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Township to seek public opinion on community center

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The dream of an Independence Township Community Center took a leap forward at the board's meeting Dec. 18. The board voted to have public hearings and present the idea of a 60,000 square foot community center to the community.

However, the board was quick to point out the size was not set in stone. If the public decides they want a smaller or larger version, the board would take the feedback.

"I think we need to be proactive about this," Township Trustee Daniel Kelly said. "We need to take this to the community and tell them the pluses and minuses of the 60,000 square foot building and they will tell us if we need more or it is too much."

To get to this point has been a long process with a lot of work. Much of that work was done by the Independence Township Senior Advisory Committee. The committee visited new senior/community centers from around the area to get background information. Their work was presented to the board at the meeting by group member Ray De Fiore.

"What this started as was a senior center but it has blossomed into an intergenerational activities center. It will appeal to everyone in the community, not just seniors," De Fiore said.

While numerous centers were visited by the committee, De Fiore said the community center in Lapeer was a nice, middle of the road facility and Independence could model themselves after them.

Lapeer Community Center is 55,000 square feet and cost \$7 million to construct in 1995. It includes a pool, meeting rooms, track, fitness center and gym among other items.



Ray De Fiore

"They said without a swimming pool you don't have the magnet to do this," De Fiore said.

While a pool is the most popular and will likely bring in the most people, it is also the most expensive to maintain. Lapeer has made a profit in four of their six years running the center.

There were talks of charging a fee to use the center with the money going to operational costs. Individuals outside Independence Township could use the facility, but would be charged a hire rate.

"The township can't afford to subsidize this building," Supervisor Dale Stuart said. "We need to fully inform the community and come up with a plan from feed back."

During his presentation, De Fiore said the board needs to seek the feedback of the community. He suggested speaking with service clubs, schools and church groups. He also suggested building the center at Clintonwood Park.

In other discussion about building new facilities, the township decided not to enter into a Letter of Understanding with Clarkston Community Schools to explore the possibility of building a joint administrative complex.

However, the township is still interesting in talking with the schools about the possibility. The board didn't want to enter the legal letter and was concerned there was no time limit in the Letter of Understanding.

"For the past six months we have had a time schedule and I would not like to go off on another track," Clerk Joan McCrary said. "We took this on six months ago to put it on the ballot in August."

Stuart reaffirmed the board's schedule at the beginning of the discussions. The supervisor was looking for a refined presentation by the end of January and public hearings in February with finalizations being in late February or early March. The ballot language needs to be done by April 1.

The board decided to meet with the school district within 30 days to address property and compensation issues in regards to a joint facility.

The hope is a joint facility would help both organizations improve services and cost control. The facility could also save community time, effort and energy. Residents could register for school, pay their taxes and receive township and school information all at one time.

The sounds of Christmas



Holiday spirit --Second-grader Nick Boldin sings about Rudolph at North Sashabaw Elementary. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Michigan's top Quiz Bowl team found at Springfield Plains El.

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

They put their thinking caps on and came through for the school.

Nine fifth-graders at Springfield Elementary--including Sarah Alumbaugh, Jordan Buetow, Victoria Henney, Katelyn Hojsington, Jake Hoppert, Jared Lawrence, Jacob Rutila, Kory Schweitzer and Andrew Tilson--can call themselves winners. The group took first-place out of 94 teams competing statewide in the Michigan Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl contest, Nov. 28.

When asked their reaction to taking the top spot, you'll hear a "cool," "exciting," "happy" and "good."

Quiz Bowl is a self-scoring, computer

contest consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions covering math, geography, government, sports, spelling, science, literature, English, history, general information and just plain fun trivia.

Sue Banworth, talent development specialist for Clarkston Schools, brought the contest to Springfield Plains having prior knowledge of it. She said teachers made their selection of students based on different areas of knowledge each child has.

According to team member Jordan, "We're just the smart ones. We didn't even practice."

The team of students gathered around

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Briefly

Chamber announces winners of contest

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce announced the winners in the 2001 lighting contest.

The residential winners were: First place-Marty/Pamela Dziewit, 6385 Golf View Dr.; Second place-Mary Kinney, 6045 Campfire Circle; Third place-Dave/Paula Hutzins, 5247 Woodcreek Trail.

The business winners were: First place-Aulgar Raisin Building/Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway; Second place-Lowrie's Landscape, 9561 Dixie Highway; Third place-Robert and Kelly Kostin Attorneys, 11 N. Main Street.

Residential winners will receive cash prizes and gift certificates to local businesses. The business winners will receive a plaque and "bragging rights" for the upcoming year.

Prizes will be presented at the Chamber's Mixer Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Clarkston Cafe. The mixer begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentations will begin around 6 p.m.

Last day for voters to register set

It has been announced that the last day to register to vote for the Special Election, held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, is Jan. 7.

Registrations are taken at any Secretary of State branch office, Oakland County Clerk's Office or Independence Township Clerk's Office, 90 North Main Street.

SEMCOG releases population estimates

The seven-county region of Southeast Michigan closes 2001 with an estimated population of 4,886,695 according to figures released by Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

This new estimate represents an increase of 53,203 since the 2000 census. Oakland County added 14,418 residents.

The number of households in Southeast Michigan grew by 1.4 percent since the 2000 census, a rate slightly higher than the population growth. The average size of Southeast Michigan's households is estimated at 2.57 persons per household.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership of governmental units serving 4.9 million people in the seven-county region of Southeast Michigan.

Project LifeRide returns to Oakland County

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is teaming with Oldies 104.3 and The Phoenix Group to provide the 18th Annual Project LifeRide on New Year's Eve.

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The Second Front

Sashabaw Middle School students...

Serving up some holiday art at Mickey D's



Next time you decide to fill that empty stomach with a Big Mac and fries, take a closer look around the restaurant before you leave.

McDonald's on Sashabaw Road is decorated, through the season, with holiday art from the paintbrushes of more than 25 Sashabaw Middle School students from Miss Cassidy's eighth-grade art class.

From snowmen to holly, each window is decorated with various patterns the students created during class time.

For Cassidy, this has become a tradition in her classroom.

"The kids love it," she said. "They get out into society. McDonald's is really good about giving us lunch. And the kids get

out of school for a half day and, of course, they love that."

Sashabaw Middle School principal Thomas Biak said, "This is a fun and worthwhile activity for the students. The kids can produce an original art design and share it with the entire community. Likewise, residents will get a chance to see some of the talented artists that attend our school."



'Would you like some art with that?'—Sashabaw Middle School students decorate the Sashabaw Road McDonald's windows with holiday drawings of all sorts. Above, Amanda Fender, left, and Nicole Coulson and, at right, is Trent Rose. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.

Hit by a recent tornado...

Davisburg El. gets a helping hand from Bailey Lk.

During this season of giving, one local elementary school has gotten in the spirit.

"Every year we do something," said Bailey Lake principal Martin Chaffee.

This year, he said, the staff wanted to be a help to Davisburg Elementary, who was recently hit by a tornado, losing two classrooms and many supplies.

To assist a fellow elementary school, Bailey Lake has been collecting children's books.

"Davisburg has been operating out of two different buildings, so they basically need books for two libraries—one in each building," said Chaffee. "Plus, there are little libraries within each classroom. Anything we do will help."

And if every child brought in one book, Bailey Lake could collect around 550 books.

"The kids are having fun helping other kids," Chaffee said. "They get to pick out their favorite

books."

Bailey Lake's staff is happy to help their colleagues as well, Chaffee added.

Third-grader Michelle Smith admitted, "It feels good to help."

Helping out their peers—Second-grader Kyle Hiller and third-grader Michelle Smith show off a few of the books Bailey Lake Elementary has collected for Davisburg Elementary, who lost school supplies like books in a recent tornado. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.



2001--Another year gone by

Welcome to our annual Year in Review.

Our official reason for publishing this special feature is to help readers locate stories about events that have taken place during the year.

After reading through it, you'll find it also helps put many issues and events in perspective.

The year 2001 brought an array of activity.

The city of Clarkston ended downtown construction--revitalized with brick walkways, new street lamps, trees and more.

In conjunction, the city completed Phase One of hookup to the Independence Township water

system.

Issues of development were rampant in Independence Township this year.

From denying to rezone an acre for a Home Depot and large retail center on Sashabaw and Maybee to approving a conceptual site plan for Recticel, a 120,000 square foot facility said to bring

in a large tax revenue--the Township Board and Planning Commission worked hard on bringing in growth and development in concurrence with their Master Plan.

Springfield Township has come close to completing a new civic center on Davisburg Road.

The release of a native vegetation CD-ROM

was a huge hit in the community.

And the Township Board said goodbye to Trustee Elaine Field-Smith, who has gone on to pursue new challenges, and hello to Dean Baker who has stepped up to fill her shoes.

Financial woes troubled Clarkston Community Schools, who cut

their 2000-2001 budget by \$1.5 million.

A number of employees were laid off early in the year due to the budget reductions, but a majority were hired back later.

School Board members have also begun long and short term solutions for overcrowding, particularly in the high school.

