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## Four-year-old student left on school bus

*Bus driver suspended five days by school district*

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Four-year-old Austin Galloway wasn't in school the other day. But not because he was sick or out of town with his family, but because he never got off the school bus.

On his way to the SPICE program, a program for children with special needs, at Springfield Plains Elementary, Austin, who is a "late talker," fell asleep in the back of the bus Tuesday, Jan. 7.

And he stayed on the bus from 12:10 p.m., when he was picked up at his Clarkston home, to 4 p.m. when he returned back home.

The bus driver didn't realize Austin was still on the bus until 3 p.m., when she returned to the elementary school to pick his peers up at the end of their day.

Austin's teacher and the program's paraprofessionals had assumed Austin was not coming to school when he didn't get off the bus. But once found, Austin's teacher called his parents, Bobby and Shelley Galloway, to explain the situation.

Needless to say, they weren't happy.

According to district protocol, each bus driver is required to walk to the back of the bus and check it thoroughly upon returning to the bus garage.

The driver did not perform a check when she returned to the garage at 1:15 p.m., and Austin remained on the bus alone until 1:45 p.m., when an additional route to pick up post high school students began at 2

p.m. None of these riders reported Austin was on the bus.

The driver, who has been employed with Clarkston schools since 1978, admitted she did not check the bus thoroughly. She is being suspended for five days without pay.

"We expected longer than five days," Shelley Galloway said. "She's driving children with special needs. She should not be driving children at all."

But the disciplinary action is according to contract, Anita Banach, Clarkston Community Schools director of communications and marketing, explained.

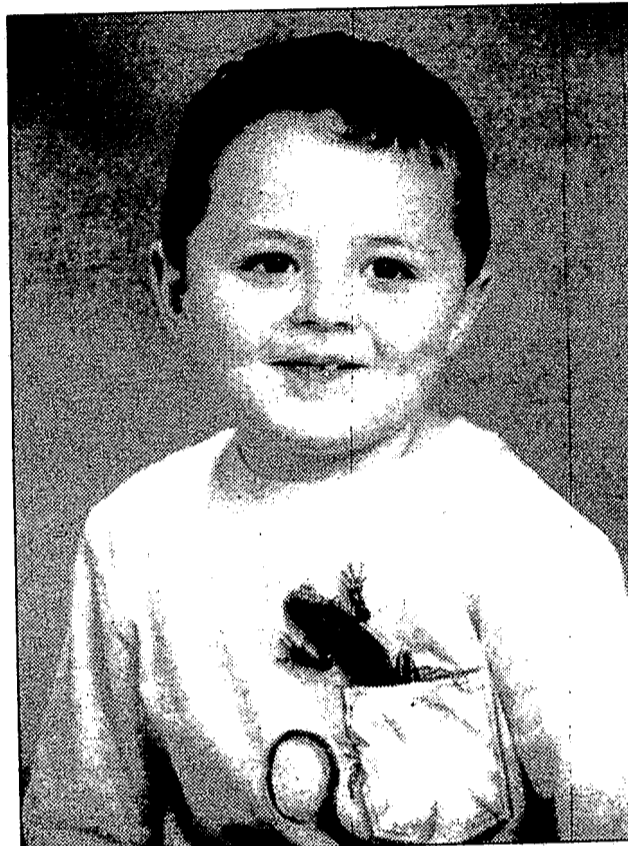
Upon finding Austin, Banach said the driver acted appropriately and immediately. "She is an outstanding driver who has been with us for 25 years. She's human, she makes mistakes and she has corrected her mistake."

The day of the incident the woman driver and Kevin Bickerstaff, the director of the transportation department, went to the Galloway house to personally apologize. Dave Reschke, deputy superintendent, also called the parents that day to apologize on behalf of the district and offer answers to any questions.

"The important thing is (Austin) wasn't harmed and was returned safe and sound," Banach said. "But make no bones about it, we made a mistake."

As of press time, Banach said a decision had not been made regarding whether the driver will return to the same route. If she does, the Galloways won't be putting Austin on the bus.

"I don't think, no I know, we won't put Austin on the bus if she comes back." Because of work schedules, the Galloways can't drive Austin to school themselves. "I guess he'll be missing the program for the



Austin Galloway, 4, was left on his school bus for several hours after he fell asleep in the back of the bus. Photo provided.

rest of the year," Shelley said, adding, "We never thought in our wildest dreams someone could lose our baby. We trusted that bus driver. I don't know how they expect us to trust her a second time."

## Independence officials get bigger raises than anticipated

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

The Independence Township supervisor, clerk and treasurer received a bigger raise than they expected at the Independence Township Board meeting on Jan. 7.

In a memo to board members Supervisor Dale Stuart, who was not at the meeting due to the birth of his grandson, recommended around a three percent increase for everyone. However after some debate that was spurred by Trustee David Wagner, the board voted 4-2 to give the top three elected officials a five percent increase. Clerk Joan McCrary and Treasurer Jim Wenger voted against the measure.

Wagner stated he felt the five percent raises were warranted after looking at what other communities of similar sizes and tax base paid their elected officials.

"I am not talking about the people but rather the positions," Wagner said. "The positions are way under-



Joan McCrary



Dale Stuart

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Joan McCrary, Independence Township Clerk

paid. I mean, it is not even close. The positions of supervisor, clerk and treasurer are undercompensated."

Another reason given to increase the pay of the three officials was the fact that some department heads would be making near, if not more, than what the three head individuals that supervise them would be making.

"We need to have a supervisor who has a salary which provides credence and respectability and the leverage to lead effectively," Trustee Larry Rosso said.

The supervisor's position will increase in salary from \$65,500 to \$68,800, while the clerk's jumped from \$58,450 to \$61,400 and the treasurer's from \$58,450 to \$61,400.

The trustees will be paid \$4,325 this year compared to \$4,198 last year, while they will be paid \$90.25 per special meeting compared to the \$87.55 they were

paid last year.

Both McCrary and Wenger stated it was tough to talk and vote on a personal raise, but also thanked the board for looking at the issue.

"Everyone of the department heads will make more than the supervisor and that is not right," McCrary said. "For Dale, there is no question. He would never ask for this."

## Drunk driver who hit Taylor sentenced

Jose Carcamo, the drunken driver who changed Clarkston resident Tricia Taylor's life, was sentenced to prison for 38 to 60 months.

Carcamo, 26, of Orion Township, appeared before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge John McDonald Monday, Jan. 13 on charges of felonious driving and operating under the influence of liquor.

A native of El Salvador, Carcamo struck Taylor, 18, and her date Noah Menard, 20, of Pontiac, as they walked along the sidewalk on Huron Street in downtown Pontiac after the Arts, Beats and Eats festival, Aug. 31.

Taylor ended up pinned against the Ameritech Building, and later had to have both of her legs amputated. Menard suffered a fractured skull and elbow.

Bleeding Text

# Briefly

## Secretary of State closed for winter holidays

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that all Secretary of State branch offices will close in observance of state holidays during January and February.

The branch offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20 and Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 17.

Motorists whose driver licenses or licence plates expire during a holiday weekend should renew early. Customers can expect the fastest service mid-morning, mid-afternoon, mid-week and mid-month. Motorists renewing license plates are encouraged to renew by mail, fax and, if eligible, by touch-tone telephone or Internet.

## Book sale set for Springfield Library

The Friends of the Springfield Township Library are set to host a book/bake sale Jan. 23 through Jan. 25.

The sales will take place in the Civic Center Meeting Room in Springfield. Hours for the event will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hardcover books will be sold for \$1, while paperbacks will be sold for 50 cents.

For more information, call (248) 846-6550.

## Riding Club set for organizational meeting

Adults who want to have fun with their horses are invited to attend the organizational meeting for the Michigan Chapter of the Old People's Riding Club.

The meeting will be held on Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Springfield Oaks Activity Building, 12450 Andersonville Rd., in Davisburg.

The Old People's Riding Club is a national organization that welcomes riders from all disciplines over the age of 21. There are English riders, Western riders, dressage riders, jumper riders, pleasure-trail riders, endurance riders and combined training riders. The purpose of the OPRC is to have safe, enjoyable riding activities, meet other riders with fresh new outlooks on the sport, and encourage knowledge of horses all around.

For more information about the Old People's Riding Club, call Linda Watson at (248) 634-7574.

## Friends of Library to host dinner theater

The Friends of the Independence Township Library are holding their Annual "Mystery Dinner" on Feb. 1.

Linda Van Natta is the writer and director of this year's play, "Chaos in the Council Meeting." Tickets to this event may be purchased at the library.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Clarkston.

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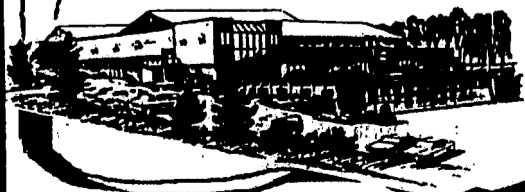
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# The Second Front

## NFL teacher of the year has made difference in many lives

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident of 22 years Hal Farah scored a touchdown with a former student.

The language arts teacher at Waterford Kettering High School was recently named the 2002 National Football League Teacher of the Year, after being nominated for the honor by Chicago Bears quarterback Jim Miller.

Farah, who has taught at Waterford Kettering for 35 years and currently serves as its Language Arts Department Chairman and Waterford School District Curriculum Leader, said he felt absolute surprise when he heard the news.

He and his wife, Demaris, had to read the "Congratulations" letter over and over, they were dumbfounded and naturally excited. Miller called the Farahs on Christmas day to share in the joy.

Though he was simply pleased to just be nominated, Farah will now receive a \$5,000 grant from the NFL and a \$10,000 NFL award will be presented to the high school. He will also travel to the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii in February to be honored during a pregame ceremony.

"He is so deserving of this award," Miller said, who nominated Farah last year as well, though the honor went to someone else. "I remember that he would live out the characters in the books he would read for us. He was so good at relating to his students and getting everybody involved in class. He is the best."

And other former students feel the same.

"Mr. Farah teaches how to be a quality person, not just a good English student," one said.

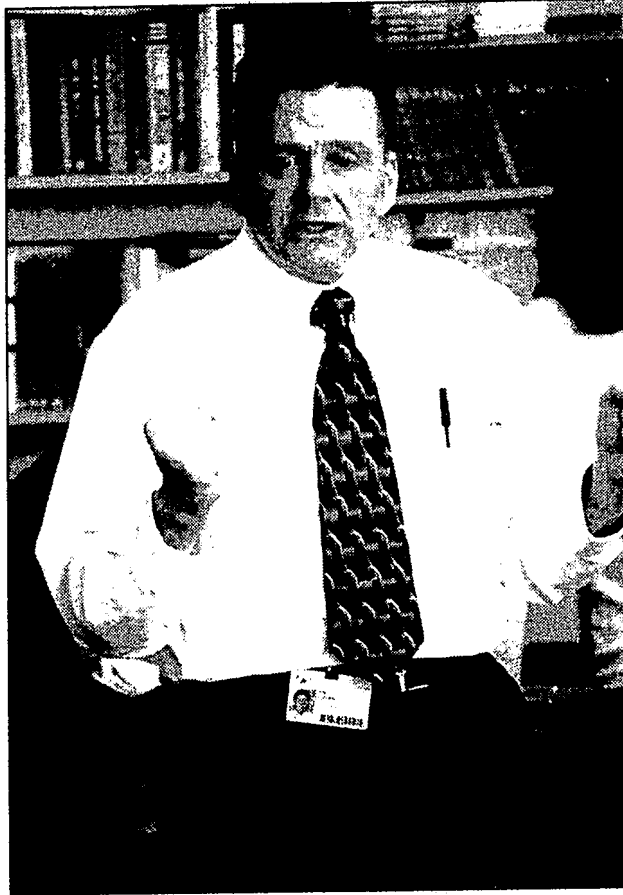
"He made me strive to do better not just in English but in everything," another said.

"He renewed my self esteem." And the praise could go on.

In fact, there's a large cardboard box Farah keeps in his classroom with about 80 to 100 letters, cards and emails sent to him from past pupils who were compelled to tell Farah how much they meant to him.

The impact he has made on students has led to recognition in 2001-02 for Distinguished Teacher of the Year; in 1999 for the Pepsi Cola's Teacher of the Year by the Kettering Student Council and in 1991 for Waterford Foundation Education Teacher of the Year by Flannery Ford.

Farah, who has also coached the varsity and junior varsity baseball teams and the varsity wrestling teams, feels his students are so drawn to him because, "I try to be a good model. I try to practice what I preach."



Hal Farah, 35-year Waterford Kettering High School teacher and 22-year Clarkston resident, is the 2002 National Football League Teacher of the Year. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

"An important characteristic of my teaching is that I make my lessons relevant and entertaining so that my students are not bored and actually want to get involved," he said. "When discussing lessons, students will invariably ask, 'when will I ever need to use this stuff?' As a teacher, I must justify the importance of all that I am teaching and so I make sure to relate my lessons to real life experiences in a meaningful, as well as entertaining way."

But Farah almost didn't become a teacher. The Cass Tech High School graduate first wanted to be an engineer.

However he was inspired by two people to teach: his mother and minister.

Farah's mother, who adopted him, ran a foster care out of her home. With a large number of kids in the house, Farah, at 16, began helping care for the chil-

dren, and found it rewarding.

Then Frank Pies, Farah's minister at Salem Lutheran in Detroit, where he grew up, helped in the direction his life would take. "He told me there are two types of work. You either work with people or things. He told me I was a people person and I took that to heart."

After graduating from college in Indiana and finishing up his teaching certification at Oakland University, Farah ended up teaching at Waterford Kettering High School because of happenstance.

Out job hunting, Farah got on Walton Boulevard, he said he doesn't know why, and headed towards Waterford. "I didn't know what or where that was."

Taking in the homes on the lakes and its beauty, he was impressed and felt it would be a wonderful community. It just happened that the school personnel building was on his route. He went in asked if they were hiring and so began his teaching career in 1967.

Now at 57, he is eligible for retirement, but Farah, who is the father of two, has no plans of stopping just yet.

"I really love what I do. It keeps me young spending time with young people."

He also thrives on the rewards and personal satisfaction which comes from the compliments of his former students that he effected their lives, and knowing he taught students who went on to have successful careers as teachers, doctors, lawyers, athletes like Miller and more.

"I'm proud of the fact I can say I taught them."

## Local boys win in Lego League

Marist Academy announced one of their F.I.R.S.T. Lego League teams, The Motor City Maniacs, placed sixth in state competition Dec. 7, against 64 other Michigan and Canadian teams.

The Maniacs researched Detroit and border security. They won the trophy for the most "Robust Design" for a well-built robot.

The Maniacs also shared the Lego League Impact trophy with the Marist Academy Surfers team at the warm-up competition in October.

Marist Academy is a Catholic, independent, co-educational day school enrolling students in sixth through eighth grades. Marist Academy is located at 1300 Giddings Rd. in Pontiac.



## A television star

Jessica Puckett, a member of the Chief Pontiac 377 American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, recently appeared on Fox 2 News. Fanchon Stinger interviewed and honored Puckett for her contribution to her community through volunteering and helping others in need. Puckett is currently the National Senior Miss Poppy and Department Junior Chaplain. Here she is pictured with Post 377 Legionnaire Marshall Charter and Fox 2 reporter Fanchon Stinger. Photo provided.



Front row from left is Andrew Stouffer, Miles Foster and Alex Chou. Second row from left is Stephen Biegun, Stefan Francesconi, Evan McGuire, Michael Hergert of Davisburg, Chris Denis of Clarkston, Steven Fitzpatrick and Logan Iudiciani. Photo provided.

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# Kostin terminated from 52-2 Clarkston District court

*Clarkston resident lands on feet with job in Rochester court*

**BY KYLE GARGARO**  
Clarkston News Editor

After an unsuccessful bid in last fall's race for 52-2 Clarkston District Court judge, Kelley Kostin has been terminated from her part-time job as a court magistrate in Clarkston. It was a decision reached by Judges Dana Fortinberry and Michael Batchik.

"I was very disappointed when I heard the news," Kostin said.

Kostin said she was informed of the decision at 4:30 p.m. on Friday Jan. 3 by Batchik.

"I was upset and I asked him why? He said it was because of political reasons. I remember that very well," Kostin said.

Batchik said he does not recall saying it was po-

litically motivated.

