made for an appointment before the Board of Review by contacting Oakland County Equalization Division, Toll Free, 1-888-350-0900 Ext. 80773. Those without appointments will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Supervisor Stuart called the February 20, 2001 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger.
Absent: Rosso

- There is a quorum.
1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2001 as amended.
 2. Approved the payment of purchase requisitions in the amount of \$6,582.44.
 3. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$381,417.81.
 4. Approval of agenda as submitted.
 5. Approved motion adopting Resolution Determining to Proceed with and Confirming Curtis Lane SAD.
 6. Approved the motion adopting Resolution (2) Approving Petitions, Project and Properties to be included in Special Assessment District - Curtis Lane SAD.
 7. Approved motion to approve application for the Consumer's Energy Disruption Permit - Wildflowers with a change in bond to \$5,000.00.
 8. Approved motion adopting Resolution Establishing the Lake Oakland Lake Board.
 9. Approved motion for Novell 5.1 Upgrade.
 10. Approved motion to adopt Resolution NOHAZ Consortium Resolution.
 11. Approved motion authorizing Water Main Extension by Genoak Construction - DPW Property.
 12. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk

Skiing

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Villiere who finished 22nd overall (1:23.41).

The Wolves had a stronger performance in the giant slalom as four Wolves finished in the top 20. Schermerhorn finished seventh (56.28), Kelli Morton 12th (56.61), Allison Spinweber 15th (56.88) and Jenny Haladik 20th (57.67).

"Both of my teams have just done outstanding work this season. I can't say enough about the effort these kids have put in. They've got a lot to be proud of and our parents this year were so supportive. I'd like to thank them for everything they've done," Rosengren said.

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Estate of MARILYN TOMCZAK, a/k/a
MARILYN ANN TOMCZAK. Date of
birth: 2/23/35

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 26, 2001

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:05 p.m.
Roll. Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage.

Absent: Sanderson.

Minutes of February 12, 2001, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Police Services Agreement.

Clifton asked about parking at City Hall for City employees. When the Police operation is moved to 3 East Church, parking for city employees at the City Hall will be opened to allow one to three additional parking places in the municipal parking lot as well as up to three due to the D.P.W. moving to 3 East Church.

Clifton also commented on the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Festival Committee. Pappas is attempting to meet with this committee. Savage reported that there will be an update at the Downtown Partnership meeting on February 28.

Savage reported that the bench on the corner of West Washington and Main Street was broken. Pappas is to report this to the D.P.W.

Roger Safford from MDOT and Gary Tressel were present to discuss the City and MDOT Agreement for the Enhancement Grant and Water Main programs to be completed in conjunction with the M-15 improvements by MDOT this year.

Resolved That the City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston authorize Mayor Sharron Catallo and City Manager Artemus M. Pappas to sign Contract 00-5564 (copy attached to these Minutes) between the City of the Village of Clarkston and Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to additional improvements with MDOT's construction on Highway M-15 (Job No. 49284) within the corporate limits of the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Moved That the Water Agreement between the City of Clarkston and Independence Township as presented be approved in principle and final approval is pending amounts to be established by Independence Township and the City of Clarkston.

Resolved that the resolution supporting a household hazardous waste collection initiative be adopted.

Resolved That the City of Clarkston approve contract administration services by McKenna Associates, Inc., for the Main Street (M-15) TEA-21 Enhancement Program not to exceed \$5,000 as outlined in McKenna's memorandum of February 23, 2001.

The contract with the Oakland County Sheriff through Independence Township for Police coverage on the midnight shift was tabled. Several items such as fines and costs were to be discussed by the City and Township attorneys.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
City Clerk

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