January

Jan. 3 Bangkok, Inc. massage parlor received tentative approval for business in Independence Township. Eyebrows were raised due to the business being housed in the same building the Oakland County Sheriff's Department raided for prostitution the year before.

The Independence Township Fire Department sought the Township Board's approval for implementing automatic external defibrillators throughout the community.

The Independence Township Planning Commission approved the construction of a TCF Bank branch to be located on Dixie Highway south of Maybee, adjacent to Big Boy.

Jan. 10 An Independence Township couple, hosting a New Years Eve party, were arrested for resisting and obstructing a police officer during an incident where seven minors were ticketed for being in the possession of alcohol in their home.

Lighthouse Clarkston moved temporarily to the Community Education Center at Church and Waldon while they actively pursued a permanent location.



Changing places--The Lighthouse moves into their 6300 Church Street location. *File photo.*

Springfield Township received recognition from the Michigan Society of Planning for its efforts to preserve the Shiawassee and Huron River areas.

Jan. 17 Bailey Lake Elementary and Clarkston

Elementary were recognized by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools for top school improvement honors.

Independence Township resident David Yarnall, known for his unique snow creations, sculpted this year a memorial for his nephew, 10, who passed away from a life long battle with MPS.

Jan. 24 Longtime Independence Township employees Linda Richardson of the DPW and Mike Turk of Parks and Recreation were named acting directors for their respective departments.

Police ticketed 13 area stores for selling tobacco products and alcohol to minors during an undercover sting operation.

One of the inaugural parties for President George W. Bush had a local flavor. Matt Marsden, a Clarkston native, was the lead director for the inaugural bash at the Union Station in Washington D.C.

Jan. 31 Revised plans for the Holiday Inn Express, proposed for the east side of M-15 north of I-75, was not recommended for conceptual site plan approval by Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle.

Pine Knob Music Theatre unveiled their new part-

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partnership with DTE Energy which meant giving over the naming rights and changing the amphitheatre to the DTE Energy Music Theatre.

The Michigan Department of Transportation and its consultant, The Corradino Group, held an all-day informational open house regarding their 22-month environmental study for the widening of M-15 from I-75 to I-69.

February

Feb. 7 Springfield Township demolished seven Dixie Highway buildings because owners did not follow township orders to make them safe.

An Independence Township firefighter was back to work after a brief scare. He suffered minor head and neck injuries after a staircase fell on him while attempting to control a house fire.

Feb. 14 Increases in utility and transportation costs were blamed for Clarkston Schools cutting their 2000-2001 budget by \$1.5 million. The reductions, approved 6-0 by the board, were designed to

restore the district's fund equity balance to over \$8 million--15 percent of the district's general fund of \$54 million.

Mike Clark of TwentyFirst Century Development said stumbling blocks, brought on by Independence Township officials, stalled the building of his proposed major retail center which includes a Home Depot, Kroger's, Wendy's, bank and more.

The Independence Township Planning Commission welcomed two new board members--Theresa Gillis and Cheryl Karkick who replaced Todd Moss and Joe Figa.

Feb. 21 A woman known for her business acumen, sense of humor and infectious laugh, Mrs. Hazel M. Sherman, the beloved matriarch of Sherman Publications, passed away February 16. She was 75.

Improvements to the former Clarkston Creek golf course are in full swing. Now called Liberty Golf and Banquet, conceptual site plans for a clubhouse facility, pro shop and restaurant, on two acres on Maybee Road,



Request denied--The Independence Township Planning Commission denied Mike Clark's rezoning request for a proposed Home Depot. *File photo.*

were approved at the February 8 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

Two new speculative buildings will soon make their way to Springfield Township's light industrial district on Andersonville Road. The Township Board approved a special land use and concept plan for the two buildings at their February 8 meeting.

Feb. 28 Clarkston Board of Education Secretary Rick Crigger announced he would not seek reelection to the board after his four-year term expires in June.

The middle school team teaching program in the Clarkston school district was feared to be eliminated. The Clarkston

options to construct a pump station to route water.

Springfield Plains Elementary was awarded the Blue Ribbon by the state Department of Education for excellence in education.

Three candidates were interviewed for the position of Independence Township Parks and Recreation director at a special meeting with township officials.

Mar. 14 A case against an Independence Township couple charged with resisting and obstructing police officers during an incident New Year's Eve where minors were found in the possession of alcohol at a party in their home was sent to Oakland County Circuit Court from the 52nd Clarkston District Court.

A request to rezone one acre at Sashabaw and Maybee Roads for a proposed Home Depot and major retail plaza was denied unanimously by the Independence Township Planning Commission.

The Clarkston Board of Education passed a resolution supporting an application for federal funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the Clarkston Gardens

Subdivision Flood Relief Project, which includes Almond Lane.

Mar. 21 Clarkston geared up for the onset of downtown construction. The downtown partnership committee held a meeting to answer questions from area businesses and property owners, the first of a series of informational meetings.

The Springfield Township Board approved the final site plan for the Ingomar Farms project by a 6-0 margin. In addition, Oakland County Parks and Recreation agreed to accept the historical Ellis Barn and move it to the 4-H grounds at Springfield Oaks County in Davisburg.

Mar. 28 Members of the Clarkston Education Association ratified a new three-year deal that will last until 2004. The Clarkston Board of Education unanimously accepted the agreement.

The Clarkston City Council denied a couple's request for a lot split on their Holcomb Street property.

The Clarkston Police Department changed its coverage as midnight

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March

Mar. 7 Despite ongoing conflict between Clarkston schools and Independence Township over the cause of flooding on Almond Lane, township officials voted on a \$312,000 plan and funding



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Opinion

If you build it will they come?

"If you build it they will come," served Kevin Costner well in the movie "Field of Dreams" but will that be enough to get Independence Township a Community Center is a tough question.

The Township Board is looking for public opinion on whether the township needs the facility or not and, whether the tax payers would be willing to pay.

I, like I assume many others, have an initial reaction of "build the thing." I enjoy sports and it would be a convenience to play basketball or go running at a nearby location, especially in the winter months.

However, the thought process is akin to me wanting to go out and buy a new car. Sure it sounds good in theory, but how long will I need to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for dinner so I can afford it.

That is what the Township Board and the public need to decide. It is not only initial building costs, but also the money needed to maintain the building. If the center brings in enough fee-paying individuals it would be a great asset to the community. If not then: Independence Township, we have a problem.

So I will leave it up to the Township Board and their experts to crunch the numbers because like most journalists I don't do math. (Unless of course you count adding the cost of toppings on to my pizza order.)

Regardless of the decision on a community center, the senior citizens of this community need an improvement in facilities.

I recently received a tour of their senior center by Center Coordinator Margaret Bartos. I was disappointed in the cramped facilities these individuals are forced to make do with every day.

Small hallways, a damp basement and non-handicap accessible stairs are just a few of the problems at the senior center.

It always has amazed me how poorly we treat our senior citizens in this country. It makes very little sense when you think about the fact that eventually, God willing, we will all eventually become senior citizens.

I am sure we would all want to be treated better than we currently treat our elderly. The discount on coffee at McDonalds does not really make up for the small social security many attempt to live off of or the lack of patience we show when a senior slows us down as we are out running errands. At times I am as guilty as anyone else but it is time to make a change and give back to a generation that gave us so much.

As a side note, I was impressed with the zest for life and the amount of enthusiasm showcased when I visited the senior center. Whether it was working on arts and crafts, exercise or shooting some pool the seniors seemed to be enjoying life to their fullest. If I go to the bank and the gas station in the same day, I need a nap.

Just another item we can learn from a group of people who have already taught us so much.

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters To The Editor

Funshine program grateful to Rotarians

On behalf of the Funshine Early Childhood program, I would like to thank the Clarkston Rotary Club for their community outreach program before the holidays.

The Rotarians spend an entire weekend selling newspapers in order to fund the purchasing of shoes and boots for children of local families. Rotarians also then donate their time at the distribution day when families come to fit their children. Local churches and donors also provide hats and mittens for these children.

Besides our Funshine tuition preschool program, we also have a government funded preschool

for four-year old children who qualify for it. Thanks to the generosity of Rotary, many of our neediest families received shoes and/or boots for the winter.

Joel and Mindy DeLong have gone above and beyond by seeking out families that have a child that might need a winter coat. Their personal involvement and commitment helped to reach children who otherwise could have been missed.

Thank you to Clarkston Rotary and the DeLongs for being part of what makes Clarkston the special place it is.

Margie Ried
Funshine Supervisor

Friend and neighbor of McCrary praises candidate

As a neighbor and 20 year friend of Independence Township Clerk, Joan McCrary, I am proud to support her bid for County Commissioner at the Primary Election, Jan. 8.

While raising a fine family, Joan accrued more than 30 years of business experience, participated in many community efforts and has held numerous leadership roles. She has undertaken each effort with en-

thusiasm, insight and dedication.

For the last 13 years Joan has been the Clerk of Independence Township and is dedicated to representing the people of our community.

We will be well served by choosing Joan McCrary as our candidate on Jan. 8 for County Commissioner, District 4.