"It was the best for all parties. It was time for a change," Batchik said.

Fortinberry, who beat Kostin in the November election, said the move was not politically motivated but rather had to do with being comfortable with her employees. Fortinberry said it is common place for incoming judges to pick their employees.

"This is a nonstory. It is important, especially as judges, that we are comfortable with the employees because they are an extension of us and we need to function together," Fortinberry said. "Since McNally was here 34 years there has not been much turnover in the court



**Kelley Kostin**

system. We also hired a different court recorder. I didn't want this to be political or personal. It wasn't something that we took lightly."

Magistrates are "at will" employees who can be relieved of their duties at any time.

Fortinberry called Judge Julie Nicholson, from the Rochester District Court, on behalf of Kostin.

"I really wish her well. I called over to Rochester and paved the way for her to get my old job. And as a result she will be working there," Fortinberry said.

Kostin will be doing the same type of work in Rochester as she was doing in Clarkston. Among the responsibilities are search warrants, marriages, civil infractions and small claims cases.

"I am very disappointed to be leaving the Clarkston court but I am very happy about joining the Rochester court," Kostin said.

Kostin started in Rochester on Monday.

# Springfield tables multipurpose facility for Cedar Crest

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Cedar Crest Academy in Springfield Township wanted to expand their facilities, but the Springfield Township Board wanted to see some more information.

With that in mind, the Springfield Township Board tabled the concept plan for a multipurpose facility for Cedar Crest, located on the north side of Dixie Highway, east of Old Pond Road. Before the board's decision, a public hearing was held to discuss the proposal.

"They need to give more information about their operation," Supervisor Collin Walls said in explaining the board's decision to table. "They need to talk about their existing facility and the proposed number of rooms, and give an analysis of their parking situation and their overflow parking areas."

The property is zoned R-1, one-family residen-

tial, with a 1.5 acre minimum. Applicants Ronald and Bette Moen and Dolores Imbrunone proposed a facility with about 5,400 square feet on the main level and 1,300 square feet on the basement level. The building will be used as a gymnasium and large meeting space, with two classrooms on the lower level for music and art.

In his concept plan review, Township Planner Dick Carlisle stated the main topic to be addressed by the Moens and Imbrunone is whether or not the existing parking would be enough for the expanded school facilities and activities.

Otherwise, Carlisle recommended the board approve the plan, pending resolution of the following items:

- Variance required for side yard setback to the east.
- Location of actual wetland (prairie fen) bound-

ary on plains.

■ Provide additional information about the use of new space; Planning Commission to consider reducing the amount of parking or requiring that some of the parking deficiency be made up with additional parking spaces.

■ Consider facilities that will improve storm water quality before leaving the site; review by Township Engineer of utility systems and approval by the Oakland County Health Department for the waste water system.

■ Add required information to the landscape plan; add screening adjacent to residential properties to ensure that it meets ordinance requirements; provide calculation for site landscaping on the plans; consider using plant species native to Springfield Township; consider indicating use of organic fertilizers, and only when needed.

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# After Christmas break, school board back to business

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It seems the suit fits.

Janice Meagher, who has been acting principal at Clarkston High School since August, was named principal at the Jan. 13 Board of Education meeting.

John Diliiegghio, whose former role Meagher fills since he was promoted to executive director of secondary education, spoke highly of Meagher at the meeting.

"She is an outstanding educator," Diliiegghio said, noting Meagher's energy level and ability to relate to

staff, parents and students. "Clarkston High School is lucky to have her. The job fits her like a glove."

Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said, "we are thrilled to have you."

To the board, Meagher replied, "I thank you for the opportunity. I thank Dr. Roberts, Dave Reschke and John Diliiegghio for their confidence in me. I'm looking forward to this. It's a great school and great community."

Meagher, 54, was an assistant principal at the high school for the past five years, taught social studies and worked extensively with athletic activities for years prior.

Born and raised in Waterford, the graduate of Western Michigan University and the University of Southern Mississippi is single and has one daughter, Jennifer, 33.

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Also at the Jan. 13 meeting:

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education were honored for January's School Board Recognition Month.

The seven members include President Kurt Shanks, eight years served; Vice President Karen Foyteck, 11 years served; Treasurer Janet Thomas, 28 years served; Secretary Ronald Sullivan, six years served; Trustee Sheila Hughes, 13 years served; Trustee Stephen Hyer, two years served; and Trustee Mary Ellen McLean, seven years served.

This annual recognition is celebrated by 560 local and 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan.

"The foundation of school leadership is ensuring equal learning opportunities for all students," Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said. "I am proud of our district, and School Board Recognition Month is a great time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees."

School Board Recognition Month is a national observance, co-sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards with the National School Boards Association. This year's theme is "They're Counting on You: Leadership for Learning" to "reflect the ef-

forts of thousands of men and women whose actions and decisions help to shape the education and future lives of the next generation."

The Clarkston School Board oversees an annual budget of more than \$60 million, 7,900 students, 1,200 employees and 14 buildings.

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Connie Baumann, Central Office secretary; Marty Chaffee, Bailey Lake Elementary principal; Amy Cook, Springfield Plains Elementary speech pathologist; Andrea Lockwood, Sashabaw Middle School teacher; Carol Richard, Bailey Lake Elementary teacher; and Jeanine Robinson, Independence Elementary special education paraprofessional received the Employee Recognition Award for the Second Quarter.

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Teacher tenure was granted to Lynda Smith, Clarkston High School special education teacher; Tamera Conwell, Clarkston High School special education teacher; and Daniel Ferguson, currently Sashabaw Middle School assistant principal. Ferguson's tenure applies only to teacher experience.

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The board approved policy revisions regarding job descriptions, Title I services, parent participation in Title I programs, student privacy and parental access to information, copyrighted works, annual performance report, employment of professional staff, weapons, employment of support staff, student/parent rights, federal funds, accounting system for fixed assets, student records, confidentiality, public complaints and concerns, parent's right to know, and homeless students.

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The board approved the purchase of a tow truck for the transportation department from the Fallsway Equipment Company for \$97,450. This replaces the current truck, which the district has used since 1975. The board also approved the purchase of two food service delivery vans from Hoekstra Transportation Inc. for \$70,000, and a three-year bus lease from Hoekstra for \$50,391 per month at an annual cost of \$503,910.

## Theft at Village Apparel

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It seems one Village Apparel and Gifts customer enjoyed a shopping spree last week. The problem: she didn't pay for any of it.

Manager Diane Brozovich said the theft of three cotton sweaters occurred Thursday, Jan. 9 between 3 and 5 p.m., shortly prior to the employees finding the empty hangers.

"They were brand new items on the rack for only two days," Brozovich said.

Each sweater was priced at \$125 each, was brightly colored with various patterns and in an extra large size.

Whoever took it, Brozovich said, was "somebody who didn't look the part. It must have happened pretty fast. She must have just stuffed her purse and ran out."

Employees are on the look out and feel the suspect will return.

"I don't think she's done yet. We just want to let her know we know."

Brozovich said the store has not had any problems with shoplifting for a long time.

"We're so trusting, but I guess you just can't be. This stuff happens even in Clarkston."

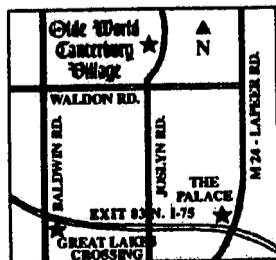


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# Opinion

## Bus driver simply made mistake

By now many have heard about the four-year-old Clarkston Schools student who was left on his school bus.

The bus driver did not go through proper procedure and check all the seats on the bus and the child, who is in a program for children with special needs due to him being a "late talker," was on the bus from 12:10 p.m. when he was picked up at his Clarkston home, to 4 p.m. when he returned back home. The bus driver was suspended five days without pay in a punishment which is spelled out in the worker's contract. (See front page for complete story.)

When I first heard this story I flashed back to the fall of 1991 when I was a freshman at Catholic Memorial High School in Wisconsin. Since school was a 35 minute bus ride away and school started at 7:45 a.m., it made for an early morning.

Well, after probably staying up too late the night before, I decided to take a little cat nap on the bus the next morning. My friends, being the type of people they were, tip-toed off the bus when it arrived at school so they would not wake me up. You could imagine my surprise when I woke up later that morning and was the only person on the bus parked in the bus garage. My friends were greatly amused by the series of events, while father and mother Gargaro failed to see the humor in the situation.

I don't mean to make light of this situation since I realize the difference is great between a four-year-old being stranded on a bus and a freshman in high school. However to want to throw the book at this bus driver, which some have suggested, is short-sighted in my opinion.

The parents of the boy are obviously very distraught by the events and have every right to feel that way. They turned their child over to the schools and felt they were let down by the very people they trusted.

However, the woman has been an outstanding driver for the 25 years she has been with the Clarkston school district. To throw that away over one mistake seems like a little much. Who among us hasn't made a mistake at work in a case where we obviously knew better? The five day suspension seems fair to me.

That being said I would not allow the driver to continue on the same route. That would be extremely insensitive to the parents and the child. The driver should be put on a route that does not include young, special needs students.

While this is an unfortunate situation, everyone can be happy the child was safely returned to his family. Hopefully the bus driver and the school district will learn an important lesson and make sure something like this never happens again.

(Kyle Gargaro is the editor of The Clarkston News. His e-mail address is KyleG44@aol.com.)

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

## Letters to the Editor

### Seat belt law is petty and absurd

Some months ago when *The Clarkston News* printed a picture of police officers on motorcycles being employed to stop and ticket automobile drivers for not wearing seat belts, I couldn't help but laugh at the irony. Totally unsecured and unprotected motorcyclists concerned about the security and protection that seat belts afford automobile drivers, what a hoot.

And beyond the obvious irony, I almost wrote a letter to the paper much along the same lines of reasoning of editor Kyle Gargaro regarding the absurdity of the mandatory seat-belt law.

But I thought I would be the lone voice in the wilderness braying against "the system," and chose to stay silent on the issue. Editor Gargaro hit the nail on the head in the last line of his op-ed piece when he stated that "police departments are less concerned with the safety of the drivers and are more interested in the money raised for the seat belt tickets."

The only real benefactors of this law are the local governments and the court systems through the collection of revenues. But wait, there's more. A law such as the mandatory seat belt law provides the opportunity

for a police officer to pull over a driver on the suspicion of not wearing a seat belt. He simply has to state that from his vantage point it "appeared" that the driver was not wearing one.

In front of a judge it's your word against his. But now the police officer has ample opportunity to harass the driver for whatever other potential violations he may perceive to be present, real or imagined.

For a driver to not be wearing a seat belt is indeed a "victimless" crime, i.e. it impacts no one other than the driver him/herself. But the real victim is the citizen, and his loss of rights, and privacy, under the guise of protection.

Mandatory seat belt laws are nothing more than blatant methods of raising revenue, and violating the privacy of individual citizens. Further it is really too bad that the noble occupation of police officer, and those that endeavor to work in this occupation, is reduced to pettiness through the enforcement of this ridiculous, absurd and petty law.

David Kramer  
Waterford

### Grandmother thanks all for their support

To all our wonderful friends: Please accept our deepest thanks for all the loving gestures that you have made to the Mike and Jenni Simsack family and the McGee family.

There are so many who have been so kind. Mrs. McDowell's Class/Patterson Elementary have been sending cards and tapes. People have sent cards, donated time, food, stuffed animals and money to Beth's school account. White Lake Police have donated their time off to Mike Wint's Funeral Home has given Jenni

time to be with her daughter. There are so many people who have given so much that we don't even know about. We have just appreciated the results.

There is a long road ahead with chemo radiation to start Jan. 15. Our only request is that you continue to pray for 10-year old Beth. There are many side effects and hard times ahead but our Lord is Lord of all.

Merilyn McGee (Grandma)  
Groveland Township

### Second Heart of Clarkston parade a big success

I would like to thank everyone who turned out for the 2nd Annual Heart of Clarkston Holiday Parade. From the impressive entries, costumes and carolers, to the "tailgaters" who set up hot cocoa stands along the route, you helped make this event the true "Heart of Clarkston."

The parade could not have happened without the support of our financial sponsors: Smith Disposal Inc., Rumph Chiropractic, Law Offices of Robert and Kelley Kostin and Waterfall Jewelers. If you were at the parade and noted how fantastic it was, please say thank you to these parade sponsors the next time you're in their stores or using their services. We could not have done it without them.

Coordination of the parade, including recruiting volunteers, set up, staging and keeping the parade going was made possible with the outstanding work of our volunteer committee: Connie Morgan, Morgan's Services Inc.; Dave Reschke, Clarkston Community Schools; Art Pappas, City of the Village of Clarkston;

Mike Turk, Independence Township Parks and Recreation; Tom Lowrie, Lowrie's Landscape; and Curt Carson, RE/MAX Village Professionals.

Sweeping the streets clean was the smiling duo of Chamber President Kurt Miller, RDM Associates and Board member Bill Langdon Jr., Langdon Capital Management. We all appreciated their quick work as they followed the horses in the parade.

We have received several thank you notes, phone calls and e-mails since the parade, congratulating the chamber on what is unquestionably a great event.

The Heart of Clarkston is about family, friends, community and charitable giving. I'm proud to have served as the chairman for this parade and thank the chamber for the opportunity to give something back to our great community.

Marc Cooper, Lifetime of Health  
Parade Chairman  
Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce

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Bleeding Text

# Newspaper headlines in the year 2035

Thank goodness for my dear wife Jen. Without her, what would I have to write? And, before I get into any trouble -- let me say, she is always sending me e-mails labeled, "Column Fodder," or "Here's something to write about."

This week, I again go back to her to entertain you. She sent me an e-mail with the column fodder code and contained within it was this little diddy about headlines from 2035. So, again I didn't write "my" award winning column. I must confess, she cares more about you readers than I do. And, well, I really never write anything.

And . . . Truth be known, I am not an actual person. The picture with this column was computer generated from all the people who contribute to fill this space. The Don Rush you think you know never really existed.



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Neverthe-less, here's the rest of the column I didn't write (the e-mail about newspaper headlines in the year 2035.)

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■ Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, California.

■ White minorities still trying to have English recognized as California's third language.

■ Spotted Owl plague threatens northwestern United States crops & livestock.

■ Baby conceived naturally.... Scientists stumped.

■ Authentic year 2000 "Chad" sells at Sotheby's for \$4.6 million.

■ Last remaining Fundamentalist Muslim dies in the American Territory of the Middle East (formerly known as Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, and Lebanon.)

■ Iraq still closed off; physicists estimate it will

take at least ten more years before radioactivity decreases to safe levels.

■ Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but U.S. President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.

■ George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036.

■ Postal Service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesday only. (The Clarkston News delivery to improve.)

■ 35 year study: Diet and exercise is the key to weight loss.

■ Massachusetts executes last remaining conservative.

■ Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.

■ Average height of NBA players now nine feet, seven inches.

■ Microsoft announces it has perfected its newest version of Windows so it crashes BEFORE installation is completed.

■ New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters, and rolled up newspapers must be registered by January 2036.

■ Congress authorizes direct deposit of illegal political contributions to campaign accounts.

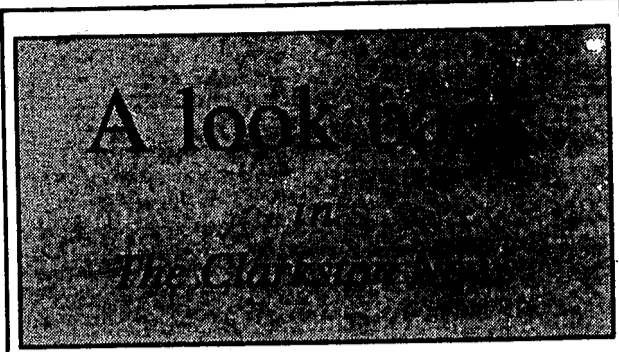
■ IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75%.

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Making a point by being absurd. Some folks laugh, but put on your thinking caps. Think back . . . what has happened in the last 30 years, and who's to say some of these things won't happen in the next?

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Comments, suggestions, complaints, slanders (etc) to the entity who schleps together words for this newspaper space can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com



## 15 YEARS AGO (1988)

■ After 22 months of negotiations, the Clarkston school district's supervisors, building principals and central office administrators have received a two-year salary and benefit agreement. The agreement, which covers 29 positions, includes wage hikes of 5.4 percent the first year and 4.6 percent the second year of the contract.

■ After one year at the helm of the Independence Township Planning Commission, Chairperson Joseph Figa stepped down from his position and Brent Bair was elected in his place. Also at the Dec. 14 meeting, Carol Balzarini and Richard Oppmann were reelected as vice-chairperson and secretary, respectively.

■ For the second time, a battle concerning a private road easement delayed the tentative preliminary plat approval for Deerwood III subdivision off M-15 in Independence Township. After an hour-long debate mostly between attorneys, the planning commission voted 4-0 to table the request for a revised plan that no one liked as well as the first plan.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1978)

■ Clarkston school kids were treated to an unusual sight last week — dozens of parents were touring classrooms, looking at class sizes and quizzing administrators on how their schools are run. The 30 citizens — from homemakers to lawyers — will provide Clarkston schools with a unique analysis of its situation now and in the future.

■ After long and earnest deliberation, Clarkston Planning Commissioners held off final action on the land use development plan presented Monday night by Vilican-Leman & Associates. The tentative guide for project planning in the village will be followed up by additional reports.

■ Public outcry regarding an expected move by township officials to end Oakland County Sheriff's Department police protection may have killed any plans for a local police department under Jack McCall. The public demonstration of support for Sheriff Johannes Spreen's police operation virtually guaranteed a renewed county contract for 1978.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1953)

■ The Clarkston Wolves lost their first game of the season Tuesday night to their old rivals, the Ortonville Blackhaws, 53-44. Pete Palsham and Louie Williams each hit for 15 points for Brandon, while Ronald Schebor and Pete Thompson had 10 points each for the Wolves.

■ William H. Wilmot of Pontiac was the speaker at the meeting of the Clarkston Rotary Club, held Monday at the Independence Township Community Center. He was introduced by Ronald A. Walter, for many years the local club's representative on the crippled children's work in this county.

■ The Expert Rifleman Medal, second highest award in junior shooting, has gone to Ann Barrows, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Barrows, 6100 Overlook Drive, Clarkston. A senior at Clarkston High School, Miss Barrows is a member of the Blanche Wilson Girls Rifle Club. Her instructor is Emmett Teehey.

## Headline: 'Press wary of D. C. censorship'

But first: Why is lemon juice mostly artificial ingredients, but dish-washing liquid contains real lemons?

Back to the headline. Al Cross, president of the Society of Professional Journalists, and a political reporter for the *Louisville (KY) Courier Journal* said, "Americans are intelligent enough to sort propaganda from truth and they ought to have the opportunity to do so."

"The White House should run the war and leave the reporting of news to reporters and editors." Right!

Leave the news reporting to prejudiced writers who more and more want to inject their opinion into what should be straight news stories. Like this plain 'ol drug testing of welfare recipients story. A three-judge panel ruled testing of welfare recipients for drugs is legal.

The *Detroit Free Press* reporter said in his story, with no quotes or attribution, "The three judges were all appointed by former President George Bush."

It's my intelligent opinion that is a deliberate attempt to put a liberal, Democrat slant on this news story. This addition has to make a reader think that had the judges been appointed by President Bill Clinton the decision would have been the opposite.

So very many of today's bylined news stories have reporter opinion added. You know, like your bottle of ketchup, or whatever, artificial flavoring added.

Many of us who read newspapers on a daily basis do so for all sorts of reasons, including seeking editorial opinion. Of course, we readers expect the

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

editorial opinion to be on the opinion page. We expect news stories to be straight reporting without a twist, innuendo or direct insert meant to convey the reporter's view.

The good news is many of we readers are more scanners than absorbers. The bad news: These inserting reporters are growing in number, which leads, when they are promoted to editors, to opinions and slantings becoming more frequent and obvious.

Maybe when they are obvious enough readers will rebel. H-m-m, maybe readers are rebelling, 'cause a great many daily newspapers are losing circulation (which is why they are now using how many readers they have versus how many subscribers they have).

The above welfare-drug testing story also had a quote from the U. S. District Court Judge whose decision was overturned by the three Bush appointments.

In writing her opinion, Judge Victoria Roberts said the testing was "likely unconstitutional."

Funny, the reporter didn't say who appointed Judge Victoria.

But, that's beside the point. What bothers me here is that a federal judge, or any judge, would rule something "likely unconstitutional."

If a judge doesn't know what is and what isn't constitutional they should be removed from the bench, and put on a job that forces them to put in 40 hours a week with 2-weeks vacation.

Of course, all this is my opinion (and note, it didn't start on the front page and jump inside like the welfare-drug testing story did).

This is also my observation: You never see a motorcycle parked outside a psychiatrist's office.

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# Mansour: Thanksgiving target date for Kroger

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Kroger store, complete with auxiliary stores, may become a reality in Springfield Township by the end of the year.

According to developer John Mansour of JM Development, construction on the project will get underway around March or April. He stated Kroger's desire is to have the store ready by Thanksgiving.

"I don't know if we'll make that, but that's what we're targeting," he said.

The Springfield Township Planning Commission gave final site plan approval to the project about 1-1/2 months ago. The development calls for two phases: the first will be 60,000 square feet to be used for the Kroger store itself, with 13,000 feet of auxiliary space; the second phase will be similar in size, according to Mansour.

The complex will be located near the relocated Randy Hosler car dealership on Dixie Highway, and will include a gas station and four auxiliary stores.

Dennis Vallad, a Springfield Township Trustee and member of the township's Planning Commission, stated Kroger has tried for a couple of years to get a store in the township, and had to go back to the drawing board before they received approval by the township.

"The first plan wasn't real good, but the second plan was much better," he said.

Vallad believes the development is long overdue and will provide business growth in that part of the township.

"One thing is, it offers a gas station, which we need toward that end of the township," he said. "I drive by that corner every day. I think it's time. It's on the eastern side of the township, where most of the popula-

tion is concentrated."

According to Mansour, the main step which needs to be taken before the project can start is finalizing an agreement with the township regarding Kroger's operation of their own wastewater treatment plant.

"They will allow us to do it (operate the plant), and let the state Department of Environmental Quality know in the event we don't maintain it, the township will step in and maintain it," he said.

At this point, Mansour doesn't know who the other tenants in the building will be. Yet, he is confident the complex will thrive in Springfield.

"I think Kroger looked at the demographics and realized that Springfield was very desirable in terms of long-range planning," he said. "It's a market they want to be in, and they want to be there before anyone else did."

# Independence Twp. substation targets drunk drivers

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

About three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives, according to statistics from the Michigan State Police.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department has been taking measures to reduce these numbers. And for the second year in a row, the Independence Township substation was approved the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) of Oakland County grant for targeting drunk drivers, Lt. Dale LaBair announced.

This year they are one of only two substations in Michigan to receive their own grant and receive the funds from The Ashley Marie Foundation, a foundation started by David Easterbrook after his daughter Ashley was killed by a drunk driver on Michigan roads in June 1997. (Funding typically comes from the Office of Highway Safety Planning.)

The \$8,000 in Easterbrook funds will be split between the Independence Township substation and Auburn Hills Police.

LaBair said 84 hours, mostly geared toward holidays, have been designated for beefed up patrol on the look out for drunk drivers.

This campaign is separate from the OCSA "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" campaign which has enforcement dates scheduled for June 27-July 6, and already conducted overtime enforcement Dec. 20-22.

Independence Township began targeting drunk drivers during the Christmas season and at least 14 more days are scheduled with the next one planned for St. Patrick's Day.

If funding permits, days may be added, LaBair said.

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LaBair offers these statistics and information taken from the Michigan State Police website Michigan.gov:

•There were 16,653 alcohol-related fatalities in the United States in 2000 -- 39.8 percent of the total fatal crashes.

•This is an average of one alcohol-related fatality every 33 minutes in the U.S. An average of one person received an alcohol-related traffic injury every two minutes.

•Alcohol-related crashes are three times as high at night as during the day.

•In 1999, 29 percent of all fatal crashes during the week were alcohol-related, as compared to 51 percent of all fatal crashes on the weekends.

•Drivers 21-34 years of age account for 51 percent of the fatal crashes in 1999.

•As blood alcohol content (BAC) levels of drinking drivers increase, seat belt usage decreases.

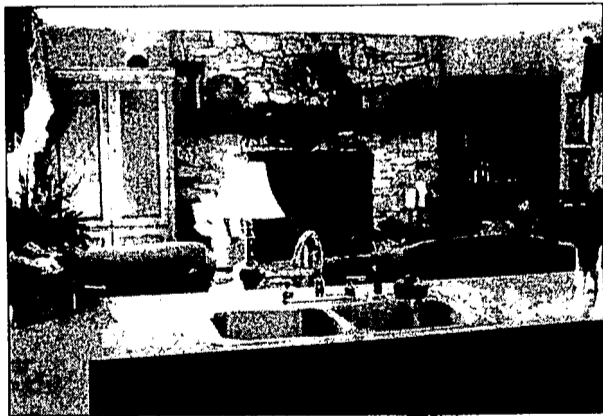
•Fatally injured drinking drivers with high BAC levels (.10 and higher) are six times more likely to have a prior conviction for operating under the influence of

liquor than fatally injured sober drivers.

•In 1998, alcohol-related crashes in the U.S. cost the public more than \$110 billion. People other than the drinking driver paid for \$51 billion of these costs.

•A problem drinker is defined as a person who consumes five or more drinks on four or more days in a typical 28-day period, or consumed eight or more drinks on at least one day in a typical month.

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# Fieldstone Manor to offer personal care for seniors

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Davisburg resident Cyndy Rodriguez won't have to look far to check on progress of the adult foster care home she is starting.

Rodriguez, a licensed practical nurse, lives across the street from Fieldstone Manor, located on 12552 Scott Road. The home is geared toward elderly people who can no longer live on their own. An open house for interested parties will be held Sunday, Jan. 19 from 2-5 p.m.

Rodriguez is currently working as a nurse at Woodward Hills Nursing Center in Bloomfield Hills, an affiliate of Beaumont Hospital. She will be the owner and administrator for Fieldstone Manor, and is licensed to provide care for six residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

She stated there will be someone on staff at all times at the home. At this point, she anticipates there will be two employees on staff during the day shift, two during the afternoon shift and one during the midnight shift.

There are three bedrooms with two beds apiece. Each bed has a call-light system nearby to activate an alarm, alerting the staff member in case the resident has an issue that needs to be addressed. In addition, the system is available in each of the two bathrooms.

The cost per day will be \$100, which covers the seniors' hygiene needs, their supervision and protection, and three home-cooked meals per day plus snacks.

The home itself has quite a history, which Rodriguez shared.

"The original house burned down in 1994 and for more than five years it just sat there with no roof," she said. "The bank sold it to a man and I bought the house and the property off the man in 1999. I immediately had it demolished and hauled away. The township gave me permission to use the original basement and the original cement slab in the garage."

From that point, two doctors who Rodriguez knew

-- Dr. Leon Pedell and Dr. John Voytas -- helped her get started designing the floor plan, picking out materials and giving her the names and locations of places to give her needed supplies.

With a six-person capacity, Rodriguez is confident the home will offer residents high-quality care. In addition, she believes the social atmosphere at the home will be vastly different from what she finds in other nursing homes.

"So often, I see elderly people sitting up watching TV or sleeping their days away," she said. "These people are lonely and bored. I've been lucky to have assistance from a recreational director in developing programs geared toward the elderly. Some of the recreational activities are as simple as the staff making conversation and reading to the residents."

Also, she thinks the seniors still have a lot to offer, and hopes they will share their knowledge with the staff.

"I believe the more the staff can learn about the

resident's history and establish a relationship with the resident, the more pride the staff will take in delivering personalized care. Additionally, I believe our generation has a lot to learn from the elderly. This population has lived through so many events in history. Maybe there are some lessons to be learned."

When spring arrives, Rodriguez hopes to have a garden in the back yard of the home to give the seniors an activity.

In addition, cooking will be a key aspect of life at the center. Before she became a nurse, Rodriguez had her own catering business servicing seniors at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg with homemade meals for 50-100 people.


"A lot of attention is devoted to the kitchen," she said. "I want to make it a centrally located part of the home."

Medical assistance will be provided to residents, including diabetic management, care for Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and pharmacy delivery.



Cyndy Rodriguez of Davisburg, a licensed nurse, is starting Fieldstone Manor, a senior foster care home designed to provide assistance as well as the comforts of home for seniors no longer able to care for themselves. An open house is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 19. Here, she is pictured at left with good friend Leona Loveland of

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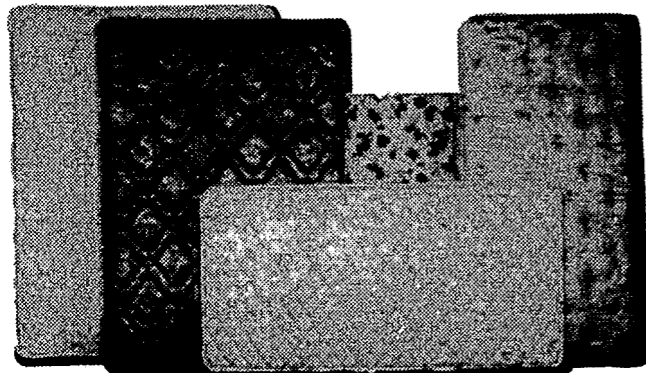
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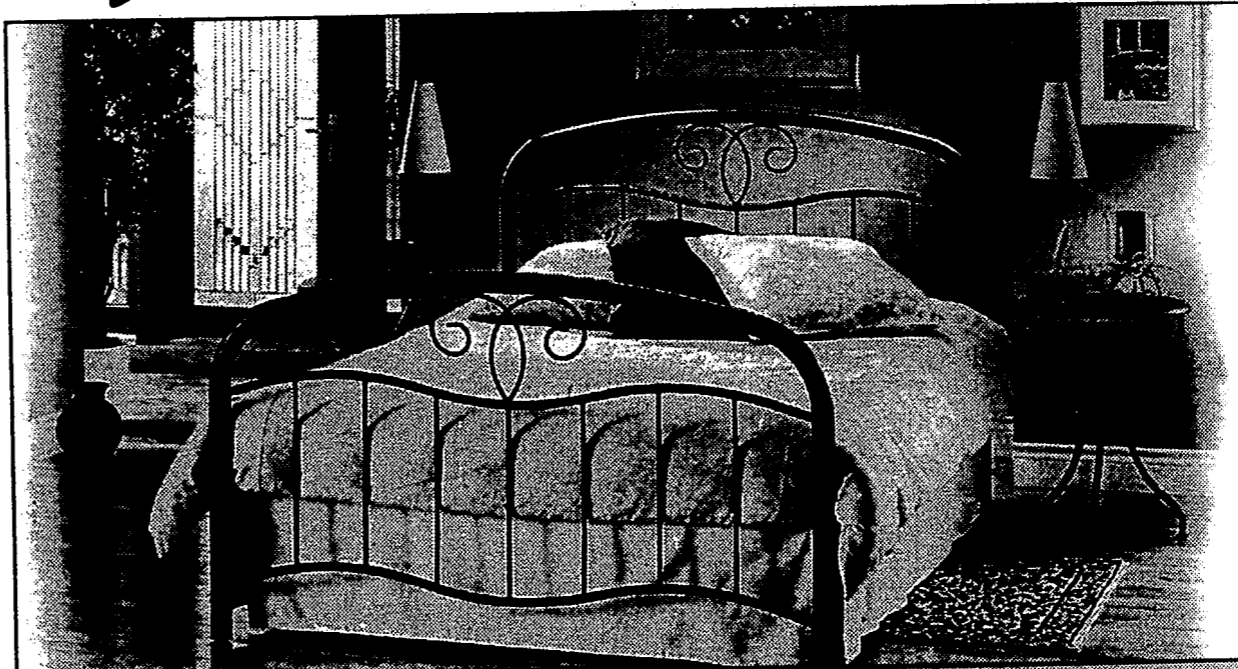
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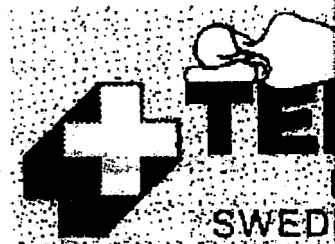
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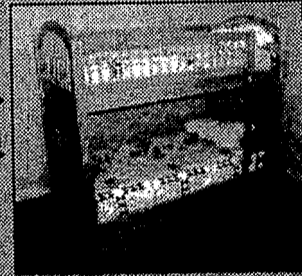
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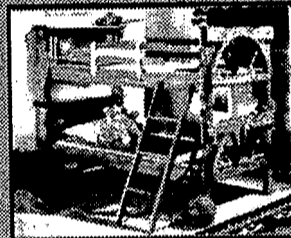
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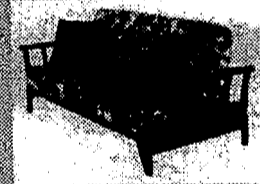
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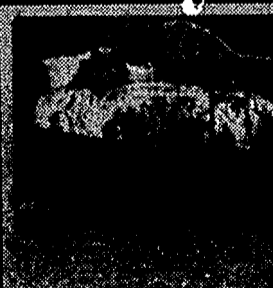
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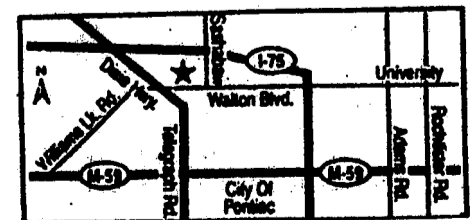


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# McNally, 34-year district judge, enters retirement

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Gerald McNally began his career at the 52-2 in Clarkston in 1969, it was a brand new district court. Now, the former judge has entered another brand new phase in his life: retirement.