Ronald Hudler
West Jefferson, North Carolina

Another endorsement for candidate McCrary

Joan McCrary is our Township Clerk. She is dedicated, honest and an effective public servant. She has chosen to run for the vacant District 4, Oakland County Commissioners seat and we are very fortunate that she has chosen to do so. My family and I heartily endorse her and recommend

that you participate in her campaign. Please vote for her as our new representative on The Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

James O'Neill
Clarkston

Reporter shares holiday season wishes

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

By the time you folks read this, Christmas Day will have passed, and everyone will have unwrapped their gifts.

In some cases, people will be heading to the malls Dec. 26 to return or exchange gifts, or to spend the money from their grandparents on a new outfit, CD or Xbox game.

However, despite the fact Christmas has passed, it is not too late to think of wish lists for next year, with New Year's Day just around the corner. With that in mind, your fearless reporter has developed a wish list of his own — some serious, some not-so-serious — for the year ahead.

Here it goes:

■ Freedom from overbearing, obnoxious telemarketers. They always call at the worst times, don't they? Right when you're about to have dinner, or when you're waiting for a phone call from that special someone. Then they go on about some telephone plan that you'll never use or try to get you to subscribe to some magazine that you'll never read. Just leave us alone and get a life!

■ A year with as little construction hassles as possible. I know, that's probably wishful thinking. However, now that M-15 in downtown Clarkston is done, perhaps motorists can breathe easier and go about their business. Hopefully, when I'm traveling down I-

What's up with that!



Jeff Patrus

75 or I-94, I won't have to worry too much about construction delays and traffic jams.

■ Continued success for the Clarkston winter sports teams. The basketball team continued to show its mental toughness and grit with a 59-43 win over Rochester Adams Dec. 18, and the hockey team continues to roll with a 9-0 record heading into the High School Showcase Dec. 21-22. The wrestling and swimming teams have also gotten off to solid starts. The volleyball team has started off slowly with a split in two conference meets, but there is still plenty of time for them to hit their stride.

■ A little safer world than the one we've lived in since Sept. 11. It's appropriate to be celebrating the holidays, which are centered on peace and goodwill towards man, in light of what happened that day. Hopefully, people will remember the reason for the season — the birth of Christ — and carry that message throughout the year.

■ I know this is probably asking too much, but maybe the Lions and Tigers can have competitive teams next year. It seems appropriate that they'll be neighbors next year when the Lions move into Ford Field, since they've both been laughingstocks this year. At least the Lions won a game (FINALLY!) Dec. 16, defeating the Vikings, 27-24.

Looks like rookie quarterback Mike McMahon will be the man for the Lions in the future, and Charlie Batch will likely be on his way out. (Another M&M man for the Lions, joining CEO and president Matt Millen and coach Marty Mornhinweg). Lions fans should be skeptical, though, given their sad history with quarterbacks. Remember how eager we were to get rid of Scott Mitchell and bring Batch in?

Hey, a man can dream, can't he? Anyway, best wishes to one and all for the new year.

Wrapping up the year, quickly

"Holy eight reindeer Batman! Did you catch the license of the sleigh that just whizzed by?"
 "No, boy Blunder, but you better get the pooper-scooper out to clean up the mess."

"Oh Christmas, we hardly knew ye."

Maybe it was the unseasonably warm weather. Maybe it was the chilling effects of September 11. Maybe lots of things, but surely before I knew it, Christmas had come and gone. It didn't matter that I played 3,297 hours worth of Christmas music prior to the big day, Christmases like the ones of the past never materialized.

Not saying it was a bad thing. It was more reverent, maybe. Thoughtful gifts given versus expensive, flashy ones. Hugs for Jen, the boys and family seemed more important.

Two thousand and two is upon us and Jen has been pushing her list of "Things Every American Should Know."

Included on her list of Things Every American Should Know . . .

- . . . all the words to American Pie (I can almost do this)
- . . . how to parallel park (I can almost do this)
- . . . how to drive a stick (manual transmission vehicle, for those of you not in the know -- I can do this!)
- . . . how to jump start a car (I can do this, too)
- . . . how to tie a tie (men and women)
- . . . at least one good dirty joke (I try, but my joke memory is shot)
- . . . have memorized at least one poem (how about, "There once was a girl from Nantucket . . .")
- . . . how to clean a fish (I think you need to

know how to catch one first)

■ . . . how to cook one good meal, breakfast, lunch or dinner, without using a microwave or frozen dinners. (She says using canned sauces is okay, which is mighty nice of her)

■ . . . And, as an American adult, you should also visit, at least once, a temple, mosque or church that is not of your personal faith.

Jen adds, "Know these things or suffer the consequences."

On my list I would add

- . . . all the words to the "Star Spangled Banner" (at least the part sung before sporting events)
- . . . all the words to the Pledge of Allegiance
- . . . that the US Congress spends and allocates money as well as sets the budget, not the US President.
- . . . that America is a country of immigrants (so, lay off 'em)

I am not nearly as deep as Jen, as a matter of fact, I am pretty superficial, so my list is less fun than hers.

What's on your list? Write 'em down and send them to me.

Before we sign off on 2001, I'd like to say, in the end, this year brought out the very best in 99 percent of Americans. Despite tragic and devastating events, the country as a whole, pulled together with love and compassion. I think those qualities if continually tapped into, will propel this nation into a bright and wonderful future.

New Year's resolutions . . . bah humbug. They're a waste of valuable time. Be nice to your fellow humans, don't kick the dog, eat, drink and be merry -- that's my motto.

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Season's Greetings from Jim's Jottings and the grandchildren. May our season be blessed and your New Years rewarding. On the left is Dan Offer holding Trevor Speed. I'm holding Trevor's twin sister, Haley. Beside me is Savannah Speed and behind her is Karen Offer.

the People Poll

By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News asks:

What's your favorite Xmas carol and why?



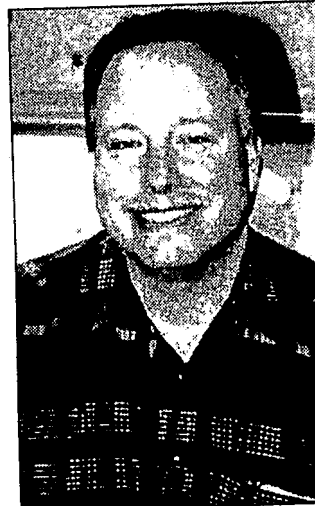
"O Holy Night' because I like to sing it and I like the religion point of it."

—Linda Hamilton



"Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer' because it's an upbeat, fun song and my children as well as the students at North Sashabaw enjoy singing it."

—Sherri Summers, secretary at North Sashabaw Elementary



"Silent Night.' It sounds Christmasy, and it's nice and mellow."

—Chris Young



"Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer' because I've always liked the movie. It shows an example, illustrated through the reindeers, of what happens when kids pick on each other."

—Janice DeFrayne

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shifts were taken over by the Oakland County Sheriff's deputies from Independence Township. Police Chief Paul Ormiston said this meant safer roads, but more tickets.

April

Apr. 4 Larry Sefa, former owner of Clarkston Cinema and Boardwalk Real Estate, Inc. was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine or 120 days in jail and no fine on charges of writing a bad check in the amount of \$446.92 to Michigan Rental.

The 2000 census figures showed a significant gain in population for both Independence and Springfield townships, compared to the 1990 census.

Apr. 11 Megan Goldberg, a 13-year-old Clarkston Middle School student, was hospitalized with bacterial meningitis.

About 16 downtown Clarkston business people and Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members met to brainstorm ways to encourage people to shop downtown amidst the road construction.

Clarkston School Board Treasurer Ron Sullivan filed for re-election to the board, while Steve Hyer, a 1997 graduate of Clarkston High School who ran for the board last year, filed candidacy once again.

Apr. 18 Final site plan approval was given to Liberty Golf and Banquet, formerly Clarkston Creek Golf Club, for a clubhouse facility with pro shop and restaurant on Maybee Road.

Hundreds of people from two different communities shared concerns about proposed changes on M-15 at town hall meetings at Brandon Middle School and Goodrich High School.

Several members of the City Council expressed concern regarding the spending of Clarkston City Department of Public Works Director Bob Pursley.

Apr. 25 The Independence Township Fire Department, which usually sponsors the annual July 4 parade, cancelled it this year for safety reasons among downtown construction. But Clarkston resident Gini Schultz hoped to organize an "alternative" parade.

It was back to the drawing board for a couple of property owners hoping to construct a gas station in Springfield Township. A movement to rezone 1.6 acres of property in that area was stopped dead in its tracks by the Township Board.

The Clarkston News received some national publicity via *Car and Driver* magazine. The Honda Accord, rated one of the ten best cars of the year, was photographed in front of *The Clarkston News* building.

May

May 2 Construction along M-15 may see a traffic shift and additional delays for area motorists by the end of the week. According to Michigan Department of Transportation resident engineer Jim Natschke, traffic may shift to the east from just south of Waldon Road to just north of Washington, beginning May 4. That is the tentative date for work to begin on the installation of the 12-inch water main on the west side of Washington.

Gini Schultz's July 4 alternative parade is growing bigger by the day -- but she's not done yet. The Clarkston resident has been working for several weeks

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Under construction--Main Street undergoes improvements. File photo.

to organize the parade, which has been a Clarkston tradition for more than 60 years. The parade was cancelled by its usual sponsor, the Independence Township Fire Department, for safety reasons during the city's construction.

Six Independence Township students have brought home a state title for their school. Fifth graders Dan Ullrich, Adam Drews, Christopher Hipsher, Chris Kirsch, Robert Julian, and Julian Baetz won first place in the "Dinamic Improv" at the Destination Imagination state competition, held April 28 at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

May 9 Clarkston Middle School's student body has come together to help one of their own. Throughout the week of April 30-May 3, students in grades 6-8 pitched in their pennies to raise funds for Megan Goldberg, a Clarkston Middle School seventh grader who has been hospitalized since April 3 with bacterial meningitis. More than \$10,000 was raised to help meet Megan's medical expenses, according to Ginny Farmer, assistant principal at CMS.

After being appointed to the Independence Township Planning Commission in January, Theresa Gillis recently submitted her letter of resignation. She was one of the individuals replacing former members Joe Figa and Todd Moss. Supervisor Dale Stuart announced the resignation to fellow board members and the community at the May 1 township board meeting.

Bruce Beamer, the Clarkston school district's new director of business services, has been reunited with a familiar face. A Canton, Ohio native, Beamer started his new post last week, at a salary of \$98,000. Before being hired by the Clarkston district, Beamer was the fiscal services coordinator for Oakland Schools, where he worked since January.

May 16 Clarkston city councilman Dave Savage, along with 1999 Specs Howard School of Broadcasting graduate Rebecca Rathburg, are developing a new show for local cable access. The show is tenta-

tively called, 'In and Around Downtown,' and will air on cable channel 65. Savage said the tentative time slot will be Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. He hopes to have the show premiere May 22.

Slight changes in starting times and a slightly fewer number of routes will lead to a more efficient bus operation in Clarkston Community Schools. That is the reasoning behind the proposed changes announced by Kevin Bickerstaff, the schools' transportation director, at the May 14 meeting of the Clarkston Board of Education. No official action was taken by the board on any of the items in Bickerstaff's proposal.

Springfield Township is turning to technology to education citizens about native plant vegetation. The township unveiled a CD-ROM on native plants at the spring meeting of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, held at the Cedar Crest Academy May 12. More than 100 people watched intently as Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole, a member of the conservancy, made the presentation.

May 23 Clarkston Community Schools crisis teams met the morning of May 21 to alert staff members to the death of Clarkston High School student Joshua Robert Brabandt, 16, who was killed in an automobile accident May 20. The accident was mentioned at CHS during first hour in classes on a teacher-to-student basis, according to Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for Clarkston Community Schools.

A proposal to alter planning times at Clarkston High School may affect many segments of the school community. CHS Principal John Diliegghio would like to see teacher planning time rescheduled into a three-hour block of time each Wednesday morning, from 7-10 a.m. He submitted the Developmental Days proposal to the Clarkston Board of Education at its May 14 meeting.

One local dentist has something to smile about. Plans for a new medical office building on Citation Drive received final site approval at the May 10 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting. In addition, Dr. Bruce Mercado, who has served the community for 18 years, will relocate from his current Parview office to the brand new facility early next year.

May 30 Construction on Main Street in downtown Clarkston is continuing right on schedule, and so far, without many glitches. The "No Left Turn" signs on Main Street at Church St. and Depot St. have been removed. Business owners complained that left turns were needed for better access to the parking lots. Michigan Department of Transportation engineer Jim Natschke said there have been no problems since the "No Left Turn" signs were removed.

Clarkston joined the rest of the nation this week in taking time to honor those who lost their lives in service to our country. Hundreds of residents came together at Main Street on Memorial Day morning, May 28, to honor veterans with the annual Memorial Day parade. After the parade, the crowd made its way to Lakeview Cemetery, where several speakers paid tribute to the nation's war veterans.

Youngsters, oldsters and those in between were honored May 23 for their dedication to making Clarkston a better place at the annual Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast. Sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 166 people attended the event, held at Liberty Golf and Banquet.

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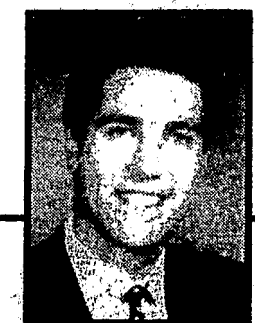
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Cagers head into Christmas break with win over Adams

Wolves defeat league foe Highlanders, 59-43, for fourth straight victory of season

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys' basketball team took care of business in their last game before the holiday break, defeating Rochester Adams, 59-43, on Dec. 18 at Clarkston High School.

The win improved the Wolves' record to 4-0 and 2-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I. Clarkston resumes action Jan. 4 when they travel to Southfield.

Clarkston coach Dan Fife said the Wolves could have played better, but he'll take the win.

"I don't think we played as well mentally as we did in our first three games," he said. "We had chances to put them away, but didn't. It's a ugly win, but it's better than a pretty loss."

Overall, Fife said he is happy with the start to the season. "I'm pleased with the kids and their effort," he said. "The younger kids are starting to understand what it takes."

In the first quarter, the Wolves made use of the inside-outside tandem of center Dave Ritzema and guard Mike Blicher, as they raced to a 8-2 lead over the Highlanders, punctuated by a Ritzema dunk with 3:50 left in the period. Blicher scored seven of his 10 points in the period, including a three-pointer.

Senior Sean Eley provided the Wolves with a spark, hitting a three-pointer as the period expired to give Clarkston a 16-7 lead.

The two teams continued their battle into the second half, with Clarkston maintaining the lead. A



Inside game — Clarkston center Dave Ritzema (13) powers his way to the basket against the Rochester Adams defense Dec. 18. Ritzema led the Wolves with 19 points as they defeated the Highlanders, 59-43. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

three-pointer by senior Matt Marhle pushed the Wolves' lead into double digits heading into the half, 32-21. However, Adams would not go away, and

outscored the Wolves, 12-11, in the third period. Each time the Wolves tried to pull away, the Highlanders would come back. This point was best illustrated to-

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Ruling could affect placement of girls' sports seasons

Fife says decision would adversely affect students, calls plaintiffs' accusations 'false'

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Dec. 17 U.S. District Court ruling may change the makeup of high school sports seasons, both in Clarkston and statewide.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Enslen in Kalamazoo ruled that the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) must submit a plan by May 24, 2002 for a new schedule for girls' sports seasons that would take effect for the 2003-04 school year.

The MHSAA announced in a press release that it would file an appeal with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

If Enslen's decision stands, the following girls' sports seasons would be changed:

- Basketball: Fall to winter
- Swimming: Fall to winter

'Good players are going to be found and get the opportunities if they're capable. I don't buy that argument.'

Dan Fife

Clarkston High School athletic director

- Tennis: Fall to spring
- Volleyball: Winter to fall
- Soccer: Spring to fall
- Golf: Spring to fall

Clarkston High School Athletic Director Dan Fife said the ruling, if it is upheld, will adversely affect opportunities for students, forcing them to choose between sports.

"I think it has a huge impact," he said. "I'm not in

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Opposes decision — Clarkston High School Athletic Director Dan Fife said a recent U.S. District Court ruling which would force the state of Michigan's high schools to realign their sports seasons for the 2003-04 school year would have a negative impact on students. Clarkston News file photo

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favor of anything that affects kids."

In addition, Fife said such a ruling has potential to cause complications with regards to officiating, citing as an example the availability of officials for both girls' and boys' basketball.

"It hurts with the number of officials," he said. "We don't have a big number of them. We have a hard time finding officials to begin with."

In addition, Fife questioned whether the school would have enough room to run practices and games for sports with both boys and girls teams, such as basketball, swimming, tennis, soccer and golf.

For instance, he said the boys' and girls' tennis teams would be hard-pressed to find enough space and enough time to practice in the spring on the eight tennis courts outside the high school.

Fife also took exception with the accusations raised by the plaintiffs in the original lawsuit, filed in June 1998, that the current scheduling system hurts female athletes because it prevents recruitment by college coaches and limits media coverage.

"Those are false accusations," Fife said of that contention. "Good players are going to be found and get the opportunities if they're capable. I don't buy that argument."

MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts, in a press release, said the state's schools "have the best interests of all student-athletes at heart" in their current system, and do not discriminate against girls.

"The Michigan model may be different, but it has never discriminated against girls," he said. "To the contrary, our girls get the best available coaching, officiating, media attention, facility usage, and as a result, participation continues to grow annually. The reason is the seasons schools have chosen. And while school sports do not exist to be a training ground for the so-called 'next level' of participation, our girls continue to enjoy unprecedented college athletic scholarship opportunities. Again, the reason is the seasons."

Other issues raised in the lawsuit were settled in a consent decree which was released along with Enslin's decision. In the decree, the MHSAA agreed to do the following:

■ Encourage member schools to provide regular-season matches of equal length for girls' and boys' golf teams.

■ Sponsor two additional girls' postseason tournaments, one commencing no later than the 2003-04 school year and the other no later than 2004-05.