"It was a real adventure being a brand new court," McNally remembers. "We felt our way along as jurisdiction increased."

The court was very different then, he said.

Among the many differences, was the rarity of seeing women or African American attorneys. "It is common now, but very unusual 30 to 40 years ago."

Law was different then as well.

McNally, 71, saw changes in laws regarding drunk driving, domestic violence and marijuana. He saw the rights of children, women and the unmarried grow. "You could not will your property to a live-in boyfriend or girlfriend. Now you can. These really are cultural changes. Law follows cultural changes, it does not lead. It responds to social pressure," McNally said, adding television and money have been key in integrating society. "We have a lot of flexibility in this country. We make laws when it's time for a change."

And McNally feels he has changed with society. "Life has to be a process of change. If one doesn't change with society you just get ground up. You have to be your own person."

Before becoming judge, the 33-year Clarkston resident, who received his law degree from the University of Michigan, worked with the Oakland County prosecutor's office and was in private practice for two years. He taught business law at the University of Detroit for 10 years after becoming judge and prior at Oakland Community College for 10 years.

During his career as judge, McNally had many interesting cases come before him.

The most interesting case and one that received the most notoriety was Jack Kevorkian's first assisted suicide involving Janet Adkins, 54, of Portland, Ore., performed in the back of a 1968 Volkswagen camper van at Groveland Oaks June 4, 1990. Adkins had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

McNally dismissed the first degree murder charge against Kevorkian.

"There was no law against assisted suicide at that time." Kevorkian may have assisted in the preparation of the suicide, but Adkins was the one who began the administration of poisons, McNally explained.

Most recently, shock rocker Marilyn Manson was charged June 20 before McNally for disorderly conduct and battery, due to a July 30, 2001 incident at DTE Energy Music Theatre. Manson, who had his original sentence of criminal sexual misconduct reduced by McNally, was ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine.

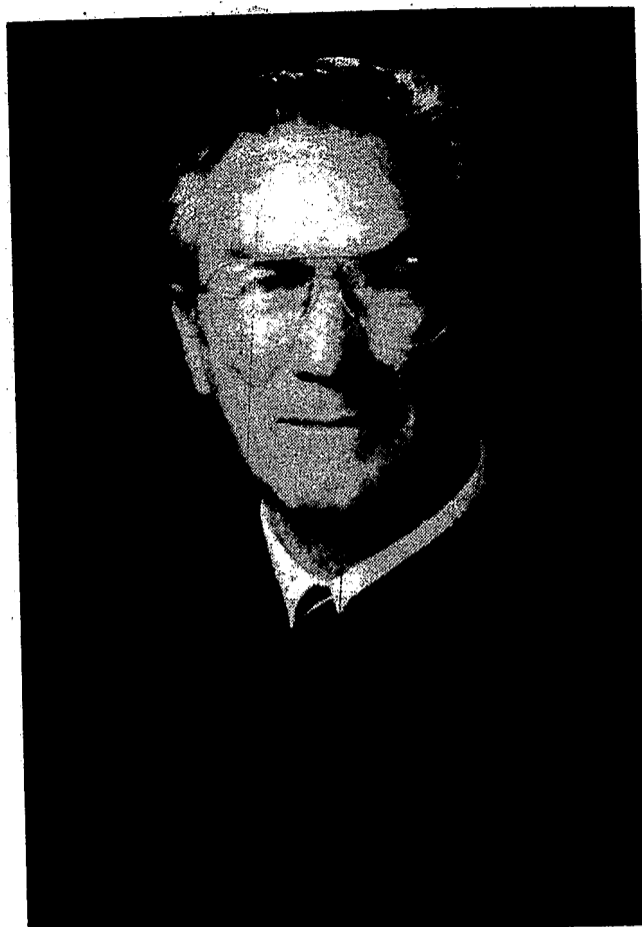
"People actually pay \$30/\$40 to see him," McNally laughed. "I didn't know he existed before this."

But in McNally's courtroom, he said, "Just the every day run of the mill cases are very interesting."

Overall, he feels, "I developed a very good court. I helped a lot of people. I know that because of the letters I've got back." Letters from those who once appeared before the judge, later thanking him, saying: "You saved my life," "You believed in me," "You gave me a second chance," "You're the only one who believed in me," and more.

Forced to retire because of his age, (judges are not allowed to run for term after age 70), McNally understands. "There's nothing worse than staying too long."

He'll miss the schedule and the interaction with staff, police and the public, but now plans to spend time with "self," doing relaxing activities like reading. He



Gerald McNally, former judge of the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston, now looks forward to enjoying retirement. Photo provided.

and his wife of 37 years, Carol, also plan to travel. McNally, who has four children ranging in age from 27 to 35, is looking into some part time work in mediation, a substitute to trying a case, as well.

# It's back to the drawing board for Springfield garden

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As requested by the Springfield Township Board in November, Sally Elminger of Carlisle/Wortman Associates provided an outline for a proposed township memorial garden.

However, at their Thursday meeting, the township board decided they weren't happy with the design, and they moved to bring the issue back to Elminger for further review.

"It's not as intimate as what I had in mind," Supervisor Collin Walls said.

In her Nov. 25 memo to Walls, Elminger gave a revised garden design and an explanation of how the donations program could function.

"In thinking about the design further, I felt that the water feature was too small to stand out by itself in the middle of the patio," she said in the memo. "Therefore, I've moved it a few feet toward the building, so that we could provide a backdrop and context for the mill stone fountain."

As far as opportunities for memorials were concerned, Elminger stated deciduous shade trees, flowering trees and benches were available for donation to the garden.

She listed the minimum donation for a shade tree at \$1,000; a flowering tree at \$750; and a bench at \$1,250.

Treasurer Jamie Dubre felt the cost was too much, and also voiced her concern with the garden's design.

"Personally, I think the prices are too high," she said. "It seems absurd someone would spend that much money for a memorial. I think the water should be the focal point of the project."

Trustee Dave Hopper felt the project should establish its own identity apart from the Civic Center. "I think the idea is to get back to a natural setting, so that you're not looking at the building wall," he said.

A couple of township residents had other concerns besides donation prices and garden design.

They told the board they thought the garden would be in conflict with the memorial bricks outside the Civic Center, also known as the Community Cornerstone

patio.

"It would be redundant to spend money to duplicate a service that residents already have access to," Jeannine Rawe, Friends of the Springfield Township Library Public Relations Chairperson, said. "The Friends are also concerned about the confusion residents will experience having two projects of such similar nature on the same site."

Rawe added the Friends manage the Community Cornerstone project and the funds generated from the sale of the bricks.

Rich Park, a township resident who has purchased a brick for the Community Cornerstone project, was also concerned about the township's plans.

"You guys are stepping all over the Friends of the

Library group," he told the township board. "I think you should reconsider this and come up with something that will meet everyone's needs."

However, Walls didn't see the memorial garden project as a threat to the Community Cornerstone project. He also stated the garden was not prompted by the October death of Treasurer Lois Stiles; in fact, the project was discussed before her death.

"Personally, I was looking at something very different," he said. "I look at this as an opportunity for living things. I don't think necessarily they would compete. This is not a memorial to Lois. This is a garden where people can honor anyone they choose to. It's unfortunate that her death brought this to the forefront."

## Taking the oath



State Representative John Stakoe takes a ceremonial oath for his first term in the Michigan House of Representatives from state Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Markman on Wednesday at the Capital in Lansing. Pictured left to right with the Highland Township lawmaker are his wife, Carol, center, and his daughters, from left, Catherine and Elizabeth. The 44th House District includes the village of Clarkston and Highland, White Lake, Springfield and Independence Township. Photo provided.

# Fortinberry putting in long hours to organize Auto Show

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

To say Chuck Fortinberry's month will be busy is a vast understatement. The Clarkston resident is spending long hours in Detroit preparing to help run the North American International Auto Show.

The Clarkston Chrysler-Jeep dealer on Big Lake Road was named president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association in October of 2001. The DADA represents more than 260 dealers who own 240 dealerships. As part of this role, Fortinberry is in charge of running the North American International Auto Show.

"Ever since the holiday vacation I have been down here at Cobo. I start at 6 or 7 a.m. and sometimes don't end my day until 10 or 11 p.m. It is a lot of work but I enjoy it," Fortinberry said.

The fun started for Fortinberry last week when more than 6,600 media individuals from 54 countries attended the media preview and saw the unveiling of more than 60 new vehicles. They also had a charity night which raised \$6.125 million for 11 children charities in southeast Michigan.

The show opened for the public on Jan. 11 and will run through Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for seniors with children 12 and under getting in for free with adult supervision. Last year, the Auto Show saw more than 800,000 visitors.

"We have 22 new displays from the 65 exhibits we have," Fortinberry said. "It is truly incredible what the manufacturers bring to the show."

In order to promote continuity and better prepare for the task of running the Auto Show, elected officials of DADA must hold several successive positions to

promote continuity and better prepare for the big task ahead. Prior to becoming president, Fortinberry served as vice president, secretary and treasurer.

"I look at my time as secretary, treasurer and vice president as the undergraduate school of auto show management. I am now at the graduate level of auto show management. I have learned a lot about the complexity of what goes on at the show," Fortinberry said.

In preparation for the auto show in Detroit, Fortinberry attended shows in Paris, Tokyo, Geneva and Frankfurt. After he leaves as president, Fortinberry will go on to co-chair the Auto Show for two years, bringing his term with DADA to six years.

The DADA, and more specifically the six person committee, is always keeping an eye on future shows and is actually looking forward as far as 2006.

"I have people looking for more room now so you can imagine what it will be like in 2006," Fortinberry

said.

Fortinberry is excited about the show and what it means to the automotive industry and the city of Detroit.

"We are all really sensitive about protecting the integrity of the show and to make sure it is a great experience for everybody," Fortinberry said. "It is the only international event left that puts the spotlight on Detroit. This really puts the world spotlight on Detroit and southeast Michigan."

Fortinberry and his committee have worked hard with the new administration, including Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, to make sure Detroit puts its best foot forward during the event.

"The new administration realizes how much of an economic impact this show has on southeast Michigan," Fortinberry said.



Clarkston's Chuck Fortinberry is running the North American International Auto Show this year. File photo.

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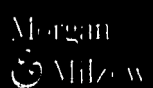
■ Referred the issue of counting inground pools for lot coverage to the Planning Commission. "The Zoning Board of Appeals had wanted the council to consider not counting inground pools as far as lot coverage goes," Pappas said. "They'd like them to eliminate that."

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## City Council approves Radcliff lot split

At their Jan. 13 regular meeting, the Clarkston City Council accomplished the following:

■ Approved a lot split for the Radcliff property located near Schultz's Country Store on Main Street "They're taking something off of one property and putting in on another," City Manager Art Pappas said. "It's a matter of procedure."

■ Referred the issue of counting inground pools for lot coverage to the Planning Commission. "The Zoning Board of Appeals had wanted the council to consider not counting inground pools as far as lot coverage goes," Pappas said. "They'd like them to eliminate that."

■ Approved the payment of bills in the total of \$334,552.94.

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The Clarkston Community Women's Club will meet at the Independence Township Library, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Steve Guth will demonstrate the basics of Yoga and how it can help you experience a healthy and mental stability and peace of mind. Bring comfortable clothing and a blanket or mat to practice on. Have a light dinner or do not eat before attending the program. Refreshments will follow. Contact Gail Ferguson at (248) 623-9462 for more information.

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Adults who want to have fun with their horses are invited to attend the organizational meeting for the Michigan Chapter of the **Old People's Riding Club** Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Springfield Oaks Activity Building, 12450 Andersonville Rd. in Davisburg. The Old People's Riding Club is a national organization that welcomes riders from all disciplines over the age of 21. The purpose is to have safe, enjoyable riding activities, meet other riders with fresh new outlooks on

the sport and encourage knowledge of horses all around. For more information, call Linda Watson at (248) 634-7574 or email Linda@prettyponypastures.org.

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The Clarkston Toy Show will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5600 Maybee Rd., Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and children under 12 are free. There will be dealers from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana displaying at this show featuring vintage tin, die-cast, press-steel, plastic, battery-operated, wind-ups, cap guns, cast iron, advertisements, figures and much more. For more information, call Showtime Promotions at (248) 646-1047.

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Scott Hazelton, an Edward Jones investment representative in Clarkston, will host a free program on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. featuring "Time" magazine political writer **Hugh Sidey**. During the program, Sidey and Edward Jones financial experts will discuss their outlook on the nation, economy and financial markets in 2003. This live, interactive broadcast is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Hazelton at (248) 625-7016. If you are unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are avail-

able.

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An instrument demonstration night for fifth grade students and their parents will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Clarkston High School on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. The music staff will discuss the beginning instrumental music program and how fifth graders can get involved. There will be time for questions. High school students will also be on hand to demonstrate and play the instruments.

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The Springfield Township Friends of the Library Book Sale/Bake Sale is Jan. 23, 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Civic Center Meeting Room. Hardcover books are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. For more information, call (248) 846-6550.

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The Friends of the Independence Township Library are holding their annual "Mystery Dinner" on Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 8047 M-15 in Clarkston. Linda Van Natta is the writer and director of this year's play, "Chaos in the Council Meeting." Tickets may be purchased at the library.

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Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston

is hosting a **Christian singing duo, "Lost and Found."** The concert will be Sunday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., 6805 Bluegrass Dr. Admission is \$7 per person or \$20 maximum per family. "Lost and Found" appeals to all ages, singing and entertaining many since 1986. They were awarded the grand prize in the 1999 John Lennon Song Writing Contest for their song, "Lions." For more about "Lost and Found" check out [www.speedwood.com](http://www.speedwood.com). For more information or to order tickets, call the church office at (248) 625-3288 ext. 205.

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The **Widowed Support Group** will meet Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. The topic for the evening is "Sharing Our Grief -- Supporting Each Other," facilitated by bereavement counselor Alicia Brown. All meetings are held at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. There is no registration and meetings are free. Recently widowed men and women, of all ages, are invited. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, or if anyone would like to be on a mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at (248) 625-5231.

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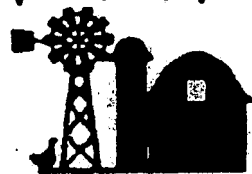
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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Sunday, Jan. 12,** home invasion on Berwick. Snow skis and golf clubs were stolen from an attached garage.

**Saturday, Jan. 11,** a gas station on Dixie reported two people failed to pay for gas worth \$19.65 and \$17.50.

A 32-year-old man was arrested for home invasion, assault and trespassing at his ex-girlfriend's home on Woodhull.

**Friday, Jan. 10,** domestic assault between spouses on N. River. A 40-year-old man was arrested.

**Thursday, Jan. 9,** a woman on Willow Park reported receiving death threats and other harassing statements from her ex-husband.