■ Conduct a survey to determine the preference of schools for the format of the MHSAA postseason tournament in girls' volleyball.

■ Move the site of the girls' basketball semifinals and finals to the Breslin Center at Michigan State University for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years.

Boys' basketball

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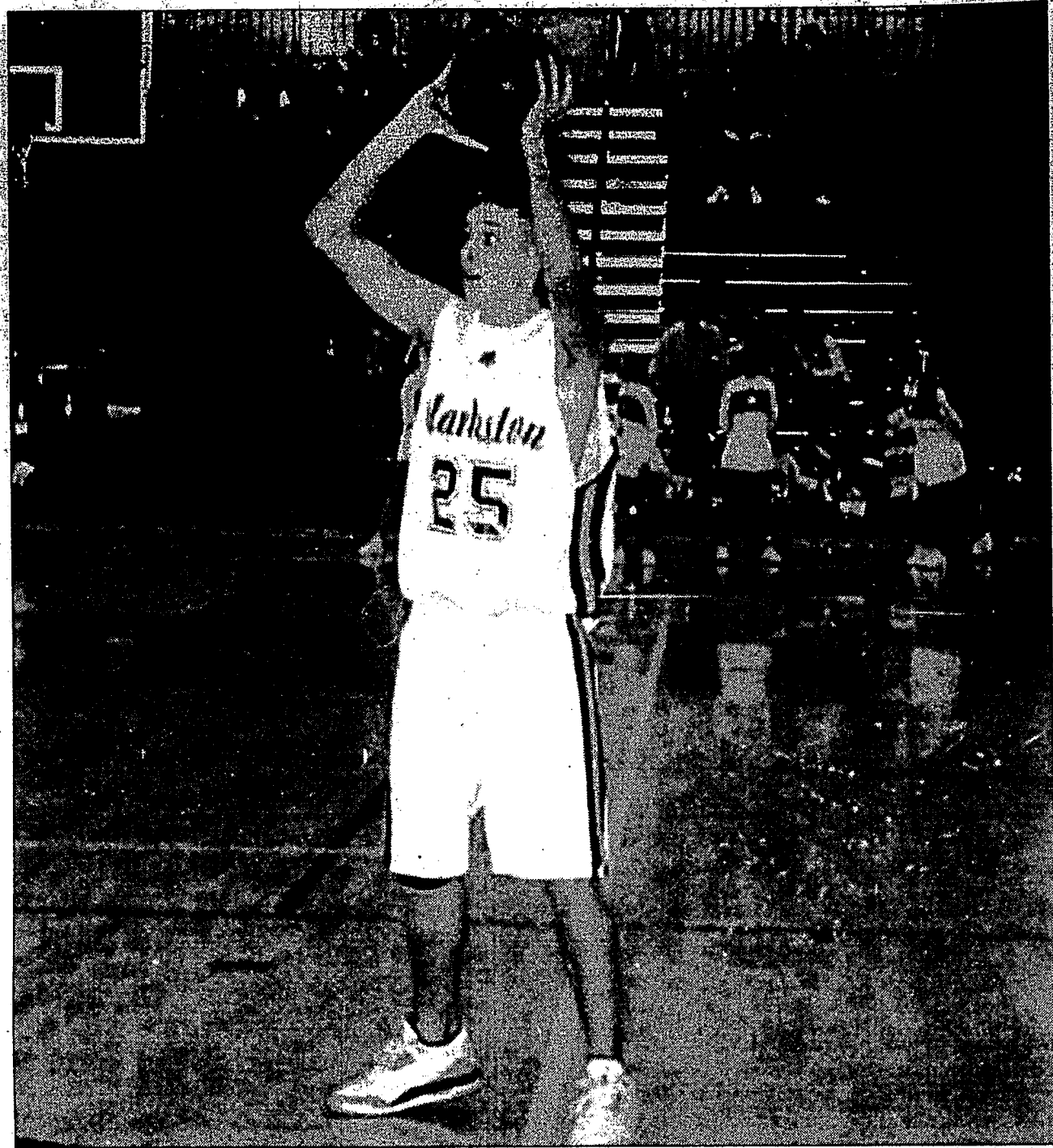
ward the end of the third, as Marhle hit a three-pointer with the quarter coming to a close, only to watch Adams hit a three-pointer of their own as the buzzer sounded, leaving the Wolves with a 43-33 lead.

Clarkston bore down in the final quarter, outscoring the Highlanders 16-10 to clinch the win. Ritzema led the Wolves with 19 points, while Mahrle added 11 points and Blicher 10.

Fife said the season is still early, and the competition for the OAA I title figures to be tight. In addition to Clarkston, Southfield and Pontiac Northern are 2-0 in the conference, while Ferndale is 2-1.

"We've got a long way to go, but I'm encouraged," he said. "I can't say enough about their effort."

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Looking to pass — Clarkston's Eric Kieras tries to find the open man during the Wolves' Dec. 18 game against Rochester Adams. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Athlete of the Week: Rob Johnson

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For someone that didn't take up diving before this year, Rob Johnson has already helped out the Clarkston boys' swim team in that event.

Johnson, a sophomore transfer student from Waterford Kettering, took first place in diving in the Wolves' opening match of the season Dec. 13 against Southfield, as the Wolves prevailed in that meet.

He said he had "never been on a board" before this season, but when he received word that tryouts were being held for that event, he decided to give it a shot.

While saying he was "really nervous" for his first meet, Johnson said he is gaining more confidence in his diving ability over time. "I'm starting to like it more and more," he said. "It was really fun to do."

He said Clarkston diving coach Kevin Brock has shared his vast array of diving experience with him. "He helps me perfect what I have to do to get better," Johnson said. "Since he's been diving most of his life, he's taught me a lot so far."

He said one of his goals for this season is to land a front 2-1/2 somersault, which consists of two flips and a dive.

Outside of swimming, Johnson enjoys skateboarding, but he won't be taking part in that activity



So far, so good — Clarkston sophomore Rob Johnson, who never dived before this year, took first place in the diving competition for the Wolves' boys' swim team during their opening meet Dec. 13 against Southfield. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

during the swim team's season. "I can't do it right now, because I don't want to injure myself," he said.

He said parents Kenny and Lisa Johnson of Clarkston have encouraged his participation in the sport. "They thought it was good for me to get into something I like," he said.

In addition to his parents, Johnson lives in Clarkston with younger brother Nick, 6.

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June

June 6 A five-hour standoff with police June 2 left Fox Creek residents shaken and an Independence Township man facing life in prison. Chad Arnold Kuhl, 23, was arraigned June 5 in 52-2 District Court before Magistrate Kelley R. Kostin. Kuhl stood mute on 12 charges in connection with the incident, and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

A controversial case involving two Independence Township residents may soon be dismissed from the courts. Michael and Peggy Strutz are both charged with resisting and obstructing a police officer after seven minors were found in the possession of alcohol at a New Year's Eve party in their home. The Strutzes' defense attorney, Todd Fox, said he filed a motion to dismiss the case.

Clarkston voters will choose two candidates for the Board of Education and decide on a millage

proposal during the annual school election June 11. Current board treasurer Ron Sullivan and Steve Hyer, seeking his first term on the board, have filed for election. The terms are for four years each, expiring in 2005. In addition, voters will decide the fate of an operating millage proposal on non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property tax.

June 13 Citing the "great progress" that has been made this year, the Clarkston Board of Education has extended the contract of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Al Roberts. The extension, announced at the board's June 11 meeting, is for one year, meaning Roberts' contract now runs through July 1, 2006. He also received a raise for the 2001-02 school year to \$130,000, up from his \$125,000 salary for the 2000-01 year.

Clarkston voters approved a non-homestead millage proposal and elected two members of the school board in the June 11 annual school election. Incumbent board treasurer Ron Sullivan and

1997 Clarkston High School graduate Steve Hyer were each elected to four-year terms on the Clarkston Board of Education. Sullivan received 941 votes, while Hyer received 909.

Last week's board of trustees meeting heated up after two trustees suggested a change be made to the way Independence Township hires its department heads. Trustees Dave Wagner and Larry Rosso, unhappy with the current policy, brought the subject to the board's attention. Wagner said there are two major concerns: the supervisor's elimination of preliminary applicants, and the length of time it takes to fill the open positions.

June 20 Since moving from Depot Street to Church Street, Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston's job has not changed all that much, but area residents will notice one change at his new office. Clarkston area residents will now be able to access the Oakland County Dispatch 24 hours a day/365 days a year with the touch of a button.

James Todd Cook, of White Lake Township, was arraigned June 18 in Rochester Hills district court on 14 different charges, stemming from four incidents of sexually assaulting young girls in northern Oakland County. The charges range from first degree criminal sexual conduct and sexual delinquency to assault with intent to commit sexual penetration, home invasion, and second degree criminal sexual conduct.

After passionate concerns were voiced earlier this year, residents near the Independence Pointe plaza were quiet as new proposals were brought to the Independence Township Planning Commission June 14. With the commission a member short, the board's vote split down the middle on a conceptual site amendment for the planned unit development on M-15, just south of I-75.

June 27 Repaving and resurfacing on Depot Street, beginning at City Hall, is scheduled to begin June 27. However, after the city council's June 25 meeting, there may be some additional work to coincide with that part of the project. Preliminary work to repave and resurface the alley, which begins at Washington Street and ends at Depot Street, may begin at that time as well.

Officials came to an agreement June 19 -- adopting a new policy for the way Independence Township department heads are hired. Basically, it was a firming up of the existing policy for any errors or violations of the Open Meetings Act, said Supervisor Dale Stuart. Changes adopted included a blend of the existing policy, a proposal from Stuart, and recommendations presented by Trustees Dave Wagner and Larry Rosso at the June 5

meeting. The Clarkston Board of Education passed the 2001-02 budget with an estimated general fund revenue of \$57.7 million for the next fiscal year. This is an increase of \$3 million, or 5.6 percent, from the 2000-01 fiscal year. The majority of that total will come from the state of Michigan, which will provide \$46.8 million of the district's general fund revenue for 2001-02.

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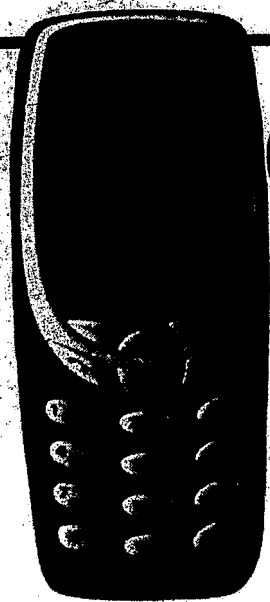
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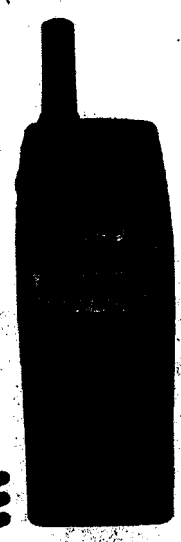
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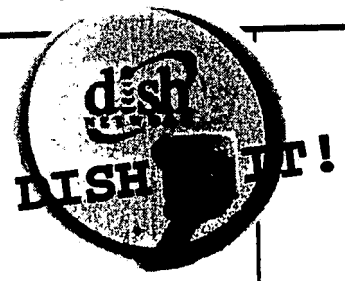
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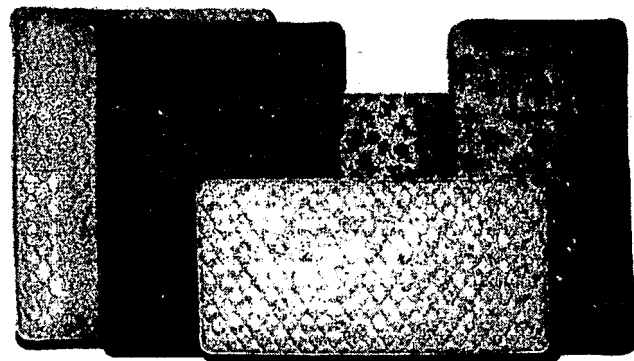
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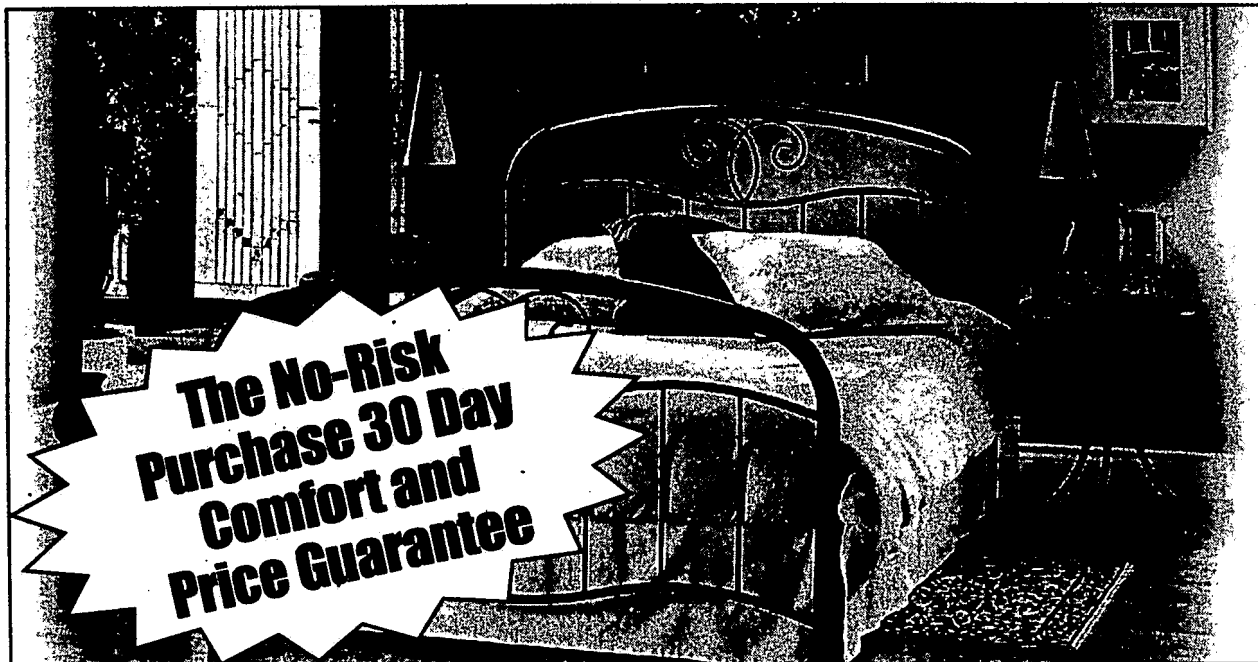