**Wednesday, Jan. 8,** larceny of 60 to 80 Smurf figurines from a home on Mann. The owners' 29-year-old son admitted to stealing and pawning the figurines, worth between \$800 and \$1,000.

Domestic assault between father and son on Pine Knob. A report was forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

A 17-year-old girl was cited for being a minor in the possession of tobacco after a teacher found an open pack of cigarettes in her purse at Clarkston High School.

Home invasion on High Street. Prescription medications were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

Larceny from a vehicle on Ashwood Court. The driver's side window was smashed and the CD/radio was stolen.

A 17-year-old man was cited for being a minor in the possession of tobacco after he was found smoking in the parking lot of a restaurant on Dixie.

**Tuesday, Jan. 7,** a 55-year-old man was arrested on Perry Lake for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor after the man hit a mailbox with his car.

Damaged property to a rental home on S. Main. The owner believes the tenant set fires inside and used water from a garden hose to extinguish them.

**Monday, Jan. 6,** two 17-year-old boys were cited for being minors in the possession of alcohol and consuming alcohol while at school on Flemings Lake.

Customer trouble at a store on Dixie. A 43-year-old man kicked the front door and threatened to drive his vehicle through the store. The hostility arose over the store's refund policy. The man was told by police to never return to the store.

## Springfield Township

**Sunday, Jan. 11,** domestic assault between a live-

in boyfriend and girlfriend on Kropf. The 23-year-old man was arrested. The woman sustained a bruised arm.

**Saturday, Jan. 10,** assault between brothers, ages 23 and 27, on Eaton.

**Friday, Jan. 9,** domestic assault on Andersonville. A 38-year-old woman reported during a verbal argument her live-in ex-husband hit her with a calendar and intentionally tried to trip her down a stairway. The man left the scene and was unable to be located by police.

Larceny of a \$9,000 diamond bracelet from a home on Springfield Circle.

**Thursday, Jan. 8,** domestic assault between spouses on Detroit. A 35-year-old woman was transported to Genesys Hospital for medical treatment. Her husband was unable to be located by police.

Juvenile assault and battery on Oakhill. The father of a 10-year-old girl reported his daughter was struck in the face with a book bag by an eight-year-old neighbor boy while waiting at a church bus stop.

**Tuesday, Jan. 7,** larceny of a handgun from a home on North Bay.

Larceny at a business on Dixie. An unknown white male, in his late 20s, entered the store and stole two cartons of cigarettes. The man left in a dark blue Chevy with no license plate.

# HCMA receives go-ahead for environmental center

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority's Environmental Education Center is one step closer to becoming a reality.

The Springfield Township Board voted 6-1 to approve the site plan for Phase II of the center at its Thursday meeting, with Supervisor Collin Walls opposing. The approval was subject to the following conditions being met:

■The township's Zoning Board of Appeals granting a variance on a requirement for trees in the parking islands.

■A meeting by a board-appointed committee and the HCMA to correct any discrepancies in the plan sheets.

■More detailed information on the water system and the adequacy of the fire protection system.

"It (the site plan) wasn't ready for approval," Walls said in explaining his 'no' vote. "I don't have any objection to the project. They didn't have consistent information on the plan sheets."

The HCMA proposed a 22,000 square foot environmental education center to be built on 17.807 acres of property in Indian Springs Metropark, bordered by Big Lake Road, Andersonville Road, White Lake Road and Hillsboro Road. The area is zoned RC — Resource Conservation.

The center, which is an expansion of the existing nature center and picnic facilities in the park, will accommodate up to 505 visitors for educational workshops, banquets and similar group activities. There is a single point of access off of the existing park road.

The park is located within the primary boundary of the Huron Swamp complex in the Shiawassee & Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project.

Sue Nyquist of the HCMA, who was at the meeting, stated the site construction would begin immediately, and the building construction would take place as the weather allows.

During the meeting, Walls stated he would be willing to work with the HCMA and its consultants to eliminate any inconsistencies.

Clerk Nancy Strole added "if the board were to

consider approval (of the plan), it would have to be on the condition that the inconsistencies would be dealt with."

Like Walls, though, she has no problem with the project itself. "I think the concept and what you're trying to do is really exciting," Strole said to Nyquist at the meeting.

Township Planner Dick Carlisle recommended approval of the site plan, contingent on the following actions taking place:

■Township engineer analysis of septic tank below truck turnaround area; modify turnaround area along service drive to accommodate delivery trucks.

■Review by township engineer of utility systems and approval from Oakland County Health Department.

■Pursue a variance to eliminate trees from the parking lot landscaping requirement; explain the plantings proposed for the "Barrens" area, south of the Kettle Lake.

■Add bollards, wall lights, and flood lights to photometric study.

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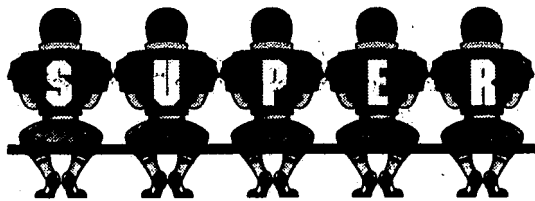
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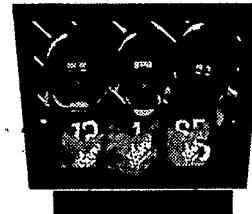
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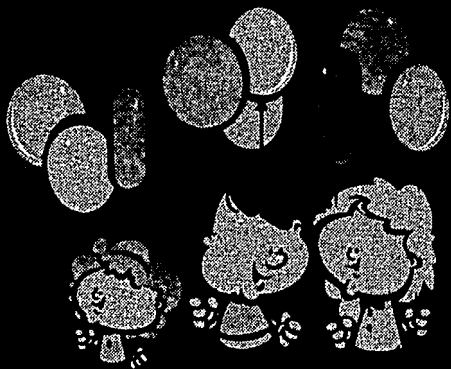
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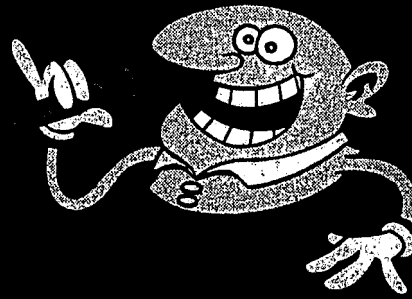
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# Clarkston Milestones

## Engaged

**Gregory Mausolf and Brenda Stubblefield** announce their engagement.

The daughter of Carol and Paul Jeffrey of Clarkston, Stubblefield is a Clarkston High School graduate. The son of Debbie and Michael Mausolf of Clarkston, Mausolf is currently studying for a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Lawrence Technological Institute.

A June 2003 wedding is planned at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Stubblefield's daughter, **Aubrie**, will also receive a ring during the marriage ceremony.



## At School

Clarkston High School graduate **Joseph Ryan Owens** has accepted membership in the Golden Key International Honor Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony on Dec. 9 at Oakland University. Membership in this society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

The son of Jim and Becky Owens of Clarkston, Joseph is currently studying history and secondary education at Oakland University. He has also recently become a member of the Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honors Society.



Outside of school, Joseph **Joseph Ryan Owens** maintains a part-time job and in January plans to volunteer at Pontiac's Jefferson Whittier Middle School where he will be helping students prepare for MEAP testing.

**Katherine Julian**, a Hope College sophomore from Clarkston, is spending the fall 2002 semester studying in Tokyo, Japan. The 2001 Clarkston High School graduate is the daughter of Patricia Wienczak of Clarkston and Frank Julian of Clarkston.

**Eric Zeile** of Clarkston was one of about 40 Valparaiso University students who met with representatives at Boeing World Headquarters in Chicago, Oct. 28 to discuss Boeing's Ethical Business Conduct guidelines.

Boeing officials asked the students enrolled in an Ethics of Business course to review the company's 29-page ethical conduct code and see if the company's guidelines resonate with the ethics of university students who will soon be entering the workforce.

The son of Kim and Karen Zeile, he is a graduate of Clarkston High School and is a junior management major.

## In Service

Marine Corps Cpl. **Marty V. Martinez**, whose wife, Carly, is the daughter of Ann Staunton of Clinton Township and Leslie Staunton of Clarkston, is currently on a six-month deployment while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Campy Lejuene, N.C.

## Just Married

**Rachel Olney and Aaron Brakke** were married Saturday, June, 1, 2002 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti by Pastor Jonathan Heierman of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

The bride, formerly of Clarkston, holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Lake Superior State University and is currently a coast to coast manager for Allegiance Telecom, Inc. in Southfield. She is the daughter of Lori Olney of Clarkston. The groom, formerly of Tecumseh, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lake Superior State University and is currently an electrician for Bollin Electric, Co. in Plymouth. He is the son of Jon and Micaela Brakke of Tecumseh.

The couple now resides in Redford Township.



## Welcome

Jillian Jean Ritchey announces the arrival of her new little sister, **Jenna Jean Ritchey**, all the way from Guatemala.

Jenna was born in Guatemala City on June 4, 2002. Her parents, Dave and Nancy Ritchey of Clarkston, along with big sister, Jillian, went to meet and visit Jenna in Guatemala in September. They then returned home to Clarkston to wait six long weeks before bringing her home on Oct. 26, 2002.

Jenna is also welcomed into her family by grandparents, Elden and Pauline Westhusing of West Covina, Calif. and Ann Ritchey of Clyde, Ohio, along with many excited aunts, uncles and cousins.



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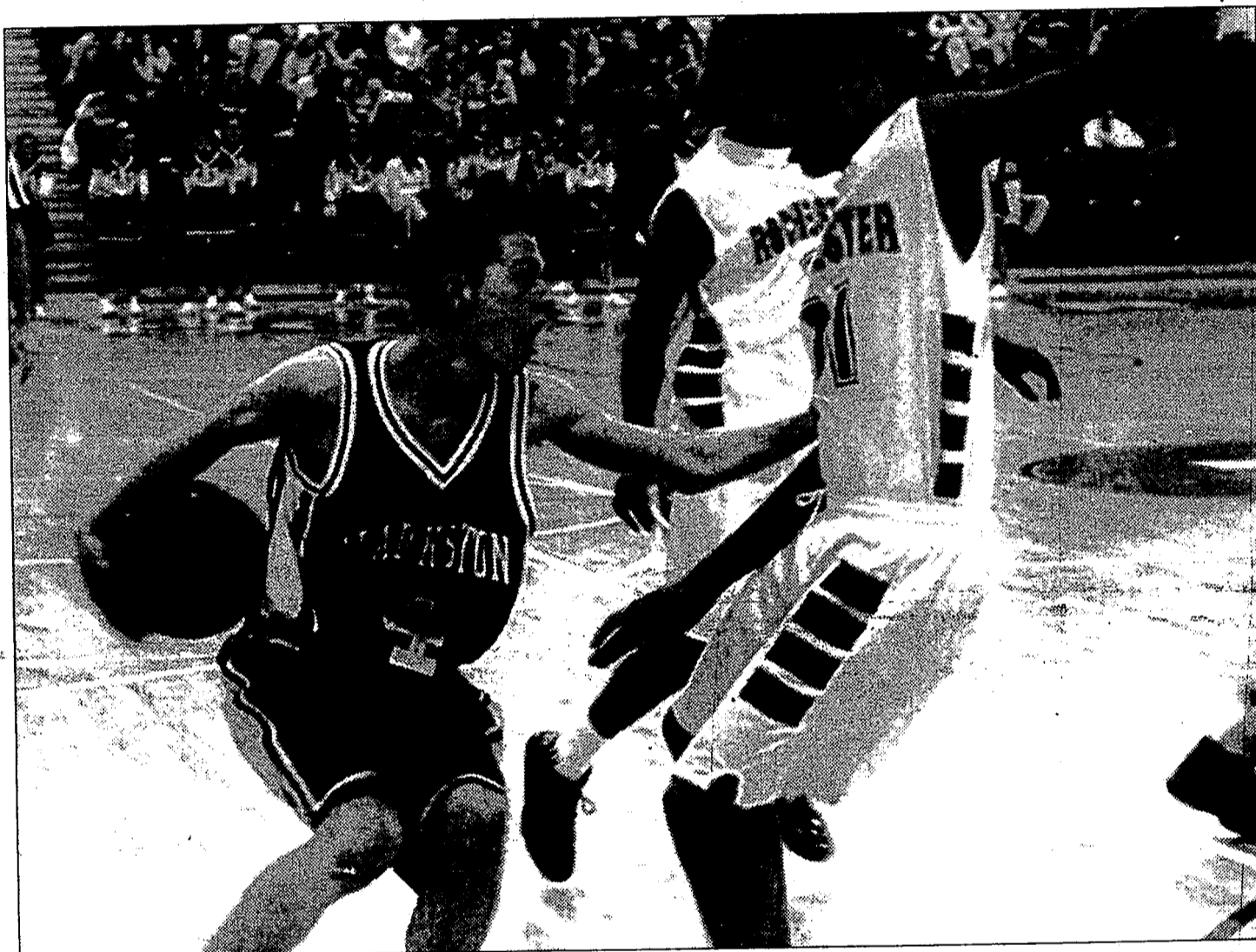
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## Bench makes difference in cagers' victory



Clarkston's Brad Goodman (4) fends off the Rochester defender Friday. Goodman had 12 points off the bench as the Wolves defeated the Falcons 57-42 in their first league game of the season. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

*Goodman scores 12 to lead Wolves to 57-42 win against Rochester*

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

It was the bench to the rescue for Clarkston's boys basketball team in their league opener against host Rochester Friday night.

The 57-42 win improved Clarkston's record to 3-5 overall and 1-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

The Falcons controlled the tempo in the first quarter, taking a 16-8 lead against the Wolves at the end of the quarter. In the huddle between the first and second quarters, Coach Dan Fife made some changes that paid off for Clarkston.

According to Fife, the Wolves reverted to their habit of committing turnovers, a problem which has plagued them throughout the season, in the first quarter.

"We got out to a slow start," he said. "We switched defenses and our subs gave us a big lift. They've been working a little harder in practice. We just got a lot of contributions from a lot

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## Fogg's hat trick leads icers past Waterford Mott 8-2

*Wolves give up two goals in first 16 seconds in 3-0 loss against Farmington Jan. 8*

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

A trip to Waterford Mott was just what the doctor ordered for Clarkston's hockey team.

After the Wolves were blanked by Farmington Jan. 8, the team rebounded with an 8-2 win against the Corsairs, improving their overall record to 7-4-4 (the Wolves are ranked fifth in the state) and 3-2-2 in Oakland Activities Association Division I, good for second place.

Clarkston peppered the Corsairs' net with 38 shots on goal. Sophomore forward Mike Fogg notched a hat trick to lead the Wolves' offensive attack. Senior forward Eric Hall added two goals, while freshman forward Matt Prasil, senior forward Myles Purdy and sophomore Trevor Johns tallied one apiece.

Senior goaltender Devin Gerowitz stopped 14 of 16 Mott shots to earn the win for Clarkston.

"That was the best game we've played in a while," Coach Bryan Krygier said. "We put three good periods of hockey together for a change."

The Mott contest was a turnaround from the Wolves' game against Farmington. Before many fans had a chance to settle into their seats, the Falcons had stunned the Wolves for two first-period goals within the first 16 seconds of the game.

Clarkston would not recover from that onslaught, as the Falcons handed the Wolves a 3-0 loss.

"That was pretty much the story of the whole game," Krygier said. "When you play against a good team like Farmington, it's tough to get out of that hole. There's no reason for them to have one goal, let alone two, in the first 16 seconds."

The Wolves will get some rest before their next game, Tuesday, Jan. 21, when they travel to Berkley for a 7:30 p.m. faceoff. Clarkston then travels to Grosse Pointe North the following day for a 7 p.m. game.



Clarkston's Kyle Buzzo waits for a pass against Farmington Jan. 8. The Wolves dropped a 3-0 contest to the Falcons, but came back to defeat Waterford Mott 8-2 Saturday. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

# 'Clarkston State Bank has a customer for life in me'

Clarkston State Bank customers are loyal, and Clarkston State Farm Agent Dave Smith is no exception. While it took Dave three months to decide to leave his former bank and switch to CSB, that was three years ago, and today, he's convinced more than ever that it was the right choice.

In the summer of 1999 current CSB President Dawn Horner visited Dave at his previous office on Dixie Highway with CSB's first president and CEO, the late Dave Harrison. Dave Smith recalled, "They asked to stop by and talk to me, and when they sat down Dave (Harrison) said, 'What do we have to do to get your business?' I was a bit surprised, but I appreciated his directness. I took to heart their approach, and thought it over for two or three months."