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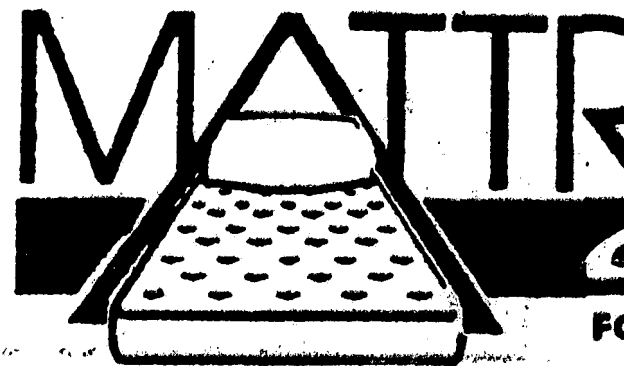
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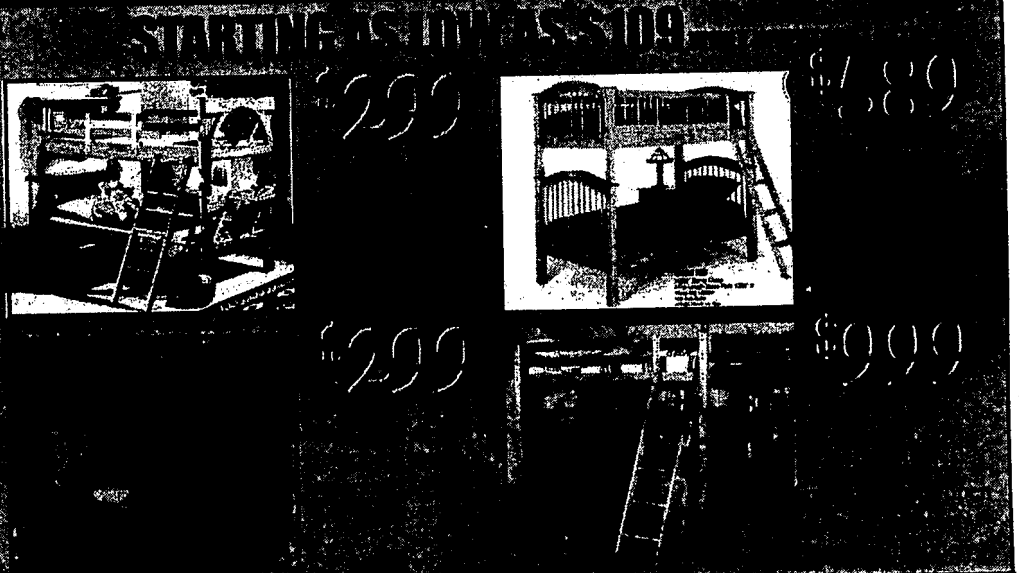
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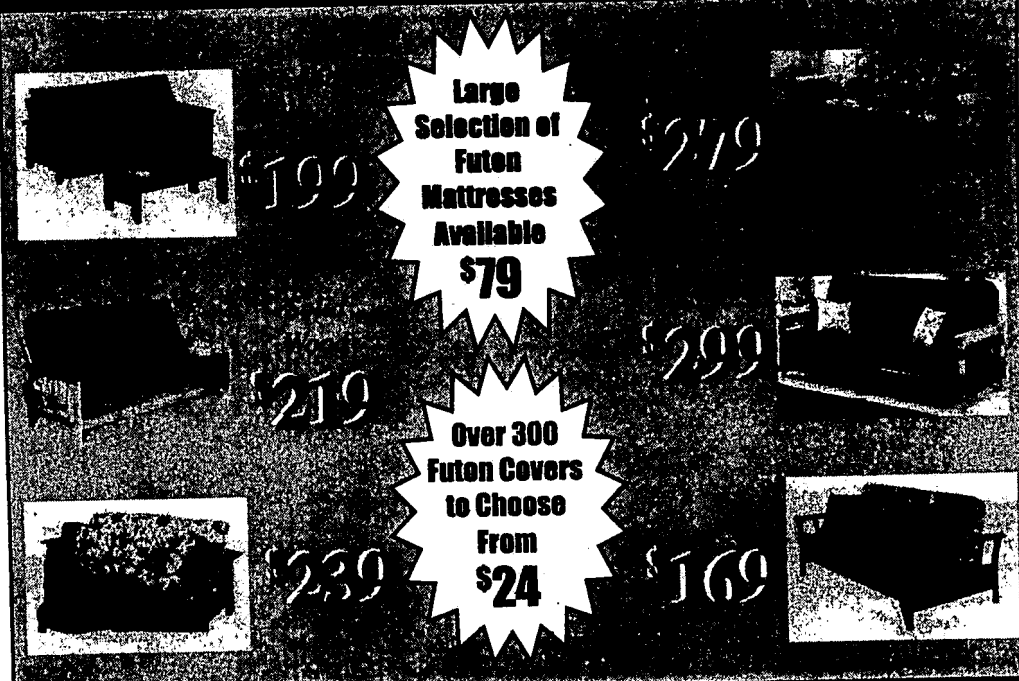
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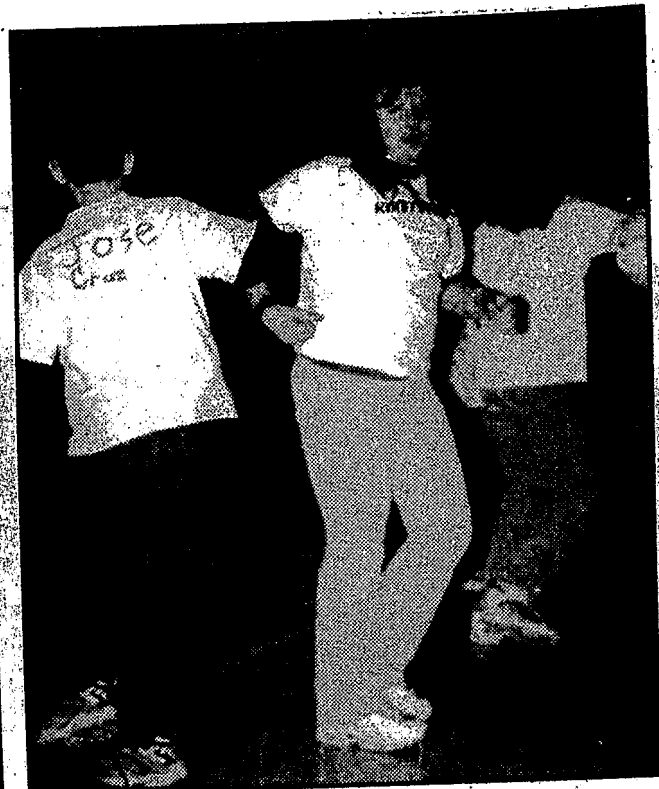
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Family big in Gamble's Christmas

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston city councilman Walt Gamble, like many people, takes part in local Christmas activities with his local relatives.

However, he also takes the time to contact his out-of-state relatives, particularly daughters Barbara Goshorn, who lives in Rochester, New York, and Alyson Worthington, who lives in Blue Point, just outside of Long Island in New York.

This year, Gamble will be spending time with his mother, wife Christie Schull and stepson Paul Schull.

"Normally, on Christmas Eve, for as many years as I can remember, we go to my wife's aunt and uncle for Christmas dinner," he said. "That's been a tradition. On Christmas morning, we go to my wife's sister for a brunch. In the evening, we have our own Christmas dinner with my wife, stepson, and mother, who lives with me."

At the Gambles' home on Holcomb Road, the theme for the holidays varies from year to year.

"My wife is very artistic," he said. "Every year, she strives to get a different arrangement. This year, she bought a ton of used teddy bears. She sprayed them with a protective coating. She tries to do a different

theme each year — she surprises me every year."

While Gamble will be doing Christmas activities with his local relatives, his thoughts will also be with his two daughters who live in New York.

"I don't get to see them very often for the holidays," he said.

"I call both daughters on Christmas, as well as my sister, who lives in Florida."

Gamble talked about the effect the Sept. 11 disasters have had on youngest daughter Worthington, who is a high school teacher in Blue Point as well as a college professor at State University of Stony Brook.

"She was saddened by the amount of her people in her district and at college who were killed," he said. "There were so many funerals and so much grief that they had to go through."

In addition to his out-of-state daughters, Gamble has four grandchildren that he tries to keep in touch with during the holidays. He said he and Christie attempt to make up for the distance between them and their grandchildren.

"We make a special effort to find out what they want for Christmas, and I send them by UPS. I try to make their Christmas brighter, even though I don't see them," he said.

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

Friday, Dec. 21, medicals on Dvorak, Clintonville and Lancaster Hill.

Thursday, Dec. 20, a larceny from a vehicle on Sunnyside. An unknown person entered an unlocked pickup truck while it was parked in the owner's driveway. The car stereo was stolen.

A breaking and entering of a residence was reported on Deerhill. The homeowner found the sliding glass door had been pried open. The only thing taken was a five-gallon water bottle that was 3/4 full of change.

Harrassing phone calls and a restraining order violation was reported on Dixie.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, a malicious destruction of property on Clarkston. Graffiti was spraypainted on the wall of a market. There are no suspects. Investigation on N. Main.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, a larceny of a bicycle that was chained to a fence on Parview.

A 32-year-old man was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, a first offense.

A larceny from a vehicle was reported on Genoa. An unknown per-

son broke into an unlocked work truck while it was parked in the owner's driveway. A car stereo was stolen.

A burglary with force was reported at a business on White Lake. Various items were stolen from a storage shed.

A 14-year-old student at Sashabaw Middle School was found in the possession of marijuana on school grounds. A petition was submitted to the prosecutor's office.

Monday, Dec. 17, a larceny on Mary Sue. A resident upon returning home from vacation found his enclosed trailer holding two snowmobiles was stolen. There are no suspects.

A home invasion, first degree, was reported on Westview. An unknown person broke into the home while the residents were away at work. Numerous items were stolen.

Fraud was reported from a business on Brasswood. The owner reported sending \$3,200 to a buyer and hasn't received any merchandise and cannot get a hold of the buyer.

A student at Oakland Technical Center on Big Lake reported someone removed his car door key from his key ring.

Springfield Township

Friday, Dec. 21, several vehicles were broken into at the Bluewater apartment complex. All the vehicles had been left unlocked. Stolen property was found and recovered in the lot.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, a 29-year-old woman was arrested for a domestic assault.

A malicious destruction of property to a vehicle was reported on Bluewater. A resident's car was covered in black paint or black top sealer. This is the fourth occurrence of damage to her vehicle in the last few months.

An assault with hands/fist/feet and a warrant arrest on Dixie. The complainant stated two men punched and kicked him after accusing him of stealing a guitar. The complainant had two confirmed warrants out of Bloomfield Hills and was arrested.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, trouble between neighbors on Waumegah. A resident accused his neighbor of putting an illegal chemical on the ground near his property line.

A burglary was reported from a residence on Roberts.

Stores cited for selling liquor to minors

On Dec. 17, 2001, Ingham and County deputies in Independence Township sent underage deputies to several area retailers to buy alcohol.

Employees at CVS Pharmacy on Dixie Highway, CVS Pharmacy on Sashabaw and Rite Aid on M-15 did not ask for ID and were issued citations for selling liquor to a person under the age of 21.

Other stores inspected, who passed the test, included Heather Lake Market on Clarkston, Sashabaw Market Square on Clarkston, Farmer Jack on Dixie, Kroger on Dixie, The Liquor Cabinet on Dixie, Walgreens on Dixie, Dixie Party Store on Dixie, Little Dana's on Sashabaw, Country Deli on Sashabaw, Dandy Oil on Sashabaw, Wanda's II on Sashabaw, and...

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Quiz bowlers earn top spot in Michigan

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one computer, earning points based on accuracy and speed. The group answered 99 percent of their questions correctly for a total of 1,294 points. Banworth monitored the event, but did not help the students in any way, she said.

The team will admit they were nervous for the competition. And afterwards, they all agree they didn't feel they did as well as they actually did.

But, Jared said, "We knew we could do it."

"All it took was confidence," added Jacob.

Others can't believe the win.

"It seems weird. Out of everybody in Michigan, we won," Katelyn said with awe.

"This is the first time I've ever won anything just about," said Jacob.

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"We're number one!" Jake exclaimed.

"We're the best!" mimicked Jared.