At the time, two things made Dave Smith consider switching to CSB: the offer of a MasterCard Check Card for his business accounts, and CSB branches were open later. Dave, who had taken over the State Farm Agency on Dixie Highway from retiring agent Bud Grant in 1997, said he was also considering a move to the Farmer Jack plaza at Waldon and Sashabaw. The convenience of having a CSB branch located inside the store was a factor, and CSB had fewer fees than his previous bank.

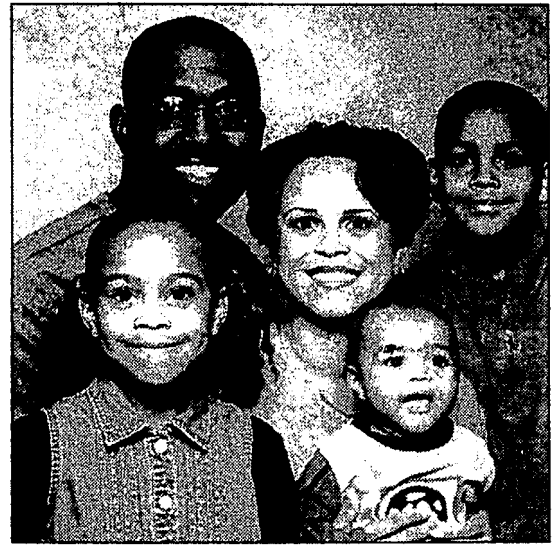
"Then I switched two business accounts, my personal account, my wife's savings account and opened savings accounts for our children," said Dave. "When you make changes you second guess yourself," said Dave. "My fears were eliminated when I received personal service. The staff knew who I was when I walked in and Angela (branch manager Angela Logan) helped me with a line of credit on my business and personal accounts. I felt so good about the move I referred another State Farm agent who switched his business accounts to CSB."

But the kicker came when Dave recently applied for a commercial real estate loan from CSB to move to his new location on Sashabaw Road north of Waldon. CSB Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer Tom Clarke created a customized loan package to fit Dave's needs. "Tom worked with me on the application process for a commercial loan. He evaluated my business, took into consideration the income stream and the property value. He did a great job of walking me through the process so I'd know what's going on," Dave said.

Tom said, "Dave is the type of customer we want to do something for. He was a good fit for CSB right off the bat because he's well-established in the community and has a thriving local business. Dave also made the process easy -- he was very thorough with the information he provided to CSB."

Dave has already moved to his new location at 7217 Sashabaw Road across from Pine Knob -- and hopes to expand the building in a few years with CSB's help again. "CSB has been very good for my business," Dave said. "When I talk to business people in the community I tell them with no hesitation to call CSB."

Clarkston State Bank President and CEO, Dawn Horner, added, "During this period of economic uncertainty, we welcome the opportunity to work with individuals and business owners. We can help them invest wisely and safely, and make the most of their resources to create personal and commercial loan packages that will suit their needs."



Dave Smith and his wife Dee, who is a teacher at Springfield Plains Elementary School are active in their church and community organizations. Their two older children, Kendall, 10 and Rachel, 8 are involved in sports. The couple's youngest son, Denton, is 20 months old. The family also enjoys Detroit Pistons games. The family lives in Waterford.



Dave Smith, right, with his staff assistants, Steven Ostrowski, Colleen Snooks and Wendy Lawrence. Dave joined State Farm 13 years ago, after earning his degree in business management from Illinois State University. State Farm is the number one auto and home insurance company in the nation, and growing fast in financial services options that are now offered through Dave's office.



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# Gaines powers netters to win against Farmington

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Megan Gaines did a little bit of everything to help Clarkston win its Monday contest against host Farmington.

The CHS senior was 11-for-11 serving and 51-of-53 serving and contributed 14 aces, eight digs and seven kills as the Wolves defeated the Falcons 14-16, 15-2, 15-3. The win improved Clarkston's record to 10-9-1 overall and 2-2 in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

Ashley Hudson was 18-for-18 serving and added 11 digs and six kills, while Stephanie Parkin contributed six kills, nine digs and three blocked shots.

The Wolves came into the Farmington meet on a good note, winning four of six matches in the Grand Blanc Invitational Saturday.

Things didn't start out so well for the Wolves that day, as they lost to Portage Northern 17-25, 19-25. Megan Gaines was 34-of-38 serving with three digs and two kills, while Stephanie Parkin added three digs and three kills and Alex Heinrich added six digs.

Clarkston rebounded with a 25-19, 25-16 victory against Brandon. Ashley Hudson led the team with eight digs and was eight-of-10 serving, while Parkin added seven digs and was nine-of-nine serving. Gaines was 27-of-29 serving with 10 aces.

The Wolves continued their winning ways, defeating Renaissance 25-20, 25-13. Gaines was 16-of-16 serving with seven aces, while Parkin led the team with four digs. Hudson, Colby Gardner and Ashley Bramble were all eight-for-eight serving.

Next, the Wolves defeated their neighbors from across I-75, the Brandon

Blackhawks, 25-14, 25-20. Gaines led the team with eight digs and 14 aces, while Hudson was eight-of-eight serving and contributed seven digs.

Clarkston kept rolling along in the invite, defeating Flushing 15-4, 15-4. Gaines was 23-of-24 serving with nine aces and was nine-of-nine serving. Gardner and Bramble each led the team with five digs, while Stephanie Reitano blocked six shots in that game.

The final contest of the invite for Clarkston mirrored the first one, as they lost again to Portage Northern 5-15, 9-15. Gaines was 33-of-34 setting with 11 aces, five digs and five kills, while Reitano contributed four digs, two blocks and four kills. Hudson chipped in with five digs and five kills and was 11-for-11 serving.

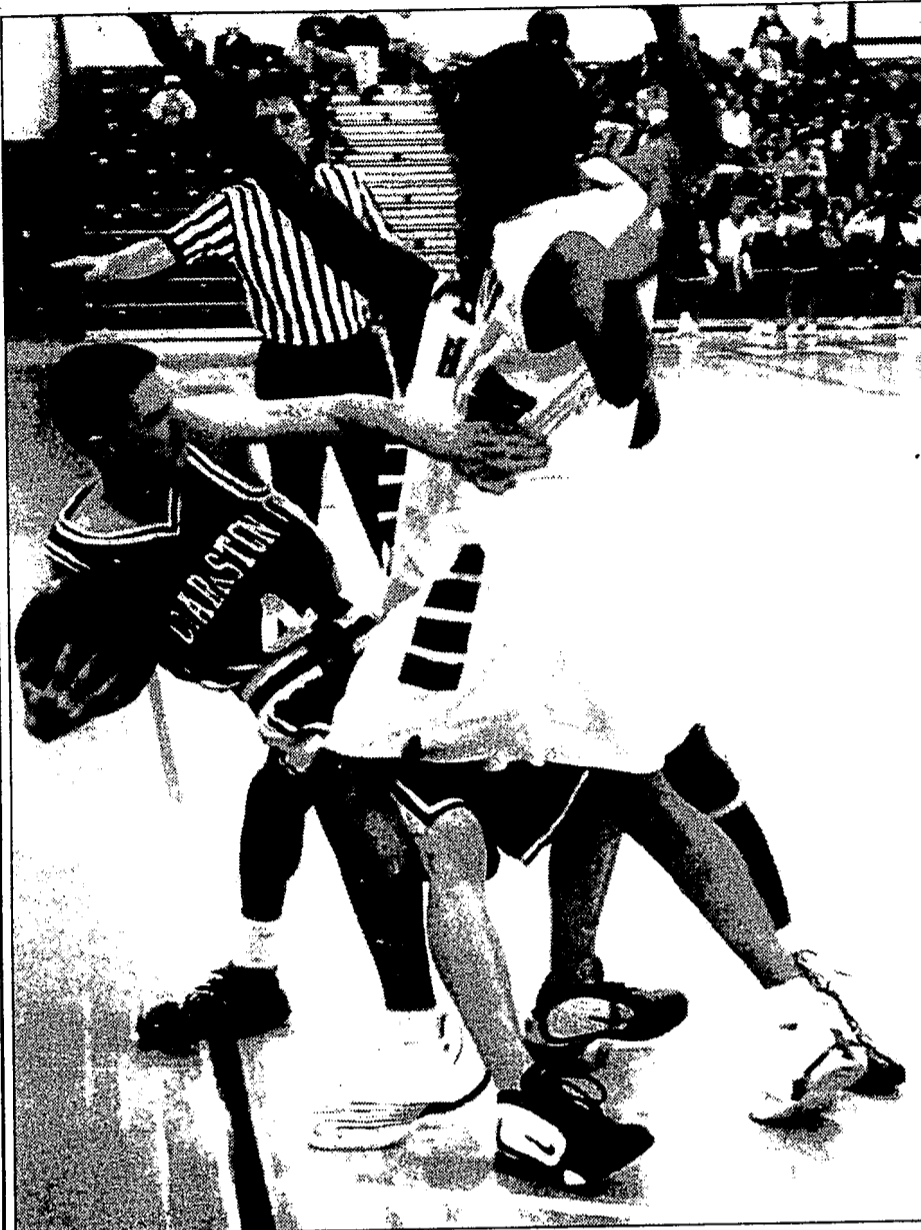
In league action two days earlier, the Wolves rallied from a first-game loss to tie host Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the second game of their Thursday match.

However, the Knights bore down in the decisive third game to defeat the Wolves 12-15, 15-12, 5-15. The loss dropped Clarkston's record to 5-7-1 overall and 1-2 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

Megan Gaines was 70-for-73 setting with 14 aces and 11-of-14 serving. She also had three kills and 12 digs. Ashley Hudson led the Wolves in digs with 21 and added five kills, while Alex Heinrich added 15 digs and was 11-for-12 serving. Stephanie Parkin led Clarkston in kills with six and in blocks with three.

Clarkston has more than a week off before returning to action Thursday, Jan. 23 as they travel to Rochester Adams.

## Look out below!



Clarkston's Brad Goodman tries to keep from going out of bounds, but is sandwiched by the Rochester defense. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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## Boys basketball

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of different people."

Among others, Brad Goodman, Joe Moran, Kyle Rademacher and Ryan Kaltz helped lift the Wolves in the second quarter, according to Fife. In a complete role reversal, the Wolves dominated the action in the second period, outscoring the Falcons 16-3 to take a 24-19 lead at the half.

"Coming back after being down 16-8 was big for us, especially in someone else's gym," Fife said.

The Wolves continued dominating in the third quarter, outscoring Rochester 19-8 to take a commanding 43-27 lead after the third. According to Fife, Matt Orris played a key role in the second half, draining a couple of three-pointers and grabbing some key rebounds.

Junior Chris Johnston led the Wolves with 15 points, while Goodman added 12 off the bench.

In Oakland Activities Association crossover action Jan. 8, host Rochester Adams got 19 points and 14 rebounds from Adrian Schaffer and 11 points and eight assists from Marcus McNamara as the Highlanders defeated Clarkston 76-70.

The Highlanders outscored the Wolves 13-10 in the first quarter and held on to a 29-23 lead at the half. The Wolves crept to within five, 51-46, at the end of the third.

Junior Chris Johnston and sophomore Brad Goodman each scored 16 points for Clarkston, while junior Mark Thornberry added 10.

Clarkston hosted the visiting Troy Colts in an OAA crossover game Tuesday, then face a stiff league chal-

lenge Friday when they host the two-time defending state champion Pontiac Northern Huskies beginning at 7 p.m. On Jan. 21, the Wolves travel to Pontiac Central

for another tough league showdown.

"We have a tough week ahead, but it was a good week for us," Fife said. "A lot of good things happened."

## Athlete of the Week — Matt Orris

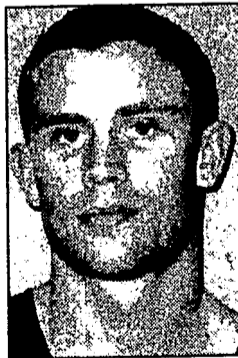
BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Senior forward Matt Orris was a key factor in Clarkston's first league win of the season.

Orris, one of the team's two co-captains (along with Justin Whetstone) drained two three-pointers and grabbed several key rebounds, according to Coach Dan Fife, in the second half of the Wolves' 57-42 win Friday against host Rochester in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

In his second year on the varsity, Orris, who has been playing basketball "since I can ever remember," believes he has improved his work ethic, which he credits to Fife's influ-



Matt Orris

ence.

"He's taught me how hard I have to work and what it takes to win," he said.

Orris' favorite basketball player is Ray Allen, a guard for the National Basketball Association's Milwaukee Bucks. "I like his game," he said.

In the spring, Orris will take his skills to the baseball diamond for the Clarkston varsity team, and hopes to play baseball at the college level, although he is not sure where he will be going.

Orris is the son of Kathy and Michael Orris of Clarkston, and has two sisters, Kristin, 21, and Kelly, 19.

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## Cheering their teammates



Clarkston hockey players Dan Mutz and Chris Degan (far right) follow the action during the Wolves' Jan. 8 game against Farmington. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## Swimmers rally to defeat Berkley in league competition

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Berkley started out strong in the early going, but Clarkston came back to score a 99-87 win in Oakland Activities Association Division II action Thursday.

The Bears started out with a win in the 200 yard medley relay to take a 10-4 lead, but Clarkston's Dan Reed answered with a win in the 200 yard freestyle, scoring a time of 2:00.02 to close Berkley's margin to 16-14.

Berkley came back with a win in the 200 yard individual medley, but Derek LaHousse finished with a time of 25.43 in the 50 yard freestyle to capture first in that event as the Wolves pulled ahead 32-30. Greyson LaHousse followed that up with a win in diving, scoring a total of 163.80 points, but Berkley finished in places two through four to tie the contest at 39.

The two squads remained deadlocked through the 100 yard butterfly and the 100 yard freestyle. With the score knotted at 55, Clarkston's Nick Riegel, Ryan Kurrle and Nick Curdy finished in places two through four to take a 64-62 lead.

The Wolves took command of the meet in the next three events, finishing first in all three. In the 200 yard freestyle relay, the team of Derek LaHousse, Dan Reed, Nick Riegel and Louis Seaman finished with a time of 1:39.90; Troy Quantz finished first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:03.76; and Jeff Driscoll took the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.34.

Clarkston returned to action Tuesday, hosting the West Bloomfield Lakers. They travel to Royal Oak Thursday for a 6:30 p.m. showdown, then head to Troy Athens Jan. 21.

## Skiers dominate Cranbrook, Andover to open season

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was an auspicious beginning for what looks to be a promising year for the Clarkston boys and girls ski teams.

Both squads were triumphant in their first meet of the year Jan. 7-8 against Cranbrook and Bloomfield Hills Andover at Pine Knob Ski Club.

The boys skiing team kicked off their year with a 22-57 win against Cranbrook and a 20-58 win against Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Brandon Rosengren took first in both the slalom and giant slalom, finishing with times of 40.11 and 34.98, respectively. Ryan Parrott finished second in the slalom with a time of 43.67, while John McNew placed second in the giant slalom with a time of 35.21.

Alex Rosengren took third in the slalom with a time of 45.04, and finished with a time of 35.46 in the giant slalom, which placed him fourth against Cranbrook and third against Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Kevin Vahlbusch placed fourth in the slalom with a time of 45.13, while Parrott finished with a time of 35.55 in the giant slalom, placing him fifth against Cranbrook and fourth against Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Hills Andover.

Likewise, the girls ski team also notched two wins to start the season, defeating Cranbrook 24-54 and Andover 23-60.

Pam Wylie took first in the slalom with a time of 48.00, while Jackie Bland finished with a time of 49.49 in that event, placing her second against Cranbrook and third against Andover.

Lindsay Mozer finished with a time of 49.96 in the slalom, placing her third against Cranbrook and fourth against Andover, while Jody Piechura earned a time of 50.81 in that event, placing her fourth against Cranbrook and fifth against Andover.

In the giant slalom, Mo Weiland won that event with a time of 36.89, while Wylie finished second with a time of 37.15. Mozer notched a time of 38.77, placing her fifth against Cranbrook and third against Andover, while Jamie Collier finished with a time of 38.82, good for sixth against Cranbrook and fourth against Andover.