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Quiz Bowl winners—Springfield Plains Elementary fifth-graders Sarah Alumbaugh, Jordan Buetow, Victoria Henney, Katelyn Hoisington, Jake Hoppert, Jared Lawrence, Jacob Rutila and Andrew Tilson (not pictured is Kory Schweitzer), with team trophy and individual ribbons, are first-place winners of the Michigan Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl contest, held Nov. 28. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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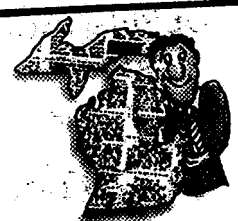
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SUMMARY OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
SASHABAW TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT

(Text and Map Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance)
 Public Notice is hereby given that at its October 16, 2001 Regular Meeting, the Charter Township Board of Trustees considered the adoption of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 83, the Charter Township of Independence Zoning Ordinance, for the purpose of establishing and providing regulations applicable to the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District.

A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Township Clerk's Office for public review and inspection. The following is a summary of the Ordinance:

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Section 1. Article V of the Independence Township Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 83, shall be amended by adding a new Section 5.30 summarized as follows:

Section 5.30. Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District.

1. *Intent and Purpose.* States the intent and purpose of Section 5.30.

2. *Applicable Area and Requirements of the Town Center Overlay District.* Establishes the Sashabaw Overlay District and refers to the Overlay District Map. Establishes requirements for development approvals, and exceptions, within the overlay district area.

3. *Permitted Uses and Structures Within the Town Center Overlay District.* states the uses and structures that are permitted within the district.

4. *Town Center Design Guidelines and Other General Design Principles and Standards.* Identifies and requires compliance with the Sashabaw Town Center Design Guidelines and other general design principles and standards within the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District.

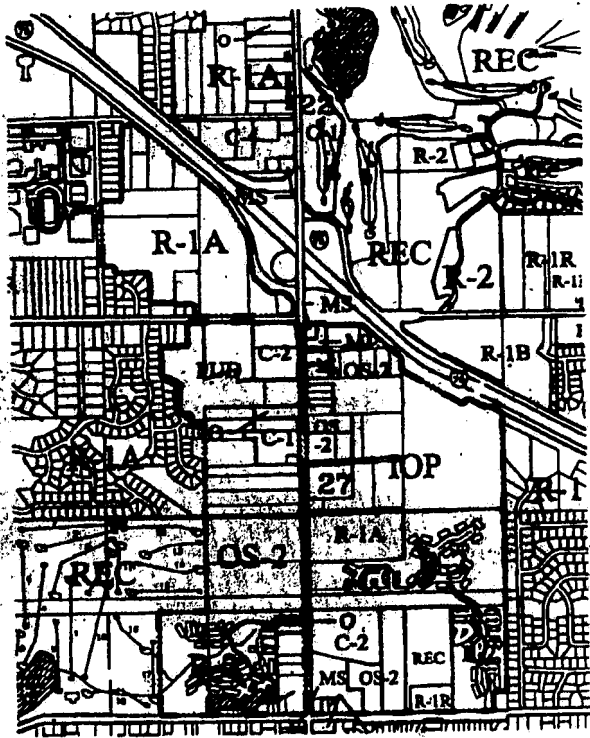
5. *Specific Design Standards Within the Town Center Overlay District.* Establishes specific design standards within the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District concerning the following:

- a. Relationship of Buildings to Streets, Walkways and Parking.
- b. Open Space and Community Design Features.
- c. Site Access, Parking and Loading.
- d. Pedestrian Pathways and Sidewalks.
- e. Signage.
- f. Lighting.
- g. Landscaping, Greenbelts, Buffers, and Screening Elements.
- h. General Site Design and Architectural Guidelines for Non-Residential Uses.
- i. Screening of Exterior Electrical Equipment and Transformers.
- j. Utilities and Communication Devices.

Section 2. Savings.

Section 3. Effective Date.

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Obituaries

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Dallas E. "Tootie" Dillingham of Clarkston died Dec. 18 at the age of 78.

He was the husband of Londa "Dean"; father of Fay (Michael) Crites of Clarkston and Kay (Thomas) West of Commerce Township; grandfather of Shane and Stacey Crites, John (Julie) Ingweiller and Michael Ingweiller; and the great grandfather of John Ingweiller Jr. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Tootie retired from General Motors Fisher Body plant in Pontiac. He was a life member of the Clarkston Post 377 American Legion & Destroyer Escort Association. He was also a member of O.C.S.S.A. He served on the USS Bowers 637 in World War II and received a Purple Heart.

A funeral service was held Friday, Dec. 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment was held at the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Margaret H. Anderson

Margaret Helen "Peggy" Anderson of Clarkston, formerly of Grosse Ile, died Dec. 18 due to complications of a heart condition, at the age of 73.

She was the wife of Nathan for 54 years; the mother of Paul (Maureen) of Grosse Ile, Markese (Dennis) Pacheco of Lincoln Park, Eric (Debbie) of Grosse Ile, Charlotte (Mark) McCarthy of Rochester Hills, Venita (Patrick) Hanratty of Ireland, Nathan "Jeff" of Orchard Lake, Claudia (Kip) Kipke of Rochester Hills and Vincent (Pam) of Royal Oak. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and two great granddaughters, and is the sister of Dorothy (Noah) Knepper of Texas.

Peggy and her husband formerly owned and operated Nate's Market in Grosse Ile. She was very active at Mt. Zion Church, having led the orchestra and worked at the Waterford Christian Association and the church office.

A funeral service was held Friday, Dec. 21 at Mt. Zion Church, with family interment at Grosse Ile Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the U of M Cardiology Department, L3119 Women's Hospital, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0273. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

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SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2002

COUNTY COMMISSIONER -- 4TH DISTRICT

(TO FILL VACANCY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON THAT A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2002, FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF THE PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 4TH DISTRICT IN THE FOLLOWING PRECINCT

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

Precinct 1

POLLS SHALL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

ARTEMUS PAPPAS

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PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2001

The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on Friday, December 28, 2001 for the January 8, 2002, Special Primary Election for County Commissioner Candidates.

This testing will be held on Friday, December 28, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan.

Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk
 City of the Village of Clarkston

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NOTICE

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Charter Township of Independence that the last day to register to vote for the Special Election, held on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 is January 7, 2002.

Registrations are taken at any Secretary of State branch office, Oakland County Clerk's Office or Independence Township Clerk's Office.

If you wish to register at Independence Township Clerk's Office you may do so at:

90 North Main Street
 Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 248-625-5111 x233

Joan E. McCrary
 Township Clerk
 Charter Township of Independence
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NOTICE

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

TO THE ELECTORS OF

THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF

CLARKSTON

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ALL ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Special Election for County Commissioner will be held in the City of the Village of Clarkston on Tuesday, February 5, 2002.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered no later than January 7, 2002. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or local clerk's office.

If you wish to register at a local clerk's office, please call 625-1559 for business hours.

City of the Village of Clarkston
 375 Depot Road,
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

January 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.
 At the Independence Township Senior Center-Carriage House, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48348 to hear the following petition:

FILE PC#2000-021

Mr. Michael Parks, Talon Development Group, Petitioner

REZONING REQUEST

FROM: C-1 (Local Commercial)

TO: PUD (Planned Unit Development)

Parcel Identification Number: 08-27-100-030 & 031

Common Description: Sashabaw Orchard Acres

West Side of Sashabaw Road, South of Waldon & I-75

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

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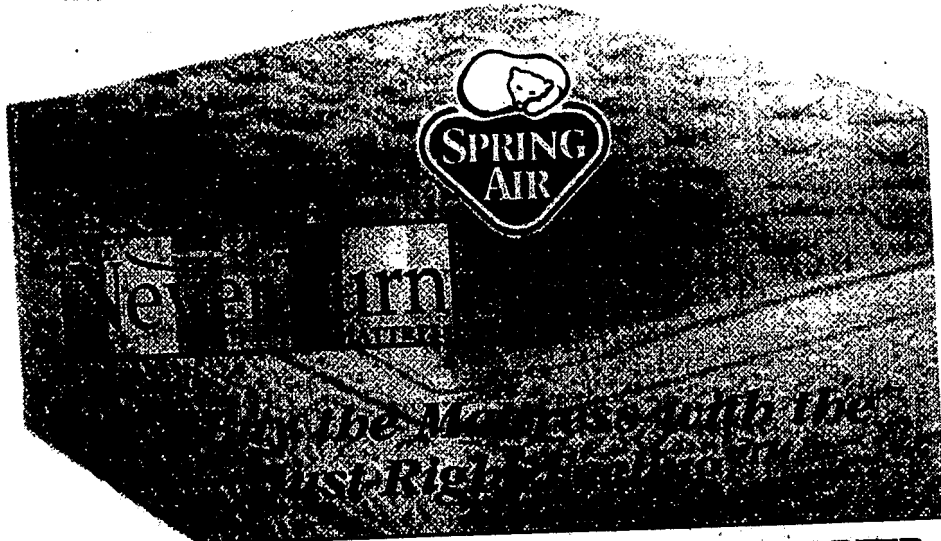


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