The skiers resume action with a meet Jan. 14-15 against Notre Dame Prep and Country Day at Pine Knob Ski Club.



Brandon Rosengren



Lindsay Mozer

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# Obituary

## George C. Otton

George C. Otton of Clarkston, formerly of Redford, died Thursday, Jan. 9 at the age of 90.

He was preceded in death by his wife Nathalie; father of Norman (Marlene) of Ann Arbor, Carole Hawk of Ohio, Gary (Sarah) Otton of Waterford and Gail Otton of Lansing; also survived by 11 grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

George retired from Michigan Consolidated Gas Company in 1975.

A funeral service was held Saturday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

## Stephen T. Putman

Stephen Todd "STP" Putman of Clarkston died suddenly with family friend and store owner Rick Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the age of 33.

He was the son of Gary (Sandy Tasca) of Waterford and Annie Smith (Jerry Heinen) of Nebraska; brother of Donna (Jerry) Menyhart; uncle of Alek; also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A funeral service was held Saturday at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

## Gerald J. Gdula

Gerald J. Gdula, formerly of Lake Orion, died Thursday at the age of 63.

He was the father of Jerry, Greg, Charlie (Kathleen) and Maggie; also survived by six grandchildren; brother of Susan Batkins and Joanne Durst.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

## Early bird ticket sales underway for wrestling finals

Fans wishing to purchase advance tickets for the 2003 Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals, March 6-8, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, may now do so by mail order only through the MHSAA.

The "early bird" ticket sales program allows the discounted purchase of all-tournament tickets, giving the bearer admission to all five sessions of the event, reserving the same seat. All-tournament tickets are \$40 each, and a purchaser will be able to purchase up to 10 tickets per division for each mail order form submitted. The ticket price includes in and out parking privileges at The Palace. All tickets will be mailed by Feb. 24, unless special handling is requested at a charge of \$6

per order.

Spectators ordering tickets by mail must designate the wrestling division they prefer to watch, which will result in their ticket assignment being in view of the mats being used for that competition.

Orders must be postmarked no earlier than Jan. 6, and no later than Jan. 31 to qualify for the early bird purchase plan.

Early bird tickets are available by mail order only through the MHSAA office — no telephone or fax orders will be accepted. Checks or money orders must be made payable to MHSAA, and must accompany the order form. An order form can be found on the

MHSAA Web Site — [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

Single-session tickets will go on sale beginning Feb. 10 through The Palace of Auburn Hills Box Office. Single-session tickets are priced at \$9 each, and all-tournament tickets are available for \$45, which include in and out parking privileges. Advance tickets purchased through The Palace of Auburn Hills Box Office will also be assessed a service fee.

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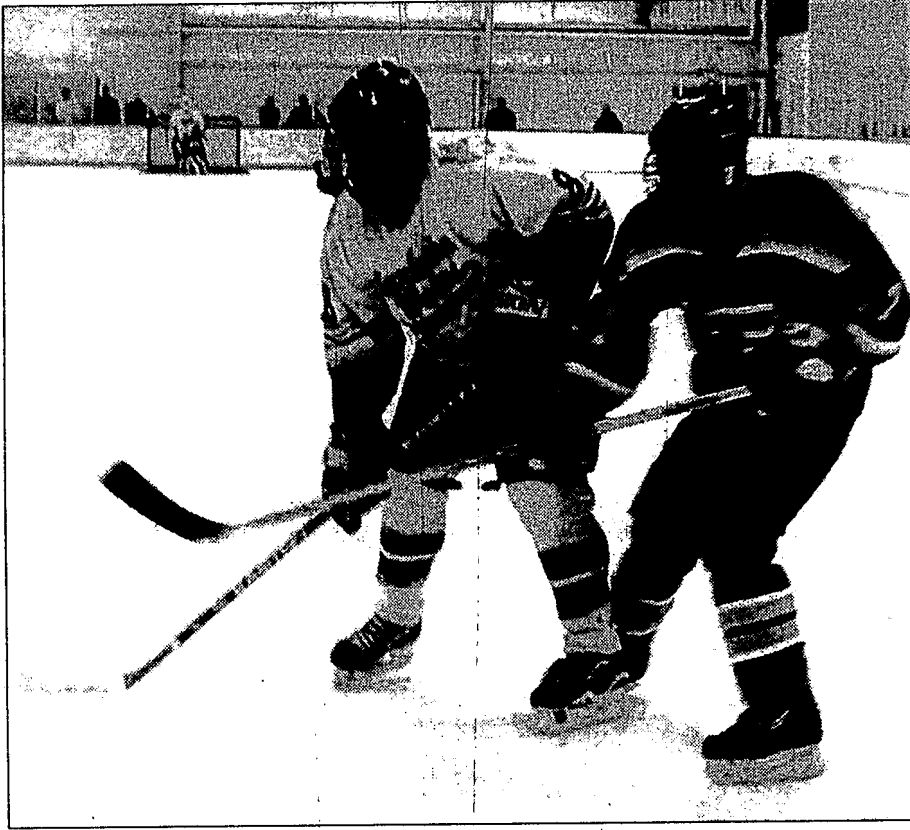
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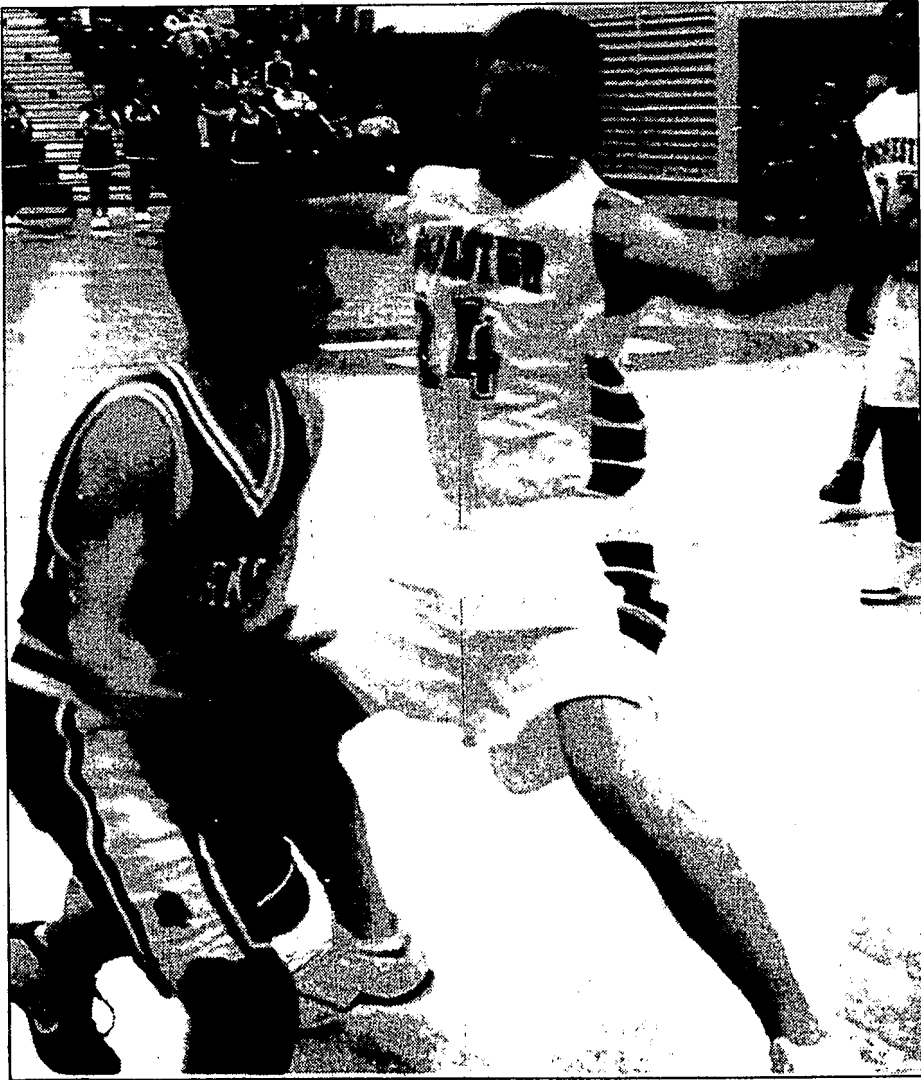
Clarkston's Adam Peters (8) waits for the puck while holding off a Farmington defender Jan. 8. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## Gaining control



Clarkston's Steve Morin (18) makes his move toward the net against Farmington Jan. 8. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## Looking to dish



Clarkston's Robbie Clark (left) tries to find the open man during the Wolves' game against Rochester Friday. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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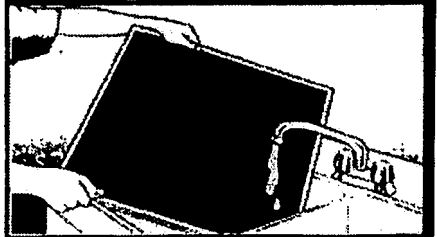
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# After Shedding 70 Lbs., Jeanne Bouchard says, "Hypnosis Made My Weight Loss so Easy, I Didn't Even Know It Was Happening!"



"I decided that I deserved to be free of my weight." Jeanne Bouchard An "Embarrassing Size 22"

My name is Jeanne Bouchard. Since joining Positive Changes Hypnosis one short year ago, I have dropped 70 unwanted pounds! My dress size plunged from an embarrassing size 22 to a sleek size 7 and it was effortless! What follows is my true story of lasting weight loss success.

I was thirty-something when I started putting on my weight. It was gradual at first so I tended to ignore it. Then tragedy struck. First I had a hysterectomy and started packing on the pounds. Then my husband passed away. That's when my life spun out of control.

Those years were the worst of my life. I didn't care about anything. I ate junk food because it was quick and easy. I ate continuously, all day long. I suppose that I was using food for comfort. My eating habits were out of control.

"Diets never worked for me. I felt like a yo-yo."

I was constantly tired and had no ambition. I didn't want to get up off the sofa. I was so embarrassed about my weight, I would hide in my house and pray no one would see me.

When I finally decided enough was enough, I tried diets, fads and pills. They would work for a while but as soon as I stopped dieting, I would re-gain my weight plus more. I felt like a yo-yo.

"I was the most skeptical person on Earth!"

A friend decided to try hypnosis to stop smoking and we agreed to call Positive Changes Hypnosis for our free screening. At first I didn't think hypnosis would work for me. I didn't think I could be hypnotized. I thought I was the type that would fight it all the way. I was probably the most skeptical person Positive Changes has ever seen!

But the staff at my free evaluation was truly friendly and the center was professional. They put me at ease right away. They explained the program and never pressured me. They said that even if I was skeptical, I could attend my first session without risk. If I felt that hypnosis wasn't for me, I could get a full refund. They evaluated me and felt they could help me. In that moment, I decided that I deserved to be free of my weight!

I signed up and melted off 70 lbs. effortlessly. I started Positive

Changes at a plump size 22. Today I am a sleek size 7. I feel wonderful, and I owe it all to Positive Changes Hypnosis!

"Hypnosis made my weight loss so effortless, I didn't even think about it!"

When I first started my hypnosis program, other people could see changes in my behavior of which I was completely unaware! Then, all of a sudden, I realized that my

clothing was looser. I was losing weight and didn't know how or why! I had developed a new lifestyle without knowing it.

Hypnosis helped me eliminate food cravings and poor eating habits. Prior to coming to Positive Changes, I would

"It's wonderful to be back to my old self—outgoing and confident!"

Jeanne Bouchard A "Slender Size 7"

After Shedding 70 Lbs. with Hypnosis

binge on cookies, pies, cakes, candy or any sweet I could get my hands on. Instead of one piece of candy, I would eat the entire bowl!

I no longer think about candy and I prefer fruit to cookies. I enjoy the good foods and have no desire for the junk.

When I dieted, I was always hungry and felt deprived. The diet

leaders would constantly drill into me that I couldn't eat certain foods. Positive Changes is completely different. I rarely feel hungry, and when I do, I make healthy choices. I am satisfied with the foods I eat. I never feel deprived. If there is something I really want, I know I can eat it.

"I've done away with my baggy sweat suits for good!"

I'm 100% satisfied with my results. Taking my weight off with hypnosis was extremely easy. My family and friends are amazed at my weight loss. They are happy for me. I get loads of compliments.

When I was overweight, I would almost always wear dark clothes. Since losing my weight, I bought a new wardrobe full of bright colors. It is much easier to shop for a size 7 than a size 22! I am wearing clothing, and am rid of those baggy sweat suits for good!

I finally feel comfortable in my body. I feel healthy and sleep better. Best of all, I keep my weight off easily without vigorous exercise and

without so much as the thought of dieting!

"Positive Changes Hypnosis was one of the best decisions of my life!"

When I would tell people that hypnosis was how I achieved my weight loss results, sometimes they'd respond, 'hypnosis doesn't work.' I would simply ask, 'Do you remember how I used to be?' That quickly changes their mind!

Now that I have taken my weight off with hypnosis, I know I will never gain it back. My Positive Changes Hypnosis program was one of my smartest investments. I feel that the fee for my program was reasonable, and my results are priceless!

"You have nothing to lose, except your unwanted weight!"

When I was overweight, I was completely out of control. Hypnosis put me back in control.

I can look at junk food and say, 'I don't want it,' and mean it! My success using hypnosis was fast, easy, and effortless.

If you're thinking about calling Positive Changes Hypnosis to lose weight, I urge you to do it now. Know that you are worth it! You'll certainly feel better about yourself. I know that I do! I give 100% of the credit to Positive Changes Hypnosis. They helped me, and they can help you. I shudder to think where I'd be today without them.

So pick up your telephone and call to schedule your free hypnosis screening at (248) 693-8658. If you're like me, you'll be glad you did.

## Hypnosis Centers Employ Modern Technology to Help Local Folks Lose Weight and Kick the Smoking Habit

Struggling Dieters know what a tiresome battle weight loss can be. They pop pills, attend support meetings, weigh and measure food, spend hundreds on trendy diet supplements, and read the books of diet gurus. Yet statistics show that 98% of all dieters will fail before five years is up. Sadly, most will have gained up to five additional pounds a year. With this kind of frustration, is it any wonder that the average diet lasts only 72 hours?

Smokers who have battled with quitting have felt first hand the withdrawal and raw nerves associated with kicking their habit. They chew gum, sport nicotine patches, and suck on lollipops, all in an effort to assuage their cravings for nicotine.

### Hi-Tech Method Produces Success Where Traditional Methods Have Failed

Fortunately, there is now a successful alternative to traditional weight loss and stop smoking methods - hypnosis. At Positive Changes Hypnosis Centers, results using hypnosis have reached astounding new heights with the introduction of an extraordinary little machine that uses flickering lights



At Positive Changes Hypnosis Centers, clients experience gentle pulses of light and sound through specially designed glasses and headphones (modeled here by Tammy Lamar). At the same time, hypnotic suggestions are mainlined into the subconscious, where permanent behavior changes take place.

and rhythmic tones to produce a relaxed state of mind.

According to Dr. Patrick Porter, Executive Director of Positive Changes, the beneficial effects of light and sound have been clinically tested and verified for nearly a generation. At Positive Changes, clients experience gentle pulses of light and sound through specially designed glasses

and headphones. Dr. Porter calls the device "Advanced Bio-feed-in," and says, "The soothing effect creates deep relaxation for the body and mind. At the same time, powerful, positive hypnotic suggestions are mainlined into the subconscious, which is where permanent behavior changes take place."

### Combination of Deep Relaxation and Positive Hypnotic Suggestion Packs Wallop

This state-of-the-art neuro-technology is a part of every program at Positive Changes Hypnosis Centers and the results are nothing short of remarkable. As an example Newport News resident, Louise Neal, says that her experience with hypnosis was nothing short of a miracle. "I'd been overweight for 20 years," says Neal. "I had tried to lose weight with a national diet chain, but gained back more than I lost. Diet pills were the same result. No matter what I did, I would end up heavier than when I started."

Neal decided to try hypnosis after seeing Positive Changes Hypnosis Centers featured on television. "Hypnosis made my weight loss easy and quick," reports Neal. "I used to eat junk food all day. Now I don't eat junk food at all. I took off 61 pounds in 8 short months and I've been easily maintaining my slender figure ever since."

And as for her experience with the light and sound device, Neal confirms that she had never before been so relaxed. But she warns people not to confuse hypnosis with mind control. "I was always aware and knew what was going on. Hypnosis didn't take away my control, it put me back in the driver's seat," said Neal.

Newport News resident, Amy Cleff-Holic kicked her smoking habit earlier this year. "I had tried patches,

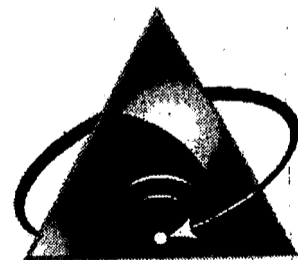
gum, hypnosis seminars, and acupuncture," says Cleff-Holic. "Nothing worked. I always started smoking again." After being hypnotized with the Positive Changes method, Cleff-Holic has a different story to tell. "I didn't have any urge or desire to smoke after the first day. I know that I will never smoke again. Positive Changes is the only thing that worked for me."

### Complimentary Hypnosis Screening Available to Local Residents

Results like these are a regu-

lar occurrence at Positive Changes. A binder full of local testimonials is available for viewing in the lobby of each center. Positive Changes is so confident of its clients' ability to make permanent life changes, it offers a satisfaction guarantee. "Once clients pay us, we get the result they desire - no matter how long it takes," says Porter.

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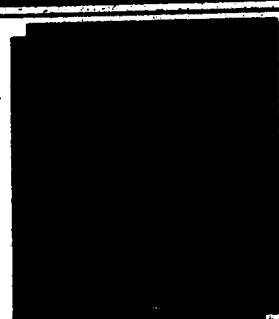
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# Pat DeGain sets sights on national championship

## CHS graduate in sophomore year at IU

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff  
Writer

Indiana University's Pat DeGain made it to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) wrestling championships last year as a freshman.

This year, he is looking for bigger and better things.

DeGain, a Clarkston High School graduate, made it to the final 12 competitors in the 197-lb. weight class at the meet, held in Albany, New York. He was one match away from placing.

"It was awesome," he said of that experience. "It was a little nerve-wrecking at first, but it was a great feeling competing with everyone for the title."

Currently, DeGain sports a record of 14-2 this season, including a 6-1 record in dual meet action, in the 197-lb. class. He is setting his sights on winning the national championship in that class. "I'm setting that high because that's where I want to be

in the long run," he said. While at CHS, DeGain won state championships at the 189-pound level his sophomore year and at the 215-pound level his junior year. He was injured his senior year, but stated his time spent at CHS under his dad and coach, Mike DeGain, helped prepare him for Indiana.

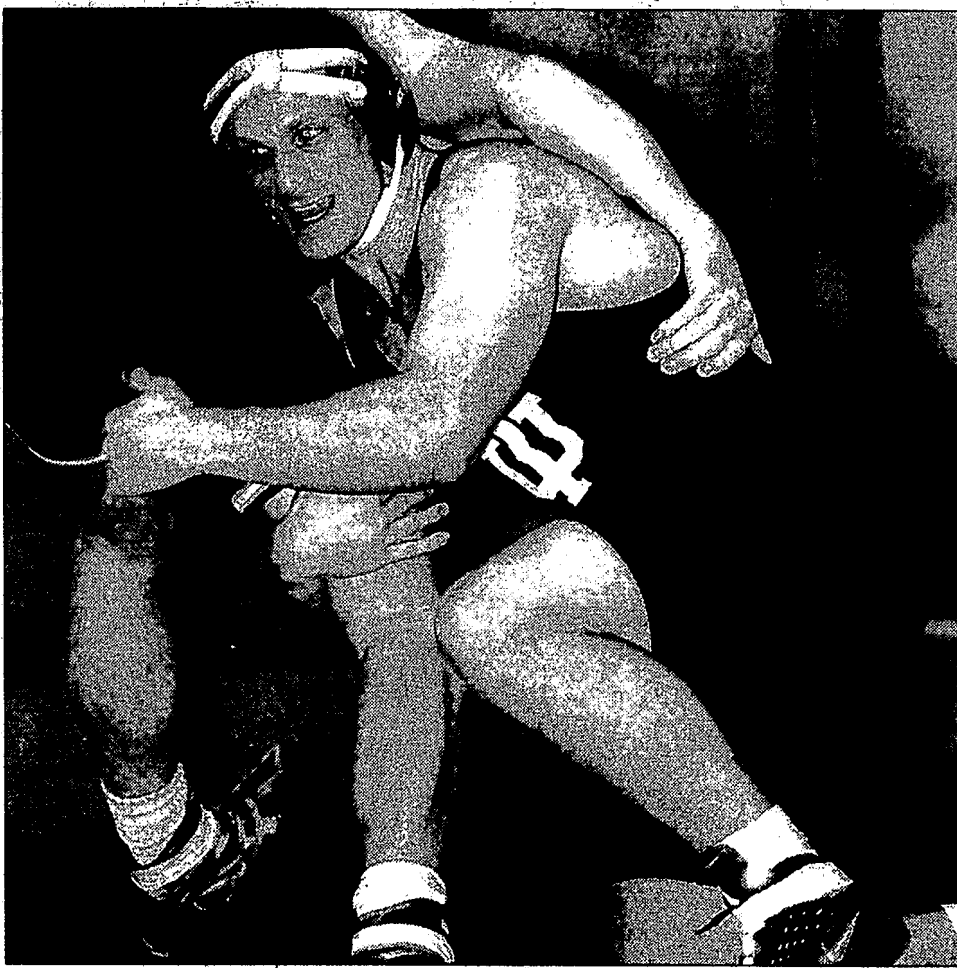
"My dad's always been my coach," he said. "He's always told me to set my goals high. It made me everything I am now."

He described the challenges involved in making the switch from high school to the college level.

"It's a big adjustment," DeGain said. "The physical aspect is a lot more intense. It's a whole different level, like going from grade school wrestling to high school wrestling. It's just a dramatic difference."

DeGain, who is majoring in physical education and health at Indiana, still keeps tabs on his alma mater's team, and is enthused about the current team's opportunity to win a state title.

"I think their chances are great," he



Indiana University sophomore and Clarkston graduate Pat DeGain is setting his sights this season on a national championship in the 197-lb. weight class. Photo provided.

said. "They're a close-knit group of guys, and technically, one of the greatest teams Clarkston's had."

He is also happy with younger brother Clint's decision to attend The Citadel in Charleston,

South Carolina. Although he would have liked Clint to join him at Indiana, he thinks The Citadel was the best option for his younger brother.

"I support him 100 percent," DeGain said. "I

went through the same thing with my older brother (Joe) when he went to Michigan. You have to let him make his own decisions. I'm happy for him. I think he made the right choice."

# Workshops to supplement women in sports conference

A day of educational opportunities for coaches, officials and athletic administrators will again precede this year's Women In Sports Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the first weekend in February.

On Feb. 2, the day before the general conference opens, the MHSAA will again conduct its annual Program of Athletic Coaches Education (PACE) at two levels. PACE provides training in legal responsibilities, prevention and care of sport injuries, physical conditioning, planning and evaluating instruction, motivation of student-athletes, positive coaching and MHSAA regulations. Level I is the basic program, and Level II deals with advanced topics. Registration for PACE is \$60 per individual for the Level I seminar, and those who have completed Level I may register for Level II at a cost of \$60.

For the second year the MHSAA is providing training for officials and athletic administrators as

part of the WISL weekend.

TWO-DAE is the acronym for: Trained Women Officials — Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated, the title of a day-long workshop designed to assist new female officials

and females interested in becoming registered high school game officials, learn the tools of this avocation. TWO-DAE will feature the six-hour Rookie Official Training Program intended to help participants understand

officiating mechanics, study basic rules, explore the psychology of officiating and review the elements of professionalism in officiating. The cost of the TWO-DAE clinic is \$30. Last year, 53 individuals participated in this new program.

For individuals who are new school athletic directors or interested in becoming an athletic director, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Admin-

istrators Association (MIAAA) will be offering the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Leadership

Training course. The four-hour session has a registration fee of \$79 and the presentation will focus on daily duties of an athletic director.

Please see Conference on page 12B

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## Strategy session



Clarkston basketball coach Dan Fife gives instructions to the team between the first and second quarters of the Wolves' game against Rochester Friday. The Wolves defeated the Falcons 57-42 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I opener. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## Spotting up



Clarkston's Brad Goodman looks to bury the three against host Rochester Friday. Goodman had 12 points in the Wolves' win. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## Conference

Continued from page 11B

Advance registration is required for TWO-DAE, PACE and MIAAA Leadership Training. (The deadline for the 2003 TWO-DAE Conference is Jan. 24). For more information about pre-conference activities, contact the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Telephone: 517-332-5046. E-Mail: meetings@mhsaa.com.

Former San Francisco Chronicle sports writer Jane Gottesman headlines the major speakers for the 14th annual Women In Sports Leadership Conference, which will take place at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel, Feb. 3-4. Gottesman will deliver an address, "Game Face: What Does A Female Athlete Look Like?," to the opening general session, which will be attended by more than 500 people Feb. 3.

Also on the agenda for this year's conference are Susan McFarland, of Life Enrichment Seminars of Ada, Michigan, who will present her speech, "Live With Abandon and Hope for the Best" at the banquet on the first day of the conference; and Jack Reenkens, author of the book "Recruiting Realities," will be the general session speaker the morning of the second day of the conference.

"Pregame" is the theme for this year's conference, providing a focus for the administrators, student-athletes, coaches and officials in attendance. As in past years, registration for the nation's first and longest-running program of its type is limited to 500.

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Thursday, January 23rd, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 to consider the following:  
FILE #2002-038

Keith Davidow, NSI Consulting, Petitioner for AAT Communications

#### REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for 190' Wireless Telecommunication Tower

Section 5.11, Wireless Communication Facilities  
Parcel Identification Number: None - MDOT Right of Way Easement  
Common Description: 8+ Acres  
NW corner M-15 & I-75

Intended Use:

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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FILE #2002-035

Nicholas A. Palizzi, Petitioner for Clarkston Community Church

#### REQUEST Amendment of SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL For Church to include Grade School (K-5) Section 8.04. Special Land Uses in accordance with section 5.15,

Article VIII, Single Family Residential  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-21-181-004

13.5 Acres, Special Land Use/Church in R-1A

Common Description: 6300 Clarkston Road

Intended Use: Day School, Grades K-5

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the January 7, 2003 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Travis, Wagner, Wenger, Absent: Stuart.

There is a quorum.

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2002 as submitted.

2. Approved the payment of the revised list of distributions in the amount of \$80,862.00.

3. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$614,456.88.

4. Approval of agenda as submitted.

5. Approved motion to renew membership in Clinton River Watershed Council.

6. Approved motion to purchase vehicle for Parks and Recreation.

7. Approved motion of appointments to Boards and Commissions as recommended by the Supervisor.

8. Approved motion of recommended Non-Union salaries as submitted.

9. Approved motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Published 1/15/03

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan E. McCrary

Township Clerk

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### AGENDA

7:30 p.m.

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: January 21, 2003

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Opening Statements and Correspondence

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval of Blanket Purchase Requisitions

Approval of Purchase Orders

Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run

Approval of Agenda

Public Forum

Clarkston Calendar Presentation

#### New Business

1. Liquor License Transfer - 6761 Dixie Highway  
2. Rezoning Request from R-1R to R-1C, corner of Eston and Olde Oaks, 4.58 acres, parcel 08-12-200-010.

3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment- State Mandated Open Space Option

4. Drinking Water Vulnerability Assessment

5. Well House Upgrades and Improvements

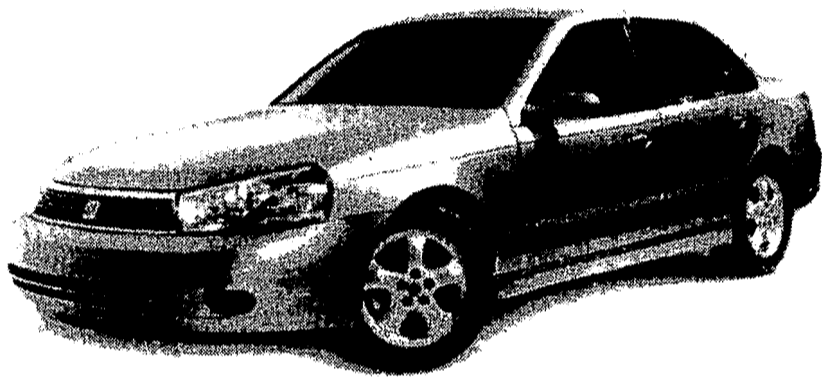
Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.





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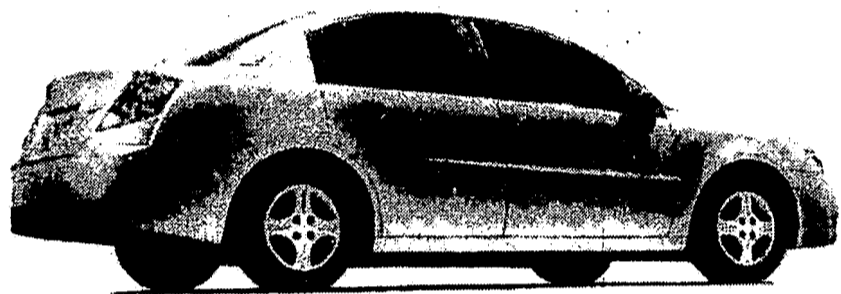
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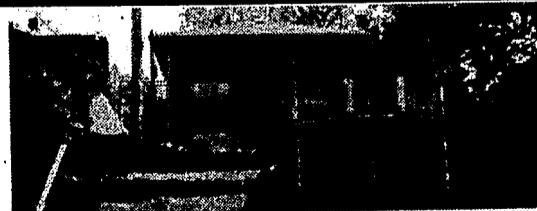


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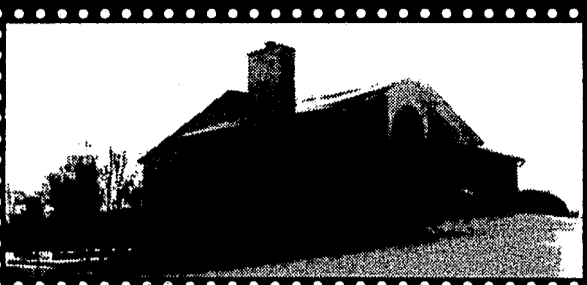


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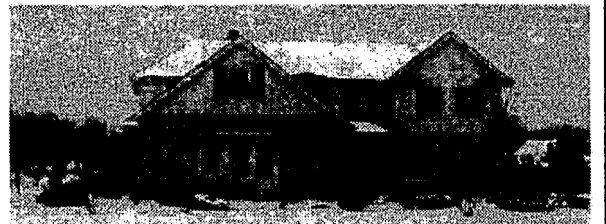
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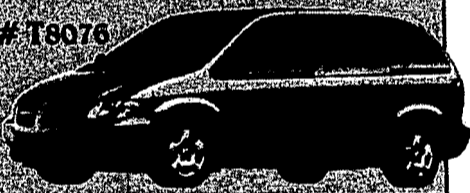


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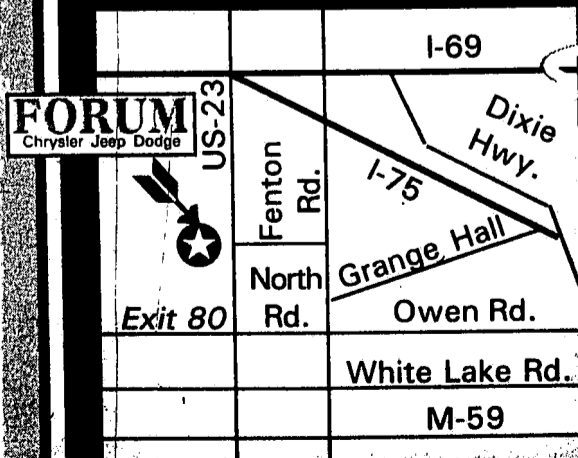
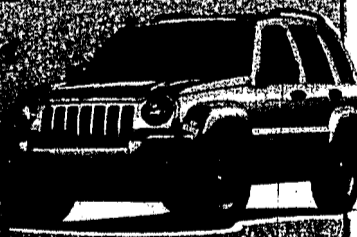
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